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Left to right: Enoch Liu, Kalina Duz, Shriya Garg, Mihael Baker and Mia Martire

Dr. Scarpetti recognized five Peck Place Students with the Superintendents Award for demonstrating community service and service to others, academic achievement and leadership service to the school community. Congratulations!

Plans Being Made for Annual Volunteer Fireman's Carnival

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department carnival will take place August 5, 6, 7 and 8, Chief Vaughan Dumas confirmed. He said the company that provides the rides, Rockwell Amusements, has submitted details about their precautions and cleaning procedures, which the department in turn forwarded to the local health department. Dr. Amir Mohammed authorized the event to go forward. There will be hand sanitizing stations throughout.

Several details still need to be worked out, such as serving food in the refreshment tent. But fireworks will go on Friday and Saturday night, as they have in the past.

At this point there is no mask mandate in place, but people may choose to wear masks. Chief Dumas said right now Rockwell is limiting the number of riders, so as to ensure social distancing, but it remains to be seen what the situation will be in August.

The fire department is sponsoring a "Thank You 1,000" raffle to thank the residents for their fundraising support last year during the \$50,000 Challenge. People can get a free raffle ticket at the raffle booth to win \$1,000 cash back.

Admission bracelets can be purchased on the Orange Volunteer Fire Department website and Facebook page.

Long Time Town Clerk Passes on the Baton

BY BETTINA THIEL
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Long-time Town Clerk Patrick O'Sullivan has announced recently that he will not run for a 13th term come November. O'Sullivan said he and his family had talked about retirement for a while, but when the Democratic Town Committee started working on a ballot, he told them that his name would not be on it. That was right around the time of his 71st birthday in April. "It is time to pass the torch to another town clerk," he said when asked about retirement.

During nearly 25 years in office, O'Sullivan has seen a generation of Orange residents

grow up as they entered his office on the first floor of the Town Hall, seeking counsel, sometimes forms or information. And he has plenty to give in any of those categories.

"We have dozens of number one priorities," he said, when asked about the work of the Town Clerk. The office keeps track of the land records and the vital statistics; it files agendas and minutes; election and campaign finance records are kept here.

People come in for title searches or to record a property sale; they come in for marriage licenses or to record a

baby's birth; or a death. "We get people who don't have oil or heat," he said, and he and his staff try to help connect them to the right agencies. During the month of June people come in to renew their dog licenses – and to let them know when fido has passed away. Last year he tried as best he could to console

a person who was shaken up by the death of her dog.

"Being Town Clerk has been a wonderful experience," he reminisced in an email. "I think it takes a certain temperament, empathy, compassion and understanding; I always thought I was like ambassador for the town and a bridge between all levels of government."



Patrick O'sullivan

In addition to the personal connections he made, at the end of 24 years he has:

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- › Codified the Charter, ordinances, Inland Wetlands and zoning regulations;
- › Recorded thousands and thousands of births, marriages, deaths, and military discharges;
- › As an election official, he witnessed the election of countless

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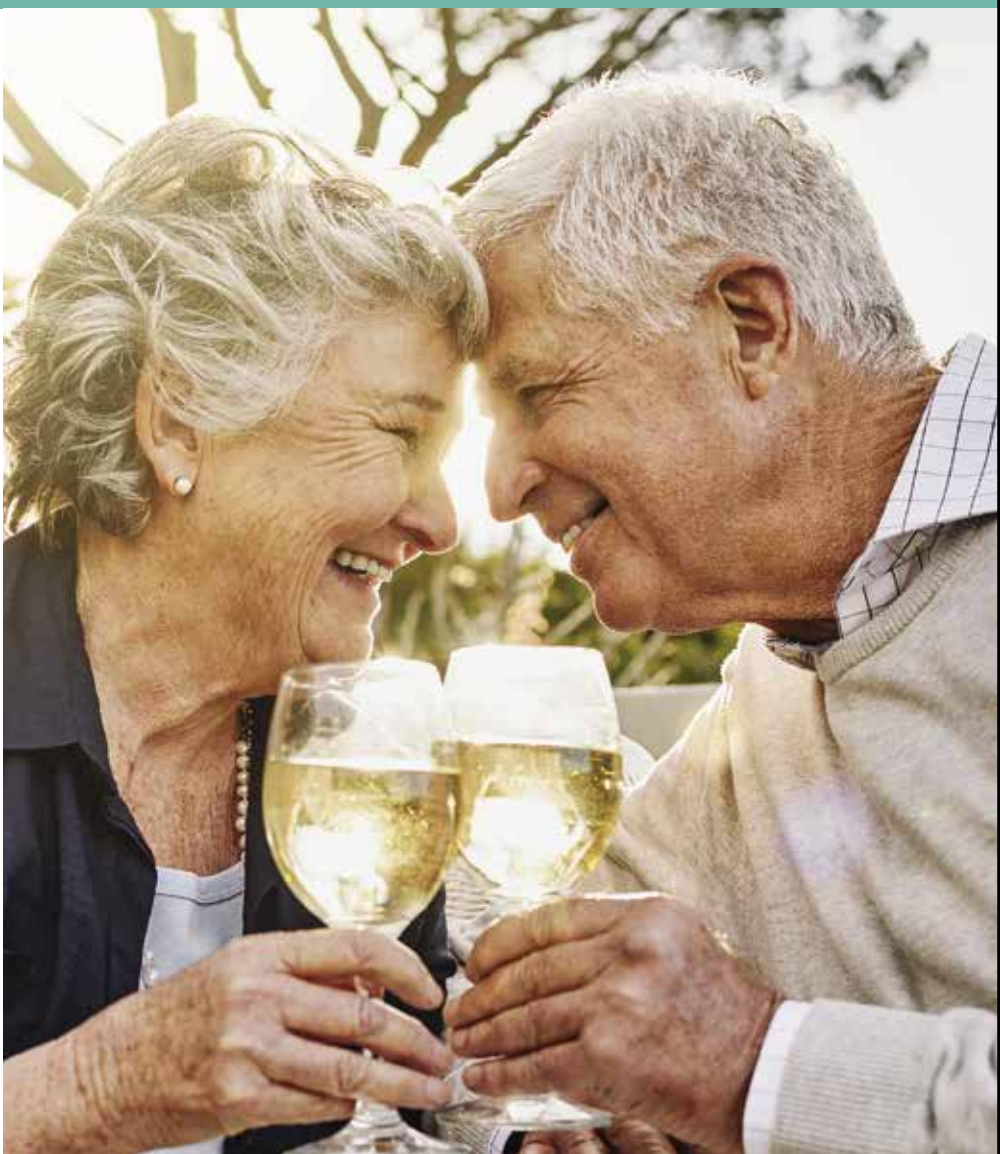
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Deane Seeks Democratic Nomination For First Selectman

Orange native, Connor Deane will seek the nomination of the Orange Democrats as their candidate for First Selectman of the Town of Orange.

“For nearly thirty years, Orange has been my home. This town has instilled in me the value of hard work, the power of community and the need to give back. That’s why I’m running for First Selectman” said Deane.

Connor moved to the town at the age of four with his parents, Tim and Elizabeth Deane. He attended Turkey Hill School and the Amity schools, along with his younger siblings, Murphy and Mac. Connor’s middle name, Ferguson, is from his mother’s side. His late grandparents, Eileen and Bill Ferguson, raised five children in town, and most notably started one of Connecticut’s first hockey stores, All-Sports. Many of his family members still reside in Orange.

Upon graduating from University of Cincinnati’s College-Conservatory of Music with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Connor founded Broadway Method Academy, a non-profit musical theater training program for young artists. Today, he serves as the Executive Director of the organization, which is partnered with the famed Westport Country Playhouse. “As a small business owner, I bring perseverance, grit and leadership skills,” said Deane.

“My first introduction to Connor Deane was also my first introduction to Amity theater, when I attended the Amity production of “Les Misérables” (one of my favorites!). Years later, our paths would cross again as Connor reached out to me about running for office. It was then that I learned his mom is Beth Ferguson, and his uncles and I all attended school together from Race Brook School through Amity”, said Jody Dietch, Chair of the Orange Democratic Town Committee.

“Our young generation too often gets type cast as lazy and indifferent. This couldn’t be farther from the truth. Connor represents a generation who is informed and energized to make a difference in their communities. Connor has shown that success can be achieved before age 30! Connor achieved his success with hard work and perseverance. He built a thriving organization doing what he loves and helping others to fulfill their dreams. That experience not only has given him business acumen but empathy for others. Leadership isn’t just about winning elections. Leadership is respecting others and showing the way to a better future. I am so proud to support Connor Deane as our next First Selectman in Orange,” Dietch said.

Deane said he’s excited to bring his ideas to the table and get the chance to meet with Orange voters. “Orange has been an anchor in my life. I couldn’t be more excited for the opportunity to give back.”

Deane will seek the nomination from the Democrats at their caucus this July.

Schools Are Finishing Year on A High Note

With new covid infection numbers at local schools trending toward zero, students and families get to celebrate graduation in nearly normal ways.

At Beecher Road School, sixth graders will have an outdoor graduation ceremony on Friday, June 18, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the North Lawn. Masks are required and social distancing will be adhered to. Two guests are allowed per student.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the South gym with only students and teachers. The ceremony will be live streamed.

Eighth grade graduations will be held Monday, June 7, at the Amity High School lacrosse field. For Orange eighth graders, the Stepping-Up ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. For students at the Bethany middle school, the commencement is at 4 p.m. In case of rain, the events will be moved to the high school main gym. Appropriate protocols will be observed.

Amity High School graduation will be taking place Tuesday, June 8, at 4 p.m. at the Westville Music Bowl, 45 Yale Avenue in New Haven. Rain date is Wednesday, June 9 at 4. Masks are required for a large crowd, but the number of guests is unlimited.

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June 25 Independence Day Issue	June 18
September 3 Labor Day & Back To School Issue.....	August 27
October 1 Fall Issue	September 24

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dedicated local, state and national individuals; as well as town, school budget & other referendums;

› Applied for and obtained more than 20 historic preservation grants totaling over \$120,000, money that allowed his office to scan and digitize almost 50 years’ worth of records, many of which are nowadays available on the Town Clerk webpage.

O’Sullivan said when he once was asked about his proudest moment in office, what came to his mind was 9/12 – the day after the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on September 11, 2001. “We had an election in November of that year,” he said, and the registrars’ lottery was taking place. In spite of all the tragedy happening around them, everybody made sure that the town’s business got done. “Democracy kept going,” he said, in spite of the earth-shattering events taking place at our doorstep.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli announced the town clerk’s impending retirement at the Orange Town Meeting on May 12, thanking O’Sullivan for his dedicated service. Zeoli pointed out that Patrick O’Sullivan was always ready to serve where needed, seven days a week. “He has represented the town proudly,” Zeoli said, “as did his father and grandfather. His great-grandfather was the first mayor of Derby when they switched to the mayoral system of government,” Zeoli said. “It’s in his genes.

“On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, we thank you for your years of dedicated service to the Town of Orange,” Zeoli said warmly at the town meeting, to enthusiastic applause.

O’Sullivan began his public service in his mid-20s, when he was first elected to the Board of Selectmen in 1973. Ralph Capecelatro was First Selectman, and the town purchased the land where

today the Country Fair, Firemen’s Carnival, Memorial Day, July 4th fireworks and concerts are being held.

That was before the Freedom of Information Act had gone into effect, and sometimes the board met without an agenda. “Freedom of Information was just beginning,” he said.

The purchase of the Fairgrounds wasn’t the only action taken that impacts the quality of life of today’s townspeople. Selectmen also enacted and created the Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Commission, the Human Services Commission — now called Community Services — and provided transportation for senior citizens.

“I was honored to serve on the Bicentennial Commission and as a charter member of the Orange Agricultural Fair Committee,” he said, with the fair still being a popular destination every September.

O’Sullivan was elected to the General Assembly for one term, in 1978, and said he made long-lasting friendships with legislators from both parties and every corner of the state. In 1995 he was elected to the local Board of Finance, and two years later to the office of town clerk.

He likened his life to that of George Bailey in “It’s a Wonderful Life,” who never gets to leave his hometown because he is constantly needed. O’Sullivan’s family teases him for having grown up on Orange Center Road, living on Orange Center Road, working on Orange Center Road, within view of Orange Center Cemetery.

But God willing, that’s a ways off and there are many things to do and see. When asked whether he would actually retire from active life, he wouldn’t commit.

So, for now, “it is with great pride, excitement and a little bit of sorrow that after nearly 50 years of public service, I have decided not to run for Orange Town Clerk next year.” And that’s as far as he’ll go.

FROM OUR READERS



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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

SCASA Superintendents' Award 2021

Amity Middle School in Orange honored two of its 8th graders, Olivia Perkowski and Matthew Curley, for the SCASA (South Central Area Superintendents Association) Award. One eighth grade boy and one eighth grade girl are selected each year. The criteria for selection is based on community service and service to others, academic prowess (relative to ability), and leadership to the school community. We are so very proud of their accomplishments.

Olivia Perkowski is in Grade 8 at Amity Middle School Orange. She has been a strong student and leader in the classroom, serving as a role model for her peers. She is dedicated and driven to working toward her highest potential academically and is not afraid to try new challenges. Olivia contributed as a member of the AMSO Drama Club and she also is in the strings program. She participated in Regionals in 7th grade for choir. She is on the ARAC Swim Team and participating in diving lessons with hopes to join the Amity High School Swim/Dive Team next year. Apart from academics and extracurricular activities, Olivia is an active member in her Polish School, where she is involved in various community service projects and opportunities. Olivia also helps out with service activities through her church. In her free time Olivia enjoys spending her time reading a good book!

Matthew Curley is an 8th grade student at Amity Middle School Orange.



He has proven to be a leader in the classroom and role model for other students. He often is the one keeping other students on track when in the classroom and always willing to help out and encourage another peer. He is a positive asset to the Amity Middle School Community. Matthew has been involved through the youth organization in town. He often takes on jobs helping out members of the community with, such work as, snow removal and yard work. Matthew has a passion for cars and enjoys working on and fixing cars. He wants to pursue a trade in the area of automotive or collision repair as a future side trade connected with his academic studies. In his free time, Matthew enjoys hanging out with friends and biking. He has also been involved in baseball and up until the school closure, he was planning on trying out for the Amity Middle School Baseball team last spring.

CABE Leadership Award 2021

Congratulations to Amity Middle School Orange eighth grade students, Maya Remigio and Robert Pulie, who were selected to receive this year's Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Award. This award is presented each year to young men and women attending schools within CABE's membership who exhibit exemplary leadership qualities.

Maya Remigio is an 8th grader at Amity Middle School Orange. She has been a dedicated student, striving to go above and beyond in the classroom. She is truly committed to her academics and driven to challenge herself both in and outside of the classroom. She is a role model and leader for her peers. When things are challenging or difficult, Maya always puts forth her best effort and perseveres. Maya enjoys sports and plays on the Lady O' Travel Basketball Team in Orange. She is also on

the Amity Middle School Girls Basketball Team. She is a competitive team gymnast and is currently taking diving lessons. Maya participates in community service through her church and has volunteered at events in town at her former elementary school. She was involved with the St. Baldrick's Volleyball Tournament at AMSO and helped to welcome the incoming 7th graders by filming a video to help with transition. In her free time Maya, enjoys playing sports with her siblings, hanging out with friends, doing crafts and biking.

Robert Pulie is an 8th grader at Amity Middle School Orange. During his 2 years at AMSO he has been determined to earn good grades and strive to do his very best academically. He has shown commitment and a willingness to work hard in class and challenge himself academically. He not only takes on challenges in the classroom, but shows a genuine concern for his peers. He is involved not only in his classes and honors his academic commitments, but perseveres and is highly committed to his athletics as well. He has been a member of a travel basketball team outside of school as well as a dedicated member of the Amity Boys Basketball Team in 7th grade. He also is an avid baseball player, playing year-round on a travel team. He was planning on trying out for the Amity Middle School Baseball team last spring prior to school closure. He has a true passion for sports and enjoys hanging out with friends in his free time.

Notice to Former Amity Students

Amity Regional School District #5, as per state guidelines, is properly disposing of student special education records. The records of any student who has received special services are maintained for six years after their class graduates.

Former Amity students who were born between 1995 -1997 and/or having graduated in 2015 who have received special services at the Amity Middle School, Orange; Amity Middle School, Bethany; or Amity Regional

High School may obtain their special education records.

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If records are not claimed by June 30, 2021, they will be destroyed.

Superintendent Recognition Awards

ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Orange Public Schools is pleased to announce the recipients of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' (CAPSS) Superintendent/Student Recognition Award: Kalina Duz, Shriya Garg, Enoch Liu from The Peck Place School, Ryan Leapley, Jason Chen, Gracie Bunnell from Race Brook School and Ava Storz, Charlotte Wallace and Liisu Melville from Turkey Hill School. Criteria for the CAPSS award are leadership, service to the school, academic prowess relative to ability, and service to others in the community.

In addition, Orange Public Schools is pleased to announce the following students are recipients of the South

Central Area Superintendents' Association (SCASA) Award: Mia Martire and Michael Baker from The Peck Place School, Charlotte Kean and Nikhet Valabhajosyula from Race Brook School and Teagan Rahn and McKenna Kirck from Turkey Hill School. Criteria for the SCASA award are community service and service to others, academic achievements and leadership in the school community and active participation in the arts.

All recipients will receive their awards during their 6th Grade Promotion Ceremonies on June 10, 2021 and be recognized at the Board of Education Meeting on June 21, 2021.

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AMSO Box of Sox Fundraiser

When the Amity Middle School Orange community was devastated by the loss of their 8th grade student Raymond Heenie this past March, they quickly came together to turn their grief into something positive. As staff and students reflected on Ray's short life, they remembered how much Ray cared for others and always wanted to help make everyone's life a little bit easier; this was the inspiration behind the kickoff to the AMSO annual Spring Box of Sox fundraiser in Ray's honor.

Starting this year, donation boxes were stationed throughout the Amity community as collection bins for socks for homeless shelters. Socks are one of the most needed items at shelters – and are not always donated. In its first year, the AMSO fundraiser collected over 900 pairs of socks! Because of this, they will be distributed to multiple local shelters to help many people. Through this fundraiser, Ray's legacy of caring for others will not only be remembered, but will also benefit people for many years to come.

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STUDENT NEWS

Achievements Eastern Connecticut State University

Willimantic, CT - Eastern Connecticut State University's Psychological Science Department held its Psi Chi Induction Ceremony and Honors Recognition on April 30. Combining the years of 2020 and 2021, the ceremony inducted 53 students into the Psi Chi International Honor Society for Psychology and recognized 18 students for distinction. Among the students recognized was senior Nuala Tzovolos of Orange, who majors in Psychology. Tzovolos was a 2020 inductee. The goal of Psi Chi is to encourage excellence and foster advancement within the field of psychological science. To be eligible, students must major or minor in psychology, complete at least 12 credits in psychology and have a 3.5 major GPA. To receive high distinction, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher GPA in the psychology program and complete select advanced level courses in the psychology major, among other qualifications. To receive highest distinction, students must also score at the 80th percentile or higher on the pre-graduation exit exam and present research at a state, regional or national conference.

Dean/President's List Boston University

Boston, MA, - Alexandria Rae Barnes of Orange, CT has been named

to the Dean's list of Boston University. Alexandria Rae Barnes received academic honors at Boston University for fall and spring semesters during the 2021 academic year. A first-year at BU, Alexandria Rae Barnes is majoring in neuroscience in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Southern New Hampshire University

Manchester, NH - Teresa Jennifer Delda of Orange has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May. Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Graduations University of Mississippi

Oxford, MISS. - Sophia Rose Cuozzo, of Orange, CT, is among the more than 5,000 candidates for graduation in the Class of 2021 who will be celebrated during the university's 168th Commencement exercises April 29 - May 2. Cuozzo, who is a Integrated Marketing Comm major, is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in the School of Journalism and New Media.



Left to right: Campbell's Crazy Classroom; Swanson's Sharks; Richard's Radical Riveting Reading Raiders.

Peck Place School Battle of the Books

Peck Place Students in grades 4-6 have been working hard all school year to read books from the Battle of the Books lists for each grade level. The students who read the most books from their classroom represented their class as they faced off in a quiz-bowl style competition, on Friday, May 21, in the Butterfly Garden at Peck Place School.

Teams coordinated costumes and were ready to battle with their cheering squad behind them. The 4th grade battle came down to the wire with Mrs. Fahy's First Place Finishers and Mrs. Swanson's Sharks tied at 125 points at the end of regulation; but Mrs. Swanson's Sharks pulled off the victory in sudden death overtime. Mr. Gionfrido's Giants came in 3rd. In 5th grade, Mrs. Campbell's Crazy Classroom ran away with the victory, scoring a whopping 146 points! In the final minutes, Mrs. Vogel's Super Summer Readers squeaked by Mr. Kowaleski's Croissants for 2nd place. In 6th grade, Mrs. Richard's Radical Riveting Reading Raiders scored 144 points and sailed

past Miss Laden's Lawyers and Mr. Paluzzi's Pandas. A huge shout out to Mrs. Fitzpatrick for coordinating this amazing event. The energy was electric! Each winning classrooms' teacher received a prize basket of books and will hold the trophy until next year's Battle of the Books!

FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

All senior center activities, classes are limited, and trips are canceled. Please check the senior center website at www.orange-ct.gov/782/community-services for further information. Or feel free to call the senior center office at (203) 891-4784.

New Software

During the Covid quarantine we stayed busy. Orange Community Services installed new software. So, come by and receive a key tag to use at the new kiosk which is in the HPCC front lobby. You will use the key card to sign in for classes, activities and volunteering and other activities.

Virtual Classes

If you would like to participate in David Chandler's Tai Chi via Zoom—call the office with your email and we will ask the instructor to email you an invite.

If you would like to participate in Chair Exercise while at home, visit the Town Website at Orange-ct.gov and under Departments you will see a link to the Senior Center. There you will find the Chair Exercise video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xk-ll-X6K7jc>. Chair Exercise has resumed Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 11:00am. Details are subject to change as warranted.

Hiking Group

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

of the hike.

June 3: Naugatuck Greenway, Division Street, Derby by BJ's Wholesale Club;

June 10: Turkey Hill Preserve, 506 Turkey Hill Road, Orange;

June 17: High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange;

June 24: Race Brook Tract, 839 Racebrook Road, Orange.

Classes

In order to begin to reopen the senior center for activities we must adhere to state guidelines. At this point in time, we must wear facial coverages and practice 3 feet of social distancing. All classes must be signed up for in advance in the senior center office.

Some classes are coming back, and others are planned to be back:

Afghan Ladies 4th Monday at 1:00pm in Senior Lounge. Next meeting is January 25;

Bocce Wednesdays at 10:00am;

Chair Exercise Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 11:00am with Anne in the Gym;

Laughter Yoga meets Wednesday at 11:00am;

Yoga Monday with Andrea at 9:00am in room 3 & 5;

Yoga Wednesday with Andrea at 9:30am in room 3 & 5.

Arts & Crafts with Suzanne

Join us for a fun-filled class project with Suzanne as she leads Arts & Crafts class on Monday, June 14

at 12:30 noon. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Book Club via Zoom

The monthly Book Club meeting has moved onto Zoom. If you wish to participate, email Paula Samuel for a Zoom invite at Paula.Samuel7@gmail.com.

Movie of the Month

June 11, 1:00pm, Eddie and the Cruisers. Twenty years after the lead singer of "Eddie and the Cruisers" disappeared the band's songs are hotter than ever. A renewed interest in the band leads a TV reporter to pursue a tantalizing mystery: what if Eddie is still alive? Covid guidelines will be respected. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

Ice Cream Social

Join us when Don Pierson entertains us on June 28, with a summer fun themed program. Ice cream social at 1:30pm; Don from 2:00-3:00pm. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up as reservations are required!

Frozen Meals

There is a special meal program consisting of a box of 5 frozen meals during the Covid-19 pandemic. We can deliver the meals, or you can come by and pick the meals up. Delivery is only available to Orange residents. Call the office to complete an application. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal would be greatly appreciated.

Community Services has an Emergency Food Bank available for Orange residents in need. Call (203) 891-4788 for assistance.

Cut the Cable

Josh presented Cut the Cable in the past to a full house. Josh will once again present it on July 7 from 5:30-7:30pm. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

iPad/iPhone

Join us as Josh teaches us how to use your iPad and iPhone. Learn the tricks and treats of these devices! July 28-August 18 from 5:30-7:30pm. Cost \$20, call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Discussion Group

Join us when the Lions Club of Orange sponsors a Discussion Group with Jim Leahy on June 18 from 1:00-2:00pm in the Senior Lounge. These poignant discussions are a great opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and talk about current issues. The group will meet on the 3rd Friday of each month. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Legal Clinic

We are resuming our Legal Clinic services. Attorney Floman DePaola's office will conduct appointments via telephone on the first Wednesday of the month. Appointments will be for 1/2 an hour beginning at 9:00am. Please call the senior center at 203-891-4788 to schedule an appointment. We will forward the schedule to Floman DePaola office who will then contact you at the scheduled time. Please be home for the appointment.

Summer Concerts

Come for the Farmers' Market and stay for the concerts! Purchase your produce and a Zuppardi's Pizza. These free concerts are a great way to spend a summer's evening with friends. Shows are from 6:00-8:00pm.

June 24 (rain date Aug 26) West Rocks;

July 8 (rain date July 15) Lunch Box;

July 22 (rain date July 29) Fools on the Hill;

August 12 (rain date August 19) Boondocks.

Trips

It is very hard to predict trips for 2021 with Covid concerns. But I would like to be optimistic that things will be more normal. I would like to offer the members some of the trips that Lilly Tours has to offer.

June 15—UNDER THE TENT AT ST CLEMENTS CASTLE with Friendship Tours (some walking).

August 19—SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, BAVARIA with Collette Tours (considerable walking).

September 1—AMARANTE'S ENDLESS SUMMER, with Friendship Tours (minimal walking).

September 20—PAINTED CANYONS OF THE WEST, with Collette Tours (considerable walking).

September 24 -27—NIAGARA FALLS, One the most desired tourist destinations in the world. \$829pp for double due at registration. (considerable walking).

October 4—NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE SURF & TURF, the show is expected to be Murder at the Howard Johnsons. Enjoy a great buffet, a wonderful play at a fun-filled Cabaret! \$95 per person due at registration (minimal walking).

October 13—OKTOBERFEST @ KRUCKERS, with Friendship Tours (considerable walking).

November 10—USO TRIBUTE SHOW @ GRAND OAK VILLA, with Friendship Tours (minimal walking).

December 8—EDWARDS TWINS HOLIDAY SHOW @ AQUA TURE, with Friendship Tours (minimal walking).

LOCAL BUSINESS

Hutchison of GKH Group Named to Forbes 2021 "Best-In-State"

Local Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Advisor Thomas Hutchison of the GKH Group has been named to the Forbes 2021 "Best-In-State Financial Advisors" and Barron's 2021 "Top 1,200 Financial Advisors" lists. Thomas was previously named to the Forbes "Best-In-State Financial Advisors" list in 2020 and the Barron's "Top 1,200 Financial Advisors" in 2020 and 2019.

Starting his career at Merrill Lynch in 1998, Tom is now Managing Director and Wealth Management Advisor at the GKH Group in New Haven. He holds the Certified Investment Management Analyst designation from the Investments and Wealth Institute.

Thomas is a graduate of Yale University and resides in Orange, where he and his wife raised their four kids. Thomas is an active member of the



Thomas Hutchison

community, coaching and volunteering for many local youth sports programs over the years.

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Rep. Kennedy Applauds Human Trafficking Legislation

State Representative Kathy Kennedy (R-Orange/Milford) has supported passage of HB 6657, An Act Concerning Human Trafficking. This legislation passed through the Connecticut House of Representatives in unanimous bipartisan support.

“This legislation is a trafficking survivors (victims) support bill permitting them an opportunity to succeed in society,” says Rep. Kennedy. “What advocates have found is that victims of human trafficking are often coerced into committing other crimes by their trafficker. These convictions may prevent survivors from thriving in society due to limitations in employment, loan, and higher education opportunities.”

HB 6657 establishes an affirmative defense for minors in certain delin-

quency proceedings and allows certain convictions to be vacated if they were committed as a result of human trafficking.

“Human traffickers prey on adults and children of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities, exploiting them for their own profit.” Rep. Kennedy added, “Human trafficking is also called modern slavery or trafficking in persons, has no place in our world and we must do our best to not victimize the victims a second time.”

Human Trafficking is a crime of exploitation; traffickers profit at the expense of their victims by compelling them to perform labor (sometimes criminal in nature) or to engage in commercial sex in every region of the United States and around the world.

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The Orange Historical Society

Below are just a few of the wonderful things for sale that can be seen Saturdays from 10-3 at 605 Orange Center Road.

Come browse in the museum and the “furniture barn” out back.



For information call 203-795-3106

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Top: Scouts at the Pinewood Derby after the awards ceremony. Bottom left: Cub Master Brian Cleveland handing out Achievements at the Pack Meeting. Bottom right: Franco Martone, Tiger Scout, at the Fishing Derby on April 17th.

Pack 922 Scouting News

The month of April was busy for Pack 922. We had a pack meeting in person which we have not done since December. It was great to finally get together as a pack and work on our Pinewood Derby cars along with recognizing the scouts who achieved different requirements to earn their den badges.

On Friday April 9th, we held our annual Pinewood Derby race. This year we had it outside under the pavilion at High Plains Community Center. Families gathered to watch the race in person and we also streamed the event through zoom for those who were more comfortable at home. Scouts raced against one another for place holdings in their dens and the first place overall. All scouts received a key chain for participating and trophies were awarded

for top three places in the dens and first place overall.

On April 10th, the pack helped out at Camp Cedarcrest to clean up for the season. Annually we help out Camp Cedarcrest as they normally host our big campouts throughout the year.

On April 17th, we participated in the annual Fishing Derby. Our pack was there with pride and had a great day catching fish and enjoying the sun.

We are wrapping up our scouting year in the month of May with our Blue and Gold Rise up Ceremony and our Pack Campout. This year has been very successful despite all the restrictions. We have given our scouts numerous opportunities to participate in den and pack meetings in order to meet the rank requirements.



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2019 CT Trails Day in Orange.

Connecticut Trails Day

The Orange Conservation Commission will host a hike at The Ewen Preserve on June 5th starting at 10:00 am. Hikers will meet at the trailhead at 648 St. John's Dr. in Orange.

This hike will be part of Connecticut Trails Day where hosted hikes are being held throughout Connecticut on the same day. Trails Day is a two-day national event on the first weekend in June every year. It is a great time to pay tribute to all the wonderful trails our country has to offer. Trails and

open spaces have become the places to escape to and enjoy when we need fresh air, a place to be inspired and to connect with our natural world.

The hike will be led by Travis Ewen, who grew up on this land. Highlights include a new walkway over wet sections and work done to restore fish movement on the Indian River, which flows through the Ewen Preserve. Heavy rain will cancel this event.

Wear long pants and bring tick spray and water.

Orange Lions Hosts Wine-Tasting

BY LION MARIANNE MILLER

Are you ready to get "uncorked"? Well, now is the time to get your tickets and have some fun. The Orange Lions Club is hosting "Get Uncorked", a wine tasting fundraiser on Friday, June 18th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church social hall, 480 Racebrook Rd. in Orange.

Ye Olde Liquor Shoppe of West Haven is the facilitator of the tasting. Samplings of wines, beers and spirits will be available for tasting throughout the evening, along with light hors d'oeuvres, raffle prizes and a silent auction. One silent auction item is very exciting for fans of the TV show "NCIS". Star Mark Harmon's personal script signed by the case, along with other NCIS memorabilia will be a real treat to take home for the high bidder.



During this past year many charitable organizations have been unable to raise funds for the programs they support. This fundraiser is an opportunity to help the Lions with blindness aid and prevention and eye disease research, along with many community endeavors.

We are accepting business sponsorships at \$100, individual sponsors at \$50, and friends at \$25 per sponsor. To be a sponsor send your check payable to Orange Lions Charities to P.O. Box 1162, Orange, CT 06477.

Tickets are \$35 each available from any Orange Lions Club member, at the Ye Olde Liquor Shoppe, 174 Main Street, West Haven, or by calling Marianne at (203) 795-3906 or Betty (203) 645-8209.

All CDC and State protocols in force at the time will be observed.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Resident Explores Haunted Opera House with Paranormal Team

On Sunday, April 25th, a collaboration of Connecticut ghost hunters and paranormal pioneers explored The Ansonia Opera House. Built in 1869-1870, it is Connecticut's oldest opera house. With a seating capacity of 900, it served as the Valley's premier theater and public hall, and for sixty years was the area's civic and social center, and a glorious entertainment venue. The hall was closed to mass public assemblies in 1979.

"When I first got to the Ansonia Opera House, I honestly didn't expect it to be that haunted, but man was I wrong!" said Nick Grossmann of Ghost Storm Investigations after his recent visit. He added, "The place isn't dead but very much alive!" The expedition consisted of Ghost Storm, Connecticut PASTS, East Coast Paranormal Photography, and Orange resident Charles Rosenay of www.GHOSTours.com.

The evening started out on the stage area, where Diane Berti from CT PASTS played recorded opera music to set the mood. It was a great idea for a place that was named an opera house, but ironically had very few operas. The music added a living element to a building that has seemingly been closed for a lifetime. As soon as the music started, the anomalies zoomed all over the cathedral. When the music was off the activity was slower, but when it played a second time, the place became a fiasco of supernatural happenings.

GHOSTour's Rosenay, who is better known as the producer of Beatles events and for his years of DJing and entertaining in the area, is very much a part of the CT paranormal community. He captured a rare photo of a red anomaly. Grossmann admitted that the only time he had previously seen a red orb-like aura was at Union Cemetery, where the "White Lady of Easton" roams. Rosenay also shot an image of a full apparition he hadn't seen outside



Top: Nick Grossman & Charles Rosenay. Bottom: Ansonia Opera House.

of the photo, which later Grossmann discovered was filmed accidentally.

East Coast Paranormal Photography was on hand to document the proceedings, and they brought along EVP equipment and a spirit box. The sessions and results were so accurate it was shocking. Their Necrophonic device was able to make contact with many entities inside the opera house.

Jeffery Gerry of CT PASTS shot a bizarre photo of a hooved creature, which Grossman felt could be demonic or cryptid. Grossmann reports, "As a clairvoyant I see this stuff more pronounced. I can honestly tell you that there isn't just human, angels or demonic spirits in the paranormal realm. There are actually creatures. We have here in the physical realm dogs, cats, bears, lizards and all other types of species." He thinks of the paranormal like that, but with endless other

creatures. "Hundreds and thousands of Bigfoot and Yeti sightings, yet one has never been caught? They are inter-dimensional beings and travelers!"

Hector Roque Jr., a videographer and paranormal hunter with Ghost Storm Investigations, reported seeing phantom lights zooming all over the place. The more remarkable thing about what Hector viewed, was that it was actually caught on film. Roque, Gerry and Berti all saw the same phantom light flying around the opera house, and everyone described it as quite beautiful looking. In the same area of the large, cavernous structure, Grossmann spotted a shadow disappearing into the wall. These were just a few examples of the haunted happenings.

The Ansonia Opera House proved to be a very exciting expedition, following in the fantastic footsteps of supernat-

ural explorations inside Derby, CT's Sterling Opera House by area paranormal investigator Rich Dicarlo. Dicarlo has recently joined Ghost Storm and Rosenay on investigations, including Ansonia's Armory.

Many in the state have been itching to discover what it is like to be in a haunted opera house. Now they can see select footage and unedited photos in the video just released by this dedicated team of paranormal explorers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0g0ythzuRsQ>. There is hope that future visits inside the Ansonia Opera House will be taking place; interested parties and individuals should reach out to Rosenay at the contact information herein.

These unique investigations and events are all leading up to a gala event that will be coming to the Ansonia Armory this Summer. Connecticut's first-ever Paranormal Convention will be taking place for two days only, Saturday and Sunday, July 24-25. The event is billed as PARACONN and will feature vendors, exhibits, seminars, entertainment, authors and special guests. Preliminary featured Special Guests of Honor are Patrick Cross, Cathy Chruszcz, and Barry Pirro, along with Guest Authors Paul Ferrante and acclaimed Ghost Author Bill Hall, who wrote the book, "The World's Most Haunted House," about 966 Lindsley Street in Bridgeport. Tickets and complete information at www.paraconn.org. The event is presented by Nick Grossmann and Charles F. Rosenay, who have teamed up to host ghost tours across the East Coast and overseas. They offer ghost adventures once a month, some including dinner, a paranormal class and camp-outs. You can email CTParaConn@gmail.com or phone Charles at (203) 795-4737 for details on the PARACONN convention, haunted tours, and upcoming events.

The 47th Annual Milford Oyster Festival

The committee representing the 47th Annual Milford Oyster Festival is excited to officially announce that the festival will take place on Saturday, August 21st. Ila Tokarz, President of the Festival, said, "Our goal is to officially announce that we are moving forward with the festival this year, subject to State and local guidelines. We are looking forward to getting back to a great Milford tradition."

This year's festival will have many of the areas that festival goers look for-

ward to every year including arts and crafts on the Green, Main Street, the non-profit area, car show, canoe and kayak races, food and entertainment.

Oyster Eve, the very popular kick-off event for the Festival, will take place on Friday, August 20th from 6PM to 10PM. Always a great night of fun with live music, food, beer and wine. Please check our website and social media pages for more information including upcoming band announcements. www.milfordoysterfestival.com



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Orange Home Damaged by Early Morning Fire

*Orange Firefighters Make “Good Stop”
As Fire Strikes Vacant House*

A vacant home in Orange was damaged on the morning of May 5th by a fire that was quickly brought under control, despite presenting firefighters with some challenges. Orange volunteer firefighters were dispatched to 753 Mapleview Road around 6:50 a.m., according to Fire Chief Vaughan Dumas. On arrival, smoke was seen coming from the home’s roof and walls. Flames could be seen inside the single-story home.

“Alert neighbors spotted the smoke and called 9-1-1,” said Dumas. “We had equipment and personnel on the scene within minutes and were able to get inside to find the seat of the fire and extinguish it quickly.”

Firefighters attempted to enter the structure through the front door but encountered a weakened floor. Access was gained through the rear door and firefighters located the fire in the basement. The fire was brought under control minutes after arrival. There were no injuries, but the fire caused approximately \$50,000 in damage to the basement and first floor of the newly renovated home.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Orange Fire Marshal’s Office. The Orange Volunteer Fire De-

partment received assistance from the Woodbridge Fire Department. Also on the scene were units from American Medical Response, the Orange Police Department and the Orange Fire Marshal’s Office.

The Orange Volunteer Fire Association provides fire protection to residents and businesses in Orange and, through mutual aid, surrounding towns. Members receive training in fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials response, homeland security issues and other emergency services.

Operating strictly with revenues from fund-raisers and donations, the Orange Volunteer Fire Department is one of the remaining few all-volunteer incorporated fire departments in Connecticut. Active members are on-call to serve the community on a 24-hour/seven-day basis, responding from stations on Orange Center Road and Boston Post Road.

In addition, the fire company offers public education services including lectures, demonstrations and training. For information about membership, donations or public education, call (203) 891-4703, click on <https://www.orangevfd.org/> or find us on Facebook.



Orange Historical Society Fills the Trailer

Thank you to all our friends and neighbors who cleaned out their cupboards and closets. With help from the Orange Juniores, the trailer in front of High Plains was filled with bags of gently used clothing and textiles and boxes of household goods. Cars


drove up to the trailer and the girls quickly thanked the driver and helped unload the vehicle. When the goods are weighed, the money earned will be used to help support the mission of the Historical Society to preserve and present our local Orange history.



Matthew Lopez shot a few pictures of this beautiful wild peacock that has been living for months around Race Brook school. He sees it every morning when he drops his daughter off at school. All the kids love seeing it.


TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of June 2021



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


6/1	Economic Development Comm	5:30pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:00pm	Town Hall
6/2	Conservation Comm.....	7:00pm	HPCC
6/7	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00pm	Town Hall
	Country Fair Cmte	7:30pm	Exhibit Hall
6/8	Inlands Wetlands Com.....	7:30pm	Town Hall
6/9	Board of Selectmen.....	7:00pm	Town Hall
6/10	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte	12noon	Silverbrook Estates
	Community Services Comm	7:00pm	HPCC
	OGAT	7:30pm	Town Hall
6/14	Traffic Authority	4:30pm	Police Dept.
	Board of Police Comm.....	4:30pm	Police Dept.
	Amity Board of Education	6:30pm	Woodbridge
6/15	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:00pm	Town Hall
6/16	Safety & Health Cmte	10:00am	TBD
	CERT.....	7:00pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte.....	7:00pm	HPCC
6/17	Case Memorial Library Comm	7:00pm	Case Mem Library
6/21	Family Counseling.....	9:00am	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education	7:00pm	Mary L. Tracy
	Board of Health	7:00pm	HPCC
	Board of Finance.....	7:00pm	Town Hall
6/23	Park & recreation Comm.....	7:30pm	Town Hall
6/25	Emergency Management.....	8:00am	Police Station
6/28	Youth Services	7:30pm	HPCC



The Orange Historical Society has an ongoing doll sale at the Academy Building, 605 Orange Center Road, Orange. Come see all the lovely dolls and buy one for that special someone in your life.

The Academy is open Saturdays from 10am – 3pm. For information, visit our website, www.orangehistory.org, call us at 203-795-3106 or email us at orangehistorial@yahoo.com. If you are an Amazon shopper, please consider us as your charity of choice by going to <https://smile.amazon.com> and naming the Orange Historical Society as the charity you wish to support.

From the Elderly Outreach Director

BY DENISE STEIN

How do you live a long life? Studies claim that it's important to maintain friendships, keep a positive attitude, don't stress and have great genes. Mental Floss has listed some odd ways that centenarians and supercentenarians have lived an extra-long life.

- ✓ Drink a mysterious elixir;
- ✓ Use a lot of olive oil;
- ✓ Mind your own business;
- ✓ Eat Bacon;
- ✓ Booze it Up;
- ✓ Drink Boiled Water and smoke cigars;
- ✓ Eat until you are 80% full;
- ✓ Eat Bee Pollen and Honey;
- ✓ Eat Chicken Brains.

What do you think? Want to live to be 110? Full Article available at the OCS office.

Youth Services

BY JESSICA SIMONE, MSW, ORANGE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

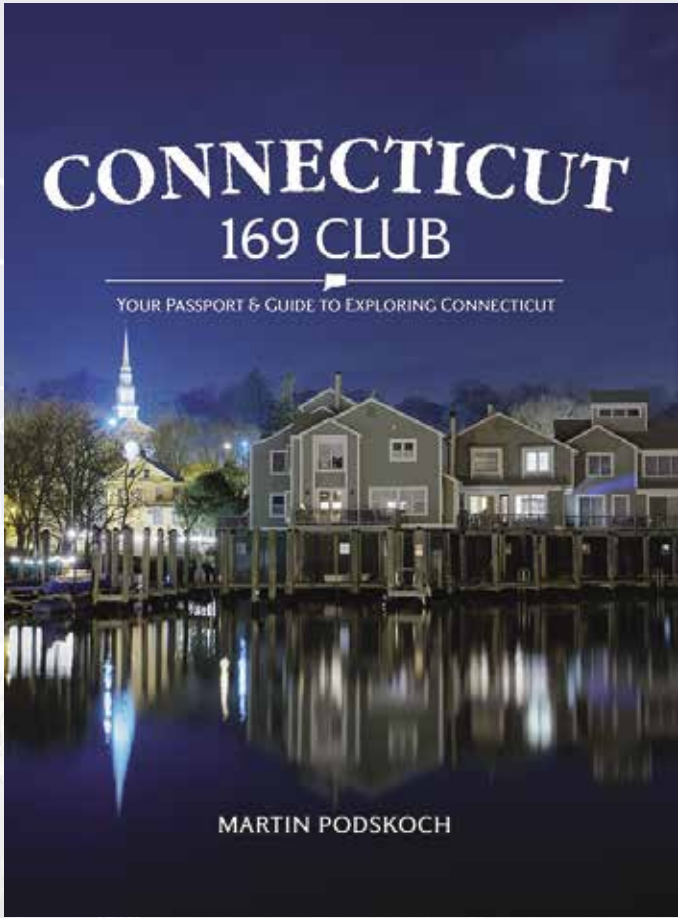
Chalk Challenge

Youth Services is offering our 2nd Annual Chalk Challenge!!! We had so much fun last year that we decided to do it again! Create chalk art with your family and enter in the photo(s) to win a prize! Submissions can be sent to: jsimone@orange-ct.gov. For more information, check us out on FaceBook and Instagram: @OrangeYouthServices.

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LOCAL SPORTS



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Arthur J. Wallack Sportsmanship Award: John Paul Malafronte
Poppa Joe Defensive Player of the Year Award: Leo Dottori
- Easterns Division:**
MVP Award: Keaton Forstrom
Theodore E. Cotjanie Sportsmanship Award: Jake Alvarez
Thomas G. Murdock Sportsmanship Award (9yr old): Logan Jadach
Great job everyone!



Juniorettes in partnership with Momentum Fitness conducted a Self Defense class for its members. The girls had a little workout and learned good form for kicks and some very important stances to protect themselves in different situations. Momentum offers many virtual classes in martial arts, kickboxing, FIIT Classes, and personal training. Find out more on facebook.com/momentum.fit.ct/.

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- › Monday, Thursday: 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- › Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Holiday Closings

The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 29 and Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Program Fees

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free, except as noted for materials charges, and open to the public.

Registration

Registration is required for all library programs. Register for events at casememoriallibrary.org/events.

Zoom Programs

For online security reasons you must register with the Library to attend virtual programs. Registered attendees will receive a Zoom link via email before the event. The registrant’s name as displayed on Zoom must match the name used for registration in order to guarantee admission.

Take & Make Programs

Please check the full event listing for age restrictions, deadlines to sign up, and instructions on pickup of supplies.

Summer Reading

The Case Memorial Library has planned a summer full of fun for all ages. Beginning June 12 children, teens, and adults of all ages are all invited to participate in our summer reading programs, attend exciting free events, and pick up special kits throughout the summer. For a complete overview of our summer reading programs and to participate online visit casememoriallibrary.org/summerreading.

Story Times

Zoom 3-5-Year-Old Story Time

Mondays at 10:30am (No storytime May 31, June 14, or June 28)

- For children ages 3-5.
- Preschoolers are invited to join Ms. Michelle for stories, music, and movement! Registration is required.



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Zoom 2-3-Year-Old Story Time

Wednesdays at 10:30am (No storytime June 2, 16, or 30)

- For children ages 2-3.
- Preschoolers are invited to join Ms. Michelle for stories, music, and movement! Registration is required.

Events for Children
Polar Animals Experiment

- Registration: May 27-June 17*
- Pickup dates: June 21-26*
- For rising 1st-3rd graders
- How do polar bears, seals, and other creatures live in subzero temperatures? Experience the science of survival with our Polar Animals Experiment! Registrants must have access to a large bowl, ice, and water.

Tween Reads:
Surviving Nature

- Registration: May 27-June 17*
- Pickup dates: June 21-26*
- For rising 4th-6th graders
- Want a heart-pounding book about surviving the dangers nature has to offer, but not really sure which one? We’ve got you covered! Sign up, and we’ll check you out a book based on your preferences, and you’ll get a mini survival kit to keep.

Blobfish Slime

- Registration: June 10-July 1*
- Pickup dates: July 6-12*
- For children ages 6 and up
- Make a puffy, slimy blobfish with our slime recipe! Parental supervision is required throughout the entire process. For a full list of ingredients, please review the event listing online.

Summer Reading Kickoff:
Circus Minimus

- Online Viewing Dates: June 12-26*
- For children of all ages and their families
- From a single suitcase an entire circus emerges: tent, band, lights, and

an unforgettable cast of characters. Enjoy an enthralling, whimsical celebration of the imagination from the comfort of home!

Book Hedgehogs

- Registration: June 24 -July 15*
- Pickup dates: July 19-24*
- For rising 4th-6th graders
- Give new life to an old book by turning it into an adorable hedgehog!

Rainbow Fish Luminaries

- Registration: June 17-July 8*
- Pickup dates: July 12-17*
- For rising 1st -3rd graders
- Make a glowing luminary to light up your room at night!

Butterfly Puddlers

- Registration: July 8-29*
- Pickup dates: August 2-7*
- For children ages 5 and up.
- Bring some beauty to your home by making a butterfly puddler and feeder!

Animal Magnets

- Registration: July 15-August 5*
- Pickup dates: August 9-15*
- For rising 1st -3rd graders
- Turn an image of your favorite animal into a magnet! Just choose your favorite photo or printed picture and we’ll provide the rest.

Events for Teens & Adults
Historical Women: Sally Ride

- Sunday, June 6, 2 p.m.*
- Join us on the library lawn as historical performer Sheryl Faye portrays Sally Ride as she studies the wonders of the universe and eventually becomes America’s first female astronaut and a passionate advocate for STEM. Please bring a chair, wear a mask, and maintain physical distance. Presented by the Friends of the Library. Held outside, weather permitting. Rain date is Sunday, June 27. Please register if you wish to receive notification if this event is postponed.

Take & Make Craft
Kit: Ice Dyeing

- Registration: May 20-June 10*
- Pickup dates: June 14-19*
- For adults and rising 7th to 12th graders.
- Learn the magic of ice dyeing with this fun tie-dye kit.

Teen Take & Make Food
Kit: Doughnut Cookies

- Registration: May 28-June 21*
- Pickup dates: June 23-24*
- For rising 7th to 12th graders
- Learn to pipe royal icing and decorate your own doughnut-shaped sugar cookies with this premade cookie decorating kit.

Virtual Author Talk:
Ghosts of Gold Mountain

- Monday, June 28, 7 p.m.*
- Join us for a Zoom talk with author Gordon H. Chang! Ghosts of Gold Mountain is a groundbreaking history of the Chinese workers who built the Transcontinental Railroad, helping forge modern America only to disappear into the shadows of history. Register via EventKeeper by June 28 at 5 p.m. to receive the Zoom link.

Take & Make Craft
Kit: Zentangles

- Registration: June 10-July 1*
- Pickup dates: July 6-10*
- For adults and rising 7th to 12th graders
- Learn the meditative art of zentangles with this take-home kit.

Teen Take & Make
Cooking Kit: Bubble Tea

- Registration: June 17-July 8*
- Pickup dates: July 12-17*
- For rising 7th to 12th graders
- Cook your own boba and make your own bubble tea with this tasty, take-home cooking kit.

Teen Take & Make Kit: Build
Your Own Spin Art Machine

- Registration: June 24-July 15*
- Pickup dates: July 19-24*
- For rising 7th to 12th graders
- Learn to create a simple circuit and build your own usable spin art machine.

The Bookcase: Evening
Zoom Discussion Group

- Thursday, July 22, 7 p.m.*
- Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a Zoom discussion of Raphael, Painter in Rome by Stephanie Storey. Register via EventKeeper by July 22 at 5 p.m. to receive the Zoom link.

“The willingness of America’s veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude.” — JEFF MILLER



Sally Ride, Trailblazing Astronaut

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library extends an invitation to the public to attend a triple treat program on Sunday, June 6 (rain date is Sunday, June 27) in the side parking lot of the Library.

The first event at 1:00 pm is the Business Meeting of the Friends, followed by the annual presentation of the Lucy Scillia Scholarship to an Orange resident graduating from a local high school, who plans to attend college. This event is an opportunity for anyone interested in joining the Friends to preview a meeting, celebrate the scholarship honoree and meet active members.

At 2:00 pm, a family entertainment program will feature an historical performance by Sheryl Faye. She will portray Sally Ride, America's first woman astronaut. Ms. Faye's impersonation captures Sally Ride's fascination with

the U.S. space program as a child and her determination to pursue a career in science. On June 18, 1982 at 32 years of age and the youngest NASA astronaut, Sally boarded the Space Shuttle Challenger. She became the first American woman to travel in space, breaking the gender barrier of the U.S. astronaut program. She spent her post NASA career inspiring the love of science and advocating for STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) curricula in schools.

The program will especially resonate with young people who have an interest in space exploration or a curiosity about science. Reservations are required and may be made online at <http://www.casememoriallibrary.org/events> or by phone 203-891-2170. Guests are asked to follow the state mandate for masks, bring beach chairs and observe social distancing.



The Friends of the Case Memorial Library announce the most observant participant in their contest to name the "Masked Citizens of Orange". Kathy Barrett, the winner, guessed seven out of nine correctly, and was awarded a basket of goodies donated by Sunflower Farm of Orange. Congratulations Kathy!

DID YOU KNOW? Memorial Day

- What we now call Memorial Day once was called Decoration Day. It started in 1868 as a day to decorate the graves of soldiers who died in the Civil War.
- It now is a day to reflect on the courage, dedication, fortitude and commitment of those who have served our country. Here are some less well known benefits available to many veterans.
- **Tuition waiver.** For a veteran who has 90 days of active duty during a period of war, tuition is waived at all Connecticut universities, community colleges, and technical schools.
- **Limited municipal tax assessment exemption.** A veteran who has 90 days of active duty during a period of war, is entitled to a \$1,500.00 reduction in the assessed value of a motor vehicle or real property. If you don't own real property and lease the vehicle you may be entitled to a tax refund for lease payments up to a maximum of \$1,500.00. Low income veterans and veterans with service connected disabilities may be entitled to a larger assessment reduction.
- **Respite care.** If your family is caring for you at home, and they need a "break", a short period of respite care (substitute caregivers come to your home so your family can take off) is an available option.
- **Skilled nursing care.** The Veteran's home in Rocky Hill provides skilled 24/7 nursing care. It also has a memory unit.
- **Veteran's Pension.** A basic pension and a supplemental pension housebound or aid and attendance pension benefit may be options if you are older than 65 or are permanently disabled. There are active duty requirements, and complex income limits, and net worth limits.
- **Resources.** If you go to <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA>, you will land on the home page of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs. It has lots of information and additional links to benefit programs available to veterans.

If you are interested in learning more about benefits for veterans, please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Rabbi Brockman to be Honored at Jewish Family Service

Perhaps it was meant to be that Rabbi Herbert Brockman would bring his passion for social justice to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven. Brockman, who will be honored at JFS' June 17th virtual Spring Celebration, has long been dedicated to Jewish values and to the welfare of the entire community. His 2018 retirement from the pulpit at Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden (he is now CMI's Rabbi Emeritus) was the impetus to look for other channels through which to pursue social action. The Rabbi's long-standing priorities are a natural fit with JFS' mission of providing human and social services to the most vulnerable – without regard to race, ethnicity, or religion. Amy Rashba, the agency's CEO, said, "JFS is proud to honor Rabbi Herb Brockman, whose involvement in both the Jewish and interfaith community epitomizes all that JFS stands for. With warmth, intelligence and a Jewish heart, Rabbi Brockman honors us all with his devotion to [the Jewish tradition of] tikkun olam ("heal the world"). He is a true mensch!"

Brockman has had a long history of social justice activism during his thirty-two-year tenure at CMI, now carried on by his successor, Rabbi

Brian Immerman. Under Brockman's leadership, the synagogue began its participation in Abraham's tent, providing shelter to homeless men; established a garden to grow produce for area soup kitchens; declared itself a "sanctuary congregation" in response to the Trump administration's immigration restrictions; and became active in the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement. He attributes his desire to join the Board of JFS to his experience searching for food for an immigrant Latino family whose father was being placed in a church sanctuary to avoid deportation. He said, "Sandy [Hagan, Food Pantry director] opened the pantry just for the family and let them 'shop.' When the wife picked up a few items, Sandy insisted, 'That's not enough. Fill it up.' A minister who was accompanying us commented, 'Your community is amazing.' I still feel the pride I felt then. It's why I chose to join the Board of JFS and support their work."

The June 17th Spring Celebration, JFS' major annual fundraiser, will be presented virtually this year and will feature a look at some of the agency's most impactful programs. To register for the event or find more information, go to www.jfsnh.org/celebration.

The First Church of Christ Woodbridge

The First Church of Christ is eager to welcome you to our on-site Worship Services taking place every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. inside the Meetinghouse.

The Zoom Option remains available for the time being. To receive an invite, please email the office or log on to our website and add your name to our church email list. All people in the community are welcome in person or via Zoom.



First Church of Christ Woodbridge

Live Stream Services can be viewed on our website every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. A video recording of the live stream is featured for the entire week following the service. To view previous Sunday Services, visit us on YouTube using the link provided on all pages of our website. (Links, contact info, and a schedule of upcoming Services are listed at the bottom of this article.)

If you would like assistance in gaining access to Sunday Service, please call us by Friday morning, at 203-389-2119, or email us at office@uccw.org.

The Church Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Please adhere to CDC safety regulations upon visiting.

Weekly Bible Study sessions are being held in-person at the Parish House. Join us for meetings each Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop #907 continues to meet weekly at 7:00 p.m. New members are invited to attend. For information, visit its website at www.troop907.org.

Events Update: The First Church of Christ of Woodbridge is disappointed to announce that our Annual Strawberry Festival will not be held this year

due to ongoing Covid restrictions. However, we are excited to announce a new event which will be held this fall: **A Pumpkin and Apple Festival**. We will be having all sorts of events: Yard games, face painting, pumpkin carving, music, apple and pumpkin desserts. Stay tuned for more information!

More Information regarding First Church activities and/or events is always available. Please contact us; we are eager to hear from you! Phone: 203-389-2119, *Email: office@uccw.org, Website: www.uccw.org, Facebook: www.facebook.com/uccwoodbridge.

*For online or media related questions, please email JoAnna Rubino at growfirstchurch@gmail.com.

FCCW Sunday Service Schedule

May 30th Rev. Karl Duetzmann
June 6th Rev. Walter Pitman
June 13th Rev. Martha Bays
June 20th Rev. Raquel Irizarry
June 27th Rev. Karl Duetzmann

Please Note For any and all meetings and events being attended at First Church: A facemask must be worn upon entering the building(s) and all Covid-19 safely protocol and standards followed.

Congregational Church Summer Worship

Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, welcomes you to join us for summer worship on the Town Green on Sunday mornings at 10am starting June 6. Worship will also be livestreamed and you can join us from home by visiting www.orangecongregationalchurch.org. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, which means we welcome all

people into the full life and leadership of the church. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Please email us at occhurch@snet.net to be put on our church emailing list.

If you would like to learn more or talk with our Pastor, you can reach the Reverend Jennifer Campbell at revjenocc@gmail.com.

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Shabbat Under the Stars

Upcoming Events at Temple Emanuel

Stay connected with our community online and in person when the weather cooperates. Read on for details!

Regular Weekly Services

6:30 pm on the first Friday of the month, Family Shabbat service outdoors under the stars if the weather permits; masks are required and appropriate distancing will be observed. On-line services will continue.

7:00 pm on all other Fridays, Kabbalat Shabbat Service (please note earlier start time) – outdoors under the stars if the weather permits; masks are required and appropriate distancing will be observed. On-line services will continue.

10:00-11:30 am on the first Satur-

day morning of the month, Shabbat Morning Minyan 10:00-11:30 am on all other Saturday mornings, Weekly Torah Study.

Please contact the TE office for links to Zoom and YouTube. All services and events listed here are free and open to both members and non-members.

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

Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel Events

Children’s Services

Children’s outdoor services are held on Saturday mornings, weather permitting. To receive the weekly newsletter, email Youth and Family Programming Director Annie Norman-Schiff at anormanschiff@beki.org.



Farewell to the Kuperstocks

On May 29 the congregation will honor Woodbridge residents Darryl and David Kuperstock for their years of service. David will give the d’var torah during the morning service. Boxed lunches will be provided outdoors after the service. Everyone is encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs for a picnic lunch.

Anti-Asian Racism

Rachel Forbes, a transcultural adoptee who was born in Korea, will speak on Wednesday, June 2 at 8:00 pm about anti-Asian racism in America. A licensed clinical social worker with a private psychotherapy practice in New Haven, she was raised in the New Haven Jewish community and attended Ezra Academy. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org.

Tea Tasting

Caroline Keogh from New Haven Tea, producer of artisanal blend flower teas, will lead a tea tasting via Zoom on Wednesday, June 9 at 8:00 pm. Participants can choose to buy the beki sample kit for \$13 from newhaventea.com, or just log in to learn about teas

and tea blends. The kit includes tea brewing equipment plus four no-caffeine teas: decaf lavender organic Earl Grey, lemon soufflé organic, licorice mint, and organic turmeric teas.

For more information, email bulletin@beki.org.

Juneteenth

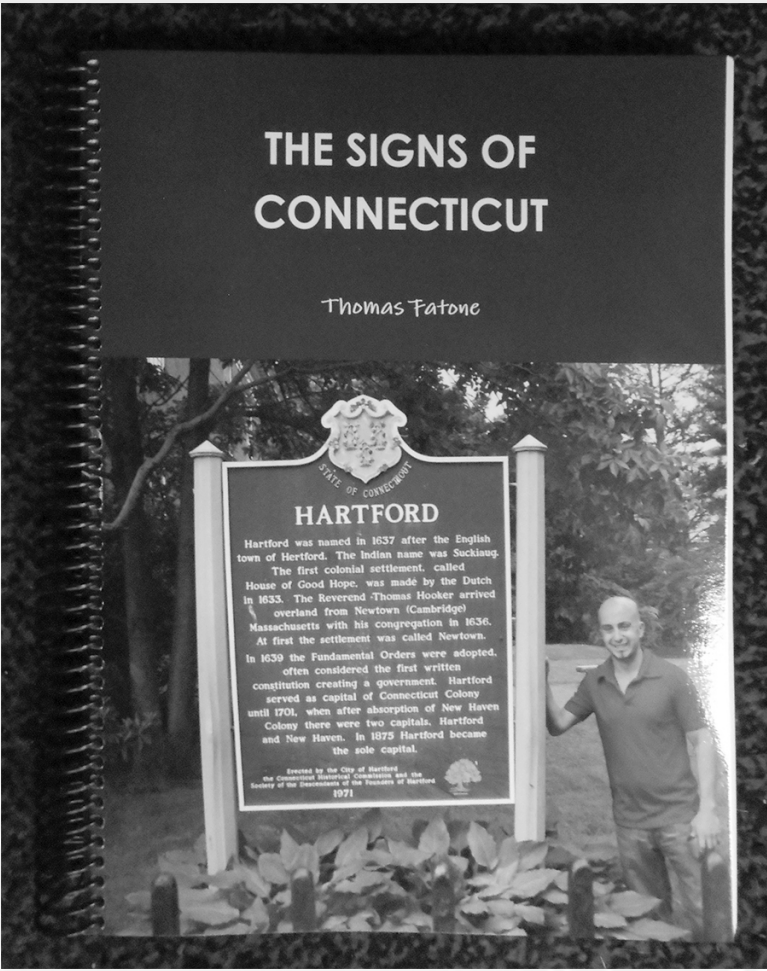
Robert Forbes will discuss Juneteenth, which celebrates the emancipation of those who were enslaved in this country. June 19, 1865 was the day that the Union army announced emancipation in Texas, on a date over two years after

the Emancipation Proclamation. Professor Forbes, who has served on the faculty at Yale, Wesleyan, UConn, and Southern, will speak on Wednesday, June 16 at 8:00 pm. His expertise is U.S. history from the Revolution to the Civil War, focusing on the impact of slavery on the development of American institutions. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org.

Pride Month

Miryam Kabakov, the executive director of Eshel, which supports and advocates for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Orthodox Jews, will speak on Wednesday, June 30 at 8:00 pm. A social worker and community organizer, she is the editor of Keep Your Wives Away from Them: Orthodox Women, Unorthodox Desires, an anthology of writings by queer Jewish women. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org.

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What Does the 10-Year Rule Mean?

By ROBERTA L. NESTOR

It is getting more and more difficult to keep up with tax law changes these days. We have had several in the past 4 years. Notably the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act that was passed in December of 2017 and more recently the C.A.R.E.S. Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act) that was passed in March of 2020. Add to these President Biden's proposed American Jobs Plan Act and it is easy to be confused and to understand how all of these affect us individually.

There is a part of the CARES Act that has gotten little attention, but certainly can impact your estate and retirement planning. It was the elimination of the stretch IRA for non-spouse beneficiaries. Prior to January 1, 2020, if you inherited an IRA (as a non-spouse) you had the option of treating that inherited IRA (ROTH, 401k or other retirement plan) as your own. All you had to do was take an annual distribution based on your life expectancy – allowing you to stretch the IRA account out, basically for generations.

New Rules: Individuals who inherit a retirement account must completely distribute the account by the end of the 10th year following the year of inheritance. Example: John is 80 years old and dies on February 7, 2020. The primary beneficiary of his traditional IRA is his 55-year-old son, Chris. The lifetime stretch IRA is no longer an option for Chris, so he needs to ensure that the account is fully depleted by December 31, 2030. How Chris depletes the account balance over that 10-year period is entirely up to him. There is no required minimum distribution each year, so he can be rather flexible.

Must all beneficiaries follow the 10-Year Rule? No. There are now 4 different types of individual distribution rules. These individual rules are:

If you are the spouse of the decedent, disabled, chronically ill, or a beneficiary not more than 10 years younger than the decedent you can continue to use the stretch option.

If you are a minor child of the decedent you can continue to use the stretch option, however, minor children may only use the stretch option until the age of majority and then must deplete the account within 10 years. If in school, the stretch option may con-

tinue until the child finishes school or reaches age 26, whichever comes first.

Non-Eligible Designated Beneficiaries are all other non-spouse individuals and are subject to the new 10-year rule.

Non-Designated Beneficiaries are non-person beneficiaries, such as estates or charities. The 10-year rule does not apply to this group. This group will either need to deplete the account within 5 years or will need to stretch RMD payments using the decedent's life expectancy.

What is the best way to take the 10-year distribution? There is no cut-and-dried response to this question. You should seek tax planning advice as to the best way to withdraw assets from the inherited IRA to help minimize tax ramifications. Individuals may elect to delay distributions for some tax-deferred growth, spread distributions equally over 10 years, or take everything up front (especially if it is a smaller account balance). Any combination is fine with the IRS, but minimum amounts are not required to be withdrawn each year - as long as the full balance is depleted by the end of the 10-year period.

Does the 10-Year Rule Also Apply to Inherited Roth IRAs? Unfortunately, yes. The new rule applies, regardless of the type of IRA being inherited. Because inherited Roth IRA assets are tax free to the beneficiary in most cases, it may be beneficial to leave the assets in as long as possible and not deplete them until the 10th year. As always, clients should seek guidance from a tax or financial professional.

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2021 Howard Jacobson Scholarship Award

CAC Area 2 will bestow a scholarship in memory of former longtime Chairperson Howard Jacobson. One high school or college student studying film, mass communications, and television or media studies will receive \$500 to help further their studies.

The Cable Advisory Council of Area 2, which serves the towns of Fairfield, Bridgeport, Stratford, Milford, Orange and Woodbridge promotes quality Community Access Television. The Council is an ongoing asset for Cable Area 2 with the support of Altice/Cablevision.

Scholarship Qualifications & Criteria - Applicants must be able to prove: They currently reside, and/or are students attending high school, community college, college, or university in one of the six CAC area towns: Fairfield, Bridgeport, Stratford, Milford, Orange or Woodbridge.

They have a declared major in the mass communications, or media studies. Along with pursuing a career in this field, they are taking classes or engaged in independent studies.

They are in good standing with their academic institution.

They 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.

The winner will be selected on the basis of their overall academic performance, portfolio and their personal statement.

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2021. To apply, please email: info@cacarea2.com.



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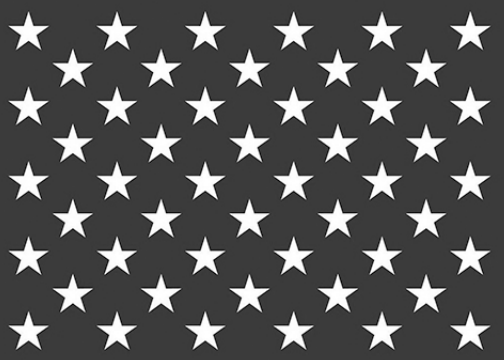
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 12-632 of the Connecticut General Statutes the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Orange will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room at the Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT, to receive comments on an application received for the 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program which will be submitted to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Service for funding consideration. The application is on file in the First Selectman's Office and may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received at the First Selectman's Office until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Thereafter comments should be presented at the public hearing. The following application has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen:

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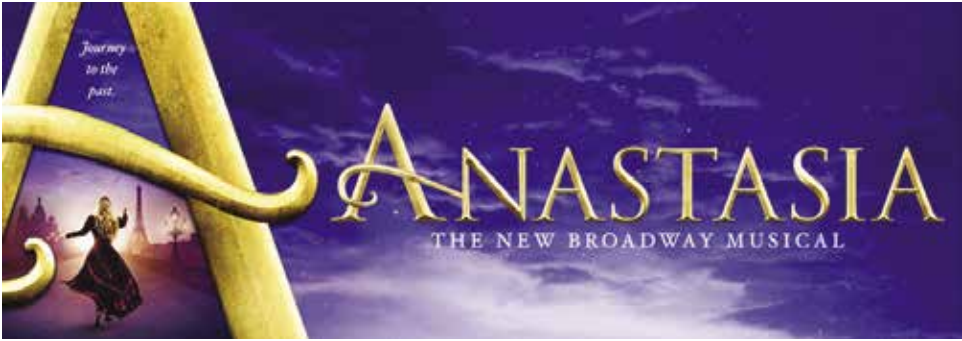
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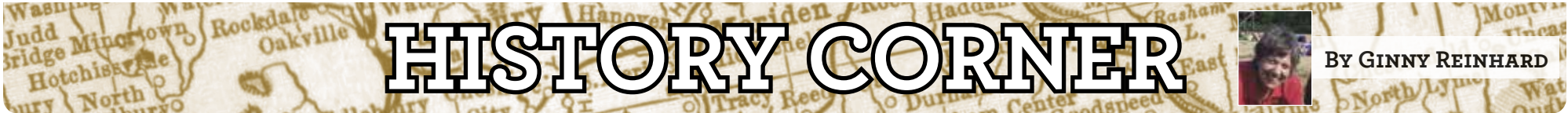
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Something...?

Several years ago, I wrote a piece on “nothing” which turned out to be something as “nothing” IS something, right? Well, as I write, I see the list I have on my computer says I have written 154 stories for the Orange Town News, but I know there are many that didn’t end up on my desktop but hard copies, in a box, under my desk.

Bouncing around from this and that this morning, I needed to settle down to write something, a wonderful opportunity that has given me pleasure these past 16 years. I enjoy the comments from my readers as to how appreciative you are to read my stories and the history I am happy to share. So here goes another one, folks.

I have received several inquiries the past few weeks about a foundation in the center of Route 34, Derby Avenue or by its original name, Derby Turnpike. Why was it changed to Avenue is beyond me. An avenue’s definition is a straight path or road, lined with trees, wide and likely to be busy. Well, I guess the “name changers” looked up that definition and voila, it’s Derby Avenue BUT it was a turnpike in its infancy when it was a toll road between New Haven & Derby in 1798 with “The Derby Turnpike Company.” Yes, the road was built in response to complaints that what was a road wasn’t, but miles of hills and crooked turns so that carriages and teams had difficulty getting from New Haven to the Derby Landing. The village of Derby, at that time, experienced extensive export trading with ships coming up the Housatonic River from foreign ports, mostly from the West Indies.



It was to be about 8 miles in length and 18’ wide, however, in the contract, it was “understood that by reason of rocks or other obstructions it shall be extremely difficult to make the road 18’ wide.” The definition of “turnpike” is a toll road and it WAS a toll road. Going east on the Derby Turnpike, just before the billboards, is a little brown house on the right...toll gate and house. Page 47 of the History of Orange (North Milford) Connecticut 1639-1949 shows a picture of the toll house. Mrs. Mary Pardee was the gate-keeper for the first 50 years! A picture of the toll sign is on page 48 of the History of Orange which leads me into my “real” story... info you wanted to know but never bothered to ask.

Let’s start with the foundations in the middle of the turnpike, ok? Back in the 1930s, a newspaper article wrote about a raid on an inn near the Maltby

Lakes where the then chief of police Carl Peterson, was following up on complaints from the nearby residents of loud talking, laughter and music coming from “The Doll House.” Indeed, this establishment owned by two women had become not only an inn for fine dining BUT a chance for couples to mix and match. Oh my. It was this evidence that caused the business to close with the arrest of the two women who changed their names several times upon interrogation. Gee...not such a good ending to what probably started out as a nice place to eat, up on the hill like that. And no, we don’t have any pictures of it.

Mary Woodruff wrote her book from the years 1639 to 1949 but with its sorted past, The Doll House did not make it into print, but she does have many stories to tell. She tells of Orange having its beginnings in Milford in 1639 with the sale of property by the Paugussett sachem, Ansantawae, headed by none other than Alexander Bryan. There was much discussion about voting and who should be included or excluded. After several more sales of property, including Bryan’s Farms, the chief and most of his tribe moved to the ridge above Derby-Milford Road which is now called High Ridge. Mary

Hatchett, the last Paugussett to live there, was a very tall and powerful woman, who like Aunt Icy lived a long life among the white settlers.

As has been told, Alexander Bryan, one of the original Milford Planters, was probably the first to own any considerable amount of land in our town and thus he named it Bryan’s Farms.

A total of 300 acres was listed at his death in 1679 with 208 acres passing to his grandson in 1720. The Nathan Bryan-William Andrew house has had the date of 1740, but there are still some thoughts out there of its beginnings in 1720.

The town has not always had a smooth sailing. There was the problem with the distance the settlers had to travel from what became North Milford to the Milford church and the various petitions to have a church built here because “attendance is always accompanied with inconvenience and it is sometimes rendered impossible.” Once a church was built, on the Green, in 1810, worship began in earnest and the church bell became an important part in the life of the town, a town crier, if you will. It not only summoned them to church but told its own stories. It served as a fire alarm, and tolled to

announce the death of a citizen. Nine bells for a man, 7 for a woman, 5 for a boy and 3 for a girl. The age of the individual was solemnly tolled off. On the day of the funeral, when the procession approached the cemetery, the bell was slowly tolled until everyone had reached the grave of the deceased.

In 1818, Jonathan Judd was given \$20 a year to ring the bell on the Sabbath, lecture days and every night at 9:00 except Saturday. The next few pages in Mary’s book talks more about church until on page 28, she entitled it Orange Sectional Names. Yup. We live in sections. Here, I will list them: northwest part into Woodbridge - Oggs Meadow, northeast and east - Dogburn, southeasterly - Scotland, running south from the Orange Green on the east side of the highway - High Plains, on the west - Town Plain, from Milford to Bethany - Race, between Race and Dogburn - White Plain, southerly from Derby Turnpike - Grassie Hill, west of this, extending to the Housatonic River - Turkey Hill, extreme north west into Derby - Sodom, and lastly, west of the Derby-Milford Road - George’s Cellar Hill. She does not elaborate on the origin of the names.

With 2022 in the near future, we need to look at Mary’s section entitled Formation of the Town of Orange. Here she lines out the path to Orange from North Milford of 1804 when the citizens were given permission to locate its church services in the northern part of Milford, building the church in 1810. There is an amusing story of the ridge-pole on page 24. New Haven had its own problem with West Farms, a tiny village, constantly trying to move into its future alone, only to be thwarted in the attempt. Finally, in 1820 West Farms approached North Milford asking to unite with them. The citizenry was conservative but with public opinion, they agreed to the plan. There were three conditions: One, town meetings to be held in North Milford, Two, for the first 10 years after the organization each society pays expenses incurred in its own limits and Three, that the society of North Milford not be held accountable for any expense if the General Assembly should deny the new township. It was then resolved by the General Assembly that all parts of North Milford and that part of New Haven in question be known as Orange. Did they name it Orange at that point? Nope. The first town meeting was held in June of 1822. So, what to call this new alliance? There was a difference of



opinion, don’t ya know. Milford Haven, no Westford, why not keep North Milford, said others.

This part of history I take a personal view. Early in the 17th, century, Prince William, husband of Queen Mary, was instrumental in helping the Connecticut colony retain its charter. I have written about that before. King Charles II realized that the New England colonies were much too independent and sent Sir Edmund Andros to retrieve each charter, but with the story of the charter oak, that did not happen. So, it seems that our forefathers thought well of Prince William of Orange (Netherlands) so they chose the name in his honor. Me? I wanted North Milford. Orange had some interesting

officers listed on page 35 of Mary’s book: town clerk, selectmen, treasurer, constables, grand jurors, tythingmen, sealers of weights & measures. pound keepers, fence viewers, board of assessors and at the 2nd meeting in October they voted on where to put up official notices: North Milford, Allingtown and Dogburn, so it seems that the naming of Orange did not take place upon the first town meeting.

Orange had another turnpike, the Milford Turnpike, again a name change, to Boston Post Road or less romantically Route 1. I know route 1 goes up and down the east coast and as a post road goes to Boston. It too had a toll house. In 1802, the New Haven and Milford Turnpike Company was organized with one gate located near the underpass of the New Haven & Derby Railroad. For those of you who remember Topps, the big box store on Route 1, well, that was the area for the underpass and somewhere in that area was the toll station. When the railroad from New York to Boston was built in 1848, traffic on the turnpike began to decline so the town purchased the stock of the Turnpike Company exclusive of the toll-gate property.

Well, I have reached the end of my destination, a story for your entertainment and hopefully it has added to your knowledge of history. My references to Mary Woodruff’s book are intentional as I would like to see those of you who are interested in history purchase our town history book so that in 2022, in addition to all of the fun, you will have a good background into Orange. The book is available at the Academy on Saturdays from 10 – 3. Call us at 203 795-3106, and leave a message.

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