

WORD on the STREET

LOOSE GEMSTONE & CUSTOM JEWELRY EVENT

Saturday, Feb. 11 through Feb. 18. Every February Melissa of Melissa Designer Jewelry, 116 S. Churton St., hand selects distinctive gemstones for her handmade jewelry at the world's largest gem show in Tucson. We are pleased to share these unique finds with you Feb. 11 through 18 during our Loose Gemstone & Custom Jewelry Event! Choose from superbly faceted German cut gems to classic pearls, to Australian opals. When you find one you love it's easy to collaborate with Melissa to design your new treasure! Come in Saturday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14 through Friday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., or Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 919-643-2600 for more info.

HILLSBOROUGH TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE, "THE THEME IS LOVE"

Thursday, Feb. 16 5:45 to 7 p.m. Open House, "The theme is Love," Hillsborough Toastmasters, 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Featured speaker is Regina Gale, local writer and News of Orange essayist. Learn how to speak from your heart and your mind. Public speaking and leadership skills in supportive fun atmosphere. UNC Healthcare, 430 Waterstone Dr., Hillsborough, first floor, room 11002.

19TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURE SUMMIT

Monday, Feb. 20, 8 a.m. (Note: registration at 7 a.m.) Cedar Grove Community Center (Highway 86, north of Hillsborough)- The 19th annual Orange County Agriculture Summit will be held Feb. 20. This year's summit is titled "Fertile Ground: Reinventing the Rural Economy," and will cover topics such as Rural Communications technologies, Bona Fide Farms and Agritourism. The free summit is open to Orange County residents. Registration is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m.. The program will begin at 8 a.m. with remarks from Orange County Board of Commissioners Chair Mark Dorosin. To register or to find out more, call Tina Love at 919-245-2325 or email her at tlove@orangecountync.gov

ART LAB FOR KIDS, AT THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ongoing, Mondays, Feb. 20 and 27, 4 p.m. This program, at the Orange County Public Library, Main Library, will spark your imagination and creativity. In these art adventures we will look, learn, and create together using a variety of art techniques and media. Grades K-3.

START FROM SCRATCH: CODING

Ongoing, four Thursdays: Feb. 16 and 23, and Mar. 2 and 9, 4 p.m. Join us at the Orange County Public Library, Main Library to learn the basics of coding using Scratch Language to create your own games. Intended for grades 4 through 6. Call 919-245-2532 to register.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER AT THE ORANGE COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY

Friday, Feb. 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Your stuffed animals deserve a night out! Bring your stuffed animal to the Orange County Public Library, Main Library for a pajama storytime and then leave your fuzzy buddy overnight for a sleepover. Come back the next morning at 9:15 a.m. for a light breakfast and to see pictures of the fun your stuffed animals had during their night away. For all ages. Call 919-245-2532 to register.

BLOOD DRIVE HOSTED BY WALNUT GROVE UNITED METH-ODIST CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 19, noon to 4:30 p.m. Walnut Grove United Methodist Church in Hurdle Mills, NC will be hosting an American Red Cross Bloodmobile on Sunday, Feb. 19 in the Fellowship Hall from noon to 4:30 p.m. There continues to be an urgent need for blood because of the many storms and hurricanes over the past few months. For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact Carlye Carr at 919-732-7183 or at carlyelcarr@gmail.com. Give the gift of love this Valentine's season by giving the life saving gift of blood.

INTERNATIONAL LIVE EVENTS ASSOCIATION NETWORKING MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6 to 9 p.m. The Cloth Mill at Eno River; 437 Dimmocks Mill Road #3, Hillsborough- The Raleigh/ Durham chapter of the International Live Events Association will host its February Networking Meeting on Feb. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cloth Mill at Eno River. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested. The cost of attendance is \$10. This is a great opportunity to network with professionals from Raleigh, Durham, and the surrounding areas, and enjoy the gorgeous Cloth Mill event venue! To register for the event, visit the Hillsborough/Orange Chamber of Commerce's website.

GRIT HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Tom Carr will be inducting OCS students into the Grit Hall of Fame. Students were nominated based on character, hard work, overcoming adversities, integrity and-most importantly-their grit. Inductees will receive a medal, trophy, certificate and a chance to win scholarship money. This year's ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 at Pleasant Green United Methodist Church. Friends and family members are welcome to attend. This year's guest speaker will be Dr. Todd Wirt, Superintendent of Orange County Schools.

GAME DAY!

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Get your game on at the Orange County Public Library, Main Library! Bring your friends and come meet new ones as we play on the Wii, Xbox Kinect, and laptops. Or, try out a board game or card game! All ages are welcome - kids under 10 need an adult.

BEARING WITNESS: AN EVENING OF POETRY

Thursday, Feb. 23, 6 to 7:45 p.m. Four passionate poets will read at the Orange County Library's main library: Dr. William Blackley on his experiences in the military during the Vietnam War and the after-effects for himself and other soldiers

Town issues boil water advisory after water line break

BY CHARLOTTE WRAY

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Orange County can't catch a break – but actually they can, because for the second time in a week, after the water shortage incident in Chapel Hill due to a main pump break, Hillsborough experienced a water line break that resulted in a boil water advisory for a portion of the town, which has now been lifted.

Merely days after the State of Emergency in Chapel Hill ended on Feb. 4, the Town of Hillsborough released a statement on Wednesday, Feb. 8 that said a Boil Water Advisory had been issued for part of a Hillsborough Service Area due to a water line break from a construction accident by a

private contractor.

The water line break occurred when the contractor was "working on Orange High School Road near the intersection with US 70 pulled a 1-inch service line from the town's water main, where Hillsborough utilities crews were unable to completely turn off the water supply and had to repair the line under pressure," according to a town press release.

As was reported for the Chapel Hill incident, low, or an absence of, pressure in the water distribution system increases the chance for "back siphonage" or simply, water contamination, and the risk of bacteria in the water system, thus a notice was released for precaution.

The notice, with some

hand delivered to those known to have experienced low water pressure, stated that water customers along and north of US 70 to boil all water for human consumption.

Properties served by the town's water system on North and South English Hill Lane, on U.S. 70 between Orange High School Road and Scotswood Boulevard, on Ann, Gwen, Joyce and Orange High School roads, including Orange County school system and the two affected schools on Orange High School Road, may have experienced low pressure as well and were alerted accordingly.

The water pressure was eventually stabilized around 3:10 p.m. after repairs were completed, but water contamination level results were not

confirmed until Thursday, when the Town released a statement that the water sample results showed no contamination in the water.

As this followed the water shortage State of Emergency issued in Chapel Hill due to water shortage from both the addition of excessive fluoride in the water at the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant in Carrboro and then a main pump break in Chapel Hill, Hillsborough stepped in to potentially transfer water through an old seldom-used pipeline to the southern part of the county.

According to the water and sewage treatment plant, there was no correlation between the two water incidents that occurred within the same week.

COMMENTARY

Opinion: Congressman David Price hosts packed Town Hall in Hillsborough

BY DOROTHY POTTER SNYDER

Special to the News of Orange

An energized, overflow crowd attended a Town Hall hosted by North Carolina Congressman David Price (D). The event, which had previously been planned for the Hillsborough branch of the Orange County Public Library system, was moved to the Orange County Social Services building to accommodate those who wished to attend. About 210 people were inside the auditorium, with another 60 or so outside.

Congressman Price started the event 20 minutes late because he took time to speak to the crowd of citizens who were unable to gain admission. Price gave a short update from Washington, noting his frustration with the ongoing budget gridlock that has made it impossible to find funding sources for the infrastructure projects that would create jobs outside of the urban centers like the Triangle and Triad. This culture of "no" which has prevailed since Republican representatives took Grover Nordquist's "pledge" has hindered economic development, and contributed to deepening political and economic divisions in his constituency, he said. Congressman Price said to the largely Democratic audience that he missed the healthy arguments in Town Halls back in the days before radical gerrymandering, when people of differing political

beliefs attended the same meetings.

Then Congressman Price took questions from his constituents. Many people wanted to know what Democrats are doing to call-out Trump and his administration on his personal conflicts of interest and those of his cabinet, his failure to release his taxes, and his appointment of family members to White House posts. Congressman Price said that vigorous investigations into these matters, as well as into Russian involvement in the election, are under way, and he asked those gathered to be patient.

Congressman Price said that in all his many decades in Washington, he has never seen an administration fail so completely to demonstrate a willingness to work with its political opponents. "We have not received one conciliatory gesture, not one," he said. Given this atmosphere, he said that house Democrats are going to have to adopt a policy of "no", until the administration gets the message and starts trying to work for compromise. He emphasized this "no" policy in regard to the administration's nomination of Judge Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, and the nomination of Mick Mulvaney to the office of Budget Director. (Mulvaney is known as an advocate for Nordquist-style radical financial conservatism.)

Two constituents asked Price about the ongoing debate over the Dakota

access pipeline, and protested the administration's retraction of the Obama administration's decision to stop DAPL, citing environmental concerns and the history of the federal government's broken promises to Native American people. Price said that, though the current Administration has made aggressive gestures—including the opening of 3 million acres of national parkland to corporate exploitation, and the EPA gag order—the fight has only just begun on those issues. Referencing the EPA in particular, Price noted that the Obama Administration took precautionary steps to protect climate change and other environmental data in the period directly following the election and prior to the inauguration, but expressed concern for government employees who feared retribution from this Administration for opposing its policies and assertions.

The meeting lasted for 2 hours and 15 minutes. All the constituents who wanted to had a chance to speak. The Congressman showed remarkable stamina, and demonstrated empathy for his constituents' anger and concerns about the current White House administration. He reminded people that while petitions and social media are useful tools, there is no substitute for presenting their concerns directly at a representative's office, either in North Carolina, or in Washington.

HISTORY

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colonial period, as the town was established in 1754, and Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and other major towns didn't emerge for about another 40 years. Durham also came much later in establishment, in the 1800s after the Civil War.

Hillsborough is one of the only true colonial era towns, and one that still retains much of its historical property, in this part of North Carolina.

Here you can find farm houses and other artifacts that date back to the 1700s, but there aren't any towns that were established in this part of the state during that time.

By the time Hillsborough was established, the Occaneechi Tribe had been here for many years before, and people had the opportunity to see different perspectives of the time, and about precolonial times, inside the Visitor's Center with former Tribal Chief John "Blackfeather" Jefferies

and art, tools, and weapons depicting their heritage.

"I think a lot of people in the Triangle aren't really aware of how much history is here in Hillsborough," Program Coordinator for the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough Michael Verville said. "Hillsborough was really the happening place; we have a lot of really important figures in North Carolina and US history who are buried here or who lived here during that time."

Participating organizations and individuals included General Davie Chapter DAR and Dolley Madison Society C.A.R., Camp Flintlock, Inc., Historic Interpretations, Inc., General Francis Nash Chapter SAR, 64th Regiment of the Foot Helyar's Company, 7th Regiment of Foot, John "Blackfeather" Jeffries of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, and Suzanne Adair, author of crime fiction novels set during the American Revolution, who had her book signing in the late afternoon at the Visitor's Center.

CRIME

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The suspect had fled the residence on foot with the handgun that was used, according to multiple witnesses on the scene. A search was conducted that yielded no results that night.

The OCSO obtained a warrant for the arrest, and investigators, with assistance from several other local law enforcement agencies, located Jones in a CVS in Durham.

He was being held on \$30,000 bail and made his first appearance in Orange County Court on Monday, Feb. 13.

Jones is a convicted felon, and has been arrested and served time in prison for drug offences, larceny, and obtaining property by false pretense.

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