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"The Weeklings" featuring Glen Burtnik

"The Weeklings" Featured for the Town of Orange Bicentennial

As the Town of Orange holds its "Summer of Celebration" for the Bicentennial Year, the Orange Town News will be producing a Bicentennial Concert and Fireworks Show. The show will be featuring "The Weeklings" to perform prior to the annual fireworks show.

The Weeklings are America's most unique celebration of the music and muse of THE BEATLES, featuring singer, songwriter, bassist and multi-instrumentalist Glen Burtnik. Burtnik is best known for his work with Styx, Electric Light Orchestra, and the Broadway production of "Beatlemania" as Paul McCartney. The band performs and records explosive renditions of The Beatles albums and Top 40 classics, uniquely arranged nuggets such as "Paperback Writer", "Baby You're a Rich Man" and "I Am the Walrus".

The Weeklings bring their music to life through their extraordinary energy

and musicianship, exceptional vocals, and charming stage presence. You can hear The Weeklings on Sirius XM's The Beatles Channel.

The Bicentennial Concert & Fireworks Show will take place on Saturday, July 9th (rain date Sunday, July 10th) on the Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange.

The festivities will begin promptly at 6:30 pm with welcoming comments from Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli. The concert will be followed at 9:30 pm by what is promised to be the Largest Fireworks Show in the Town's 200-Year History.

Orange Town News publisher and event producer Rocky Salpento said, "We are excited to be a part of the Town's Bicentennial Celebration. We hope everyone continues to enjoy this great community event. Many thanks

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Founding Day Events Coming Up

CEREMONY KICKS OFF BICENTENNIAL

BY BETTINA THIEL
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The town will observe the 200th anniversary of its founding with a Founding Day ceremony on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the High Plains gazebo, with state and local dignitaries in attendance, and possibly the US delegation. The ceremony is the opening act to a whole season of commemorative events throughout the summer.

The mayors and first selectmen of Milford, Derby, Bethany and Woodbridge are also invited to the ceremony, and will be personally welcomed by Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli, said Bicentennial Committee Chairman Pat O'Sullivan. By the end of April, it was still unclear who exactly would be in attendance. But local Boy Scouts will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and the "Star Spangled Banner" will be sung. Local clergy will offer their blessings and prayers. Following the brief ceremony, there will be refreshments.

Hang around for a bit afterward, since Orange will honor its best and brightest with the groundbreaking of a new brick walkway at the gazebo. An honor guard, dressed in 19th century uniform, is scheduled to be present. Commemorative bricks in honor of individuals and organizations can still be ordered through the Orange Chamber of Commerce. These bricks will be installed sometime in the fall, said Chamber President Kathy Charbonneau.

As opposed to the existing brick walkway at the flagpole, where the

bricks are dedicated to veterans, the bricks sold by the Chamber are in honor of anyone the donor chooses to honor. They can pay tribute to a loved one, commemorate a milestone or an accomplishment. So far, Charbonneau has received about 150 orders for bricks, and the sale will continue throughout the summer, she said.

As part of the groundbreaking, the Chamber has also planned to honor three prominent residents who passed away recently, namely Walter "Bud" Smith (Orange Hills Country Club), Walter Bspuda (co-founder of the Orange Country Fair) and George Chatzopoulos (Chip's Restaurant).

"These three exceptional men epitomize the best qualities of true leaders and leave a legacy of making Orange a better place," Charbonneau wrote in a press release. "We invite residents to join us in recognizing their contributions to our town." Al Cawthra from the Lebanon Towne Militia will perform a special tribute to the honorees.

Art installation: The Chamber also teamed up with two arts organizations, Art People and the Jamie Hulle Arts Foundation, to offer a free collaborative art project. Right after the groundbreaking, at about 11 a.m., participants of any age are invited to create colorful seed mosaics and learn about the history of farming in Orange. Once completed, the mosaics will be assembled into a large, beautiful, moveable display for the entire

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Popular Food Trucks are being lined up, and novelty items will also be available for purchase at the fairgrounds beginning at 6:00 pm. A WPLR radio personality will also be on location. Come early and get a good seat. Admission is free. There will be a suggested parking donation of \$5 that will benefit the Orange Little League.

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The probate process is the Probate Court’s supervision of the estate to make sure that the decedent’s assets are appropriately identified, managed, and distributed and required debts are paid.

Every probate experience is unique, but for most, the general process includes:

- Filing documents with the appropriate Probate Court to “open” probate.
- Identifying, locating, and notifying beneficiaries and/or heirs of the estate (interested parties) that the estate is being probated.
- Providing interested parties with the opportunity to contest a Will or the proposed Executor/Administrator.
- The Probate Court appointing an Executor (if there is a valid Will, or an Administrator if there is no valid Will) who will be responsible for the estate.
- Identifying, securing, valuing and managing all estate assets.
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- Managing and selling assets, such as real estate, vehicles, stocks, bonds, etc.
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- Transferring assets to beneficiaries or heirs-at-law.
- Notifying the probate court that the estate has been appropriately administered, all debts have been paid and assets distributed and the estate can be officially closed.

If you are interested in learning more about the Connecticut probate process, or would like assistance navigating a probate matter, please call the office to schedule your no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



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community to enjoy.

“The seed mosaics are a great way to bring the community together,” Charbonneau said. And that dovetails beautifully with the Chamber’s mission to create networks between the sponsoring business owners, non-profits and the residents.

Memorial Day: The day after the Founding Day ceremony, on Sunday, May 29, the town will observe its traditional Memorial Day festivities, with a ceremony at the gazebo at 10:30 a.m., followed by a parade. To march in the parade, email parade@orange-ct.gov. The Grand Marshal this year is Martin Kinstler, a Korean War veteran.

The Memorial Day parade is not to be confused with the **Bicentennial parade** on Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. This event will start at Mary L Tracy School and move south on Orange Center Road towards High Plains Community Center, where people can enjoy a family picnic after the parade. To be included in the parade lineup, contact Patrick O’Sullivan at posullivan@orange-ct.gov.

Family picnic: Sign up to be part of the family picnic on Saturday, June 25, between 4 and 8 p.m. Long tables will be set up at the Fairgrounds. Dinner will be provided by Mission Bbq., and dessert is from Julia’s Bakery and DipTop. Lunchbox Band will provide entertainment. There will be some children’s activities and circus performers, said Ginny Proestakes.

Tickets are \$20, \$10 for children ages 4-12; the deadline for ticket purchases is June 17. Order forms are available on the town’s website, www.orange-ct.gov, the Town Hall, and at the Recreation Department at High Plains Community Center. Residents, former residents and friends of Orange are welcome.

Historical Society: The Orange Historical Society has restored and is taking care of three historic buildings, The Academy Museum at 605 Orange Center Road; the Stone Otis House at 615 Orange Center Road; and the Bryan-Andrew House at 131 Old Tavern Road. The committed volunteers of this organization have lined up several events over the course of the summer, which will showcase each of these properties and allow people to learn about life in Orange in centuries past.

Hearth cooking – Have “dinner” at the Bryan-Andrew House the way a family in the mid-1800s would have.

Historic Society volunteers will be offering a hearth-cooked meal for about nine participants at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, and again on Tuesday, June 7. On the menu is pot roast and vegetables.

- › Dinner will be served in two rooms, for up to 5 people each. Due to the pandemic the groups will be kept small, and groups of families or friends are encouraged to sign up together, so they can be seated together. The June 2 date is already fully booked.
- › To sign up for June 7, call (203) 795-3106.

Tour of the cemetery — On the weekend of July 9 and 10, the Orange Players will team up with the Historical Society to take a look at who’s who at the Orange Center Cemetery. Actors from the Orange Players will portray prominent figures and talk about their contributions.

Visiting Militia — On July 16 the Lebanon Towne Militia will be camping out at the Bryan-Andrew House from 9 to 3 p.m. In addition to portraying the life of Revolutionary soldiers, they will also portray the families that followed the soldiers around the country.

Descendants of the owners’ family are expected to visit from Kentucky.

Herb Garden — On July 23, the Historical Society will show off the Stone Otis House, where interested garden aficionados can visit the herb garden, which was recognized in 2000 with an Award of Excellence from the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut.

Crafters — A month later, on August 27, the Stone Otis House will again be the backdrop for craft demonstrations in the backyard, including that of a working blacksmith. The grounds are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Phone exhibit — The Society also is working on a new, permanent exhibit of early telephone technology on the second floor of The Academy Building. Southern New England Telephone (S.N.E.T.) had the first commercial phone exchange in New Haven, and opened a branch in Orange. The exhibit is slated to be open for tours starting on May 21, and includes photos of 1950s line equipment as well as a (now defunct) coin phone.

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Upcoming Issue Date	Issue Deadline
May 27 Memorial Day Issue	May 20
June 24 Independence Day Issue	June 17
August 26 Labor Day + Back to School Issue	August 19

Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.

FROM OUR READERS

Family Talk About Drinking for Proms and Graduations

Prom and graduation season is important for many high school students. Both events serve as memorable celebrations and the next step in their journey to create their own futures. But these events can also come with a lot of pressure and feelings of anxiety for many teenagers. That’s why Anheuser-Busch and Dichello Distributors Inc. are building on their long-standing commitment to promoting responsible drinking by encouraging parents to talk with their kids on how to create memories with friends safely.

Before this season arrives, it’s always a good idea to sit down with your teen to talk about a plan of action if they are confronted with underage drinking, establish expectations, and answer any questions so that they can have a safe and fun night with their friends. Parents are the biggest influence on their teens’ decisions about underage drinking, and special occasions like prom and graduation are great opportunities to build confidence and trust.

For more information and resources on how you can devote quality time to talk with your teenagers about underage drinking, Anheuser-Busch and Dichello Distributors, Inc. encourage you to learn more through the Family Talk About Drinking program. This essential resource for parents can help you connect with your teen through honest and open-ended conversations while providing tips for talking with children and teenagers through every stage of life.

Here’s where you can find Family Talk About Drinking resources online to help start these important conversations:

- › www.familytalkabout-drinking.com;
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As prom and graduation season approaches, make sure you talk with your teen, so they are prepared to celebrate safely.

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

Amity Students to Compete in International Debate Finals

Students from Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, Connecticut, packed their bags for an all-expenses-paid trip to New York City to compete as finalists in the 21st annual International Public Policy Forum (IPPF) global debate competition. The team has advanced to the “Elite 8” round of the IPPF, a global debate contest sponsored by the Brewer Foundation and New York University (NYU). Students are debating the topic, “Resolved: On balance, the hegemony of the United States dollar is detrimental to the world economy.”

The IPPF Finals took place on Saturday, April 30, at The Harold Pratt House in New York City. Amity Regional High School was one of eight teams – representing schools from five U.S. states, Canada and Singapore – competing for the right to be named the “IPPF World Champion” and a \$10,000 grand prize.

“These students earned an opportunity to compete in a debate forum unlike any other – the IPPF Finals,” says William A. Brewer III, chairman of the Brewer Foundation and founder of the IPPF. “They will now supplement months of written scholarship with oral arguments in pursuit of the title of 2022 IPPF World Champion. We are eager to return to New York City – and host what promises to be one of the most exciting debate events of the year.”

The IPPF is the only competition that gives high school students from around the world the opportunity to engage in written and oral debates

on issues of public policy. The debate competition was founded in 2001 by the Brewer Foundation to promote academic achievement and public advocacy.

This year’s competition began in October 2021, as more than 120 teams submitted qualifying round essays on this year’s topic. The essays were reviewed by a committee, which determined the top 64 teams based on the overall quality of each 2,800-word essay.

In November, the “Round of 64” teams began a single-elimination, written debate competition. Each team was assigned a position (affirmative or negative) and then volleyed papers back and forth with another team via email for the next six weeks. A panel of judges reviewed the essays and selected the winning teams. The next two rounds also took place in written form.

The IPPF Finals give students the opportunity to participate in oral debates in front of some of the world’s foremost experts in debate, business, law and politics. This year, IPPF judges will include Brewer, NYU President Emeritus Dr. John Sexton, NYU Stern School of Business Dean Raghu Sundaram, Above the Law Senior Editor Kathryn Rubino and Miha Andric, an international debate coach and communication teacher based in Slovenia. The winning team will take home the “Brewer Cup” and the \$10,000 grand prize.

A competition bracket for the IPPF Finals is available on the IPPF website: www.ippfdebate.com.

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Also being offered are two “Lodge Family Scholarships” for \$1,000 each. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson of a member of Ansantawae Lodge #89. Applicants must have completed a

minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75. Qualified students are encouraged to apply.

Interested students should send a synopsis of their credentials and current social interests within their chosen field, along with a current official school transcript. [Transcripts must be sent directly from your school.]

To: Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Elmer F. Manley, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. All requests must be received by May 22, 2022. Your full name, address, email and phone where you can be reached must also be included. For further information email hcbypolly@yahoo.com, Subject: Scholarship or call (203) 799-2651. Leave a message.

New Howard Jacobson Scholarships

The Cable Advisory Council of Area 2 (CAC) will bestow two new scholarships in memory of former longtime Chairperson Howard Jacobson. One high school and one college student studying film, mass communications, and television or media studies will receive \$1000 to help further their studies.

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Entry rules: Entrants must submit a short essay under 500 words describing their creative coursework, portfolio or project and how it relates to this scholarship award. Supplemental links to media projects are welcome. Winners will be selected on the basis of their overall academic performance, portfolio and their personal statement.

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2022. To apply, please email: info@cacarea2.com.

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Political Fault Lines Emerge at Budget Hearing

By Bettina Thiel
Orange Town News Correspondent

Cultural and political divisions over race and sex education at Amity schools overshadowed the question-and comments portion of the Orange budget hearing April 21 at the High Plains cafeteria. In fact, with eight of the ten speakers saying they would vote down the Amity budget, the chances of it passing looked bleak. [The Amity budget referendum took place on Tuesday, May 3, past the Town News press time]

“Please stop being the moral police,” said Misty Barnes, addressing Amity School Supt. Dr. Jennifer Byars. “Why does Region 5 need a full-time educator to promote DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)?” she asked, to applause from the audience. Barnes, like a number of other speakers, felt that these issues should be the parents’ responsibility, rather than be taught in school.

Michele Tenney said her 14-year-old freshman was confused and insecure about his experience at Amity, while her two older sons, now in their twenties, remember their time fondly. She said students recently were sent home with a gingerbread man cutout, with questions regarding gender. “I am beyond disgusted,” she said, although she did not specify the problem.

Jude Toohey, referencing the historically low participation in Amity budget referenda, encouraged senior citizens to go out and vote no. “A 5.3% increase is kind of crazy,” she said, referring to Orange’s portion of the increase.

Maryellen Holden spoke in favor of working more diversity into the schools’ curriculum. Reading Black writers such as Toni Morrison rather than Hemingway or Mark Twain is not a big problem, she said. “The point is, we do need a little more diversity in our curriculum,” to prepare students for a much more diverse world. She encouraged the audience to keep the conversation open about these issues,

and the school authorities to keep the information flowing, especially when it comes to sex education.

But to call a diversity coach a “Marxist agenda” as one of the speakers had done, is simply inflammatory, she cautioned. “As much as we love – or don’t love – the America we grew up in, there are all kinds of things that are changing, and it’s gonna happen in Orange, too.”

“Dialogue is good, it’s great, actually... People expressed openly their position.”

–Orange First Selectman James Zeoli

School Supt. Dr. Byars, when asked about the DEI coach, said the district found that professional development in the area of equity and integration did not translate into the classroom. The district wants to make its schools a welcoming environment, not only for students of different races, but also taking into account economic differences, disabilities, religious beliefs and more. Even the fact that students hail from three different towns can lead to biased behavior.

She said the state Board of Education last year came out with position statements regarding culturally responsive teaching, and the district wants to make sure it addresses those issues with the appropriate sensitivity and appropriate instructional materials.

Social Studies teacher Peter Downhour has been named to fill the DEI coach role, and will be working with teachers at the high school as well as the two middle schools to devise lesson plans. He will also collaborate with club leaders to develop special

programming, such as in May for Asia Pacific American Heritage Month.

It’s a full-time position, but a part of it will be paid for with grant monies. Eventually, though, the district will have to absorb the whole cost for the position.

As for the gingerbread man cutout, Dr. Byars wasn’t aware which questions had caused the uproar, but she said it is a common teaching tool in

on May 18.

If approved, the expenditures for town operations will increase by 1.35% or \$341,826. That number does not include road paving, which the Board of Finance was waiting to see if it can get grant funding for. The proposed Orange Board of Education budget would increase by 3.06%. The Orange portion of the Amity budget would increase by \$1.3 million or 5.31%.

Overall, the budget will see an increase of \$2.2 million, or 2.96%.

Thanks in part to a strong Grand List growth, in particular for motor vehicles and Business Personal Property, and a transfer of Amity surplus monies back to the town, the Board of Finance was able to lower the mill rate by a half a mill, from the current 33.25 to 32.75.

At the conclusion of the hearing, First Selectman Jim Zeoli announced that the town had signed up to delay revaluation of properties for a year. It was scheduled to be performed this year. He talked about continuing economic development efforts, such as the trailer park off the Boston Post Road, which is under contract for a medical building.

Zeoli commented on the new state initiative to equalize motor vehicle taxes for all towns by capping it at 29 mills. To bridge the deficit that would arise for towns whose mill rate is higher, the state will reimburse those towns. Orange, for example, is slated to receive \$700,000 in the 2022-23 Fiscal Year. “I guess the balancing idea is a good idea, but how many times will they send us the difference?” he wondered.

As for the comments received, he reminded people that the residents of the other BOWA towns may feel differently about the Amity initiative. “Orange once was a racist community,” he said, remembering how Italians and Germans were shunned at one point.

“Dialogue is good, it’s great, actually, he added. “Tonight was a good night. People expressed openly their position.”



FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

Senior Center Check-in Center

Orange Community Services installed a computer kiosk to check in for events and activities. Be sure to come by the office for a key tag to use to swipe in. You will use the key card to sign in for classes, activities and volunteering and other activities.

Hiking Group

Marianne and Judy will lead us in a 2 mile-ish, 1 hour walk every Thursday at 10am. Meet at the location of the hike.

- › **May 5** - Fitzgerald Track, 112-126 Beecher Rd, Woodbridge
- › **May 12** - Alice Newton Memorial Trail, Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge. Park between the Church & Library
- › **May 19** - Naugatuck Greenway, Division Street, Derby by BJ's Whole Sale Club
- › **May 26** - Ewen Farm Preserve, 648 St. John's Drive, Orange

Pasta Festa – Living Treasures

Join us on May 19, 5:00—8:00pm as we celebrate Don Clark, Marianne Miller and Ralph Okenquist as Living Treasures of the Town of Orange. This year's celebration will be held at

the High Plains Community Center and will be catered by Lassie's. Call the office at (203) 891-4788 for more information.

Adult Coloring

Join us as Ellen Brodell leads Adult Coloring, on May 2 at 12:30pm in the cafe. Enjoy this fun and relaxing activity. All levels welcome. Ellen will have all the supplies.

Arts & Crafts with Suzanne

Join us for a fun-filled class project with Suzanne as she leads Arts & Crafts on Monday May 16 at 12:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Book Club

The book club meets the last Friday of the month at 2:00pm. The next meeting will be May 27. May's book is John McWhorter's "Woke Racism".

Movie of the Month

May 13, 1:00pm, Orange 150 Celebration. This is the film made when Orange celebrated its 150th birthday. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

Lunch & Fun

Stasha Healy speaking about her book, "Secret Connecticut: A Guide

to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure." Join us May 10. Coffee & to be served. Call the office at 203-891-4784 to register for this event.

Poetry Reading with Mary Anders

Bring your poems and join us on May 25 at 12:30 for Poetry Reading with Mary. Coffee and snacks provided. To reserve a seat call 203-891-4784.

How to Avoid Losing Your Home and Qualify for Medicaid

Attorneys from Drazen Rubin will present How to Avoid Losing Your Home and Qualify for Medicaid on May 9 from 2-3:00pm. Call so we will know how many chairs to put out.

Computer classes with Josh

- › Intro to Mac – Wednesdays, May 4-25 from 5-7pm

Beginner Pickleball with Mary

Join us for Beginner Pickleball with Mary on Fridays, May 6—27 in the HPCC Tennis Courts from 10-12pm. Bring a chair as there are no benches.

Hot Lunch Program

Lunch is offered Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. No meals on Saturday or Sunday. A \$3.00 dona-

tion is accepted for persons 60+. Call Ellen at (203) 891-4765 to register.

Legal Clinic

The Law office of Floman DePaola has merged with Wiley, Etter, & Doyon, but they are still available the first Wednesday of each month for a free legal clinic. Some things they will be able to help you with, while others may require an office visit and fee. To schedule an appointment call 203-891-4784.

Griffin Hospital/Parish Nurses Blood Pressure Check

Maggie from Griffin Hospital will be here the last Friday of the month from 10:30-12:00pm to take your blood pressure. Be sure to stop by for this free clinic.

Ice Cream Social

Join us on June 20 at 1:30 for an Ice Cream Social with Pierce Campbell. Call 203-891-4784 to reserve a seat. Coffee & to be served.

Trips

- › **May 18:** DANCING DREAM: ABBA TRIBUTE @ Aqua Turf. Cost is \$106pp with transportation (minimal walking).
- › **June 14:** I WRITE THE SONGS: the Music of Barry Manilow @ St. Clements Castle. Cost is \$106pp with transportation (some walking).

How To Create Structure After Retirement

Professionals typically look forward to retirement and the freedom that comes with it. The notion that commuting and deadlines will one day be a distant memory is enough to make anyone excited for retirement. But when the day to leave the daily grind behind arrives, many retirees admit to feeling a little anxiety about how they're going to find structure.

Retirement is a big transition, and Robert Delamontagne, PhD, author of the 2011 book "The Retiring Mind: How to Make the Psychological Transition to Retirement," notes that some retirees experience anxiety, depression and even a sense of loss upon calling it a career. Some of those feelings can undoubtedly be traced to the perceived lack of purpose some individuals feel after retiring. Without a job to do each day, people can begin to feel useless. Overcoming such feelings can be difficult, but finding ways to build daily structure can make the transition to retirement go smoothly.

Find something to truly engage in. Professionals who truly enjoy their work tend to be fully engaged, so it's no surprise if such individuals have a hard time adjusting to retirement. Some may suggest volunteering can help fill the void created by retirement, but researchers with the Sloan Center



on Aging and Work at Boston College have found that only those individuals who are truly engaged in their post-retirement volunteering enjoy the psychological benefits of such pursuits. So before retirees dive right in to volunteering as a means to creating structure, they should first exercise due diligence and find an opportunity they'll find genuinely engaging.

Embrace the idea of "bridge em-

ployment." "Bridge employment" is the name given to the trend that has seen retired individuals take on part-time or temporary employment after they have retired from full-time working. COVID-19 has no doubt skewed post-retirement working statistics since the World Health Organization first declared a pandemic in March 2020, but a 2019 survey from the LIMRA Secure Retirement Institute

found that 27 percent of pre-retirees with at least \$100,000 in assets planned to work part-time in retirement. Even part-time work can provide enough daily structure to help retirees feel as though each day is not just a free-for-all.

Make a concerted effort to be more social. Volunteering and working are not the only ways to create structure in retirement. A concerted effort to be more social can help retirees fill their days with interactions with like-minded individuals who may be experiencing the same feelings. Join a book club, a local nature group that goes on daily or semi-daily morning hikes or another local community organization. These are great ways to build structure and meet new people. Retirees can create social media accounts to find local community groups that cater to their interests. Even if it seems hard to believe, plenty of retirees are seeking to create structure in retirement life, and social media can make it easier to find such individuals in your community.

Structure and retirement may seem like strange bedfellows. But many retirees seek structure after calling it a career, and there are many fun ways for seniors to create more organization in their lives.

FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

Living Treasure Awards Ceremony

Each year the Orange Senior Center recognizes 3 Orange senior residents who have given so much of themselves and their time to the Orange community. This year we honored 3 deserving residents: Donald Clark, Marianne Miller, and Ralph Okenquist. They will be honored at the Living Treasure Award Ceremony on May 19, 2022, at the High Plains Community Center Gym in Orange.

Donald Clark 2022 Living Treasure: Donald is a 7th generation Clark born, raised, and living his entire life in Orange, CT. Growing up on a dairy farm, centrally located on the Town Green, Donald's passion to this day has always been his flock of Rhode Island Red chickens. When Martha Stewart made raising Araucana chickens – the blue egg layers – trendy, he added a few hens to his flock.

Donald attended the then Orange Center School – now the Mary L Tracy School – through 8th grade. He went on to the New Haven High School now known as Hillhouse High. After High School, he attended UCONN.

Growing up, Donald was very involved in the local 4-H program. While in college he was enticed to go on a wonderful exchange program with the International Farm Youth Exchange Program (IFYE) – a part of the 4-H. This allowed him to travel to and live on a farm in New Zealand where he stayed for 2 years until he was urged home to marry his 4-H sweetheart and friend Maureen Wayand. They celebrated 55 years together until her passing in 2011. He has remained active as an IFYE alumni and was instrumental in the planning and implementation committee when Connecticut hosted its international conference.

Donald has spent his life volunteering. From his activities in 4-H as a 4-H'er, a parent and grandparent, he was always there helping. In retirement, he has served on UCONN's New

Haven County Extension Resource Council – last in office as president. In town, Donald has been active in the Volunteer Fire Department for many years, one of the founding members of the Orange Country Fair Committee, The Emergency Preparedness Director (before CERT) and more recently as a Garden Club of Orange husband. To this day when he is told of an activity that a friend or family member is involved with his reaction is to say...“Let me know what you need me to do”. And he means it!

Marianne Miller 2022 Living Treasure: Marianne has produced over 24 musicals and shows for the Orange Players and has led the group for over 29 years. She has also served on a Town Select Committee to locate a theater in Orange. She serves on the Orange Family Counseling Board for the Town of Orange.

Marianne is an active leader in the Lions Club of Orange. Her leadership has led to an increase in contributions to the town as well as to its youth and seniors. Her participation in the Holy Infant Choir enlivened the religious services. Her participation in the Orange Democratic Town Committee and Holy Infant Women's Guild contributed to the town's participation in democracy and morality.

In her multi-year role as membership chair in the Orange Lions, Marianne has recruited, sponsored, and inspired dozens of Lions to active service. She also served as Lions Regional Chair, inspiring other clubs' members to more active service to others.

Marianne has received the following awards: Teacher of the Year (West Haven), Orange Times Volunteer of the Year, Orange Lions' Club Melvin Jones Award (Highest Award a Club can give). And she has been a recipient of the #1 Volunteer by Endless/Orange.

Marianne is unfailing in support

of all Orange events and groups. Her teaching career has inspired hundreds of her students to love learning. Her lovely voice and talents as a ventriloquist has entertained seniors in nursing homes, the public, and fellow parishioners at Holy Infant Church.

Ralph Okenquist 2022 Living Treasure: As a resident of the Town of Orange for more than 45 years, Ralph has contributed time and talent to many community organizations. For more than 15 years, Ralph served as a coach, manager, treasurer, secretary, and/or Board member for the Orange Little League and the Orange Babe Ruth League, coaching boys and girls as they learned the game of baseball. While his teams regularly won championships, Ralph focused on sportsmanship and practice ahead of winning. In his role as a Board member, he modeled the way for a generation of youth baseball volunteers with his integrity, compassion, and fairness. Ralph also gave his time to coach youth soccer.

In 2001, Ralph was elected to the Orange Board of Selectmen and has been re-elected 10 subsequent times. He is regularly recognized as the candidate “most likely to be seen knocking on doors” during the campaign – an activity he views as critical to listening to the concerns of voters. Ralph's long-time service on the Capital Planning Committee (19 years as Chairman) has allowed him to help prioritize capital projects for the benefit of the town residents.

Ralph served four years on the Fred Wolfe Park Committee and nine years on the Orange Park and Recreation Commission, including five years as Chairman. His relentless determination to support all residents of Orange, especially the children who utilize many of the Park and Recreation programs, resulted in many improvements and funding for town services. Ralph's Board of Selectmen service

has allowed him to support residents' rights, direct town funds to high priority programs and improvements, and preserve wetlands for the people of Orange to enjoy.

Ralph's long service to the Town of Orange, along with other volunteerism at places such as Yale University, Holy Infant Church, American Legion Post #127, the Knights of Columbus, and the Connecticut Air and Space Center in Stratford, inspired his children to volunteer many hours of service to primary and secondary schools, religions organizations, non-profits, and charitable causes. His years serving youth sports led others to volunteer. He believed it was important to have broad representation on coaching staffs and committees, so he constantly spoke to other parents and those whose children had already passed through the programs. Ralph was a member and served on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Air and Space Center, and his leadership led many others in the air and space community to work towards funding and building a museum in Stratford. For many years on Veterans Day, Ralph spoke with the students in Orange and Trumbull about his time in the U. S. Army and how the experience impacted his professional and personal choices throughout his life.

Whether serving food under a tent at the Orange Firemen's Carnival, chairing a town committee, serving on the Finance Committee at Holy Infant Church, or coaching youth baseball players, Ralph has dedicated countless hours of service to the Town of Orange. He served his country in the U.S. Army, had a well-respected career in business and finance, and is held in high regard by those who have worked side by side with him. He practices what he preaches and continues to model the way for those around him – friends, colleagues, and family.

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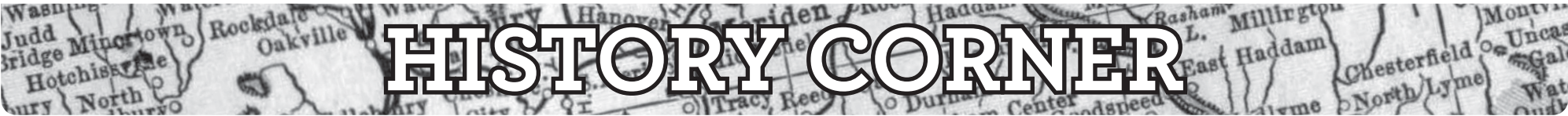
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Ron & Ree

A historical map of the Orange Town area, showing various streets and landmarks. The map is in black and white and has a textured, aged appearance. It serves as a background for the 'HISTORY CORNER' title.

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I Understand You Folks Like Them...

A small black and white portrait of Ginny Reinhard, the author of the article. She is a woman with short, dark hair, smiling at the camera.

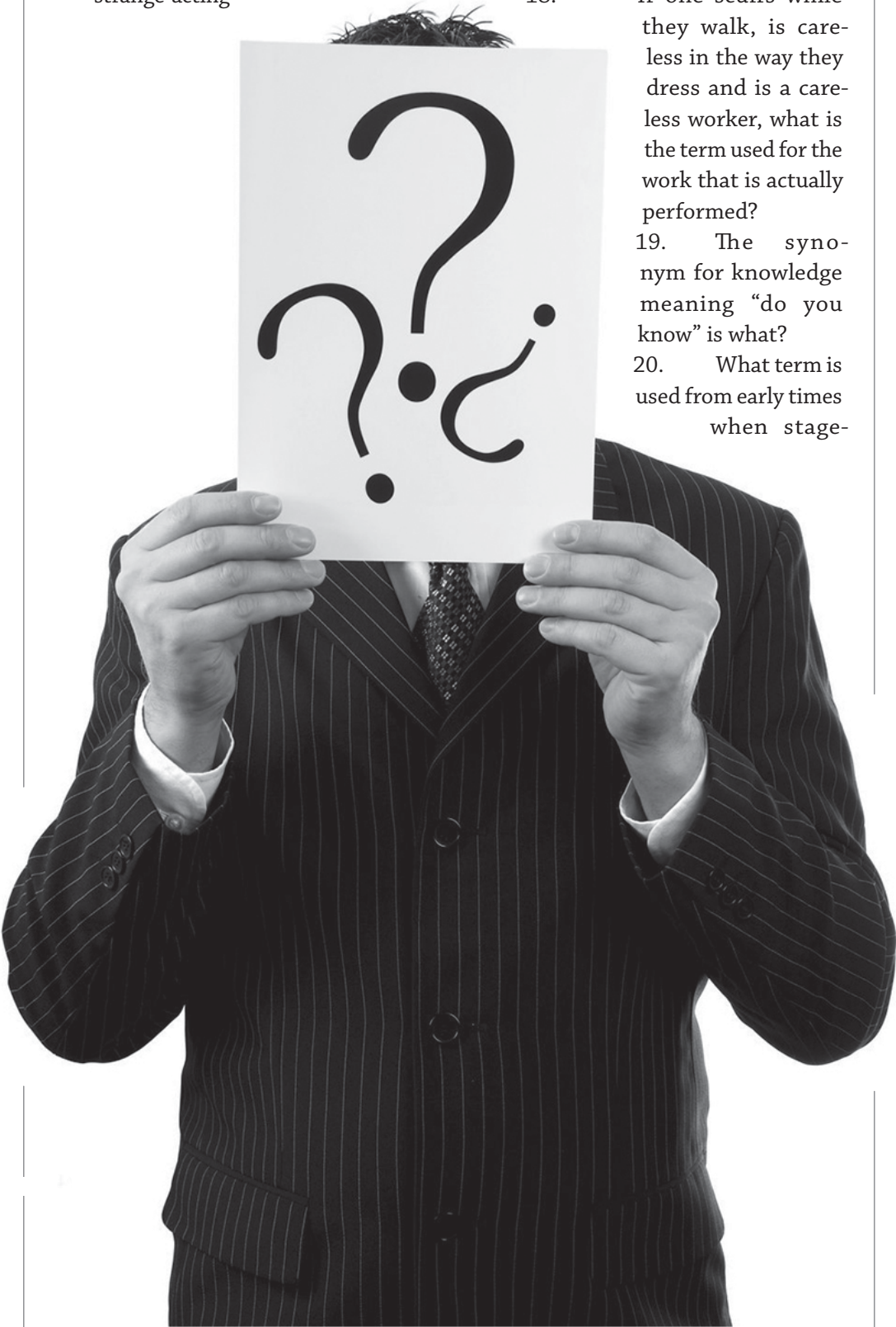
BY GINNY REINHARD

I am very humbled by the many wonderful comments about the articles I write for the Orange Town News. It was my pleasure to write for the first edition and by the look of it now, we are in our 17th year. Yipes, that’s a lot of research my friends. So, with that being said, I am going to give you a little “fun” to see how many details from those 17 years you remember. **There are more answers than questions to make it really hard.** Let’s go.

1. In the 1780s when a young couple planned to marry but needed to climb into bed to keep warm, they were separated by a stout plank. What was this called?
2. What book did Harriet Beecher Stowe write that was taken off library shelves for its controversial storyline?
3. In Cervantes’ classic Don Quixote, what form did his enemy take?
4. The story of The Sorcerer’s Apprentice goes back to the 2nd century and has been retold many times since. What character did Walt Disney use in his version in Fantasia?
5. In 1871 Michael Ahern covered a story of a great fire in Chicago. Who was blamed for the burning of over 17,000 buildings?
6. For whom was the month of July named?
7. Battledore and shuttlecock are known to be 2000 years old. By what name is this game known as today?
8. A counter person behind a soda fountain pulls on the handle to pour out the drink. What was the early term for this person?
9. A span of time that encompasses fourteen days is called what?
10. What word is a combination of “two” and “ten”?
11. In order to avoid the attention of the law, what was the term used for illegal liquor?

12. What is the slang for a government agent of the Department of Justice?
13. What is the term once used for intelligence in the height of the forehead but now used as a term for a person who is a snob?
14. The Romans believed that insane people were moonstruck. What is the term used today for a strange-acting individual?
15. What is the slang word used to describe language?
16. In early times, people carried a small knife in their pocket to sharpen the quill used as a writing tool. What is it called today?
17. What is the term used for something that increases in size as it multiplies rapidly?
18. If one scuffs while they walk, is careless in the way they dress and is a careless worker, what is the term used for the work that is actually performed?
19. The synonym for knowledge meaning “do you know” is what?
20. What term is used from early times when stage-coach passengers had to get out of the coach and help push it when it got stuck in the mud?

21. In pirate days, ships flew various flags while approaching a prize. What is the term used when lowering your false colors?
22. The short-tailed weasel of northern United States is a dark chocolate brown in the summer but snow white in winter. What is the weasel called then?
23. By what name is the following figure known? &
24. The cashew in its natural state is poisonous. What plant or plants is it related to?
25. What is the American equivalent of the following English terms?
26. A. lift, B. chemist’s shop, C. pram, D. sweet, E. petrol, F. bonnet, G. underground, H. lorry, I. pavement
27. Who built the Old Red House?
28. What was the Gateway to the West?
29. What are the names Halliwell, Marble and Quintard?
30. Where was Bradley Ave.?
31. What was commissioned in 1864?
32. Where does the Wepawaug end?
33. What name was Orange before it was founded in 1822?
34. In what year was the Milford Colony founded?
35. Where did 300 fishermen burn 12 ships?
36. Where is New Gate Prison?
37. What did Benedict Arnold own before he became a Patriot soldier?
38. To what tribe did Ansantawae belong?
39. Where did Hannah Cranna live?
40. Where was the first commercial telephone exchange?
41. What was the first communication in our town? No, not somebody’s wife!
42. What was the name of the little white house across from the shopping center on Orange Center Road?
43. Where was the Oasis Restaurant?



Possible Answers

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| 1. Bundling | 14. Lunatic | truck, I. sidewalk | 38. New Haven |
| 2. Uncle Tom’s Cabin | 15. Lingo | 26. Mr. Woodruff | 39. Atlantic Ocean |
| 3. Wind Mills | 16. Pen knife | 27. Streets | 40. The railroad |
| 4. Mickey Mouse | 17. Snowball | 28. Orange citizens | 41. 1639 |
| 5. Mrs. O’Leary’s cow | 18. Slipshod | 29. New Haven & Derby RR | 42. Granby |
| 6. Julius Caesar | 19. Savvy | 30. Long Island Sound | 43. Apothecary |
| 7. Badminton | 20. Put your shoulder to the wheel. | 31. Racebrook Road | 44. New Haven Harbor |
| 8. Soda jerk | 21. Show your true colors | 32. North Milford | 45. Paugussetts |
| 9. Fortnight | 22. Ermine | 33. Orange Center Road | 46. Monroe |
| 10. Twenty | 23. Ampersand | 34. Route 1 and south Orange Center Road | 47. The New Haven & Derby RR. |
| 11. Moonshine | 24. Poison Ivy and poison oak | 35. Telegraph | 48. Telephone |
| 12. G Man | 25. A. elevator, B. drugstore, C. baby carriage, D. candy, E. gasoline, F. hood of the car, G. subway, H. | 36. West Haven | 49. Milford Harbor |
| 13. Highbrow | | 37. Scobie’s store | 50. Post Road and Racebrook |

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lessons that you picked up?

Getting Started

It doesn't take much to start capturing valuable memories—just a notepad, an audio recorder, or a video camera. While you could write down all the answers, it might be easier and more fun to record them for future generations to hear or, better yet, see! While recording your memories might feel a bit forced at first, you'll be surprised at how easy it flows once you get started.

Keep in mind that you don't need to answer all of these questions in one sitting; this guide can be used over the course of months or even years. You can decide at what pace you want to address these questions, as well as any others that might come to mind. Encourage your children to participate, it can be even more fun. They can use this guide to interview you, and if they have other questions, let them ask!

Questions About
Your Values

What values are most important for you to exhibit?

- › How have these values helped you in your life?
- › How did you learn these values?
- › What values have you taught your children?
- › What do you admire about your kids?

What has helped you most throughout your life?

- › Books
- › Family, friends, mentors
- › Skills, knowledge, behaviors
- › Organizations

What are some of the best financial decisions you've ever made?

- › How about your best financial habits or practices?
- › Where did you learn about money? What are some of the

Questions About Your Life

- › What are you most proud of in your life?
- › What might you change if you could do it over again?
- › What would you like people to think when they think about you?
- › What do you know about your family history?
- › What special things or memories do you have from your mom or dad?
- › Other than being a mom, what was your favorite job?
- › What are some of your most memorable stories of your children?

Final Thoughts

This valuable record never has to be "closed"; you can always share more about the life you have led, the lessons you've learned, and your plans for your future. The key is that you record what's most important to you. As those who have completed the process have found, creating this gift for future generations is well worth the effort.

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Amity High School Students Stage Mock Fatal Car Crash

By MELISSA NICEFARO
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Amity High School's SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) club staged a mock fatal car crash with students acting out the parts of victims of a drunk driving crash. It was a powerful visual reminder of what can happen when poor decisions are made, especially in the spring and summer months with prom, graduation and other celebrations occurring. The over encompassing theme of the event was to be safe and keep others safe.

Narrated by Retired Deputy Chief of Orange Police Anthony Cuozzo, the mock crash showed first-hand the consequences of distracted driving to Amity's juniors and seniors. Held in the handicapped parking area by the athletic fields, two cars that had been damaged in real-life serious accidents were positioned so that they appeared to have hit head-on and student actors played out the scene.

"These two cars must have been involved in a high-speed collision on Amity Road. A witness to the crash called 911 and emergency personnel have been dispatched to the scene," Cuozzo told the crowd.

Police from Orange and Woodbridge appeared, lights and sirens blaring. An ambulance followed.

"The driver of the grey car, Ryan, is a

17-year-old male. He and his passenger Lucia had been drinking at a private home in Orange and were on their way home. Due to his impairment, he ran a red light and impacted another vehicle at the intersection," Cuozzo said.

Ryan was the only one in the car wearing a seat belt and although he was conscious, he was screaming 'wake up!' at his friend who wasn't responding.

"Upon impact, Lucia's body was thrown forward through the front windshield because she was not wearing her seat belt. She hasn't answered to her friend's screams and it appears that she may be dead," Cuozzo said.

Lucia Belbusti, a senior, laid perfectly still on the ground on the cold windy morning with a pool of blood formed around her head. The vision was so realistic that it brought gasps and even tears from students who were extremely respectful and focused during the event. Around Lucia's lifeless body, emergency crews focused on the victims in the other car.

The driver of the other car, a 17-year-old female, was conscious at first and appeared dizzy and confused. She was the only person in the car wearing a seatbelt.

"Unfortunately, the unrestrained front seat passenger was thrown with such force that she is pinned under the dashboard with severely crushed



legs and head trauma," Cuozzo said as the ambulance pulled up, followed by Woodbridge Fire Department.

"I need back up quick," said the police officer who was surveying the scene. "This is a severe crash involving multiple victims. The injuries are severe, please send EMS as soon as possible, this may be a fatal of one or more victims."

The fire department worked on freeing the girls in the other car, using the Jaws of Life to remove each door, and peel the shattered windshield off of the car. In the meantime, Ryan undergoes a field sobriety test and is

arrested for DWI. Cuozzo spoke about the consequences of distracted and impaired driving from his experience as an Orange Police Officer. "I've been the one in the middle of the night to ring the doorbell and tell parents that their child had been in a terrible accident," he said.

Following the crash, the students gathered in the theater to hear a presentation by Ray Raw, who lost his only daughter to a drunk driving crash. Meri-Lyn was 18 years old and had

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“Crash” From Page 12

been drinking at a club in New Haven on February 26, 2006. She dropped her boyfriend off and hit a tree on her way home. “She died on impact. I can’t say what happened. She was raised in a home with love. I had no idea she was drinking,” Ray said. “Everything changed in my world and nothing is ever going to bring her back.”

Due to graduate from St. Joe’s High School in the spring, an empty chair sat with white roses where she should have sat. “It all ended in one brief moment. It was all over,” Ray said. He graduated from Amity in 1972 and has one clear message for the students, “Please

be careful.”

Gary Lindgren, a counselor at the high school who oversees the SADD Club reiterated Ray’s thoughts. “Always think about how precious life is. We think life is invincible, but in one instant it can be over. That’s how fragile it is,” he said.

In his closing statement, Cuozzo spoke not only as a police officer, but as a parent. “I lost my best friend in 1988 and I still remember that call. Don’t be self-centered. Think about the impact your death would have on the people who love you. Avoid risky behavior. You have your whole lives ahead of you. Go forth, lead wonderful lives and be successful,” he said.





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LOCAL SPORTS



Left: This year’s inductees into the Amity Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor include (from left) Gilbert Jennings, Michael Slomsky, Rob Leonard, Mark Levine, Erin (McLaughlin) Guise; Allison Barwise; Janice Ehorn, Coach Sal Coppola, and Lindsay Ciancola with a picture of her brother, Joseph. Not pictured is Scott Klein. | Middle: Allison Barwise shared a hug with her former Track and Field coach, Brien Mahon, left, and his wife, Amity Principal Anna Mahon, at the Hall of Fame induction dinner. | Right: Amity Varsity baseball coach Sal Coppola received a standing ovation

Amity Athletics Celebrates Its Alumni

BY BETTINA THIEL
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Life’s ups and downs, its challenges but also its lighthearted moments were front and center as a new group of successful Amity alumni were inducted into the Amity Athletic Hall of Fame and the Hall of Honor with a dinner at Grassy Hill Country Club last week.

Among the athletes honored were track and field champion Allison Barwise (Class of 2009), Football and wrestling MVP Gilbert Jennings (1991); swimmer Erin (McLaughlin) Guise (2005), volleyball player Janice Ehorn (2008), the late baseball and hockey enthusiast Joseph Ciancola III (2010); and last, but not least, varsity baseball coach Sal Coppola (1987).

Inducted into the Hall of Honor were journalist Scott Klein (1988), entrepreneur Rob Leonard (1987), Chrysler engineer and Cystic Fibrosis ambassador Mark Levine (1988); and investment manager Michael Slomsky (1991).

Coach Coppola, whose baseball Spartans are currently ranked Number 1 in the state, was greeted with a standing ovation from the audience, which included a number of his players as well as fellow coaches, administrators, board members and family.

An Amity graduate in his own right (1987), Coppola joins his father, Sal Senior, and uncle Robert, in the ranks of Amity Hall of Fame inductees. It’s the pressure that this family legacy

put on him that made him who he is today, he said. “I used to be very secretive about my coaching philosophy,” he said. “Until I realized that nobody (of the other coaches) grew up in the Coppola family.”

Growing up, he would play whiffle ball, basketball or football every day after school, he said. “It was vicious, but it taught me to compete and be friends afterward.” It’s this competitive spirit that he wants to instill in his players. Over the 28 years that he has coached at Amity, he must have coached about 1,000 players, he reminisced. “What incredible relationships I had with some of these players,” he said. “Who is luckier than me, at 52 years old, to be playing the game I love.”

Coppola also shared a heart-felt story about one of his star players, and fellow Hall of Fame inductees, Joseph Ciancola, who passed away unexpectedly at age 20 in the fall of 2011, playing baseball for the University of Rhode Island.

After the game, Coach Coppola takes his winning teams on a run, called the Warrior Run, which can be as long or as short as they wish. “Back then, I would be leading the pack,” he said with self-deprecating humor. Well, Joey was running right behind him and suggested to run through the pond at the entrance to the high school campus.

“It’s 45 degrees, it’s raining, and Joey wants to run through the pond,” he said. So off they went. “I’m first and

I sink so deep into the mud that I can barely move.” When he turned around, he saw that Joey had stopped short at the edge of the pond, literally leaving him stuck in the mud. “That was Joey,” he remembered fondly.

The plaque for Amity Hall of Fame inductee Joseph Ciancola was presented to his sister Lindsay, who had her own stories to tell about her brother. She talked about his passion for both hockey and baseball, a passion that flourished at Amity. “There was pure joy when he was playing,” she recalled.

But his passion could also trip him up, for instance when a picture of him and the boys playing pond hockey was published in the local paper, playing hockey at 11 a.m. on a week day. “What a way to get caught,” she added.

Allison Barwise, who was named Amity Athlete of the Year in 2009, excelled in soccer, but in particular in track and field, making it to New England Champion in high jump in 2009. In her acceptance speech she also talked about her performance anxiety, which at times got in the way. She thanked coaches Mahon and Amato for their understanding and “not coming down hard on me, because I was coming down hard on myself.”

She said she learned over time that failure is a natural part of growth, and thanked her parents and coaches for their support. “I needed you to believe in me,” she said.

Like a number of other inductees that night, Rob Leonard (1987) admitted that his path to success was not a straight line. “My school records must have been lost,” when they nominated him for the Hall of Honor, he joked. With a degree in communication from Southern, his dream job was to become a writer for the Late Show with David

Letterman.

But instead, a friend got him a job putting empty beer bottles on a conveyor belt, and that was the beginning of quite the career. Nowadays, he is the owner of the widely successful New England Brewing Co. currently located on Amity Road in Woodbridge.

It was the Farm-to-Table movement that turned the attention of the community to local businesses, and helped propel the company to phenomenal growth. “It’s the community that turned the tide,” Leonard said.

Another one to stress the importance of community was Mark Levine (1988), an engineer with Chrysler, who lives in Indiana, home to the Indy 500 race track. But his speech was not about cars, or speed – nor about his time as Amity tennis captain. Instead, Levine talked about his younger brother, David, who, just like Mark himself, was diagnosed early in life with cystic fibrosis, a disease that causes damage to a person’s lungs.

But unlike Mark, David ultimately succumbed to the disease. At age 18, David underwent a lung transplant, that allowed him to graduate from Amity the following year. “He got a standing ovation when he walked across that stage,” Levine remembered, saying how a strong support system helped them deal with setbacks and successes.

Erin Guise spoke how swimming became the source of all good things in her life, including meeting her husband when she was lifeguarding.

Volleyball star Janice Ehorn (Class of 2008) teared up when she thanked her parents and long-time Amity volleyball coach Paul Thees for their encouragement. She was named the Amity Team MVP three years in a row, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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The Arrow of Light Scouts with the Cub Scout Leaders and new Scout leaders



New Cubmaster, Jessica Zamachaj being announced and receiving the Cubmaster Patch



Scouts enjoying the nice weather while hiking at Lake Wintergreen

Crossing Over, Hiking Challenge and a New Cubmaster

Pack 922 has been busy over the past few months. On March 27th we held our Blue and Gold banquet where we watched the Arrow of Light Scouts crossover to Scouts Troops in both Milford and Woodbridge. We also celebrated our younger scouts earning their rank badges and moving forward with their journey in cub scouts. As the pack moves forward so does our leadership. Our long-time cubmaster Brian Cleveland will be stepping down as his son moves forward to Scouts. Brian will still be a den leader in the Pack for next year

as he brings our new Arrow of Light Scouts to the end of their time with Pack 922. Jessica Zamachaj, a current den leader, will step up and take on the role of Cubmaster as the school year closes. Starting April 9th, Pack 922 began this year's Sky's the Limit Hiking Challenge with a trip to West Rock's Lake Wintergreen trails. We continued our outdoor journey at Sleeping Giant on April 22nd. The Pack will offer all 20 hikes to the scouts throughout the summer and fall in hopes they can receive the medallion from the DEEP.



Orange Lions Club held its Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 9th 2022. Despite the rain a good time was had by all.



Orange Congregational Church Nursery School held their bike-a-thon on Saturday, April 30th.



TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Town Clerk's Office to Recognize our Most Beloved Residents

The Town Clerk's Office would like to remind all owners of dogs six months or older, that June is the renewal month for dog licenses. This year, in conjunction with the Town's Bicentennial Anniversary, we are happy to announce the opportunity to recognize our residential dogs as part of this annual license renewal process.

One of the three ways to obtain a license is to visit the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Those residents who choose to renew a license in person will receive a Bicentennial Summer of Celebration Commemorative Treat for their pooch.

If you are unable to stop by in person, please visit the Town website www.orange-ct.gov for instructions on how to renew a dog license electronically or by mail.

We invite all our dog owners to share a picture of your dog that will be on display at Town Hall for the entirety

of the 200th Anniversary Celebration. Please email one of your favorite photos to mshaw@orange-ct.gov. Thank you, in advance, for your participation and we hope you can stop by and see our photo display that will include your special dog.

The costs to obtain a dog license are as follows:

- › Spayed Female: \$8;
- › Female: \$19;
- › Neutered Male: \$8;
- › Male: \$19.

Please note, an up-to-date rabies vaccination certificate and a neutering/spaying certificate are required to renew a dog license. In accordance with section 22-337 and 22-338 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the responsibility of the dog owner to obtain a license in the month of June each year. After June 30th, there is a state mandated \$1 per month penalty for unlicensed dogs. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office 203-891-4030.



Pictured left to right, this year's honorees for the 2022 Memorial Day Parade are: Chief of Staff: Valentin Loureiro Army Corp. of Engineers; Grand Marshal: Martin Kinstler CPL US Army; Honored Veteran: Andrew Blanchette, Captain Air Force; Not pictured: Keynote Speaker: Susan von Rabenstein.



Bicentennial Clean-up

The Land Trust in conjunction with the Park and Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to help rid the town of litter before the Bicentennial festivities. The first pickup is scheduled for 9-10 a.m., Saturday, May 7.

"Together with our Park & Recreation Department, let's continue the beautification of our town," said Land Trust Board member George Lesko in a press release. He said the town will provide trash bags, but people should bring gloves and wear brightly colored shirts.

Call Lesko at (203) 610-3804 to join

"the crew," or let him know if you know of any area around town that needs attention. He plans to organize more cleanups throughout the summer.

Goat walk: The Land Trust also is offering a goat hike on Saturday, July 23, at 10 a.m. at the Race Brook Tract. This program is back by popular demand, as the Land Trust has hosted the goats before. The goats are very lively, as they come tumbling out of the back of the vehicle, Lesko said. "It's very exciting for the kids."

Later in August, the Land Trust will be hosting a falconer.

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**Town of Orange
Attn: P O'Sullivan
617 Orange Center Road
Orange, CT 06477**

TOURNAMENT INCLUDES:

- › Registration - Warm-up - Continental Breakfast at 8:00 am;
- › Shotgun Scramble start at 9:00am followed by a Lunch Reception;
- › \$200 Tournament Fee per player.

Patrick O'Sullivan, Bicentennial Chair stated, "The golf tournament is quickly filling up, so please submit your registration as soon as possible". The registration form is located on the Town of Orange website at: www.orange-ct.gov.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Youth Services

BY JESSICA SIMONE, MSW, ORANGE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Home Alone Program

Youth Services, in conjunction with the Orange Police Department and the Orange Fire Department, are offering a Home Alone Program for 5th and 6th grade students at each elementary school. Topics to be discussed include fire and personal safety, student responsibilities & the dos and don'ts of being home by yourself. Peck Place: 5/26 3:15-4:15pm, Turkey Hill: 6/9 3-4pm, Race Brook: 5/25 3-4pm. This program is FREE. To register, email jsimone@orange-ct.gov.

Scholarship Opportunity
Amity High School/Orange SENIORS: Youth Services will choose (3) seniors, who live in Orange, to be rewarded with \$1,000 each toward their college education. Each applicant must fill out an application, provide a resume, a transcript of their

grades & a brief essay. Students will be chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement & future endeavors. The deadline is 5/13/22. Contact Jessica Simone at jsimone@orange-ct.gov for an application.

BOWDAAC

BOWDAAC is the Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge Drug/Alcohol Action Committee. BOWDAAC is a grant-funded Local Prevention Council serving the communities of Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge. Our mission is to reduce underage drinking and substance use by promoting awareness through educational programs and community collaborations. For more information or to join our committee, email info.bowdaac@gmail.com or check out our website www.bowdaac.org.

Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of May 2022



(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk's Office, 203-891-4730)

9th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Board of Police Comm.....	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Board of Health	7:00 pm	HPCC
10th	Inland Wetlands Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
11th	Board of Selectmen &.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Annual Town Meeting		
12th	Community Services Comm	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Pension Board.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
16th	Family Counseling Advisory Council.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education	7:00 pm	Mary L Tracy
	Board of Finance.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
17th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
18th	Town Budget Referendum	6am-8pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte	7:00 pm	HPCC
19th	Library Commission	7:00 pm	Case Memorial Lib.
23rd	Youth Services Advisory Board.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
25th	Park & Recreation Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall

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Celebration Family Events



Register for events, order commemorative gifts (i.e., t-shirts, magnets, flags) and more!

Saturday, May 28th	10 am	Founding Day Ceremony	Free	High Plains Community Center	Official Kick-off of the Bicentennial Celebration
Saturday, June 18th	10 am	Mud Run	\$45 fee/ per person	High Plains Community Center	For all Ages, Includes T-shirt & medal
Saturday, June 25 th (Rain date: June 26 th)	2 pm	Bicentennial Parade	Free	Orange Center Road	Marching Bands, Fife & Drum, Community Organizations
Saturday, June 25 th (Rain date: June 26 th)	4 to 8 pm	Family Dinner	\$20/adult \$10/child (4-12 yrs) Purchase by June 17 th	High Plains Community Center	Fun activities, Dinner, Beverages, Dessert Advance Ticket Sales Only
Saturday, July 16 th	9 to 3 pm	Lebanon Town Militia	Free	Bryan-Andrew House	Reenactment of Militias 200 years ago
Sunday, July 17 th	11 am	Scavenger Hunt	Free	Around town	Prizes and Other Surprises
Saturday, July 23 th (Rain date: July 30 th)	10 am	Goat Hike	Donations Welcome	Racebrook Tract	Hike with baby goats
Saturday, August 20 th	3 pm	Falcon Demonstration	Free	High Plains Community Center	Experienced Falconer
Saturday, August 27 th	10 to 3 pm	Crafters & Blacksmiths	Free	Stone-Otis House	Demonstration
Saturday, August 27 th	1 to 4 pm	Open Farm Day	Free	TBD	Tour select local farms
Every Saturday	10 to 3 pm	Historic Displays	Free	Academy	Displays & Exhibits Children's events & games

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Orange Historical Society Bicentennial Events

The Orange Historical Society will be participating in the Bicentennial Summer of Events holding the following events:

Event	Date	Time	Location	Description
Founder's Day	May 28	10:00am	HPCC Fairgrounds	Opening of Summer Events
Restaurant Week (in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce)	June 2 and 7 (Reservations are required; \$20/person)	11:30am-1:30pm	Bryan-Andrew House	Hearth Cooked Dinner (Lunch to us modern folk)
Cemetery Walk	July 9 and 10	3:00pm	Orange Center Cemetery	Walk around the cemetery and meet some prominent past citizens and hear their stories
Lebanon Towne Militia	July 16	9:00am-3:00pm	Bryan-Andrew House*	Demonstrations of militia and how families lived in Colonial times
Stone-Otis House & Garden Club Open House	July 23	10:am-2:00pm	Stone-Otis House	Tour the gardens and the Stone-Otis House
Historical Crafters & Games Day	August 27	10:00am-3:00pm	Stone-Otis House	Demonstrations of crafts including Black Smithing & games from olden days for children to play
Orange Country Fair	September 17 and 18	8:00am-7:00pm (on the 17 th) and 8:00am-6:00pm (on the 18 th)	HPCC Fairgrounds	
Academy Gift Shop & Exhibits	Every Saturday	10:00am-3:00pm	The Academy	See our exhibits of telephones, cameras, Emily Prudden memorabilia and more – Visit our Gift Shop

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LIBRARY EVENTS



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The Bookcase Evening Discussion Group

Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m.
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Tiny Art Show Kits

Monday, May 16
For teens in grades 7-12. Display your artistic talents in our Tiny Art Show! Register here to receive a tiny art kit with your choice of supplies. Create your masterpiece at home and return it to the Library to be displayed in our teen area in our tiny art show. Registration is required.

Kits will be available for pickup in the Library from Monday, May 16 through Saturday, May 21. Artwork will be displayed as it is received. To register, go to http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/xp_newpopevent.cfm?zeeOrg=CASE&EventID=6934262&sw=1600.

Take & Make Craft Kit: Paper Star Lanterns

Saturday, May 21
For adults and teens in grades 7-12. Make your own blue paper star lanterns just in time for Memorial Day. All supplies will be provided to make and hang paper stars. Please note this does not include a light kit. Registration will end Thursday, May 19. Kits will be available for pickup in the Library from Saturday, May 21 through Friday, May 27. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/starlanterns>.
Events are free and open to the public, except as noted. Phone: 203-891-2170, <http://www.casememoriallibrary.org>. Visit our Facebook page.

“I Dissent”: The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsberg

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is offering a one-act play, “I Dissent,” the life of Ruth Bader Ginsberg. This impersonation will be performed by Sheryl Faye on Saturday, June 18, at 1:30 pm on the Prown Terrace Lawn behind the Library.
Ruth Bader Ginsberg was an American lawyer and jurist who served on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1993 until her death in 2020. Justice Ginsberg was the second woman and first Jewish woman ever appointed to the Court. She championed fairness and equality for women and minorities. She lived by the adage that it was right to “fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”
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ical portrayals offer immersion into the lives of American women whose accomplishments have had positive impact on society and culture for the betterment of all. Sheryl uses props, costumes and various forms of media to create memorable biographical performances.
At 1:00 pm, The Friends will award the Lucy Scillia Scholarship to a local, graduating student who is pursuing academic studies. At this meeting, the Friends will also vote for new Board members. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Please go to www.casememoriallibrary.org to register for this educational and entertaining program. Also please remember to bring a lawn chair.

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ELECTION 2022

Amy Chai Announces Bid for 3rd Congressional District

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Chai will also highlight education issues during this time of Covid. Chai’s expertise is that she was awarded a US Presidential Teacher award from the Obama administration in 2011 after homeschooling her middle and high school children.



Amy Chai





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- › Saturday 9:30 AM – In person and Zoom’d

Please call the synagogue office at 203-799-2341 or email coshalom@sbcglobal.net for more information).

Shavuot Services

- › Erev Shavuot, June 4, 7:30 PM - In person and Zoom’d
- › Shavuot Service, June 5, 9:30 AM - In person and Zoom’d
- › Shavuot Service, June 5, 7:00 PM - In person and Zoom’d followed by Study Program (In-person only) What Does It Mean to Be “Jewish” in The Age of Genetic Testing with guest speaker Dr. Brendan Cassidy.
- › Shavuot Service 9:30 AM with Yizkor at approx. 10:30 AM - In person and Zoom’d

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An Evening with Victoria Riskin



Congregation Or Shalom

author of “Fay Wray & Robert Riskin: A Hollywood Memoir” May 18th from @7:00PM

A Hollywood love story, a Hollywood memoir, a dual biography of two of Hollywood’s most famous figures, whose golden lives were lived at the center of Hollywood’s golden age, written by their daughter, an acclaimed writer and producer. Fay Wray and Robert Riskin lived large lives, finding each other after establishing their artistic selves and after each had had many romantic attachments—Wray, an eleven-year-long difficult marriage and a fraught affair with Clifford Odets, and Riskin, a series of romances with, among others, Carole Lombard, Glenda Farrell, and Loretta Young. Here are Wray’s and Riskin’s lives, their work, their fairy-tale marriage that ended so tragically. Here are their dual, quintessential American lives, ultimately and blissfully intertwined. We will be joining Temple Emanu-EL in Waterford, CT for this special event. Please call the office for Zoom information. 203.799.2341.

Social Action

For May, we are collecting diapers and wipes for the Diaper Bank of New Haven. If you would like to donate, please contact the office 203-799-2341.

Congregation Mishkan Israel’s Annual Cantor’s Concert Returns

Congregation Mishkan Israel (CMI) is delighted to announce its highly anticipated annual Cantor’s Concert will return this spring. This year Rabbi Joe Black, a pioneer of Jewish contemporary music, will headline the concert. Rabbi Black has performed for congregations and communities around the world. He is known for his guitar virtuosity, soaring voice and lyrics that are at the same time funny, inspirational, and thought provoking.

CMI’s Annual Cantor’s Concert will be held Sunday, May 22, 2022 at Congregation Mishkan Israel, 785 Ridge Road in Hamden. A pre-concert patio reception at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by an indoor concert in CMI’s historic sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Denver, Rabbi Black is a frequent contributor to anthologies and collections of Jewish writing. He has recorded five critically-acclaimed albums of Jewish

music, two children’s books, a song-book and two videos. His books and music have been featured by the PJ library and he has received numerous honors for his performance, including being named by Moment magazine as one of the top ten male performers in American Jewish music as well as one of the top ten children’s performers in American Jewish music.

CMI’s Annual Cantor’s Concert is open to the public. Donations are \$18 - \$54 and include the pre-concert reception. Sponsorships begin at \$180. For a menu of giving opportunities, visit www.cmihamden.org/calendar/cantors-concert.

Congregation Mishkan Israel is the 14th oldest Jewish congregation in the United States and the oldest continuously operating one in New England. For more information, call the synagogue office at (203) 288-3877 or visit www.cmihamden.org.

Christ Episcopal Church Tag Sale

It’s time for the gigantic tag sale at Christ Episcopal Church, Bethany (526 Amity Road, at the blinking light) being held on Saturday, May 7, 9 am-2 pm (rain date May 14).

You’ll find great deals on house-

wares, decor, fine china, toys, books, homemade baked goods, the Clothing Boutique and even a boat!

Have lunch - pulled pork sandwiches or hot dogs to go or eat outside. Mark your calendars!

Holy Infant Church Women’s Guild

The Holy Infant Church Women’s Guild will hold an outdoor Rosary to pray for the Ukrainian people on Sunday, May 15th at 10:30 am. It will be on the front lawn of the church at 450 Racebrook Road, by Mary’s statue. Please bring your own chair.



Sunday Mass: 5:00pm
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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel Events

First Fridays

On May 6, the First Friday of the month, the Kabbalat Shabbat service will be early for a kid-friendly, though not specifically kids' service. Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, and Junior Congregation meet in person each Saturday mornings. To receive her weekly newsletter, email Youth and Family Programming Director Annie Norman-Schiff at anorman-schiff@beki.org.

Artist Talk

Suzanne Neusner, whose Fiber Arts exhibition is on display in the upstairs BEKI gallery, will speak about her work Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 pm. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org. For over 35 years, Neusner has focused on abstract imagery through a variety of weaving and quilting techniques. Her work includes playful reinventions of traditional Jewish themes such as matzoh covers. For inspiration, she draws from her natural surroundings in the Hudson Valley as well as from her prior explorations in other media.

Her exhibition has been extended through June 28, and some of her work is on sale at the BEKI Gift Shop. Some pieces can be viewed on the BEKI website: <https://www.beki.org/our-community/gallery-art/suzanne-neusner-fiber-arts>.

Courtyard Campfire

Wednesday evening May 18 is Lag BaOmer, the 33rd day of the Omer. The folk-custom is to sing around a campfire at a "kumsitz," meaning "come" and "sit." BEKI's program in the courtyard will feature niggunim—which have no words—as well as traditional American songs and



Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel

Hebrew songs, all led by congregant Max DuBoff. Song sheets will be provided. In case of rain, the event will be postponed until May 19. Details at beki.org.

Social Action

BEKI's Social Action Tikkun Olam Committee, chaired by Dr. Jennifer Botwick, is collecting medical and non-medical supplies for Ukraine. Everyone is invited to help fill the donation box in the coatroom with over-the-counter cold and flu remedies, acetaminophen, aspirin, allergy medications, and digestion medicines. Please donate only tablets, capsules, or gel tablets—no bottled liquids. Band aids, bandages, diapers, menstrual pads or tampons are also welcome. To arrange a time to leave off donations, call the office at 203.389.2108 x114.

In Person and Online

BEKI offers In-Person services twice daily, led by Rabbi Eric Woodward and congregants. Details at beki.org. Weekday morning and evening services also are available on Zoom. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org.

Located at 85 Harrison Street (corner of Whalley Avenue – Route 63 – in Westville)



Orange Congregational Church Hosts Handbell Concert

The Board of Music Ministry of the Orange Congregational Church is proud to host the Shoreline Ringers in a concert on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 4:00 in the afternoon. This premier Handbell Choir will perform in the church sanctuary and showcase their talent at playing a whole spectrum of bells. They will bring their skill at ringing bells, with multiple tiny bells in one

hand or with large upright bells which are too large to carry and must be held by a special framework. The Ringers will be conducted by their director, Jane Nolan. The suggested donation at the door is \$5. For more information on the ensemble or the concert, you may visit Shorelineringers.org or orangecongregationalchurch.org or call 203-795-9749.

Orange Congregational Church Events

Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, invites you to join us at 205 Meeting House Lane in Orange for worship, or on YouTube at Orange Congregational Church, UCC for our livestreamed services. Our regular in-person Sunday worship is at 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary.

We are currently offering an in-person crib room and church school, and in-person youth group. For adults, we have a Zoom evening "Praying the Bible" group, a virtual Book Club, an "Art of Scripture" Zoom group, a Monthly Meditation group by Zoom, and a Grief & Prayer Group.

Our annual Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the Orange Town Green. This tag sale is a fundraiser which benefits our Pilgrim Fellowship youth program. Spaces are available to rent for \$25 (table and chairs provided upon request). Please email or call the church office (occhurch@snet.net or 203-795-9749) to rent a space.

Our Children and Youth Sunday



Orange Congregational Church

will take place on May 15th. On May 29th, worship will be at 9:30am and our youth will take place in the Memorial Day parade.

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, which means we welcome all people into the full life and leadership of the church regardless of race, class, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or family type. Anyone interested in joining our choirs or other groups can visit orangecongregationalchurch.org for more information. It doesn't matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Congregation B'nai Jacobs Happenings

Weekly Services & Classes

- Daily Minyan Services**
- › Monday - Friday: 7:45am
 - › Monday - Thursday: 6:00pm (on ZOOM only)
 - › Sunday" 9:00am, 6:00pm
 - › National Holidays: Times vary

Weekly Shabbat Services

- Friday**
- › Shabbat Schmooze: 6:00pm
 - › Services: 6:30pm
- Saturday**
- › Bread & Torah: 9:00am
 - › Services: 10:00am

Bread & Torah

Saturday Mornings 9:00am-9:45am

Meet in the B'nai Jacob Library (or join us on Zoom) to explore the weekly Torah portion and the way in which its story relates to our own. Be prepared for a lively discussion over bagels and coffee. No experience necessary. Taught by Rabbi Rona Shapiro.

Audubon Center Tour

Sunday, May 22 at 1:30 pm

Bird and Nature Walk at the Milford Audubon Center

Join us for a private tour of the Audubon Center, a beautiful refuge on the Connecticut shore, guided by Sanctuary manager, Stefan Martin. Mr. Martin is very knowledgeable about the birds, plants, trees and waterfall pond on the property. Our sources tell us that May falls during migration season, so gear up for a treat. The cost is \$20 for Audubon members and \$25 for non-members, payable at the tour. Please call the office to register, 203-389-2111, or email office@bnaijacob.org.

Unless otherwise noted, all services, classes and events are in person at B'nai Jacob, located at 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. All services are also live-streamed and some are on ZOOM. Call the B'nai Jacob office for digital access and more



Congregation B'nai Jacob

information 203-389-2111 or email of-
fice@bnaijacob.org.

SPRING INTO SPRING – A B'nai Jacob Family Event

- Everyone is invited!
- › 10am-12pm: Fun games & activities for children (organized and led by B'nai Jacob teens)
Help us plant our Mitzvah Garden for the new season
 - › 12pm: Barbecue lunch for all
RSVP required for this FREE event
Email office@bnaijacob.org with names, ages of children, # for BBQ or call 203-389-2111

UPCOMING

SAVE THESE DATES!
VISIT OUR WEBSITE for more details and information

- › **Sunday, June 5** - Family Shavuot Program and ice cream social
- › **Sunday, June 12** – BJ Players presents: After two postponements, three times the charm for B'nai Jacob Players: Sunday, June 12, is our new performance date for the production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. The Players are so excited to return to live theatre!

Ticket Information coming soon.
For more information about any of these events, or becoming a member of B'nai Jacob: Call 203-389-2111, Email: office@bnaijacob.org, Visit our website, bnaijacob.org.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Upcoming Events at Temple Emanuel

Special Events

- Friday, May 13 at 7:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Service with special guest speaker, Michael Bloom of JFACT
- Friday, June 3 at 6:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Service Under the Stars, on the patio at Temple Emanuel (in case of rain service will be held indoors)



Temple Emanuel

Regular Weekly Services

- › 6:30 pm on the first Friday of the month, Family Shabbat service
 - › 7:30 pm on all other Fridays, Kabbalat Shabbat Service
- All of these events are held in person and are available online. Please check the TE website or contact the TE office for links to Zoom and YouTube. All listed services and events are open to both members and non-members. Our current COVID-19 precautions

still include a requirement for masks for everyone over the age of 2 for indoor events. Adults are expected to be fully vaccinated.

For more information about services and celebrations at Temple Emanuel, and to register or purchase tickets for special events, please go to the TE website, www.tegnh.org or call the office at 203-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue in Orange.

Events That Can Foster A Strong Sense Of Community

Events that bring residents of a community together in one place have been on the back burner in recent years. As the world has dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, communities have scaled back on public events in the hopes of limiting crowds and preventing the spread of the virus. Since 2021, such restrictions have been loosened, especially in spring and summer, as more people get vaccinated and scientists learn more about the virus, including how it's transmitted in outdoor settings compared to indoor settings.

The return of spring and summer mark a great time for local leaders to add more events to their community calendars. The following are some fun event ideas that can help communities reconnect in the months to come.

- **Crafts festival:** The digital advertising agency NMPi noted in a report titled "Impact of COVID-19 on Arts & Crafts Retail" that the rise in pandemic-related self-isolation led to an increased demand for arts-and-crafts. As the world emerges from the pandemic, community leaders can provide residents an opportunity to showcase their newfound talents by hosting a crafts festival. Invite established professionals to showcase and sell their wares and encourage local hobbyists to do the same. This is a great way to promote local businesses and connect residents with neighbors who love to spend time working on arts and crafts.
- **Concert series:** Summer concert series are fun and potentially lucrative for local businesses. A 2016 analysis of

a popular local concert series in northern New York State determined that a summer concert series sponsored by the Disabled Persons Action Organization allowed more than \$1.6 million to flow through local economies. That's welcome news for local businesses that have been hit hard by the pandemic, and it's also welcome news for leaders who want to rebuild a sense of community in their towns and cities. Families and local residents can enjoy live music and take pride knowing that each ice cream cone, hot dog or cold beverage they buy at a concert is helping local businesses rebound from a tough stretch.

- **Farmers market:** Another way to promote local businesses and public health is to host weekly farmers markets. Buying locally grown foods greatly reduces food miles, a term that refers to the distance food travels before it reaches grocery stores. Reduced food miles means less fuel consumption and reduced air pollution, both of which benefit the environment and human health. But farmers markets do more than that, as they provide access to healthy foods to individuals who might otherwise be unable to find fresh fruits and vegetables. And farmers markets support local farmers and growers, reassuring consumers that their hard earned money is going back into their own communities.

Local events like crafts festivals, concert series and farmers markets are a fun and effective way to foster a strong sense of community in towns and cities.



HEALTH & FITNESS

What is Cold Laser and Can It Help My Pain

BY KYLE BRANDAY MSPT, C-PS
Cold Laser Therapy, technically termed Low Level Laser Therapy (LLLT), has been used in a variety of formats for years with tremendous success. Physical Therapists have been utilizing this research supported technology to help patients with their pain and dysfunction.

The goal in this transmission of laser light is to enhance the energy of the cells in the particular tissue/area of the body that is injured. If we can get damaged or degenerated cells to absorb as much of this light energy as possible, we will see decreased inflammation, increased blood and lymphatic circulation, relaxation of muscles, and relief of pain and stiffness.

This type of therapy can be used to heal both acute and chronic injuries in addition to a wide array of conditions. LLLT can help with the healing, inflammation and pain reduction of diagnoses including: arthritis, bursitis, back and neck strains, sciatica, carpal tunnel, rotator cuff tears, Achilles tendinitis, Tennis and Golfers Elbow, neuropathy, disc herniation, plantar fasciitis, and post operative pain (just to name a few).

While the list of what conditions it can help is much longer, understanding the benefits and risks of any treatment is important. The improvement which can be had from use of Cold Laser Therapy is tremendous with little to no risk. Given that the applicator produces only LED light without generating any heat, there are no risks of burns like with other lasers.

All treatments are performed in a 1-on-1 setting with protective glasses worn by both the therapist and the patient to protect the eyes while the applicator is active. The addition of this great treatment to our practice has helped many patients with varying conditions substantially decrease their pain, stiffness, swelling, and inflammation.

LLLT is a great addition to a formal PT treatment. While the laser can help reduce the pain, swelling, and inflammation, optimal results and long-term carryover are maximized when combined with direct and effective mobility and stability training to fix the



Kyle Branday

underlying reason why the pain and inflammation are happening in the first place.

In our experience, we are seeing patients benefit in as little as 1-2 sessions. This has proven to be a beneficial treatment for patients suffering from both acute and chronic pain. Research has proven LLLT to be more effective than non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in the treatment of acute injuries.

Safe, effective, drug-free pain relief...what's not to love! Want to know more about if LLLT could be right for you? Call (203) 389-4593 to speak to a therapist or visit www.amitypt.com

Kyle Branday, MSPT, C-PS, is a licensed Physical Therapist and is the supervisor of the Woodbridge office. He is a graduate of Quinnipiac University where he earned his Master's degree in Physical Therapy. In addition, Kyle is Level 2 Certified by the Institute of Advanced Musculoskeletal Treatment for Dry Needling. Kyle enjoys treating patients with a wide range of orthopedic and neurological conditions. Kyle has extensive training in the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic orthopedic and sports injuries, neurological rehabilitation, manual therapy, sports specific training, Selective Functional Movement Assessment (SFMA) and works with patients ranging from pediatrics to geriatrics. Recently, he has completed course work to earn designation as a Champion Performance Specialist (C-PS) to enhance his work with elite athletes and weekend warriors alike. Kyle is an avid sports fan and works with our patients in our Sports Performance Programs.

HDSA Hosting Connecticut Team Hope Walk

The Huntington's Disease Society of America's (HDSA) Connecticut Chapter will be hosting the Connecticut Team Hope Walk on Saturday, May 22nd @ 9:00 AM at Chatfield Hollow State Park in Killingworth. For more information about the event, please contact Sue McGann (cthdsa@gmail.com, 860-558-8847). Online registration and donation can be found at hdsa.org/thwct.

Team Hope is HDSA's largest national grassroots fundraising event, which takes place in over 100 cities across the U.S. and has raised more than \$20 million for Huntington's disease since its inception in 2007. Thousands of

families, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and communities walk together each year to support HDSA's mission to improve the lives of people affected by Huntington's disease and their families.

Huntington's disease is a fatal genetic disease that affects the nerve cells in the brain that is described as having ALS, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's disease all at once. Today, there are approximately 41,000 symptomatic Americans and more than 200,000 at risk of inheriting the disease.

HDSA's Team Hope Walk Program is nationally sponsored by Teva Pharmaceuticals.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Orange Bicentennial Restaurant & Business Week

The Orange Economic Development Corporation together with the Orange Chamber of Commerce are hosting Orange Bicentennial Restaurant and Business Week from May 28th to June 10th. The event is one of many that are scheduled all summer to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Town of Orange!

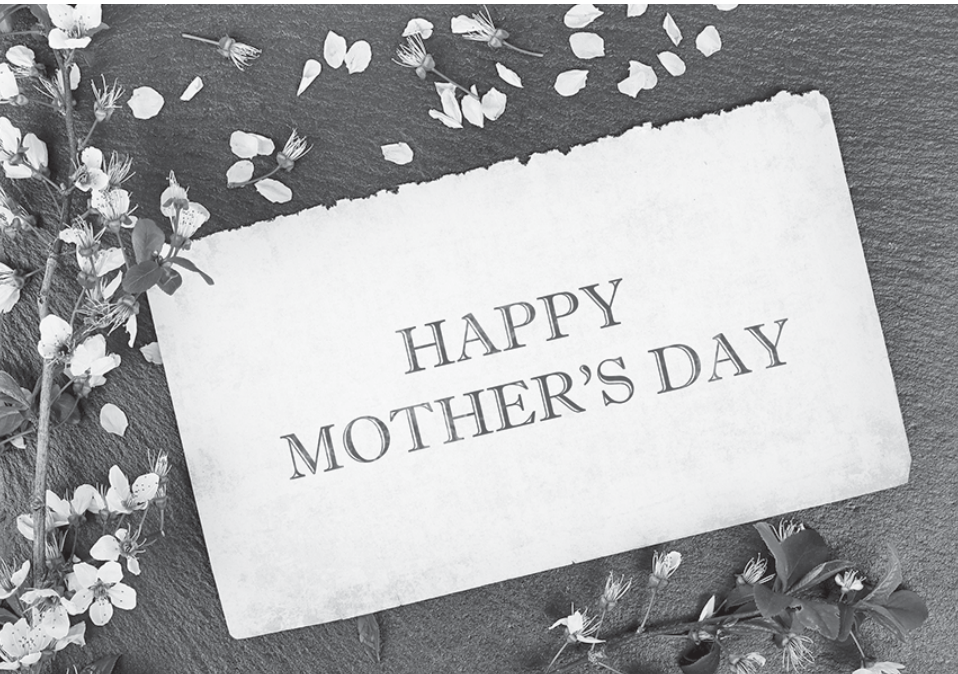
"We are pleased to work with the town's Bicentennial Committee to produce this event and encourage the public to support our local restaurants and businesses by taking advantage of their great offers," says Kathy Charbonneau, Director of the Orange Chamber of Commerce.

Currently, there are 13 food establishments and 12 businesses participating, with more expected. The public can look forward to discounts, pre-fixe menus, special items, etc. during the

14-day timeframe. A list of businesses with their offers are posted on the Orange Economic Development website www.OrangeEDC.com/events_activities. Please check often to obtain the latest information.

"Some of the businesses were really creative with their offers, where they are giving \$2.00 off an item to signify 200 years or presenting items for \$18.22 to indicate the year 1822," said Annemarie Sliby, OEDC Executive Director. "And some restaurants are creating food items with orange ingredients," she continues.

There is no cost to businesses/restaurants that would like to participate, and we have extended the deadline to May 13th. Contact the OEDC at 203-891-1045 prior to May 13th if interested.



DID YOU KNOW?

According to a 2019 Bureau of Labor Statistics survey of baby boomers, the average number of jobs held in a lifetime is 12. Women spend slightly less time in companies than men. In its 2018 Employee Tenure Summary, the BLS reported that the median tenure for women is 4 years and 4.3 for men. However, women hold nearly as many jobs as men across their careers, despite some taking time off to raise children. Comparatively, women hold 12.1 jobs to men's 12.5. Certain industries lend themselves to higher rates of tenure. Federal government employees, for example, have long rates of tenure, while the shortest average tenure belongs to workers in the leisure and hospitality sector, according to the career experts at Zippia. Columbia College Calgary reports similar trends in Canada, where the average individual has about 15 jobs in a lifetime. Studies suggest that Canadians in Generation Y tend to hold positions for 2.7 years, Generation X at 3.4 years, and Baby Boomers for 12 years.

Orange Bicentennial Family Dinner Order Form

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TOWN OF ORANGE | LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will be held on Wednesday,

May 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT for the purpose of taking action at that time upon the following matters:

1. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax liens or by deed in lieu of foreclosure of tax liens.
2. To determine in accordance with Sections 12-142 and 12-144(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes the installment due dates for all property tax including the property tax on motor vehicles.
3. To receive and discuss the report of the budget prepared by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.


By virtue of Town Charter, Section 2.6(c)1., Item 3 shall be voted on by machine ballot at an adjourned Town Meeting-Referendum to be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.

Dated at Orange, Connecticut this 21st day of April 2022.

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The Importance Of Using Vacation Time

How many employees have wished for a shorter work week, especially when it's only Tuesday and Friday is nowhere in sight? Though many professionals wish they worked fewer days each week, those same individuals likely aren't taking advantage of their hard-earned vacation time.

According to the "2018 State of the American Vacation" report from the U.S. Travel Association, more than half of all working Americans have unused paid vacation days. According to the USTA's Project Time Off, Americans are taking roughly one less week of vacation per year than they did in the mid-1970s, and the trend continues to decline. It's not much different in Canada. A 2020 ADP survey found that 49 percent of working Canadians were taking less or

no vacation time during the holiday season. Fifty percent of women and 37 percent of men reported that they took less than half of their allotted time off that year.

Workers cite several reasons for skipping vacations, including feeling an obligation to employers or worrying that taking time off may make them stack up poorly against coworkers when being reviewed for promotions or raises. However, failing to take vacation has notable consequences that should not be ignored. Here's why individuals should make vacations priorities.

Avoid health consequences. A study published by the National Center of Biotechnology Information found that men who were at risk for heart disease and skipped vacation were 30 percent

more likely to have heart attacks than those who took extended time off during the year. Similar effects occur in women. Taking little or no time off also could put individuals at increased risk for anxiety, depression, obesity, insomnia, and other stress-related illnesses, particularly among females. Simply taking a vacation or two per year can help tame stress and improve individuals' long-term health outlook.

Get a brain break. Focusing attention on new scenery and activities for a week or more can improve performance upon returning to work. The USTA also indicates having a vacation to look forward to can motivate individuals to finish a project or report in a timely manner.

Enjoy higher job satisfaction. The Society for Human Resource Man-

agement said that 78 percent of human resources directors found that employees who took more vacation days reported higher job satisfaction. That could be because vacations help people feel less stressed and generally happier, which can extend to the workplace.

Develop strong bonds with family. Having fun with the family away from the distractions of daily life is a major advantage of vacationing. Few families have consistent time to spend together, but vacations enable everyone to take a break from the routine frenzy and focus on one another.

It's tempting to skip vacations to be more productive, but workers actually may be doing their productivity a disservice by failing to rest and recharge.

ARTS & LEISURE



Left: Art People co-founders Jennifer Narcisco (left) and Katie Kelly with the center’s official state citation delivered by State Rep. Kathy Kennedy (R-119). Credit: Caitlin Bagley; **Right:** Art People co-founders Jennifer Narcisco (left) and Katie Kelly celebrated the grand opening of Art People with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Credit: Caitlin Bagley

Arts Center Celebrates Grand Opening

Art People, a brand-new arts center with a distinctive mission, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house on Saturday, April 9. Founded by two board-certified, registered art therapists, Art People provides hands-on creative arts-based services through art therapy, diverse art workshops, gallery exhibits, community involvement, and private events. While programming is available to a wide variety of clients, Art People (291 South Lambert Road) specializes in working with individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Seeing the inclusivity and diversity of open house attendees was a “dream come true,” for Kathryn Kelly, co-founder. She and co-founder Jennifer Narcisco have a combined 20 years of experience working with people with disabilities and diverse populations through art therapy.

An alternative or complement to talk therapy, art therapy can give people a way to express feelings without needing to find the words. Kelly and Narcisco discovered a need for this type of therapy in a population often underserved by traditional psychotherapy services. Art People’s current group art therapy offerings cover a range of focuses, including social, life and workplace skills, coping mechanisms and sensory experiences. Art People also offers after-school art therapy, a neurodiversity-affirming group session for autistic artists and limited individual art therapy sessions.

Additionally, the center provides a proprietary, customizable Inclusive Arts training, which teaches skills and knowledge needed to provide elevated arts programming inclusive of all

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An Afternoon of Irish Blarney

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is presenting a program of Irish songs, stories and humor performed by Tom O’Carroll on May 21 (rain date May 22) at 2:00pm outdoors on the Prown Terrace at the rear of the library.

Originally from Dublin, Tom accompanies his vocals on guitar, a bodhran (Irish goat skin drum) and a humble instrument called a tin whistle which he describes as “a little horn with six holes in it. You puff in one end and sometimes music occurs.”

Tom has been sharing songs of the Emerald Isle since the 1970s. He says he can’t learn a song without knowing

its background. When he performs, he says a few words to set a scene, so the experience is meaningful to listeners. Tom has been a featured performer in libraries, colleges, festivals, concerts and pubs throughout the U.S., Canada, and even in Seoul, Korea. His audiences are sure to be delighted by a variety of musical sounds and songs interspersed with anecdotes about Irish history, culture, folklore and genealogy.

The program is open to the public. Registration is required and may be made online at www.casememorial-library.org/events or by calling 203-891-2170. This is a “bring your beach chairs” event.



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ARTS & LEISURE

2nd Annual Orange Artisan Fest & Vendor Fair

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Orange Artisan Fest & Vendor Fair is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022 and registration is now open. Once again, the all-outdoor event will be held at the Orange Fairgrounds, from 2:30 to 6:30. Last year’s Artisan Fest was a great success and a nice kick-off to the summer. Small businesses, artisans, and farmers are invited to participate. Vendors and visitors can expect networking, shopping,

live music, activities, and food trucks. Sponsors and business vendors will be located under the main tent and artisans and farmers will be located outside of the tent in Artisan Row. A registration form is available online at: <http://www.orangedc.com/Forms/form.asp?FormId=9>. Sponsorships are still available. Please contact us if you would like to review the sponsor benefit package. We are looking forward to a great event!

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people. Art People’s services also include an array of programming open to anyone and everyone who wants to immerse themselves in art, such as paint nights, art workshops, private art events, gallery exhibits and more. Joining Kelly and Narcisco to formally welcome Art People to Orange were Kathy Charbonneau, executive director of the town’s Chamber of Commerce, and State Rep. Kathy Kennedy (R-119). “There’s a lot of life and vibrancy and creativity here,” said Charbonneau. “We’re really excited to work with [Art People] on upcoming projects in Orange.” Kennedy issued an official state citation to recognize the opening of Art People, citing the center’s “praiseworthy goal of giving people the opportunity to heal, grow, explore, and

be witnessed through the power of art. I haven’t stopped smiling since I stepped in here,” she added. To Narcisco, the turnout at the ribbon cutting and open house represented the true essence of Art People. “This is what we wanted. Art and people – together.” To learn more about Art People, go to <https://www.artpeoplect.com/>. Art People (291 South Lambert Road, Orange, CT 06477) offers hands-on creative arts-based services through art therapy, diverse art workshops, gallery exhibits, community involvement, private events and a proprietary Inclusive Arts training program. Founded in 2021 by two art therapists with a combined experience of over 20 years of working with people with disabilities, Art People provides programs for a wide variety of clients, but specializes in working with individuals who have intellectual disabilities.

EDUCATION



Orange Public Schools kicked off their annual screen free week on Monday April 25th with a Color Community Blast hosted at Peck Place School. Students expressed their positivity and creativity by chalking the walks and painting rocks. The scent of Silver Sands Pizza truck’s wood fired pizza and the rhythm of light-hearted music filled the air. Fun was had by all who attended. The Peck Place School community is grateful for all who made this event so successful!

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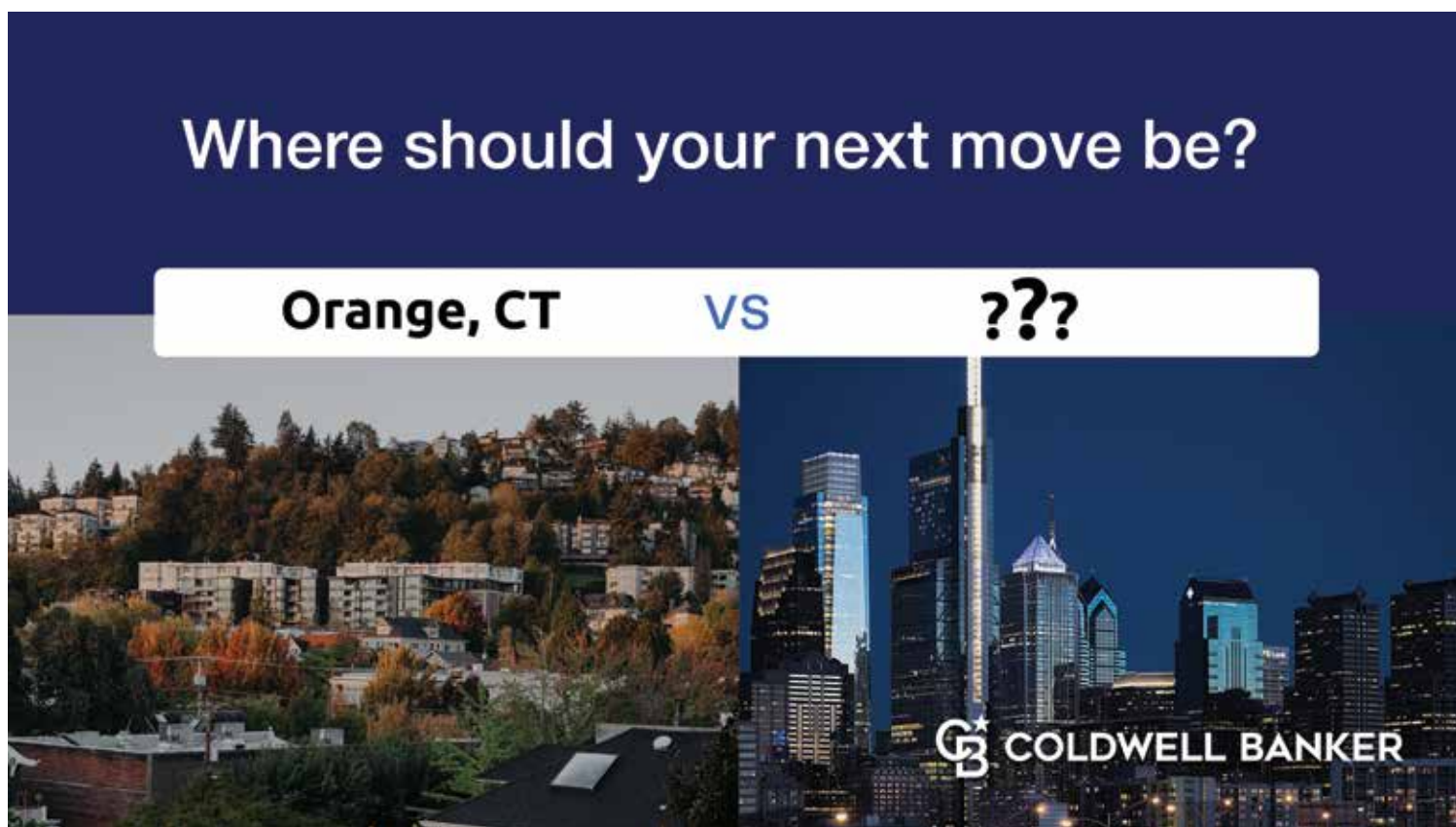


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