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Thanks for Karen Zimmerman for contributing the cover photo, which was taken at the third hole of the Oronoque Country Club golf course.

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HELP WANTED:

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Questions or applications may be sent to ovmd@oronoquevillage.com

BRAIDED METAL HOSES CAN PREVENT COSTLY WATER DAMAGE CLAIMS

By Mark Rhatigan

A Maintenance standard at Oronoque Village is that all water supply lines (for toilets, sinks, ice makers, washing machines or other fixtures or appliances with water feed) must be braided stainless steel, copper or brass.

Braided stainless steel flexes come in every length. The right flex can easily solve many supply connection issues and make short work of your installation. Operational shut-off valves within the unit should be labeled and accessible.

Homeownership can be difficult, but there are some quick additions can potentially save you thousands of dollars. One of these easy solutions is installing braided hoses made of either stainless steel, brass or copper.

Advantages of the braided metal hoses are as follows:

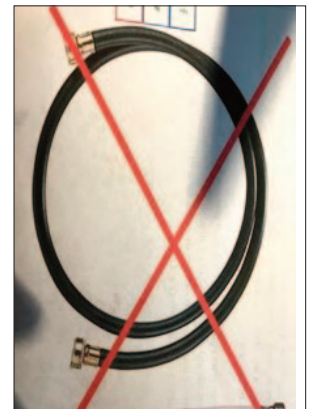
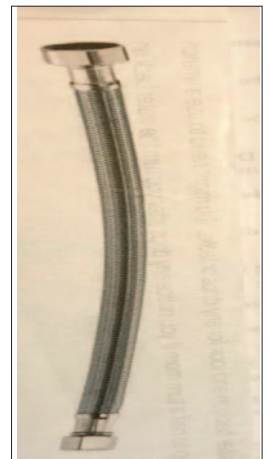
- They are burst-proof.
- They are extremely long-lasting. (Some experts say they should be changed every five to eight years, and others have yet to see one burst.)
- Braided metal hoses are super easy to install. The only tool required is a wrench.
- Braided metal hoses are inexpensive. (While the cost and length may vary, braided metal hoses for washing machines generally cost less than \$50 per hose. This is an incredible savings when compared to the average cost of a water damage claim.)

Braided metal hoses should be found throughout your home, helping to save your kitchens and bathrooms from a hose fail and subsequent water damage. You can use them on basically any faucet or toilet supply.

Rubber hoses can be regarded as ticking time bombs. They rupture over time and are of great concern to insurance providers.

It's been said that one of the top most avoidable home disasters is a burst washing machine hose. While replacing a washing machine hose can cost as little as \$10, State Farm Insurance reports that in Canada and the U.S. there is approximately \$150 million dollars in damage reported from hose failures each year.

Holding on to your old hose definitely isn't worth the risk.



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MAY 21 IS SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Villagers will have multiple opportunities to get rid of unwanted goods from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Dumpsters will be placed in the rear parking lot of SCB for the disposal of household items, including furniture, appliances and metal objects that are less than 8 feet in size. Members of the Maintenance staff will be on hand to assist residents.

There will be a dumpster for metal and another for bulk items. All metal items must be separated from other materials.

Bulk collection items include the following:

- Furniture
- Mattresses and box springs
- Carpeting
- Large metal items (8' maximum)
- Fencing

Shredding Truck at NCB

A shredding truck will be parked at NCB from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Villagers are encouraged to use this service to destroy outdated confidential documents, such as bank statements, credit card receipts, invoices, insurance forms and cancelled checks.



The following items are **not** allowed for disposal in the dumpsters provided on Cleanup Day. These items must be taken directly to the Town of Stratford Transfer Station:

- Household trash
- Items that would normally fit into the trash container for weekly pickup, including cardboard.
- Leaves, branches, stumps
- Hazardous materials, paint
- Recyclable materials
- Demolition material (i.e. asphalt, shingles, sheet-rock, concrete, tile, brick or any other masonry debris)
- Freon-containing appliances (i.e. refrigerators)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OV TENNIS CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL SPRING MEETING/PARTY

Story and photo by Peter Feick

Oronoque Village Tennis Club (OVTC) members, as well as all resident tennis players and nonplayers interested in learning more about our club and the benefits of membership, are invited to our first general meeting of this season.

The meeting will take place at NCB on Monday, May 2, at 4 p.m. Immediately following the meeting, OVTC will provide hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. Ninety9Bottles, of Shelton, will donate red and white wine and beer for the event.

Join us to sign up for membership, meet other residents and hear the schedule of events for the season. We will also



explain the new electronic court reservation system for weekday morning signups, which will commence during the week of May 16.

Dues for 2022 — for both members and social members — are \$25. Peter Geltner, OVTC treasurer, will be on-site to collect dues payments. Please make the check payable to "OVTC." The deadline for dues payment is May 15.

The first social event of the season is a Round Robin, open to all OV residents, to be held at the courts on Saturday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. Signing up for this event will be available during the May 2 meeting and at the courts on the bulletin board.

Questions? Email OVCA.Tennis@gmail.com or call Peter Feick, OVTC president, at 203-856-0246.



HOUSE & GARDEN PLANT SALE

The OV House & Garden Club plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 21. An order form will be placed in the May 1 edition of The Villager.

Only pre-orders will be accepted for pickup on May 21. For more information, call Merrilees at 203-376-8753.

MOVIE CLUB SEEKS NEW ORGANIZER

Marcia Klein announced that she is stepping down as the organizer of the Movie Club, after 5 1/2 years of service. Anyone interested in taking the reins of the Movie Club should give Marcia a call at 203-380-6886.

Movies are shown on the second Friday of each month at NCB at 7 p.m. and the following Wednesday at 2 p.m. at SCB.

DOCENTS WANTED FOR HELICOPTER MUSEUM

The Helicopter Museum, located at the eastbound Stratford Train Station on Main Street, is in search of individuals to become docents for the 2022 season. Interested individuals should contact Dale McClanan at dale.mcclanan@yahoo.com or leave a message at 860-305-0063.

The museum was founded in 1983 to highlight Stratford's and Connecticut's contributions to helicopter aviation, utilizing pictorial displays, models, a S-76 cockpit and videos.

The museum is primarily self-directed; there are pictures, models and displays. Docents will play videos when requested and answer questions, as necessary.

The museum is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday from Memorial Day to mid-October. For information, visit www.nationalhelicoptermuseum.org.

STRATFORD LIBRARY INVITES RESIDENTS TO TAKE A SURVEY

The Stratford Library is in the midst of a strategic planning process to help plan for the future. Patrons are asked to take a few minutes to answer an anonymous online survey. The survey should take no longer than five minutes to complete. To take the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stratfordlibrary>

For further information about the Stratford Library's strategic planning process, call 203-385-4162.

POKER PLAYERS WANTED

Resident poker players are invited to join the fun Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. in the card room. Games are open to all, new players welcome. Contact Rich Castle at 203-572-0989 with questions.

PIANIST SOUGHT

Eric and Dawn Spitz, of Agawam Drive., are planning to sing at senior residences, but need a good pianist who can read music. The couple performs Broadway songs as well as Gilbert and Sullivan tunes.

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CORNHOLE

- Cornhole is played on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon, at SCB.

CURRENT EVENTS

- The Current Events Discussion Group meets in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays April 27, May 11 and 25, June 8 and 22 and July 6 and 20.

DOLLCRAFTERS

- Dollcrafters meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays in the NCB Library.

DROP-IN BRIDGE

- Drop-in Bridge takes place on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the NCB Lounge. All levels of bridge players are encouraged to attend; no need to bring a partner. There is no fee to participate. For information, please contact Wendy Swain at 203-386-9125. Proof of vaccination required.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

- The Ladies Bible Study welcomes all resident women. Proof of vaccination is not required, but nonvaccinated ladies must wear masks. There are no fees to join. Purchasing study materials is optional. Meetings are on the second and fourth Fridays in the NCB Board Room from 10:30 to noon (excluding July and August.) Questions? Call Angie McKelvey (203-227-3222) or Tina Vermette (203-375-0291).

LINE DANCING

- Line dancing classes are held on Wednesdays at NCB. Beginner classes are held at 9:30 a.m., followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m. No masking is required for anyone who has received the booster or third shot. All others must wear masks.

LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS

- Low-impact exercise classes, taught by Renee Zinn, are held at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays at NCB. Bring weights and water. Proof of vaccination and masks are required. Those without proof of booster shots must wear masks.

PING PONG GROUP

- Players of all levels are invited to join this group on the second floor of the South Clubhouse Fridays at 9 a.m. and Mondays at 6 p.m. For information, email Wayne Cotter at wcotter999@gmail.com.

POOL SOCIAL GROUP

- Anyone who enjoys socializing in and around the pools during the summer is invited to attend a get-together from 4-6 p.m. at SCB on second Monday of each month. Come with your favorite appetizer and or beverage (or nothing) for reunions and conversations. Call Sonya at 203-377-1515 for more information.

QUILTING GROUP

- Village quilters meet at the NCB Card Room on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

- Tea, Talk, and Crafts meets at 1 p.m. on Thursdays next to the kitchen at SCB Annual dues are \$10. Questions? Call Irene Sanzone at 203-378-2010. Vaccinated members only. Please show proof.

WRITER'S GROUP

- The OV Writer's Group is comprised of participants who enjoy the challenges of writing and of sharing their work in a trusted environment. Members commit to attending workshops twice a month in a respectful, supportive and professional environment with hopes of expanding their writing and publishing horizons. Our members include published authors and hobbyists. Our works include essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, treatises, humorous tales, heart-wrenching histories. The group meets on alternate Thursdays at 2 p.m. in the Card Room at SCB. For information, contact Mary von Ziegesar at MvonZ@optonline.net or call 203-767-9760.

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OV PICKLEBALL IS READY TO GO!

Story by **Bill Tanski**

It's time again to think dink! The Pickleball Club will hold its opening meeting on Thursday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at NCB. New and current members are encouraged to attend.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. "There are 4.8 million people playing pickleball—almost double the number from just five years ago," according to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association." The club's current members have been playing throughout winter, both outside and indoors.

The club has been holding round robin for current members since April 1. The club's official 2022-23 season begins on May 1.

In addition to our play, the OV Pickleball Club offers members an active social program with parties and bar-

becues during the course of the season, and through the end of the year. This year the club is also sponsoring the annual OV Alzheimer's Walk on June 25.

The competitive side of our club comes into focus in

September with our annual tournament. But, being a fun group, we have a party afterwards to celebrate the day.

Interested in joining us? Please come out to the courts on Saturday, April 23, at noon for a demonstration by the officers. You can also try out your skills

Proper court shoes

and athletic attire required. No denim is allowed. For more information, contact Regina Archazki, club president, at rarchazki@hotmail.com or 203-915-0781. **OV**



RE-CAP: 'BUTTONS: ART IN MINIATURE'

Story by **Barbara Stewart** ~ Photo by **Arline Walton**

On Wednesday, March 16, Anita Cody presented a lively and informative program about buttons and button collecting. Her talk included buttons related to both Connecticut and United States historical events as well as beautifully crafted buttons from foreign countries, such as Japan and China.

Anita began her talk with a story about an interesting marble she possessed, which unexpectedly led to her passion for button collecting.

In addition to her PowerPoint presentation, Anita brought many buttons from her own collection for people to view and provided a "poke box" of miscellaneous buttons for people to handle and take home, if they wished.

After her talk Anita answered several questions. One person brought two special buttons to show Anita; the buttons turned out to have a value of \$200 to \$300 each ... so you never know!

Wine and appetizers were served after the talk when we had a chance to chat with Anita and enjoy our time together. **OV**



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FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Business & Maintenance Offices Closed

- 9:00 a.m. – Ping Pong Club, SCB
- 9:00 a.m. – AARP Driving Class, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB

SATURDAY, APRIL 16: No events scheduled

SUNDAY, APRIL 17: No events scheduled

MONDAY, APRIL 18

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 2 Meeting, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 5 Meeting, SCB
- 5:30 p.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Ping Pong, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA Board Meeting, NCB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginner, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, all levels, NCB

- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 11:30 a.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

- 9:00 a.m. – Ping Pong Club, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB, B/R
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 6 Meeting, SCB

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- 12:00 p.m. – Pickleball Demonstration, RSF
- 6:00 p.m. – SAC Roaring '20s Event, NCB

SUNDAY, APRIL 24: No events scheduled

MONDAY, APRIL 25

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 5:30 p.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Ping Pong, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB



SAVE THE DATE:

ALZHEIMER'S WALK, SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 25

The Pickleball Club will sponsor a walk to support the Alzheimer's Association on June 25. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, "Walk to End Alzheimer's" is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Details on how to participate in the effort will be published in upcoming issues of The Villager.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SALLY PAUL



Longtime resident Sally Paul celebrated her 90th birthday in late March during a party given by her children. Thanks to Monica McDonald for capturing the moments. At left, Sally is flanked by OV residents Maury Streicker and Doris Plavnicky. At right, Sally with her children, from left, Dwayne Paul, Suzanne Horvath and Joanne Allen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 4:00 p.m. – OVTB Board Meeting, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Cards, Brosowsky, SCB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginner, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, all levels, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 11:30 a.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Pickleball Club Opening Meeting, NCB

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Business & Maintenance Offices Close at 3 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. – Ping Pong Club, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Wine Club, NCB (This event is sold out)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- 6:30 p.m. – Karaoke / Dance Party, SCB

SUNDAY, MAY 1: No events scheduled

MONDAY, MAY 2

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 4:00 p.m. – OV Tennis Club Opening Meeting, NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – SAC Meeting, NCB
- 5:30 p.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Ping Pong, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Cards, Brosowsky, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers, SCB



Left, Jerry and Carole Debrosky at the Weekenders' St. Paddy's Day Celebration. Right, George Zamary.

WEEKENDERS' ST. PADDY'S DAY CELEBRATION WAS A SUCCESS

Story by Carol Tepper ~ Photos by Barbara Brown

A sold-out crowd, a sea of green, the aroma of corned beef and the best of entertainers waiting to perform; and ... as one of their songs goes ... "Oh What A Night."

The weather was definitely challenging — making us wonder whether we should or should not cancel — but it seemed to cooperate as a sold-out crowd of Villagers entered the North Clubhouse on Saturday, March 12.

The room soon filled with women and men in their

green apparel; some Villagers with green hair and others with Irish jewelry hanging from their ears and hair and the men proudly wearing shamrock ties and pocket hankies! They were definitely ready to celebrate!

As they found their assigned seats, many not knowing the others at their tables, quickly made friends.

The freshly sliced, extremely tender corned beef was then sliced by Scotty from Lasse's Restaurant and piled high on special rye bread. Potato salad, coleslaw and pickles were served in separate containers. (We were very COVID conscience!) Of course, you can't have a Weekenders event without potato chips, so everyone got a bag of their own when they signed in.

Dr. Joe Utterback, a featured jazz pianist in the U.S. and overseas for more than 50 years, dazzled us with his magic fingers on the piano, accompanied occasionally by the gifted voice of Michael Jovovich, who also has sung worldwide and with some of the most talented entertainers on Broadway.

Their humorous high-energy show had Villagers clapping and singing along in no time, from start to finish, as they listened to a collection of music ranging from traditional Irish ballads and to the American songbook.

In all, it was another wonderful evening put on by Weekenders. Our next "really big show" will be on June 18 as Cookie Thomas takes the stage. OV

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Pizza Rustica

Ingredients

For the crust

4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, cold and cut into cubes
3 large eggs, beaten
6 tablespoons ice water

For the filling

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 pound Italian sausage, casings removed
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 cups baby spinach
8 large eggs
1 (16-ounce) container ricotta
1 cup shredded mozzarella
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan
4 ounce salami, chopped
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Egg wash, for brushing

Directions

Make dough: In a large bowl, whisk together flour and salt. Add butter and cut into flour with a pastry cutter or your hands until pea-size and some slightly larger pieces form. Add eggs and knead with your hands to combine, then add cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until dough comes together. Cut dough in half. Form both pieces into discs and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until well chilled, at least 1 hour.

Meanwhile make filling: In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add sausage and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, 6 minutes. Add garlic and spinach and cook until spinach is wilted, 2 minutes more. Remove from heat and let cool. In a large bowl, combine eggs, ricotta, mozzarella, Parmesan, salami, and cooled sausage mixture. Season with salt and pepper.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and grease an 8-inch springform pan with cooking spray. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the larger piece of dough into a 16" circle. Transfer to prepared pan, guiding dough upward and letting excess hang over the sides. Roll smaller piece of dough into a 12" circle. Pour filling over bottom crust, then top with smaller crust. Trim overhang to 1" then pinch crusts together and crimp.

Cut slits in pie crust for steam to escape. Brush top with egg wash and bake until golden, 1 hour and 15 minutes. Let cool 15 minutes, then remove springform ring to serve.

Source: *Delish.com*

Beef Brisket with Caramelized Onions

This is a recipe best cooked a day in advance of serving. Cover with braising juices and refrigerate. Next day, lift the lid and discard congealed fat. Reheat, covered, in a 350-degree oven for about 1 hour.

Ingredients

3 tablespoons kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon paprika (preferably Hungarian)
Pinch of cayenne
5 to 7 pounds beef brisket, not too lean
1 cup red or white wine
12 cloves
1 whole head of garlic
3 bay leaves
3 allspice berries
6 large onions, peeled, and sliced crosswise 1/4-inch thick
3 tablespoons olive oil
Parsley sprigs, for garnish
1/4 cup slivered scallions (optional)



Directions

In a small bowl, mix together salt, pepper, paprika and cayenne. Season brisket generously on all sides with salt mixture. (Use about 2 tablespoons and reserve remaining mixture.) If possible, wrap and refrigerate several hours or overnight, then bring to room temperature.

Heat oven to 300 degrees. Place brisket in a shallow roasting pan or earthenware baking dish. Pour wine and 2 cups water over the brisket, then add cloves, garlic, bay leaves and allspice berries.

Scatter about 1/3 of the sliced onions over brisket. Cover with foil or a tight-fitting lid. Place in oven and bake for about 3 hours or until meat is quite tender when probed with a fork. (Be careful not to overcook; you want slices, not shreds.)

Meanwhile, place a large skillet over high heat and add olive oil. Add remaining onions and season with remaining salt mixture. As onions begin to brown, reduce heat to medium. Cook, uncovered, turning onion slices with a spatula every few minutes until caramelized and fork-tender, about 15 to 20 minutes. Add 1/2 cup water to onions and simmer a few minutes more. (For more flavor, use broth from the brisket pan instead.) Onions may be prepared in advance and reheated.

To serve, transfer brisket to a cutting board. Trim extraneous fat from meat. With a large knife, cut meat across the grain into 1/4-inch slices. Strain braising liquid into a

saucepan (discard solids left in strainer) and skim any rising fat from surface.

Arrange sliced meat on a platter. Cover with caramelized onions and ladle some hot braising liquid over. Garnish with parsley sprigs and sprinkle with scallions, if using. Serve remaining juices separately.

Source: cookingnytimes.com

Slow Cooker Spring Beef Bourguignon

Ingredients

4-pound beef chuck roast, cut into chunks
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup red wine
1 cup beef broth
2 cups sliced baby bella mushrooms
2 large carrots, sliced into rounds
1 large onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, chopped
3 sprigs fresh thyme
3 sprigs fresh rosemary
1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and quartered
Chopped fresh parsley, for serving

Directions

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. While it heats, toss beef with oil. Sear beef in batches, 3 minutes per side. Between each batch, deglaze pan with some red wine, scraping up any bits with a wooden spoon. Pour mixture into slow-cooker along with seared beef as it's done.

To slow-cooker, add beef broth, mushrooms, carrots, onion, garlic, thyme, rosemary and remaining red wine. Cook on high 6 to 7 hours, until beef is easily shreddable. Thirty minutes before serving, remove herbs and add asparagus; cook until just tender.

Garnish with parsley and serve.

Source: delish.com

Passover "Bagels"

Ingredients

1 cup water
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 tablespoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup matzo meal
4 eggs

Directions

In a large saucepan, bring the water, oil, sugar and salt to a boil. Add matzo meal all at once and stir until a smooth ball forms. Remove from the heat; let stand for 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until mixture is smooth and shiny.

Drop dough into 12 mounds 3 inches apart on two greased baking sheets. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes.

Reduce heat to 350 degrees; bake 12-15 minutes longer or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks. Immediately cut a slit in each to allow steam to escape; cool.

Source: www.tasteofhome.com

Chicken Matzoh Ball Soup

Ingredients

1 broiler/fryer chicken (3 to 4 pounds)
1 pound chicken wings
6 quarts water
3 large carrots, chopped
2 medium parsnips, peeled and chopped
1 medium turnip, peeled and chopped
1 large onion, chopped
1 bunch fresh dill sprigs
1 bunch fresh parsley sprigs
1-1/2 teaspoons whole peppercorns
3 teaspoons salt



Matzoh Balls:

1 package (5 ounces) matzo ball mix
4 large eggs
1/4 cup safflower oil
1/4 cup rendered chicken fat
2 tablespoons snipped fresh dill
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
10 cups water

Directions

Place chicken and wings in a stockpot; add water, vegetables, herbs and seasonings. Slowly bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 1-2 hours.

Remove chicken and wings and cool. Strain broth through a cheesecloth-lined colander; reserve vegetables. Skim fat. Remove meat from bones and cut into bite-sized pieces; discard bones. Return broth, vegetables and meat to pot. If using immediately, skim fat. Or cool broth, then refrigerate 8 hours or overnight; remove fat from surface before using. (Broth may be refrigerated up to 3 days or frozen 4-6 months.)

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, beat matzo ball mix, eggs, oil, chicken fat, dill and parsley until combined. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

In another stockpot, bring water to a boil. Drop rounded tablespoonfuls of matzo ball dough into boiling water. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until a toothpick inserted into a matzo ball comes out clean (do not lift cover while simmering), 20-25 minutes.

Carefully remove matzo balls from water with a slotted spoon; place 1 matzo ball in each soup bowl. Add soup.

Source: www.tasteofhome.com

BEYOND THE VILLAGE

The Shelton Art League presents Jim Laurino, who will paint a landscape in oil at 1 p.m. on April 18 at the Shelton Community Center, 41 Church St., in the lower level multipurpose room. The league's general meeting starts at 11:45 a.m.

Laurino has a bold representational style, as shown in his scenes of rivers, lakes, seascapes, woodlands, farms, historic buildings, etc. His paintings are in numerous private collections, and he has participated in many juried shows, winning various awards.

For more details, visit <http://www.sheltonartleague.org>. Guests are always welcome.

The Wilton Playshop presents "Evita" April 22-May 7. "Evita" charts the young and ambitious Eva Peron's meteoric rise to sainthood. Set in Argentina between 1934-1952, the Tony-winning musical follows Eva Duarte on her journey from poor illegitimate child to ambitious actress to, as wife of military leader-turned-president Juan Peron, the most powerful woman in Latin America, before her death from cancer at age 33. The events in Evita's life are presented in song and commented on by the show's narrator, Che.

The theater is located at 5 Lovers Lane, Wilton. For information, email info@wiltonplayshop.org, call 203-762-7699 or visit www.wiltonplayshop.org.

The Palace Theater in Waterbury presents "Waitress," April 22-23, with three performances.

This hit musical tells the story of Jenna, an expert pie maker who dreams of a way out of her small town in this uplifting celebration of friendship, motherhood and the magic of a well-made pie.

Pouring her heart into her pies, she crafts desserts that mirror her topsy-turvy life such as "The Key (Lime) to Happiness Pie" and "Betrayed By My Eggs Pie." When a baking contest in a nearby county — and a satisfying encounter with someone new — show Jenna a chance at a fresh start, she must find the courage to seize it. Change is on the menu, as long as Jenna can write her own perfectly personal recipe for happiness. Visit <https://www.palacetheaterct.org> or call 203-346-2000.



Landscapes taken by photographer Larry Silver are on view at The Walsh Gallery at Fairfield University.

The Walsh Gallery at Fairfield University is showing "13 Ways of Looking at Landscape: Larry Silver's Connecticut Photographs." Silver is a New York Photo League-inspired photographer still working today. This

exhibition, guest curated by curator and art historian Leslie K. Brown, PhD, brings together over 40 years of Silver's work.

The first part of the exhibition's title is a nod to poet Wallace Stevens, who also called Connecticut his home for decades, and specifically his poem "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird." The exhibition layout will echo Stevens' iconic poem and be installed in clusters. Similar to what Stevens called "sensations," each grouping of Silver's photographs will gather images across several of his series and reflect upon different facets of his work, while offering the audience a unique viewing and spatial experience.

This multifaceted, but still focused, theme will showcase Silver's work from several areas of the state and different kinds of "-scapes." Exuding a sense of quiet contemplation and a studied approach, Silver engages ideas of observation and framing in his lyrical compositions.

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The OV Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the NCB Library.

The book for May 4 is *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. The author fictionalizes the life of William Shakespeare's family at the time of his son Hamnet's death in 1596 and the writing of the play *Hamlet* around 1600.

How much do we really know about the inspiration for one of the most famous plays ever performed? When Shakespeare sat down to write *Hamlet*, his only son, Hamnet, was some 4 years dead. Hamnet Shakespeare only lived to the age of 11.

Hamnet captivates the difficulties associated with death and grief in a time where the world, outside of the home, was difficult to understand and comprehend.

There is no book selection for the June meeting.

THE OV WINE CLUB APRIL 29 EVENT IS SOLD OUT; WAIT LIST ONLY

Please call Charlie DiGiovanni at 203-258-8063 to be placed on the wait list.

TENTATIVE DEADLINE DATES FOR UPCOMING VILLAGER ISSUES

The Villager magazine is published bimonthly, on the first and the fifteenth of each month, when possible. Submissions must be delivered to Editor Carol King via email at cking@oronoquevillage.com by noon to meet each deadline.

Publication and deadline dates are subject to change. The current schedule OF upcoming magazines is as follows:

- May 2 Villager has a deadline of April 19
 - May 16 Villager has a deadline of May 3
 - June 1 Villager has a deadline of May 19
 - June 15 Villager has a deadline of June 2
 - July 1 Villager has a deadline of June 20
 - July 15 Villager has a deadline of July 5
 - August 1 Villager has a deadline of July 19
 - August 15 Villager has a deadline of August 2
- Questions? Email Carol or call 203-377-5313, ext. 3.



FUNSEEKERS PRESENTS



Over Tuesday, May 3
7 pm SCB • Doors Open At 6:15

Meet Devon Cass, Cher Impersonator. Devon's impersonation of Cher has been showcased on Entertainment Tonight, Kelly and Michael, Access Hollywood and Extra. He was on the cover of the millennium issue of *Rolling Stone* as Cher, and declared a makeup genius by *Glamour Magazine*. **Cher will be singing live, no lip-syncing!** This show is not one to be missed and will **sell out quickly!** Be amazed and have an exciting evening of song, celebrity and great fun!

Reservations required and payments will be accepted from April 16th until May 1st unless maximum capacity is reached earlier. Please put \$4.00 per person into FUNSEEKERS box in NCB lobby. Not a member for 2022? Join or rejoin for \$15 per person. Drop your dues check off in the Funseekers mailbox (Please include your name, phone number and email address.) Only OV resident Funseekers members and one non-resident guest per household may attend - guests are \$7.00 pp

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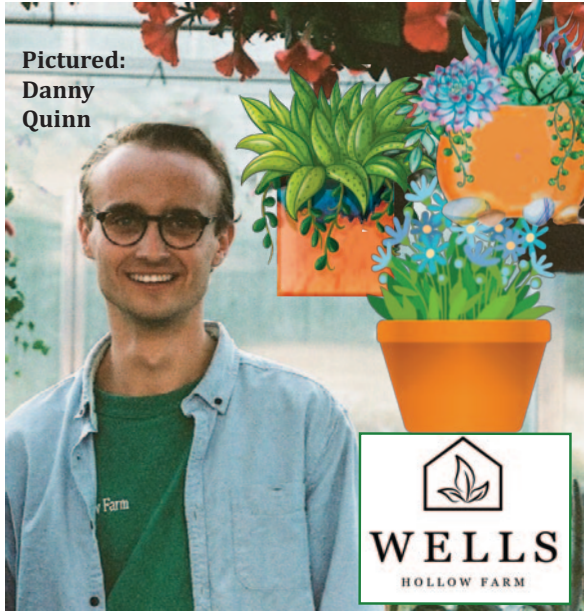


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Danny Quinn, General Manager of Wells Hollow Farm in Shelton will create an exciting trio of container plantings to be raffled off after his presentation. Danny has been at Wells Hollow for over 12 years starting there when he was in high school and plants and garden knowledge have become his passion and his profession.

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Karaoke & Dance Party

Please Note Date Change:

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 6:30 p.m.



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Upcoming events will be held on Fridays May 27 and June 24.

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