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Orange Selectmen Seek Amends With Displaced Nursery School

By **Brandon T. Bisceglia**

The Orange Board of Selectmen sought at its Aug. 8 meeting to repair relations with the Orange Community Nursery School after staff and parents showed up to air their grievances about being forced out of High Plains Community Center during renovations.

According to OCNS Director Danielle Hoddinott, the school was abruptly informed in a July 16 email from First Selectman Jim Zeoli that it would not be able to remain in its space at HPCC for the upcoming school year, just weeks before it was about to begin.

By the time of the meeting, OCNS had found a temporary home at the First Church of Woodbridge. However, Hoddinott said, the weeks of uncertainty had already lost the school many students, costing it upward of \$40,000 in tuition and leading staff members to take voluntary pay cuts.

OCNS is in the middle of a five-year agreement with the town to use the space in the center.

"I feel it is imperative at this point that we be given assurances from the board that we will be allowed to occupy our space again for the 2019-2020 school year, and that something like this won't happen to our school again," Hoddinott said.

Hoddinott went on to explain that she felt OCNS had not been adequately included throughout the deliberation process over the HPCC renovations, which have been being planned for years. She noted that the school's own rooms were in need of upgrades, including to the kitchens and the HVAC system.

The OCNS space was not part of the

renovation plan, but the hallways immediately outside it were.

Six OCNS parents also spoke. Parent Melissa Johnston fought back tears as she explained that the move to Woodbridge would prevent her from spending as much time with her son.

"As a full-time working mom whose office is also in Orange, I've often been able to flex my schedule here and there for special performances or events during the school day," she told the board. "The further drive to Woodbridge back and forth is certainly going to limit my ability to participate."

After all those who wanted to speak had finished, Zeoli said he wanted to clear up what he called "misconceptions." The reason Hoddinott had not been informed until such a late date, he said, was because the part of the renovation that impacted the school had to go out to bid a second time, and the project had only been finalized at the July Board of Selectmen meeting. He said he had told Hoddinott the school would have to move right after he found out.

Initially, Zeoli said, "I thought that they would be out for just a few weeks." But the work ended up requiring interruptions to heating, water and electricity, plus the risk of exposing the children to hazardous materials.

"It is far more involved and safer to not have the children there," he added. "It's not possible."

Zeoli said the school would certainly be welcome back once the work was done. He pointed out that he was an alum, having attended 55 years ago.

Other selectmen echoed their support for the school. Paul Davis, a former teacher, said his children had attended OCNS. John Carangelo said he was saddened for the disconnect in



Orange Community Nursery School director Danielle Hoddinott voiced concerns about the town's treatment of her school at the Aug. 8 Board of Selectmen meeting after she was informed that she would have to vacate High Plains Community Center for the upcoming school year. Photo courtesy of Orange Government Access Television.

communication.

"We hear you, and we'll work with you to the best of our ability," he said.

Davis, along with selectmen Mitch Goldblatt and Judy Williams, asked if there was a way to incorporate renovations to the OCNS space with the rest of the project. Other board members agreed it would be worth looking into.

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Orange May Get Train Station Land From State

By **Brandon T. Bisceglia**

Orange may not be getting its long-awaited train station any time soon, but it has been offered a consolation prize by the state: about 20 acres of free land to develop as it chooses.

A special town meeting is scheduled for Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at High Plains Community Center at which residents will have the chance to vote on whether the town should accept the parcel, dubbed 28 Salem Lane, which sits in an area previously set aside for the development of a Metro North Railroad station.

The state would pay the town \$6,143,250 to cover the cost of purchasing the land from the current owner, Orange Land Development Holdings, LLC. The money covers the \$5,533,250 purchase price based on a state-led appraisal, with the rest of the money set aside to cover the expenses the town would incur in making the transaction.

The proposal unanimously passed the Town Plan & Zoning Commission Aug. 7 and the Board of Selectmen the following day. However, the town charter requires purchases of this size be additionally approved by a vote of residents at a town meeting.

Though the railroad station had been in the works for years, budget shortfalls and the building of a station next door in West Haven led to the scrapping of the project for the time being.

Orange had gone as far as creating a special transit-oriented development district zone contingent on the station's creation where the parcel sits. Without the station, the area is zoned as light industrial.

The town would be free to develop the land in any way it likes. First Selectman Jim Zeoli said it would not be left as open space.

The only stipulation placed on Orange by the agreement would be that it maintain an easement

for the state for 25 years, in case it should revive plans to build a platform along the tracks.

Town Attorney Vincent Marino advocated for the purchase at both the TPZC and Board of Selectmen meetings, calling it a "great opportunity" for Orange.

There is one caveat; Dichello Distributors, which is headquartered adjacent to the parcel, would have right of first refusal, meaning it could choose to buy the property from the state and prevent the town from doing so.

Stephen W. Studer, an attorney with Berchem Moses representing Dichello at the Board of Selectmen meeting, said his client had several lingering questions.

Dichello "really wants to know what is going to happen to this property," he said, "because it's got a very significant business interest."

Zeoli said he would be continuing discussions with Dichello to ease any concerns it might have.

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Orange Country Fair Approaching

Members of the community are getting ready for the 44th Annual Orange Country Fair in September. The fair was first held on Sept. 15, 1898 and slowly died out after 1921. But it was recreated in 1975 and has been going strong ever since. From oxen draws to tractor pulls and even the Animal Building, the fair has a little something for everyone.

As the fair gets closer you will start to see the iconic orange lawn signs and orange bumper stickers popping up all over town. You will also see the large signs on Route 34 and Orange Center Road reminding you that fair season is coming. In the weeks leading up to the fair the tractors start to come out, the dust is blown off the doodlebugs and the engines get started.

This year the fair starts Friday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. for truck pulls. It will continue Saturday at 8 a.m., opening with Chip's Famous Pancake Breakfast and closing at 7 p.m. On Saturday there will be tractor pulls, a hay bale toss, doodlebug pulls and musical entertainment. On Sunday breakfast will be offered again at 8 a.m. and the

fair will run until 6 p.m.

You can take a stroll through the Civic Tent and the Craft Tent before you travel back in time in the antique car lot. There will be gardening demonstrations in the Garden Club Tent at 2 p.m. both days, and the Flower and Fruit and Vegetable Tent will have some of the most beautiful flowers and largest veggies you've ever seen. In the Exhibit Hall you can view some local works of art submitted by the community, from photographs and paintings to baked goods and needlecraft. This year's fair will also feature "The Horsing Around Show," a trick pony show done three times each day at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$5 for seniors and children. Parking is free and there is a free shuttle as well. Pets are not allowed. Alcohol is not permitted.

You can find more information as well as entry forms on the fair's website at OrangeCTFair.com or in the Orange Country Fair book at the Case Memorial Library in Orange.

Amity Class Of 1978 Holding 40th Reunion

The Amity Class of 1978 is holding its 40th school reunion Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Hops Company located at 77 Sodom Lane in Derby. The event begins at 7 p.m. and will include beer, wine, entertainment, a photo booth and pizza from Zuppardis.

The cost is \$70. Checks should be made out to

Amity class of 1978 and mailed to Carol Doheny at 86 Chipman Dr., Cheshire CT 06410. Call 203-439-2531 to pay through PayPal or with any questions. After September the price goes up to \$75 per person. There's also a brunch Sunday morning at Luna in Branford, which costs 30.

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Photos by Joseph Cole
Lung-Chu Chen spent 33 years blacklisted from his native Taiwan as a result of his academic work in the United States. When he left Taiwan, he was considered one of the most promising young men in the country.

by Joseph Cole
editor@theorangetimes.com

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Chen's star shown so brightly that universities...
Warehouse in Orange on February 27. They began transitioning from their New Haven location on February 20.
"We're taking the week to move in and get everything set up," Dr. Peter Branden said. He will be one of several doctors working out of...
list of doctors and part and full-time support staff that the location
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Giving Back

Lions Jumping Into New Season

By Marianne Miller



“For everything there is a season,” as the song goes, and so it is with the Orange Lions. Every summer the Lions Club members take time off for vacations and being with their friends and families, and at the end of August the board begins to plan the coming year. This year our new president, Patricia Romano, has big plans in store for us.

The Orange Lions, working in cooperation with Dennis Marsh and the Orange Senior Center staff, recently prepared and served the food at the senior picnic. A good time was had by all. The band sounded terrific, with its Caribbean beat wafting through the warm summer evening. It kept many seniors dancing or dreaming of earlier times at the beach.

The big fundraiser for the fall is the Lions Comedy Club. It is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13 in the social hall at St. Barbara’s Greek Orthodox Church at 480 Racebrook Rd. in Orange. Not surprisingly, the comedians this year are mostly coming in from the New York City. But the headliner is Craig Figueredo, a Hollywood comedy actor, who has moved back to New Haven. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. The format is BYOB and snacks, with setups provided, plus coffee and dessert afterwards. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. This is a very popular show that

is likely to sell out. Tickets will be available from all Orange Lions members, or by calling me at 203-795-3906.

That same day the Lions are participating in a town-wide mattress pickup in coordination with the Rotary Club’s recycling day. The Lions will come to your house and pick up any mattress or box spring for a \$10 donation. All proceeds benefit the Lions Club charity. The mattresses will be delivered to High Plains Community Center, where professional recycler Bye Bye Mattress will be set up to recycle mattresses so they don’t fill up landfills. Homeowners are asked to call Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906 to sign up for the pickup list. Callers will be called back with a pickup time. Homeowners are asked to have their items outside the house or in the garage so the Lions do not have to go into the residence.

The Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from September to June. Most of the meetings are for dinner at Chip’s Family Restaurant’s back room at 6:30 p.m. They are fun and fast-paced. Anyone of any race, religious belief or ethnicity can become a member. We are committed to service to our communities, our nation and the world. If you are interested in exploring becoming a Lion, coming to a meeting is a good way to start. If you call me before a meeting at 203-795-3906, I will be sure you get a warm introduction to the members present. Be warned, though: Lions’ enthusiasm is infectious. We’ll have you joining our activities in no time.

Rotary Holds International Convention

By Maria LaViola



The 109th Rotary International Annual Convention began June 22 in Toronto with 25,188 Rotarians from around the world in attendance, along with a princess, three prime ministers, and a former first lady.

All in attendance came looking for inspiration and found it, whether by seeing old friends, making new friends, or listening to eloquent speakers. And all were reminded of the wonderful fellowship and diversity that Rotary embodies.

During the four-day event, former U.S. first lady Laura Bush challenged Rotarians to keep early childhood education a priority. Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, Princess Anne of the UK, thanked all Rotarians for taking a central role in working to eradicate polio. Helen Clark, the former prime minister of New Zealand and one of the architects of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, joined Rotary International president Ian H.S. Riseley for a discussion about gender equality and the crucial link between the environment, poverty, hunger, and peace.

Accepting Rotary’s Polio Eradication Champion Award, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, also thanked Rotarians for working with governments

worldwide to eradicate polio. And in a video message, Haitian Prime Minister Guy Lafontant addressed the convention before the announcement of the creation of HANWASH, a collaboration between Rotary and the Haitian government’s water agency that will tackle that nation’s water and sanitation challenges.

The convention kicked off with a two-day Rotary peacebuilding summit that featured a speech from Dr. Tererai Trent and insights into Rotary’s partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace.

John Hewko, Rotary’s general secretary, and Caryl M. Stern, president and CEO of UNICEF USA, shared powerful personal stories about parents that fled Europe as refugees during wartime. The breakout sessions provided attendees many opportunities to be inspired to do bigger and better projects.

Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who strive to create lasting change in their communities and in themselves. If you are interested in becoming a Rotarian, call membership chair Steve at 203-795-1553. Our meetings are at Racebrook Country Club at 12:15 p.m. on either the first or third Friday of the month. We would love to share with you all of the wonderful things we are doing on a local level.

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Opinion & Editorial

Editorial: School Is Always In Session

By *Brandon T. Bisceglia*

It's that time of year again: the little ones are shuffling apprehensively into new grades, young adults are learning the ropes of dorm life, and all of us are adjusting our commutes around those lumbering yellow buses.

School safety may garner headlines and cause parents to wring their hands in worry, but we all know that most of the day-to-day challenges of school life are much more mundane.

Chief among these challenges is one of attitude. Regardless of how much we support the abstract concept of education, there's no getting around the fact that learning is work. Even those of us who enjoyed writing papers and taking tests can recall instances when we'd rather be doing something else: playing with friends, watching TV, sleeping.

If you're lucky, your child enjoys going to class and doing homework. But let's face

it; that's not the average school experience.

Teachers are forever striving to make learning "fun." We would suggest, though, that you don't have to dress the learning experience up to get kids interested.

All adults have a hand in shaping attitudes about learning. Children already want to find out about the world, to become independent. They look to the adults in their lives to help them navigate which things should be relevant to them.

Ask yourself: when was the last time you got excited about learning something new? When was the last time you immersed yourself in classic literature? When did you last marvel at the science behind some natural phenomenon? When did you last visit a museum or art gallery?

The joy of learning doesn't have to be highbrow. Tackling a new skill, such as cooking or woodworking, can be just as enriching.

It's easy to get burned out by our jobs,

chores and other obligations. Perhaps you relish playing Candy Crush on your phone in the fleeting free moments you have.

There's nothing wrong with entertaining yourself or relaxing. Just keep in mind that our children see how we choose to spend our free time and build their own expectations around that. If you demonstrate a lust for learning, they're much more likely to get the itch, too.

Becoming a lifelong learner isn't just a good way to model behavior for your kids. It can open new professional doors. It can introduce us to new friends. Evidence shows it can help us remain healthier and happier as we age.

Perhaps most importantly, being lifelong learners can help us grow into more enlightened, compassionate people.

School is always in session, for all of us at every age.

Letters To The Editor:

Speak Your Mind

The Orange Times encourages readers to submit letters to the editor. Letters should be limited to no more than 350 words. Submit letters to publisher@theorangetimes.com. Letters may be edited for clarity or content. See theorangetimes.com/print-schedule for submission deadlines.

To The Editor:

On next Tuesday, August 14th, we will be going to the polls to vote in the Republican primary to elect a person to represent the 14th senatorial district.

In the past, I have been disappointed with the 'non-representation' of the citizens of West Haven from this district. No one has ever stepped a foot into our city, knocked on our doors or shown us any interest.

Until now. For the first time in a very long time I have met someone who has shown interest in our city and understands that we need support in Hartford. Someone who will include us and not forget us. I encourage all Republicans who are in the 14th District to vote for Anthony "Tony G" Giannattasio, the endorsed Republican Candidate for State Senator. I know I will!

Lorraine Jensen

To the Editor:

I am pleased to express my enthusiastic support for the election of Ellen R. Beatty as state Rep. for the 119th district, which includes sections of Milford and Orange.

Ellen brings admirable qualities demanded in public life today. She is honest, hard working and is deeply sensitive to the needs of the people of Orange and Milford.

Ellen cares about our citizens, improving our communities, helping women and families, especially in the areas of healthcare, the work environment and the educational needs of our youth.

The state of Connecticut is facing a wide range of challenges and based on her experience, her record of achievement, fiscal management and strategic planning skills, I believe Ellen Beatty will be an effective communicator, listener, problem solver and work for the best interest of our district, region and state.

Ellen Beatty has a clear vision and is vitally interested in the future of our state, I urge you to vote for Ellen Beatty as State Representative from the 119th Assembly District.

Patrick B. O'Sullivan, Orange Town Clerk

Amity President's Welcome Message

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back as we begin the 2018-19 school year in the Amity Regional School District. On July 1, I started as Interim Superintendent of Schools after the resignation of Dr. Charles Dumais who became Executive Director of Cooperative Educational Services and I will continue until a new superintendent is appointed.

Please know that the Amity staff is looking forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to welcoming the 2,216 students who attend our three schools. I have been most impressed with the commitment and the high expectations of the entire Amity community during my beginning time in the district.

Amity Regional School District No.5 has been highlighted by the Niche.com 2019 Survey in several categories for Connecticut Schools based on key statistics and careful analysis. Amity was ranked number 2 for Best Teachers in the state with a grade of A+. Niche also rated the best school districts in Connecticut and recognized Amity as number 5 in the entire state with a grade of A+. It further recognized Amity Regional High School as

TOWN OF ORANGE NOTICE OF SPECIAL 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 Special Town Meeting of said Town will be held on Wednesday,

September 5, 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 consider and act on the purchase of property known as 28 Salem Lane from Orange Land Development Holdings, LLC contingent on the receipt of a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6,143,250.00 from the State of Connecticut and to authorize the First Selectman and the Town Attorney to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate the grant-in-aid and acquisition.

By virtue of Town Charter Section 2.6(c) and a vote of the Board of Selectmen, Item 1 shall be voted on at the Special Town Meeting. Dated at Orange, Connecticut this 21st day of August 2018.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ORANGE

Attest: Patrick B. O'Sullivan, II -
Town Clerk

one of the best high schools in the state with a number 8 ranking and a grade of A+. It is the only high school in New Haven County in the top ten high schools in Connecticut. We are proud of these recognitions and will continue to strive to "be the best."

Our students will return to school on Wednesday, Aug. 29, which is a full day schedule. We will continue to communicate with you through our website, amityregion5.org, and our various communications.

Please remember that school busses are on the road starting Wednesday and students will be out waiting for their transportation. Drivers should be cautious and observe all the traffic rules to ensure student safety.

I look forward to working with all of you as we begin an exciting and successful opening of school and a wonderful school year in 2018-19.

James A. Connelly
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Chef Kashia Invites Us to a "Taste of the Island"

Chef Kashia Diaz Cave, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, will host an evening of flavorful Caribbean Cooking at the Case Memorial Library at 176 Tyler City Rd. in Orange on Monday, Sept. 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Cave grew up in a small fishing village.

She spent her vacations at her grandfather's farm. She watched her aunts and uncle bake bread in the dirt oven, spent time with one grandfather farmer and another grandfather fisherman. She ate food from the land, all in the correct season, and these experiences sparked her passion for the culinary arts.

Cave is a graduate of Lincoln Culinary

Institute and the Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners in Italy. She is the recipient of numerous awards, and her work is recognized internationally in Europe and the Caribbean.

Cave is the executive director of My City Kitchen, Inc. The nonprofit's mission is to instill healthy eating habits, build self-esteem, foster a sense of belonging, teach

kids about food and encourage them to take an interest in what they eat, where it comes from, and how to prepare it.

Seating is limited. Register at the library, by calling 203-891-2170 or online at orange.lioninc.org.

See picture in the Arts Matters column by Patricia Miller on page 6.

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Town Attorney Vincent Marino cautioned the allocation of additional funds, which first had to be found.

Zeoli said the money for the project had already been budgeted out, and it would require pulling funding from other areas. Ultimately, he thanked the group for its input, but said the selectmen couldn't make any decisions until they had all the information on the renovations and funding sources.

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News & Events

Folks On Spokes Ride, Walk To Raise Funds For Mental Health Services

Cyclists and walkers are invited to participate in the annual Folks on Spokes Ride and Step Forward Memorial Walk on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Fowler Field in downtown Milford. Proceeds support Bridges Healthcare's community mental health and addiction services for residents of Milford, Orange, West Haven and the surrounding region.

"Bridges has been the cornerstone provider of community mental health and addiction recovery services that have transformed the lives of thousands of children, families and individuals in our area for decades," said Bridges' board member and event chair Charles Montalbano. "Very few people can say they themselves, a loved one or colleague have not been touched in some way by one of these conditions. This event not only raises much-needed funds to support Bridges' vital work, it helps us all be more comfortable and willing to talk about

mental health and substance use disorders, particularly as opioid addiction and suicide is reaching a crisis level in our country."

Cyclists of all levels can enjoy any combination of the 5, 10, 20 and 40-mile routes with rest stops along the Connecticut coastline. Walkers can participate in the 3.2-mile shoreline trail. All are welcome to join the remembrance ceremony at 9:45 a.m. that will pay tribute to lives lost to addiction, overdose, suicide or other mental health related issues. The event's emcee is Brian Smith, host of WQUN's The Brian Smith Afternoon Show and former co-host of The Smith and Barber Morning Show.

Registration and check-in begin at 7:30 a.m. The ride begins at 8:40 a.m., and the walk starts at 10 a.m. Pre-registration fees are \$40 per cyclist, \$25 per walker and \$15 for all youth (ages 5 to 17); all include a free event t-shirt and refreshments. Fees to register on the day of the race are \$50 for

cyclists and \$35 for walkers.

Cyclist Tammy Petrucelli has been riding in Folks on Spokes for over a dozen years. "The event is an opportunity to do something fun, and to come together to bring awareness to the importance of talking about mental health," he said.

Event participant Morgan Pierpont of West Haven walks to honor a close relative she lost to mental illness and to support others who battle similar issues.

"I walk because my cousin struggled with mental health his whole life and was unable to find a resource to truly help him. He tragically lost his life on his twenty-first birthday, which created traumatic stress in many of my relatives," says Pierpont. "We found Bridges after my cousin's passing and although he was unable to use them as a healing resource, we now advocate throughout the community for those who struggle with mental health in order to bring

about positivity and change through our loss and pain."

The event's major sponsors include The Milford Bank, Barrett Outdoor Communications Inc., Rose & Kiernan Inc. and Tony's Bikes and Sports.

To register or for more information, visit bridgesct.org or call Marcy Hotchkiss at 203.878.6365 ext. 359.



Cyclists ride through Milford during the 2017 Folks on Spokes fundraiser for Bridges Healthcare's mental health and addiction services. Photo courtesy of Bridges Healthcare.

Orange Rotary Lobster Bake



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Arts & Entertainment

Teaching might even be the greatest of arts, since the medium is the human mind and spirit. – John Steinbeck

by Patricia Miller

ART IN THE LIBRARY (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Edward Jolley, one of the artists who was publicized in the last issue of *The Orange Times* as an exhibitor in the August show at the Case Memorial Library. Edward Jolley was a gifted photographer and his work was memorable. The news of his death was received just before the installation of the planned exhibition. Many of the members of Art in the Library responded to calls for help by bringing artworks of their own to the library, resulting in a show to replace the one originally planned, put together in a few hours.

Among the committee members whose artwork is displayed are John Bencivengo, Lucia Bloom, Sue Clark, Renee Cohen, Linda D'Onfrio, Audrey Galer, Lana Ho, Rita Kelly, Cheyon Lee, Lindsay Marieb, Rosemary Markham, Pat Miller, Muk Mukherjee and Leslie Wasserman.

Art in the Library's September show will feature the work of Millie Farrell, Mollie Dineen, Maryann Verinis and Elizabeth Harlow, all watercolorists.

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) wants to remind people about the Build a Better Birdhouse Booth at the Orange Country Fair on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16. Entries may be brought to the fairgrounds on Friday, Sept. 14. Entry forms can be found in the Country Fair booklet. For more information, call Liz Gesler at 203-795-5133.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) presents "Taste of the Island," another of the varied programs free and open to the public at Case Memorial Library. It will take place on Monday, Sept. 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Chef Kashia Diaz Cave will be featuring the exotic flavors of Caribbean cooking. Since seating is limited, call the library at 203-891-2170 to register.

THE JAMIE A. HULLEY ARTS FOUNDATION (1073 N. Benson Rd., Fairfield) will be holding an Evening for the Arts Gala Benefit on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Fairfield University's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. This year The Broadway Boys will return by popular demand – six handsome and talented young men who have appeared on Broadway in such plays as *Hamilton*, *Mama Mia*, *Rent*, *The Lion King*, *Jersey Boys* and *Kinky Boots*. Their set list includes classic and contemporary Broadway hits in an innovative performance that adds elements of pop, funk, gospel, and jazz. The Broadway Boys are about to release their third studio album, which will feature the song "For Good" from the long-running show *Wicked* that they dedicated to Jamie Hulley.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. It is preceded by a live auction and a silent auction, as well as a reception with complimentary wine, beer and a dessert bar. Tickets are \$45 if purchased ahead of time and \$50 if purchased at the door. Call 203-254-4010 or toll-free at 1-877-ARTS-3960 at the door.

All proceeds from the gala are dedicated to scholarships, educational programs and grants to benefit the arts throughout Connecticut, especially in greater New Haven and Fairfield counties. The foundation was founded to honor the memory of Jamie Hulley, an Orange resident and student at Wesleyan University who also studied art in Bologna, Italy. Since the foundation's



Chef Kashia Diaz Cave. Contributed photo.

creation in 2002, nearly \$800,000 in scholarships and grants has been awarded, touching the lives of thousands each year.

ELM SHAKESPEARE COMPANY (Edgerton Park, 51 Cliff St., New Haven) presents *Love's Labour's Lost* in the 23rd season of free performances running Tuesday through Saturday through Sept. 2. Live music begins at 7:30 p.m., and the performance follows at 8 p.m.

Elm Shakespeare returned to the Bard's less well-known plays by popular demand. *Love's Labour's Lost* marks the start of Shakespeare's most lyrical comedies, featuring witty word play, music, dance and riotous mishaps. This production is set at the dawn of the Jazz Age, with music before and throughout the show. Edgerton Park is the perfect setting for the look and language of the play, which also poses questions about content, class and a woman's role in the political arena – issues still relevant for our time. This is a family-friendly event, with picnicking encouraged. The performance is free for everyone. For more information, call 203-392-8882.

Elm City Shakespeare is the theater in residence at Southern Connecticut State University.

NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (222 Sargent Dr., New Haven) has season packages on sale now at newhavensymphony.org or by phone at 203-865-0831 ext. 20. OACC will once again provide free bus transportation from High Plains Community Center in Orange for the eight concerts of the Classic Series: Oct. 4, Nov. 8, Nov. 28, Dec. 20, Feb. 14, March 14, April 4 and May 2.

YALE PHILHARMONIA (500 College St., New Haven) performs at Woolsey Hall on Friday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Principal Conductor Peter Oundjian will lead the musicians in selections from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* and music by Berlioz and Vaughn Williams. Tickets may be purchased by calling 203-432-4158 or online at music.yale.edu/concerts/series/philharmonia.

HOROWITZ PIANO SERIES (470 College St., New Haven) presents the season's first performance at Morse Recital Hall with a program featuring Ran Dank

and Suyeon Kate Lee in a piano four-hands arrangement of Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, works for solo piano and more. Tickets can be purchased by calling 203-432-4158 or online at music.yale.edu/concerts/series/horowitz/.

YALE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY (1111 Chapel St., New Haven) displays *Leonardo: Discoveries from Verrocchio's Studio* through Oct. 7. This landmark exhibition investigates a virtually unknown period in the career of Leonardo da Vinci, one of the most famous artists of the Italian Renaissance. It focuses on his early years as an apprentice in the studio of the sculptor, painter and goldsmith Andrea del Verrocchio, and seeks to identify the young artist's hand in paintings known to be collaborations with his teacher and with fellow pupils. The exhibition does not rely on claims of previous scholarship. Instead, it restores the primacy of visual evidence, encouraging visitors to look closely and carefully at works side by side.

The gallery is free and open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

YALE CENTER FOR BRITISH ART (1080 Chapel St., New Haven) presents "Salt and Silver," showcasing a selection of salted paper prints – one of the earliest forms of photography and a British invention. More than 100 seldom-displayed prints from the Wilson Centre for Photography in London are featured, giving visitors the opportunity to see some of the earliest photography in the world. This show runs through Sept. 25.

Also on view is "An Indelible Mark – British Art of the First World War" through Sept. 25. Utilizing objects drawn from the center's prints and drawing and rare books collections, this exhibit incorporates images made at home and on the war front, showcasing a wide variety of visual media produced by official war artists and amateurs. Seen together, these objects reveal the diverse strategies artists and designers developed to commemorate and critique the war. This show runs until Dec. 31. The Center is free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

THE CAPITOL STEPS (1073 North Benson Rd., Fairfield), the satiric comedy troupe, will make an appearance at Fairfield University's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. The Capitol Steps has elevated political satire to an art form. Before *The Daily Show*, *Full Frontal* or *The Colbert Report*, this Washington, D.C.–based comedy troupe gave audiences a much-needed bipartisan laugh. They bring a collective 18 Congressional offices and 62 years of House and Senate staff experience for a fast-paced evening filled with wry wit topical commentary. No matter what is in the headlines, The Capitol Steps has spent over 35 years tackling all positions on the political spectrum, offering timely laugh therapy to audiences around the nation. Call 203-254-4010 for tickets.

THE NEW HAVEN MUSEUM (114 Whitney Ave., New Haven) was founded in 1882, dedicated to presenting and preserving the region's history. Three hundred and seventy-five years of history come alive, from the New Haven colony's founding as a Puritan village to the city of today. The museum fosters an understanding and appreciation of our past, present and future.

One of the current exhibitions is "Form and Function: Decorative Arts from the Collection," which highlights a small section of the renowned collections of historic design and decorative arts, celebrating the museum's 150th anniversary. The New Haven Museum has long been a repository of some of Connecticut's decorative art treasures. Patrons may be familiar with the examples of magnificent colonial furniture, silver and paintings in the collection, but perhaps less familiar with its important holdings in nineteenth and twentieth century objects. In curating the new installation, guest curator Benjamin Colman wanted to create unexpected dialogues between objects created in different times in different media. Spanning from baroque furniture to modern design, the pieces on view are arranged into four thematic groups: "politics," "childhood," "business" and "eclectic." These objects were made with functional forms to serve a useful purpose. Yet, in their exuberant designs and bold style, they demonstrate the spirit of the individuals who created them and the generations of people who used them. This show is on view through November.

IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE (22 Main St., Centerbrook) is holding auditions for local non-equity actors Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ivoryton Playhouse Rehearsal Studio. The play to be presented is *Coney Island Christmas*, written by Pulitzer Prize winner Donald Margulies. The play introduces the audience to Shirley Abromowitz, a Jewish girl who is cast as Jesus (much to the disapproval of her immigrant parents) in the school Christmas pageant. As Shirley, now much older, relates the story to her great granddaughter, the play captures a universal tale of what it means to be an American during the holidays. This is a holiday show for all ages and all faiths. All ages and ethnicities are encouraged to audition. *Coney Island Christmas* runs from Dec. 13 to 23.

Actors are asked to prepare a monologue or to read from sides made available. All auditions are by appointment. To schedule an audition, call 860-767-9520.

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

The Book Club:

Save Your Confederate Money

Wilton Barnhardt, *Lookaway, Lookaway*, St. Martin's Press, 2013

Honor, civility, composure, pride, family lineage. These are the pillars of the traditional Southern way of life, at least as trumpeted by the wealthier members of white society. Wilton Barnhardt, a satirical writer with an acid pen, storms these pillars with the ferocity of General Sherman's march through Georgia and leaves nothing but the smoking embers of pretense in his wake.



PETER HECHTMAN

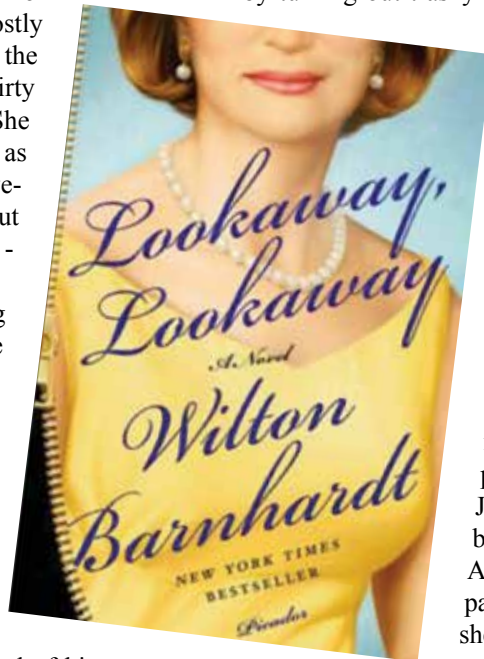
Barnhardt has been compared to the author Tom Wolfe, whose monumental novel *Bonfire of the Vanities* painted a broad social canvas of New York's liberal establishment with well-realized characters representing the various bits and pieces of the intricate networks comprising this complex organism. Barnhardt's novel is also such an undertaking.

The central character of *Lookaway* is Jerene, the steel magnolia matriarch of the Johnston clan, one of Charlotte, North Carolina's "finest families." It is she who is charged with upholding the crumbling

social position of the family, mostly by keeping the family's dirty little secrets. She is described as "not passive-aggressive, but aggressive-aggressive."

Supporting her (or, more accurately, not supporting her) is her husband Duke, once a lawyer but now completely wallowing in Civil War nostalgia, dedicating himself to reenacting an insignificant skirmish fought under the command of his great-grandfather. (Don't any southerners have ancestors who were Civil War privates?)

How does this family keep their heads above water? The answer is that Jerene's brother Gaston has become fantastically rich



by turning out trashy Civil War romances (where maidenly virtue is ever threatened but never taken). His role in the family dynamic is to arrive drunk, spread around insults, scorn and vulgarity, and, by way of apology, write large checks.

Jerene's instrument of social prominence is the Jarvis Art Trust, basically a dozen American landscape paintings, of which she is curator. Her search for a suitable member of the next generation onto whose shoulders this legacy can be passed forms one of the major themes of the novel. It is a difficult task because, the reader will understand, passing on the art collection

is a metaphor for passing on the family's respectable way of life. It is only her youngest daughter, Jerilyn, whom Jerene is able to persuade to attend the debutante ball, to take up with the fraternity boy next door and to marry in a church. But the strain of so much living up to maternal expectations is too much and the hapless Jerilyn winds up shooting her husband with (sometimes the symbolism just gets too bald-faced) her father's Civil War pistol.

The other children are: Anne, an obese, serially monogamous daughter; Bo, a son who has become a minister, plodding his way up the Presbyterian bureaucracy; and Joshua, a gay young man living with a black lesbian (far too much political correctness packed into that one).

Reader, if this all sounds like a soap opera, enjoy. Illusions are destroyed one after the other and momma remains polishing the silverware. After all, the South may rise again.

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Getting To Know You:

The Magic Of Connecting

I stopped into Café Atlantique in Milford for a peanut butter cup latte the other day. Before you get that look on your face: yes, I drink a café latte from time to time even though I don't fit the profile of a latte drinker. Let me tell you that if you ever get a hankering for a good café latte, stop by Café Atlantique and they will do an excellent job of helping you get your fix. Trust me. I'm a fat guy. I know where to find the yummy stuff.



DAVID CROW

While I was there I met Chris Lengyel, who was enjoying his lunch with his 10-month-old daughter Brooklyn. After Brooklyn dazzled me with her smile I started talking to Chris and his mysterious mutton chop side burns.

Chris, as it turned out, was a professional magician who was taking a small family break from touring his magic act around New England. He had just finished a show at the Orpheum Theater in Foxborough, Massachusetts and he was spending lunch time with Brooklyn.

I've seen professional magicians on stage before, but I've never had a conversation with one. Seizing the opportunity, I proceeded to bombard Chris with questions about his craft.

He told me that Criss Angel inspired him to get into magic. From there he frequented a magic shop in West Haven and began putting on magic shows for his grandmother. He progressed to doing parties and events and performing street magic in Times Square. Eventually he wound up earning his living with a touring magic show.

I asked Chris what magic was to him. He replied that the audience's reaction to his act was magic. He believes that when a person goes to a see a magic show they know they're going to get lied to, but if the magician is good the audience gets a personal satisfaction from the lie. He told me that taking tricks,

putting his personality into them and connecting with an audience through those tricks was what produced magic.

I asked Chris to demonstrate, so he produced a deck of cards and had me choose one. After I reinserted it into the deck, he shuffled the cards and had me hold the deck up against a plate glass window. To the surprise of a small audience of onlookers, he proceeded to pull

my card out of the deck through the plate glass window. When he returned to his seat across from me he smiled and said, "That look on everyone's face, when the audience is trying to come to grips with what just happened, is magic to me."

Magic has introduced Chris to an endless list of celebrities. However, he has yet to meet his inspiration, Criss Angel.

Criss, if you're reading this, please give Chris a call when you get a chance.

Finally, it was time for Brooklyn to have a nap, so Chris had to leave.

You can find Chris Lengyel on all social media platforms. The next show of his New England tour is at the Strand Theater at 165 Main St. in Seymour on Sunday Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. If you're looking for interactive, family entertainment presented with a warm smile, definitely check out his act. From time to time during his tour, Chris likes to let children poke around backstage, so you never know if your little ones might get an extra bonus.

Until next time, y'all come out.

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.

Orange Recycle Tips

Reduce your carbon footprint. Carpool, walk, ride your bike, use public transportation or drive an electric or hybrid car and reduce your carbon footprint by one pound for every mile you do not drive. Keep your tires properly inflated and get better gas mileage, which will reduce your carbon footprint 20 pounds for each gallon of gas saved. Don't forget to change your car's air filter regularly.

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Is Now Your Time To Move?

We know it is a royal pain to pack up a whole house and move. Is that what is holding you back? Do you have visions of a smaller place, less to maintain? Take into account the age of your mechanical devices. Are you willing to invest part of your nest egg into a new roof and septic in the next five years?

If any of these questions apply to you, get off the couch and start looking at possibilities around you.



BARBARA
LEHRER

Smaller ranches – even a condo – can be a life-altering experience. How nice would it be to just come home from work, sit with the newspaper on your deck and not have to worry about the lawn, the weeds, the trees and gutters?

Clients call me during a snowstorm to thank me for these downsizing decisions. These families are grateful that they just cook and clean and pay a condo fee for someone else to deal with the ice and snow.

Are you working too hard? If the chores you loved are not so appealing anymore, then start looking. No harm in looking. Options, such as new construction, can sometimes create an interest in selling. Once you identify your motivating factors and set long-term goals, they turn into short-term goals when you see a place you can envision as your own.

Take control, step out of your comfort zone and with the right help, in just four to six months your new homeownership can be the best personal value for you based on your

own pros and cons.

The choice of whether to stay or leave your present home is totally up to you. You probably have friends who are experiencing changes like this. Ask them if they are happy. Get advice from different people with varying lifestyles and then seriously consider taking advantage of this good market and making your time this time. Help is only a phone call away.

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

The Garden Spot:

What's The Buzz On Neonicotinoids?

Many of us have heard that pollinators, especially honey bees, have had mysterious “die offs” over the past several years. The phenomenon is called colony collapse. According to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, of the sixteen bumble bee species found in Connecticut, four are in severe decline.

One of the reasons for this decline is the use of neonicotinoids. Neonicotinoids, or neonics, are a type of pesticide that is used to treat the seeds of many food crops, including corn, wheat, rice and barley, and also to kill pests such as grubs in lawns. They affect the central



PAT DRAY

nervous system of insects, causing paralysis and death. It's a systemic chemical, which means that when it's applied to the seed (or to the ground) it's absorbed into the plant tissues. The result is that it is found in the pollen and nectar of flowering plants.

Even at the low doses found in pollen and nectar it's been shown to suppress the immune system of bees and make them more susceptible to viruses, including the virus suspected of bee colony collapse. Neonics have also been found to kill songbirds that eat the treated seeds.

In January 2017, Public Act 16-17 was passed in Connecticut, placing neonics in

the “restricted use” category of pesticides so that they may be used only by or under the supervision of a certified pesticide applicator. It does not mean that stores cannot sell plants that have been treated with neonics or grown with neonic treated seeds. Nor does it mean that a lawn service, acting under the supervision of a certified pesticide applicator, can't use neonics on your lawn for the treatment of grubs. Please read the labels on plants that you purchase and be aware of what type of chemicals are being used by the lawn service. You can easily find a list of the different neonic chemicals just by doing a Google search.

The European Union has already banned the use of neonics on all field crops beginning in 2019. Although the US Environmental

Protection Agency has neonics identified as one of seventy pesticides highly toxic to bees, they are still readily available.

For this reason, Act HR 5015, “Saving America's Pollinators,” was reintroduced in Congress in February. This bill would direct the EPA administrator to suspend the use of all neonics until it can be determined if they have a detrimental effect on pollinators. The bill was referred in March to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture and Research.

If you would like to see this bill move out of committee and to the full House, contact your Congressional representative and ask him or her to help save America's pollinators.

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

Room 911:

Cottage Style Beautifully Random

While I can admire a spectacular contemporary home with gorgeous landscaping and maybe even waterfalls and rock gardens, there is something about a cottage, particularly in summer, that speaks to me. Better yet, a cottage on a lake or along the Atlantic coastline from Maine to Rhode Island, or the lovely ones dotting Connecticut's Long Island Sound.

There is a decorating “freedom” in a cottage. Second-hand furniture, knickknacks from garage sales and “imperfections” that just blend in with the whole essence of a cottage help create the informality of the house. There is a relaxed feel that is different from formally staged rooms.



TEDRA
SCHNEIDER

Often there are soft sofas, rocking chairs made of wicker, lamps with lamp shades that don't exactly match, maybe an afghan thrown over the back of a couch. Painted furniture pieces, open shelving for books and painted open shelves in the kitchen lend a very informal but cozy feel to a cottage.

Mix and don't match is the byword of achieving this special effect. In late spring, I had the opportunity to work on a cottage on the New York side of Long Island Sound. There was a room that had all the above mentioned items in it, and the focal point was a very large rectangular table that sat 14 people. It had chairs around it that ranged

in style from bentwood to Hitchcock to wicker and folding chairs. A long white tablecloth (actually two sown together) covered the entire table. A checkered tablecloth was draped over it, covering about two thirds of the table. Mixed and not matched china and table settings added to the charm. Each of the dinnerware items had a story about how it was acquired. A pair of candlesticks and small votives filled the tabletop, along with a large basket of vegetables containing green, yellow and red peppers. It was a colorful and unique arrangement.

Your first view coming up the driveway is a weathered gray shingle style cottage. Hydrangea bushes flank the sides of the house along with beach grass and rose hip bushes. The pièce de résistance is the back

porch, which over looks the Sound. The floor is made from old timbers with wicker rocking chairs and small, scattered wood tables on it. Baskets of plants grace the perimeter of the porch. A long bench and another table with chairs provide additional seating. In a corner is a sewing machine, knitting paraphernalia, bookshelves, telescope and an old easel with a painting on it. Photographs of birds that dwell along the seashore decorate the walls.

How glorious it is to sit on the porch and greet the morning sipping a cup of coffee. Better than that is sitting on the warm, cozy porch with a glass of wine in your hand as you watch the sunset sink into the horizon.

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Just Floored:

New And Sustainable Carpeting

Each year is accompanied by innumerable changes. These changes apply especially to the new and improved carpet styles trending this year. The world of flooring has been experiencing something of a revolution, meaning companies and manufacturers must work toward evolving their products.

Flooring is something that will never go out of style. People who are purchasing new houses need the resources to turn a house into a home. New and exciting carpet trends play a vital role in completing the feel of a home. Carpet has been in style for years and will continue to boom as manufacturers continue to create stylish, convenient and environmentally conscious flooring.

Technology drives many improvements



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and changes. There are limited ways to complete any kind of project without some sort of technology. Carpet manufacturers have been using technology to create astounding visuals on hard surface floors. They have been able to create these by using materials such as laminate, vinyl and tile in order to mimic natural materials. The main way technology creates an advantage in the flooring world is by making possible never-before-seen patterns and new and improved features. Technology in the carpeting world flourishes.

One of the best carpet trends of 2018 is the waterproof carpet. It is available for indoors as well as outdoors and can withstand being in any room in the house. Shaw is the main manufacturer for waterproof carpet. The company has LifeGuard technology, which

makes the carpet 100 percent waterproof. These carpets are extremely durable. They don't soak up any water, nor do they get moldy. The only downside is that, due to the newness of the technology, the floors are slightly pricier than regular flooring.

Another rising trend is recycled flooring. Recycled floors are geared toward the millennial demographic. As a whole, millennials care about the brands they purchase their products from and how these purchases impact the environment, as well as society. Recycled floors are currently at the forefront of the environmentally responsible flooring movement. There are unique carpet tiles that are made using recycled plastic soda bottles. They are called Foss PET carpet tiles. They play a key role in reducing our carbon footprint, which is an important to younger generations who are becoming homeowners.

Today, almost all carpets are being made

in part from recycled materials. According to Fast Company, manufacturers are making the carpet itself more recyclable, which in turn is saving landfills from a portion of the 3.5 billion pounds of carpet tossed each year.

There are tons of other new and improved carpet trends that have peaked in 2018 that were created using new technology. As these carpets begin to increase in popularity the price will inevitably fall. Regardless, they will be a big hit in the flooring world. Although there are already countless societal and environmental reasons ecofriendly floors are thriving, a wonderful aspect to consider is that having these floors in a home can increase the value. The new flooring trends this year are not only stylish, but also helping the environment.

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On Your Mind:

Train Your Brain

Do you remember the old saying, “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks?” Research on the brain has proven that statement false. The brain can be rewired or reprogrammed more easily than you may think.

Most people understand the concept of being traumatized by a specific experience. Many of my clients suffer lasting effects from uncomfortable experiences in their past. They become focused on the event and replay it in their mind, renewing the experience over and over. The more it replays, the bigger and scarier it gets. If your brain is so easily programmed, of course it can be reprogrammed.

Teaching my clients how to use their own minds to accomplish their goals is one of my greatest joys. A belief is just a



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thought repeated over and over. It’s not necessarily true.

If you are willing to let go of your outdated fears and beliefs you can enjoy your life. Fears, phobias and negative thoughts are debilitating and unnecessary.

A common theme with many of my clients is a desire for more confidence and better self-esteem. They focus on mistakes they’ve made in life, continually beating themselves up about them. Often there is someone in their lives who likes to remind them of their failures.

You can retrain your brain by changing your self-talk and repeatedly focus on the change you want to achieve. There may be a million things you did right, but the mind often dwells on the negative stuff. That can be changed, and hypnosis makes it easier.

Remember, beliefs you have about yourself aren’t necessarily true. Even if they were true in the past, learning from mistakes and changing your perspective can change who you are. Confidence and healthy self-esteem are the keys to happiness.

Another example of retraining your brain relates to weight loss. People tell me they love chocolate or pizza or ice cream. Imagine how difficult it is to give up something you love. Begin by telling yourself you used to love it, but now you just don’t. It sounds simple, and it is. It’s easier to give up something that is making you fat if you like it but don’t love it anymore. Think about the number of things you have given up and don’t think about anymore.

Repetition is the secret to success. You must be willing to change your relationship with those things that create unwanted fat. Training your brain requires a real

willingness to give up your old story and replace it with a new one.

There are red flags to be aware of. When you hear yourself say, “I can’t,” stop and change the statement to, “I just haven’t done it yet, but now I’m ready.” So much of our destructive self-talk is habitual. Being aware of it is the first step to reprogramming your mind.

Learning to train your brain is like learning self-hypnosis. Your new programming becomes a new habit with repetition. You have repeated the negative things thousands of times, so don’t give up when change is not immediate. Most people are already doing self-hypnosis – just the negative kind.

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Travel Matters

Safari Across Africa

I just got back from an amazing trip to Southern Africa like no other I have experienced. It was a trip of discovery of the beautiful scenery and nature of Africa, setting out on both water and land safaris to see wild animals in their natural habitat and experience the warm culture of the African people.

A small group of 16 of us set out for Johannesburg, taking a panoramic tour of this capital city. We stopped for an authentic lunch in Soweto, home of Nelson Mandela and the fight to end Apartheid. The next day we flew by small plane to Lake Kariba, one of the largest manmade lakes in Africa and located on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia. Flying over the lake, we were unprepared for its spectacular size and scope (over 140 miles in length and 25 miles wide at the widest point). We arrived at our luxury houseboat, a new ship purpose-built by CroisiEurope for this lake. CroisiEurope is the largest French river cruise company – in business for over 40 years – and we were the first American group to experience this itinerary.

We sailed at sunrise through the mysterious landscapes of Lake Kariba, where drowned



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trees reach skywards from the depths below. We set out on small private boats to discover the Gache Gache River. A birder’s paradise, we saw over a dozen species of African birds never spotted by these American eyes. We also saw a herd of hippos, who finally scattered as we carefully pulled up in our speedboats. We were truly pampered onboard our floating home for three nights, enjoying the best French-accented cuisine and wines from South Africa.

The next day we set out for a land safari in jeeps at Matusadona National Park – home to buffalo, hippos, crocodiles, impalas, and elephants – where hunting is strictly prohibited. Later, on a sundowner cruise, we spotted our first lion of the trip near the shore of the lake.

Next stop: a flight from Kariba to Kasane in Botswana. We boarded small boats and had a fascinating water safari along the Chobe and Zambezi rivers on route to our remote luxury lodge in Namibia – on Impalia Island. There were only eight bungalows with private pools – and our own resident hippos. Here we enjoyed a series of water safaris and land safaris in Chobe National Park, home to



Karen Quinn-Panzer’s tour on African safari. Contributed photo.

one quarter of the total elephant population in Africa, plus giraffes, baboons, and urdus (large antelope).

We didn’t think it could get any better than this, until we reached Victoria Falls and found that our lodge had its own watering hole where we could view animals as we dined in open air. The “smoke that thunders”

of Victoria Falls is truly a wonder. One of the seven natural wonders of the world, it’s the widest waterfall in the world. It was an incredible ending to an incredible journey.

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Here’s To Your Health:

Take The Time To Love Someone

We are social beings. We, like many animals, are not meant to be alone. We are meant to communicate, learn and grow, both emotionally and spiritually.

Having someone who genuinely cares for us can increase our life expectancy. More importantly, it allows us to live happier lives. Whether we are facing tragedy or just a stressful day, we rely on the people we love the most to lift our arms and help love us back to life.

Our spiritual health is just as important as our physical health. I have said before that we are a spirit that has a soul that lives in a body. All three of those components need to be whole and healthy. When you’re down, your body suffers. When you’ve suffered an injury and have limited mobility, your spirit



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weakens. Your heart and mind are not separate; they communicate.

I recently read an article that disturbed me greatly about the epidemic of loneliness in our country. It said more than half of Americans feel lonely and don’t feel people really know them. People are feeling isolated, and the largest group of those people are youth.

If we keep disembodiment ourselves, we will eventually become disposable. That’s a scary thought. I’ve heard people say they don’t need to go to a church to be close to God. While I agree that is true, I love seeing all my church family on Sundays giving and receiving hugs, having conversation and catching up. It helps me feel connected and enriched. You can get a similar connection from a coffee

group or weekly golf outing.

Modern society entails a rush, rush, go, go, more, more lifestyle. We need to slow down, make meaningful connections with those we care about. We have a responsibility to reach out to others. How many of us walk down the street and place our eyes to the ground when a stranger is walking towards us?

Suicides are on the rise in our nation. I believe this to be directly connected with the loneliness in our society. How incredibly sad it is that a person might feel they have no hope to live the life God intended for them or have no purpose for something greater than themselves.

We need to come out from behind our screens and purposely make connections. Take a stranger for a cup of coffee. Stretch out our hands and help an elderly person up the steps. Start conversations on a train ride

into work. We need to teach our children how to have meaningful conversations face to face with peers and adults and put the emojis in a drawer, especially during meal time together.

Nurturing your spirit by nurturing others is a great way to combat disembodiment. Not only will you feel better, but so will the person on the receiving end. Your heart will beat a little slower, your brain will feel less fogged and forgetful, you’ll lower your stress level, you’ll feel motivated and energized, and you will sleep a peaceful night’s sleep. It’s a proven fact that doing good deeds promotes good health. I believe in you. Here’s to your health.

Michele O’Brien-Tenney is a personal trainer and nutritionist. She can be reached at 203-668-2969

Politics

Boynton Gets Endorsements From Unions, Working Families Party



Cindy Wolfe Boynton. File photo.

Cindy Wolfe Boynton, candidate for state representative in the 117th district, has received the endorsement from the Connecticut AFL-CIO, SEIU, Connecticut UAW and the Connecticut Working Families Party. The 117th district covers parts of Milford, Orange, and West Haven.

AFL-CIO, SEIU and UAW are three of the largest unions in Connecticut, representing hundreds of thousands of workers throughout the state. The Connecticut Working Families Party is an independent left-leaning political party that often cross-endorses Democrats. With the Working Families Party endorsement, voters in November will be able to vote for Boynton on Row C, the Working Families ballot line, in addition to the Democratic line on Row A.

"The Connecticut AFL-CIO is proud to endorse Cindy Wolfe Boynton for state representative because of her unwavering support of working people across the state," said Lori J. Pelletier, president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. "Cindy stands for what's important to working families – raising wages, a paid family and medical leave program, equal pay for equal work, and a school system that prepares students for

the current job market. In particular, Cindy recognizes the importance of strengthening our vo-tech schools and community colleges so students are prepared for the growing number of advanced manufacturing jobs right here in Connecticut. For these reasons, our members unanimously endorsed Cindy and we believe she will be a strong voice at the Capitol for all workers in the state."

Lindsay Farrell, state director of the Connecticut Working Families Party, also praised Boynton's ability to champion issues that matter to families.

"The Connecticut Working Families Party is happy to endorse Cindy Wolfe Boynton for state representative," Farrell said. "From caring for her aging parents to raising children of her own, Cindy understands first-hand the challenges that Connecticut's working families face today. Voters can count on her to work tirelessly to build opportunities for Connecticut's residents to succeed – by fighting for forward-thinking ideas like debt-free college, quality job training programs, paid family leave, and public infrastructure investment."

Boynton said she believes that receiving these endorsements is a clear indication that her priorities as a candidate resonate with the hard-working people of the district and the state.

"I am running for state representative because we need an advocate who is not afraid to stand up and fight for accessible and affordable healthcare, higher minimum wage, and more career opportunities for our young people," Boynton said. "These are my priorities, and I am asking the great people of this district to let me fight for them in Hartford. The issues that matter to them matter to me, too."

Staneski, Ferraro Vote For Heating Assistance

State Reps. Pam Staneski and Charles Ferraro Aug. 21 supported a bi-partisan, unanimous agreement to provide fuel assistance to low income families across Connecticut regardless of how they heat their homes this winter.

During a joint meeting of the Appropriations, Energy, and Human Services committees, both Staneski and Ferraro voted for the federal block grant Low Income Home Energy Assistance Plan, or LIHEAP, that helps low income households cover the costs of deliverable fuels.

The Department of Social Services is expecting the federal government to allocate the same amount as last year: \$80.74 million. According to the department, 80,000 Connecticut families were eligible to receive heating assistance last winter.

"This is a public safety issue and it is

absolutely necessary for those on fixed incomes, particularly our Orange and Milford families who are struggling," Staneski said. "The LIHEAP program is a lifeline to many and I'm pleased we were able to reach a bipartisan agreement."

"Government should always be there for those that need our help the most," Ferraro said. "We must protect programs like LIHEAP and I hope the federal government continues to provide this relief to thousands of homeowners who are struggling or on fixed incomes."

The first fuel delivery available for coverage under the program is Nov. 14 and the last day to submit deliverable fuel bills is May 31, 2019. Basic benefits are determined based on income, household size, vulnerability and liquid assets. Vulnerable households and households with the lowest incomes receive the highest awards.



State Reps. Charles Ferraro, left, and Pam Staneski. File photo.

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Klarides Cites New Haven Overdoses In Call To Stiffen Drug Penalties

Citing the mass overdoses in downtown New Haven by scores of people who used synthetic marijuana likely laced with an opioid, House Minority Republican Leader Themis Klarides said Aug. 16 the legislature should have strengthened penalties for those who sell opioids such as fentanyl when it had the chance.

Klarides said the House Republican caucus will again propose legislation to double the penalties for the dealing and manufacturing of opioids such as fentanyl as it has in the past few years. Each time it has failed to gain final approval after support gaining support in committee.

“What has happened in New Haven this week should be a lesson for us all. These mass overdoses tell us that the sale and use of opioids and dangerous substances such as fentanyl are out of control. We need tougher penalties on the sale and manufacture of these substances if we are going to get a handle on this epidemic,” Klarides said. “It is not the only answer, but it needs to be part of the solution.”

A Yale New Haven Hospital physician told media outlets that the Drug Enforcement Administration confirmed that the drugs contained synthetic marijuana mixed with

fentanyl, a synthetic opioid about 50 times stronger than heroin. More than 70 people overdosed Aug. 15 on the synthetic marijuana known as K2. Additional overdoses have continued. The incidents have kept law enforcement and emergency responders busy in downtown New Haven.

“Tougher laws on the sale of fentanyl in particular will enhance the public’s awareness on just how dangerous and prevalent this substance is,” Klarides said.

The most recent legislation introduced, HB 5551 AAC Increasing Penalties for Dealing Synthetic Drugs, hiked penalties for dealing and manufacturing fentanyl substances. In 2016 a similar bill passed unanimously in the Judiciary Committee and cleared the House only to die in the Senate. Last year the bill passed Judiciary but was never called in the House.

The legislation would have reclassified fentanyl as a narcotic from its current status as a controlled substance. The change in classification would double current penalties to up to 15 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Klarides called the legislation a straightforward approach to a problem that should enjoy broad support.

Orange Town Clerk Urges Students To Register, Complete Absentee Ballot Applications

Orange Town Clerk Patrick O’Sullivan is urging all students to register to vote prior to leaving for school or college and to complete an application for absentee ballot if needed.

Any US citizen 17 years of age or older may apply for admission as an elector by preregistering and will become an elector on the day of their 18th birthday.

Residents may complete the voter registration application or application for absentee ballot at Town Hall weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Voter registration applications and applications for absentee ballot can also be downloaded from the Connecticut Secretary of the State’s website at sots.ct.gov or on the Town of Orange website at orange-ct.gov.

Applications can be mailed to Orange Town Hall Town Clerk, 617 Orange Center Rd., Orange, CT 06477.

Election day is Nov. 6. Voters will be exercising their Constitutional right to vote for governor and lieutenant governor; US senator; Congressional representative; state

senator; state representative; secretary of the state; treasurer; comptroller; attorney general; judge of probate; and registrar of voters.

The first day absentee ballots may be issued by the Town Clerk is Oct. 5. Individuals voting by absentee ballot must first submit a completed application for absentee ballot, which can be done now. Upon receipt of the completed application, the town clerk will mail the actual absentee ballot to you; please be sure to have an accurate college address.

In order for your vote to be counted, follow the instructions carefully; the completed absentee ballot must be received by the town clerk by election day.

A new election law allows US citizens to register and vote on election day. You must register and vote in the registrars’ office in Town Hall.

For questions and information, call the registrar of voters office at 203-891-4715/4716, or the town clerk’s office.

Murphy Moves To Block Funding Giving Teachers Firearms

US Senator Chris Murphy, a member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and Appropriations committees, introduced an amendment Aug. 23 to the fiscal year 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill that would block the US Department of Education from allowing school districts to use Title IV federal funds to purchase firearms for teachers. The Senate is

currently debating the education funding bill.

The New York Times recently reported that Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos is considering allowing school districts to use federal funds allocated to the Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants in the Every Child Succeeds Act to purchase firearms for teachers.

“The Secretary of Education cares more about the firearms industry’s bottom line than

the safety of our kids, and that should scare parents to death,” Murphy said. “I have two elementary school age boys, and so I’m going to do everything in my power to make sure that Secretary DeVos’s plan to arm our schools is stopped in its tracks. I’m introducing legislation today to block the arming of teachers, and I do so knowing that earlier this year, Democrats and Republicans in Congress came together to pass a bill that expressly opposed putting guns

in the hands of teachers. Congress doesn’t think this is a good idea. Parents don’t think this is a good idea. Teachers don’t think this is a good idea. Only Betsy DeVos and the gun industry want this. More kids will be killed in schools if this policy is put in place – plain and simple.”

Orange police chief Robert Gagne and Superintendent of Schools Vincent Scarpetti declined to comment for this story.

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Business

Your Finances:

Teach Your Children Good Money Habits

If you are raising young children or teens, you know it can be a challenge to instill positive habits, from productive study routines to correct social behavior. Handling money should be near the top of that list.

As with any life skill, internalizing good habits early helps when young adults begin dealing with serious issues such as housing, vehicles, insurance, taxes and saving.

You can help your children understand money management by:

Giving them responsibility: Children who manage their own money develop better habits than those who don't, according to the 2017 Parents, Kids & Money survey conducted by T. Rowe Price. The survey compared children who managed their own money to children who were not allowed to manage their own money. The mini-managers outperformed the non-managers in several ways. Forty percent of managers compared with 53 percent of non-managers tend to spend money as soon as they get it; 52 percent of managers expect their parents to buy them what they want, compared with

65 percent of non-managers; and 30 percent of managers feel ashamed at having less than other kids, compared with 50 percent of non-managers.

Starting early: As soon as your child learns to count you should set up a piggy bank for them. As early as first grade you can start talking about the difference between needs and desires. For instance, discuss the difference between spending money on food and clothing and buying toys.

Instilling the savings habit: Don't just give your kids an allowance – deposit the money into a savings account. You might offer a weekly allowance of \$5 to \$10 for kids under age 10, and \$10 to \$20 for teenagers. The need to withdraw the funds, whether in person at the bank or digitally, will teach them about banking and savings accounts.

Making allowances meaningful: If you peg an allowance to doing chores, make sure



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you withdraw allowance money if the child fails to perform agreed-upon chores. Some parents don't tie allowances to chores, and some specify basic chores to be performed for free, then pay out allowance money for extra work tasks. Kids are different, and parents should consider their individual personalities in setting up an allowance schedule.

Enforcing savings: Require your kids to set aside a percentage of their allowance money as savings. This should lead to discussions about taxes, charity, insurance and other money issues that require planning and discipline.

Teaching goal-setting skills: Work with your kids to help them set spending goals. Have them set a goal for a major purchase, such as a musical instrument, and then give them incentives to earn extra allowance money to reach the goal more quickly.

Don't get discouraged. Even if it seems

like your financial lessons are not getting through, you're helping your children understand the proper way to handle money, and your lessons will pay off as the children grow.

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Insuring Your Future:

What's On The Horizon For Medicare Recipients In 2019

Just as Halloween decorations appearing in stores in August is a harbinger that fall is fast approaching, so too are the ads for Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplements that begin to appear. Most of the news about the 2019 plans is very good, especially in the area of prescription drug coverage.

Each year the Center of Medicare Services establishes benchmarks (called standard benefits) that insurance carriers must meet for prescription drug plans. This includes maximum deductibles, copays and out of pocket maximums. For 2019, the standard benefit requires the beneficiary to pay:

– \$415 deductible: often the insurance carriers will absorb some of this or it will only apply to non-generic medications.

– In the initial phase, usually beginning Jan. 1, beneficiaries will pay 25 percent of prescription drug costs until the total drug

costs reach \$3,820. Last year the maximum was \$3,750.

– Once the above maximum is met, beneficiaries are in the "coverage gap" (or "donut hole"). At this point, copays will be 37 percent of generic drug costs and 25 percent of name-brand drug undiscounted costs (drug manufacturers provide a 70 percent discount on name-brand drugs). This is a big change from 2018, when copays in the gap for name-brand drugs was 50 percent and generic was 75 percent.

– The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 moved up the date for closing the so-called donut hole for name-brand drugs to 2019. For 2019 and every year after, the beneficiary cost sharing for name-brand



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drugs after the initial coverage limit is 25 percent, which is the same as in the initial phase. In 2020, the beneficiary cost sharing for generic drugs will also be 25 percent.

– Once beneficiary expenditures (including drug manufacturer discounts) reach a total of \$5,100, the beneficiary reaches catastrophic coverage. On any future prescriptions the beneficiary pays either a copay of \$3.35 for generic drugs and \$8.35 for name-brand drugs or a co-insurance of 5 percent, whichever is greater.

Each insurance company must publish the list of medications that it covers and at what level (tier) annually. The formulary can change, so it is important to review

how medications are covered to make sure that the current plan provides the most cost effective coverage for medications.

The above benchmarks do not apply to beneficiaries who receive special help with their prescription drug coverage. Eligibility guidelines under that plan will remain the same as in 2018. Current recipients should not be impacted unless their income exceeds the maximum for individuals or married couples.

Open enrollment for 2019 begins Oct. 15 and ends Dec. 7. Beginning in October, Medicare beneficiaries will have many opportunities to attend meetings regarding plans that will be offered in 2019. Also, there is a new carrier poised to enter the marketplace, which should make the competition greater and plans stronger. Only those insurance agents who have passed the certification test issued by America's Health Insurance Plans and have been certified by each insurance carrier may offer their products. Watch for upcoming events that will be listed in *The Orange Times* in the September and October issues.

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News & Events

Group Trip To Portugal Being Offered

Joanne Byrne, former Orange Senior Center director and regular columnist for The Orange Times, is coordinating a trip to sunny Portugal for Oct. 1 through 10, 2019. This ten-day trip offered by Collette Vacations includes the Portuguese Rivera, a tour of Lisbon, a trip to Fatima, tours of vineyards and wineries, stops in the beautiful countryside, and a chance to experience the local cuisine and immerse yourself in the moving sounds of Fado. Fourteen meals are included as well as round-trip transportation and all air taxes, hotels, and group transport to and from the airport.

This is considered a "leisure stay" tour in

which the itineraries are designed to allow for multiple-night stays in two or more cities. This allows a more leisurely pace and more time to relax and enjoy destinations on your own. Per-person cost is \$3,449 for double occupancy or \$3,749 for single. Each includes a \$100 early booking discount. Trip cancellation insurance is available for \$315 per person.

Call Joanne Byrne 203-623-0325 or email joannebyrne41@gmail.com if you would like a trip brochure. A presentation describing the trip will be given on Sept. 4 at 3 p.m. at the Case Memorial Library, located at 176 Tyler City Rd. in Orange.

Birds Of Prey Coming To Orange Country Fair

The Orange Land Trust will have wingmaster Julie Collins present a Birds of Prey program featuring new birds at the Orange Country Fair. The program has become so popular that a larger tent will be used to accommodate guests more comfortably.

The presentation will be on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16. Live raptors, along with some new birds, will be featured, focusing on the New England region.

Each day there will be four half-hour presentations at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Orange Country Fair is held at the fairgrounds at 525

Orange Center Road.

Julie Collier has been working with the OLT for many years and is an advocate for open space.

"Loss of habitat is the biggest problem for these birds, and groups like the Orange Land Trust work to preserve open space much needed by so many birds," she said.

You will find information in the OLT tent on walking, hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. There will be a photo display and sale of pen and ink note cards designed by Michael Obymachow. T-shirts featuring a bird of prey drawn by Julie Collier will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the OLT.

Miss Nicole's Daycare Opens Orange Location



From left, Miss Ashley, Miss Debbie, co-owner Miss Nicole, Lucianna, Miss Lex, co-owner Kevin, director Miss Emily, Miss Vanessa, Miss Karina and Miss Amanda. Photo courtesy of Nicole DeAngelo.

The staff of Miss Nicole's Creative Learning Center held a ribbon cutting Aug.

19 for its new location at 460 Racebrook Road in Orange.

Milford Hospital Seeking Volunteers

Milford Hospital is seeking prospective volunteers with mid to late afternoon or evening availability. The greatest need for volunteers is in the Enchanted Window Gift Shop and at the main entrance/information desk.

An orientation session detailing volunteer policies, procedures and an overview of current vacancies will be held on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the hospital, which is located at 300 Seaside Ave. in Milford.

Most positions require the ability to

commit to one 3-and-a-half-hour shift per week. Candidates must also be over the age of 18. Physical requirements and necessary job skills vary by position; excellent customer service and interpersonal skills are a must.

Milford Hospital has a corps of over 250 active volunteers. These are friends and neighbors, each of whom is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others.

For more information or to register for the orientation session, call 203-876-4062. For more information about Milford Hospital, visit milfordhospital.org.

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News & Events

Church Of The Good Shepherd Holding Family Bowling Night

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is hosting a Family Bowl event at the Amity Family Bowling Center 30 Seldon St. in Woodbridge from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. The event is open to all ages from 5 through 105 years old; no bowling experience is necessary. Bring yourself, family and friends for fellowship and fun with open lane bowling.

The cost is \$20 per person, \$10 per child

under 12, and \$60 maximum per family. The price gets you a bowling ball, shoes, soda and popcorn. Cash bar and grill are available. Money will be collected at the door on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about the Church of the Good Shepherd's service times and programs, call the Parish Office at 203-795-6577, email thegoodspeherd@optonline.net or visit thegoodshepherdorange.org.

High Holy Days at Temple Emanuel

The high holy days are a time of joy and reflection at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven. The schedule of services and related activities for 2018/5779 is as follows:

- **Sunday, Sept. 9, 8 p.m.:** Erev Rosh Hashanah. Oneg after the service.

- **Monday, Sept. 10, 9:45 a.m.:** Rosh Hashanah children's service. 10 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah first day service. Kiddush after the service, followed by Tashlich.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.:** Rosh Hashanah second day service. Kiddush after the service.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m.:** Kol Nidrei/ Erev Yom Kippur service.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 19, 9:45 a.m.:** Yom Kippur children's service. 10 a.m.: Yom Kippur morning service. 4:15 p.m.: Mincha/ Yom Kippur afternoon service. 5:45 p.m. (approximately): Yizkor/memorial service.

Neilah/concluding service Havdalah service. Break fast to follow.

- **Sunday, Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m.:** Sukkot family program, Sukkah building and potluck lunch in the Sukkah. 6:30 p.m.: Erev Sukkot service.

- **Sunday, Oct. 23, 6 p.m.:** Erev Simchat Torah/consecration service.

Children's high holy day services are intended for children in preschool to fifth grade. Younger children are welcome to attend if accompanied by an adult. Reservations are necessary.

Contact the Temple Emanuel office at 203-397-3000 or office@tegnh.org for details. Guest passes are available. Contact the office (guest tickets are required for security purposes). Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Ave. in Orange. For more information, visit tegnh.org.

Orange's Congregation Or Shalom Events

Shabbat at the Gazebo – Friday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m. Join Congregation Or Shalom as it holds its annual outdoor Friday night Shabbat Service in the gazebo at High Plains Community Center at 525 Orange Center Rd. Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus will bring his guitar and lead a joyful sing-along service. This is an opportunity to introduce prospective members to Or Shalom and to Wainhaus. Approximately 100 people attend the popular service. Chairs are provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. The grounds and pavilion will be available prior to the event for those who would like to bring a picnic. The congregation will be recognizing new

members during the service, and will honor Taylor Gourdiar, the Warren Weisswasser Social Action Fund scholarship recipient.

Community Yizkor Service – Wednesday, Sept. 19, 4:30 p.m. Or Shalom is offering all non-members an opportunity to come to a free community-wide Yizkor memorial service on Yom Kippur day. This service, which will last under an hour, is open to the public without any membership obligation. The service will be led by the synagogue's Ritual Committee Chair Robert Spaulding and his wife Tova Clayman.

Congregation Or Shalom is located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Rd. in Orange. For more information, visit orshalomct.org.

Greek Festival Returns To St. Barbara Church In Orange

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange is holding "ODYSSEY 2018: A Greek Festival" from Aug. 31 through Sept. 3. The four-day party features all things Greek, including cuisine, live music, dancing, and a bustling Hellenic agora (marketplace). The festival, which is in its 38th year, will take place on the grounds of the Byzantine-style church, located at 480 Racebrook Rd.

t-shirts, jewelry, arts and crafts, and a bookstore.

• **Treasures 'n Junque:** ODYSSEY's giant tag sale.

• **Presentations on Greek culture and religion,** along with tours of Saint Barbara Church.

• **Greek dance performances:** traditional Greek folk dances performed by the ODYSSEY Dancers.

• **Greek dance lessons –** taught by the ODYSSEY Dancers (8:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday).

• **Nightly dancing to ODYSSEY's live Greek band,** The Hellenic Company.

• **Kids' area:** rides, games, and magic shows.

• **Raffle:** have a chance at winning the grand prize of \$10,000 cash or nine additional prizes.

• **Senior citizens' day:** senior citizens get a 20 percent discount on snack bar and restaurant tent purchases on Friday, Aug. 31, from noon to 3 p.m.

The festival runs rain or shine Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. and from noon to 7 p.m. Monday. Admission is free. Parking is free on site and at Holy Infant Church next door. There will also be continuous free shuttle bus service from Good Shepherd Church at 680 Racebrook Rd.

For more information, visit saintbarbara.org or call 203-795-1347.

The event includes:

• **Classic Greek cuisine:** appetizers (meze), Greek pastries (glyka), lamb on the spit (souvla), moussaka, gyro, spanakopita (spinach pie) and pastitio (Greek style lasagna).

• **A "gourmet Meze Grille":** gourmet appetizers, including saganaki (flaming cheese), gyro platter, loukaniko sausage, grilled shrimp, avgolemono soup, dips and pitas.

• **Live Greek cooking demonstrations:** learn to prepare some classic Greek foods.

• **Greek marketplace:** gourmet Greek grocery,

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JOANNE BYRNE

Many of us have experienced some attempt at a fraud or scam. Several months ago I got a phone message from someone who claimed to be an employee with the Internal Revenue Service. He said I must call a certain phone number to avoid arrest for tax evasion.

It scared me. It sounded so official. I had to think hard about whether we had inadvertently omitted some essential information on our last income tax report. Believing it was a fraud, but also wanting to know more how these "artists" work, I called the number. I called with my husband standing by my side and knowing I would not divulge any information, just to see how it would go.

The conversation started off cordially, but the more questions I asked and the more I indicated that I did not believe this supposed official, the angrier he got. He went so far as to say that if I did not cooperate, there would be a sheriff at my door within 20 minutes. This did it. I told him I was reporting him to the police and I had a phone number for the police to call. He hung up. I did report the call to the police, but I'm not sure what happened after that. What I do know is that it was a frightening experience. I can just imagine how many people – especially single, older women – are preyed upon in this fashion.

Another common scam involves an email saying that a certain account has been compromised and that you need to reset everything and provide all your passwords. Don't fall for it. Call the account that is being referenced and find out if everything is okay. Never give out Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, or any financial information

unless you know who you are talking to. Don't open emails or links within emails that have not come from a familiar source. That email could be bait designed to reel you in. It could look like an email from your bank asking you to update your password, or it can resemble an email from a friend sharing "attached photos" that show nothing or an error message when clicked. At this point the hacker gains full control over your computer and can steal information that you have stored there.

If you have a smartphone, you can sign up with your credit card provider and/or bank to receive a free text alert whenever your card is used or you have a bank transaction. If anything odd happens that you didn't do, call the customer fraud number on the back of your card and report that your number has been stolen.

AARP suggests checking your credit report four times during the year. To do this, you can go to annualcreditreport.com. Many people suggest changing your passwords at least twice annually. I find this hard to do, since as we get older it becomes more difficult to remember all those changing letters and numbers. At the very least, your passwords should be randomized and not easily discoverable.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a valuable resource to help protect you and those you love. Visit aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork for tips and alerts on how to protect yourself from the latest scams. The call center is staffed with experts who can field your questions and direct you to appropriate resources.

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

For full obituaries, please go to our website at TheOrangeTimes.com.

Margaret Theresa Soulliard Anderson, 91, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2018

Arthur D. "Skip" Du Bail, 70, of Orange, entered into eternal rest on Aug. 14.

Samuel M. Bailardo, age 78, passed away after a brief illness on June 8, 2018.

Martha Amelia Parrella Baldwin, age 82, passed away on Thursday, July 19, 2018.

Florence Hay Benard, age 76, of Milford, passed away peacefully on August 19, 2018.

Audrey Ann Earnest Boxwell, Sr., lifelong resident of Milford, entered Heaven on August 16, 2018.

Barbara C. Boyd, died peacefully on Wednesday, August 2nd 2018.

Patricia Cretella, 64 of Milford passed away August 21, 2018.

Judith Alice Dragonette, 79, passed away suddenly on Aug. 4, 2018.

David Gilmore, age 62, of Milford, passed away on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Bridget Colette Horbury, 83, of Swampscott, MA and Milford, CT, died peacefully on August 16, 2018.

Dolores P. Jaser of Milford, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2018.

Jean Caroline Jensen, 91, of Milford, passed away peacefully at home on August 21, 2018.

Patricia W. Longo, 70, of Orange, CT, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 5th 2018.

Dominick A. Melone, age 92, of Milford, died on Saturday August 18, 2018.

Evelyn S. Moran, 99, of Orange, CT, passed away on August 8th.

Thomas J Nuzzaci, 87, passed away on Thursday, August 2, 2018.

Sarah M. Pulitano, age 91, of Milford for many years, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

Kellie Susan Roper, age 48, of Milford died on Monday, August 13, 2018.

Edward Joseph Verespy, age 90, of Milford, died on Tuesday, August 7th, 2018.

Vincent Wachter, passed away on August 10th,

Jacqueline J. O'Brien Wellner, age 90 of Milford, passed away peacefully August 17, 2018.



Lions Club's senior picnic held on Aug 21 at High Plains. Photo by Lexi Crocco.

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