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Republicans Gain In Orange

by Joseph Cole

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Orange's political representation at the state level is looking quite a bit more "red" as Republicans seized two of the state representative districts covering the town. Five term incumbent State Rep. Paul Davis (D-117) will not return for a sixth term. State Rep. James Maroney (D-119) will also not be returning to Hartford.

"Obviously, I had hoped for a different result in the election," Davis said. "I have several projects that I have been working on which I hope to continue particularly in the areas of education and work force development. I have offered my assistance to legislative leadership as we move forward, but am still undecided as to what form that may take."

Davis will hand his seat over to



State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) will be joined by Charles Ferraro (R-117) and Pam Staneski (R-119) when the state legislature returns to session. Klarides was elected within a caucus to be the first woman to lead the GOP in Connecticut.

Charles Ferraro of West Haven. While Ferraro won the seat, he actually lost Orange to Davis by a narrow margin. Ferraro received 572 votes in Orange as a

Republican and another 30 for his cross endorsement by the Independents. Da-

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Registrars Commended

by Joseph Cole

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As Orange residents hit the polls for the November midterm elections, they did so under the direction of two new registrars running the show. Fredrick Kendrick (R) and Janice Casey (D) received praise from town officials for their turn at a general election.

Both registrars were so new, the door outside their shared office still bore the names of their predecessors.

Mary Devito (R) retired from her position in June. She served for 13 years. DeVito passed away on Oct. 12.

Carmella Apuzzo (D) retired after 23 years in September.

Kendrick noted that while this was their first general

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103 Years Old And Still Smiling

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Keep smiling.

Those two words pepper the life and philosophy of Orange resident Ivan Lobay. Considering he just passed his 103rd birthday, it would seem to be a pretty effective mantra.

For the students and others who have passed through his life it is one of a constellation of phrases Lobay offers.

"Be brave, don't be afraid," he said, his centenarian eyes still full of energy and vigor.

Born in a small village in Western Ukraine in 1911, Lobay's early childhood was spent in trenches with his mother, siblings and animals. His father was a soldier fighting for the Austro-Hungarian Army.

There was little in way of education, with one teacher for several villages. A lack of health care claimed his sister and brother.

It was in his youth that he learned the value of freedom from watching birds.

"They would fly in through the windows," he said. "If you closed them, you could keep them in but they would not survive. They have to be free, they have to fly."

With the help of an uncle, Lobay learned enough to go into high

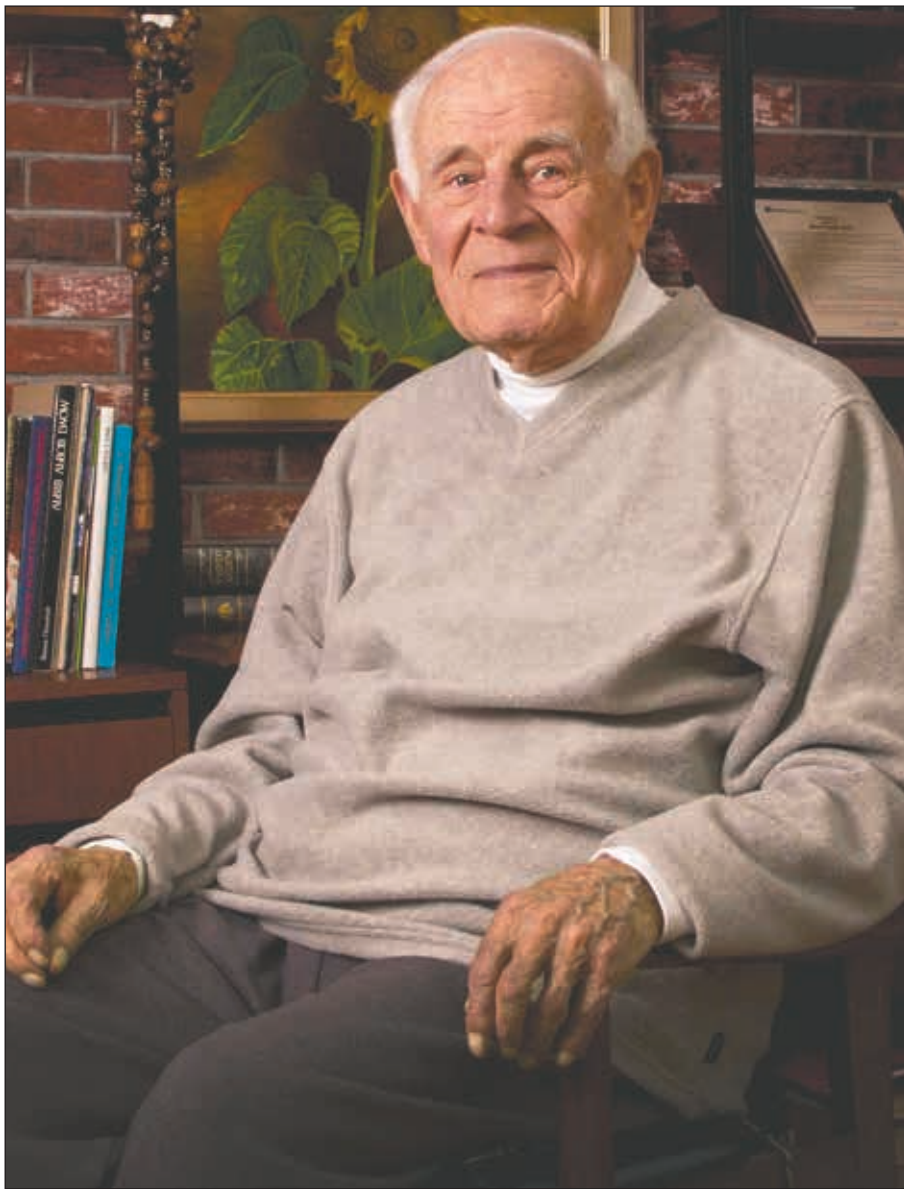


Photo By Steve Cooper

Ukrainian-born Ivan Lobay's house is filled with memories and honorifics from his 103 years of life. He watches classical music concerts from his favorite red chair, and art pieces created by his wife adorn the walls.

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Cretella Feels The Need To Help

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As the holidays approach, pressure to help provide for Orange's families in need increases. Spearheading the call to action is Director of Community Services Joan Cretella.

"Why do I want to help? It's not something you can easily put into words," Cretella said. "It's just something you want to do. It's something you feel."

Pockets of storage contain food donations tucked away throughout the High Plains Community Center where the town maintains a food kitchen. In one room items are neatly stored in shelves and pantries. In another boxes of donated food wait to be sorted. The former probate office at the center serves as intake.

Cretella was appointed as an interim director by First Selectman Jim Zeoli in September of 2013. Her predecessor, Carol Nardini left the position after 30 years of service to the town. Cretella was appointed fully to the position of director in March of 2014.

Prior to her work in Orange, Cretella spent 20 years working in various social services. She served as a juvenile parole officer with the Connecticut Department of Children and Families and held a degree in criminal justice.

She eventually sought a master's degree in social work with a focus on elderly issues.

"I wanted to shift a little bit of focus," Cretella said. "I had a lot of experience with youth and families. I wanted to work more with the other end of the spectrum."

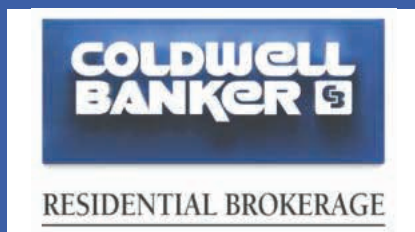
She became a care manager with the agency on aging.

Her experiences have helped Cretella oversee the programs that fall under the umbrella of Community Services. They range from a variety of senior services to youth programs to the food kitchen.

"You really need to have a knack with people of all ages," Cretella said.

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Trunk Or Treat



Photo by Michele DeMartino

Ghost and ghouls crept across High Plains Community Center for the Annual Trunk or Treat event held on Oct. 26. Decorated car trunks, food trucks and trick or treating for the attendees characterize the safe Halloween event.

Living Treasures Nominations Accepted

Each year at Pasta Festa, three Living Treasures are recognized. This year Pasta Festa will be May 15, 2015. Tickets can be purchased from the Orange Senior Center, 525 Orange Center Road. Tickets go on sale April 1, 2015. For more information call 203-891-4784.

Pasta Festa began in 2005 as a fundraiser for the Orange Senior Center. Today the Pasta Festa Dinner and Living Treasure Recognition Award ceremony serves over 250 people. To date only 29 people in a community of over 14,000 have been recognized as Living Treasures.

Nominations for the 2015 Living Treasures are being accepted by the Orange Senior Center. Persons being nominated must be age 65 or over, a resident of Orange, and have demonstrated positive actions to improve the quality of life for residents.

The nominee must have contributed volunteer service, and continue to contribute, to enhance

the Orange community as a whole. Nomination forms can be found on the Orange Senior Center website: <http://orangeseniors.org> and can be picked up in the Senior Center office.

The Living Treasure through the years are:

2006: Bob Archambault, Walter Bspuda, Margaret Howland, Mary Jewell, & Hannah Clark Russell;

2007: Robert Drobish, Harry Jones, & Mary DeVito;

2008: Lucy Scillia, Dr. Edmund Tucker, and Dr. George Whitney;

2009: Dorothy Berger, Albert "Skip" Clark, & Robert DeFeo;

2010: Jack Barton, Kevin Gilbert, & Veronica Hendricks;

2011: Joseph Blake, Severio "Bob" Fordero, & Nancy Nyhan;

2012: Marianne Bauer, Joseph Cuzzocreo, and Charles Flynn;

2013: Nancy Becque, Patricia Miller, & James White;

2014: Emma Cuzzocreo, Donald Lewis, & Elmer Manley.

Correction

A submission about Government Day from Amity Middle School Orange identified two student names incorrectly. The proper names where Jonathan Schachter and Mounisha Anumolu.

Orange Annual Holiday Festival Set For Dec. 7

Orange residents are invited to attend the Annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014. Festivities on and around the Orange Town Green will begin at 3 p.m.

Visitors may tour the Stone-Otis House to learn what a Victorian Christmas was like. The Connecticut Yuletide Carolers will provide musical entertainment strolling around town buildings and at the Stone-Otis House from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

The Academy Building and the antique shop will be open and invite visitors to view the Historical Society's antique collections and Emily Prudden Watercolors.

The Orange Congregational Church Bell Choir will perform a hand bell concert and carol sing in the church sanctuary from 4 to 5 p.m. as well as an alternative giving opportunity for Heifer International, cookie sale and crafts for the kids from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Case Memorial Library will be splendidly decorated, and will host a performance from the Amity Chamber Singers from 3:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from Al deCant who will perform a children's musical program in the library meeting room from 4 p.m. to 4:30

p.m. Guess how many candies in the jar at the library and win a prize, write a letter to Santa Claus and make a craft in the craft room. The Library will be open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Annual Gingerbread Contest will be featured in the Clark Building. Friends of all ages are invited to enter a gingerbread creation. Entries must be dropped off at the Clark Building from 2 to 3 p.m. on Dec. 7th and must be picked up between 5:30 – 6 p.m. Watch a gingerbread house making demonstration by Julia's Bakery and Chef's Emporium from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Gingerbread House Contest will be judged by Julia's Bakery and Chef's Emporium and the winner will be invited to light the Christmas Tree. Crafters will be available near the Clark Building.

An ice carving demonstration will take place in front of the Clark Building from 3 to 5 p.m.

Santa Claus will arrive at 5 p.m. The Tree Lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Children can visit with Santa on the Town Green. The Holiday Festival will end at 6 p.m.

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Democrats Retain Two



Story Inset Photo: Joseph Cole, Above Photo: Lexi Crocco
Probate Judge Beverly Streight-Kefalas and State Sen. Gayle Slossberg celebrate their victories on election night. The rest of Orange's Democratic delegation did not fair so well. Story Inset: State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) waited for results at the Orange Headquarters. She won re-election. Following the election she was voted in a caucus to be the first woman to lead the GOP in Connecticut.

Wu Dang Academy Wins At Tournament



Submitted Photo
Amity High School student Kevin Yang, 16, took First Prize on Three Section Staff and Second Prize on Shaolin Fist.

Two students from Orange-based Wu Dang Academy placed first and second at the 6th World Traditional Wushu Tournament held from Oct. 26 to 28.

Four students from the Wu Dang Kungfu Academy were selected into the US National Wushu Team after the preliminary held last February. As part of the US National Team, they participated in the tournament and got first and second prizes.

There are over 40 countries with more than 2,000 competitors in this event.

Chinese Martial Arts, or Wushu, is gaining popularity. The Chairman of the International Wushu Federation said in the open ceremony that Wushu will be a new division in 2020 Olympic Games.

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Opinion & Editorial

Capitol View

New Republican Head Plans for the Future

Now that Election Day has passed, I am proud to share with you my plans for the future of our state. As I start my 9th term, I am honored and thrilled to lead a House Republican caucus which will now host 64 seats in the chamber – an exciting upgrade from the 37 and 54 we have held over the past 6 years. I am proud to once again represent the people Woodbridge, Orange and Derby in the General Assembly.

The past few years in Connecticut have been distinguished by hardship for many



STATE REP. THEMIS
KLARIDES

redundancies.

My goal is to enhance the availability of top health care and educational experiences

thanks to the states staggering economy. Connecticut has burdened its citizens with ever-increasing tax rates, an inopportune platform for business, and an unacceptable amount of job losses that have put a damper on their quality of life. I strive to work with the legislature to improve upon these issues, especially by balancing out the excessive budget deficit and cutting

here in Connecticut, as well as create jobs, promote services for veterans, and keep our women, children and emergency response personnel safe.

I am confident that we can work in a bi-partisan manner to preserve necessary state services, protect the rights of our citizens, and make compromises to achieve great things – despite the present state of our economy. I look forward to working in close conjunction with non-profit organizations, businesses, elected officials, school administrators, and community members of the districts we represent.

Many of the ideas that lead to new legisla-

tion come from conversations with constituents, which help us understand what is most important to you. I am here to serve you, and encourage you to contact me at your convenience at themis.klarides@housegop.ct.gov or 1-800-842-1423 if you have any questions about state government.

To receive brief email messages from me in regards to updates on pending legislation and new laws that may impact you, emergency alerts, construction projects, or travel delay notifications, you can sign up for my newsletter via the form at the right-hand side of my website, which is located at <http://ct-housegop.com/themis-klarides/>.

Into the Future

With the elections now over and the results finalized we can take stock of where we have been and begin to chart a course of action to address the problems confronting our state as we move into the future. While I had hoped for a different outcome, I extend my congratulations to Mr. Charles Ferraro who will be sworn in as your new state representative on January 7, 2015.

I am proud of the progress made during my ten years representing the 117th General Assembly District and anticipate that the upcoming legislative session will focus on continuing the positive progress we have made in many different areas.

For the Town of Orange, I hope to spend the next month working to get the widening of the Boston Post Road back on track. This project, which has been stalled for several years, will add a turning lane from Race Brook Road to the Milford line. The other major transportation project being worked on is the Orange Train Station which will hopefully bring together public and private funds as a new way to finance state projects. On the educational front, I expect to continue to work toward a goal of full day kindergarten for all students. With West Haven beginning to transition to the full schedule,

Orange appears to be the only community left in the Greater New Haven Area not offering full day kindergarten as part of the regular educational program.



STATE REP. PAUL
DAVIS

On a personal note, I am looking forward to continuing, as a provide citizen, to advocate for quality education, improved job training, expanded economic opportunities, and greater environmental awareness.

I do expect however, that there will be major changes in the General Assembly as new leadership in both houses will have to establish new working relationships. In the House of Representatives Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz and Speaker Brendan Sharkey are expected to remain in their positions, however, on the other side of the aisle, an expanded Republican caucus had the wisdom to select our own Themis Klarides as the new and first female Republican Leader.

Themis is well respected by the Democratic Leadership for her fairness and negotiating skill.

I believe that the House has excellent leadership and unlike our friends in Washington, these people understand how to work together and make real progress in moving our state forward.

Captives Come To Connecticut

As legislators, we are always on the lookout for every opportunity to take advantage of Connecticut's workforce talent and geographic location to create and retain jobs. One such effort is Captive Insurance - I cosponsored the legislation that made Connecticut a magnet for Captive Insurance and the industry has definitely responded.

A communication from Governor Malloy's office defines a captive insurer as one that is owned by a parent company to insure the risks of the parent and its related companies.

Captives are managed by specialty firms that employ a range of financial, actuarial and legal professionals who are part of Connecticut's specialized insurance industry workforce.

Once an alternative to the commercial insurance market, captives have evolved into strategic financial vehicles used for many different enterprises, such as manufacturing and health care.

Captive Insurance is a real growth opportunity for the state of Connecticut. We have the actuarial talent and the geographic proximity to a number of fortune 500 companies that make us the ideal location for headquartering captives.

The Governor's comprehensive jobs legislation modernized the captive insurer statutes, clearing the way for the state to begin licensing these specialty insurers.

Many insurance companies have come on board including Aetna that is moving their captive operations back from overseas to Connecticut. According to a press release from Governor Malloy office, Aetna's establishing its captive insurance

company in Connecticut makes it the state's fifth licensed and largest Captive insurer to date.

The Connecticut Insurance Department's captive insurance regulatory program was recently named one of the best in the nation by Captive Review, a leading trade journal.

Connecticut is taking full advantage of this emerging industry by helping companies establish captives that will last for many years to come.

I am very pleased to see the legislature's work produce tangible benefits for our state and its talented employees.



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From Where I Sit:

A Wide-Ranging Meeting

November's meeting of the Board of Selectmen dealt with a wide variety of issues.

The first was approval of a license for a young farmer, Adam Sterling, to tap maple trees on woodlands the Town owns on what used to be Tom Wright's Homestead Farm. He will keep the trails cleared in exchange for the sap.

It is nice to see our woodlands being put to good use, and we approved the request unanimously.

Next, we moved a proposed ordinance to reduce the number of library commission members to a public hearing in December. At 14 members the size of the library commission has been unwieldy, and it makes sense to bring down the number as current members finish their terms to 9 or perhaps 7. That proposal, too, passed unanimously.

We also approved United Illuminating Company's request to enter into an agreement implementing the Town's Tax Incentive Policy to encourage business development.

Under the policy a corporation which con-

structs buildings worth more than \$15 million in Orange is entitled to a seven-year tax abatement on a sliding scale beginning at a 70 percent annual tax abatement, reduced by 10 percent each year until it goes to full assessment. The UI built two buildings on Marsh Hill Road for its office and operations center assessed at \$58,764,800.



SELECTMAN
KEN LENZ

The Town is implementing our commitment under our tax incentive policy so UI receives the tax abatement, beginning with the next tax year. The UI also has a substantial fleet of motor vehicles and other business equipment on Orange's tax list, which are not covered by the tax abatement plan.

Overall, I believe the policy allows the Town to attract high-quality corporations to locate here, which in the long run will strengthen our business tax base.

We approved installation of a new gas furnace for the old fire station next to Town Hall at a cost of \$30,160. We accepted a donation to the

Town of 4.8 acres of property adjacent to Fred Wolfe Park and agreed to waive the unpaid real taxes that had accrued.

Much of the meeting was spent considering the purchase of a new front end loader for the Highway Department that will replace a 22-year-old model that has seen better days. After we heard from Don Foyer, our Highway Dept. chief, and the owner of F&W Equipment, the selectmen voted to approve purchase of the less expensive Doosan front-end loader. I flip-flopped in my decision, but ultimately was convinced that the advantages of local access to parts, a longer warranty, and lower price outweighed the preference of the Highway Department for a the more expensive machine.

We approved the First Selectmen entering into a Homeland Security grant agreement regarding Federal emergency management funds. We disbanded five committees that had outlived their usefulness. We approved tax refunds of \$12,366, but declined to approve a refund of over \$41,500.

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

News & Events

Orange Photographer Explores Milford Harbor

Photographer Carlyne Labrecque, of Orange, presented "Laudamus: In Praise of Milford Harbor" at the Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church, 168 Broad St., Milford, Nov. 17.

Labrecque, who grew up a stone's throw from Wilcox Park, has captured scenes in the harbor that chronicle the work of men who earn their living from the waters of Long Island Sound.

They bring their day's haul of clams and oysters to the dock at the foot of High Street

every afternoon in time to link up with a refrigeration truck that takes the day's catch to wholesalers and restaurants in time for supper.

Labrecque's photos, taken over a period of two years, show the modern-day crews breaking through the ice-encrusted harbor as they struggle with the realities of changing weather and the pressure of making dockside delivery deadlines.

Daily dawn work schedules depend on winds and tides, but the paycheck depends

on market prices; the boat named "Risky Business" run by Captain Robert says it all. Milford Harbor has always played a critical roll in the history and development of the town.

Through Labrecque's lens visitors met Captain Chris of the "Sara B," Captain Tyler of the "Louie R," Captain Brent of the "Gypsy," and Captain Billy of the very rugged "Raging Bull," a boat as big as it sounds. They all harvest clams, while Captain Dave and crew of the "Mohawk"

specialize in farming oysters. Labrecque's views of bright purple mesh bags bulging with clams all sorted and counted attest to the work done when the catch is first brought on board. Each bag is tagged with the date, time of catch and water temperature.

Once dockside in mid-afternoon, cranes off-load 400 to 500 pounds of shellfish at a time using canvas slings called "bull bags." Dockside, more paperwork is completed, and then they can call it a day - an 11-hour day.

Letters to the Editor

Klarides Thanks Volunteers For Hard Work

To the editor:

Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered on my campaign—the support I received throughout the 114th District on Election Day would not have been possible without your time and effort. Being selected to continue working in Hartford representing Woodbridge, Orange and Derby is certainly humbling, and I'll do my best to reward the faith placed in me.

Last week, I was given the additional honor of being selected by my colleagues to serve as House Republican Leader. I look forward to tackling issues that

people here and statewide agree matter most to their families, friends, and neighbors: getting our state budget back on firm footing, jumpstarting Connecticut's weak economy, and making strides in education.

As always, feel free to contact my office (800-842-1423 or themis.klarides@housegop.ct.gov) with your questions, ideas, or concerns about issues tied to state government.

State Rep. Themis Klarides
114th General Assembly District
Woodbridge, Orange, and Derby

Ferraro Humbled By Support

To the editor:

I wish to thank you, the citizens of my District who have chosen to entrust me to represent your interests. After personally meeting so many of you, please know that I have heard you, and will work my hardest to serve you.

I understand that many have been frustrated with an excessive tax burden and government waste. I will work to address your concerns and focus on utilizing

our resources where truly needed.

As previously pledged, I will do my utmost to make Connecticut more affordable for all of us.

I am honored and humbled by your support, and wish to be readily accessible for my constituents. I can be reached at 203 410-3207 or cferraro04@snet.net.

Charles Ferraro
State Representative
117th District

Recycling Tips

Now that we have single-stream recycling in Orange, residents can toss many types of glass, plastic, paper, books/phone books and metal into the recycling bin - without having to sort.

However, these items should NOT go in the bin: plastic bags, light bulbs, hangers, batteries,



food waste, motor oil bottles, ice cream cartons, foam, black plastic containers, medication bottles, and more. See list of all recyclable and non-recyclable

items plus alternative recycling options here: bit.ly/OrangeRecycling

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Arts & Entertainment

Arts Matters

“Culture is the arts elevated into a set of beliefs.” - Thomas Wolfe

by Patricia Miller

ART IN THE LIBRARY (176 Tyler City Road, Orange) sponsors the exhibit *Waterworks XV, Junior Edition*, featuring the works of the youthful students of Audrey Galer, from Dec. 1st to Dec. 31st. The students who are exhibiting include Jahnvani Buluso, Juliana Cavallaro, Erica Chang, Ava Divincenzo, Francesca Giannattasio, Anisha Jain, Lucas Ketchian, Jody Liu, Neha Pashankar, Puja Sinha, Kelly Shaw, Clare Staib-Kaufman, Nidhi Tadepalli, Liam Tassiellom Rachna Vipparia, and Rachana Yetukuri. An artists' reception will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Art in the Library sponsors monthly exhibits of the work of area painters, sculptors, photographers and craftspeople. A group of townspeople interested in art, spearheaded by Audrey Galer, founded the popular program fifteen years ago.

THE GALLERY AT TOWN HALL (617 Orange Center Road, Orange) continues the Gill family of artists' exhibit through Dec. 31st. The exhibit contains, paintings, portraits and photographs by four members of the Gill family, V. Michael Gill, Joanne Paone-Gill, Lena Gill Parker and Terry Gill Russo. The Gallery, sponsored and outfitted by the Orange Arts and Culture Council with the cooperation of the Town of Orange, was established in 2012. It is located outside the First Selectman's office in Town Hall. Walk up one flight of stairs or take the elevator, which opens directly into the Gallery. Artwork may be viewed during regular Town Hall hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

DENISE SALDANA, photographer, exhibits *“Flowers and Some Frogs”* at the old AT&T Building (300 George Street, New Haven). Her work is characterized by vivid color and detail—down to drops of dew on petals. Saldana exhibited at Art in the Library's April 2014 show.

SHORELINEARTS TRAIL OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND is November 22 and 23rd from 10-4 p.m. It is possible to visit the studios of 42 artists during this event. Artists from Branford, Guilford and Madison will participate. Maps to locate studios for this open to the public, free tour may be obtained at shorelineartstrail.com. For more information, call 203-481-3505.

EAST COAST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA presents *“Alcina—An Encounter with a Devious Enchantress”*, by Georg Friedrich Handel, at Bethesda Lutheran Church (450 Whitney Avenue, New Haven) on Saturday, November 22nd, at 7 p.m. The cast includes Rebecca Batista de Almeida, Megan Anthony, Schauntice Marshall, Dean Murphy, Alexis Pinero, Amanda Pogach, and Allison Waggener. Eric Trudel is the Artistic Director and Brett Judson is the pianist. Suggested minimum donation at the door is \$30.00, which includes a pasta dinner and dessert. (You may bring your own wine). This is a fundraiser for the New Haven 2015 Convention of the American Guild of Organists. RSVP to (585) 200-8903 or info@newhavenAGO2015.org.

KIDS' NIGHT ON BROADWAY allows kids and teens to see a show for free! Adults purchasing a full-priced ticket will receive one free ticket for a child aged 6-18 for the same show. Participating shows are “Alad-



Photo tiles by Denise Saldana will be on display at the Maritime Center Bldg, 545 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, from April 23 to May 28.

din,” “Beautiful—the Carole King Musical,” “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time,” “A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder,” “Honeymoon in Vegas,” “If/Then,” “Jersey Boys,” “Kinky Boots,” “Les Miserables,” “The Lion King,” “Mamma Mia,” “Matilda, The Musical,” “The Phantom of the Opera,” “On the Town,” “Pippin,” “Rock of Ages,” “Side Show,” “Wicked,” and “You Can't Take it With You”. Families can take advantage of this offer, presented by The New York Times, to provide the drama, or comedy, or musical that you want your kids to experience while saving money at the same time. “Spend time with your teen that you'll both enjoy—see a Broadway show!” January 9th-15th, 2015, is the window of opportunity. Tickets went on sale on November 5th. There are also dinner deals, special events and more. For tickets and information, please visit KidsNightOnBroadway.com

ORCHESTRA NEW ENGLAND celebrates an anniversary of 35 years with their annual signature flashback entertainment event featuring wigs, waistcoats, candlelight and the great music of the 18th century in Colonial Concert XXV on Saturday, November 29th at 8:00 p.m. at the United Church on the Green (Corner of Elm and Temple Streets). The concert ushers in the holiday season and brings Colonial New Haven back to life in the time of the American Revolution while bringing alive the music of

Haydn, Handel, Mozart and other composers popular in the eighteenth century. The program includes Haydn's “Symphony No. 86 in D major”; Handel duets sung Soprano Mierchot Marrero and Mezzo Soprano Evanna Chiew, and Mozart organ works played by Ray Robert Bennet. The concert will usher in the holiday season with the church festooned with greens and lit by candlelight.

The Conductor, James Sinclair, the members of the orchestra and the soloists will be arrayed in 18th century finery. There will be a festive dinner at the Graduate Club preceding the concert. For information and tickets go to info@orchestranewengland.org or call 203-777-4690.

UNH AND THE LYME ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS have combined forces to form a dynamic new partnership to retain and to strengthen Lyme Academy of Fine Art's mission and values as well as to offer Lyme students an opportunity to study abroad at the UNH's campus abroad in Tuscany, Italy.

There will be an opportunity to offer an expanded range of liberal arts to Lyme students and will open up Lyme's acclaimed BFA program to UNH students. The President Kaplan of UNH says, “We are determined to protect and to preserve the mission of Lyme Academy of Fine Arts retaining the unique qualities that appeal to students seeking an arts degree in an idyllic, rural setting that nurtures creativity.” Another step for-

ward for the arts!

SHUBERT THEATER (247 College Street, New Haven) unveiled the completed Phase 1 of the Centennial plan for the renovation of the facility with “The American Rhapsody” NHSO concert in October.

The multi-year plan projects upgrades to the backstage and administrative support areas, many new rest rooms on all levels, a space, Gallery 100, with a 100 year time line of the theater's history, widened halls and doors backstage to accommodate touring show scenery and equipment, new heating, lighting and cooling systems, remodeled dressing rooms, expanded lobby, new atrium, remodeled façade and plaza. There will also be a multi-purpose performance area added, creating an opportunity for an affordable space to increase the variety of entertainment offerings such as music, dance, movies, comedy and other genres. The Shubert has been an integral part of New Haven's theater scene for 100 years. The curtain was raised on the inaugural show “The Belle of Bond Street” on Dec. 11, 1914. Lee and J.J. Shubert, who at one time built, managed or booked over 1000 theaters nationwide, built New Haven's Shubert Theater, that came to be known as --The birthplace of America's greatest hits. Into the 70s, most pre Broadway tryouts happened in Boston, Philadelphia or New Haven. With the elimination of out of town tryouts, the Shubert today mostly hosts post Broadway tours. But back in the day, shows such as “Oklahoma,” “My Fair Lady,” “Streetcar Named Desire,” “The King and I” and countless others, opened in New Haven.

YALE REPERTORY THEATRE (1120 Chapel Street, New Haven) commissioned “War”, a new work by Brendan Jacobs-Jenkins, that has its world premiere in New Haven, running from November 21st-Dec. 13th. Previous plays written by the author include “An Octoroon” and “Appropriate,” both of which were jointly honored with the 2014 OBIE Award for Best New American Play.

“War” is a wildly provocative and bracingly funny portrait of a family whose interactions will be all too familiar to many. Two adult children meet at their mother's hospital bedside where they navigate the land mines of the past while trying to broker peace with each other, and themselves, in the present.

They attack each other's choices, small and large, and each other in turn. The two strangers who make a shocking and heretofore unknown allegation about the siblings' grandfather and his action during a WWII tour of duty interrupt this interchange. For tickets go to yalerep.org or call 203-432-1234.

LONG WHARF THEATRE (222 Sargent Drive, New Haven) features another play by Steve Martin, “Picasso at the Lapin Agile”. The time is 1904, the bar is The Lapin Agile, and the patrons are Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein. This unlikely duo meet by happenstance at the Lapin Agile and the two young geniuses spar -- about art, science, sex, sources of inspiration and the promises and dreams of the 20th century. The brilliance and the zany, profoundly intelligent humor of Steve Martin shine throughout the captivating dialogue. No joke is too lowbrow, no idea is too highbrow—you'll encounter both in this production. For tickets go to www.longwharf.org or call 203 787-3282.

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

News & Events

Spiking To Make a Difference

Looking for a way to make a difference? This Thanksgiving weekend area volleyball players and fans return for an annual community event that benefits the children of the beautiful, spiritual, but impoverished nation of Nepal and also supports an annual Amity scholarship in memory of Jeremy Saxe.

Due to the tremendous turn out in past years, the tournament has returned to the larger facility with multiple courts provided by the CT Sports Center which allows more playing time for teams and a refreshment area offering food, beer and wine for spectators. Come out and play or watch, connect with friends home for the holiday, and learn about the Foundation's progress in Nepal.

Enjoy delicious homemade treats from our community bake sale and shop for unique holiday gifts handcrafted by our friends in Nepal.

This is a community event and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. The event is organized as a Sixes Coed Tournament, with a competitive and casual bracket please sign up as a team of 6 (at least two girls per team) or sign up as a single and get placed on a team!

To Register: Players should submit their names individually (to be added to teams) or their team rosters, bracket preference and T-shirt sizes by email jsvbtourney@gmail.com or at the Facebook Event page ("Jeremy Saxe Volleyball Extravaganza").

There is a suggested \$5 donation for spectators and \$15 for players. The first 100 players signed up will receive an event t-shirt. The Jeremy Saxe Volleyball Tournament, established in November 2008 by

volleyball teammates, honors Jeremy

Saxe who tragically lost his life on Sept. 4, 2008 from an undiagnosed heart condition: hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

The Foundation funded Clara's Childcare Center with memorial donations given in honor of Jeremy's grandmother, Clara Sokoloff (1920-2010).

On September 7, 2011, during UNESCO's International Literacy Day celebration, Clara's Childcare Center was inaugurated as the first childcare center in Pharping, Nepal.

The childcare center furthers the Foundation's development objectives by improving outreach for the women's literacy program and providing quality care school readiness, and early education to the children.

Clara's Childcare Center empowers women of the Village of Pharping by providing care for their young children while they attend the Women's Community Literacy School. Clara's Childcare Center has served as a model that has now been replicated in the surrounding villages, multiplying the impact of donors on the lives of these families, especially the children! These children will then have a strong start when they attend the Foundation's signature project school: Jiwanko Saathiharu Sikshyalaya ("Friends of Life/Friends of Jeremy Place of Learning"). Jiwanko Saathiharu Sikshyalaya is planned as a community-based "School for Future Leaders." The school will be open to all castes and ethnic groups providing American style education and emphasizing critical thinking and analysis with rigorous academics.

To sign up, volunteer, or for

more information, please e-mail: jsvbtourney@gmail.com or heidi.saxe@jeremysaxefoundation.org.

Contributions can be mailed to Jeremy Saxe Foundation c/o SDV 1952 Whitney Avenue Hamden, CT 06517. Jiwanko Saathiharu: Jeremy Saxe Foundation is a

501(c)3 US registered Non Profit donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

The tournament committee thanks this year's generous sponsors: Racebrook Wine & Liquor World, Jamba Juice, Winkle Bus, Orange Fence & Post, Sponge

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Hulley Arts Benefit

The Broadway Boys Holiday Concert to benefit the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation will take place on Saturday Dec. 20, 2014 at 7 pm at the Quick Center for the Arts in Fairfield CT.

The show features festive mix of holiday favorites from the Broad-

way Boy's newly released album "Hark!" and popular Broadway show tunes.

To purchase tickets, \$35 and \$40, call the Quick Center Box Office at 203-254-4010 or order online at quickcenterforthearts.secure.force.com/ticket.

Orange School Raises "Hope"

"Hope" an 8 week old, Chinese Crested Powder Puff puppy, may be small in size but has made an enormous impact on the Hope Academy school community in Orange.

The school's motto "Because every child deserves a little hope" was the motivation when school administrator, Gina Little, chose to rescue the 6-week-old puppy after learning about the pup's medical needs, including an inguinal hernia.

Hope began accompanying Little to school daily. The students quickly bonded with Hope and rallied to raise money to pay for her life-saving surgery.

Jones Family Farms in Shelton

generously donated pumpkins to help raise money for the cause.

When Jessica Paradise of Norwalk Veterinary Hospital heard of the fundraising efforts, she passionately shared Hope's story with hospital owner and veterinarian Janice M. Duffy, VMD, who without hesitation notified the school that they could "stop selling pumpkins" because she will do the surgery at no charge.

Hope is being raised as a therapy dog at Hope Academy.

Previous fundraising efforts will be donated to animals in need.

For more information contact: Beth Monteiro - School Psychologist Hope Academy School 203-209-7366

Quiet Remembrance Service



Remembrance Service for Orange and the surrounding community

In this "season of expectation" the holidays can be a particularly difficult time for individuals and families who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We warmly welcome you to join us as we remember and honor those who have gone before us.

Whether your loss is fresh or long ago, we hope you can join in this gentle program that will offer time for quiet reflection, music, and prayer. This non-denominational service will be led by Constellation Hospice volunteers and chaplains.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Maplewood at Orange
245 Indian River Road, Orange, CT
Light refreshments will be served.



While this service is free of charge, we kindly request an RSVP with you name, the name(s) and spellings of those you will be remembering and how many people will be attending with you by November 27th to Jan Cowles, Bereavement Coordinator at Constellations Hospice at 203-497-3872 or email jcowles@constellationhs.com.

Home & Garden

Real Talk:

You Ask, A Pro Answers

The many facets of “Home Care”

Here we go again, worrying about our buildings!

This is not an alarm by any means, but more information on the types of issues encountered when a home goes under contract. A home inspector comes in and finds things that the seller finds shocking!

For instance, many years ago, the “high end” insulation for attics was blown in vermiculite. Today, this product has been found to possibly contain asbestos. You can go on the Internet for information and there will be pictures of what it looks like and guides to how to have it removed.

Who knew?

If you find out you have it, you can get it remediated and the cost is not outrageous.



**BARBARA
LEHRER**

Actually, there are many kinds of insulation that are great.

Many homeowners have not been in their attics for years. Go up there, and you may find that the product that was up there has now shrunk away and you need new stuff anyway.

Why not check for leaks and mice droppings while you are there? I know that sounds awful, just don't tell your wife! You can

get the area cleaned and checked and reinsulated so that the space is safe and efficient. Check all eave openings, including any over the garage. Do not try to take anything out yourself, the contamination and special places where the remnants need to be disposed of are crucial.

Speaking of attics? If you do not have good

ventilation up there, you may find that your beams are turning black. If so, you should have your attic checked for mold.

Perhaps you need a few more roof vents and the mold removed. There are many kinds of mold, do not be alarmed; you can view the information online. The pictures you will see are of all kinds. Some will remind you of stuff you have seen in the corners of your basement, those also need to go.

Every once in a while a home inspection reveals an unknown which has been sitting in a property for years. Homeowners reading this article can look through their own properties and protect themselves against whatever affects these environmental issues may have on them or their families. Many “sellers” have said to me; “We are all fine, so this cannot be a problem!” Well, tell that to the potential buyers!

So, why wait?

Check it out. There is always a new ‘protective’ measure that I want to share with my readers. So what is on the table too, right now, is the leaves!

Please make sure that you clean your leaves well, it affects your grass, landscaping in general and any drainage systems you may not even be aware of. Are there any tree branches that could fall in a storm this winter? Call someone to come and review the situation for you. If you do not know the resources available for some of these issues I have shared today, then call me and I will give you some ideas of where to go.

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

Just Floored:

Three Great Holiday Floor Trends

The holiday season is an exciting time to revamp your interior design! With events to host and friends coming to sit around a crackling fire, there is no better time to try these 3 great holiday flooring trends!

HARDWOOD

Mohawk flooring's Austin Casual hardwood flooring in Butternut Oak, complete with



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ensures the longevity and durability of your beautiful hardwood flooring. The warm yet versatile tones in this wood is perfect for your family room or living room. Replacing your old floors

This new feel makes for an inviting space for the holiday season.

AREA RUGS

Add a lavish rug from Karastan Carpeting

to enhance your interior! Rugs are fantastic flooring embellishments because they are easy to switch out when you are ready to reset your design. Karastan's carpets are made to last, and add that extra layer of warmth to your floors during these cold months.

PORCELAIN

Porada Glazed Porcelain tile from Daltile is sure to impress your guests this holiday season! The sleek finished look is classic and transitional, ideal for any kitchen (or

bathroom). This is a fantastic alternative for slate tile, as well.

The modular designs are ideal for creating patterns, allowing your creativity to shine. These are just a few products to change up the look and feel of your home for this holiday season.

Annamarie Mastrangelo is founder/owner of A.A.I. Flooring Specialist. She can be reached at amoreinteriorsllc@gmail.com.

Room 911:

To Wallpaper or Not—That is The Question

More and more homes are using paint as a medium to cover the walls. The advantages are many because we all use the expression “it's just a can of paint” if we don't like the results and we need to redo it. It also is an inexpensive answer if the room needs to be freshened up.

A lot of drama can come from painting an accent wall a different color.

On the other hand, if you have a contemporary home where the walls and angles meld one into another, using the same paint color throughout the house will still give each room a unique look because the paint takes on a different shading in each room depending on the time of day, the furniture in each room and the type of lighting



**TEDRA
SCHNEIDER**

Is there a place for wallpaper in your home? The answer is yes but there are some caveats.

Be very careful about large prints. Some people will say, “I have a large family room and I'm not afraid to use a large print.” My advice: Be afraid!

First of all, it's hard to hang art work in such a room because the artwork will be competing with a distracting large print.

If you absolutely love a larger print, paradoxically, put it in a

smaller room, such as a bathroom. It is contained and it is broken up with a sink, toilet, mirror, etc. and therefore in small doses, it can be fine.

Be careful of geometrics, papers with matching borders (passe), flocks (outdated), large florals, very contemporary wallpapers that have large areas of white in the pattern, patterns of figures such as Noah's Ark, zoo animals, school buses and the like, although acceptable for a child's room.

So what is a “good” wallpaper? I recommend textured papers such as grasscloth, linen, silks, wools and linens. These papers come in many weaves from close to medium to coarse.

It can be used in hallways, or even a bedroom or down a staircase. Along with relief papers, it gives a subtle dimension to the wall and best of all, it is forgiving if you hang artwork on it and decide to change your art pieces.

The holes produced by putting in a new picture hook are more minimal visually than

replacing a piece of artwork on a painted wall. Better yet, using corkboard on one wall is not only dramatic, but very practical in terms of changing art displays or posters.

There are gorgeous traditional wallpapers that look like each flower is handpainted.

Most often reserved for a bedroom or sitting area, or even a bathroom, it lends itself to a gracious feeling. Not everything has to be ultra contemporary. Individual differences must be valued as long as it's done in good taste.

However, if push comes to shove, I will go on record by saying that your best bet is paint, particularly for resale. Don't think just white or linen white—use neutrals in browns, grays, wheat colors, etc. Experiment, have fun, remember “it's just a can of paint.”

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

The Garden Spot:

Let's Talk Turkey!

Have you noticed lately how many turkeys are parading around town? Since this is the season I thought it might be fun to learn a little about the wild variety of the bird we all love at this time of year.

Connecticut had an abundant supply of wild turkeys when the first settlers arrived. But by the 1800s turkeys virtually disappeared due to the clearing of forests and a series of severe winters. Environmentalists and scientists between the 1950s and 1970s unsuccessfully attempted to restore the wild turkey population through artificial propagation. They achieved success by capturing free-roaming wild turkeys from other areas

and relocating them to Connecticut.

Between 1975 and 1992, 356, wild turkeys were released at 18 sites throughout the state. The DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) notes that wild turkeys have been restored to 169 towns in Connecticut and are now plentiful.

Wild turkeys happily enjoy our shady woodlands and fields near forests. They particularly like oak trees because they enjoy the acorns. Nuts, seeds, fruits, corn and insects are also favorites.



**MARION
RIZZO**

DEP warns against feeding them as this encourages the spread of disease and the loss of wild instincts. There usually is enough food for them to forage.

Believe it or not they can fly up to 25 mph but only for a short distance. They spend most of their time walking on the ground but do roost in trees overnight.

The breeding season for the Connecticut turkey is in late March or early April. The females are attracted by the males who make gobbling calls and puff their feathers out and fan their

tails. Hens lay 8 to 14 eggs around May and incubate them for nearly a month. They nest in depressions in the ground lined with dead leaves or grass. By late summer females with babies in tow will join other mother turkeys and form flocks. The males will usually flock with other males or travel alone.

So enjoy watching these wonderful wild birds and most importantly enjoy their domesticated relative on Thanksgiving. It is a special time to reflect on all the good things in our lives - our families, our friends, our town and our country. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Garden Club Rakes In Awards

Members of The Garden Club of Orange brought home a total of nine awards from the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Luncheon, held at Aqua turf, Oct. 29. Seven of the awards for the efforts of the club as a whole and two were for individual effort.

Marion Rizzo was presented a Certificate of Personal Achievement for her column, "The Garden Spot" which appears in *The Orange Times*. The article has provided an opportunity to discuss horticulture and environmental issues with readers.

She was also presented Publication Award for the same column.

"To receive two awards from the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut for my column, "The Garden Spot," was a distinct honor. My thanks to the members of the Garden Club of Orange for their inspiration and support," Rizzo said.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. presented the Standard Flower Show Achievement Award - Purple Rosette and Certificate for having the highest score in Connecticut at our Standard Flower Show "Lets Celebrate the Arts" held on June 1, 2013.

The Mary Loncin Flower Show Award - a traveling pewter bowl - was awarded to the club for achieving the highest score in a Standard Flower Show in the State.

The FGCCT presented a Citation to acknowledge The Garden Club of Orange for outstanding work in Connecticut Flower Show Award Educational Exhibits.

The Environmental Concerns/Conservation Arboreal Club Citation Award was presented to The Garden Club of Orange for the tree planting efforts in town.

The FGCCT presented the First Place Newsletter Award to The Garden Club of Orange; Co-Chairmen Theresa Azoti and Brenda Zandri.

The Garden Club of Orange took home the Second Place Yearbook Award.

Finally, the FGCCT presented to Joanne Friedrichs the Ellen Carder Memorial Award for her great asset to The Garden Club of Orange. She has extensive gardens and horticulture expertise which she freely shares with members.

Garden Club of Orange is a member of NGC, NER, and FGCCT. Interested to learn more call Teresa Evangeliste 203-795-3195.

Juniorettes Hold Pet Food Drive

The Orange Community Juniorettes are thrilled to announce the First Annual Wonderland Waggin' Tails Pet Food Drive to benefit the Milford Animal Shelter.

The shelter serves the Milford/Orange community and is in need of supplies such as dog and cat food (wet & dry), bedding, toys, and treats. Wonderland Waggin' Tails Pet Food Drive will run from November 21st through Dec. 15th. You can drop off your donations at our collection boxes located at Pet Sup-

plies (Boston Post Road, Orange) and at Oronoque Kennels (1 Krakow St, Derby). Additionally, you can bring donations to the Wonderland Waggin' Tails wagon on the front lawn of Mapleview Farm during the Orange Town Tree Lighting.

If people would like to make a monetary donation so the Juniorettes can make purchases on their behalf, mail those to Orange Community Juniorettes 333 Ridge Road, Orange CT.

Orange Holiday Schedule Released

In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the Town of Orange holiday hours are as follows with the noted exceptions and for those departments providing emergency services:

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014 - Town Offices will close at 1 p.m.

Exception: Transfer Station will remain open to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014 (Christmas Day) - All Town Offices are closed.

Friday, Dec. 26, 2014 - All Town Offices are closed.

Exception: Transfer Station will

remain open to 4:30 p.m.

Town Pool will be open holiday hours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 - All Town Offices will be open regular hours.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 (New Year's Day) - All Town Offices are closed.

Friday, Jan. 2, 2015 - All Town Offices are closed.

Exception: Transfer Station will be open to 4:30 p.m. and the Town Pool will be open holiday hours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chamber News

Chamber Calendar:

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Business After Hours sponsored by Aleez Salon & Spa, 500 Boston Post Road, Orange, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Women's Leadership Network sponsored by People's United Bank, 653 Boston Post Road, Orange, 5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for

Smoothie King, 350 Boston Post Road, Orange, 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Member Holiday Reception at Bear and Grill Restaurant, 385 Boston Post Road, Orange, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

For more information or to reserve attendance at an event contact Anna Acetta, Orange Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, at 203-795-3328.

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Health & Wellness

On Your Mind:

Enjoy The Holidays Without Anxiety

Did you ever wonder why “the holidays” are so stressful? Did you ever consider enjoying the holidays without that feeling? I’ve already experienced someone telling me, “I can’t do anything until after the holidays.”

Most of the anxiety surrounding the holiday season has been programmed into you. The programming began when you were young and either you experienced it in your family when parents fought more often or were short tempered complaining about the holidays.

Some of the anxiety comes from the media bombarding you with gift ideas and shopping pressure about how many days left to shop before Xmas. Other anxiety is actu-



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ally the stress of being with family that always ends up fighting or not having family to be with at all. Some stress comes from the people around you spreading their stress all around.

How can you maintain your cool and enjoy the season? Begin with learning mindfulness.

Being mindful means to be in the moment. It means to use as many of your senses as possible to enjoy that moment. For example, eating mindfully means to chew slowly, tasting and savoring each bite.

Eating mindfully helps you to notice when you feel ‘satisfied’ instead of waiting till all the food is gone or feeling uncomfortably stuffed. Another example of mindfulness is to focus on each day and

enjoy something about whatever you are doing. Relaxing, reading, even working can be more enjoyable when you focus on the satisfaction of accomplishing a task.

Another way to maintain a feeling of calm is to remember that you cannot control the weather or the people around you but you always have 100 percent control of the way you allow them to affect you. You always have 100 percent control of how you respond to them. When you use that control you regain your power to choose how you want to feel.

Because repetition creates beliefs in our subconscious mind, learn to ‘reject’ the idea that holidays are stressful. A belief is just a thought that gets repeated over and over again. You create your new reality by changing what you think. Replace the idea by saying,

“I choose to enjoy the holidays and don’t see them as stressful.” As you repeat that to yourself, it becomes your new belief. Thoughts create feelings and feelings create behaviors. When you change what you think, you change how you feel. Leave the frenzy to everyone else and enjoy the colors, the crisp fresh air, the giving and sharing and anything else you can find to enjoy during this holiday season.

We have all heard it said, “it is better to give than receive.” Perhaps random acts of kindness and charity can help you to be mindful of all you have to be grateful for. We all have the power to enjoy the holiday season in any way we can, without feeling anxious or stressed.

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

The Color Orange:

I’m Tired Of Interruptions

Dear Everybody,

I have talked about our life being about the interruptions we experience and not our work. For therapy I am writing this after 3 months without a furnace due to our oil company not responding to my calls after their first visit and the troubled fellow who was recommended to me, and who can do good work, but who doesn’t show up due to his problems and didn’t finish it after three months and the weather changing from air conditioning to chilly. Then my phone, fax machine and printer stopped working one morning too. I am sure there were other things as well but they were just the usual problems of a home, four cats and two dogs and a wife and many commitments relat-



BERNIE
SIEGEL, M.D.

ed to my work.

Now that I have vented what did I do. I didn’t have time for a rest and drugs and alcohol weren’t going to get things done. So I tried living the sermon and having faith and making calls and believing who and what I needed would appear.

And I can say that we are on the way to resolving everything but it still has its difficulties and moments as things get put back together. So I say my mantra and believe at the same time knowing that the future will present more interruptions and that when I stop and ask what am I to learn from this the future will get better.

Remember asking for help is not a sign of weakness but a sign of intelligent behavior. Survivors

ask friends and family for help and favors when they need it. Finding time to play and do what you enjoy. I define that as what makes you lose track of time. They learn from their interruptions and decide what to do with them and how to choose the best treatment for them rather than have others impose their desires upon you. And last but not least live an authentic life and not a role you choose or others impose upon you. By that I mean you choose your profession and lifestyle and not others so you are not Momma or the Wage Earner known by what you do rather than who you truly are.

I will add that I meet many people who rebirth themselves when their interruption is a life threatening illness. That really wakes them up because there are no mechanics around to replace the parts or fix the problem. What woke me up

years ago was, as a doctor, meeting patients I thought were dead when I was out speaking or doing other things and they always had a story to tell me about the changes they made in their life knowing they had a limited time and the side effect was not dying. I keep repeating they were not trying not to die they were trying to enjoy living. So if you have that special place or desire go and live your chocolate ice cream now and not when you are told you have a short time left to live.

Peace, Love & Healing,

We currently have a cancer support group the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month at Coachman’s Square at 21 Bradley Road, Woodbridge. If interested contact Lucille Ranciato lranciato2@yahoo.com 203 288 2839; or myself bugsyssiegel@sbcglobal.net

Retired and Rejuvenated:

A Time of Thanksgiving

November is a month for thanksgiving and remembrance. We start the month with remembering those who went before us and are no longer with us. Then on Veterans Day we remember all those who served our country in the military. At the end of the month we gather



JOANNE
BYRNE

in churches, community centers, soup kitchens, and around our own dining room tables to give thanks for all the good gifts, blessings and wonderful friends we have in our lives.

This is a special year when we remember all those courageous and mostly very young men who 70 years ago stormed the beaches of Normandy on that heroic D-Day

landing that began the end of World War II.

I have been thinking about how many people in my own family either are or have been in the military. I remember standing at a window where only my nose could reach the sill, waving good-bye to my father, dressed

in his Navy uniform, as he left for Norfolk, Virginia toward the end of World War II. Later, my mom and I joined him in Norfolk where we lived in military housing until the war ended. My mother and father had many stories about this time in our family life. I don’t remember much, but I am told that my photograph was placed in one of the training planes as a sort of mascot

for the plane. My father never saw active duty which was probably best. I remember a story of how his training unit dropped their tool box from the plane on what they thought was the enemy.

I also had many aunts and uncles who served in the military. That was what you did in the 40s. My niece is a graduate of West Point. Although she no longer serves in the military, her husband is a high ranking officer who just recently returned from Afghanistan. I am most proud of my younger brother, a retired Lt. Col. in the Army, who recently passed away and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

I am thankful this Thanksgiving Day for the many sacrifices made by those whose lives were put on the line for the freedom we hold sacred. Whether our veterans sur-

vived their military service, or were lost on the field of battle, our country owes each of them, and their families, a debt of gratitude. As we look back at our nation’s wars, I am aware that none of these conflicts were, or are immune from political and social controversy. But lets us never confuse debate over military policy with the need to be respectful.

November presents the chance to honor and be thankful for the military service of our parents and grandparents, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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.

Poet's Corner:

True Thanksgiving for Gifts of Grace

I always see Thanksgiving as a day that we meditate on things that are really important in our lives. Sitting down and enjoying a meal with family while putting aside the cares of the day and perhaps past differences and leaving these things outside the door. We gather, say grace, eat too much, and reminisce. It's an authentic holiday – a welcomed timeout to appreciate where we are now and see the person next to us at the dinner table and wish them well; a time to count blessings and hope



**JOHN
ULATOWSKI**

to carry-over memories of the holiday in our spirit for a long time to come. But all this made me think about the things that maybe we all should be thankful for in Orange – to consider that which surrounds us - seen and unseen around the town. And maybe... it would even make the meal taste better.

I am thankful for the gentle metamorphosis that happens coming off a high traffic area and turning down Orange Center Road that renews me with rows of trees lined up like welcoming soldiers greeting visitors with branches outstretched, with stately white houses decorated with black clapboard shutters, with grassland areas set aside offering green oasis that invite respite. I am thankful for architecture that stands tall in the traditional stock of its early designers, manifesting the dreams and expectations of its original builders...For the farmlands that seed and cultivate produce cleanly from the earth directly to family tables, from wooden storehouses to roadside stands...For the trees of foliage born from Autumn's last rite that lights up leaves in full array of colors blinding us as if we are traveling through the

specter of rainbows...For Country Fairs and Fireman Carnivals that define our heritage and a town's pioneering spirit unplugged...

For a Historical Society that, as a mother would, preserves our history within an academy with a world of antiques that were once in the hands of sojourners of destiny and adventurers of keen vision and foresight... for the open bench at the great pond that lies in wait for pilgrims, inviting us to rest awhile in the silent sanctuaries of stillness and

feed the ducks and gulls our lunch. Thankful for the myriad universe of programs that cater to a town's community and sense of well-being and life-changing possibilities: dances that give ear to the tune of a longer life; creations by brush and pencil giving birth to a work borne from the masterpieces of the heart that amaze; an understanding of the inner complexities of a computer removing us from the state of limbo. Thankful also to sit with groups of students as Aristotle did, and feast upon scribes and lecturers of all things that merit beholding in our lives; to become transparent through time warps into a different age presented by a troupe of players upon the stage that recreate for us the way back to a different time and place saturated in old-time values; for youth who are served through the dedication of teachers who are there for them – guardians of growth and awareness of a child's single worth; and thankful also for the smiles and beaming faces of the children who created a work of art and now stand in an adorned exhibit room surrounded by proud parents and a plentitude of visitors who gaze at



their works for a whole month...And also thankful for volunteerism of firefighters as minutemen and women readied at beckon call to save a life; for officers that bear the brunt of keeping a town safe from harm's way; for local newspapers and magazines that report a town's life and do it grammatically correct; and also for the religious organizations composed of all faiths that stand as a lighthouse to our spirit never-ending and lifted up... and lastly, thankful for the heritage that we carefully and thoughtfully pass down to our children to inherit so that

their world may be full of peace...secure in all things not only traditional but practical, nurturing in them gifts of pure wonder that only children can call their own.

John Ulatowski has self-published six books on Orange and all are available at Case Library. There is also an exhibit of his photographs of Orange at the High Plains Community Center's main corridor.

Hello Foodies:

All About The Turkey

With Thanksgiving just days away, it's time to start preparing for the big day. The first step to planning the big meal is the turkey preparation; every good cook knows this is the centerpiece to the holiday meal. If it's not done right the whole meal is thrown off. I have 9 nifty cooking secrets that will ensure your turkey is cooked to perfection and eye appealing enough to steal the show.



**MICHELE
DEMARTINO**

Let's start with our cooking equipment list. The most important tool is a good quality Roasting Pan, a V-Rack to roast the bird on, digital or Instant read meat thermometer, brining bag, large container, turkey baster, kitchen timer, trussing needle with lace, turkey-lifter, carving knife and large carving board.

Secret #1: If this is the first turkey you have ever cooked, know how long it takes to thaw your bird. Depending on the size it can take from 2 to 12 hours.

Once thawed or using a fresh bird, remove the giblets, next rinse with cold water inside and out and pat dry with a paper towel.

Secret #2: Brining; think of brining like marinating. It helps season and keep moisture into the meat so your bird stays flavorful and juicy. Brining recipes vary and depending on what flavors you like. Just always allow 8 to 12 hours in the brine mix.

Secret # 3: Keep the turkey totally submerged, top with a heavy metal lid. Once the turkey has brined long enough, remove it from the brine and rinse well with cold wa-

ter. Next let's prep for the oven.

Secret #4: Rub soft butter under and on top of the skin. As it melts, it bastes the turkey and adds flavor.

Secret #5: Cook your stuffing separately in another dish. A turkey with stuffing takes longer to cook. Instead fill the bird's cavity with carrots, celery, onions, garlic, apples and fresh herbs.

Secret #6: Truss the legs loosely if tied too tight the legs will need more time to cook and your breast meat will overcook.

Secret #7: Roast the turkey upside down at first: Placing the turkey breast side down on the roasting V-rack for the first hour essentially allows it to baste itself.

Next tuck the wings in, to insure they don't flap around. Insert the thermometer into the thickest part of the breast and set the temperature for between 161-165 degrees F. Next, place diced carrots, onions, and celery on the bottom of the pan for extra flavor.

Secret #8: Don't baste the turkey during the last hour or the skin could turn out flabby instead of golden and crispy. Secret #9: Let the turkey rest for 20 minutes before carving to let the juices redistribute. Happy Thanksgiving! From my kitchen to yours...Cucina felice!

Michele DeMartino is the founder & owner of Chef's Equipment. She can be reached at michele@chefsequipmentemporium.com.

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Clark Building Front Lawn 3-5:30p
Ice Carving Demonstration by Ice Matters

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Amity Chamber Singers 3:45-4p
Children's Musical Performance by Al deCant 4-4:30p
Children's Crafts 3-5p
Guess How Many Candies In A Jar & Letters to Santa 3-5p

Clark Building 3-6p
Gingerbread House Making Demonstration and Contest
Crafters Outside & Wonderland Waggin' Tails Pet Food Drive

Stone Otis House 3-6p
Come see a Victorian Christmas!

The Academy Building 3-6p
Visit the Historical Society's Antique Collections & Emily Prudden Watercolors

Orange Congregational Church
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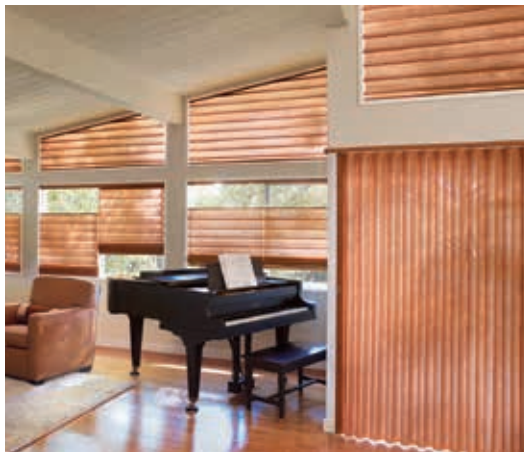
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Veteran's Day 2014



Photos By Joseph Cole
Anna May Pieger and Donald Jewel sit and listen to the names of Orange's honored veterans at the Town's Veteran's Day ceremony. Right: Ken Leaf and Phil Grande bow their heads in support for their fellow veterans.

Locally Running:

God Bless America

Weekend of October 25, I was in Washington DC with my son running the Marine Corp Marathon. It was his first and we went as a team to support each other. Needless to say with 30 years difference, he left me in the dust!!!!

The event is hosted by the United States Marines and hosts 50,000 runners. Only the well-orchestrated, disciplined organization in our Capital could pull this off with such seamless logistics (not our government by the way!). It is known as the People's Marathon. There is no Big Prize Money like New York or Boston, No press to speak of, not televised tracking, and no politicians.

It was 50,000 people and more honoring the best of America. Sidelines were filled with supporters holding American flags and messages about the freedom "that is not free". Recognizing what many give including family and friends for us to live in this great country. Many who are serving or have served run the full 26.2 miles in

full gear (boots, packs etc.) to honor their troops and vets.

I met a wounded veteran in a wheel chair who has competed many times. At mile two they had to pull him off the course when they saw him struggling. He was taken to medical and released later that day. I met him again and asked him why he does this. He said "to honor my fellow Military, support those who are still fighting and those who are not as lucky as me". It is humbling. He will be back next year.

Mid Marathon there is a sobering reminder of what people give and the cost of freedom. There is a Mile of Pictures of young and old, men and woman of all race and creed. Newly enlisted and ranking team members who have given their lives to keep this country safe. Veterans and Military alike feel honored and recognized for their service.

Yes. It is the People's Marathon. And on the streets are people with an agenda of supporting what is good in America. There



CATHY BRADLEY



Submitted Photo
Cathy Bradley, of Orange, joined her son Frank in Washington DC for a marathon celebrating America's veterans. The event sported 50,000 participants. It was the younger Bradley's first marathon.

are words of encouragement to get back and focus on what is good for America (not the next elected agenda).

And at the end of a long 26.2 miles you feel humbled as an active Marine places a medal around your neck for your achieve-

ment and congratulates you on a great achievement, when they are the true Hero's.

God Bless and keep all serving out of harm's way and God Bless America.

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ObamaCare Act II

How time flies! It seems like only a few months ago that we were wrapping up the first round of enrollments on the Connecticut Health Exchange.

While there certainly were some bumps in the road – ok maybe a few craters, the process and plans on Access health CT were deemed a success.

The final enrollment figures for 2014 show that almost 80,000 people enrolled in qualified health plans. At 36.7 percent, Connecticut was seventh in the percentage of eligible people who enrolled in a health plan.

Enrollment continues to grow through special enrollment periods. As of August enrollment through Access health CT was 256,666. Pretty impressive if you ask me.

In case you are thinking that folks in Orange did not use the Health Exchange – think again. There were plenty of residents who



TRISH PEARSON

were no longer eligible to stay on their parents' plan, or were laid off and could not afford the COBRA coverage, who purchased affordable insurance for themselves and their families. Also, some small employers found it was more cost effective to have employees purchase their own insurance and then help with the premium.

So, what can we expect for 2015?

First, an improved website. While Connecticut's website was lauded as one of the best in the country, it had some glitches which have been smoothed out.

Second, rates are increasing moderately – average 2 percent. ConnectiCare and Anthem both requested increases of more than 10 percent, but were pushed back to 3.1 percent, while HealthyCt is reducing their rates (yes you read correctly), by 8.5 percent.

Third, there will be four health insurers on the Access Health Exchange. Anthem, ConneCticare, HealthyCT and United HealthCare will all offer individual plans in 2015.

Open enrollment for 2015 coverage began on November 15th and continues through February 15th. However, applications must be submitted by Dec. 15th for a January 1st effective date of coverage. Consumers have many options for enrolling or re-enrolling for insurance. It is important to note that if someone received a subsidized plan through the Exchange in 2014, or their plan is discontinued or significantly altered, they will have to reenroll for 2015. The plan will NOT automatically renew.

What's the Next Step?

Access Health has a smaller scale outreach program planned for 2015 open enrollment. They have cut back on staff both in the local sites as well as in the call centers. However, a person does not need to sit on hold or try to sort through the plans listed on the website.

Any licensed insurance agent who is certified on the Health Exchange plans, can assist with both the enrollment process as well as any problems which might arise during the year. There is no fee for their assistance, and it can save a lot of time. Statistics show that many people leave an average of \$1,800 "on the table" through poor insurance plan choices with premiums that are more expensive than they need or are underinsured and end up spending more in co-pays and other out of pocket expenses than necessary.

If you missed the chance to enroll in 2014 – don't delay act today. It's much less painful than you think and can save a lot of "financial pain" later.

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

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Cretella *continued from page 1*

She credited the entirety of staff in Community Services and each of the program heads for their dedication to the people of Orange.

Cretella is placing an emphasis on finding grants to help with some of the town's needs.

"We're a small town without a lot of public transportation outside of the Post Road and Rte. 34," Cretella said. To help alleviate that problem she had the center apply for a grant to replace one of the older buses. They expect delivery in 2015. She's also looking into some education

grants.

"We're pretty much self-sufficient," Cretella said. "The money that comes in from the town helps but we have a pretty small budget compared to a lot of other departments."

As Thanksgiving approaches she looks forward to helping the Lion's Club with their annual dinner. It is also a time when food donations pick up a little.

"We really need food donations all year round," said Cretella. "People are more apt to give during the holidays and that does

help carry us through the winter."

She said they try to waste nothing and all donations are appreciated. As temperatures drop contributions to the Community Assistance Fund are also appreciated. The fund helps provided heating to those in need.

In the end, Cretella listens to the community and the residents who stop into her office to gauge what directions Community Services should travel in.

"My focus is what the community needs, and the community knows what it needs," Cretella said.

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Cellini Celebrates One Year With Charity

by Joseph Cole

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Bobby Bengivengo Jr. never worried about what he would do with his business degree after college. He'd already had a position with the company he wanted to work at.

He'd been there since he was 15.

Bengivengo is part of the third generation to take up the torch of the family business: Cellini Design Jewelers. His grandfather started the company over 65 years ago in New Haven.

The family just celebrated their one-year anniversary at their Boston Post Road location in Orange. Previously they were at a location in West Haven.

"We were there for 22 years," said Bengivengo. "We used to joke that it was a temporary move from New Haven. We knew we wanted to be on the Post Road. There is better traffic here. Where the West Haven store was located was more of a destination location."

The move has been good for the company said Bengivengo. They've seen more foot

traffic and a shift in inventory.

"We used to be primarily a fashion jewelry store," he said. Despite that history the store has seen a sharp increase in engagement and wedding sales, a trend the owners do not mind.

When the economy turned sour, the family saw tough times according to Bengivengo. He credited a dedicated customer base which had itself become multi-generational for the business's survival.

During the one year celebration, held in October, collections were taken for the Sey-

mour Pink breast cancer awareness campaign. The group was formed by one of Bengivengo's former teachers, Mary Deming.

By the end of the anniversary celebration the store was able to donate \$1,110.

Currently a shopping cart in the store collects food for the Church of the Good Shepherd.

"We like to give back to the community to show our appreciation," Bengivengo said.

Property Transfers

211 Deerfield Lane, \$532,136, to Florence Lewis from Sunrise Hill Estates, LLC.

464 Lambert Road, \$335,000, from Cindy Skiber to Brett Lazowsky, conveyed on Oct. 17.

329 Wildwood Drive, \$505,000, from the Revocable Trust of Janet L. Magud to Roberto Macci, signed on Oct. 24.

860 Oakwood Road, \$680,000, from the Revocable Trust of George D. Whitney to West Haven - Oak. St., LLC, recorded on Oct. 27.

440 Alling Farm Road, from Armen A. Abrahamian of the Alice E Abrahamian Qualified Personal Residence Trust to Sean McGowan, recorded on Oct. 28.

545 Ferry Road, \$290,872, from

Todd F. Murphy to William J. Lumbo, Jr., recorded on Oct. 31.

536 Hundred Acre Road, \$365,000, from Vincent and Theresa Apicella to Mark Kyer, recorded on Nov. 3.

304 Goose Lane, \$509,991, from Sunrise Hill Estates, LLC to Damon Libby, recorded on Nov. 3.

623 Aspen Lane, \$560,000, from Carol Spinelli to Alireza Daneshfar, recorded on Nov. 3.

Lot 127 Dogburn Lane, \$1,273.60, from Joseph Deitsch to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

Lot 126 Dogburn Road, \$591.01, from Robert Chomiak to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

125 Dogburn Road, no transac-

tion value, from Barbara Kruzic to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

Lot 124 Dogburn Road, \$1,289.67, from Joseph Dietsch to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

417 Dogburn Road, \$542.40, from Elizabeth Chomiak to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

286 Emerald Lane, \$511.57, from Elizabeth Chomiak to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

283 Emerald Lane, \$3,994.41, from Linda Fappiano to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 4.

26 Goldman Road, \$362.86, from Elizabeth Chomiak to Dog-

burn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

22 Goldman Road, Lot 18, \$1626.67, from Betty Wolyniec to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

22 Goldman Road, Lot 17, \$1,233.70, from Sarah Gurewitz to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

20 Goldman Road, \$3,733.73, from Jean Bauroth to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

18 Goldman Road, \$481.06, from Elizabeth Chomiak to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

16 Goldman Road, \$481.06, from Elizabeth Chomiak to Dog-

burn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

14 Goldman Road, \$2,307.40, from Rachel Dietsch to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

12 Goldman Road, \$487.86, from Elizabeth Chomiak to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

10 Goldman Road, \$3,345.95, from Jean Bauroth to Dogburn Investments, LLC, recorded on Nov. 3.

121 Indian River Road, \$252,500, from Mark and Marybeth Dennis to Greg Corvino and David Rainey, recorded on Nov. 10.



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vis claimed 620 votes in Orange. Ultimately Ferraro won the district with 55 percent of the total votes with 4,281 to Davis's 3,438.

Orange Democratic Town Committee Chairman Trish Pearson congratulated Ferraro on his win. She noted his roots in the West Haven community helped seal that vote for him.

"It was sort of a case of the favorite son won," Pearson said. "Even some of the Democrats in West Haven voted for Ferraro because he was the local candidate." "I am humbled and honored to serve the people of Orange," Ferraro said after returning from a party caucus where he made his committee requests.

"I really want to be part of the public safety committee," he said, noting his history with martial arts. He also voiced interest in appropriations.

"There is a huge learning curve," said Davis. "The best advice I can give to any new legislator is to study hard; focus on issues that are most important to your constituents; listen to advice from staff and experienced leaders; don't make promises you cannot keep, and don't expect to change the world in one session.

Pam Staneski faced off against State Rep. James Maroney (D-119) for the second time and earned a slim victory with 51 percent of the total vote. She won not only the total vote, but Orange as well having received 625 Republican and 21 Independent votes to Maroney's 619 votes.

It is possible that Maroney could have won Orange but for an error at the polls. A packet of 100 ballots for the 117th district was accidentally included with the 119th district ballots. 57 voters filled out the wrong ballots. Only one reported the error.

"What bothers me most is that 56 people didn't even notice that James and Pam (Staneski) were not on their ballots. And these were filled out, every office voted on," Pearson said.

Pearson and Republican Town Committee Chairwoman Nancy Nastri met with representatives from the Secretary of State's office to review the ballots. It was determined they would not have swung the election.

"Representing the 119th district was one of the greatest honors of my life," Maroney said. "It was a privilege to represent our community and I will forever treasure that

opportunity. I will continue to find ways to work to make our community an even better place to live work and retire in. I do have a number of projects in mind. I will also take the opportunity to help coach some of my son's sports teams and refocus on my business. Pam Staneski and the Milford and Orange Republicans worked very hard and ran a great campaign, and I wish her the best of luck in representing the best district in the state of Connecticut."

State Rep. Themis Klarides soundly defeated challenger Aldon Hynes to retain the 114th district, taking 66 percent of the total votes. In Orange she defeated him 2,168 votes to 879 votes.

State Sen. Gayle Slossberg defeated her challenger, Republican candidate Matt Gaynor by less than 5,000 total votes. She held Orange by less than 300 votes. In the post-election caucus, Klarides was elected as House minority leader. She is the first woman in the state's history to lead the Republican Party.

Orange residents voted heavily Republican in almost all other races though that did not translate to Republican wins.

For example, Republican challenger Thomas Folley lost his bid against Gov. Dannel P. Malloy (D) by less than 30,000 votes across the state. But he won Orange by 803 votes. One exception to the Republican voting trend were races for U.S. House District 5 where Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D) soundly won Orange, and retained her seat.



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election together they weren't entirely without experience. Casey had previously served as a Deputy Registrar. They went through training from the Secretary of State's office and they had at least one election process as a test run.

"We both worked on the Republican Primary to get some experience," Kendrick said. When it was noted that Apuzzo and DeVito were still listed on the door he looked surprised and stepped outside.

"I guess they are, well we'll take care of that," he said and took down the name plates.

First Selectman James Zeoli (R) commended them both during his remarks at the November Board of Selectmen meeting. He noted the election ran smoothly with the new registrars, despite a few missteps like a failed electronic voting machine.

"That never happened when we had those," Zeoli joked with his fellow selectmen about the reliability bold mechanical machines.

Democratic Town Committee Chairwoman Trish Pearson also commended both registrars. She said they worked hard and handled the election well. Pearson had some concerns over a pack of ballots delivered to the wrong polling station, but understood that was simply an accident.


Pearson also said she was impressed with amount of work put in after the polls closed to properly count and tally all of the votes. Several tally lines needed to be reconciled with absentee ballots and candidates appearing on multiple lines.

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Lobay *continued from page 1*



Ukrainian Ivan Lobay shares memories from his 103 years of life from the comfort of his balcony. His favorite motto for getting through life is "Keep Smiling."
Photo By Steve Cooper

school and truly begin his formal education. During that time, he learned two words in English.

Keep smiling.
Eventually Lobay would make his way to Czechoslovakia where he would earn his mechanical engineering degree. It is also where he would marry his one and only wife, Halyna, and where their daughter, Maria, would be born.

It was also where Lobay would live through the course of World War II. It was where he found himself returning from work one day to find his street had been bombed and a portion of his home missing. His wife and child were fine. Maria, now 70, still checks on and helps care for her father. After the war, Lobay looked to leave Europe and headed to Germany where he worked with the US Army. Emigration options were difficult according to Maria, and he eventually settled on Venezuela.

There he worked for the Department of Sanitation and saw the birth of his second daughter, Halyna.

After 14 years in South America, the family finally arrived in the United States.

Eventually Lobay became Professor Lobay and taught courses at Yale and the University of New Haven. It was at UNH where he set up the university's first engineering lab. He would visit it again decades later in celebration of his 100th birthday.

At Yale, Lobay would fill the lecture hall and still proudly boasts of it.

Maria noted he loved to write the class notes for his students and hand out copies. That way they could concentrate on what he

was saying.

Perhaps more impressive was his return to the Ukraine at the age of 82 to consult with the recently independent nation's Ministry of Education. He also taught in Algeria.

Today he lives at home surrounded by memories of a rich life. The walls are adorned with art created by his wife. She passed away in 2007.

"He used to say it was her job to make the art, and his as an engineer to figure out how to hang it," said Maria.

He doesn't watch the news and does not keep track of world events. His television plays soothing classical concerts. Yet he proudly proclaims that one of the most important things in his life is seeing an independent Ukraine. Lobay voice grows strong when his passions are stirred.

And that voice still carries a tune, as he will burst into songs in his native tongue. Maria often smiles and joins him in song.

While his 103rd birthday did not draw much notoriety, the home is filled with proclamations and honors for his 100th. They range from First Selectman Jim Zecoli's simple proclamation to an elaborate missive from Pope Benedict XVI to Lobay. As to what contributes to Lobay's vitality and longevity? He exercises, he keeps his mind fresh reading about astrophysics, and he enjoys the company of youth eager to learn.

"He always says it is young people who keep him young," Maria said.

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Orange Author Shares Tale Of Bullying Abuse

Russell D. Bernstein, Orange resident and author of *Doodles: When Art and Magic Collide* gave two presentations about his first book to Grade 7 students at Amity Middle School Orange on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Here is an excerpt from the back of the book which describes the plot: "The Life of Doodles Lanhorn is mediocre at best. Between his unruly red hair and lanky frame, being bullied at school, and constantly being pestered by his father to go out for a sport—any sport—all he ever wants to do is lock himself away in the world of his drawings. Despite having a tight-knit group of friends, Doodles often feels alone, and his non-confrontational nature often makes it hard for him to interact

at all—so what is the point? Then everything changes on his thirteenth birthday . . ."

Russell shared a poignant story from his own life which acted as the impetus for writing a story for teens centered on bullying. Students listened as he described how his normal life changed at the age of 10 when he was sent to sleep away camp in upstate New York.

His message to students was clear: bullying is never right.

He encouraged any child experiencing such abuse to seek the help of an adult. For students who witness acts of bullying against others, he said to help the person being bullied.



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Orange Author Russell D. Bernstein shared his story of bullying with Amity Middle School students.

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Queen Elizabeth II Honors Orange Rabbi

Rabbi Mark L. Winer, a world-renowned American interfaith activist and scholar was named a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) by Queen Elizabeth II earlier this year for his work in promoting inter-religious partnership during a period of rising religious tensions in England.

Rabbi Winer becomes the first American-born rabbi honored with an MBE. The award is for "promoting interfaith dialogue and social cohesion in London and the UK," according to the citation from the Queen.

Rabbi Winer's first position after being ordained was as the religious leader of Temple Emanuel in Orange, CT.

He led congregations in the United States for 30 years before moving to London in 1998 where he acted for 12 years as Senior Rabbi of the West London Synagogue. He was instrumental in building interfaith relations and preaching for inter-religious reconciliation after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States, and the 7/7 London Un-

derground bombings. He appeared often on national BBC broadcasts asking for mutual respect.

While at West London, he mentored Michael Farbman who went to the U.S. as an ordained rabbi where he first served in Washington, D.C. Five years ago by pure coincidence, Farbman became the rabbi of the same Temple Emanuel where Rabbi Winer began his career.

On Nov. 21, Temple Emanuel is welcoming its first rabbi back to honor and celebrate his many accomplishments at a Shabbat Dinner and service. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m.

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Obituaries

CORRADO, ROBERT A.

Robert A. Corrado, age 55, of Orange entered into eternal rest on Monday, October 27, 2014 in Yale Medical Center. Bob was born on February 13, 1959, the son of Richard and the late Rosemarie Corrado of Milford.

A Milford High School graduate, he was employed at Beazley Company Realtors. Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 26 years, Jane McMurray Corrado and the adoring father of Carolyn Mary Corrado. He also leaves his siblings Richard, Linda Gagnon, Laura LaSella and Ronald, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were Monday, November 3, 2014 at the Smith & Sefcik Funeral Home, 135 N Broad St., Milford. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Infant Church, Racebrook Rd., Orange at 11am following the visitation.

Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Bob Corrado Memorial Fund care of Webster Bank 247 Boston Post Road Orange CT 06477. To leave condolences or for directions, please visit our website @ www.georgejsmithandson.com.

KOSOBIECKI, CATHERINE J.

Catherine J. Kosobiecki, age 94, of Orange, entered into rest on Friday October 31, 2014, in CT Hospice. She was born in Derby on Jan. 6, 1920, son of the late Joseph and Amiela Kabala Zuba

and was an Orange resident for 50 years. Catherine was employed at Sikorsky Aircraft and Philips Medical before her retirement.

Her passion was Art and Fashion, and she was a well-known seamstress who worked for many Bridal Shoppes and even owning her own Bridal Shoppe for a while. She is the beloved mother of Richard Ozel and his wife Stephanie, loving grandmother of Aimee Ludly and her husband Kevin, Eric Orzel and his wife Kelly, cherished great-grandmother of Gavin, Carter, Morgan, and Addison. She is also survived by her brother Henry Zuba and his wife Lorriane, sister-in-law Helen Zuba and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Walter Orzel, second husband, Sigurd Anderson, third husband, Walter Kosobiecki and two brothers, Stanley and Walter Zuba. The family requested that memorial contributions may be made to CT. Hospice 100 Double Beach Rd. Branford, CT 06477.

PALMER, SUSAN

LOUISE SHORT

Susan Louise Short Palmer, age 71, of Orange, died October 15, 2014. She was the devoted wife of Frederick Palmer for 47 years and mother of Carla Palmer, Arlington, MA and Debra Palmer Stratford, CT. Daughter of the late John M. Short and Helen Ahrens Short. Sister of Judith (Thomas) Pryor, Gorham ME, Nancy (Richard) Ross,

Milford, CT and Leslie (Eugene) Skibitsky, Dixfield, ME and aunt of many nieces and nephews.

She was a 1961 graduate of Milford High school and earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Southern CT State College. She was a very enthusiastic kindergarten and nursery school teacher. Susan was an active member of the First United Church of Christ in Milford, CT for over 65 years as a member of the choir, and many other positions including the Hospitality Committee, Christian Education, Music Committee, Deacon, as well as the Church Moderator. She was a Mariner and Girl Scout as a child and continued in scouting as a lifetime member and a leader for her daughters.

She was an active member and volunteer for the Orange Country Fair committee, Orange and Milford Historical Societies, the CT Historical Automobile Society, the Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, the Milford Red Cross, the American Cancer Society and Habitat for Humanity. Calling hours will be held Friday October 31, 2014 directly in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Church of Christ in Milford from 4 pm to 8 pm. A Memorial service at the Church was held Saturday November 1st at 10:30 am. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Cancer Research Institute, The American Cancer Society or The music fund at First United Church of Christ. The arrangements are in the care

of Smith & Sefcik Funeral Home Milford. To leave condolences or for directions, please visit www.georgejsmithandson.com.

RUSSO, DR. ANTHONY J.

Dr. Anthony J. Russo, DDS, of Orange, CT passed away on November 8, 2014. He was born on August 25, 1924 in New York City. The son of the late Annunziata (Manfre) and Frank Russo of High View, NY and beloved husband of the late Emily Leone Russo, and father of Jane Russo, DMD, Walter Russo, DMD, both of Milford, CT, Peter Russo, DMD, Guilford, CT and Martha Russo, MFA, Ward, CO.

He was pre-deceased by his grandson Kyle Kurjanowicz and

his sister Sarah Cromwell. Dr. Russo served in World War II, landing at Omaha Beach with the 294th Combat Engineer attached to the 82nd Airborne. He was honored with a Bronze Star for bravery. After returning from the war, he attended Bucknell University and then the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, graduating in 1952. In 1953, he interned at the Philadelphia Hospital where he met Emily Leone, to whom he was married for 60 years. The memorial service was on Sunday, November 16 at 1 pm, First United Church of Christ, 34 West Main Street, Milford.

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