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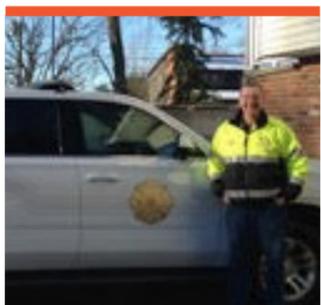
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Orange Residents Get Mixed Bag On Town Budget

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

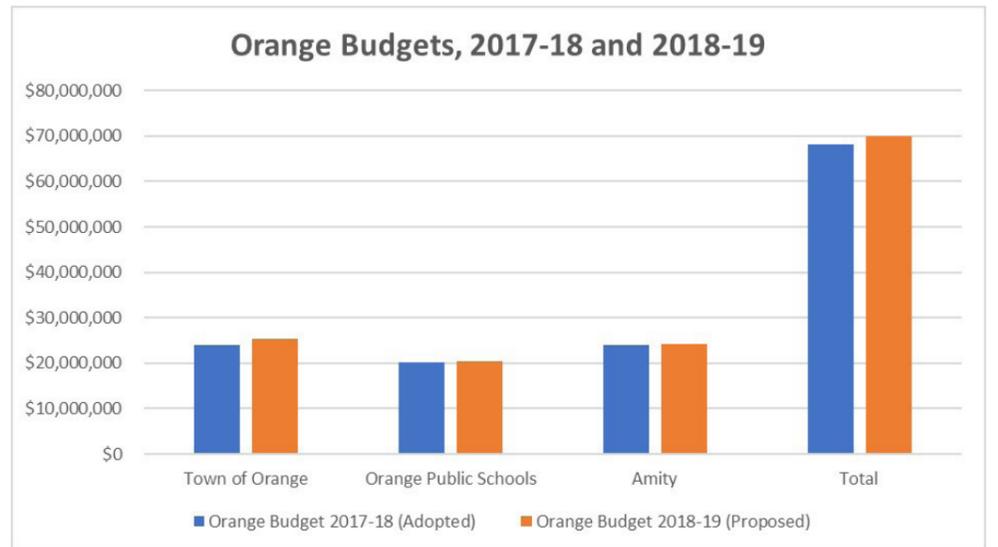
Orange residents were presented with a mixed bag of taxes and savings when the Board of Finance, Orange Board of Education and Amity Regional District No. 5 Board of Education offered their budget proposals for the 2018-19 fiscal year during an April 26 public hearing at High Plains Community Center that at times veered into partisan political territory. The hearing came in advance of two referendums on the town and Amity budgets set for later in May.

In aggregate, the proposals would set the total budget at \$69,885,168. That's an increase from the 2017-18 budget of \$1,817,520, or around 2.67 percent. Thanks to an increase of 5.7 percent in the grand list along with increases from other revenue sources, the mill rate would go down slightly, from the current 33.28 to 32.38.

What all this means for residents, however, is further complicated by the recent property revaluation, which is mandated every five years. The majority of properties saw an increase in value, which means that many homeowners would also see an increase in property taxes despite the reduced mill rate.

In its presentation, the Board of Finance projected that people would, on average, see a 0.9 percent increase in residential property taxes. Hidden within that number are stark contrasts, however. Some 46.4 percent of residents would see a decrease in their taxes, and within that group, the drop would be, on average, by 3.19 percentage points. On the other hand, some residents could see their property taxes rise by more than seven percentage points. Most people would fall somewhere between.

"Because for the next five years everybody's values will be stable, whatever that increase will be, it will be for everybody," said BOF vice chair James Leahy. "But this year, because of the reval,



it's not – everybody's going to be different."

The referendum on the town budget will be on Wednesday, May 23 at High Plains Community Center. A separate referendum on Amity's budget will take place May 8, also at HPCC.

Public Schools, Amity

The Orange Public Schools portion of the budget would include an increase of just \$235,484, or 1.17 percent over the previous year, for a total request of \$20,379,132.

Superintendent Vince Scarpetti said the two major drivers of that increase were contractual obligations and special education expenses. He explained that the district's hands are tied when it comes to special education. Special education students come in with an individualized education plan that the district is obligated by law to follow.

"That also dictates," he said, "that if student comes from another district and has an IEP, we have to abide by that. And that's the unknown that we're always facing."

At the same time, he said, the BOE was able to decrease expenses relating to things like

textbooks, school supplies and facilities. He noted that this did not mean the district would be short-changing students on any of these items.

"There's an ebb and flow with every line item," he explained. "Some things we need, and other years we don't."

After Scarpetti, Amity Regional District No. 5 superintendent Charles Dumais presented his budget request. Expenses for the district are up \$587,372 or 1.21 percent. However, because Amity's budget is composed of a three-town contribution, the request for Orange is a total of \$24,181,870, which is only a \$164,387 increase, or 0.68 percent, over the previous year.

The increase for Orange is also due in part to changing enrollment over time. Bethany and Woodbridge would see slight declines in their enrollments – and therefore their contributions – to the district. But because Orange enrolls by far the greatest number of students, making up 50.18 percent of the school population, the town is on the hook for more money.

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Water Authority Partners With Preservationist To Rebuild Historic Orange Home

Special to the Orange Times

In 2016, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority sold a 1.6 acre plot of land in Orange as well as the historic home built upon it. The home, located at 499 Derby Ave., had been vacant for over a decade and was in need of major repairs. Given the historic nature of the home, the RWA chose to pass the property to historic preservation specialists Wess and Cornelia Corjuc.

The RWA's deed and historic conservation easement required that the home's exterior not be changed, in order to preserve its historic appearance. Following purchase, Wess Corjuc inspected the home and came to the conclusion that it was on the verge of collapse. The home was deconstructed, with any still-useable materials preserved for use in the reconstruction. Once completed, the rebuilt home will look to

passers-by exactly as it did in the 1800s.

"When we restore the home in Orange, it will look exactly how it was before. We have collected the fireplace and a lot of other pieces that will be used to rebuild the house, and will use new parts where needed," Corjuc said. "My company, Historic Preservation, works to preserve churches, houses and other buildings in Connecticut, including Bryan House, the oldest house in Orange. In 27 years we have built 27 churches. We have also restored old houses and barns. I love the work."

"The RWA has sold several pieces of land similar to the property in Orange, ensuring that historic structures in our region are protected while also decreasing expenses for the RWA, minimizing the need for future water rate increases to our customers," said John Triana, the RWA's Real Estate Manager. "Just as the



The historic Alling home at 499 Derby Ave., built in the late 1800s or early 1900s prior to deconstruction. Contributed photo.

residents of south central Connecticut entrust us with protecting their water supply, we entrust preservation specialists like Wess Corjuc with protecting artifacts of Connecticut's history."

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News & Events

'American Pickers' To Film In Connecticut



Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are returning to Connecticut to film episodes of the hit series American Pickers throughout the region in June 2018.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the world of antique "picking." It airs on History.

The show follows Wolfe and Fritz, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Wolfe and Fritz recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease

on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Wolfe and Fritz have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

American Pickers is looking for leads and would love to explore area residents' hidden treasures. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. You can follow American Pickers on Facebook at @GotAPick.

Memorial Day Events

ORANGE: The annual Town of Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade will be held on Sunday, May 27. The parade honorees for this year are all World War II Combat Veterans.

Albert Rapini, 98, will be Grand Marshal. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945 and achieved the rank of Tech Sergeant.

Frank Tagliatela, 96, will be Honorary Chief of Staff. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 and achieved the rank of Private First Class.

Robert Swirsky, 98, will be the Honored Veteran. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945 and achieved the rank of Tech Sergeant.

Patrick B. O'Sullivan, III will be the keynote speaker. O'Sullivan is Orange Town Clerk, Veteran's Affairs Liaison, a former State Representative and former member of the Board of Selectmen.

Kevin Gilbert once again will serve as Parade Organizer.

Parade ceremonies will commence promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the High Plains Community Center field at 525 Orange Center Rd. The parade will step off immediately following the ceremony down Orange Center Road past the reviewing stand, with services following at the Orange Center Cemetery.

The Parade Committee encourages any groups wishing to participate to contact

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

In the event of rain, exercises will be held in the HPCC auditorium.

MILFORD: The City of Milford will be hosting their Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 2:00pm. All units and marchers are asked to assemble at the Daniel Wasson Field parking lot at 1pm.

Our Grand Marshall and Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Christine Smith, the State President for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Christine is currently a Commissioner and Vice Chairman on the Milford Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission and a U.S. Navy veteran. The Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 27th, 2018 in front of City Hall at 9:45am. All are invited to attend this short but moving ceremony. Please join us this Memorial Day to honor our veterans who have served this country and gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure and preserve our freedoms. If your organization would like to participate, please contact Russ Edwards at (203) 876-0914 for more information.

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News & Events

Urban Air To Open In Orange



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Michael Richetelli, President and Designated Broker of Colonial Properties, Inc., is pleased to announce the completion of the following lease transaction.

Kevin Weirsman, Broker & Vice President of Colonial Properties, Inc. represented the Landlord, Bull Hill Associates, LLC in the leasing of 85,000 SF at 260 Bull Hill Lane in Orange, CT. The building, formerly occupied by Builders Square and prior to that, K-Mart, was leased to Urban Air Family Adventure Parks, a national franchise operation with over 40 locations. The tenant plans to open in May or June; the location will feature trampolines, laser tag and go-karts. Urban Air was represented by Andrew Callahan of Venture Retail Partners.

"This property had long been vacant and was another example of a growing trend of undesirable, hard to fill empty big box buildings in today's changing retail landscape. We were pleased to lease the entire building to an alternate, entertainment tenant, which has proven an effective use for large retail vacancies", said Richetelli

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Real Estate Brokerage, located in Orange, CT. The firm handles all types of real estate transactions including the sale and leasing of retail, industrial, office, investment properties, and residential properties, as well as brokering land and business sales.

Attractions include: Trampolines, Dodgeball court, Ninja Warrior Course, a climbing hill, a rock climbing wall, a soft play center (indoor playground), a Sky Rider (indoor Sky Coaster), a Ropes climbing Course, trapeze, wipeout, professional jumping area and a drop zone, Laser Tag arena: black light, Virtual Reality Hologate Game, 8 bowling lanes including a VIP bowling area for private parties and teen hangouts, Spin Zone Bumper Cars, Indoor Go Karts, 40 plus arcade games, 12 party Rooms, 14 party zones, Full service cafe.

In addition to these attractions, there will be fitness classes, toddler jump time, glow nights, family nights, mommy and me jump time, summer camp and after school camps.

For more information, please email Lakshman@urbanairorange.com.

Parties can be booked via parties@urbanairorange.com and online any time!

Orange Holds Annual Cinco K De Mayo Road Race



Carol Smuller, Executive Director of the Orange Chamber of Commerce and Jeffrey Townsend and Megan Thompson, who won first place in the overall male and female categories in the Cinco K De Mayo road race April 29 at High Plains Community Center in Orange. Townsend's finish time was 18 minutes, 56 seconds; Thompson's was 24 minutes, 25 seconds. In the top photo, participants run from the starting line. Photos by Steve Cooper.



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Opinion & Editorial

In The House:

Toll Proposals Still Underwhelming



STATE REP. (R-119)
PAM STANESKI

There are currently four toll proposals still alive in the legislative process. Two proposals would create a transportation authority, governed by a board of political appointees. The agency's purpose would be to construct, maintain, and operate highways and electronic tolling systems. It would be charged with using toll revenues to pay for the costs of operation, maintenance, improvement, and administration. The agency would keep funds for these purposes in its own account, be able to employ people, issue bonds, and buy or lease property, and would be responsible for establishing toll rates, user classifications, and penalties for non-payment.

One plan says that the transportation authority would not be created "until the General Assembly authorizes the implementation of electronic tolling systems."

The third, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's toll proposal, would authorize the Department of Transportation to implement an electronic tolling system and would give it all the responsibilities of a transportation authority.

The last proposal comes from the chairman of the Transportation Committee. This plan allows DOT to implement tolls after the DOT has completed studies and submitted a complete tolling proposal to the legislature. The legislature would be expected to vote to approve or reject, although if the General Assembly fails to vote on it, then after thirty days the plan would be deemed approved.

All four of these toll proposals have a complete lack of detail. They basically say vote now to implement and let an unelected new transportation authority appointed by the governor make all the decisions without any legislative input. That would include toll locations, number of toll gantries, and toll fares (including the determination of what constitutes "congestion pricing").

Will this new authority be able to shut down highway exits to maximize toll revenue? Or would they simply put a toll gantry on each exit ramp? I immediately think about Metro-North fares, and how the DOT sets and raises rail fares. The legislature has no ability to stop a proposed hike.

All reports that have been conducted on where the money will come from give a range of 65 percent to 75 percent coming from your pockets, with the remainder coming from out-of-staters. The estimated cost per person, based on a DOT study, would be just under \$250 per month. I am a no on tolls.

Every Bill Matters to Someone



STATE REP. (R-114)
THEMIS KLARIDES

There is a saying around the state Capitol that is often repeated around this time of year when hundreds of bills are considered amid the crush of the last days of the legislative session. Every bill matters to someone.

It is worth remembering because it puts into context the work that gets done in Hartford, and the work left unfinished for another day. Given the state's ongoing fiscal crisis, the focus, of course, needs to be on balancing the state budget. House and Senate Republicans offered a balanced budget that was revenue neutral and reversed harmful cuts to many social programs. It was rejected by the Appropriations Committee April 20 on strict party lines by two votes.

One bill that did pass the House prior to that provides greater protection for horseshoe crabs in a section of Long Island Sound off Stratford. Some questioned why at this point in the legislative session lawmakers should spend precious time debating the merits of this legislation.

It was important to the people of Stratford.

On a busy afternoon in late April the House took up another bill that dealt with turtles. It passed after a lengthy debate on whether Connecticut should join the national effort to abolish the electoral college.

The General Assembly – the House of Representatives and the Senate – is often accused of not heeding the wishes of the public and passing meaningful laws that affect our everyday lives. We do that after sometimes lengthy debate, and that is the beauty of our system. At times we get pulled in different directions and take up some issues that critics deem pointless.

We have more than 30 official state symbols, from our flag to our state motto and state bird, the robin. Do we really need an official state tartan? We have one and debated its merits in the Capitol some years ago.

The legislature debates many things aside from how to spend taxpayer dollars on education, transportation, healthcare and state parks. But we also tend to issues that someone, somewhere finds important like horseshoe crabs, turtles and tartans.

Transportation Funds, Not Tolls



STATE REP. (R-117)
CHARLES FERRARO

Over the past few months there has been a lot of discussion about Connecticut's outdated transportation infrastructure and how to rebuild it.

Connecticut's transportation infrastructure is among the worst in the nation, and it didn't become that way overnight. Lawmakers for years have raided the Special Transportation Fund to spend more money on unnecessary projects. Also, lawmakers have never committed to a realistic long-term plan to rebuild our roads and bridges.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy has been pushing an unrealistic \$100 billion initiative that has included a busway from New Britain to Hartford and a new New Haven/Hartford/Springfield train line.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle believe the only way to rebuild our infrastructure is by placing tolls throughout the state.

I couldn't disagree with them more.

Over 70 percent of toll revenue will come from Connecticut residents; only 30 percent will come from out-of-state vehicles. And there could be nearly 100 electronic gantries throughout the state.

How much would it cost to operate and install these tolls? The answer is over \$400,000 per year to operate and between \$450 and \$600 million to install them.

In the past eight years, Connecticut residents have already paid enough taxes. We need to start prioritizing transportation funds, and that is why House and Senate Republicans have come up with our own proposal.

Our plan requires no tax increases, no tolls and will guarantee over \$1 billion annually over the next 30 years.

It's time to take action and start tackling our transportation problems in a realistic way. Please visit my website, RepFerraro.com to view our detailed plan.

Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor:

People don't know what a beautiful gold mine they have in Milford Hospital. I came across a couple of wonderful people under the tutelage of Joseph Pelaccia, its president and CEO. Andre Rawle, PA, took excellent care of me in the ER. I was there three times in the past week. I thank them very much.

Easter Miles
Orange

To the Editor,

As a town chair, people frequently ask you why they can't vote early in Connecticut, as residents of other states can. In fact, 46 million people voted early across the country in 2016. With today's busy lives, people need more flexibility, especially when often both parents are working, sometimes out of state or certainly further from home. This would help make it easier for them to participate in our democracy. Why wouldn't we want to make it easier for law-abiding citizens to cast their ballot and participate in our democracy?

The Connecticut House of Representatives voted 81-65 earlier this month to approve a resolution that would amend the state's constitution to allow a system of early voting during elections. I looked up to see who, from my area, voted against this bill. Then I went to their websites to find an explanation. Reps. Themis Klarides and Pam Staneski both voted against it, but there was nothing on either of their websites to explain why. (Charles Ferraro did not cast a vote.)

The only reason to vote against early voting, in my opinion, means you stand for voter suppression. Why wouldn't we want to give the opportunity for more people to vote? The right to vote is what democracy and the United States of America is about. People have died to get this right and there are people who wait hours in line for that right.

I urge the voters of Connecticut to reach out to their legislators in support of early voting.

Jody Dietch
Orange Democratic
Town Committee Chair
Orange, CT

May Market On The Orange Green



Photo by Michael Rizzo

The Garden Club of Orange will hold its May Market and Bake Sale on the Town Green Saturday, May 12 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Special features this year will be the sale of handmade concrete stepping stones, garden gloves, terrariums and an opportunity to greet the newest garden club member Flora, the Purple Cow.

Locally grown perennials from members' gardens, as well as annuals and home-baked goods, make it an event not to be missed. Monies raised from the May Market are used for the beautification of Orange.

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the FGCCT, NEG & NEC
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Giving Back

Rotary Brings Out Inner Light

By Maria LaViola



As May begins, I'm always reminded of the flurry of graduation and commencement activities. Although these events celebrate the successful completion of the student's study, we know that commencement actually marks the beginning of the next chapter in their life.

During a season when students, parents, and educators reflect on the past and look forward to the future, an article I read recently in the New York Times by David Brooks called "The Moral Bucket List" comes to mind. Brooks describes two sets of virtues: the resumé virtues and the eulogy virtues.

The resumé virtues largely represent what our culture and educational systems teach. These are our external achievements, or the skills we bring to the marketplace. Our eulogy virtues are the ones that are talked about at our funeral: we were kind, honest, and faithful.

Brooks describes these eulogy virtues as

personal qualities that enable you to radiate a spiritual "inner light."

Commencement speakers often encourage students to follow their passions – be true to themselves. But this inspiration is somewhat limited, as it focuses solely on self. People searching for spiritual inner light find their vocations by asking "What is life asking of me?" and not "What do I want from life?"

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the Rotary District Training Conference. The Conference provided a wealth of information on all that the Rotary does and offered insight on how to continue to support its mission. The culmination of the event was an essay scholarship contest won by three high school students. The students had to incorporate the Rotary 4-Way Test in an essay of a topic they were extremely passionate about:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

All the student essays and topics were

incredible. The winner, a student from Trumbull High School, wrote about felony disenfranchisement, the exclusion from voting of people otherwise eligible due to conviction for a criminal offense. The confidence with which she walked up to the stage and the great eloquence with which she delivered her argument left me absolutely speechless. I realized she was truly a person who already possessed that inner light. It made me proud to be a part of an organization that supports and encourages these qualities in individuals.

The essay scholarship is just one activity that Rotary supports. The Rotary Club of Orange will be having their annual rose sale on Friday, May 11, in honor of Mother's Day weekend. The roses will be \$18 per dozen and will be offered in many different colors. Please come out to the High Plains Community Center at 525 Orange Center Rd. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to purchase your roses. Your participation in this event allows the Rotary Club of Orange to support activities such as the scholarship event.

In addition, the Rotary Club of Orange is looking for two families to host a student from Italy for the 2018/2019 school year. The student will arrive at the end of August and will change families at the end of January. This year we are hosting a 17-year-old male student. This is a fabulous opportunity for two families to experience a different culture. Not only will the student have an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of family life in the United States, but the families will also have the opportunity to experience a different culture right in their own homes. The Rotary Club of Orange will take care of all the logistics of the exchange, as well as arranging school enrollment, tuition, and other educational matters. If this is something you would be interested in learning more about, please call Glenn Pearson at 203-903-2228.

If you are thinking that you would like to possess some of the qualities that help radiate an inner light, please stop by one of the Rotary Club of Orange meetings. We meet on Friday afternoons at 12:15 p.m. at Race Brook Country Club at 246 Derby Ave.

Lions Grow While Serving Orange

By Marianne Miller



Since my last article, the Orange Lions Club has inducted three new members into at its April 23 meeting. They are Daidre Chamberlain, Fred DeDomenico, and Sue Yamaguchi.

The Lions, in conjunction with the Orange Recycling Committee and the Orange Rotary Club, picked up a number of used mattresses and box springs from Orange residents' homes and brought them for recycling during the town's spring shredding and recycling event on April 28. Thanks to those who called for our pick-up service; we were happy to help out.

On Friday, May 4, the Orange Senior Center is holding its Living Treasure awards dinner at Racebrook Country Club. We are proud to announce that two of our Lions, President Fred Turner and Lion Suzanne Anderson, are being recognized as Orange's Living Treasures, along with Ann Losh. Congratulations to all of them.

The Lions clubs of Orange and Milford are conducting a service project on Saturday, May 5 to aid the Rape Crisis Center of Milford by collecting new clothing for women of sizes medium and extra large. Items being collected include t-shirts, sweatshirts and pants, socks and underwear. Please stop by High Plains Community Center at 525 Orange Center Rd. from 8:30 a.m. to noon to drop off your items.

Thanks to the generosity of Chip's Family Restaurant, the Lions are again conducting a "breakfast for dinner" fundraiser on

Tuesday, May 15, with seating at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The meal includes two eggs, bacon, Chip's pancakes and coffee, all for only \$10. Tickets are available from any Orange Lions Club member, or by calling Lion George at 203-610-3804.

Don't forget to look for the Lions in Orange's Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 27. We are going to be showing off some of our esteemed members riding in classic motor cars, with other Lions marching alongside. In lieu of handing out pinwheels at the parade this year, the Lions decided to make a donation to a children's organization.

If you're playing golf this June 2 or 3, come to Orange Hills Country Club at 389 Racebrook Rd., where you'll find the Lions conducting our long-running Golf Shootout contest on the tenth tee. For a modest \$5 entry fee contestants can win a sleeve of balls for landing their drive on the green, with a special prize for the one closest to the hole.

The Lions collect used eyeglasses, working hearing aids and cell phones in our collection boxes at High Plains Community Center and Case Memorial Library. Just recently through Denise Stein, a senior outreach coordinator, I was able to connect an Orange senior who needed hearing aids but could not afford them with our Speech and Hearing Committee, where she received refurbished hearing aids.

For more information about the Lions, or to become a member, please call me at 203-795-3906. Our meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Chip's Family Restaurant. Come join us.

Orange Recycle Tips

Thank you, Orange residents, for your recycling efforts. Every household makes a big difference. If your recycling bin is overflowing, compress the contents to make more room. Crush milk containers and other plastics, and flatten boxes. If you return your deposit bottles and cans, you'll get more room in the bin plus cash back. Another option is bringing extra recyclables to the transfer station.

If you need another bin, you can purchase one by calling the town's Public Works department at 203-891-4712. Only designated "Town of Orange" recycling bins will be picked up.

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The Orange Recycling Committee, together with the Rotary Club of Orange and the Orange Lions Club, hosted a paper shredding and mattress recycling event April 28 at High Plains Community Center. At the same event, the Orange Community Women hosted a FUNDdrive for clothes and household items. Though the services were offered for free, Rotary received \$1,645 in donations from sponsoring this event. Photo by Mary-Jo.

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Arts & Entertainment

“The arts are a celebration of life.” – Michael Douglas

by Patricia Miller

THE ORANGE PLAYERS (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) continues its run of *The Night I Died at the Palace Theatre* by Pat Cook on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 at High Plains Community Center. Seating is cabaret-style, with tables and chairs, and patrons are encouraged to bring their own snacks and beverages. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Gather your friends and make up a table. Support local community theatre, the second oldest continually performing community theatre in Connecticut. Join the Orange Players for mystery, laughs, socializing and fun. Tickets can be purchased online at orangeplayers.net or by calling the box office at 475-227-7547.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (175 Tyler City Rd., Orange) invites the public to a celebration of Katherine Hepburn, a Connecticut native who lived in the state most of her life. The retrospective look at her life and career will take place during the month of May. Each Tuesday at 2 p.m., one of her films will be shown, each featuring a different leading man: *The African Queen*, with Humphrey Bogart; *On Golden Pond*, with Henry Fonda; *Woman of the Year*, with Spencer Tracy; *The Philadelphia Story*, with Jimmy Stewart and Cary Grant; and *Bringing Up Baby*, with Cary Grant. All of these films are nostalgic for many. Stop in to the library, pick up a flyer and register weekly for these must-see films.

Another tribute takes place May 12 at 1 p.m., on Hepburn's actual birthday. Ann Nyberg, Channel 8 anchor/reporter, will talk about her book, *Remembering Katherine Hepburn: Stories of Wit and Wisdom About America's Leading Lady*. The book will be available to buy and to have signed. Nyberg is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Katherine Hepburn Cultural Center in Old Saybrook. The building was formerly the Town Hall of Old Saybrook, and has since been renovated into a theatre and designated as a national landmark. This program will be on Hepburn's 111th birthday, and will feature one of her favorite desserts, made with her own recipe. All are welcome but must register at the library or by calling 203-891-2170.

ART IN THE LIBRARY (175 Tyler City Rd., Orange) features the work of the Bridgeport Art League throughout the month of May. The show will display works of varying themes, techniques and media. An artists' reception will be held Thursday, May 10, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

AMITY CREATIVE THEATER finished the run of its spring musical, *The Addams Family*, playing to sold-out houses every night. Rob and Andrea Kennedy, the directors of ACT, have been consistently bringing quality productions to local audiences for 10 years, building ACT's reputation as a theatrical powerhouse in Connecticut and beyond. The shows have become a community event, attracting audiences of all ages – and not only just the families and friends of the students involved, but members of the community-at-large, who appreciate the theatrical excellence exhibited by the troupe.

The ACT program has a dedicated parent support group, the Drama Mamas (and Papas, too), who make invaluable contributions to each production. Everyone involved puts in a great effort to make each show outstanding. BOWA is justifiably proud of and grateful to Rob and Andrea Kennedy for what they have done to bring the Amity Theater Program to new heights.

The show closed on Saturday night, and at

4 a.m. on Sunday the Kennedys took 62 of their students to Disney World, where they performed at Disney Downtown.

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) continues kindness garden rock painting on the last Friday of each month at High Plains Community Center with Susanne Anderson. The kindness garden, a joint project with the OACC and the Senior Center, is composed of many rocks painted with positive messages and images by volunteer painters. Words, flowers and hearts are painted by interested parties who come to the sessions or paint them at home.

The idea is for people to take a rock that is meaningful to them, replacing it with one or two their own painted rocks. The garden is meant to be an ongoing project, evolving over time with the addition of new rocks and messages. The garden was removed from its outdoor location to the foyer for the winter months, but will soon be reinstalled around the tree in front of HPCC for people to enjoy.

NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Woolsey Hall, 500 College St., New Haven) presents the last concert of the Classic Series on Thursday, May 19 at 7:39 p.m. Conductor and music director William Boughton reflects on his own experience as an immigrant to the United States with a curated program of music written by immigrants or refugees. The program includes Bartok's *Concerto for Orchestra*, Rachmaninoff's *Isle of the Dead*, Kornfield's *Viokin Concerto*, and Zhou's *First Sight*. The orchestra will be conducted by William Boughton, and artist-in-residence Elena Vioste will be the violin soloist.

Preceding the concert, there will be a symphony dinner at the Union League Café (1032 Chapel St., New Haven). Patrons can mingle with fellow music lovers and enjoy the food. There will be a cash bar at 5 p.m., and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. For the prix fixe of \$55, a three-course dinner will be served with two choices for each course. Appetizer choices are Alsatian tart or arugula salad. Entrée choices are arctic char or free range roasted chicken; and dessert choices are layers of bittersweet chocolate mousse or poached pear tart. To reserve tickets for the dinner or the concert, call 203-865-0831 or go to newhavensymphony.org.

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) will provide bus transportation to the May 19 New Haven Symphony Orchestra concert. OACC has provided this service for all the concerts in the Classic Series, with the help of sponsors and partners, including the Orange Foundation, the Orange Lions Club and the State of Connecticut Arts Desk of the Department of Tourism. Call 203-878-7417 to reserve a seat on the bus.

GLENROTH, Orange's own accomplished high-energy finger-style guitarist, played April 5 at Peaches Pub and Juke Joint in Norwalk; at Nectar's in Burlington, Vermont on April 7; at Café Nine in New Haven on April 19 in the Elm City Folk Festival; at Infinity Hall Sunday Sessions in Norwalk on April 22, and at 99 Restaurant and Pub in Stratford on April 27. His CDs are available on his web site at glenroth.com.

NEW HAVEN ORATORIO (185 Cold Spring St., New Haven) presents *I Was Glad*, English church music for choir and organ on Saturday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the



Orange resident Paul Templeton as Gordon in Orange Player's "The Night I Died at the Palace" Photo by: Jackie Koral.

Church of the Redeemer. The program will feature music by Elgar, Howells, Britten, Parry and others. Most of the music will also feature the church's Aeolian-Skinner organ. Daniel Shaw is the conductor and John Abdenour is the organist. Tickets are \$20, and \$15 for students and seniors. Tickets may be obtained at nhoratorio.org. Orange resident Brad Gesler is a long-time member of this group.

BETHESDA CHOIR (305 St Ronan St., New Haven) is issuing a call for singers who want to sing *Elijah* with choirs and orchestra at Bethesda Lutheran Church. The Bethesda Choir is calling experienced choral singers to join them for the spring season, as it prepares for a May 23 concert featuring Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. The rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Contact Music Director Dr. Lars Gjerde at music@bethsdanewhaven.org for details.

NEW HAVEN MUSEUM (114 Whitney Ave., New Haven) presents "20th Century, The Great War – November 7th – November 11th, A New Haven Serviceman's View," from World War I award-winning comic book illustrator Ndar Balan. It is a series of oversized graphic novel-style murals based upon the dramatic WWI diary of one New Haven serviceman who witnessed firsthand the adventure, horror, and pathos of the front lines. The powerful result is "The Courier: Tales from the Great War." The museum is open from Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Free admission from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.

YALE CENTER FOR BRITISH ART (1080 Chapel St., New Haven) presents a family program May 20 at 10:30 a.m. titled "Exploring Artism." This is a free program for families with children from 5 to 12 years old who are on the autism spectrum. Families view art in the galleries, and this is followed by an activity in the museum classroom. The program is free, but registration is required. Contact the Education Center at ycba.education@yale.edu or call 203-432-2858 for more information.

NEW HAVEN'S 2018-2019 THEATER SEASON has been announced. The following companies have announced their upcoming seasons.

Yale Rep (203-432-1234) will present *El Huracon*, a world-premiere by Charlie Castro Smith; *The Prisoner*, by Peter Brook and Marie Helene Estienne; *Twelfth Night*, by William Shakespeare; and *Cadillac Crew*, a world premiere by Tori Sampson.

Long Wharf Theatre (203-787-4282) presents *The Roommate*, a comedy by Jen Silverman, a music-infused drama by Dominique Morrisseau; *Miller Mississippi*, a southern Gothic tale by Bob Killebrew; *Tiny Beautiful Things*, a meditation on our need for connection based on the book by Cheryl Strayed and adapted for the stage by Nia Vardolos; *An Iliad*, a riff on Homer's epic by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare; and *A Dolls House, Part 2*, by Lucas Hnath.

Subscriptions are now on sale for the 2018-2019 season.

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

The Book Club:

All In The Family

Anita Desai, *Fasting, Feasting*, Chatto & Windus, 1999

In his introduction of Anita Desai to a literary conference, the Counsel General of India remarked that “India is a country that manages to live in many different centuries simultaneously.” Desai’s 1999 novel *Fasting, Feasting* focuses on how the tensions between this century and earlier ones make themselves felt in the household of a middle class Indian family. The characters are MamaPapa, two parents sharing a single voice, the pretty daughter Aruna, Arun, the son born later, and the central character Uma, who occupies a place in the household approximately equivalent to that of Cinderella.

In an ambitious family the two most important tasks are the arranging of marriages, particularly for their daughters, and the education of their sons. We discover how the time-hallowed custom of the dowry has fallen upon corrupt and degenerate times. MamaPapa’s answers to newspaper ads featuring eligible sons are responded to



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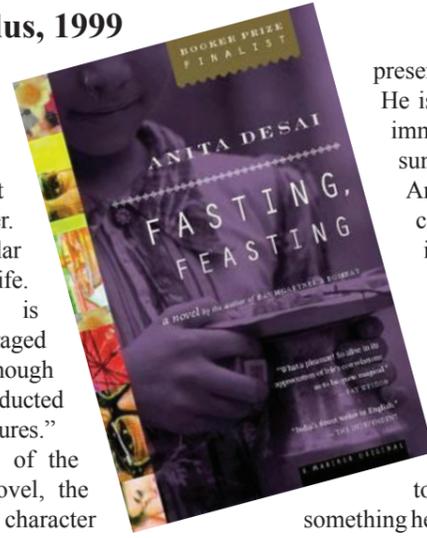
by comments such as “We are looking for someone taller/fairer/more educated for our Sanku/Pinku/Simpu.”

Fairer, in any event, than the unprepossessing Uma. If, in the marriage sweepstakes, there is a particular villain in the author’s cross hairs it is the mother-in-law (of the bride). It is she who is in charge of taking hold of the bride (literally) and integrating (read: enslaving) her into her new household. One member of this species is described thus: “[she] ruled the house like an evil empress of ancient history able to shrivel the entire garden with her touch, turn sherbet into tepid water [and] children’s games into punishments.”

But Uma’s great desire is more elemental than marriage. She just wants to escape. She jumps at any chance to get away from the house, be it a scandalous dinner with a cousin at a public restaurant or a pilgrimage with a religiously fanatic aunt. All such attempts are foiled by MamaPapa. The offer of a

job, for example, sends signals to the neighbors that the family cannot afford to support their daughter. Ambition is one pillar of middle class life. “Representation” is another. The battles raged over Uma’s fate, though these are “silent...conducted by grimaces and gestures.”

About two thirds of the way through the novel, the scene and central character shift abruptly. We are now with the son Arun as he copes with life as a student at the University of Massachusetts. This part gets quite intense as he is compelled to move in for the summer with an American family with some connections to his parents. To see the most common American customs through the eyes of this character is to experience them as completely strange. He, a Hindu vegetarian, is surrounded by the ever-



present smell of barbecuing meat. He is completely freaked by the immodesty of the American sun bathing ritual, and like an American tourist in India, he constantly wonders if what he is expected to eat and drink is clean.

But a point of connection is made between his Indian family and his American hosts. In the bulimic daughter of the household, he begins to “see a resemblance to something he knows: a resemblance to the contorted face of an enraged sister who, failing to express her outrage against neglect, against misunderstanding, against inattention to her unique and singular being and its hungers, merely spits and froths in ineffectual protest.”

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Preschoolers Participate In Trike-A-Thon



The 3's and 4's preschool classes participated in the annual Orange Community Nursery School Trike-a-thon at the OCNS in on April 28. The event is a fundraiser for the school. Photo by Dan Bershefsky.

Orange Chamber Of Commerce Events

May 10 – Business After Hours: With the West Haven Chamber of Commerce at TGI Fridays at 348 Boston Post Rd in Orange. The event is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. To register email director@orangetchamber.com.

May 22 – Morning Jolt: Coffee and conversation for area businesses. Start your morning off with coffee and conversation, meet other business members, share information and grow your business. Morning

Jolt takes place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month at Eli’s Orange at 285 Boston Post Rd. Bring your business cards and get ready to give your company a jolt. Here’s an opportunity to talk about your business with like-minded professionals, expand your circle of influence, and have a cup of coffee. This program is free. All you need to do is call the Orange Chamber at 203-795-3328 or email your reservation to director@orangetchamber.com.

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Listing your property for sale is actually putting yourself out front for all the world to see. This statement is not meant to be negative – just realistic. Selling your home is serious business and requires the attention its price deserves. Therefore, you should view this as a project in which you should scratch every surface to reap each extra dollar.

It is a project: it is the land and the mechanics and the cosmetics all wrapped in one. From top to bottom, from front to back, each blade of grass and toilet back needs to sparkle in order to form a good impression. The buyers and their agents have seen it all, and you want to stand out.

It's not a bad idea to take a Sunday and preview open houses yourself. During this tour you can interview agents for your job while checking out the competition. New towels, painted front doors and emptied

basements are not enough for the scrutinizing buyer paying a small fortune, committing to a hefty monthly nut.

Always try to put yourself in the buyers' shoes. They have no vested interest in your home. They are not thinking about the history of toddlers running around or holiday parties. Take the personal out of it; just be a business-minded homeowner. And if you are not interested in selling for a few years, all the more reason to hit each and every corner now, just so you can enjoy it, instead of having to do it all to move out.

I love first impressions. From impeccably clean and emptied kitchen counters to organized children's rooms with great colors, each loving care task done will reap



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benefits later on. How about those mailboxes? Cute with flowers is the best first impression. You might think first impressions is just pretty. Having the windows cleaned and the deck scrubbed may only enhance the background, but dirt brings attention to those areas. The old faucets, front door knobs, or dusty chandeliers all create an old look, tired and in need of an upgrade. Many of those small changes make a buyer feel relaxed and able to picture himself or herself living in your place. Loads of light, accented with simple window blinds, can create a contemporary home feel. Polished furniture, even though you are not leaving it, shows pride of ownership in general.

Maintenance of the heat and air

conditioning, plus clean sumps and electric panels are a good plan before any upcoming home inspection. The Bilco exit to outside and cellar windows all should be vacuumed and scrubbed down. Imagine spider webs: not enticing from a buyer's perspective. All in all, the little things, along with cleanliness and good landscaping, can go a long way – even if your kitchen and baths are outdated.

Put the manual labor into getting the house ready. Do not spend thousands of dollars without speaking with your agent. He or she will guide you on what is important. Even if you have updated mechanics and cosmetics, if your home is cluttered and not sparkling you may watch potential buyers walk away. First impressions are that important.

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

Just Floored:

An Entryway That Will Wow

Creating a front entrance that will take your breath away can seem more difficult than it is. Clients today are looking for little ways to add a personal touch to their homes, and adding a little spice to your front foyer can do the trick. Whether it is an area rug, an "area rug" made of tile or a dramatic light fixture, there are many ways to wow your guests. Here are some of our favorites.



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Try integrating porcelain tile or slate with wood planks. Both elements are durable enough for a front entrance and you can incorporate the color of the hardwood that might be running through the rest of your home with the tile that is down in the kitchen. Creating this basket weave pattern will definitely add interest to the space.

Black and white checkerboard is another timeless look. We have seen it everywhere from *Alice in Wonderland* to Kris Kardashian's foyer. In Kardashian's foyer, the black and white large format tiles are installed on a diagonal and paired with the glossy finish. It is stunning. It's black and white, so it will also stand the test of time.

If you're not into the chic look of black and white, another beautiful option is terracotta tile. Terracotta is making quite the comeback. However, this time there are more shapes, sizes and colors to choose from. Traditionally, terracotta tiles are a burnt orange color that brings a rustic and warm, welcoming feel to the space.

Mosaic tiles are making quite the comeback as well, and they are popping up in places you wouldn't expect, like in your front entryway. Using a few sheets of a

mosaic (depending on the size of the space) is a great way to create the feel of an area rug made of tile. Clients are using marble, stone and glass mosaics to add some sparkle as a little treat when you walk into the home.

If tile is not something you are looking for and you just simply love the look of hardwood, don't worry. You can still spice that up. Have the hardwood in your foyer installed in a pattern such as herringbone or frame out an area of hardwood installed on a diagonal while the rest of the flooring is installed the traditional way. However, if you still like the idea of an actual area rug at the front door, opt for something with a pattern or maybe a bold color. Companies like Stanton and Kane have spectacular prints and patterns that can be fabricated into any size you may need.

What do you do if you just replaced the floors in the entryway but still want to spice it up? Add in great little extras, like a statement light fixture or a beautifully framed mirror. You can also use this space to showcase a piece of eclectic art or a unique piece of furniture. Don't forget about wallpaper either. We have been talking more and more about wallpaper and it is a great accent to any home. If you're not ready for wallpaper, add a pop of color. Choose paint colors that make the area look fresh and bright or bold and warm.

Finally, if storage and functionality is what you're looking for, opt for built-ins or cubbies to store coats and boots and backpacks. No matter what direction you go, there are some fun and unique ways to bring some life to your front entrance and really wow your guests.

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Cast Of TheOrange Players' "The Night I Died at the Palace"



Last two performances May 4 and 5. Back row, L to R: Charlie Criscuolo (Timothy Price), Paul Templeton (Gordon Donnell), Hugh Tucker (Jimmy Todd) Front row, L to R: Liz Scott (stage manager), Mallie Massaro (Dana Pugh), Cyndi Consoli (Kalene Cooper), TJ Chila (Lois Birdwell), Paula Lin (Ava Donnell), Nick Gachi (Luther Wallace), Vickie Blake (Frances Preston), Amy Crow (Director) Missing: David Kaminski (Theodore Butler), Brittany Homa (Sgt. Mike Mallory), Thursday Savage (Glenda Howard). Photo by: Jackie Koral.



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Room 911:

Prep Your Outdoor Space For Summer

Spring is a mixed bag in New England. During the long winter months, many of us dream of spring. Thoughts of crocus, daffodils, tulips, glorious spring plantings of lilacs, azaleas, and blooming trees help pass the time as we gaze out the window and see only ice and snow. We count down the days until spring.

Despite the unusually cold spring we've had, the first warm day has many of us shoving the patio furniture out along with planters (although it's still too cold to put plants outdoors). We take an inventory of the patio, deck or front porch. We review the status of the brick, wood, cement, slate or whatever type of flooring there is.

We can make these spaces simple or grandiose, depending on our budget.

Before you put everything back in the

same place as last year, start with a clean slate. Can you make your patio, for example, an outdoor room? Imagine dividing it into sections, with a seating area, end tables and a coffee table. You could have another space for a couple of chaise lounges. Another area could be the barbeque spot, with either a charcoal or gas grill. A picnic table or a round or rectangular table with an umbrella can complete this section of your patio.

Tall plants – either artificial or real – can serve as “area dividers.” Hanging planters, fountains or small waterfalls can blend into the rest of the landscape. An old pot belly stove can be the base for a pot of



TEDRA SCHNEIDER

geraniums. Stringing lights around and across some of the trees can make it feel festive in the evening. Tikki torches around the perimeter of the patio can add flair.

The whole idea of this “outside” room is to make the living easy. You must choose your materials carefully to achieve this. The furniture could be made of water resistant wicker or teak, two materials that do well in rain. Other options are cushions that can survive in the sun and/or rain and reduce the likelihood of fading and mildew. One such fabric is manufactured by Sunbrella.

Remember, too, that this patio, deck or front porch is not only a relaxing area; it has

become a room for entertaining. Make life easy on yourself. There are attractive paper plates, melamine reusable plates, and many biodegradable products that let you focus on your company instead of standing at a sink washing dishes.

Having lived in New England for nearly 40 years, many people I encounter, myself included, really look forward to summer. Sure, it's great to get the patio stuff out, but spring can still be cold and rainy in this neck of the woods. Summer is when that outdoor space really gets used. Where are the hot, steamy days with clam bakes, ballgames, the Fourth of July, carnivals and the like? Bring it on.

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The Garden Spot:

Get Ready for Spring Planting

It's always a joy to visit a home and garden center this time of year. The choice of perennials (plants that come back year after year), annuals (those that live only one year), shrubs and trees are extensive. Plant catalogs fill your mailbox, be it electronic via email or written via post, all showing dazzling photos of colorful blooms. Before you start on a buying spree, consider several things—how much sun versus shade do you have, how wet or dry the area is, and what pesky and hungry critters will be coming to visit your garden. In other words, consider the conditions so that you choose the right plant for the location.

I love to think about what I'll call plant pairings. If I have a summer blooming perennial, I pair it with either spring blooming bulbs or early blooming perennials. Those

April blooming daffodils can be planted among the May and June blooming iris, July blooming milkweed for the monarch butterflies, and September and October blooming asters for a succession of blooms. Intersperse your perennials with some annuals that will provide additional color and bloom all season long. But don't be too eager to plant those annuals, especially with the crazy weather we've had this spring. Annuals are best planted when the soil temperatures (and night temperatures) are above 55 degrees which is usually in mid to late May. Pay careful attention to the light requirements and make sure that you factor in trees leafing



PAT DRAY

out and the movement of the sun throughout the season when you make a purchase.

Another big consideration is if you have deer and rabbit that see your plants as their salad bar. Hosta and daylilies are special attractions for these hungry animals. If you have deer in your area (and who doesn't these days), there are a number of commercially available repellents that work quite well.

Many are topical which work are sprayed on the plant and work immediately. Others are systemic which are worked in to the soil and taken up by the plant to give it a bad taste. The systemic type need several weeks to work so require advance planning, but tends to last

longer than the topical type.

One of my favorite places to buy plants is at local garden club May Markets. Many garden clubs hold May Market plant sales as a fundraiser. The plants are usually dug up from the gardens of the members and are generally priced quite low. You'll know the plants thrive in your area and the garden club members will know the specific environmental needs of the plants available. The Garden Club of Orange's May Market is Saturday, May 12 from 8:30 a.m. to noon on the Town Green. Stop by and treat yourself to some great additions for your garden that you'll enjoy for many years!

Pat Dray is a past president of the Orange Garden Club.

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Business

Orange, West Haven Chambers Host Women's Leadership Conference



Nageen Riffat, Cathy Bradley, Nancy Butler, Hon. Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas, Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman, Jocelyn Maminta, Honorable Nancy Rossi, Mayor, West Haven. Photo by Steve Cooper.

The West Haven and Orange Chambers of Commerce held their annual Women's Leadership Conference on April 11 at the West Haven Italian American Club in West Haven.

The proceeds from the conference benefit the Women in Business Scholarship program for female, college-bound, high school seniors from Amity High and West Haven High Schools. Scholarships were presented to Emily Kilian and Carly Marchitto, both from Amity High School. Kilian will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York, where she will study biomedical engineering. Marchitto will be going to Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts, she will be studying to become a registered nurse. Two students from West Haven High also received scholarships.

This year 150 area women and high school age girls attended the conference. The program featured businesswomen sharing stories of conviction, commitment and courage. Jocelyn Maminta, WTNH News 8 health reporter, moderated the program. The speakers included the West Haven mayor Nancy Rossi; business strategist, coach and trainer Nageen Riffat; national speaker, author and business coach Nancy Butler; and chairperson of Prindle Hill Construction Cathy Bradley.

"This year's stories really impacted our audience," said Carol Smullen, executive director of the Orange Chamber of Commerce. "It is our hope that everyone, businesswomen and students, left the conference highly motivated and to view their futures with a new commitment to reach their goals."

Your Finances:

Premature Fears Of A Trade War Roils Stocks

Volatility has returned to U.S. stock markets since President Donald Trump's Jan. 21 announcement of tariffs on certain Chinese imports. Fears of a global trade war have some investors pulling out, while others jump in after the downswings.

Protectionism does not have a good reputation, and many people fear that Trump's policies will lead to job losses and price increases in the United States. For his part, Trump insists Chinese trade practices have been harming the American economy for years and he is taking measures long overdue.

Trump's actions hardly constitute a trade war, since he has focused mostly on China. The tariffs on steel and aluminum imports do not apply to Canada or Mexico, and other countries may request exemptions. Also, Trump has focused narrowly on a handful of industries such as solar panels, washing machines, steel and aluminum.

China has sold steel and other products to the U.S. at cost or below for years, due to extra capacity. China also is accused of other unfair trade practices, primarily stealing intellectual property that has cost the U.S. an estimated \$225 billion to \$600 billion a year, according to the Department of Commerce.

But fears of a wider trade war were fueled early April when China retaliated with threats of tariffs on U.S. imports of more than 130 products, from fruits and wine to chemicals and aircraft. Trump responded by threatening new tariffs on more than \$100 billion worth of Chinese imports. The markets will ultimately determine the winner of this trade tiff. In the meanwhile, try to ignore the tweets and posturing until trade representatives meet and final agreements are drafted in the months ahead.

Tariffs date back to the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. The Tariff Act of 1789 was passed to raise money for the new federal government and to protect young U.S. industries. Foreign



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tariffs remained the primary source of federal revenue until the federal income tax was imposed in 1913.

Some economists believe high tariffs played a part in triggering the Great Depression in the 1930s, but most say they played a minor role if any. After World War II, the U.S. championed free trade, and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was signed

in 1947, liberalizing trade among capitalist countries. GATT became the World Trade Organization in 1995, following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Since that time the U.S. has rarely used tariffs as a weapon in foreign trade, although officials have retained U.S. agricultural subsidies. In fact, trade was liberalized even further with passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994, and in 2000 when President Clinton led an effort to admit Communist China into the WTO. Trump contends these agreements have been unfair to the U.S., and that selective tariffs will help right some of the wrongs until the pacts are renegotiated.

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Carolyn Augur & Co Affiliate With Orange's Coldwell Banker



The Carolyn Augur & Co. team. Contributed Photo.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced April 25 that the Carolyn Augur & Co. team has affiliated with the company's Orange office. As an affiliated team, this group will provide residential real estate services across New Haven County.

Formerly of William Raveis, Augur brings with her 21 years of experience in the industry. Her team's extensive resume includes top and elite team awards in real estate.

"Carolyn and her team's passion for real estate and dedication to their clients perfectly align with Coldwell Banker's standard of excellence," said Aileen DeFeo, branch manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Orange office. "We are looking forward to watching Carolyn and her team grow their existing business in new and strategic ways."

A long-time Milford resident, Augur has been

active in numerous organizations, including multiple REALTOR® associations, on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club, as a Light the Night Leukemia Foundation team member, as a Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation team member, with the St. Joseph High School Athletic Association, on the Foran High School Parent Association, on the Foran High School Athletic Association, as the founder of the Milford chapter of Dining for Women, as part of the Milford Arts Council Board of Directors, and as the volunteer coordinator Milford's 375th Anniversary Committee in 2014.

Augur's team includes Bob Augur, Heike Severine, Laura Gorlick, Janet Montalbano, Joline Schilling, Gwen Thibault, Robin Ungaro, Diana Moore, Anna Oze and Mary Greenspun.

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Getting To Know You:

A Lunch Date With Rotary

After my last article, I got an invitation from a friend, Steve, to have lunch with the Rotary Club of Orange. So I recently went to the Racebrook Country Club for lunch with the Rotarians. During lunch I sat with Rotarians Steve, Roger, Carl and Diane, and they educated me about the Orange Rotary Club.



DAVID CROW

Rotary International started in 1913 in Chicago. A group of local businessmen decided they would have lunch together once a week. Each of them hosted the lunch at their homes on a rotating basis, hence the name "Rotary Club."

This group of Rotarians said they liked the idea of hosting luncheons at the members' homes, but then teased that the reason they couldn't do that is because Roger (the president for next year) lived in a place that no one could find, and if they ever found it then they could never get home again. Roger accepted the good-natured ribbing from his fellow members with a kind smile. Instead they meet for lunch at local restaurants and clubs once a week.

After Diane explained the meanings of the different color name tags each member wore to me, Bob (the current president) opened the meeting. The members greeted each other and then took turns fining themselves a few dollars apiece for being "happy" about various things. That laughter filled 10 minutes alone made the meeting completely worth the visit.

The most striking aspect of the meeting was the enormous volume of charitable and community outreach work the Orange

Rotary Club is doing. For example, on the local level the Rotary Club does things such as providing funding to the Orange Little League for a new scoreboard at Goldberg Field in the Old Tavern baseball complex. Internationally, Rotary provides funds for clean water initiatives in third world countries. They do all of this through tireless fundraising efforts. The yearly Rotary Lobster Festival at the Orange Community Center is just one of many examples.

One international initiative that the Orange Rotary Club supports is the Gift of Life Foundation. Lynda, who before the meeting showed me pictures of her hydroponically grown cherry tomatoes, is the president of the Rotary District 7980 Gift of Life Foundation and told me that Gift of Life is a nonprofit that funds pediatric cardiac operations worldwide. During the meeting she reported that Gift of Life, with the help of a group of children, had recently raised \$10,000 to fund three more operations. She also announced that she would continue her horticultural adventures by helping the students at St. Martin's de Porres Academy in New Haven plant a garden.

My hour and a half with the Orange Rotary flew by. I'd especially like to thank Bob for his stories about his experiences with quarter horses and Diane and Steve for patiently indulging my lecture on various aspects of Hill Latin, such as the proper use of "y'all" and the meaning of "sigogglin." *Hill Latin* is the title of a book that contained definitions of various terms and phrases

you'll hear throughout the Appalachian and Ozark regions of the country. About 30 years ago I bought the book at a truck stop called Hill Billy Junction on Route 63 outside of Willow Springs, Missouri.

I have travelled through a lot of this country, and almost everywhere I've been I've seen a sign welcoming me to that town. Attached to these welcome signs there is invariably a sign for the local Rotary Club among other civic organizations. It seems the signs have faded a bit in the weather, but the Rotary Club is still out there fostering fellowship among its members and growing communities by generously supporting both local and international initiatives. If you'd like to join the Orange Rotary Club or just spend a pleasant lunch chatting with them, you can contact Roger

at 203-605-5151. He'll be glad to tell you all about it. Until next time, y'all come out now!

David Crow lives in Orange with his wife and three children. He practices law and he asks everyone to call him "Dave." Only his mother and his wife call him "David," and only when they're mad at him. You can contact Dave at Sit.a.Spell.and.Visit@gmail.com. He'll always find a half hour for a good chat.

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On Your Mind:

Stop Making Mountains Out Of Molehills

Have you ever noticed that you seem to take a small problem and magnify it into a major issue? Have you ever overreacted and didn't know why? Do you feel unprepared or wonder how to respond in situations that spin out of control very quickly? Allow me to shed some light from a perspective that offers positive outcomes.

We are all a product of our life experiences. All our life experiences are stored in our unconscious minds, sorted, in some ways, by emotions. For example, if you were to recall a time in your past when you felt embarrassed, angry, sad or powerless, you may have several different recollections related to each feeling. Do this with a few different emotions, both positive and negative. Write down your results. You may be surprised at the things that come into your mind and how vivid the memories are.

Similar reactions happen on an unconscious level when one of those negative emotions is triggered in your

present experience. You may feel angry if your spouse leaves their dirty laundry somewhere, even though you repeatedly asked them to stop doing it. Perhaps they change for a short time but then revert to old habits. Your anger may appear to be an overreaction to a simple laundry dispute, but it triggers a feeling in you that you've had in the past where you felt powerless or ignored.

Your reaction is really about your past, and the effect on you is much deeper than your spouse could imagine. It also could stem from the way you feel at work if you are frustrated by the lack of respect you feel it represents.

If you or someone else appears to overreact, realize that it has less to do with you and more to do with them. That's not to say that it's "their problem." It just requires



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understanding and compassion instead of defensiveness. Perhaps if you knew how it really made them feel, you would be more inclined to permanently change your behavior because you love them and wouldn't deliberately hurt or disrespect them.

What is a positive way to react to someone who is overreacting to a situation or comment? I'm reminded of when I used to teach child development. I had a sign in my room that said, "Children need love most when they deserve it the least." If a child says, "I hate you," you focus on the feelings and ignore the words. A positive response would be, "You're very angry and upset, aren't you?" It opens discussion about the feelings behind the remarks and helps you understand how to deal with the real underlying issue.

It's not that different with an adult. You

can respond by telling them that you can see that they're really upset and ask what's really going on or what's really bothering them. It may not be easy in the moment, but by understanding there is another issue you demonstrate compassion and a willingness to listen.

Unfortunately, it takes restraint and control to not react when someone else is overreacting. Awareness is the key to making changes. Hypnosis can help you change your reactions and create thoughtful responses by helping to resolve some of your past issues. Self-awareness can help you to be mindful when your spouse makes you feel the same way your parent or boss made you feel. That way you can avoid responding repeatedly making a mountain out of a molehill.

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Travel Matters

Touring the World through Taste

Live to eat or eat to live, most all of us enjoy the culinary part of travel.

Some destinations, such as Barcelona – which has become well known for tapas (a little of this, a taste of that) – have made their impact on our own culinary scene, with restaurants such as Bistro Basque in Milford and Barcelona in Norwalk and Fairfield. Then there are culinary specialties like bouillabaisse (loosely translated as fish soup). Bouillabaisse appears on some French restaurant menus in Connecticut but reaches its pinnacle at the Miramar restaurant in the port of Marseille in France. Connoisseurs of this south of France specialty begin with a rich bowl of golden soup along with thick slices of crusty bread. They follow it with a second tureen full of six types of seafood – a banquet in a bowl, fresh from the

Mediterranean Sea – evocative of the unique location from which it originated.

Many of the trendiest locations serve specialties that have inspired TV shows, such as Netflix's "Somebody Feed Phil," produced by and starring Phil Rosenthal, the creator of "Everybody Loves Raymond" and a true globe-trotting foodie in his own right. In his episode on Lisbon, he talks about pastéis de nata, a flaky pastry filled with rich golden custard that I look forward to sampling on our Portugal and Spain trip that starts in Lisbon this October. Apparently, these pastries grace every bakery window in Lisbon and are impossible to miss when you



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visit this capital city.

Chances are if you have been to a Mexican restaurant, you have either seen ceviche on a menu or tasted it many times. But did you know that the world's best ceviche originated in the city of Lima, Peru? Thinly sliced pieces of white fish are marinated for a few hours in a concoction of lime juice, onions, hot peppers, corn, cilantro and more garlic than you can imagine. This dish celebrates the seafaring culture of the cosmopolitan city of Lima.

In Saigon, you can have spring rolls from street vendors or at many of the local restaurants that are nothing like we have here in the US. Crisp green lettuce and fresh Vietnamese mint and perilla leaves are

wrapped around tiger shrimp and crab meat brushed with a local pungent fish sauce. But as we learned at a cooking class at the former estate of Henry Cabot Lodge (now owned by the top local tour company), the true magic lies in the wrappers. Translucent rice papers tightly wrapped around the greens and seafood make for a package that when fried to a delicious crunch create a heavenly taste.

Whether you prefer to explore these worldly treats on your own, book a chef's market excursion on a Mediterranean cruise or join one of the latest culinary-focused tours that are springing up all over the globe, part of the fun is in the discovery.

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Wine Talk:

Wines Don't Have To Be Expensive To Be Good

There are many good and fine wines that are not expensive. They drink like wines that are two or three times the price. In blind tastings, these wines will usually finish in the top three out of a dozen wines. Yet Americans are afraid to be adventurous and try some of these wines.

Seastone Vinho Verde: this is a product of the Northern Coastal area of Portugal. The name literally means the "Green Wine." It is called this not because of its color, but due to the fact that it is drunk young. Originally, the wine wasn't given a chance to fully ferment, so it had a little bubble activity. This modern version is, however, fully fermented and refreshingly fruity. It goes well with cold meals, salads, Asian cuisine and big fish dishes. It is best served well-chilled. At about \$7, it is a treat.

Grave Pinot Grigio from Friuli imported by Kirkland: This is not my favorite wine varietal, but this is the best region for this grape. The 2016 vintage displays a fragrant bouquet of crisp apple with flowery hints. Bright acid follows with a clean refreshing

finish. Not bad for \$6 and change.

Frontera Sauvignon Blanc 2010: This wine is owned by the huge Spanish wine consortium Concha y Toro. It is one of the largest wine producers in Europe. The wine is from Chile, however, and it is earthy, easy drinking and a great value at about \$5.

Est! Est!! Est!!! di Montefiascone: This wine has been produced in the small city of Montefiascone for well over a thousand years. In the year 1111, the Bavarian bishop Johannes Defuc was traveling to Rome under the instructions of the emperor Henry V to visit with the heavenly father. He had sent his monk manservant Martin ahead to find a suitable inn for the bishop to stay the night. He was told to write "Est" (it is) above the door of an inn with good wine, and if the wine was very good to write "Est, Est." The bishop with his entourage came upon an inn in the town of Montefiascone, where Martin had written "Est! Est!! Est!!!"



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Needless to say, the Bishop knew where to stay that night. In fact, he never left the village. He never made it to Rome. He stayed in Montefiascone and blessed grapes at crush each year until he died. Since then, every year at the crush a cask of Est! Est!! Est!!! is broken and spilled over his tomb. The story is better than the wine, but the wine is still very good at about \$10 per bottle.

Jac Cole: This is an oak fermented double fermentation Chardonnay from Alexander Valley in Sonoma County. It is exceptional. It is a buttery vanilla with a nice finish that would be comfortable with any lobster dish. At \$12.99 it is a steal.

Some red wines include a 2015 Bogle Pinot Noir from Bogle Vineyards. At under \$15, it is a great representative of a California pinot noir. Wonderful black cherry and blueberry abound. Paso Robles 2016 Mina Mesa Cabernet is gaining a good deal of attention as well. The grapes from Troy

Javadi are some of the finest in California. He is a seventh-generation farmer. At under \$10, it is a treat.

Finally, we go back to Costco to try the fantastic Kirkland Mendoza Argentina Malbec 2015. This wine was aged for 12 months in oak barrels. Mendoza is known as the land of sun and wine. This wine has an exceptional balance of fruit and oak and at \$7, it is a fantastic buy.

Email me with some of your favorite affordable super wines.

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Here's To Your Health:

Perception Is Reality

I've heard it said, "When truth is blurred by lies and misinformation, perception becomes reality and all is lost."

What people perceive is usually what they believe, and this is based on what they hear, see and think. So I challenge you today to believe you can make health and wellness – body, soul and spirit – your reality.

At this time of year you're being inundated with how many weeks are left until summer and to get yourself into amazing bathing suit shape. Well, this is a lie, a tool to get you to spend money on things that are generally geared to set you up for failure. We can juice, cleanse and sweat ourselves to exhaustion. However, if we have not adopted educating ourselves, lowering our stress, eating realistically healthy and finding time to quiet

our minds, we are not adopting wellness as a lifestyle.

Yes, spring is the perfect time to detox our bodies with healthy green leafy veggies that have already begun to sprout from the earth. We should definitely take advantage of introducing spring fruits and vegetables into our meals. We should also take time to notice how things are coming to life around us, with colorful plants returning and buds sprouting on the trees. With technology becoming such a major distraction to connecting to others, we can and should reverse the trend and use it as a tool to help us. Set your calendar to remind you to take a walk after dinner with a friend, to take 15



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minutes to rest and meditate or to encourage you for a specific daily workout routine, rather than check who's "liking" what or getting the latest news story.

Small changes like this are the beginning steps to changing your overall wellness for real.

A long time ago, I used to smoke. On vacation this week, I met a woman who was headed to the smoking section and asked me not to judge her. I told her I was the last person to do that because I understood her struggle. She asked me how I quit. I explained I had to change the way I thought about myself. I had to tell myself daily (if not hourly) at times that I was a non-smoker. I

encouraged her to do the same.

God didn't create us to slowly kill ourselves by lack of knowledge, addiction or depression. You have heard me say it before, but the battlefield is in your mind. You are not what you feel, you are what you believe.

Inside each of us is a better person trying to get out so our light can shine a little brighter. It's up to each of us to help one another be better, to lift each other up in our struggles. So here we are. I'm telling you that you can do this. I believe in you. You are worth it. Let spring be the beginning of a new you. Just as the flowers grow, you can flourish with them.

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Orange Resident's Blog "Prison Diaries" Wins Webby Award

The blog "Prison Diaries," written by Orange resident Chandra Bozelko, announced April 24 that it won the People's Voice Webby Award for Best Personal Blog in the 22nd Annual Webby Awards. Hailed as the "Internet's highest honor" by *The New York Times*, the Webby Awards, presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, is the leading international awards organization honoring excellence on the Internet.

"Prison Diaries" has been honored by the Webby Awards twice before, in 2016 and 2017, but this is the first year that the blog was nominated – and won.

Started in 2011 at the *New Haven*

Independent, "Prison Diaries" was the first regular column by an incarcerated writer in a non-prison newspaper. When it was cancelled, Bozelko continued to write and saved her columns for publication after her release from York Correctional Institution in Niantic. Since its start in 2014, "Prison Diaries" has won awards from the Webby Awards and the National Society of Newspaper Columnists.

"Prison Diaries" has set the standard for innovation and creativity on the Internet," said Claire Graves, Executive Director of the Webby Awards. "This award is a testament to the skill, ingenuity, and vision of its creators."

"When I hand-wrote essays in my cell

at York Correctional Institution, I never thought that my chicken scratch would even see daylight, much less be considered for a prestigious prize like the Webby Award," Bozelko said. "I'm really grateful to the people who voted and supported me as I try to provide a peek into the modern prison. I'm so gratified that people are paying attention to the ways we treat incarcerated people in this country."

IADAS, which nominates and selects the Webby Award winners, is comprised of digital industry experts, including Lyft CEO Logan Green, Girls Who Code Founder Reshma Saujani, Gimlet Media CEO Alex Blumberg, Instagram's Eva Chen, CNN host

Van Jones, Internet inventor Vint Cerf, and Playmatics CEO Margaret Wallace.

"Prison Diaries" will be honored at the Webby Awards ceremony on Monday May 14, at Cipriani Wall Street in New York City, where winners will have an opportunity to deliver one of the Webby Awards' famous 5-word speeches. Notable 5-word speeches include: Steve Wilhites "It's Pronounced 'Jif' not 'Gif'"; Björk's "A.E.I.O.U."; and The Women's March, "Women, look what we did!" Fans can watch the show highlights on the Webby Awards YouTube channel. A full list of both the Webby Awards and Webby People's Voice winners can be found at webbyawards.com/winners.

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TRISH O'LEARY TREAT

Orange "old timers" sometimes mention the Wilson H. Lee Company, a directory publishing firm that was once a landmark on the Post Road where the Home Depot plaza is now. An article in the *New Haven Register* dated June 9, 1929, proclaimed in glowing terms the Orange building Lee planned for his company.

The story headline was "Unique \$750,000 Advertising-Printing Plant Example of New Business Trend." Born in Hardwick, Massachusetts in 1852, founder Wilson H. Lee had begun publishing city directories by the age of 21. His company started out in Bridgeport and moved to New Haven in 1876. Lee was an active public figure there: police commissioner under four mayors and Chamber of Commerce president, among other organizations in which he had a leadership role. The company moved once again, to Orange, in 1929.

Calling Mr. Lee both an idealist and a "doer," the *Register* article described his plans not only for a modern printing plant, but also for employee housing. "Homes will be built

there for the workers, financed, if necessary, by the company." Lee, already 77 years old, envisioned further expansion within the 800-acre tract the company owned. He told the *Register* he planned to include a community center complete with tennis courts, a baseball field, extensive landscaping and "paths and roadways that will further dispel the evidences of industrialism."

The distinctive plant, with 50,000 square feet of floor space, was to have twin towers designed to be decorative but also functional, holding water used in the printing process. Le said he would install "the most modern automatic machinery" to reduce labor needs to a minimum. The article said there would be about 150 employees and "the new Lee home will in no sense be 'another factory.'"

Mary Woodruff's 1949 history of Orange offers more details about Lee. He bought the Orange First District School House (on Orange Center Road) and had it remodeled into his family residence. In 1902 he bought a hundred-acre farm from Lyman Nettleton

and started Fairlea Farm. Beginning with one cow, Fairlea by 1929 had a herd of 300 Jersey and Ayrshire cows. Lee claimed his dairy offered the best milk available.

In 1912, Lee's daughter Prudence married John Demarest. Demarest became the manager

as well. He held offices in a variety of trade associations, farming associations and social clubs.

In Woodruff's account, Lee was "forced to retire from active life," but she doesn't say when. He lived to the age of 94, dying in 1948. Woodruff summed up her impression of him as "a gentleman

of the old school... as keenly interested in the welfare of the town as if he had come down from the founding fathers."

Lee's vision of the future for the Wilson E. Lee Company was never fully realized. Five months after the *Register* article appeared,

on October 29, the stock market crashed. By 1931, the West Haven Bank and Trust, like 8,000 other banks around the country, closed its doors for good. Presumably, the plans for financing workers' houses did as well. Nonetheless, the printing plant was built and remained a Post Road landmark for many years. For some Orange residents, that memory lives on today.



of Lee's printing business and together with his father-in-law involved himself in Orange's organizations and activities.

In addition to Lee's pursuits in printing and farming, by 1929 he was also a director of three banks: the First National Bank and Trust Company of New Haven, the New Haven Morris Plan Bank, and the West Haven Bank and Trust Company. He was a trustee of the Connecticut Savings Bank



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Members of the Devon Rotary Club took a Danube river cruise trip April 6 via AmaWaterways. The group arranged a custom tour that included a strudel-making workshop at Schonbrunn Palace kitchen in Vienna, Austria. Top row, from left: Gary Koch, Ken Vigneault, Mike Zanarini, Tracy Edwards, Vinnie Lambiase, Frank Panzer, Colleen Otzel, the chef, Todd Jackson, Jason Jenkins, Denise Secondi, Ken Kehoe, and Jim Secondi. Bottom row, from left: Babe Desrosiers, Montie Horton-Kehoe, Eileen Russell, Linda Lambiase, Paul Otzel, Rotary President Tami Jackson, Nancy Weber, Kim Jenkins, and Mark Weber. *Contributed photo.*




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Those Who Give:

Knight's Family Firefighting Legacy Continues

Lifelong Orange resident John Knight, recent past Chief of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department, is a man who has been serving the community for decades. Through his service over the past 46 years, he carries on his family's legacy of firefighting. He is passionate about the work that the fire department does.

"Firefighting is in our blood," the second-generation town native said. "My grandfather moved to Orange in the 1920s, and he was the first fire chief."

Knight's father, also born and raised in Orange, was part of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department and was fire chief in the 1980s. His brother, Fred, served as fire chief for a period in the 1990s. It was natural, then, for Knight to not only join the department, but to rise to the office of fire chief, which he held for four years before stepping down in March.

"I'll still remain in the department,



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though; I just had to scale back a bit," Knight explained. "Being an officer takes up a lot of time, and as the chief it's even more. I love it, but aside from volunteering with the fire department, I have a full-time job – I'm the third generation running Knights, Inc., an outdoor power equipment company, and a family."

The Orange Fire Department, which is 100 percent volunteer, has two fire stations and approximately 65 active firefighters, according to Knight.

He describes the volunteers as "a diverse group of men and women of all ages, who do what they do for the personal satisfaction."

Knight said he gets a feeling of personal satisfaction from being part of the department, especially when he or the other firefighters are recognized for their volunteer work.

"It doesn't happen all the time, but every once in a while, someone will say thank you. And that is enough to keep you going. It is

really special, and our firefighters are a really good group of people," he said.

Along with the rest of the volunteers, Knight focuses on fundraising on top of firefighting. Although the department is funded in part by a donation from the town, it doesn't meet the cost of running the services and purchasing equipment.

"It can be a challenge, but through sound fiscal management and fundraising, we can keep the department running," he said. "It isn't cheap, though. We are in the process of buying a new firetruck, and the cost of that is around \$870,000."

Through fundraisers like boot drives, donations from local residents and businesses, and proceeds from the Orange Volunteer Firemen's Carnival, scheduled for August 2 to 5, the department can operate optimally.

Although every one of the firefighters in Orange is a volunteer and has a job, family, and other responsibilities, Knight said the volunteers are as good as any professional.

"People expect that when they call 911

that someone will come timely, and those people will know what they are doing," he said. "I can assure them that the volunteers of Orange Volunteer Fire Department are just that. They will come quickly, know what they're doing, and will be there, in that role, because they want to."



John Knight Contributed Photo.

Volunteers Awarded At Milford Senior Center Brunch

The Milford Senior Center celebrated its volunteers' efforts April 23 with the annual Volunteer Awards Brunch.

The brunch, held at the center, honored the following volunteers: Susan Persett as Consignment Volunteer; Paula Hartlett as Office Volunteer; Terry Manno as Community Café Volunteer; Linda Gill as Ahrens Program Volunteer; and Barbara Harrington as Food Bank Volunteer.

The Milford Senior Center serves the specialized needs of the city's senior

population and provides a variety of services, ranging from exercise classes to creative writing to choral and Gospel choirs to medical transportation, Medicare information assistance and Meals on Wheels. The center also offers the Ahrens Program, which is tailored for older adults with cognitive impairments who require a supervised environment. The program also provides necessary down time to care givers.

For a full listing of the center's programs and services, visit milfordctseniorcenter.com.



Milford Mayor Ben Blake and Alderwoman Ellen Beatty, who serves as the liaison to the Council on Aging, attend the Milford Senior Center April 23 Volunteers Award Ceremony. Contributed photo.



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Planning Ahead

From The Bar:

Your Power Of Attorney Instrument Packs A Punch

A Power of Attorney Instrument (POA) is a very important document to have. If you are incapacitated (short term or long term), the POA allows the person you have designated (called an Agent) to step into your shoes to make financial decisions for you. In most instances, the absence of a POA means that someone in your family will need to go to the probate court to be appointed as the conservator of your estate. There are several reasons why we say the POA packs a punch.

A. It is effective immediately. Unless you expressly opt out, the POA is effective immediately upon its signing. The intent, of course, is that no one will use it unless the time comes that you need help with financial decision making. Your agent (ideally a first choice and at least one successor) will be someone you trust to do the right thing, and almost always that is the way it works out. Nevertheless, you need to be cognizant of the fact that, unless you opt out, the POA

is a “live document” when you sign it. Connecticut’s new Uniform Power of Attorney Act (effective October 1, 2016) provides that a copy of the POA has the same legal effect as the original. That means if you give a copy of the POA to your agent, the copy also is a “live” document. If you are not comfortable with the POA being effective immediately, you can state that it becomes effective only on the occurrence of a specified event such as “incapacity” as defined in the POA or as defined by Statute.

B. The POA grants broad powers to your agent. You certainly want your agent to be able to pay your bills and make deposits to



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your bank accounts. In addition to authorizing your agent to do that, the POA also authorizes your agent to do things such as access a safety deposit box, open or close an account at a financial institution, sell, mortgage or lease real property, run a business, buy or sell stocks and bonds, and make withdrawals from or contributions to retirement accounts. The new Uniform Power of Attorney Act also introduces the concept of “hot powers.” A “hot power” is one that is even more extraordinary and requires special thought and consideration on your part. Examples are making gifts of your assets, changing beneficiary designations on retirement

accounts, annuities, or life insurance policies, and creating, amending or terminating a revocable trust (also known as living trust).

Whether you should sign a POA that is effective immediately and that grants broad powers to your agent requires a family specific analysis/evaluation. What works for one family may not work for another family. You should meet with a skilled professional who will ask the right questions and help you reach a decision that makes sense for you and your family.

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Insuring Your Future:

New Medicare Numbers Rolling Out

Medicare began in April switching Medicare numbers from Social Security numbers with a letter at the end to new numbers. Over the next few months Medicare will mail out new cards to all Medicare Recipients. The process for the transition is as follows:

- You will get a new card with a new number that is unique to you. The reason for the change is to keep your information more secure and help protect your identity.
- Because of the large numbers of people who will be impacted, this process will take a few months and cards will arrive in random order.
- Don't be concerned if your card arrives at a different time from your spouse or your neighbor.
- Your new number will be effective immediately after you receive the card.
- People who enroll in Medicare for the

first time beginning this month will be among the first in the country to receive new cards.

Who else needs to know your new number?

- If you pay Medicare premiums, use your new number for the next payment.
 - If paying by check, write your new number on your check.
 - If paying using the online bill pay service, you need to update your account instructions using your new Medicare number.
 - Don't use dashes when entering the number.
 - Make sure the pay to is CMS Medicare Insurance.
- You should not need to notify your insurance provider with the new number. The



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information will be transmitted to them. Given the large number of clients and companies involved, the opportunity for error is great. However, each person on a Medicare Advantage, Supplement or Prescription Drug plan has a unique member number already, which is needed at the provider's office or at the pharmacy. People who have supplement plans (plan N, F, or G) should update the provider's office at their next appointment.

Many companies will continue to recognize the current Medicare numbers for the next several months to allow the new system to become fully operational.

If you have questions about your new card, it is probably best not to call Medicare

directly unless you have an hour or more to wait on hold. The better path is to go online to Medicare.gov.

If you want to know when new cards start mailing to your area, visit Medicare.gov/NewCard, and sign up to get email alerts from Medicare. They will send you an email when cards start mailing in your state, and will also email you about other important Medicare topics. While the cards have a new look, your Medicare coverage and benefits will stay the same.

Last but not least, make sure your mailing address is up to date. To correct your address, contact Social Security at sss.gov/myaccount or call 1-800-772-1213.

Trish Pearson is a licensed independent insurance agent and certified long term care specialist. Contact her at 203-640-5969 or trishpearson281@gmail.com.

From The Bench:

Probate Court Resources To Support and Protect Your Child with Intellectual Disabilities

Having a child with intellectual disabilities (“ID”) brings with it different challenges than for a child of neurotypical abilities but our hopes and dreams are the same. As our children mature into adulthood, we hope for their continued safety, security and independence.

The majority of people have an IQ score between 85 and 115. Under Connecticut law, an intellectual disability means a significant limitation in intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior that originated during the developmental period before eighteen years of age and having an intelligence quotient more than two standard deviations below the mean. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-1g. Any one with an IQ score of 69 or below, is considered to have an intellectual disability.

Once a child attains the magical age of 18 years, the law deems them an adult for all decision-making purposes. Yet if your child has ID, then guardianship may still be needed for medical, educational, vocational and other decisions. The

Probate Court system is a resource for parents of adult children with ID. There are three probate proceedings that may assist a parent with continued decision-making authority: guardianship of adults with intellectual disabilities, involuntary conservatorship of adult with impaired capacity, and voluntary conservatorship.

So how do you know which petition to file to assist your adult child? The court can only appoint a guardian if the respondent has an IQ of 69 or lower. Individuals with developmental disabilities or diagnosed as on the autism spectrum with higher IQs cannot have a guardian. However, with evidence by a physician or a psychologist, an involuntary conservatorship may be the best petition. And in some situations, the adult child can seek to appoint a parent on a voluntary basis.

What are the differences?



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Guardianship:

- By definition, the “triggering” disability diagnosed prior to age 18
- DDS Assessment and possible DDS services
- Focus on medical, educational and vocational decision making and placement outside the family home
- Goal: with maturity and development of life skills, may be modified from plenary to limited or no guardianship

- As of 01/01/2018, financial authority to manage \$10,000 or less

Conservatorship:

- Typically, but not always, an impairment in capacity that arose in adulthood – medical or cognitive impairment (typical case – dementia / TBI)
- Authority to manage assets
- Restrictions on placement / change in residence
- Medical evidence of impairment required (physician or psychologist – autism spectrum)

What are the similarities?

Annual guardian or conservator reports
Triennial reviews to determine whether guardianship or conservatorship should be continued, modified or terminated

Court – appointed attorney for respondent
Can be filed before 18th birthday with appointment effective at age 18 years

According to Special Olympics.org, “approximately 6.5 million people in the United States have an intellectual disability”. I love one of the slogans of the Special Olympics – “The Power to Transform Lives”. Accepting and integrating individuals with ID into sports, employment, music, and other productive engagements is a win-win for our society.

As probate judge, I strive to help families find a balance between authorities to make decisions and enhancing the individual's ability to be as independent as possible.

The Hon. Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas is a Judge of Probate for the Milford-Orange Probate Court. She can be reached at judgebeverly@aol.com.

Lawmakers Host Fire Service Day At State Capitol



House Republican Leader Themis Klarides, along with State Reps. Nicole Klarides-Ditria and Linda Gentile joined local fire chiefs at the State Capitol April 11 for Fire Service Day. Top row, from left: Vaughan Dumas, Orange Fire Chief; Chuck Stankye III, former Derby Fire Chief; Kenneth Mitchell, former Orange Fire Chief; and James Trzaski former Fire Chief Beacon Hose. Bottom row, from left: Klarides, Gentile, and Klarides-Ditria. *Contributed photo.*

Relay For Life To Be Held In Orange

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Bethany Orange Woodbridge will take place from noon Saturday, May 19 until 8 a.m. Sunday, May 20 at the Orange Fairgrounds at 525 Orange Center Rd. in Orange. Relay For Life is an overnight fundraising walk where participants form teams with their family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. Teams camp out at the fairgrounds and take turns walking around the track, with entertainment and activities going on all day.

The opening ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. Cancer survivors are honored by having them kick-off the event by taking the first lap. A dinner and activity will later celebrate survivors, their caregivers and families. There will also be a luminaria ceremony at 9 p.m., where bags decorated in

honor or in memory of a loved one affected by cancer are lit up around the track with glow sticks.

The American Cancer Society recognizes that many teams and individuals would prefer to join the group for an abbreviated period during the overnight event; all are welcome to come and join at any time during the event.

To sign up for the event for free or to learn how you can take action to help move us one step closer to a world free from cancer, visit relayforlife.org/bowct, or contact Sally Miller at 203- 379-4790 or sally.miller@cancer.org. Fundraising through your Relay For Life event supports the Society's mission to prevent cancer, save lives, and diminish suffering from the disease.

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Politics

Staneski, Ferraro Join Republican Colleagues To Unveil State Budget Proposal



State Reps. Charles Ferraro and Pam Staneski joined their Republican colleagues in supporting their party's budget proposal. *Contributed photo.*

State Reps. Pam Staneski (R-119) and Charles Ferraro (R-117) joined their Republican colleagues in the House and Senate in late April to offer an alternative budget proposal that fully eliminates the \$321.5 million deficit and restores funding for core services.

The proposal aims to eliminate

Connecticut's \$321.5 million budget deficit without raising taxes while maintaining funding for transportation, Education Cost Sharing grants, core social services, and tax breaks for seniors, retirees and working families. According to a statement, more dollars are also dedicated to repaying

the state's unfunded liabilities, including the State Employees' Retirement Fund, the Teachers' Retirement Fund, and the Teachers' Healthcare Fund.

The representatives say they will continue to advocate for further structural changes to state government, and to reduce funds that had been allocated to bailing out the city of Hartford.

The Republican proposal claims to fully balance the fiscal year 2019 budget. The plan would direct any revenue that exceeds the defined volatility cap toward the following three areas in equal thirds: the state employee retirement fund; the teacher's retirement fund (with \$8 million of that earmarked for the retired teachers health fund); and the rainy day fund.

The proposal fully funds the Special Transportation Fund, restores funding for the Medicare Savings Program, and avoids the governor's proposed cuts to education funding and municipal aid.

During a meeting of the Appropriations Committee, of which Staneski is a member, the Democrat majority refused to support the Republican plan, instead voting for its own spending plan. The Republicans claim

that plan which did not address the state's unfunded liability, and that it included \$213 million more in state spending than the legislature had agreed to in the bipartisan budget passed in November 2017.

"What we need to understand is that continuing to not address our unfunded pension liabilities has a ripple effect on the state's economy," Staneski said. "Our budget proposal works to tackle the long-term debt problem head on. Rather than increasing state spending, our plan would put any surplus revenue towards those liabilities and the rainy day fund. The budget balances in a way that is practical, sustainable, and predictable. Connecticut has a long road to recovery, and this budget reflects that reality, but it also gives us the structure we need to achieve that goal."

"Our budget plan is balanced and a pro-taxpayer approach that will continue our efforts to reform state government," Ferraro said. "We need to prioritize spending, reshape state government, and help those that need it the most. The budget we presented does just that and will create a predictable economic environment that residents and businesses can trust."

Michele Gregorio Announces Run For State Senate

Michele Gregorio officially announced her candidacy for the State Senate in the 14th district April 8 in front of a room full of supporters at the Offshore Restaurant in West Haven. The district includes Milford, Orange, and parts of West Haven and Woodbridge.

Gregorio filed with the State Elections Enforcement Commission in February with the intention of taking on seven-term incumbent Gayle Slossberg. Since that time, she has been building support for her candidacy. Now it is an open seat. Gregorio's determination to win the seat and remains as strong as ever.

"As many of you know, I have recently retired as Controller of the BIC lighter plant in Milford," she said during her announcement. "And you might ask, why step directly out of retirement right into a political campaign? The reasons are clear. We have all seen the financial decline of our state made even worse by Malloy policies supported by the majority party in the State Legislature. These Hartford politicians

failed to understand the impact that two of their largest tax increases would have on us. I would never have supported these tax increases. I would not have voted for our second largest tax increase in 2015, like James Maroney did when he was a State Representative."

As Controller of BIC's lighter division, Gregorio managed a \$90 million budget, and her responsibilities included union negotiations. She serves on the West Haven Board of Finance and served as chairman of the West Haven Republican Town Committee from 2016 to 2018.

"We need people in the State Senate who have experienced and understand the day-to-day struggle for success, who have worked hard in the real world to achieve for themselves and their families," she said. "We must return our state to a place where our children and grandchildren can have stable futures. There is a path to better times, but we must act now and elect people who have a range of experience

that will enable them to make the correct decisions no matter how difficult they may be."

A lifelong Connecticut resident, Gregorio has experience in business, finance and community service.

While raising her first child as a single mother, she earned a degree in accounting. Later she married, and while raising five children, graduated from New York University with a bachelor's degree in health care policy and planning, magna cum laude.

Recruited by the Standard Motor Products Corporation as a cost accountant, Gregorio was responsible for compliance with government regulations, giving her an understanding of

the impact regulation has on business.

"When I was employed by Echlin/Dana as the shut-down accountant, I saw first-hand the impact of a major business leaving Connecticut," she said. "It was a very sad time to witness a former Fortune 500 corporation reduced to nothing. I became determined to help to prevent such occurrences. We must do more to ease the burden on taxpayers by expanding our business tax base. We must support policies that encourage businesses to stay, and new ones to locate here."



Michele Gregorio. *Contributed photo.*

Contact Gregorio: michelepgregorio@gmail.com or 203-231-7274. Her website is micheleforstatesenate.com.

Blake Endorses Ned Lamont For Governor

Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake announced his endorsement Friday of Ned Lamont, Democratic candidate for governor, saying the Greenwich businessman has the best experience and vision to lead the state.

Blake made the announcement along with First Selectwoman Beth Heller of Woodbridge and First Selectman Curtis Read of Bridgewater.

"Ned has the character and courage to take on the significant challenges the next governor will face," Blake said. "He appeals to both sides of the aisle as a leader who inspires and delivers success."

Heller said, "Ned has a vision for Connecticut and the experience in business and the public sector to make it happen. We are facing some difficult fiscal years ahead, and I believe that Ned Lamont is the leader who can make our state a great place to live and raise a family again."

Read said, "I support Ned Lamont because he is progressive and understands what government can and should do. He

knows what business needs to succeed to get Connecticut's economy growing again. Ned has the intelligence and experience to chart a new course for Connecticut. He is also a natural leader who listens and cares for people from every walk of life."

Lamont announced his bid for governor in January and has won the support of state attorney general George Jepson, delegates at the AFL-CIO convention, and donations from 1,100 individuals of 106 cities and towns across Connecticut.

Lamont is a business leader and has taught as a professor at Central Connecticut State University for the last decade. He served on the Greenwich Board of Selectmen and challenged former Senator Joe Lieberman in 2006 over his support for the Iraq War. In 2008, he was an early supporter of Barack Obama, helping him win the support of Connecticut Democrats. In 2010, he challenged current governor Dannel P. Malloy for the nomination for governor. Malloy is not seeking a third term.

Kathy Kennedy To Run For State House

Kathy Kennedy has formally announced and filed her intention to seek the Republican nomination for the 119th district, which includes parts of Milford and Orange.

Kennedy is seeking to succeed incumbent State Rep. Pam Staneski, who is running for the 14th State Senate District.

"This was an easy decision that came after Pam and I sat down to talk about the state of Connecticut and its future," Kennedy said in a statement. "As I have always said, 'you can't change policy from the sideline.' It's time to suit up and get in the game and hopefully positively change

the outcome for our state. Governor Malloy's tax hikes and job-killing policies have proven so devastating for Connecticut that people are packing up and moving out. Pam has been a reasonable voice fighting against these failed policies while offering sensible solutions. She has done an exceptional job representing the people of Orange and Milford as a voice for the 119th and fighting against Governor Malloy's policies. I welcome the opportunity to serve with her, as she seeks to be our next senator, and address the fiscal crisis that lands

us at the bottom of every list."

"I pledge to the voters of the 119th district, that they will have a tireless advocate, and that I will make sure your voices are clearly heard at the State Capitol. The state needs to encourage greater opportunities for people and businesses to prosper and you need a representative that will support policies which will make Connecticut attractive again," said Kennedy. "I am eager to meet the people of the 119th and hear directly from them."



Kathy Kennedy. *Contributed photo.*

Kennedy has the support of Staneski, who said, "We are at a pivotal time in this state – our 'part-time' legislature cannot work part-time if we are going to address our 'full-time' problems, and that is why Kathy Kennedy is the perfect person to step up and represent the 119th. She is not afraid to shake things up, she knows the hard work that is in front of her and understands that maintaining the status quo will not work in the future. I ask the good people of the 119th who have entrusted me to represent them for the past four years to join me in supporting Kathy as she seeks to be your voice in Hartford – you will not be sorry."

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Dietch Reelected As Top Orange Democrat



Jody Dietch. Contributed photo.

The Orange Democratic Town Committee recently unanimously reelected Jody Dietch to a second, two-year term as chair of the committee. Jody was honored to be nominated by Margaret Novicki, recent candidate for first selectman.

“It is an honor to have the support of the Democrats in Orange and be elected to serve another term,” Dietch said. “We have been working to increase the visibility of Democrats in Orange and to inform the voters of the town that there are not more registered Republicans than Democrats in

Orange,” she said.

At a recent meeting of the ODTC, Janice Casey, Registrar of Voters, announced the number of registered Democrats is higher compared to Republicans.

“We are making strides in voter awareness,” Dietch said. “Residents are realizing the importance of registering. Now our goal is to turn those new registrations into voter turnout.”

Dietch grew up in Orange on Avon Drive. She attended Race Brook School, Amity Junior High School (as it was called then),

and graduated from Amity Regional High School. She lives in Orange with her husband, Jeff, and two sons, Howie and Mike. She served as President of Race Brook School’s PTA and was elected to two terms on the Orange Board of Education, serving eight years total. Dietch has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Keene State College and a master’s degree in public relations from American University.

Also elected as officers of the ODTC were Mary Welander as vice chair, Jen Alfaro as secretary and Stu Crystal as treasurer.

Imperati Elected As Orange Republican Chair



Pio Imperati. Contributed photo.

Pio Imperati was recently elected as the chair for the Orange Republican Town Committee.

Imperati, 38, is a lifelong Orange resident. He attended Peck Place School, was a 1997 Amity High School graduate, holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting from the University of Connecticut. He and his wife, Katerina, have two boys, 4-year-old Pio and Luca 1-year-old Luca.

Imperati started his career in public accounting with Arthur Andersen LLP. He now owns an executive search and recruitment firm called Talent Source Group LLC.

Imperati sits on the executive board of a

West Haven-based nonprofit organization called the Twelve Steps Club, Inc. The organization was founded in 1948 and is tasked with providing support and help to those who struggle with alcoholism and drug addiction. He is also a member of the Amity Club of New Haven, a nonprofit, philanthropic organization formed in 1936. He founded the Jared Rosner Memorial Scholarship Fund, a nonprofit that provides two annual scholarships to college bound seniors at Amity High School.

He served on the most recent Town of Orange Charter Revision Committee and is a tee ball coach in the Orange Little League.

Milford Day Celebrated At Capitol

Milford Day was celebrated on Tuesday, April 10th at the State Capitol.

Milford pride was on full display as legislators welcomed many businesses and organizations, public officials, residents and visitors.



Klarides Says Judiciary Can’t Afford New Judges

Just as Democrats did nearly eight years ago to the day during a previous fiscal crisis, House Republican Minority Leader Themis Klarides called April 22 for a halt to any new judicial appointments because the state cannot afford to fund the positions.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy has named 30 people for judgeships, each one at an annual cost of \$291,410, not including fringe benefits. Chief Court Administrator Patrick Clifford III has said due to cutbacks and retirements, there is not enough staff or funding to support 30 new judges. The Judiciary Committee voted on judges April 23.

“Clearly we do not have enough available funds, staff or even caseloads to justify putting 30 more people on the bench. This is not about whether these nominees are qualified, although each one must be

thoroughly vetted,” Klarides said. “This is about getting our state’s budget straight and not committing to massive new funding levels that are unsustainable and don’t make sense for the Judicial Department.”

On April 21, 2010, 90 Democratic House members appealed to then Speaker Chris Donovan to delay any votes on judges, saying the court system could not afford them. Rell only wanted to appoint 10 at the time, her last batch before leaving office. Malloy similarly is looking at the last appointments before he leaves.

Carroll in an April 18 letter to Klarides said, “Court monitors, temporary assistant clerks and judicial marshals are all under minimum staffing levels because of budget constraints. Very often courts cannot go into session or are delayed because of staff changes.”

Eight years ago, then Judiciary Chairman Michael Lawlor warned, “[The nominees] will not be approved by the House of Representatives until the budget issues are addressed.”

There is a deficit in the current fiscal year, a larger deficit projected for next year, and Connecticut is facing a multi-billion-dollar shortfall when the next governor and legislature are seated in 2019.

Carroll also pointed out that caseloads across the spectrum, from civil to criminal, family, small claims and juvenile, have decreased over the last five years. Some courthouses have a single judge on hand at times.

“Cases are down, staffing is below minimum required levels, the state is facing huge deficits and revenue is volatile,” Klarides said. “Simply put, we cannot afford 30 more judges right now.”

Republican Candidates Visit Orange

Several Republicans running for state offices showed up in Orange April 25 to present themselves before the Orange Republican Town Committee meeting ahead of the state party’s convention in May.

Winning endorsements from local town committees is considered key to clinching the party’s nomination, because delegates to the convention are usually members of these committees.



Kathy Kennedy, State House, 119th District. Photo: Lexi Crocco.



Michele Gregorio, State Senate, 14th District. Photo: Lexi Crocco.



Tony Giannattasio, State Senate, 14th District. Photo: Lexi Crocco



Mark Lauretti, Governor. Photo: Lexi Crocco



Peter Thalheim, Governor. Photo: Lexi Crocco

Historic Home From page 1



Historic preservation specialist Wess Corjuc stands next to the exposed basement and the salvaged materials for reconstruction of the historic Alling home, which he plans to rebuild. Contributed photo.

“It’s unfortunate that this house was deemed in poor condition and had to come down, but that’s the struggle with houses made of wood in New England,” said Jim Zeoli, Orange’s first selectman. “I’m glad that it is being replaced with something that does justice to the history of the original home.”

According to records kept by the RWA, the home was built in the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century and owned by the Alling family, who lived in the house and ran a nearby grist mill. The Alling family business began in 1823 as a wool

carding and processing company owned by Charles W. Alling. In 1845, Alling’s sons, Amos H. and C.B., developed the business into a woolen cloth manufacturer. The brothers moved the family firm to Derby, then called Birmingham, in 1858, where they became very successful. The Alling’s Paugassett Mill employed about 250 people and in 1880, produced “about 7,500 pairs of hose per day.”

The Alling family business was contracted to produce uniforms for the Union Army during the Civil War. The family was also involved with the Ousatonic Water Power

Company, which dammed the Housatonic River in 1870, providing electricity to fuel industrial development in surrounding communities.

The Alling family’s mill in Orange burned in 1900. In 1910, the New Haven Water Company, the predecessor of the RWA, purchased the Alling property north and south of the Derby Turnpike. The home sold by the RWA is the only surviving building of the Alling family business. Corjuc has said that he plans to give the rebuilt home to his two daughters once they complete their studies.

Youth & Education

Test Prep:

Hone Time Management With Practice Tests

Time is a very limited resource for everyone, and this holds especially true for high school students. School, homework, athletics, clubs, work – there never seem to be enough hours in the day. Taking three hours to take a practice test can seem like a huge commitment, and it is.

However, let me make the case for why taking practice tests is important. They can have a significant impact on your score, both from what you learn while taking them and how they can help you maximize your studying time afterwards. After years of helping students to prepare for standardized tests I cannot recommend them enough.

The SAT is a timed test, so time management is going to be crucial. Think of it like running a long-distance race. You need to find what your optimal pace is first, then you need to learn how to tell if you are running at that pace or not. You want to get a sense for how far into the race you should be after a certain amount of time has passed. The exact details of this will vary from runner to runner, so to

find your optimal pace you have to practice running a race distance. Similarly, on the SAT you want to be able to tell whether or not you are working at the right pace. You want to move fast enough to make sure that you get to every question, but you don't want to rush and make mistakes. You want to hit your optimal pace.

But how do you know what your optimal pace is? This is one place where practice tests are invaluable. By taking practice tests, you can practice the timing with a proctor. You can get a feel for how quickly you should work to maximize your score. There's no way to improve your timing skills without practice, and the earlier you start the better. The best practice is in test-like conditions – so it makes a difference if you are taking the test at home, timing yourself versus taking it around other students with a proctor. As much as the practice tests can be a pain, they are very much worth it in



JAMES MARONEY

the end. Students who take several practice tests consistently improve their scores more than students who do not, even when they do the same amount of test prep.

Another key element of practice tests is that they can help you to focus your review. You can look at the question breakdown and see if there are any patterns to the types of questions that you got wrong. You can then use that knowledge to guide your studying. If most of the questions that you got wrong were algebra questions, then it makes sense to focus on algebra problems. If the majority of your issues were on statistics type questions, then reviewing algebra will be less helpful. There is a lot of material covered on the SAT and your time is finite. Make sure you are being efficient.

One of the services that we offer with our practice tests is a more detailed breakdown of the different question types. That lets

us fine-tune our tutoring and studying plans. We can see if you need to focus on punctuation questions or on organization and topic sentences. This means that we can really focus in on the problem areas that will gain you the most points and help us to personalize your tutoring plan.

Practice tests are one of the best ways to prepare for the SAT. They are a chance to simulate the real thing and give you a way to test strategies and see what you still need to work on. You can only reap the benefits if you take them, so make sure that you include them in your studying plans. We offer practice tests in our office on several Sundays during the month. Check out our website at www.firstchoicecollege.com for more details.

James Maroney, is the owner of First Choice College, which has been helping local students prepare for college since 1999. James is also the former co-chair of the Financial Aid Working Group for the Connecticut State Planning Commission for Higher Education.

Orange Public Schools Launch Safety Tip Line

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

Superintendent of Orange Public Schools Vince Scarpetti announced at the Board of Education's April 23 meeting that the district has added an anonymous safety tip line to its web page.

The tip line is intended for students, parents, and community members to securely report the possibility of any potential threats involving students or schools.

Scarpetti said he expected information about the tip line to go out to parents around the first week of May.

"When we talk about safety and security measures, it's not just with the fortitude of our buildings," Scarpetti said in introducing the measure.

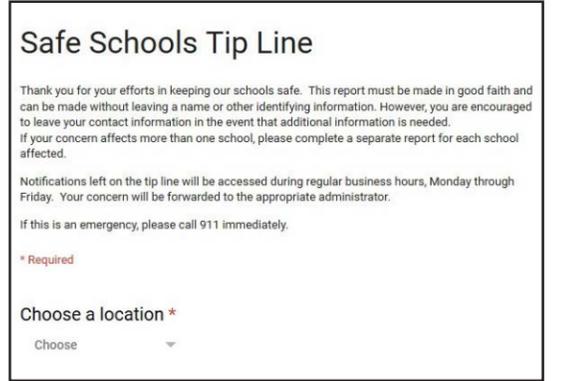
The tip line is not meant for emergencies; it will be checked only on Monday through Friday during regular business hours. The first page of the form provides the number for the Orange Police Department and 9-1-1.

The tip line is located at the very bottom of the Orange Public Schools homepage. Clicking on it brings users to a series of simple forms they can fill out to report the details of a suspicion or incident. Reporters

are encouraged to provide as much information as possible and to do so "in good faith."

Scarpetti said the layout for the system came largely from the Wallingford public schools, which already has a similar service in place.

In a separate action, the BOE voted to end the school year on Friday, June 15. It had been set to end the following Monday, but the extra day was not required under state law, which mandates a minimum of 180 school days.



Screenshot Of Orange Public Schools' Recently Launched Safety Tip Line

St. Mary School Hosts Mohegans



Contributed Photo

Tatum, Tessa and Owen Santos are students at St. Mary School, and are also descendants of Connecticut's Mohegans tribe. Their tribal heritage stems from their maternal grandmother. The children are culturally involved throughout the year.

In mid-April former Mohegan tribal

chairman, Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum made his way to St. Mary School and enlightened the students about tribal culture by giving a talk about its history, showing artifacts, and singing and dancing. The program ended with a lively question and answer period with the audience.

Students Art Displayed At Library



Orange elementary students had their art on display at the Case Memorial Library throughout April. Contributed photo.

The "Children of Orange K-6" exhibit, featuring the works of Orange students in kindergarten through sixth grades, was displayed during the month of April at the Case Memorial Library in Orange.

The art display is one of the most popular events at the library. A reception was held in April attended by parents and community members.

The annual display involves the participation of the Art in the Library Committee, the Orange Board of Education, Youth Services, the artists,

and volunteer parents.

Art in the Library and Youth Services thanks the following people who helped make the event a success: Superintendent of Schools Vince Scarpetti; principals Eric Carbone, Mike Gray, and Denise Arterberry; teachers Erin Garney, Jennifer Silva, and John Kaluzynski; Case Memorial Library Director Kathy Giotsas; Ann Marie DePetto, Administrative Assistant for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel; the art hanging volunteers; and the parents of all the artists.

Friends Of The Milford Library Announces Book, Scholarship Winners

The Friends of Milford Library have announced the winners of this year's Friends Book and Scholarship Awards. Winners of the Book Awards, which were given for the fourth year by the Friends, are members of the junior class at the five high schools in Milford: Henrique Errera of Platt Tech; Monica Pydipati of Jonathan Law; Maricarmen Silva of The Academy; Rachel Wywada of Luralton Hall; and Rewas Muhajir of Joseph A. Foran.

The Friends Scholarship Awards will be awarded to one student in each of the city's two public high schools: Frankie Terres from Jonathan Law and Chania Chaisson-Fortin from Joseph A. Foran. The winners were chosen by the staffs of their schools for their demonstrated strong and consistent love of reading, outstanding personal character, and the positive impact they have made on their school and community. The awards were presented at a ceremony in late April.

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of: Orange, Connecticut.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party and State election laws, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on:

Thursday, May 24, at 8:00 p.m.

High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Rd., Orange, CT

To endorse a candidate for Registrar of Voters.

Dated at Orange, Connecticut, on April 25, 2018.

Democratic Town Committee of Orange.

Jody Dietch, Chairperson

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TOWN OF ORANGE LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Pursuant to Section 2.6(c) of the Town Charter of the Town of Orange, notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Town of Orange who are qualified to vote in Town Meetings, that a referendum will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 between the hours of

12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange CT for the purpose of voting on the following question:

SHALL THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 69,885,168 BE ADOPTED? YES NO

Voters approving the question shall vote "YES." Those voters opposing the question shall vote "NO."

The polls will be open during the hours between 12:00 NOON and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) Voters will cast their votes at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT

Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Office of the Town Clerk. Copies of the Proposed Budget are available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The voting will take place pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.6(c) of the Town of Orange Charter and the votes will be cast and canvassed and the results determined and certified as nearly as may be in accordance with the laws governing the election of Town officers.

Dated at Orange, CT this 25th day of April 2018.
Patrick B. O'Sullivan, Town Clerk



Holy Infant Church in Orange held a Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, March 18th, for students preparing for their Confirmation. Father Norman Brockett is Pastor of Holy Infant Church on Racebrook Road in Orange. Over 72 students completed their requirements for this Sacrament which was held on April 11th at Holy Infant Church with The Most Reverend Peter A. Rozzazza, D.D. presiding. The students attended 9 years of study in Holy Infant Formation Classes and had accumulated over 1500 hours of church and community service. *Contributed Photo.*



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TOWN OF ORANGE NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT for the purpose of taking action at that time upon the following matters:

1. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax liens or by deed in lieu of foreclosure of tax liens.
2. To determine in accordance with Sections 12-142 and 12-144(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes the installment due dates for all property tax including the property tax on motor vehicles.
3. To receive and discuss the report of the budget prepared by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

By virtue of Town Charter, Section 2.6(c) and a vote of the Board of Selectmen, Item 3 shall be voted on by machine ballot at an adjourned Town Meeting-Referendum to be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 between the hours of 12 noon and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.

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The Milford Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting April 9 at Q-Tran, Inc. at 155 Hill St. in Milford. Q-Tran provides LED products and power supplies for exacting applications. The company was celebrating a recent factory expansion and the launch of a new "Made in the USA" LED product line. Photo by Steve Cooper.



Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce held a business after hours April 12 at MAC in downtown Milford. Photo by Steve Cooper.

Chair-ity Auction Coming To Milford



painting the chairs include: both Foran and Law's Interact clubs, a group from the Academy, West Shore Middle School's Wave, Foran's Natural Helpers club, the YMCA, Harborside Middle School's STEAM, Law's AP art classes, the Boys & Girls Club, East Shore Middle School, and Camp Happiness.

At the kickoff event, the designers will share their inspirations for the chairs that they have created. After the kick-off event, the chairs will be hosted at locations around the city. The public will be able to view the chairs at Rainbow Gardens, The Gilded Lily, Milford Landing, Duck Duck Goose, Café Atlantique, Colony Paint and other local merchants. Please check the MEF website at MilfordEdFoundation.org, Facebook page, and #MEF_CHAIRity for other locations and pictures.

The Milford Education Foundation will hold a kickoff event for its third biennial Chair-ity Auction on Wednesday, May 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Milford Center for the Arts at 40 Railroad Ave. in Milford. The auction will take place on Friday, June 22.

The chairs will be up for bidding at the Chair-ity auction in June at the Milford Yacht Club. Only 150 tickets are available for the event. They can be purchased through the MEF website.

At the kickoff event, the 14 Adirondack chairs that were built by Milford Public school students and decorated by youth groups will be unveiled.

Proceeds of the MEF Chair-ity will help to expand its Teacher Mini Grant program. Since its start in 2013, the foundation's mini-grant program has awarded nearly \$50,000 to Milford Public Schools teachers.

The youth groups that are engaged in

YMCA Swim Programs Offered To Milford, Orange Kids

As winter turns to spring, the Woodruff Family YMCA at 631 Orange Ave. in Milford, a branch of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA, encourages children and parents in the community to explore the many benefits of swimming, while also keeping safety top of mind. The Y will be offering free Safety Around Water programs for community youth on May 6 and May 20 with pre-registration.

lessons of sport and sportsmanship, so that children can learn how to work well with teammates and coaches and how to deal with winning and losing.

In Y swim programs, participants can enjoy water sports, enhance or learn new techniques, meet new friends and develop confidence, while also learning safety skills that can save lives.

As a leading nonprofit committed to youth development, the Y has been a leader in providing swim lessons and water safety. The Woodruff Family YMCA continues to help youth and adults experience the joy and benefits of swimming, so they can be healthy, confident and secure in the water.

"It's never too early to get children involved in swimming – it's important for safety reasons, but also a great way to keep active and healthy," said Josh Royce, Woodruff Family YMCA executive director. "There are so many options for parents, but the best place to start is by learning basic water safety skills that help get kids familiar with the water that often continues with swim lessons and competitive swim programs and can even lead to a career."

There are a variety of programs to choose from, including lap swims, open swims, family swims and family movie nights in the pool. To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate, financial assistance may be available to those in need to help cover the costs.

As part of National Water Safety Month in May, the Woodruff Family YMCA encourages parents to take an active role in fostering a relationship between their children and swimming—beginning with water safety. Following are safety tips to practice when in and around the water:

To learn more about the Woodruff Family YMCA's swim programs, please visit woodruffymca.org or call 203-878-6501.

- Only swim when and where there is a lifeguard on duty; never swim alone.
- Adults should constantly and actively watch their children.
- Inexperienced or non-swimmers should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Parents or guardians of young children should be within an arm's reach.
- Children and adults should not engage in breath holding activities.

In addition to learning lifesaving water safety skills, swimming is a great way to increase physical activity. Swimming also motivates children to strive for self-improvement, teaches goal orientation and cultivates a positive mental attitude and high self-esteem. It also teaches life



Nicole Thibodeau at the Woodruff Family YMCA pool. The YMCA will be offering free Safety Around Water programs for youth in Milford and Orange in May. Photo by Donna Lisitano.



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Dumais highlighted the fact that most of Amity's surplus funds go back to the local communities.

"If you take a look at the last five years, 70 percent of the Amity surplus has in some way benefitted the member towns, whether it was advancing it or whether it went directly back to the towns," he said.

Facts or Politics

The presentations were bookended by the specter of partisan politics, beginning when Leahy argued that the reason taxes would be going up for some residents was because state employee salaries and benefits were too generous. Leahy launched into his assessment using slides containing information sourced by the Yankee Institute for Public Policy, a right-leaning think tank considered unfriendly to unions.

"They have no axe to grind," he said of the organization. "They go with data."

A few minutes into Leahy's explanation, Orange Selectman Paul Davis interrupted him. "I want to hear about what's going on in Orange, not your political thoughts about what's happening up in the state," the audience member said, as a few others clapped.

Leahy responded that the union agreements took a large part of the state budget off the table, leading to slashed funds for places like Orange.

"That's facts," he said.

The political wrangling over state decisions came to a head again during the public comment period near the end of the meeting. Resident Kevin Hadlock admonished Leahy for his presentation, saying "I found it deplorable, and I think it diminishes you." He added, "It was an opinion. It was not facts, and therefore it was not part of this presentation."

BOF chair Kevin Houlihan, however, backed up Leahy, saying the contract with state employees adopted in 2017 made him angry. He noted that if state support had remained steady, 100 percent of residents would have gotten a cut in local taxes. On top of that, he pointed out, other municipalities got increases in aid.

"We're giving Bridgeport hundreds of millions of dollars of our taxpayer money," he said, adding "we know it's being wasted."

First Selectman Jim Zeoli came to the podium last and took a more conciliatory approach. Zeoli, a Republican, acknowledged that state money had fallen off, but said the fault did not begin with Democratic Gov. Dannel P. Malloy or the current legislature.

"The problems at the state have been coming for years," Zeoli said, hearkening to decisions made as far back as the administration of John Rowland in the early 2000s. Besides, he added, it's not necessarily a bad thing to wean off the dole.

"It's unfortunate," he said, "but we're okay."

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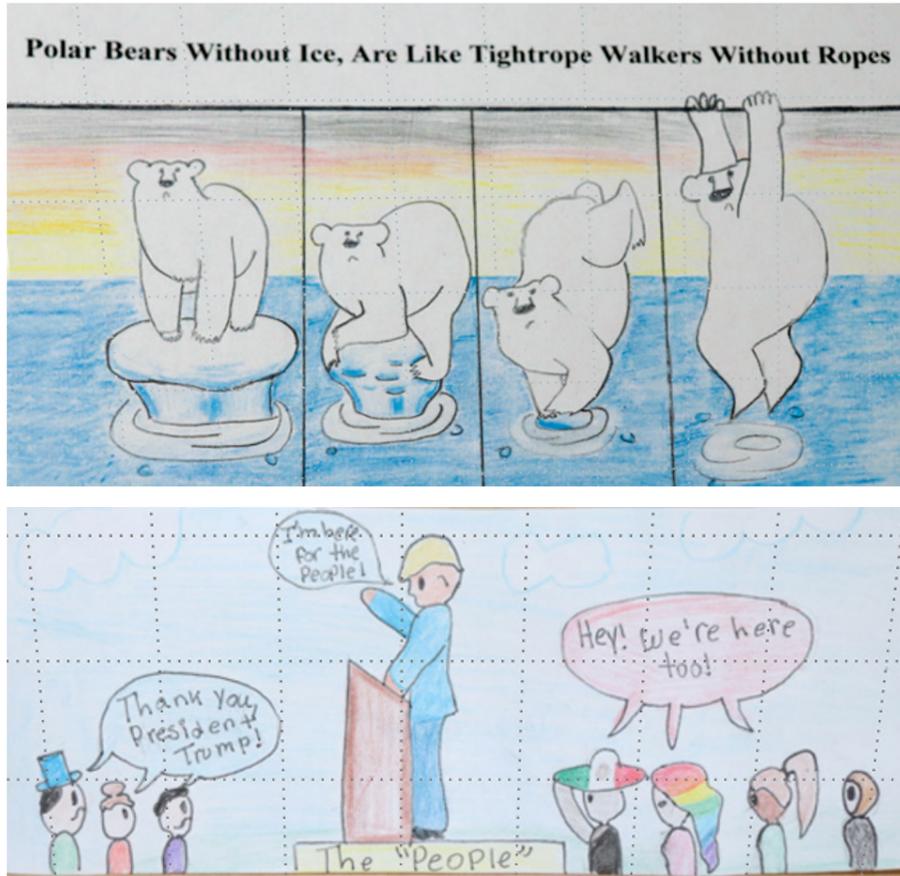
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Amity Students Ink Political Cartoons

The eighth-grade history class of Jennifer Marganski, a social studies teacher at Amity Middle School in Orange, has been working on a year-long project in which the students analyze and create political cartoons.

The students have been creating political cartoons based on the historical events they are studying, such as the American Revolution and the presidents. They are also tackling modern events.

Featured are some of the students' creations.



CT Audubon Society Celebrates Osprey Spring Homecoming In Milford



Connecticut Audubon Society Executive Director Patrick Comins presents volunteer Terry Shaw with the inaugural "Connecticut Audubon Osprey Conservationist of the Year Award" at the Return of the Osprey event on April 14 at the Coastal Center in Milford. Photo by Mike Lauterborn.

The Connecticut Audubon Society in Milford celebrated a local rite of spring with its annual Return of the osprey party and fundraiser on April 14. The sold-out event, now in its eighth year, honored the spring return of Milford's famous osprey pair to their nest at Connecticut Audubon's Coastal Center. It also recognized the decades-long preservation work of a dedicated volunteer. All proceeds from the evening benefit the conservation and environmental education programs offered by the Center.

Against a backdrop of the sun setting over the 840-acre Charles Wheeler Wildlife Management Area, guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and live music while watching for osprey sightings over the marsh.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the inaugural "Connecticut Audubon Osprey Conservationist of the Year" award to Guilford resident Terry Shaw, for his efforts to preserve and rebuild the state's osprey population. An avid birder and member of the Menunkatuck Audubon and the Connecticut Ornithological Association boards of directors, Shaw has recruited, inspired and led more than 100 volunteers for this work.

In his presentation remarks, Connecticut Audubon Executive Director Patrick Comins said, "It is fitting that Terry should be the very first recipient of this new Connecticut Audubon award because, in all probability, he should be the osprey

conservationist of the last several decades. Over the last 30 years, he has selflessly devoted an enormous amount of his time in leading teams that built 65 osprey stands. It's an amazing story, and Terry might be responsible for the existence of one in three osprey in the state today."

According to Comins, the osprey population in Connecticut diminished to just nine pairs at one point due to pesticide usage. "Now, thanks to committed volunteers like Terry, there are over 400 active nests in the state."

Connecticut Audubon Society's Coastal Center Director, Rick Boucher, recognized volunteers and staff for making the event such a success. "We are extremely grateful for the generous support and contributions of the Coastal Center's friends and community supporters, including event sponsors Wakefern Food Corporation, Milford Boat Works, Carol Dunn, and the many contributors who donated the tasty food and enticing auction items. Thanks to everyone's efforts, the proceeds from this year's event will go a long way toward supporting programs at the Center that raise awareness about the stewardship and preservation of nature's treasured habitats, like this one the osprey have chosen as their summer home."

For more information about the Connecticut Audubon Society and its statewide programs and events visit ctaudubon.org.

Episcopal Church Of The Good Shepherd To Host Lifeline Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on June 20. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied

to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package, which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with member discount). All five screenings take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441, visit lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle, or text the word circle to 797979.

Brinton Named As Orange Public Works Director

Robert H. Brinton, Jr. has been appointed to the position of Director of Public Works/Town Engineer for the Town of Orange. He will begin working for the town on May 14.

Brinton is a life-long resident of Bethany. Following his graduation from Amity Regional High School in 1984, he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Connecticut and a master's in environmental engineering from the University of New Haven. He is a

licensed professional engineer in the State of Connecticut.

Early in his career, Brinton worked for several engineering consulting firms and was involved with design and construction projects such as sanitary sewers and pump stations, highways, railroads, and fixed and movable bridges.

Brinton served for 15 years as town engineer in Bloomfield, Milford, and Hamden, where he was involved with bridge repair and replacement, road reconstruction, storm drainage, sanitary sewers, and building projects.

Most recently he has been employed by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, administering local transportation capital improvement program projects and providing engineering technical assistance to the 18 towns in the region.

Brinton said he looks forward to working in Orange and applying his experience to new challenges. He said he is glad that the current town engineer, Bob Hiza, plans to stay on to help with the transition and share his knowledge gained through many years serving as town engineer.



Robert H. Brinton, Jr. Contributed photo.

Orange's St. Barbara Church Holding 'A Taste of Greece'

For the sixth year, Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange will be holding "A Taste of Greece" Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. This one-day food festival features mouthwatering Greek cuisine. It will be held in the social hall of the Byzantine-style Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church.

A Taste of Greece will include such dishes as: avgolemono soup (egg lemon); Greek salad; spanakopita (spinach pie); tiropita (cheese pie); gyro; pork souvlaki; lamb dinner; pastitsio (Greek style lasagna); moussaka (layered eggplant and ground beef); Greek-style roasted chicken; baklava

(layers of nuts and filo, drenched in syrup); kourabiedes (shortbread dusted with powdered sugar); ekmek kataifi (shredded filo topped with custard, sweet cream, and almonds); koulourakia (braided cookie with sesame seeds); revani (moist almond and honey cake); and rice pudding.

Wine and beer will be available. Visitors can dine in the social hall, and/or take food and pastries to go.

Parking and admission are free. St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church is located at 480 Racebrook Rd. in Orange. For more information, visit saintbarbara.org or call 203-795-1347.

Happiness Club Meets In Woodbridge

Bernie Siegel, M.D. and Lionel Ketchian will host a discussion on happiness and its benefits May 22 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Woodbridge Town Library at 10 Newton Rd. in Woodbridge.

Ketchian is the co-host with Dr. Bernie Siegel on the radio program "Mind Health Matters." Ketchian is also the cohost on "The Happiness Show," which airs in Connecticut on Cablevision.

The discussion will offer tools and

techniques for making life the best it can be. The hosts say that being happy will help you suffer less and evolve spiritually. They say their strategies can help to lessen suffering.

Everyone is welcome; meetings are free and no reservations are required. Meet other people using happiness in their lives.

For more information, e-mail PrintLRK@aol.com, call 203-258-7777 or visit HappinessClub.com.

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd Announces May Roster

First Tuesday: At the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd's next First Tuesday gathering they will be collecting returnable bottles to raise money for Nambale Magnet School in rural western Kenya. The church has helped to support Nambale, a residential school for children either orphaned or rendered vulnerable by AIDS, for many years. Visit their website at nambalemagnet.org for full details. Saving bottles that can be turned into cash is an easy way to raise funds for the most vulnerable children on the planet. Please have your empty and rinsed bottles to the church by 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, May 1. All are welcome.

Spring Rummage Sale: The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd invites the public to visit its semi-annual Rummage Sale on Friday, May 11 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shoppers will find a wide array of men's, women's and children's clothing, along with shoes, handbags, scarves, jewelry, accessories, children's games, puzzles, toys, books, DVDs, housewares, glassware, pictures, linens, and more.

"All are welcome to come by and find that Mother's Day treasure," says Elaine Swirsky, long-standing chairperson of the event.

Guided Labyrinth Walks: Spring is upon us. Robins and budding trees and

bushes have been sighted. The church's guided labyrinth walks are returning on Saturday, May 19, at 9 a.m. Once a month from April to November, Rev. Diana leads a guided labyrinth walk. No registration or fee required. The labyrinth is located just off Pryde Drive on the church grounds and is available any time to anyone for walking prayer and meditation. The Good Shepherd labyrinth is listed with the World-wide Labyrinth Locator at labyrinthlocator.com/

Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School 2018 at the Church of the Good Shepherd starts Monday, July 9. VBS will run this year from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, from July 9 to 13. Campers ages 3 years to rising fourth graders are welcome to enroll; rising fifth graders through rising twelfth-graders are welcome to participate as counselors-in-the-making. The fee is \$50 per child, with a maximum of \$100 per family regardless of the number of children. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is requested; walk-in registration is available. Contact the church office at 203-795-6577 or thegoodshepherd@optonline.net for more information. Registration forms are available at thegoodshepherdorangedc.org. Please contact VBS Director Jennifer D'Inzeo at jenndinzeo@gmail.com with questions.

Milford's Subway To Close Hundreds Of US Stores



Subway's new restaurant design and logo.

The Milford-based Subway sandwich chain is planning a reorganization that will result in the closing of hundreds of US stores.

"In North America we are implementing an aggressive revitalization plan, which we expect to result in the closing, consolidation or relocation of a few hundred locations

in 2018," a company spokesperson said. "Simultaneously, outside of North America we expect to open more than 1,000 new restaurants this year. Looking out over the next decade, we anticipate having a slightly smaller, but more profitable footprint in North America and a significantly larger footprint in the rest of the world."

No information was available on whether any local stores would be closing.

"Subway restaurants are 100 percent franchisee owned and operated, and our commitment to the franchisees is to work with them to make each restaurant more successful" the company said. "Subway is the world's largest restaurant chain and we are confident we will remain the industry leader."

Cohen Earns O'Sullivan Award



Orange Democratic Town Committee Chair Jody Deitch presents the O'Sullivan Award to Susan Cohen, a longtime member of the Orange Board of Education, during the 4th Annual O'Sullivan Award Dinner at Birchwoods at Oak Lane on March 27. Cohen was honored for her years of service to the community. The ODTTC established the O'Sullivan award in recognition of an Orange resident for outstanding community service through their involvement in local, state or national government. The award is named in honor of the O'Sullivan family, whose tradition of public service in town spans four generations. Photo by Lexi Crocco.

Rescue Me *By Fred Dray*

Woodbridge Animal Control has two little girls for adoption this week. Daisy is 3 years old with a brown coat, and Rose is 1 year old with a tan coat. Both are female Chihuahua mixes. They



Photo by Fred Dray.

are shy but lovable; they'll be a little reserved until they get to know you. The youngsters will need human attention and the stability of a good home with a fenced-in yard preferred. Daisy and Rose can be adopted together, but if adopted separately must be the only dog in the family. When you enter the kennel to meet them, give them a few minutes and you'll be rewarded for years to come. Daisy, Rose, and other dogs and cats are available for adoption at Woodbridge Animal Control. The shelter is located at 135 Bradley Rd. and can be reached by phone at 203-389-5991.

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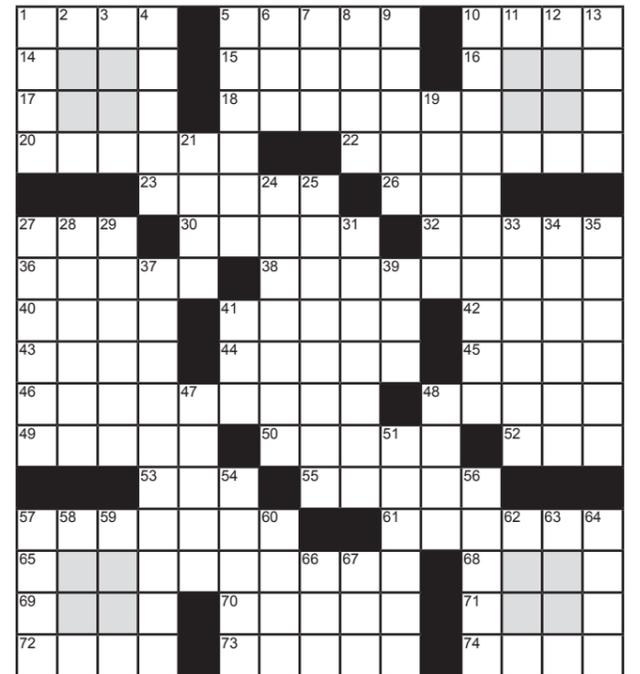
- 1 Unwanted email
- 5 Series of courses?
- 10 "Buenos días!"
- 14 Actress Polo
- 15 Top Trappist, maybe
- 16 14-time M.L.B. All-Star, to fans
- 17 Beginning, datewise
- 18 "Yes, that's my opinion"
- 20 Like skim milk
- 22 Takes to the station house
- 23 Wolf (down)
- 26 One-named singer with the 2016 #1 hit "Cheap Thrills"
- 27 The "O" of NATO: Abbr.
- 30 Physics Nobelist Bohr
- 32 Big rift
- 36 Intrinsically
- 38 Lived like a single guy
- 40 The "E" of Q.E.D.
- 41 With 44-Across, Valentine's Day gift ... or a hint to the shaded squares
- 42 Regarding
- 43 The Eternal City
- 44 See 41-Across
- 45 Knocks
- 46 Old school
- 48 North Africa's ___ Mountains
- 49 On the down-low
- 50 Looks to be
- 52 When to expect someone, for short
- 53 Aired of "The Bachelor" and "The Catch"
- 55 Stonehenge priest
- 57 Dakota tribe that attacked "The Revenant" trappers
- 61 Enthusiastic
- 65 Get fouled up, idiomatically
- 68 Manual reader
- 69 Father of Phobos
- 70 Snicker sound
- 71 "Encore!"
- 72 Some hard drinks
- 73 Does some post-shooting film work
- 74 Reason for a school closing

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- 1 Baseball's Musial
- 2 100 centavos
- 3 Elvis's middle name
- 4 Irks
- 5 Tiki bar drink
- 6 Flow out
- 7 Fiver
- 8 The "her" in the lyric "I met her in a club down in old Soho"
- 9 Excites
- 10 Try some Valentine's Day candy?
- 11 Shipments to smelteries
- 12 Heading on a poster with a picture of a dog
- 13 Hubbubs
- 19 Philosopher Fromm
- 21 Fashion's Klein
- 24 PC start-overs
- 25 Big source of omega-3 fatty acids
- 27 Schedule at the Met
- 28 Keep going in Yahtzee
- 29 One of 22 for U2
- 31 Pilot
- 33 Commercial success?
- 34 Poker advice for Sajak?
- 35 Greek peak, briefly
- 37 Try some Valentine's Day candy, sneakily?
- 39 Investments with fixed rates, for short
- 41 Item under a blouse
- 47 "Oops, sorry!"
- 48 Locale of both the 2018 and 2020 Olympics
- 51 Bags for guys
- 54 Home of King Minos
- 56 Bongos, e.g.
- 57 Lab medium
- 58 Actor Calhoun
- 59 "Hmm ..."
- 60 Bedazzled
- 62 Has the stage
- 63 Famed "fiddler"
- 64 Sprouted
- 66 Sushi fish
- 67 "Nevertheless ..."

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PUZZLE BY BRUCE HAIGHT

Answers to today's New York Times Crossword Puzzle can be found at www.TheOrangeTimes.com.

Orange Business

U-Haul Expands In Orange

U-Haul has bought a 5.43-acres of property at 190 Boston Post Rd. in Orange that includes a long-vacant building. A spokesperson confirmed the sale to the company by the Briener family, the previous owner. U-Haul already has facilities immediately adjacent to the 29,000 square foot building. Mike Richetelli and Fred Messoro of Colonial Properties were the sole brokers in this \$3.15 million transaction.

4 New Restaurants To Open

Four new restaurants are set to open in Orange in the coming weeks. The restaurants are: noodle house Hokka Iddo Ramen, at Orange Commons, 297 Boston Post Rd., formerly occupied by Dunkin Donuts; Taco Town, serving Tex-Mex, at 189 Boston Post Rd., formerly occupied by the Hayama restaurant, and the same owners as Taco King in Bridgeport - expect close to the same menu; steak and seafood restaurant Fireside Grill at 385 Boston Post Rd., formerly the site of Bear n' Grill; and Astudillo's, promising

breakfast, lunch and dinner, at 221 Boston Post Rd., formerly occupied by Roly Poly.

Additionally, Niko's Ice Cream Confectionary Co. will be opening at 391 Rear, Boston Post Rd., a space formerly occupied by Curves.

Colliers Hired To Fill Vacant Hitchcock Plaza Stores

The owners of Hitchcock Plaza in Orange recently hired a property management firm to assist in reducing its vacant storefronts. The shopping center, located at 185 Boston Post Rd., has 18 units, five of which are

vacant. That's a 28% vacancy rate.

"The retail sector is cyclical, and Hitchcock Plaza has experienced a slight uptick in vacancy," said Peter Shiue, senior broker of Colliers International in New Haven. "I've recently been hired by the ownership to help fill the empty storefronts with tenants that are both compatible with the existing businesses and add needed goods and services to the neighborhood. We're discussing steps to spruce up the iconic plaza, improvements which are going to be readily apparent to the thousands of travelers who pass by daily."

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Patricia Antoni, 60, of Orange entered into eternal rest April 8, 2018.

Annie W. Bell, 83, of Orange, entered into rest on Sunday April 15, 2018

Susan Grace Caputo, age 94, of Milford, died on Saturday, April 14th.

John Robert Conte Jr., age 58, of Milford passed away on April 15, 2018

Lucy DeNegre, 97, formerly of Orange, CT passed away on April 18, 2018.

Nicholas A. (Nick) Fabricatore, age 82, of Milford, died peacefully early Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Robert Miles French, Sr., 80, of Milford, CT, passed away on April 18, 2018.

Joseph F. Harrington, 68, of Milford, passed away on April 26, 2018.

Evan Thomas Jones, 68, of Orange, formerly of Westport, passed away on April 11, 2018.

Anne L. Lisk (Lynch), 87, of Milford, passed away on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

Ana (Monteiro) Mourao, age 89 of Milford, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

William J. Neidig, 97, of Orange, passed away on April 10, 2018.

Helen "Scottie" (Scott) O'Brien, age 93, of Charlton, MA, formerly of Milford, CT for over 70 years, passed away on April 18, 2018.

Patrick Joseph Regan, age 86 of Milford, passed away on April 16, 2018.

Shirley Monahan Ruggiero, 86, of Orange passed away on April 18, 2018.

Kevin Ryan Shaw, age 29, of Milford passed away April 21, 2018.

Charles J. Trumpower, AKA Author Elliott Storm, age 71, of Milford, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Marie Theresa Turcotte, 94, of Milford, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2018.

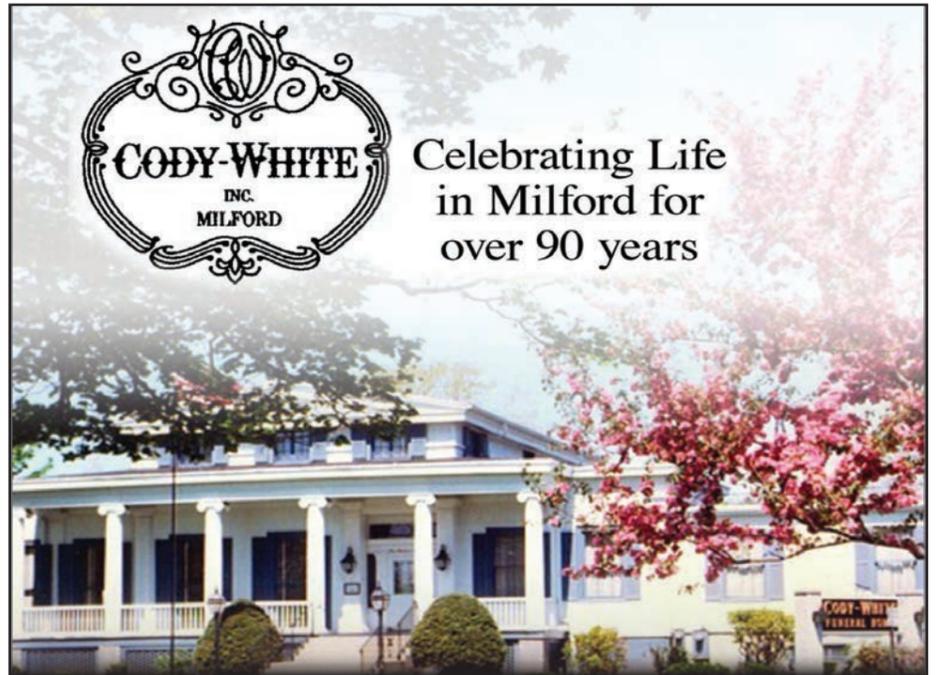
John Joseph Turko, age 79, died on Monday, April 23, 2018.

Norma Turlis, age 98 of Milford, entered into eternal rest on April 4, 2018.

Stephen M. Weeks, age 62 of Milford, passed away April 19, 2018.

Charles Woychowski, 83, of Orange passed away on April 9, 2018.

Michael Anthony Zito, Sr. of Orange, Connecticut, died after a brief illness on April 13th.



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Milford Public Library May Events

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale: This is a huge sale with lots of great quality books. The Friends will not be selling at the Oyster Festival this year, so this is your chance to scoop up some amazing bargains. Located in the Milford Library Program Room. Friday, May 11, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ask-A-Lawyer: In celebration of the 51st Anniversary of Law Day the Milford Bar Association, in recognition of the ideas of equality and justice for all, is hosting a free, informational clinic. Participants can meet with a member of the Milford Bar Association for 15 to 20 minutes and discuss general legal information of one's choice, and thereafter be provided with referrals to other legal services or sites. Legal pamphlets will also be available for a limited number of legal topics. Interested parties are asked to contact Attorney Walter Sawicki at 203-647-2009 to schedule a time slot; walk-ins are also welcome. Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Genealogy – How to Compile an Oral History: A drop-in group that explores different genealogy tools each month. Be sure to check out the online genealogy resources, including Ancestry.com. Monday, May 7 at 1 p.m.

Preserving Your Garden Harvest All Year Long: Certified Advanced Master Gardener Rachel Ziesk will teach different ways to preserve the fresh flavors from your garden, such as pickling, canning, and fermentation. This program is part of the Friends of the Milford Library and the Milford Recreation Department's Benson-Crump Memorial Community Gardens Program, now in its seventeenth year of providing quality gardening programs. Wednesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Job Search and Networking Seminar: Devon Kiddoo, a career specialist, will present tips on locating your next job as well as helping you create a plan to develop the skills you need to make valuable connections with people who can advance your career. Kiddoo will help you find the best matches for your skill set and teach you how to utilize various job boards and websites to find the job best for you. Presented by the Goodwill Career Centers. Reserve your spot by calling the library Reference

Department at 203-783-3292. Wednesday, May 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Downloadable AudioBooks for IOS: The library offers access to thousands of Audiobook titles for residents with library cards through RBdigital. There are never any late fees, and using the service through the app couldn't be any easier. This session focuses on users with MAC/Apple products; additional sessions will be offered at later dates for other platforms. Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

Sustainable Milford – An Introduction: Sustainable CT (sustainablect.org/) is a voluntary certification program to recognize thriving and resilient Connecticut municipalities. An independently funded, grassroots, municipal effort, Sustainable CT provides a wide-ranging menu of best practices. Municipalities choose Sustainable CT actions, implement them, and earn points toward certification. City of Milford Open Source Agent Steve Johnson will present an overview of the program, and have small demonstrations on best practices to recycle, reuse and recreate. Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m.

A Well-Regulated Militia: Mark Albertson, historical research editor for the Army Aviation Association of America, examines the changes in America's defense from the colonial era through today. What constitutes a "well-regulated militia" and how does it affect a citizen's right to bear arms? Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m.

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