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Yoga Works



PHOTO BY BRIDGET ALBERT

Members of the Orange Senior Center's Sue Newfeld's yoga class practice the Warrior 1 position. To learn more about the numerous activities at the senior center go to www.orangeseniors.org or call 203-891-4784.

Character Of Town Top Priority

by Brian McCready

According to the 50 people present for a public hearing on updating the town's plan of Conservation and Development, the number one priority is maintaining the community's character.

When residents arrived at the hearing, which was held at High Plains Community Center last month, they were asked to rank their top priorities. Most residents selected maintaining and enhancing the community's character.

Residents responded that Orange is a wonderful place to live; they enjoy the concerts, Firemen's Carnival, and that there is a nice buffer between the residential and commercial areas.

On the downside, some residents said they wish there was more pedestrian access in town.

The second top priority for residents is preserving and acquiring open space. Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt said he believes the town should be proactive and identify potential open space properties to purchase.

The third priority for residents is maintaining community facilities. Residents said the police, fire, library and community pool all give the community a sense of pride. They also said hopefully it will help attract younger families to town.

The fourth highest priority for residents is maintaining the town's natural resources and the fifth highest priority was business development.

Residents said business was necessary to keep the tax base strong. More than 80 percent of the people in the room said business was most important for the tax base while just one person said business was instru-

mental for jobs in town.

George Finley said he attended the meeting because he wants to make sure that retail doesn't expand in the town.

"We have enough," Finley said.

He said he'd like to see more corporate businesses come to town such as Yale University and the University of New Haven have done.

Michael Wydra said he attended the forum to learn the fate of Peck Place School. Pipes broke in the school causing significant water damage. Students have been staying at the Yale campus recently. Wydra said he was worried the school would be demolished and the students would be dispersed to other schools in town.

Goldblatt said the Board of Selectmen voted recently to allocate \$2 million to fix the damage at Peck Place.

Fred Messore, who is a commercial realtor, said the meeting was a great opportunity to offer input on how the town should be developed over the next 10 years. He said he believes there is the opportunity to construct affordable senior housing along Carlson Road and Bull Hill Lane.

Messore said the area makes sense because of its close proximity to medical and shopping areas.

Orange Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Paul Grimmer said he attended the hearing to support the Planning and Zoning Board, and listen to what input the public offered.

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Amity Wrestling Squad Wins Its Division

by Brian McCready

The Amity wrestling team won the Southern Connecticut Conference Division B Championship with a perfect 5-0 record in its division.

Amity defeated Cheshire, Fairfield Prep, East Haven, Jonathan Law of Milford and New Haven to end the dual meet season, said Bruce Marien, who is the head coach.

"We also pulled off an upset win against a division A team, Shelton (39-33), late in the season," Marien said.

Amity finished the dual meet season at 9-4 and finished fifth at the SCC Individual Tournament last month. Xavier won the tournament again. After Xavier, Daniel Hand finished second, fol-

lowed by Joseph A. Foran of Milford, Shelton and then Amity.

"We had to wrestle without our really good 152 pounder (Evan Donahue, 15-11) because of injury in our last tournament at Foran. He certainly would have scored more than enough for us to come in third in a moderately weak 152 pound weight class in the SCC but that is how these things go," Marien said.

Marien said he was proud that Amity beat strong competitors such as Guilford and Branford.

"We are pleased with the results of our rebuilding effort," Marien said.

Individually

Jake Cala, at 113-115 pounds finished in second place at the SCC tournament and has a 16-7 record heading into the Class LL

tournament.

His brother, Jesse Cala, also took second place at 126-128 pounds and is 16-1 for the season. Austin MacDonald, 120-122 pound wrestler finished third and holds a 17-7 record. David Buono and Nick Photos also took third place at 160-162 pounds and 285-287 pounds respectively.

Buono, a senior, is the team leader in wins (24-7) and the most pins (18) for the season. Photos is a sophomore with a 23-13 record and he will be a key part of our squad for another two years as will Jake Cala, the coach said. Michael Cala, Jesse's twin brother, finished in fourth place at 132-134 pounds to round out Amity's placement in the tournament.



Austin MacDonald at a recent meet.

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McNabola Leaving BOE For Top Finance Position

by Bridget Albert

Board of Education Business Manager Kevin McNabola has been tapped to be the new Finance Director for the city of West Haven by Mayor Ed O'Brien.

McNabola has been in this position since 2009.

McNabola is a native of West Haven.

"This will be a good opportunity for me," McNabola said.

"I am looking forward to working with the mayor and growing revenue," he said.

McNabola said he expects to transition into the new position by the end of March.

Superintendent of Schools Lynn McMullin reflected on the loss of McNabola to the school system.

"I have worked with Kevin for two years and have found him to be a valuable member of the leadership team. He's collaborative and a very hard worker. These



past few months, with one crisis following another, have been testimony to that," McMullin said.

"Kevin takes excellent care of our bottom line. In fact, I often joke that we put things in the grocery cart, and Kevin comes along behind us and takes them back out," McMullin said of Mc-

Nabola's fiscal frugality.

"While Kevin's leaving will be a significant loss to our school community, we certainly wish him well-deserved success in this new venture," McMullin said.

McMullin said a search for an interim business manager will begin immediately.

The BOE will be looking for a retired business manager with a strong background in bond projects and school construction.

OHS To Present Program On Harriett Beecher Stowe

The Orange Historical Society will hold its annual Taste of the Past event featuring Emma Palzere-Rae performing her one-woman show, "Aunt Hattie's House." Her performance will inform attendees what compelled Harriet Beecher Stowe to pen Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The Spring Fundraiser will be held on: Saturday, April 5, 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Orange Congregational Church Community Room, located on Orange Center Road. A light lunch of homemade soups, breads and desserts will be served at 1 p.m. The performance will begin at 2:30. The event also includes a silent auction of gift baskets and gift certificates.

Emma Palzere-Rae is the founder of Be Well Productions, which is committed to the healing power of the theater. Since 1989, Be Well has brought one-woman plays to schools, libraries, senior communities, civic organizations and professional theaters, bringing to life characters as diverse as Emily Dickinson and Gilda Radner.

She has also appeared in regional, stock and Off-Broadway theater as well as in film, television and radio. The Director of Development and Communications for Safe Future (formerly the Women's Center), Palzere-Rae resides in Groton with her husband and two sons.

Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896) published more than 30 books, but it was her best-selling anti-slavery novel Uncle Tom's Cabin that made her a celebrity. Initially released in 1851 in serial format in the National Era, a weekly newspaper, it changed forever how Americans viewed



slavery. The book, published in 1852, sold 10,000 copies in the United States in its first week; 300,000 in the first year.

Born in Litchfield, Connecticut, Stowe married Calvin Ellis Stowe in 1836. They had seven children together, including twin daughters. The Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Hartford (located next door to the house of fellow author Mark Twain) is where Stowe lived for the last 23 years of her life.

The Orange Historical Society appreciates the support of its members, residents and business owners in order to continue to fulfill its commitment to maintain the Academy Museum and the 1830 Stone-Otis House, both located on Orange Center Road, as well as raising funds to complete the restoration of the 1740 Bryan-Andrew House, located on Old Tavern Road.

The Orange Historical Society is struggling financially to preserve Orange history for future generations and would be extremely grateful if anyone is willing to be a co-sponsor of this event. If anyone would like to volunteer to cook, bake, or serve, call Phyllis Gwatkin, chair of the event, at 203-795-4549. If you would prefer to bring an item for the silent auction, call Priscilla Searles at 203-397-1465.

Reservations can be made by sending your check for \$20, payable to OHS, and addressed to OHS, P.O. Box 784, Orange, by March 30. Price at the door will be \$25 but better make your reservations early because the last three years the event was sold out. Make it a family affair. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy the performance.

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Fontana Appointed to State Fire Commission

by Bridget Albert

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy recently appointed town resident Richard Fontana Jr. to represent the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities large cities on the state Commission on Fire Prevention and Control.

Fontana is the Deputy Director for the City of New Haven Office of Emergency Management Operations.

"It is my pleasure and privilege to appoint you," Malloy wrote to Fontana.

"I am honored to serve along and advocate for some of the best men and women who wear the uniform," Fontana said.

He retired from the West Haven Fire Department where he spent 30 years as a paramedic and career firefighter with two departments.

He now prepares for and responds to emergency incidents in New Haven.

Secretary of the State Denise Merrill also congratulated Fontana.

"...I commend you for your willingness to use your time and talents to serve our state. ... I hope you will use my office as a resource whenever necessary," Merrill wrote.

On the commission Fontana will play an advocacy role.

"There is some good legislation that

could benefit the fire departments career and volunteer (members)," he said.

Fontana has been with the City of New Haven for six years.

He is a liaison to the mayor's office. He makes sure that anyone put out by a fire has lodging.

"This is one of those jobs that's a close second to being a fire fighter. It's been a very rewarding career," he said

Fontana earned his fire science administration degree from the University of New Haven and holds a masters degree in national security and public safety.

Fontana also has an appointment on the National League of Cities, Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee and he is an adjunct professor at the University of New Haven where he lectures on fire science/emergency management program.



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Richard Fontana Jr. was recently appointed to the state Commission on Fire Prevention and Control by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy.

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Woodbridge Club, Orange Hills Country Club Announce Alliance

The Woodbridge Club, 10 Milhaven Road, Woodbridge has announced its new alliance with the Orange Hills Country Club, 389 Racebrook Road. This new partnership will allow members of each organization to enjoy the benefits of each other's facilities for the recreational enjoyment of its members. Beginning this Spring, members of the Woodbridge Club will be given discounted rates at the Orange Hills

Country Club golf course, allowing its members increased access to this beautiful course at very competitive rates. Members of the Orange Hills Country Club will each be given two complimentary family guest passes providing access to the many amenities of the Woodbridge Club. This includes its 25-meter heated swimming pool; newly renovated kids pool area, seven tennis courts, large clubhouse, two playgrounds, picnic and play


areas, cookout facilities, and excellent snack bar and catering by Legendary Events Catering.







Orange Hills, family owned and operated for more than 60 years, received 4 out of 5 stars in Golf Digest's "Best Places to Play." Both clubs look forward to a collaborative and productive relationship for years to come. "We are very excited by this new alliance. Our club offers wonderful recreational enjoyment for our


members and we now look forward to allowing our members additional access to the beautiful grounds of the Orange Hills Country Club," said David Hass, current President of the Woodbridge Club Board of Directors. "We are very excited for our new partnership and for the opportunity to provide an enjoyable golf experience for the members of the Woodbridge Club," said Judy Smith, General Manager of Orange Hills

C.C. For Woodbridge Club membership, information and potential discounts for early membership applications, contact Paul Davis, Executive Director of the Woodbridge Club at pdavis@woodbridgeclub.org. For membership information for the Orange Hills Country Club, contact Judy Smith at orangehill@optimum.net.

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GUEST COLUMN

Safety Tips To Prevent Carbon Monoxide Emergencies

The Orange Fire Marshal's Office in cooperation with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission urges the community to be aware of the important facts and safety issues regarding carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious threat. We offer the following information to educate the public on the dangers of carbon monoxide in order to reduce the health risk, as well as to save lives.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, tasteless, toxic gas that is a product of combustion. The CO produced while using fuel-fired equipment is usually not harmful. However, increased carbon monoxide levels in homes are caused by faulty heating equipment, poor maintenance of exhaust systems, or something as simple as allowing a vehicle to warm up in an attached garage during cold winter days. Follow these preventative measures to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. At the beginning of every heating season, be sure to have fuel burning equipment such

as oil or gas fired furnaces, fireplaces, and wood stoves inspected by certified technicians. Be sure appliances such as water heaters, oven ranges, and clothes dryers are working properly. Check flues and chimneys for any buildup of creosote or blockage of the chimney. Maintain all fuel-fired equipment as described by the manufacturer's specifications. Never leave a car running in an attached garage. The vapors from the vehicle's exhaust could increase the level of carbon monoxide in a home in a matter of minutes! Never use a gas stove to heat a home in the event of a power failure or heating equipment failure. Never use charcoal or propane grills indoors. Not only does this pose an extreme carbon monoxide hazard, it is also a severe fire hazard as well. Think safety first when considering the use of alternative heating, such as space heaters. The space heater should be placed at a minimum of three feet from any combustible object. Make sure that all fuel-fired space heaters are equipped with oxy-

gen depletion sensors. Do not use gasoline-powered equipment in enclosed areas of the home. Such engines create a mass amount of carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide is harmful when breathed because it attaches to hemoglobin, the part of the blood that carries oxygen to the brain, heart, and other vital organs. CO displaces the oxygen, thus depriving the body of this much needed element. Without warning, large amounts of CO can overcome a person in minutes, causing loss of consciousness and suffocation. Because carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas, it is not always immediately evident when there is a problem. All too often, people who have mild or moderate problems with carbon monoxide find that they feel sick while they spend time at home, but when going outside begin to feel much better. Then, shortly after returning home, the symptoms reoccur. People who are most susceptible to the effects of carbon monoxide are infants, the elderly,

those who suffer from respiratory or heart disease or are anemic and women who are pregnant. However, no one is immune to the effects of carbon monoxide. Some symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, nausea, vomiting, pain, chronic fatigue, dizziness, numbness, tingling, vertigo, verbal and/or visual deficits, irritability, anxiety, temper, blurred and double vision, buzzing in the ears, decreased coordination, speaking, eating, and swallowing disorders, seizures, inability to speak, balance problems and tremors.

Should you suspect that there may be an increased level of carbon monoxide in your home, or you have installed the recommended carbon monoxide alarms in your residence and the alarm sounds, follow these simple steps to help resolve the problem. First and foremost, leave the building! CALL 9-1-1 This important step will allow trained first responders to investigate the possible presence of carbon monoxide. Do not hesitate to call this emergency num-

ber! Get any suspected victim into fresh air immediately. If you can not get the victim out of the house, open all of the windows and doors to allow fresh air into the home. Be sure to turn off any fuel-fired appliances. Those persons who have been exposed to elevated levels of carbon monoxide should be taken to the closest hospital as soon as possible. A simple blood test will determine the amount of carbon monoxide in the bloodstream.

The Orange Fire Marshal's Office Community Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Program will provide and install alarms free of charge to Orange residents. If you have any questions regarding fire safety or wish to have smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide alarms provided and/or installed in your home, please contact The Orange Fire Marshal's Office at 355 Boston Post Road, at (203) 891-4711 on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM., or visit www.orangefiremarshal.com.

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SEN. GAYLE SLOSSBERG, D

Mental Health Issues

At a time when there are widespread concerns over the availability and accessibility of mental health services in our state, we in the legislature are taking steps to remedy this situation. As Chair of the General Assembly's Human Services Committee, I'm proud to author legislation this session that will provide a central resource for information and referrals for behavioral health services.

In accordance with our proposed bill, the Office of the Healthcare Advocate will establish a central information and referral clearinghouse to increase public access to information pertaining to behavioral health services and offer referrals to residents to appropriate services.

OHA will collaborate with state agencies, regional mental health boards, community collaboratives and the United Way's 2-1-1 Infoline program to develop an accessible tool for state residents to readily locate information about mental health services, substance abuse services and general information about behavioral health and health care providers. We know so many families struggle with mental health issues, and we want to make sure they have an easy way to access the resources available to them. Failure to do so can be devastating, and that is why it is essential that this legislation become law.



REP. PAUL DAVIS, D

Education: Conflict Over Change

During recent years, as most people know, there has been a major effort to reform what many experts have describe as a failure of public education to prepare our young people for the future.

Currently, there is a lot of misinformation in the public domain concerning these changes particularly with Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

The Standards themselves are benchmark guidelines for where students should be in English Language Arts and Mathematics at grade levels K-12. Development was initiated by the National Governor's Association to provide universal standards in preparing students for college or a career. In general, my concerns are more related to poor implementation, curriculum development, testing, and teacher support and evaluation than the Standards themselves.

Recently, the Department of Education has delayed parts of the program, and given local districts greater flexibility. I will continue to work to correct shortcomings so that we may better educate our young people to meet the challenges of the future.



REP. THEMIS KLARIDES, R

Delaying The Implementation Of Common Core

Recently my office has been flooded with calls from educators, school boards and parents concerned about the Common Core Standards and evaluation method.

The Standards have caused controversy because they were bureaucratically engineered and many teachers say the system is unadaptable, making it difficult to teach students of varying ability levels and learning styles. Moreover, the evaluations use test scores to measure teacher performance – a truly unfair practice.

With the leaders of the Education Committee refusing to hold a public hearing on Common Core, I joined a group of lawmakers to utilize a rare parliamentary rule that requires 51 legislator signatures to trigger a mandatory public hearing. The hearing will include two bills to freeze the implementation of Common Core, including HB 5331, which I co-sponsored. The bill would reduce the number of classroom evaluations, streamline data management and decouple test scores from teacher evaluations.

To receive information on how to submit testimony once the public hearing is scheduled, contact my office at 800-842-1423 or themis.klarides@housegov.ct.gov.



REP. JAMES MARONEY, D

Pay For Success

As we move along this short session, Pay for Success funding is an initiative we are working on. This funding is a natural extension of the movement towards Results-Based Accountability and Performance Based Budgeting. This is a system where we look to fund programs based on outcomes rather than outputs. This is to try innovative research based solutions without putting the taxpayer's money at risk, as the state only makes payments if the programs are successful.

Toward that end, I am supporting Senate Bill #105, An Act Concerning Social Innovation Investment, which promotes the well-being of vulnerable children via a social innovation enterprise grant. Pay-for-Success vehicles tap private investment to provide needed human services. Government pays only if it saves money and after successful programming has prevented future costs and avoided negative outcomes. The new vehicles share a focus on offering high-quality preventive services requiring rigorous measurement of results and capturing savings or avoiding costs.

Pay-for-Success approaches will allow funds to be directed to those programs that are effective and successful at delivering services.

News & Events

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Volunteers of Orange Do

Volunteering “Is All About The Kids”

OBOE Building And Grounds Committee Chair Also Discusses Peck Place School



JODY DIETCH

A strong work ethic and desire to do things for the kids, is the driving force behind Jeff Cap's volunteerism. Jeff, who grew up in nearby Milford, reminisced about his first volunteer job when he was 16. “The principal at Live Oaks school was looking for someone to protect the school during Mischief Night so my friend and I stayed at the school from 9 p.m. that night until about 3 a.m.,” he said laughing.

However, much of his volunteer dedication really didn't start until after getting married, moving to Orange and starting a family. “I always worked so I didn't have a lot of time to volunteer,” he explained. “I did help build websites for some non-profits and still do some of that,” Jeff added, who is the IT Director at Newman Architects in New Haven.

When Jeff volunteers, he strives to do his best and he hopes that people realize he is doing it to make a difference. He began with the Boy Scouts of America, something he is still doing. When his now 10 year old son was going to move from Mary L Tracy school to Peck Place, the Cap's received a flyer for a Cub Scout meeting. Having been a Boy Scout himself, Jeff was interested for his son. Jeff recalled that there was one leader and four kids and they were all moving up. “If no one stepped up, Pack 922 would

have closed,” he said. So Jeff and his wife, Vicky, stepped up to become the Tiger Cub Den Leaders. After the first year, he took over as Cubmaster. “I have a way of being able to talk to people. I talked to the other fathers about helping to take over the Den and I recruited more kids. We have more than 30 scouts now,” Jeff explained, adding that it is now the largest Pack in Orange and that is in just five years.

During that time, the Pack also lost Peck PTA as their charter organization, so Jeff approached the Orange Volunteer Fire Department to be their Charter Organization. “I am not an Orange volunteer fireman but I do help them with their website and computers, Jeff said, adding “It turns out that Chief Gagel is an Eagle Scout.”

Jeff has gone on to take leadership courses through the BSA and has earned what is called the “Wood Badge” after taking a 1 ½ year long leadership course. Now he is helping to teach the course. “Scouting keeps you very busy but what you get back from the boys is what it is all about. When we have the Blue & Gold Dinner where the boys graduate to the next level of scouting and you see the boys' faces when they realize what they have accomplished, it is very rewarding.”

Jeff also volunteers on the Orange Country Fair Committee. He is responsible for the website and works the food tent as well as helping with set up and break down. “If people don't volunteer, there won't be these events,” Jeff said. He recently became part of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) explaining that “CERT is there to help the community. Everyone should be part of CERT at some point.”

Jeff is also on the Orange Board of Education. He became interested in politics in elementary school when he did a report on the Presidential Campaign. A chance meeting at the Orange Town Pool with Board of Education member Keith Marquis piqued Jeff's interest and he began attending the Orange Republican Town Committee meetings. “I was not necessarily interested in running for office. At one meeting they asked for volunteers to run for office so I thought about it and decided to run,” he explained. “I care about the kids. I don't want to see the kids not have something they should.” Jeff added, “There is something special



PHOTO BY JODY DIETCH

Jeff Cap.

about Orange, from the carnival to the Country Fair, the landscape is unique from Route 1 to the beautiful neighborhoods.”

Now in the beginning of his second term on the OBOE, Jeff is secretary of the Board, Chair of the Technology Committee and Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. As chair of Building and Grounds, Jeff has been instrumental in the current issues facing the BOE and the condition of its buildings. In regards to Peck Place School, Jeff said, “Our goal is to make sure the kids go back to a safe and clean school, and that includes my own kids.”

He went on to explain that the OBOE made the decision to abate the whole school once it was learned that part of Peck had to be abated after a pipe broke in January. Despite the heat being turned up at the school during a frigid cold snap and the buildings being checked regularly, a pipe in the ceiling that went through an un-insulated cinder block, burst and flooded a portion of the school. The flood caused some of the floor tiles to come up and it was discovered that the adhesive used on the floor years ago was asbestos thus requiring an abatement of that area. However, the OBOE decided that if they had to displace the students for an extended period of time, the entire school should be abated to eliminate any future issues. Jeff added “with the students moved out to the Yale West Campus, it gives the

OBOE an opportunity to address previous problems properly.”

As chair of Building and Grounds, Jeff said they do plan on accomplishing everything on the “To Do List” including the parking lot at Peck. However, the parking lot cannot be done until all of the other work is complete so the large trucks do not damage a new parking lot. “The committee has major capital improvements to be budgeted for. There is a five year plan and that really hasn't changed based on Peck but the OBOE needs to get the funding to accomplish our goals. The zero percent OBOE budgets have made it difficult to get the funding to maintain our buildings,” Jeff explained.

Regarding the mold issue, Jeff said, “It is important for people to know it was a trash can with food mold that was not properly dispensed at the end of the school year. That issue has been addressed at this point.”

Being a volunteer means your family suffers a little bit, Jeff explained. “You definitely have less time with your family, however through scouting I have been able to get some of that time back. I think it has brought me closer to my kids.” He explained, with the OBOE, “it is about all the kids. Orange is great because, for the most part, everyone looks out for everyone else's kids. I have met so many people and it is worth every minute.”

Milford YMCA Receives Funds For Renovation

Representatives Kim Rose (D-Milford), Paul Davis (D-Milford, Orange, West Haven), James Maroney (D-Orange, Milford) and Senator Gayle S. Slossberg (D-Milford, Orange, West Haven, Woodbridge) announced approval of \$250,000 for renovations at the Woodruff Family YMCA in Milford.

“From afterschool programs to health and wellness activities for seniors, YMCAs are more than just brick and mortar structures – they are the lifeblood of communities,” said Governor Malloy. “I am proud that the State of Connecticut is able to support programs like this which provide a host of services that increase the quality of life for residents,” Malloy said.

“The Woodruff Family YMCA is an invaluable resource for our families and is in need of essential renovations to accommodate growing enrollment in its preschool program,” said Slossberg. “We know that these programs make our children lifelong learners, and improve academic and life outcomes. Our children are the ones who stand to benefit most from these renovations.”

“I am pleased that we are able to support the phenomenal work of the YMCA by helping secure this funding,” Rose said. “I appreciate the governor and the State Bond Commission for approving the renovations that will facilitate delivery of services and programs.”

“The Bond Commission's approval of \$250,000 for the Woodruff Family YMCA in Milford is welcomed,” Davis said. “This is an investment in a YMCA that serves our youth and adults and earns our support each and every day.”

“I thank Governor Malloy for his support of the YMCA and for all of the lives that are enriched through the many programs offered by this indispensable community resource,” Maroney said. “The renovations will allow them to expand and offer more preschool slots, and research shows that high quality early childhood education is critical for developing students and our future workforce.”

The bonding was approved by the State Bond Commission at its meeting on Friday, Feb. 28 in the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

The YMCA serves the entire community with educational and recreation programs for youth and adults that enrich families, promote health and wellness, develop youth and build self-esteem.

According to the website, the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA served 85,000 kids, families and adults in twenty-five towns and cities last year. The YMCA offers childcare, youth sports, summer camping and youth in government programs. Other programs include swimming lessons, health, wellness, education, physical activity and diabetes prevention programs and services.

Health & Wellness

ON YOUR MIND

So You Think You're Addicted

Are you a self-proclaimed addict? Have you claimed to be addicted to chocolate or carbs? How many times have you told others that you are addicted to cigarettes or junk food? Why do some people quit smoking cold turkey and never miss it, and others eliminate all junk when they realize the harm to their physical and mental health? The word "addiction" is used casually, but actually refers to a condition that results when a person uses a substance or engages in an activity that can be pleasurable, but continued use becomes compulsive and can interfere with their life or their health.

There are different kinds of addiction. Physical addiction is easily understood. What begins as pleasure turns into cravings and physical discomfort that feels unbearable. You can overcome physical addiction;



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people do it every day!

Psychological addiction is a belief that you can only feel good with a substance or activity. Emotional addiction is when you feel a need or craving for another person or become obsessed with the idea of something. Addiction can be mistaken for love when you are in an unhealthy relationship and stay regardless of the consequences. These

examples demonstrate how your mind can create beliefs that keep you stuck in a harmful behavior. Hypnosis can help you change those beliefs.

Hypnosis is very effective in eliminating addiction by addressing the issues that caused the addictive behavior. Rather than defining a person by their addiction, they are led through a process that allows them to create a new perspective based on the positive aspects of their lives. Because of the way your mind works, whatever you repeatedly tell yourself becomes true. There is a kind of placebo effect that happens when you repetitively tell yourself that you're 'addicted' to something or "can't live without it."

PBS aired a special called "The Brain Fitness Program" about the discoveries in the field of neuro-sci-

ence that show the brain is capable of learning new ways to think and perceive the world all throughout our lives. We are not stuck in one frame of mind, we can continue to learn and grow, creating the life we want.

A client came to me who was "addicted" to chocolate. Although many people like chocolate, she kept bags of chocolate in her desk at work, various places at home and in her car. She felt out of control and powerless over chocolate because it provided her a feeling she could not get anywhere else. In hypnosis we revealed a deep emotional connection between her dad, who left the family, and candy. Dad always brought her chocolate as a treat and that made her feel special and loved. She felt helpless and out of control when Dad left and unconsciously,

candy provided that emotional connection, even into adulthood. Through hypnosis, her "addiction" was eliminated completely.

Nicotine has been identified as an addictive substance but most of my clients who stop smoking have no withdrawal, unless they "believe" there is a physical addiction. The placebo effect can create feelings of withdrawal. The psychological addiction of smoking is reversed when you start telling yourself something different. You have to be willing to change your beliefs and eliminate negative self-talk!

Please visit my website for upcoming workshops!

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Letters To The Editor Thank You Jim Zeoli and BOS

To the Editor,

On Wed., Feb 12 the Board of Selectmen finalized an ordinance banning certain types of running bamboo considered invasive and destructive. At a time when government is slow in coming to a decision, it is refreshing to see our town government working as one. I want to per-

sonally thank First Selectman James Zeoli and all the board members for their prompt attention to this matter. Government should be for the people and by the people, and our town representatives have certainly demonstrated this, and could be a great example to the politicians in Washington DC. Lawrence Messina

HAIR'S TO YOU!

What Are Head Lice And Where Do They Come From

This is the time of year when head lice begin to show up in the hair of school age children. Many parents have gasped and taken offense after coming into my salon for service and I had to inform them that I could not work on the child because they had head lice. Once I explained to them not to be embarrassed it was not because they were unclean or neglectful of their child, that it was part of a



MIKE RACCIO

stylist job to help prevent the spread of any communicable problem. How to treat and eliminate the problem became their focus.

Although head lice are not a subject often talked about, all parents of young children should be aware of what to look for and how to treat an infestation of lice should they appear. Head lice infestation can happen to anyone. It is important to tell children not to share hats, scarves, or pillows or any other personal items such as combs or brushes. Head lice are spread from head to head contact. Head lice are obligate parasites which means that they need a human host to survive. You cannot get head lice from your pet.

Female adult lice lay three to four eggs every day. They are located about 3 to 4 millimeters from the scalp on the hair shaft. The

eggs or nits are white in color glued on the hair from secretions from the female and have about a week to hatch- producing a nymph, they then go through three successive growth spurts.

Adults are about the size of a sesame seed and can be very hard to see. They vary in color from white to tan to brown blending into the hair.

Lice feed on blood and are most commonly found on hairs at the back of the neck and behind the ears. They are extremely uncomfortable making the scalp sore and itchy.

There are a number of treatments that can effectively eliminate head lice. They include over the counter products, natural products, and prescription medications. Exam your child's hair and scalp at bath time, if you suspect the presents of nits or eggs on the hair remove them with a fine tooth comb available at most pharmacy's. Then proceed with the treatment as prescribed.

Michael Raccio is a licensed Master Barber, Hairdresser and Cosmetologist, and Hair Replacement Specialist. Email him with your questions a mfollice@yahoo.com.

Memorial Day Parade Program

The annual Town of Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade will be held on Sunday, May 25.

Kevin Gilbert once again will serve as Parade Organizer. Parade ceremonies will commence promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the High Plains Community Center Field. The parade will step off immediately following the ceremony down Orange Center Road past the reviewing stand with services following at the Orange Center Cemetery.

The Parade Committee encourages those with antique cars, horses and carriages and any groups wishing to partici-

pate to contact Karen Goldberg at the Orange Town Hall at 203-891-4738 or Kevin Gilbert at 203-795-2417 or 203-795-4647. Applications for participation in the parade are available in the Orange Town Hall – First Selectman's Office or on the town's website at www.orange-ct.gov. The Committee anticipates many marching bands and floats.

The Committee invites the public to join in honoring our nation's veterans.

In the event of rain, exercises will be held in the High Plains Community Center auditorium.

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All Salts Are Not Created Equal



SABRINA SANTORO

While growing up, the salt of choice was always Morton, and I'm sure we all remember the Morton Salt Girl and her umbrella. In recent years, as a result of constantly hearing that we all "shouldn't use so much salt," we began trying different varieties and were incredibly surprised at the different flavors and intensities that are available. While the colors, taste and textures all differ, one thing remained constant: each of these salts required using much less to achieve the desired flavor, resulting in, obviously, lower sodium intake. There are many more varieties than what will be discussed here, but these are some of our favorites of which we know the most about.

Our overall favorite for use as a finishing salt when cooking is Fleur de Sel, which is a French sea salt, its name meaning "flower of salt." This salt is hand harvested from the Guerande Salt Marshes of France. It is a slightly moist salt, with a wonderfully delicate flavor and is high in minerals. If you are serious about your cooking, this is the salt of choice. Due to its moisture content, it is not suitable for a grinder, but its natural size is relatively fine and is actually a perfect size for simply sprinkling.

Mediterranean Sea Salt is a convenient favorite. It's convenient because it can be fresh ground as needed without clogging the grinding mechanism, as it is very high

in magnesium which keeps it from clumping. The flavor is mild but full, making it an excellent everyday table salt. The color is a beautiful pure white, reflective of its origin of the pure waters of the Mediterranean.

Himalayan salt is frequently sought after for being "most healthful." The reason for this is it contains elements that are naturally found within us and our environment, meaning consumption remineralizes our bodies with important trace elements. Himalayan salt is a naturally beautiful salt with colors ranging from light pink to soft red. The flavor is rich and full, making it a perfect salt for meats and veggies.

Black Hawaiian Lava Salt makes a beautiful statement both with its black color and bold flavor. The black color comes from activated coconut shell charcoal, which imparts both antioxidants for good health and aids in digestion. This salt makes a beautiful presentation when freshly ground over fish and salad, while adding delicious bold flavor.

Alaea Hawaiian Red Sea Salt has a beautiful color and distinct flavor. The color comes from Hawaiian volcanic clay, alae, and adds iron and trace minerals. The flavor is mild yet distinctly different from, say, sea salt and adds wonderful flavor to meats and stir fried veggies. This is also a wonderful salt to use when doing home canning.

So think about ditching that old salt shaker and adding some dimension to your dishes, and you'll be able to use less, too, as there is more beautiful flavor with less salt.

Sabrina is co-owner with her husband, Ernie, of Sunflower Farm and Connecticut Natural Soapworks, a beekeeper and a Reiki Master. www.sunflower-farm.com.

American Legion Announces Prep 15 And Under Team

The Orange American Legion program is proud to announce the formation of a Prep 15 and under team which will commence this season in June. Tryouts will be held in early March at the Grind in Orange. The exact date will be announced shortly. Players between the ages of 13 and 15 who are interested in trying out should contact Bob Mirto at 203-687-8299 immediately.

The program will introduce players from Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge to the esteemed legion program immediately upon their transition from the smaller field. They will obtain all

the benefits of a travel program at a reasonable cost, including excellent coaching and workouts as well as an extremely competitive season.

Players who are playing Babe Ruth or Senior Little League are eligible, as there is flexibility in the schedule. This program has attempted to coordinate its schedule with Babe Ruth and Senior Little League and has the endorsement of the Amity High School Coaching Staff.

Coach Coppola has been a party to the meetings coordinating the leagues and is extremely supportive of this endeavor.

Locally Running

Mix Up Your Routine

Sorry I missed the last issue. We were running the Miami half marathon. It was 80 degrees and no shade. A hot one! Boy we could use some of that here!

I do love to run but I need to mix up my routine! Especially in the winter when running on the treadmill can make me crazy, still necessary, but crazy.

It really is better for the body and the mind to mix it up. After all, variety is the spice of life.

Cross training and or taking a break from being too routine has many benefits. The upside includes decreasing using the same muscles the same way. It forces your body to strengthen other muscles and joints. It improves your overall fitness and refreshes your mind.

From yoga to cycling to zumba



CATHY BRADLEY

there are dozens of ways to stay fit during this winter.

Choose an objective. If you want to reduce impact because you may be sore or feel an injury...try an elliptical or cycling machine. To improve balance or strength try yoga or Pilates.

There are many reasonable classes at many community centers.

To continue a fitness program for stamina, try rowing and stair climbing. It is all a matter of preference! If you happen to be a polar bear, swimming increases blood flow and water disperses the stress on the body. Of course there are indoor pools if you prefer, running or walking in a pool is great exercise.

Most important is to stay fit during this cold snowy vortex we are in.

THE COLOR ORANGE

Questions

Today I am going to make you think by asking you a few questions. I have many to ask related to the workshops I lead and even used them when I worked at Subway for one of our sons. When people came in and said, "I'd like a sandwich." My answer was, "Okay but first you have to



BERNIE SIEGEL M.D.

answer a question. Everyone but psychotherapists then asked what my question was. Therapists answered, "I am not here to talk." They were then amazed when I told them I knew they were therapists.

#1. How would you introduce yourself to God? #2. Would you rather be blind or deaf? #3. What is the best day of your life? #4. What would you hang in the lobby of public buildings with a sign above it saying: Look at how beautiful and meaningful life is? #5. I am taking you to dinner what do you want me to order?

#1. The correct answer is not about some role you are fulfilling related to your family or occupation. When you say I am a mother or lawyer or even, "It's me." God says, "Come back when you know who you are." The answer that gets you

right in is one that does not separate you from the Divine. So tell God, "Your child is here" or "It's you" and you will be invited in. Best answer so far was, "Tell God his replacement is here."

#2. Except for musicians the majority of

people pick blindness but that aint the right answer. according to Helen Keller. What separates you from other people is not listening to them and hearing what they are saying. When you listen to others you also give them a chance to hear themselves and then you get credit for what they awaken to. After 90 minutes of my just saying Mmmmmmm now and then while listening to a woman's troubles she said, "Thank you. That is the greatest conversation I have ever had."

Helen Keller said, "I have heard of the stars, the rainbows, the play of light on the waves, these I would like to see but far more than sight I wish for my ears to be opened. The voice of a friend, the imaginations of Mozart life without these is darker by far than blindness." So listen to friends, family and others and they

will thank you for what they hear and learn. That's what good therapists do.

#3. "A woman answered, "When I gave birth to my daughter." Someone in Subway said, "Wrong." When she looked puzzled at the response the woman told her, "Today is the best day of your life."

#4&5. If you ask these questions of those who have had a major loss or illness you get the right answers. The others spend time thinking and wondering what you like to eat or how much you want to spend. Then they tell you to hang pictures of a rainbow, baby, flowers etc. The correct answers are to immediately answer from your heart and not from your head, after 10 minutes of silence, and let your heart say what it wants for dinner. And what you hang in the lobby is a mirror. One should be in every school entrance.

Peace, Love & Healing,
Bernie Siegel, M.D.

We currently have a mind, heart and 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 on Bradley Road, Woodbridge.

If interested contact Lucille Ranciato lranciato@yahoo.com 203 288 2839; or myself bugsyssiegel@sbc-global.net for details.

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Home & Gardens

THE GARDEN SPOT

A Cheery Suggestion Or Two

Even though they say spring is not far off, I think we can all agree a bit of instant gratification might be in order. A few fresh flowers can go a long way to brighten our mood. How can you not feel better looking at a simple white pitcher filled with some yellow daffodils? Fortunately an assortment of reasonably-priced flowers and plants are readily available at the local food chains and box stores.

Placing your flowers in unusual containers is a fun thing to do. Tea pots and soup tureens are some obvious choices, but think outside the box (or maybe a pretty box might serve as a unique container). At a recent garden club meeting, members created an underwater floral design in a fish bowl. What was different and so striking was that the flowers were totally submerged



MARION RIZZO

under water. Two of the designers, Linda Bradford and Sandy Horling chose tulips for their arrangement. After filling the bowl 1/2 to 1/3 with fresh water, the tulips (trim their ends) were placed with their stems resting against the inside of the bowl. Arrange half the number of tulips in one direction and the re-

mainder in the opposite direction. Add enough water to completely cover the blooms. The finished creation makes a stunning centerpiece for a spring luncheon or dinner party. Choose flowers with a soft stems such as calla lilies or the tulips.

On a recent trip to Colonial Williamsburg, I noticed that a Bird Bottle, in a vertical position, was used to hold a floral arrangement. Bird Bottles are typically hung horizontally on the side of a house to attract small birds, such as wrens. I

thought the idea was unique, so I duplicated it for a centerpiece at a recent dinner party.

So get creative – fresh flowers can last up to a week if you change the water daily and trim the stems. Forcing flowering branches, such

as forsythia or pussy willows can also brighten a gloomy day. And it will be spring soon – I know I saw my first red mother robin!

Marion Rizzo is the former president of the Garden Club of Orange.

JUST FLOORED

2014 Spring Trends For Home Design

The change of seasons always inspires me to re-decorate my home. It's amazing to me how the little touches make the most impact. Painting one wall in a space always adds dimension, fresh vibrant pillows and window dressing are also a plus in any design scheme.

Paint should be contrasting with bright colors this spring, mix colors from the same palette, for example a dark blue with a light blue. Metallic accent pieces and vintage lighting are great for contrasting a room as well.

Throw rugs are a popular theme for this spring. Natural textures and colors are the way to go. Examples are sisal, jute and sea grass. The natural appearance brings a feel of nature



ANNAMARIE AMORE

and peace.

Be inspired by the outdoors, beaches, coastlines and mountains are a huge inspiration this year. This look can be seen in catalog companies like Restoration Hardware and Pottery Barn.

The sky and earth colors are the wave of 2014. Hardwood has also been the favorite with stain colors of gray and natural with 5 and 10 inch plank size instead of the 3 1/4 of the last decade.

Enjoy the Spring and turn your home into a lively space for you and your family.

Annamarie Amore is the owner of the A.A.I. Flooring Specialists. She can be reached at amoreinteriorsllc@yahoo.com.

RECYCLING TIPS



Recycle all paper including newspapers, magazines, mail, office paper, boxes, paper towel/toilet paper rolls, rinsed out food containers, etc. Do not recycle

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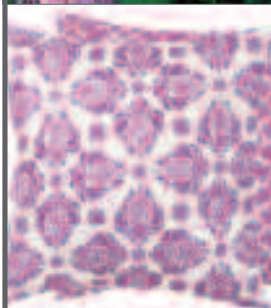
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ROOM 911

Wall Collections

Many times a client will ask me what type of artwork they can put on their walls. We often see the still life with flowers in a vase, fruit on a table in front of a pewter urn, children digging with pails and shovels on a beach, a woman next to a woven basket, landscapes of autumn, waterfalls, etc. Mind you, there is nothing wrong with the above mentioned items. However, here are some other ideas for your walls that bring back memories, or an interest or hobby that is in the here and now.

Menus For many, dining at a fine restaurant or a favorite one, or a type of cuisine is all that is needed for this collection. A few years ago, I put together a wall collection made up of eating establishments located in New York City. Some were high end, some were funky, some ethnic and some were landmark dining institutions that had been part of the New York landscape for well over a century. Most dining places were gracious about giving their patrons a menu. By the end of this collection, there were

over 37 menus but the clients had to pick out 20. Each would be framed — and here is the trick — in the same type of frame. While the covers of the menus varied widely, putting them in like frames gave it a sense of belonging to a collection. They were then hung four across and five down. Centering this collection, one had to keep in mind that depending on the width and height of the wall, you needed at least 12 inches in between each piece of artwork and 8 inches below the next row. Of course, this number is a bit arbitrary depending on what wall you used. A good idea would be to lay this out on a floor to anticipate how it would look on the wall. You need enough room so that the first row isn't near the ceiling nor the last row practically on the floor. It may mean cutting back on the number of menus that will end up in the arrangement.

Old Maps There are so many types of maps. There are nautical maps, subway maps, old mining maps, world

maps, treasure maps and historical maps to name a few. For some clients who lived out on the shoreline, nautical maps, old and new, were framed in simple thin wood frames and below it was a description of the area, the tides and other pertinent seaworthy information. They had a spacious corridor leading to the bedrooms which we had painted a light grayish blue. A perfect foil for those maps. In a wood paneled den, historical maps of the New England area in the late 1800s early 1900s, were displayed along two walls, which contrasted nicely with some oil paintings of New England foliage set against babbling brooks and streams. Displays

Bottles Interesting antique bottles are another way to fill up a wall. Not long ago, a client was going through her basement and found old bottles from the previous owners which included an old milk bottle, very old liquor bottles, etched glass bottles, and pharmacy/medicine bottles. Instead of discarding this "pile of junk" as she re-



TEDRA SCHNEIDER

ferred to it, I told her that she could have an interesting wall arrangement on open shelves. What went from a happenstance finding in her basement became a treasure hunt for her as she went to flea markets, estate sales, "junk" stores, and searched out unique bottles from bygone eras. Now she has an interesting collection of bottles. Of course, along the way she acquired antique sewing items, which we put in a shadow box and old fashion kitchen

gadgets that are now displayed on a peg board wall in her kitchen, not far from her stove.

Look at your walls as a blank canvas, and you can use them to display pottery, vases, masks, perfume bottles, old tools, or anything you can think of that can be hung. The key to doing this is deciding on shelves, opened or closed, height and width of the wall area, or whether something can be attached to your walls such as a simple picture hook to hang your collection. Check your basement, attic, or garage. Turn this into an opportunity to explore flea markets, (which can be fun even while on a trip as the item will also become a souvenir), websites, and yard sales, to name a few. Happy Hunting!

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REAL TALK: YOU ASK, A PRO ANSWERS

Stay Warm And Use Your Energy Efficiently



BARBARA LEHRER

Define your heating system. It works and so, you leave it alone! Think about the abuse the system takes, and worry about it now, not when you put your home on the market.

Actually, if you do all the right things, you should also be able to save money. Ugh, fuel, it is so expensive and so necessary. In our town of Orange, we are ¾ oil consumers, always looking for the best rate, which may not be the best thing to do.

Your fuel company plays a major part in your winter budget and a good one is worth the extra cents per gallon and your commitment to that company for years at a time. Everyone needs a good heat specialist, someone who cares about the history of your boiler, the way the good maintenance can extend the life of the machine and get you the most efficiency out of the expense.

I recently learned that the oil fired hot water heaters will last longer if

you change the rod inside every few years, who knew? How about even heating, do you have bedrooms that are colder than others?

Do you know if any of your duct work is lined with asbestos? It used to be a great thing, asbestos insulation. Now you have to worry about allergies too, the dryness of your forced air heat, and the working system of an old dilapidated humidifier on the furnace.

My friend, Vinnie Amodio, (Amodio and Sons, Fuel Oil of West Haven) is a fourth generation oil specialist. We are constantly sharing information with potential buyers and sellers on heating systems. Vinnie's tips on improving energy efficiency always begin with servicing the sys-

tem annually and completely, this will extend the life of the unit and save you up to 10 percent on your heating bills. If your system is over 15 years old then replacing it with a new energy star high efficiency unit could save you 20-30 percent in fuel per year!

Many of Vinnie's ideas are simple, but do not get done. For example; change the air filter every three months, close your drapes during the evening and open them during the day to assist the system in maintaining comfort for your family.

Your fireplace damper is always an important item, make sure it is closed when not starting a fire in it.

If you have a humidifier make sure it is operating and not really old. It is hard to believe that a proper humidi-

fier will give you 35-40 percent humidity, this will result in the temperature operation to be more effective at a lower temperature! Install a programmable thermostat and set it up to lower the temp at night five degrees, and even more when you are gone for the day.

My definition of a heating specialist is one who can walk through a house and tell me the push of the forced air in each room and the ventilation in the furnace room in a second! I highly recommend everyone keep their furnaces in the best working order. Visit Vinnie's website; amodioufuel.com.

If you need more information on these issues email me at Barbara.Lehrer@cbmoves.com.



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Boys' Swim Facing Stiff Competition



by Brian McCready

The Amity Boys' swim team started off the season a perfect 9-0, but recently dropped three of its last four meets.

Head Coach James Todd Rainey said he's proud of how his team has performed this year as it heads into the conference tournament. He said Amity had a big win against Notre Dame of West Haven last month.

He praised the performance of several members of his squad.

"We continue to see great performances by seniors Charlie Pite, AJ Pite, and Stephen Cheung," Rainey said. "Junior Ben Bacal has been contributing consistently in the 100 Fly and the 200 Free."

He said junior Allie Germano has won the diving several times this season. Junior Alec Melotto has scored some key points in the 100 Breaststroke.

Sophomore Adam Ambrose has been great in the 100 Fly and the 200 individual medley, Rainey said, while adding sophomore Ben Clemens has been a consistent winner in the 100 Breaststroke.

"The weather has definitely been a disruption in terms of training, making it difficult for us to have the consistency that we look for at this point in the season," Rainey said. "Not surprisingly, our boys have taken the missed practices in stride and have continued to train hard whenever possible."

Here are recaps from the past several meets

Amity 95 Wethersfield 88

200 yard Medley Relay: W- 1:42.49 Colin Curtin, Daniel Camilliere, Christopher Piccione, Pasquale Cannatta, 200 Freestyle A- 1:47.31 AJ Pite, 200 IM A- 2:06.78 Adam Ambrose, 50 Freestyle A- 22.68 Charlie Pite, Diving W- 162.00 Walter Max, 100 yard Butterfly: A-

53.23 AJ Pite, 100 yard Freestyle: A- 50.31 Charlie Pite, 500 yard Freestyle: W- 5:05.27 Colin Curtin, 200 yard Freestyle Relay: A- 1:33.66 AJ Pite, Ben Bacal, Stephen Cheung, Charlie Pite, 100 yard Backstroke: W- 55.04 Colin Curtin, 100 yard Breaststroke: W- 1:02.84 Daniel Camilliere, 400 yard Freestyle Relay: A- 3:23.64 AJ Pite, Adam Ambrose, Stephen Cheung, Charlie Pite

Fairfield Prep 100 Amity 77

200 yard Medley Relay: FP- 1:41.65 Guido Balderrama, Stuart Stritzel, John Hoin, Bryce Keblish, 200 Freestyle FP- 1:46.77 Brandon Cole, 200 IM FP- 2:01.37 Bryce Keblish, 50 Freestyle FP- 21.45 Bjorn Davis, Diving FP- 208.40 Michael Connelly, 100 yard Butterfly: FP- 52.65 Bryce Keblish, 100 yard Freestyle: FP- 48.06 Bjorn Davis, 500 yard Freestyle: FP- 4:49.00 Brandon Cole, 200 yard Freestyle Relay: FP- 1:30.92 Bjorn Davis, Brandon Cole, Matthew Lee, Nicholas Wargo, 100 yard Backstroke: A- 1:02.30 Madsen, 100 yard Breaststroke: A- 1:03.50 Ben Clemens, 400 yard Freestyle Relay: A- 3:23.64 AJ Pite, Adam Ambrose, Stephen Cheung, Charlie Pite

Glastonbury 93 Amity 82

200 yard Medley Relay: G- 1:42.71 Joey Ahlberg, Drake Freiberg, Scott Moore, Brian Schneider, 200 Freestyle G- 1:52.02 Liam Straker, 200 IM G- 2:01.01 Joey Ahlberg, 50 Freestyle A- 22.50 Charlie Pite, Diving G- 202.70 Augie Corell, 100 yard Butterfly: A- 56.34 Adam Ambrose, 100 yard Freestyle: A- 49.56 Charlie Pite, 500 yard Freestyle: G- 5:12.03 Robert Davis, 200 yard Freestyle Relay: G- 1:36.10 Liam Straker, Sean Martin, Scott Moore, Brian Schneider, 100 yard Backstroke: A- 59.50 Stephen Cheung, 100 yard Breaststroke: A- 1:04.28 Ben Clemens, 400 yard



Ben Bacal, top, competes in the butterfly stroke. And Allie Germano completes a dive in a recent meet.

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Freestyle Relay: A- 3:31.51 Ben Bacal, Adam Ambrose, Stephen Cheung, Charlie Pite

Cheshire 95 Amity 85

200 yard Medley Relay: C- 1:44.88 Ryan Mostoller, Michael Goodrich, Kyle Shadeck, Alexander Cheruk, 200 Freestyle C- 1:48.35 Karl Bishop, 200 IM A- 1:59.05 AJ Pite, 50 Freestyle C- Alexander Cheruk, Diving C- 144.10 Sal Delucia, 100 yard Butterfly: A- 54.72 Charlie Pite, 100 yard Freestyle: A- 51.79 Adam Ambrose, 500 yard Freestyle: A- 4:50.63 AJ Pite, 200

yard Freestyle Relay: A- 1:35.79 Ben Clemens, Ben Bacal, Adam Ambrose, Charlie Pite, 100 yard Backstroke: C- 58.76 Ryan Mostoller, 100 yard Breaststroke: A- 1:05.43 Ben Clemens, 400 yard Freestyle Relay: A- 3:31.51 Charlie Pite, Ben Bacal, Stephen Cheung, AJ Pite

Amity 94 Notre Dame 91

200 yard Medley Relay: A- 1:44.37 Stephen Cheung, Ben Clemens, Adam Ambrose, AJ Pite, 200 yard Freestyle: A- 1:58.68 Ben Bacal, 200 yard Individual Medley: A- 2:00.95 A.J. Pite, 50 yard

Freestyle: A- 22.44 Charlie Pite, Diving ND- , 100 yard Butterfly: ND- 52.48 David May, 100 yard Freestyle: A- 50.28 Charlie Pite, 500 yard Freestyle: ND 5:18.17 David May, 200 yard Freestyle Relay: A- 1:35.61 Ben Clemens, Ben Bacal, Adam Ambrose, Charlie Pite, 100 yard Backstroke: A- 57.56 Stephen Cheung, 100 yard Breaststroke: A- 1:05.45 Ben Clemens, 400 yard Freestyle Relay: A- 3:28.99 Charlie Pite, Ben Bacal, Stephen Cheung, AJ Pite

SPORTS

Amity Girls Enter State's With Confidence

by Brian McCready

The Amity girls' basketball rolled to 16 straight wins earlier this year and now Coach Michelle Martinik's squad is gearing up for a hopeful long run in the state tournament.

Amity was defeated by Career in the semi-final contest in the Southern Connecticut Conference tournament, but Martinik said she is proud of her team, which includes nine seniors.

"Mikeala Schmitt and Elise Graham played great against Career. No one was able to match up with them on defense and they were hitting the boards hard," Martinik said. "Janae Graham played amazing at the point guard position with only one turnover the entire game versus Career. That is amazing because of the amount of pressure that was being applied to her."

In previous games Molly Ronan has been owning the paint grabbing rebounds and playing great defense, her coach said.

Martinik said so many people have contributed to the team's success this year.

Kathleen Feng hit two fouls shots with 5.2 seconds left on senior night to win by one point. Chloe Brinton has been a leader for the past four years and is continuing that on and off the court, Martinik said.

Amanda Vecchio, Ashley Wu, and Bella Bierzowiec have been key bench players all year, the coach said.

"They have come in night after night and put in good quality minutes to help the team. From hitting big shots, grabbing the rebound, blocking shots, and of course playing great defense, we could not be in the situation we are in without them," Martinik said.

Martinik said she couldn't ask for a better season than the one her team has produced.

"Any coach would take an 18-2 record," Martinik said. "I knew this would be a special team because of how hard they worked in the offseason. They really earned it."



No. 24 Elise Graham plays defense in a recent game.

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Amity Boys' Basketball Team Struggles



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No. 44 Chris Winkle, right, looks on as No. 33 Brent Southworth corrals a rebound. No. 25 David Ryan, left, goes up for a rebound in a game earlier this year. The Amity boys' basketball finished its season with a 6-14 record but the team was competitive in its own conference going 4-6.

Business

Liberty Bank Foundation Donates \$2,000 To ATC



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Pictured accepting a check from Liberty Bank are left to right ATC Executive Director Jennifer Romanoff, ATC Treasurer Linda Cohen, ATC President Jane Oppen and Damaris Garcia, manager Liberty Bank Woodbridge and North Haven and George Thompson, Assistant Manager Woodbridge branch of Liberty Bank.

The Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded a \$2,000 grant to Amity Teen Center to support the Teens Making a Difference program.

"This grant allows us to continue working with teens to teach them the importance of giving back to their community. This is a skill that these teens will take with them into adulthood," said Jennifer Romanoff, executive director of ATC.

"This program teaches teens how to address important community needs and develop valuable leadership skills," said Damaris Garcia, manager of Liberty

Bank's New Haven offices, "The impact this type of programming can have is transformational for the young people involved."

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded almost \$7.9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank's market area. The foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for people of low or moderate income by investing in three areas: education to promote economic success for children and families; affordable housing; and nonprofit capacity building.

INSURING YOUR FUTURE

Only 18 Days Left To Purchase Insurance Through Exchange

The open enrollment period for health insurance through the state Health Exchange will end on March 31. People who complete their applications after March 15 will have coverage effective May 1. While the application process has had its challenges, most of the issues have been resolved. Those of us in the insurance industry have spent many hours resolving issues and learning how to maneuver through the AccessHealthCt website. It has been quite a journey, but one that resulted in many people who were uninsured gaining affordable coverage.

Many people have gone on the website and began the process of applying for insurance through the Ex-

change, but became frustrated or confused and never completed the application. If this is you, don't worry it's not too late. Help is available by making a call to an agent or directly to AccessHealthCT. An agent can advise you on the benefits of the various plans and help you determine which plan is the best fit. If you would like coverage to begin April 1, the application must be submitted by March 15.

What happens if I miss the deadline?

The Health Exchange will remain open for people who qualify for a special enrollment period. Loss of a job, loss of insurance coverage, change in marital status, are all con-



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sidered "qualifying events" and would enable a person to enroll on the Exchange. Note - for those who

become unemployed, be sure to consider options through the Exchange, before signing up for COBRA (continuation of group health benefits). In addition, if a person qualifies for the state Medicaid program (Husky A or B) they can enroll at any time. This process can be initiated on the AccessHealthCT website or by calling the state Department of Social Services. Open enrollment for 2015 will begin in October and continue through Dec. 31 of 2014.

People can continue to purchase insurance outside of the Exchange at any time. Individual plans are offered by all the major insurance carriers and medical history or conditions are no longer considera-

tions for eligibility. The premiums are not subsidized as they are through the Exchange, however, there are still many plans from which to choose. Rates vary by county of residence and smokers vs nonsmokers.

Health insurance is now far more accessible and affordable - so act today if you haven't yet enrolled. It's easier than you might think and takes away the stress of "what if something happens."

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Coming soon to 500 Boston Post Road is a work out place for kids! **Project Kid Fit** is owned by Moe Al Ghuraibawian. It is an exercise program designed for children. The program will have some of the best World and Olympic coaches along with the athletes themselves coaching and teaching. Seminars will also be offered with past and present Olympic athletes including two time bronze medalist in judo, Jimmy Pedro, and Kayla Harrison who won America's first gold medal in judo.

Local Business Selling To Whole Foods

Congratulations to Ernie and Sabrina Santoro, **Sunflower Farm of Orange and Connecticut Natural Soapworks**, 767 Derby Milford Road, on their continued growth. They are now in nine Whole Foods Markets throughout the state and New York, as well as other stores, markets and boutiques. Plus with the increase in business at the farm they have been contemplating a second location.

Milford Store Moving To Orange

Jennifer Furniture has leased the space once occupied by Thomasville Furniture in the **Trader Joe's Plaza**. Strangely, the company has not commented about details such as when they plan to open (notwithstanding that contractors are telling

us "very soon") or when and if they plan to close their store in Milford, in fact, the store manager didn't know about the Orange store. If they do close the Milford store, it would be the second retailer to move to Orange from Milford recently. The other is **Reichblind Furs**.

Plastic Surgeon Building In Town

Orange resident and Plastic Surgeon **Dr. Richard Restifo** has broken ground for a 5,200" state of the art office building that will house his plastic surgery practice on South Orange Center Road. He expects to be "open for business" by October. The building is designed to support his practice that will offer the full spectrum of both surgical and non-invasive treatments. Dr. Restifo was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and The Harvard Medical School, has been in practice for 23 years. He has offices in New Haven and Wilton.

Property Sold, 21st Nail Salon Coming

Tiara Nails, a nail salon is slated for 510 Boston Rd. The strip center, formerly owned by James and Margaret Lu of Las Vegas, was sold on Feb. 28 to SKY PROPERTIES LLC according to town records. SKY is owned by Ankur P Jhaveri of Plainville, Weichert Realtor Joesph Han represented both parties. According to Paul Gimmer, OEDC said this would be the 21st nail salon in Orange.

Wine & Dine

DINING OUT!

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TWO GUYS

We ordered two appetizers to share, one calamari fritti, which is crispy fried squid served with a spicy marinara sauce, and an order of Pane Cotto, which is beans sautéed with bread and broiled to a golden brown. The appetizers were served hot, the calamari was tender and a little tangy in taste. The Pane Cotto was broiled perfectly; not too crispy and not too soft.

For our main meal, Robert ordered soffritto, which is an old Neapolitan dish, small cubes of veal hearts simmered in a spicy pomaodoro sauce. This entrée has been one of Robert's longtime favorites and he claimed it was delicious. My order was salmon risotto, a fresh blackened salmon filet, served with roasted asparagus and risotto drizzled with basil and infused with olive oil.

If you are a fish lover, I recommend this outstanding entrée. The flavor is exciting and inspiring especially with my second glass of wine.

Our waiter then took our dessert and cappuccino order. He recommended the miniature freshly made cannoli's. Accompanying our cappuccino's were house made miniature biscotti.

Our waiter was well trained and dedicated to his profession. It looked to us that every table was promptly and courteously served. Ralph and Anna Iannaccone, driven by passion, fulfilled their vision of serving generous portions of delicious Italian food in a welcoming environment.

Two Guy's are Vincent Farricelli and Robert Modena. They reside in Orange and have agreed to share their restaurant adventures.

We discovered a true Tuscany dining experience at Ristorante Luce, 2987 Whitney Ave. Hamden. It was the dream of Ralph and Anna Iannaccone. In 1992, the restaurant was beautifully renovated into its relaxing Italian Tuscan atmosphere. They now have a large elegant cocktail lounge and an outside patio where you can enjoy dinner or cocktails during the summer months.

We were greeted by the hostess who took us to our table and introduced our waiter. The atmosphere was very upscale, cozy and comfortable. We were handed our menus and asked if we wanted to order a drink. Since Luce's has a reputation of excellence in the wine department and has won Wine Spectators best of excellence seven consecutive years, we certainly did. The wine list includes more than 1,000 selections.

We ordered two glasses of white Zinfandel, which is our favorite, then proceeded to look over the menu.

Delivered with our drinks came a basket of warm sliced bread and pizza rolls accompanied by a dish of pure olive oil, flakes of basil and hot pepper, accompanied with fresh grated parmesan cheese.

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Arts & Entertainment

Arts Matters

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the true source of all art and science." – Albert Einstein

HOP THE BUS, to take a free ride to the New Haven Symphony Concert on Thursday, March 27 at Woolsey Hall (500 College Street, New Haven), sponsored by the OACC (Orange Arts and Culture Council). The concert, "The Huntsman," features the music of Wagner, Strauss and Beethoven, and runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The free transportation is made possible through the generosity of the Orange Women's Club, the Winkle Bus Company and the OACC. The bus will leave from the High Plains Community Center at 6:45 p.m. and will return there after the concert at approximately 10:15 p.m. To reserve a seat on the bus call Pat Miller at 203-397-8915. To buy tickets for the concert call 203-865-0831 or go to newhavensymphony.org.

NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presents "The Emerald Isle" on Saturday, March 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hamden Middle School (2623 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden) and on Sunday, March 16 at 3:00 p.m. at the Shelton Intermediate School (675 Constitution Boulevard North, Shelton). St. Patrick's Day brings the songs and talents of the Emerald Isle to Connecticut. The program includes Sarah Ioannides, conductor; Kaitlyn Lusak, soprano; Trent Kowalik, tap dancer and vocalist; and Andrew Thomson, Uilleann pipes. For tickets call 203-865-0831 or go to newhavensymphony.org.

DINE AROUND, a program sponsored by the OACC to provide an opportunity for dining and socializing at local restaurants, will have the next event on Sunday, March 30 at 1 p.m. at the Red Fish Grill (285 Boston Post Road, Orange), our town's newest dining hot spot. There will be a choice of entrees and a cash bar. Cost is \$25 per person. For specific information and reservations, call Joan Stenner at 203-795-3127. These events have been great successes in the past — good food — good times. Other restaurants that have participated in this program include Coromandel, Ola, Mai Thai and Andini's. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet old friends and to make new ones. It also is a good way to show support for our local businesses and our local art council that promotes the arts in our town and region. See you there!

GARY HARGER, well known singer, actor and teacher of Orange has graciously volunteered to present a benefit concert for OACC (Orange Art and Culture Council) on Friday, May 9 at The Milford Fine Art Council's Eastbound Theater (40 Railroad Avenue, Milford). The program is yet to be announced, but preliminary plans include some guest performers as well. More details will be forth coming.

THE GALLERY AT TOWN HALL (617 Orange Center Road, Orange) features the Natural Sci-

ence Illustrations of Reverend Suzanne Wagner, the interim pastor of the Orange Congregational Church. Reverend Wagner is a member of the Connecticut Natural Science Illustrators and the National Science Illustrators.

Her work in water color and graphite highlight Suzanne's study of nature's most amazing miracles and reflect the beauty of the natural world. This show will be for the months of March and April.

ART IN THE LIBRARY (176 Tyler City Road, Orange) sponsors the work of William Meddick, the former Executive Director of the Milford Fine Arts Council, and an artist who has exhibited his work widely. His oils are still life, landscape and figures within interiors. Meddick studied art at Pratt

Institute and is a Board Member of the New Haven Paint and Clay Club. His work is done from direct observation. The exhibit is available for viewing during regular Library hours.

YALE CENTER FOR BRITISH ART (1080 Chapel Street, New Haven) houses a special exhibition, "Fame and Friendship – Pope, Roubiliac and the Portrait Bust in England," through May 19th. Sculpted portraits of authors in antiquity were precursors of the popularity of sculpted images in the 18th century, when they became the most familiar and widely disseminated images of celebrated authors of the time. Roubiliac's busts of famed author Alexander Pope span the years 1738-1760. The exhibition consists of these as well as the adaptations and copies modeled after them, exploring not only the relationship between these various versions, but also the previously little understood process of sculptural production and replication in 18th Century Britain. Admission is free.

AMITY HIGH SCHOOL'S THEATER DEPARTMENT will present "In the Heights," an award winning musical, on April 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12. "In the Heights" won Tony Awards in 2008 for Best Musical, Best Original Score, Best Choreography and Best Orchestration, and was also nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Drama in 2009. For tickets go to In the Heights at Amity on Facebook. Hurry—they sold over 1000 tickets last weekend—the first time tickets were on sale. Under the able leadership of Rob and Andrea Kennedy, the Amity students have developed a richly de-

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served artistic reputation, winning Connecticut and National awards for excellence. Their productions

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THE SHORELINE ALIANCE FOR THE ARTS announces the call for submissions for "Images", the 33rd Annual Photography Show running from April 6 - 26. Photog-

raphers may submit their work by hand Friday, March 28, from 4: -8 p.m.; Saturday, and Sunday, March 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. at The Guilford Art Center, 411 Church Street in Guilford. Submissions by mail MUST be received between Monday, March 24 and Thursday, March 27, addressed to The Shoreline Alliance, 725 Boston Post Road, Guilford, CT 06437. Mail submissions must be sent in fiber built type cases, including return label, insurance and postage. Judges for this competition bring varying areas of expertise to the review of photographs and include educators, curators, photographers, critics and gallery owners. For more information, go to shorelinearts.org or call 203-453-3890.

YALE PEABODY MUSEUM (170 Whitney Avenue, New Haven) features "Tiny Titans-Dinosaur Eggs and Babies", now through August 30th. This exhibit features hands-on models, a film, art and over 150 dinosaur eggs. It offers a rare and exciting look at the lives of dinosaurs and their present day descendants — birds! The first known fossilized dinosaur egg was discovered in the Gobi Desert in 1923. Since then, hundreds more have been recovered from sites around the world, including bones of hatchlings and even tiny embryos. Scientists have been studying the reproductive and even social behavior of dinosaurs. The questions of whether they were social animals, did they care for their young and what was life like for baby dinosaurs are given answers in this exhibit.

YALE SCHOOL OF SACRED MUSIC offers a free student recital at Woolsey Hall (500 College Street, New Haven) by Daniel O'Connor on Wednesday, March 26 at 12:30 p.m. He will play the Newberry Memorial Organ, one of the most renowned orchestral organs in North America. Woolsey Hall's lack of drapes, carpeting and upholstered seats reputedly make for ideal acoustics for organ performance. (Not necessarily ideal seating!) For information about the program, call 203-432-5062.

LONG WHARF THEATRE (222 Sargent Drive, New Haven) continues "4000 Miles" through Sunday, March 16. A new play by Athol Fugard "The Shadow of the Hummingbird", has its World Premiere at Long Wharf, running from Wednesday, March 26 - Sunday, April 27. This is Fugard's first new play in 15 years. He has been characterized by Time magazine as the greatest active playwright in the English-speaking world. "The Shadow of the Hummingbird" continues the theme of youth matched with age that is also seen in "4000 Miles." In this play an old man is visited by his hooky playing 10-year-old grandson. They spend a memorable afternoon, gaining insight into each other's perspective. The boy reawakens the old man's lost sense of wonder and the man transmits some hard earned wisdom to the boy. It is a meditation on the transience and beauty of the world around us as Fugard continues to mine the depths of the human spirit. For tickets go to longwharf.org or call 203-787-4282.

Have an event, an idea, a comment? Send to patmiller605@sbcglobalnet.



The Gallery at Town Hall features the Natural Science Illustrations of Reverend Suzanne Wagner, the interim pastor of the Orange Congregational Church. Irish Moss is pictured.

have become widely attended and are a source of pride for the community at large.

CENTER STAGE THEATRE (54 Grove Street, Shelton) will present "Inherit the Wind" from March 28- April 13, on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees on March 30, April 6 and 13 at 2 p.m. There will also be a 7 p.m. performance on Thursday, April 10. This play is a classic dramatic treatment of the famous Scopes Trial, in which a defendant is tried for the crime of teaching Darwin's theories of evolution in his public school classroom. The trial pits two titans of American history and law against each other —William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow—fearsome adversaries. Their eloquence is legendary and their defense of their opposing clients center on issues of faith and science that resonate still in the 21st century. For tickets go to centerstgashelton.com or call the box office at 203-225-2079.

THE ORANGE PLAYERS postponed their General Membership Meeting in February because of the snowy weather to a TBA date in March. Check e-mails and Constant Contact and local media for date and time.

THE DOWNTOWN WOOSTER SQUARE COMMITTEE is accepting submissions of designs for a mural to be displayed on the side of The Foot Locker Building. The mural must be 25 feet by 25 feet, attractive and eye catching for residents and visitors alike, and have downtown New Haven as its theme.

Submissions should be made to

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SHUBERT THEATER (247 College Street, New Haven) hosts the Russian National Ballet Theatre's production of "Cinderella" on Saturday, March 22 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. More than 50 dancers present this familiar tale in dance, with Elena Radchenko, the director, bring the majesty and grandeur of classic ballet to the Shubert stage. For tickets go to shubert.com or call Ticketmaster at 1-800-755-3000. For a change of pace, "Stomp" comes to the Shubert on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 28, 29, and 30. This widely acclaimed production has garnered many awards, played around the country and has been on many national TV shows.

This is an innovative show with no spoken word, making it appropriate for all ages, languages and cultures. The eight member troupe

News & Events

POET'S CORNER

Games Of Sport In The Seasons Of Life

Photo and Poem
by John Ulatowski

Growing up in the city, I use to play baseball and basketball on a regular basis. I learned a lot about the games but more so about the players and also about myself. Today there is a much varied array of athletic choices in Orange – all of which are strong and positive. But I've learned that beyond the winning and losing and more important than the scores, stands the athlete. They are young, fragile, competitive, smart, emotional, mostly team oriented, and proud. They themselves really are the essence of the games – and what they learn, and how they are nurtured - will in the end become the winning field goal, the home run, the three-point shot, the closing set that will define them in the game of life.

They come as young lions bent upon the thrill of victory, relishing the challenges toward the goals of excellence. They dream big ... of the long, hard season that sustains no loss, pin-point perfection from start to finish, that reigns-in laurel wreaths game after game to the victors.

Taking on the task they carry the torch in the heat of athletic battle that will define them... in the sinking of a game-winning foul shot; in the hardened crack of connecting on the long ball; through the mastering of the measured rhythm of a breast-stroke; in traversing near the speed of light over a

sea of grass to kick a ball precisely through the hint of an opening; by skating with the eye of an eagle in the rush of nailing a puck through the crawlspace of an empty net; by slamming a power serve in the interim of an opponent's blink of an eye; in negotiating like Hannibal the snowy slopes on boards of wood; through mastering the disciplines and techniques of the art of self-defense.


Behold the seers who guide them, coaches nurtured in the legacies of experience, standing watch. Living every moment in the mirrored image of their own youth, they stand emblazoned with the challenges not so much of season's perfection, but more so, in the heart of a youth's singular worth- in the wisdom of working all things together for good; in character and guiding hands that nourish young dreams. Beyond the sum of games won... is measured how they were played. Through the wonder of foresight they see into the future their lions as coaches themselves one day who in turn who will define the character of a team. Wisely, they abide in the sanctity of what has been placed before them.

These are the hallmarks of winning seasons, victories that run the span of a lifetime - of a job well done and mission accomplished. Holding fast that which is embedded in the crowning wreath: respecting the games and playing with excellence... and coming to know thyself within.


John Ulatowski has several photo books on Orange at Case Library



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Real Estate

296 Great Oak Road, \$295,000, Bruselinda Koslowski to Kelli L. McFarland on Feb.19.

247 Riverdale Road, Charles E. Pigaty to Adelaide R. Pigaty on Feb. 20.

7 Skyview Road, \$735,000, Sean M. Cullen to Xuchen Shang on Feb. 21.

807 Donna Drive, Rita A. Santini to Julian P. Santini on Feb. 21.

575 Lambert Road, \$685,000, Alasdair M. Rice to Brian Mulvaney on Feb. 24.

510 Boston Post Road, \$940,000, James Lu to SKY Properties LLC on Feb. 28.

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tions are required. Refreshments (Coffee And) are served.

Call the Or Shalom office at 203-799-2341.

Services

Sunday mornings: 9 a.m.
Monday mornings: 7:30 a.m.
Thursday mornings: 7:30 a.m.
Friday evenings: 7 p.m. (the first

Friday of each month is the Family Service where Rabbi Wainhaus reads the children a story in lieu of a sermon. Following the Service, there will be a dairy Oneg Shabbat—refreshments.)

Saturday mornings: 9:30 a.m.
Or Shalom is located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Road.

Church Of The Good Shepherd

Holy Week Services

April 17, Holy Thursday, Supper, Foot Washing, and Worship at 6 p.m.

April 18, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at 4 p.m. Worship at 7 p.m.

April 19, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, Worship, and Eucharist at 8 p.m.

April 20, Easter Sunday, East Sunrise Worship Service at 6 a.m. And Family Easter Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt on

Church Lawn at 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist of the Resurrection at 10:30 a.m.

Weekly Services

Sundays

7:45 a.m. Morning Mass
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Wednesdays

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News & Events

Fire Marshall Announces Poster Winners



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Peck Place Principal Eric Carbone, poster winner Jeffrey Hutchinson, and Fire Inspector Mike Knight.

Every year, the Town of Orange Fire Marshal's Office invites all fourth and fifth grade students to take part in the Connecticut Fair Plan's Fire Prevention Poster Contest. The three elementary schools graciously provide the staff from the Fire Marshal's Office with time in their curriculum to speak to the students about the contest and to stress the importance of fire prevention.

The poster contest begins the first week of October of each year. Students have until December to complete their own artwork and turn it into the Fire Marshal's Office. The rules are simple. The poster must be the original work of the student and cannot contain any copyrighted images or sayings. It must be neat and reproducible. Lastly, the poster must have the words "Fire Prevention - Everyone/Everyday" somewhere in the picture.

One fourth-grade student's poster and one fifth-grade student's poster is chosen to be submitted to the New Haven County level contest. If chosen as a winner for the County, that entry continues to the State contest where the artwork could become the State of Connecticut fire prevention poster for

the following year!

This year, Inspector Michael Knight visited Race Brook School, Peck Place School, and Turkey Hill School in October to review the rules and to offer assistance to the students, if needed. From these visits, almost 200 original posters were submitted.

In early December, a panel of judges selected posters created by Zaruf Mujawar and Jeffrey Hutchinson for the excellent artwork and clear fire prevention message and these posters were sent to the New Haven County contest. Their hard work was evident in the posters they turned in to be judged. Fire Marshal Timothy Smith was recently notified that Zaruf Mujawar was selected as the New Haven County winner for her grade! Her poster will now be entered to compete against the winners of the other counties throughout Connecticut. Zaruf has been invited to the County Winner's luncheon on March 27 where the state winner will be announced.

Thank you to all the students who created posters, congratulations to Jeffrey and Zaruf for their award-winning posters, and good luck to Zaruf in the State-level contest.

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News & Events

Tough Winter Conditions Does Not Stop Dancers

Fred Astaire Orange, a local ballroom dance studio, has had a record high of new students since the start of 2014-

"It's the first time in five years, that we have had so many new-comers, 37 new people in the last four weeks who have attended our studios" said owner Martin Ramsauer.

Ramsauer is also the dance director. Perhaps it's the long winter?

Ramsauer said many students reported being tired of the long and cold winter getting "Cabin Fever" thus they felt better coming to the studio to dance.

"At Fred Astaire Orange, snow is not our fear. Owners and teachers are native of Germany, Canada, Minnesota and Chicago where snow precipitations far exceed the New England's average," he said adding the only time the studio is closed is if the major high-

ways are closed or there are severe weather warnings.

Ballroom dancing is known to increase serotonin levels, heart rates and muscle tone.

The studio provides the best service possible from hot beverages before or after a lesson and special appetizers and beverages every Friday night.

On Fridays, 7:30 to 9 pm, the studio offers a 90 minute practice party where five certified instructors practice dancing with the students while entertaining them with games, food, and special themes. This party is the highlight of the week and a great way to start the weekend.

Fred Astaire Orange also has many satisfied and dedicated students (Yazdanis, McMannus and McCool) who are working very hard to bring in new-comers. This has been one of the major driving forces to this influx of new stu-



Fred Astaire Orange owners Martin Ramsauer and Chris Sabourin with dancers Sonny, Amanda and Ned.

dents.

Gifts and special prizes have motivated students to bring new guests.

All of the teachers are certified with diverse backgrounds and experiences. The most recent addition, Amanda Meador, joined the team in September. Her background is ballet, Jazz, Hip hop, Zumba instructor and dancing ballroom.

"Amanda's outgoing personality and innovative natural marketing abilities has been a great asset to our studio. Our most recent success was the "Country and Soul line Dance Series" where we had the largest attendance of students. We thank Amanda and Sonny Scheifelbein for their design and education of this unique group series," Ramsauer said.

"Fred Astaire Orange is a true community studio where we train the most competitive students as well as the more social students. We teach children starting at 8-years-old to the elderly of over 80 years old. We cater to the students who do not have dance partners and who have little disposable income. Ballroom dancing is not only for the rich and famous as seen on our famous TV show "Dancing with the Stars," Chris Sabourin owner and marketing director of the studio said. The company's mission is to "Enrich the lives of everyone and anyone who come in contact with the company."

She has observed that their efforts are paying off after five years in business despite the long and difficult winters. To learn more visit the website at www.fredastaireoforange.com. or call 203-795-5200 for introductory class specials.

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Grimmer said the town's commercial base is thriving. Occupancy rates on the Boston Post Road have dwindled to just 3.6 percent after being in excess of 10 percent several years ago, Grimmer said.

"A lot of businesses understand the strength of Route 1, especially in Or-

ange," Grimmer said. "We have a very stable tax base. Our Planning and Zoning Board is great to work with. They get people in and out."

Norman Marieb said he attended the hearing because he's worried about future tax hikes. He said he's worried about the conditions of the

schools including Peck Place and whether it's prudent to spend money on renovations for an aging structure.

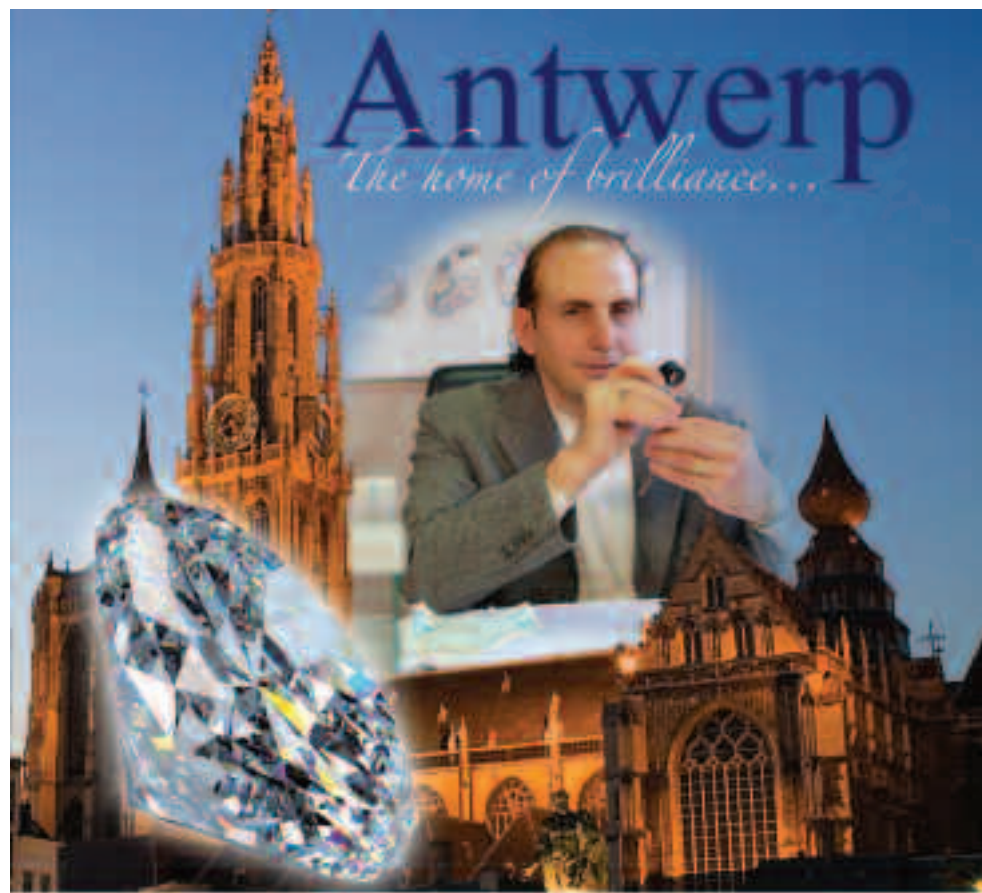
Mike Richetelli, who is a commercial realtor, said the PZB did a great job of encouraging people to attend the forum. He said Orange is very attractive to businesses. Richetelli said

he believes there is an opportunity for some office space to be added along Indian River Road, which is currently only zoned for industrial purposes.

Planimetrics representative Glenn Chalder, who led the forum, said the plan of development is very important as it's a guide to actual development

of a community.

"What type of community do you want to live in?" Chalder asked. "The whole purpose of the hearing is to get the public's input." The plan is expected to be finalized by the summer of 2015.



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The Orange Drug / Alcohol Action Committee

Invites you to a community-wide discussion of important issues on creating and sustaining a healthy community.

Parents, educators, government leaders, clergy and concerned citizens are welcome to share your thoughts with us as we look for ways to keep our community safe and healthy.

When: Thursday, March 20, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Grassy Hill Country Club
441 Clark Lane Lane
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Breakfast will be provided.

Spend a morning with others from our community examining ways that we can address these four key components of healthy living: healthy relationships, health acceptance, healthy behaviors and healthy lifestyles.

Bring an open mind, an appetite for brainstorming, and a friend or a colleague who will benefit from the experience!

**Please RSVP to Joan Kreiger, Coordinator
 Orange Drug / Alcohol Action Committee (ODAAC) at:
jkreiger@orange-ct.gov or (203) 215-9780**

Education

Amity Regional Middle School - Orange Campus Second Marking Period January, 2014 Honor Roll

GRADE 7 FIRST HONORS

Jenna Aconfora, Mounisha Anumolu, Talia Barry, Sophie Benjamin, Katelyn Blake, Alexandra Bonat, Cole Bova, Emily Bretthauer, Angelina Carlino, Carly Chervenak, Madelyn Ciskowski, Alexa Cofrancesco, Rachael Crow, Stephen Delaney, Gina Driscoll, Cailey Esposito, Mary Foley, Marcelle Gagnon, Payton Grande, Alexis Halstead, Lien Har, Allison Hummel, Robert Jaques, Khaled Jarad, Izabella Jones, Hyunbeen Lee, Thomas Lee, Adam Leszczak, Erin McCormack, Diane Meng, Kenneth Page, Arianna Pargen, Soo-Jin Park, Dorothy Parniawski, Madelyn Pickett, John Poland, Julia Potter, Sandrine Pyne, Un-aiza Rana, Jonathan Schachter, Spencer Shepard, Julia Todeasa, Anthony Tom, Madison Tom, Daria Torrenti, Colton Varholak, Xian-Zheng Zhong, and Clare Zorena.

GRADE 7 SECOND HONORS

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Caruso, Danielle Casapulla, Marc Chodos, Logan Corris, Amanda Coscia, Molly Cox, Andrea DelVecchio, Maxwell Dragan, Ira Einbinder, Elaina Ferraro, Shiva Gowda, Christopher Greco, Kallynna Hauser, Hannah Hayes, Kaylee Huber, Julia Hurlburt, Chloe Kehlenbeck, Nicole Kisiel, Jason Ky, Gabriel Lipsitz, Margaret LoSchiavo, Jay Moon, Amanda Moran, Rakin Munim, Luke Nemecek, Jack Pletter, Shelby Ronan, Kelly Shaw, Jacqueline Tran, Connor Visnic, Tucker Wright, and Kevin Zheng.

GRADE 7

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Nicholas Abrams, Kayla Abreu, Alexandra Ashworth, Amelia Bailey-Schetlin, Erin Barillier, Bridget Barnsley, Hailey Benedetto, Isobel Browe, Roberta Buccilli, Lauren Canna, Sarah Cartier, Isabella Crasilli, Vinh Do, Ulada Dubovik, Christina Emmerthal, Ann Foley, Ryan Ford, Shayna Goldblatt, Amanda Granados, Courtney Greifenberger, Hannah Hipona, Michael Holloway, Hannah Hutchison, Moiz Jabbar, Carolyn Kaufman, Benjamin Kemp, Emily Kilian, Vince Li, Arthur

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GRADE 8 SECOND HONORS

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Speaking About Positive Aging



JOANNE BYRNE

The Seventh Annual International Conference on Positive Aging took place recently in early February at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota, Florida. I was fortunate enough to attend the three-day conference and present the Senior Leadership Program which I initiated eight years ago while the Senior Services Coordinator for

the town.

It was exciting to be among a prestigious list of presenters including Dick Goldberg, director of Coming of Age, which promotes age 50+ civic engagement and has grown from a Philadelphia project to one that is being replicated throughout the country; Marc Freedman, founder and CEO of Encore.org, a non-profit organization working to promote encore careers; Rick Moody, retired Director of Academic Affairs for AARP; Craig Vogel, president of the Live Well Collaborative at the University of Cincinnati; and Ina Jaffe, the keynote speaker from National Public Radio covering issues related to aging, just to name a few of the speakers.

The conference was hosted by the Institute for the Ages, a non-profit foundation which engages

older people and organizations to conduct research on aging issues. That might mean trying out new aging-in-place technology and giving feedback about new products.

This was the first time the conference was held in Sarasota, which holds the distinction of being the oldest large county in America. Previously the conference was held at Eckerd College, the University of Minneapolis, and most recently at Fielding Graduate University in California. There was much talk at the conference about turning the doom and gloom attitude about aging (such as diminishment, loss, and decline) into a rich and meaningful stage of life (growth, new beginnings, feeling valued and contributing to society).

Each of the three days, presenters emphasized the value of a life

lived, the assets of aging, and the many and varied efforts to bring these positives out from under a bushel basket so the whole world would begin to realize that "old is good".

On the final day of the conference, the more than 300 attendees gathered in a World Café forum to break into small groups of four to summarize highlights and identify action for the future. The flow of ideas was exhilarating. The steps along the path to transformation begin with the simple starting step of conversation, then turning conversation into collaboration which then leads to change and results in transformation. This interesting exercise can be seen in action in any community where people come together to share ideas and collaborate on how those ideas can be put into action to create positive change in a

community. Indeed, that was the main purpose of the Orange Senior Leadership Program.

One of the conference attendees, a sweet 80-year-old lady, believed that transformations result from the humblest of beginnings. She loves sunflowers. She told us how sunflowers are plants that start with a seed, and grows roots that, if necessary, stretch to unbelievable lengths to find water and nutrients to support their powerful beauty. A good lesson for all of us who want to transform the old images of aging into new, vibrant and positive ones.

Joanne Byrne served as Senior Services Coordinator for the Town of Orange. She is now actively and happily retired.

Email her at joannebyrne41@gmail.com to share your thoughts on retirement.

Friends Of The Library Scholarship

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library offers The Lucy Scillia Scholarship each Spring to an Orange resident graduating from secondary school who is planning to pursue Library Science, English or

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The \$1,000 Scholarship was established in the memory of long time Friends and Library Commission member Lucy Scillia, a retired school librarian who volunteered in

many capacities in the Town of Orange.

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Scholarship Applications are available at Amity Senior High School, the Case Memorial Library, and on-line at the Case Memorial website (www.orange.lioninc.org/ go to

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News & Events

Elementary School Marching Band Needs Your Support

After half a century, Orange schools will have a marching band to present in the annual Memorial Day parade. The Marching Band will be made up of members of the bands from Race Brook, Peck Place, and Turkey Hill schools. OESS had a marching band back in the 1960's and there is a great deal of excitement around the schools and town that this wonderful organization has made its way back.

The school band program is under the direction of Gina Patrick. There are currently 127 children across the school district involved in the band program. Several parents have answered the call to help with different tasks involved to get the marching band up and running. Band parents make up the uniform committee and the fundraising committee, and they are supplying talents such as carpentry, painting, designing, artistry, communication, etc.

In order for a school band to march in a parade, many things are needed that are not used in an indoor, sit down, concert band. Two main categories of needs are (1) marching percussion instruments and equipment, and (2) band uniforms.

Marching percussion needs include marching snare drums and carriers.

In addition, the band will need various pieces of hardware, drumheads, paint, etc.

The Dynasty drum company makes a drum that sounds just like the marching snare drums that the best HS bands, college

bands, and drum corps use. However, this drum is cut shorter and on a diagonal so it does not hit the knees of elementary school sized drummers as they march down the street. It also weighs only about 10 lbs.

There are 15 drummers in the district marching band that need an instrument to march with. A few members of the community have donated drumset parts that one parent is making into marching instruments.

Donations are starting to come in and have been received from the Jamie Hulley Foundation, the Turkey Hill School Father's Club, and Tom Hill Septic services.

Those who have stepped forth to offer assistance include the following.

Uniform Committee members include Marci Quaranta, Jennifer Ford, Tony Dalle Ave and Lynn McMullin.

Fundraising committee members include Susan Riccio, Mary Lou Nuzzo, Debra Marino, Stephanie Blanchette and Mary Shaw.

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Miscellaneous committee members include Cindy Figuly, Mimi Washington and Chuck Freeman.

Bulletin Board Listings

Sports Program

Looking for an awesome sports experience for your child this Spring? Fun Sportz is offering a variety of programs that provide great sports instruction in a entertaining way for your child. Offered through the Orange Recreation Department, Fun Sportz will offer a Lil Sportz Program designed for children ages 3-5 on Saturday mornings. Golf sessions and a 3 day Basketball Clinic will also be open to all Orange residents and non-residents as well. For more information on these exciting sessions, please see the Fun Sportz Website at www.funSPORTZamerica.com.

Books Needed

Friends of the Library President, Joan Stenner, asks that Orange residents go through their books at home and select some to donate to the Friends. After the last Great!Book Sale and the Members Only Book Sale, the inventory of books offered for sale has been severely reduced. The Friends use the proceeds from the book sales to support adult and children's programs and equipment for the Case Memorial Library. They also award an annual scholarship to an Orange resident who

plans to pursue Library Science, English or Education in college.

The Friends have a volunteer group that works year round sorting and organizing books that are donated. The Friends recently donated a large box of books to a Peck Place teacher who lost many of her classroom books when water from broken pipes at the school flooded her classroom. Appropriate books were selected from the Children's Department in the basement sales area of the Library and were presented to the teacher.

The Friends need books for their sales in order to continue to make their valuable contributions to the Library and to the community. Please help in this endeavor. Books may be dropped off at the Library during regular Library hours Monday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Orange Ale House & Grille Hosts BAH

On Wednesday, March 26, the Orange Ale House & Grill will host "Business After Hours," presented jointly by the Milford and Orange Chambers of Commerce from 5 to 7 p.m. The Orange Ale House is located at 517 Boston Post Rd., Orange. The event includes door prizes, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and expanded business networking with two Chambers of Commerce participating. Price is \$14 advance, \$20 at door, \$25 for prospective members.

To register call 203-878-0681 email chamber@milfordct.com. Advance registration is requested.



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Obituaries

LATELLA, JOSEPH C., SR.

Joseph C. Latella, Sr., 55, of Orange beloved husband to Carmel Nicoletti Latella, passed away at Yale-New Haven Hospital on February 26, 2014. Son of Joseph F. Latella of Orange and the late Marie Palmieri-Amendola. He was born on March 23, 1958, in New Haven and grew up in West Haven. Besides his loving wife, he is survived by his three children: Joseph C. Latella, Jr. and Michael J. (Adrian) Latella, Sr. of Orange; Jill Latella of West Haven; and his dog Jake.

LATTANZI, HARRIETT VELMS

Harriett Velms Lattanzi, age 85, of Orange, CT, beloved wife of 42 years to the late Dr. William E. Lattanzi, died peacefully surrounded by her children at the Connecticut Hospice in Branford on Sunday, February 16. Harriett was born on August 3, 1928 to the late Joseph and Helen Hamulak Velms of Ansonia. She was a graduate of the University of Connecticut where she majored in Home Economics and English. Harriett was a resident of Orange for over 50 years.

Harriett is survived by her sister, Jeanne Steiner of Bristol, CT; daughter Laura Sterling and her partner Joseph Deuel of Saratoga Springs, NY; son William Lattanzi and daughter-in-law Martha Vibbert of Belmont, MA; daughter Susan Roser and son-in-law Mark Roser of Hebron CT; her seven grandchildren; and the vibrant community of friends that brought her so much joy throughout her life.

D'AMICO, FRANK J.

Frank J. D'Amico, age 81, resident of Orange and Wellfleet, MA and beloved husband to the late Roberta A. Phillips D'Amico, entered into eternal rest on Monday, February 3, 2014 after a long illness at CT Hospice in

Branford. Born on December 3, 1932 in Branford, he was the son of the late John and Josephine D'Amico.

He is survived by his sons, John C. (Angie) D'Amico of Estero, FL and Robert B. D'Amico of Braintree, MA and his cherished grandsons, Brian J. and Nicholas F. D'Amico of Braintree, MA. He also leaves behind his sister, Patricia Donegan of West Haven, CT and nieces, Lori (Tom) Dooley of Hillsborough, NJ and Lynn (Joe) Bonaldo of Orange and great nieces and nephews, Tara Bonaldo and Andrew and Kathryn Dooley. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Edward Donegan.

MARCHITTO, MICHAEL

Michael Marchitto, age 72, of Orange, passed away peacefully, on February 12, 2014, at home after his battle with cancer. He was born to the late Joseph Marchitto and surviving Jennie Marchitto on May 5, 1941. He is survived by his wife of 40+ years, Joanne Sullivan Marchitto, his two sons Michael Marchitto and wife Kathryn, Andrew Marchitto and wife Alona, two grandchildren Joseph and Ribecca, and his sister Judy Conlon. Michael retired as an executive at Sikorsky Aircraft in 2000.

TORELLO, PHYLLIS B.

Phyllis Bellucci Torello, 92, of 191 Mulberry Lane, Orange, died Feb. 15, 2014, at Yale-New Haven Hospital after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Raymond Torello.

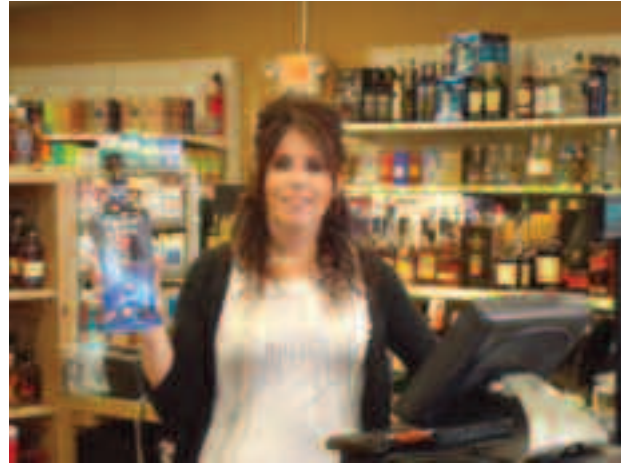
She is survived by a son, Michael Gasparino of West Haven, a brother, John Bellucci of Branford and many nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her first husband, Frank Gasparino, and siblings, Nicholas, Frederick, Domenic, and Frank Bellucci and Theresa Diana and Louise Coppola.

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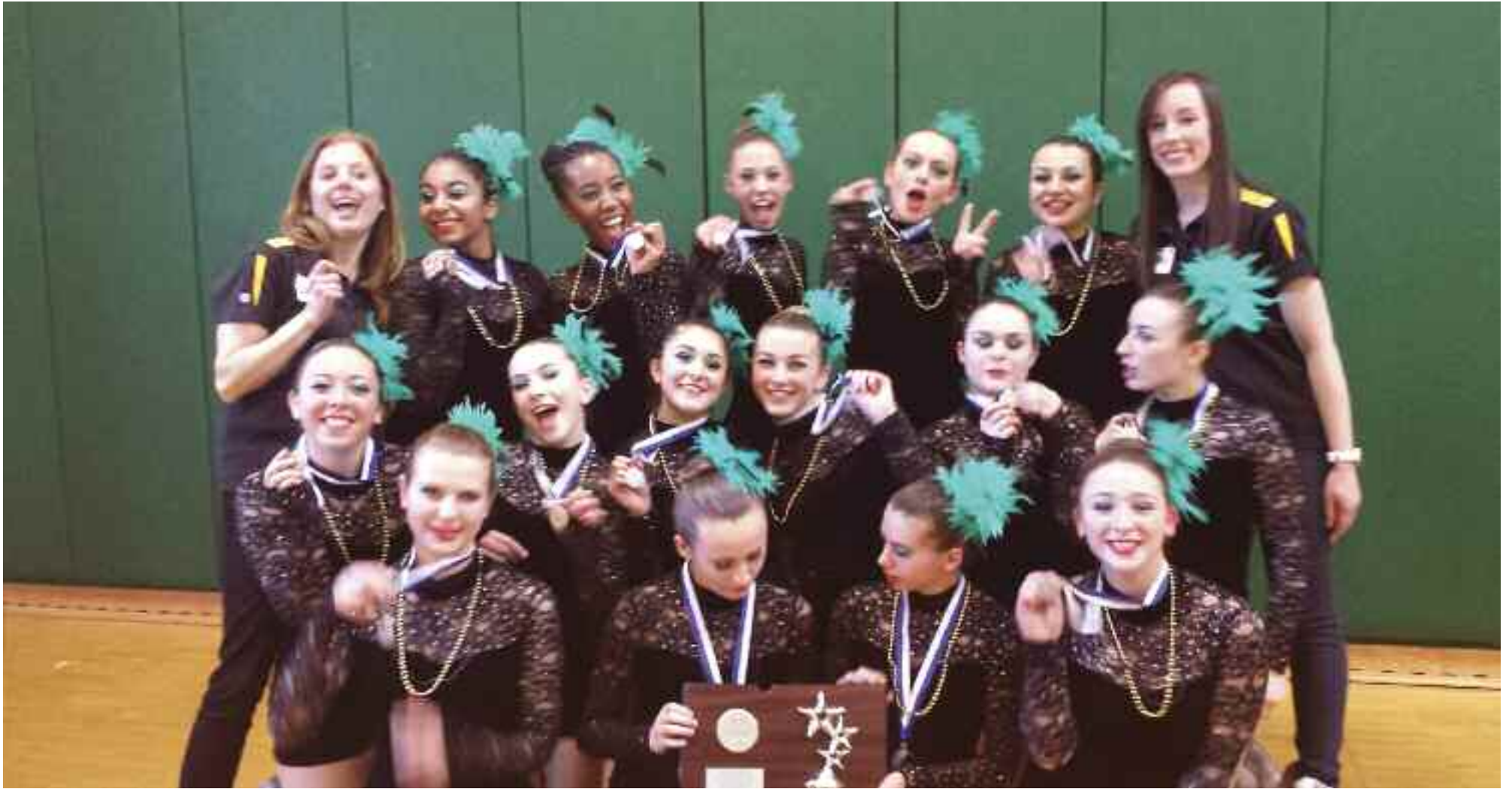


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Amity Varsity Dance Team placed 2nd in kickline and 4th in the pom division at the states competition February 22nd. They have qualified to compete at the New England regional Competition in Vermont on Saturday March 8.

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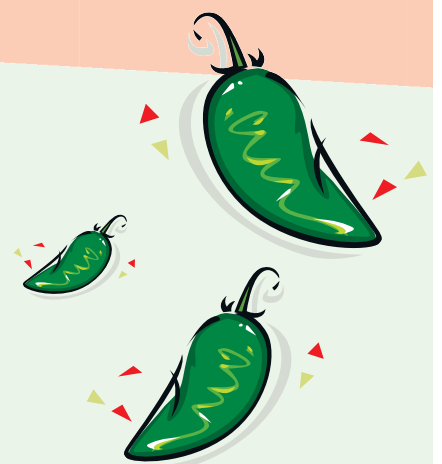
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