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Town Is Gearing Up for Municipal Elections

BY BETTINA THIEL
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Orange residents are called to vote for their local leaders this fall, with several boards and commissions expected to welcome new faces to their ranks. For the first time in many years, residents will be choosing a new town clerk and a new tax collector, as both Town Clerk Patrick O'Sullivan and Tax Collector Sandra Pierson are retiring.

The election is taking place Tuesday, November 2, at High Plains Community Center. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available 30 days before the election, starting on Monday, October 4. Voters can vote absentee right up until November 1; the day before the election. Ballots can be returned in person to the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall during reg-

ular business hours or by using the absentee ballot drop-off box near the back entrance of the Town Hall at 617 Orange Center Road.

Both parties have listed their candidates on their respective websites, <https://www.orangectdems.org/orange-candidates> and <https://orangectrepublicans.com/candidates.html>.

Running for the tax collector position are Republican Thomas Hurley, a long-time member of the Amity Board of Education who comes with a background in financial planning; and Democrat Mark Moyher, who brings "extensive knowledge of financial software systems and compliance requirements" to the job, according to the Democrats' campaign website.

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Town Prohibits Consumption of Cannabis in Public Spaces

BY BETTINA THIEL
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The Orange Board of Selectmen, at its September 8 meeting, adopted an ordinance that prohibits the smoking of tobacco products and the smoking and consumption of cannabis products on all property owned by or under the control of the town. Town Attorney Vincent Marino had drawn up a sample ordinance incorporated into the existing Chapter 307 of the town ordinances, a section that regulates use of public spaces, in particular with regards to alcohol consumption. Governor Ned Lamont earlier this year had signed into law Senate Bill 1201, which legalized cannabis, but at the same time allowed municipalities to regulate the consumption in public spaces.

Marino said he stretched the

bounds of the statute by adding the phrase "under control of" the town – which now includes sidewalks, rights-of-way, fields, schools, playgrounds and the Town Hall. No one will be allowed to smoke outside of private properties, he said. Yet, once the town acquires the Race Brook Country Club, it will continue to operate as a private club and not be affected by this ordinance.

Prior to its vote, the board conducted a public hearing on the issue, but did not receive any input from the public.

Selectmen voted to strike a provision that would prohibit possession of tobacco or cannabis products on town property. In other words, people can carry their pack of cigarettes or baggies

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when they are attending a public event, but they can’t partake. First Selectman Jim Zeoli said that at limited functions people are allowed to smoke and drink on town-owned property, such as the pavilion or the fairgrounds.

One issue the selectmen did not agree on was whether to ban smoking in outdoor seating areas of restaurants. Selectman Mitch Goldblatt felt strongly that the town should extend the indoor smoking ban to the whole of the outdoor space. “If we go back to allowing restaurants to allow smoking outside – it will happen,” he said. Because of Covid, many people want to enjoy their meal outside, and not be subjected to smoke wafting over from neighboring tables. But without the ordinance in place, restaurant owners may have a tough time enforcing that rule.

Zeoli and Selectman John Carangelo disagreed with that suggestion. They felt it was the state’s job to regulate

restaurants. Judy Williams voted with them, and the motion failed, 3-3.

Carangelo asked the town attorney what it would mean if the town did not regulate cannabis. Marino explained if the town did nothing, the state law would apply. There would be nothing to prevent him from going to a baseball game and light up a joint.

He reminded the board that when people consume any intoxicating substance, it impairs their judgment. “You run the risk of causing injury to the general public health, safety and welfare,” he said.

The new Ordinance 307 may not be strictly enforced, especially not at town-wide celebrations, but it is available to invoke “when we want to say NO for some good reason,” he said.

The Plan and Zoning Commission at the same time was working on a regulation allowing cannabis retail, Zeoli said. Each community with a population of 25,000 or fewer can have one cannabis retail outlet, he said, larger communities can have more.

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4th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Country Fair Cmte	7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall
5th	Economic Development Comm	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
6th	Conservation Comm.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
7th	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
12th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Board of Police Comm.....	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
13th	Board of Selectmen.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Inland Wetlands Comm.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
14th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte	12 noon	Silverbrook Estates
	Community Services.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
18th	Orange Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Bethany
	Orange Board of Education	7:00 pm	Mary L Tracy
	Board of Health	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Board of Finance.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
19th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
20th	Recycling Cmte	7:00 pm	HPCC
	CERT.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
21st	Library Comm.....	7:00 pm	Case Memorial Lib.
22nd	Emergency Management Cmte	8:00 am	Police Dept.
25th	Orange Youth Services	7:30 pm	HPCC
27th	Park & Recreation Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
28th	WPCA.....	6:00 pm	Town Hall

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Thank you for your submissions to Your Home Town Newspaper.

Upcoming Issue Date	Issue Deadline
October 29 Veterans Day Issue	October 22
November 19 Thanksgiving Issue.....	November 12
December 17 Holiday Issue	December 10

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

FROM OUR READERS

An Open Letter to State Senator James Maroney

I have a few questions and comments.
Did you recently vote to legalize recreational marijuana after knowing its history as a gateway drug that leads to more powerful drugs that have devastated lives and landscapes in this state and community and at best makes people stupid? I’ve seen addiction up close and personal as a parent, friend, addiction counselor, volunteer in prisons and consumer of facts and inconvenient truths. Yes or no.

Do you oppose HB 6107, under which towns are required to allow accessory dwelling units on single-home lots and remove local control and giving up our right to determine what is best for Orange and hand it over to Hartford bureaucrats?

Do you support Critical Race Theory (a divisive, racist America hating propaganda being denounced by blacks and whites across the country, being mandated by the Federal government and forced to be taught in our K-12 schools? Yes or no.

Are you in favor of Connecticut’s policy that allows transgender “girls” to compete as girls in high school sports or do you feel that violates the civil rights of athletes who were born female and have always identified as girls? Do you support the right of a male who identifies as a female to shower in a girls’ shower room and use a girls’ bathroom? Yes or no.

Do you support the mask mandate for K-6th grade children despite the science that does not support their effectiveness against COVID 19 transmission and the science that states facts that they are a detriment to a child’s health? Please answer yes or no.

Do you believe that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness-That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving

their just powers from the consent of the governed...human beings are created by a Creator and human life is sacred and our rights come from God? I’m looking forward to your answers so I can know whether you represent me or not and whether you care about my core beliefs.
Bonnie Pelaccia

Open Letter to Governor Ned Lamont

Today I had to do something I didn’t want to do. Today I had to give up my right as an American citizen to choose. I was forced, by your hand, to receive a vaccination or else I would not be able to work and pay off student debt. Today I had to turn my back on my values, core beliefs, and how I was raised because of YOU.

“My body, my choice,” has NOT come into consideration with this vaccine. This mandatory shot that is affecting many people and not even working. I had the antibodies. I had the natural immunity to fight off the virus.

Your executive order to make all teachers and state employees get in line to get an experimental drug has put my back against a wall. You held the COVID vaccine gun against my head and I had to let you pull the trigger. At what cost? I have to wear a mask still. I cannot hug my students. I have to get a booster. I have to show proof I followed your commanding orders.

After today, I am instilling The Constitution in every student of mine. The Constitution of the United States of America. Not of the government, or Fauci, or the FDA. OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. There is always a choice and today I did not get to have one.

If anything happens to me Governor, it’s on your hands. You will be at fault for the outcome. You will be to blame. Not me, not the pharmacist, YOU. You will be the one I point fingers at because YOU are the one that took away my freedom to CHOOSE.
M. Lewis



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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

Amity Academic Hall of Honor, Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

The 2021-2022 Amity Academic Hall of Honor and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be postponed with the new date of April 28, 2022. Due to new covid concerns, we have decided to wait until the spring. The event will still be held at Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange, CT. Please save the date and we look forward seeing you, as we celebrate our new honorees.

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1	16,744	1,396	698	644	322	1	23,828	1,986	993	917	459
2	22,646	1,888	944	871	436	2	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620
3	28,548	2,379	1,190	1,098	549	3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	34,450	2,871	1,436	1,325	663	4	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943
5	40,352	3,363	1,682	1,552	776	5	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105
6	46,254	3,855	1,928	1,779	890	6	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266
7	52,156	4,347	2,174	2,006	1,003	7	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428
8	58,058	4,839	2,420	2,233	1,117	8	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589
Each additional family member	+ 5,902	+ 492	+ 246	+ 227	+ 114	Each additional family member	+ 8,399	+ 700	+ 350	+ 324	+ 162

Orange Public School 2021-22 Lunch Program

The Orange Public School District announced its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

For school year 2021-22, the Orange Public School District has opted to participate in the Seamless Summer Option of the NSLP. Therefore, all student meals offered will be free of charge for this school year. However, in order to determine if students are eligible for other benefits such as Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) (as applicable), households that are not directly certified are encouraged to complete and submit a free and reduced-price school meal application.

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility. The above income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

The income calculations above are based on the following formulas:

- monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12;
- twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24;
- income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and
- weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52.

All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

Students residing in households with income at or below the levels shown in the chart above are eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk. Information on how to apply will be included in the eBlast Welcome Letter emailed to each student household in August. To apply for free or re-

duced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications are available online at www.oess.org under the Food Services page. Households can also request an application be mailed or emailed by contacting Cindy Maltais, (203) 891-8020 x1208, cmaltais@orang-ed.org. Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and P-EBT programs. Additionally, all school-aged students in income eligible households can receive school meal benefits regardless of a student's immigration status, and the district/school does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the CNPs. Note that the district may share your eligibility information with education, health, social service, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same local educational agency (LEA). When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that the students are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the students lunch status

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STUDENT NEWS

Dean's List Northeastern University

Lena Hildrich was again placed on the Dean's List for Spring Semester 2021, during her first year at Northeastern University. Dean's List is the most significant University honor bestowed upon students who have excelled academically during the term. Lena is considering majoring in electrical engineering. She is the daughter of Stephen R. Hildrich and Andrea Nadel

of Hemlock Hill Road in Orange.

Southern New Hampshire University

Manchester, NH - Jasmine Buynovsky of Orange has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the term.

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Teachers to Evaluate LEAP Assessment, Social/Emotional Learning

BY MELISSA NICEFARO
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Orange elementary school children aren't the only ones who are constantly learning – their teachers are too. Called professional development or professional learning, Orange teachers are regularly looking at new ways to approach student development.

At a recent Professional Development Evaluation Committee (PDEC) meeting, teachers from each school met to provide feedback on proposed plans for the year including an Election Day session. In addition to mapping out plans to re-evaluate LEAP criteria, teachers discussed student goal options, which they feel are now somewhat limited.

"Rather than providing one goal option with two indicators, members expressed interest in providing staff with choices," explained Curriculum Director Evelyn Russo. New goal choices include social and emotional learning, student engagement, engaging families

cultural responsiveness and academic achievement. PDEC members ask that teachers prioritize a goal for their choice for reporting on TVAL, a digital evaluation platform.

"Even though we're only prioritizing one goal, as a district, we do guarantee that we're engaging in social and emotional learning and academics are addressed through the curriculum and the scientific research-based intervention process regardless of a chosen TVAL goal," Russo says.

Board of Education Member Charles Flynn said he was encouraged with the new focus. "I think that the social/emotional piece is a really important thing for the kids at this particular time. I also appreciate the re-evaluating of LEAP criteria. It's a valuable program, but I think it is heavy on standardized testing in its criteria, so I hope some imagination will be explored there," he says. Originally called the Talented and Gifted Program, an abundant factor in placement in LEAP is the COGAT tests.

"So if you don't get a certain score, you're eliminated from consideration despite other significant talents and abilities - I welcome discussion to broaden the horizons, because there are a variety of ways to show talent," Flynn said.

Russo said that the criteria should align with the type of program that you develop or have in place and the committee will be looking more closely at that alignment. Overall, Russo explained that RULER (recognizing, understanding, labeling, expressing and regulating) emotions is the district's approach to social and emotional learning.

"The committee thinks that we should continue the goals that we started pre-COVID, so there are two tools that we will continue to learn about: the meta-moment, which is stopping and recognizing your best self before acting, and the blueprint, which is a way of handling conflict and achieving resolution," she says.

The PDEC has also agreed to replace the current reading assessment

tool with a new edition that gauges oral reading fluency. "That one minute measure that is equivalent to looking at the results of a brain scan. We learn so much from that in a minute – they read a passage and we look at how they recognize the words," Russo says.

"We look at who has generalized the six patterns of the English language. All words are made up of those basic six patterns and then combinations of those patterns," she explains. "In oral reading fluency, you can see who can recognize those multi-syllabic words. We look at the results to target our instruction and if we need to dig deeper and diagnose further."

The new program is one of the few that include a dyslexia screener and unlike the STAR assessment, each teacher can hear and assess how every child reads the same passage and comprehends it in comparison to peers.

"We're really proud of our staff and how they engage in this work," Russo said.

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will be changed to full pay.

However, this will not affect school year 2021-2022 since the district is implementing the SSO for SY 2021-22 which allows meals to be served free of charge to all students through June 2022.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a student based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All students in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and students residing in the household will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any students were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to those students. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by September 30, 2021.

Some students may be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals based on Medicaid (HUSKY A). No application is required if the district directly certifies a student based on Medicaid (HUSKY A). All students in these households are eligible for free or reduced-priced meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under Medicaid (HUSKY A) will be notified

of their eligibility and their children will be provided free or reduced-price benefits accordingly, unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any students are not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free or reduced-price meal benefits extended to those students.

If a student is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced-price meal application form. The application for the SNAP or TFA households require the SNAP or TFA case number and the households may be asked to provide proof of the SNAP or TFA case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required.

Students in households participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application or contact the determining official for more information.

When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any student's eligibility for free meals if the individual student is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the student is categorized as either: Homeless; runaway as defined by law and determined by the district's or school's homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. Households with students who are categorically eligible under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs should complete an application and check-off the relevant box. Questions should be directed to

the determining official. For any student not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the school or determining official about any student also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the other students.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the determining official or school if it chooses to decline the free meal benefits. If households/students are not notified by the district/school of their free meal benefits and they receive benefits under qualifying public assistance programs or under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs, the parent/guardian should contact the determining official or their school.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are categorically eligible for free meals. A foster parent does not have to complete a free/reduced meal application if they can submit a copy of the legal document or legal court order showing that the student is a foster child. Additionally, a foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free school meals. Note however, that a foster child's eligibility for free school meals does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

Application forms for all other households require a statement of total household income, household size and names of all household mem-

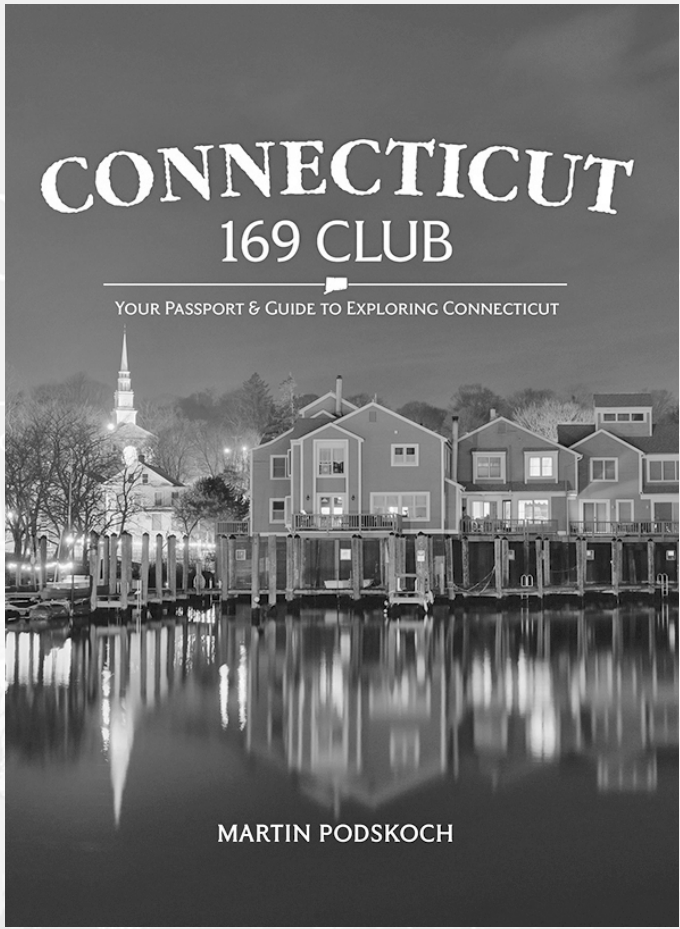
bers. The last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member must be included or a statement that the household member does not have one. The adult household member must also sign the application certifying that the information provided is correct.

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, the determining official, Cindy Maltais, (203) 891-8020 x1208, will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If they wish to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Vince Scarpetti, 203-891-8020 x1200 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure. Each school and the central office of the school district has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by an interested party.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes at any time, the household should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the students of the household eligible for reduced-price meals, free meals, or free milk, if the household income falls at or below the levels shown in the Income Guidelines.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the determining official at (203) 891-8020 x1208.



The 169 Club book is available at the Academy Museum at 605 Orange Center Road on Saturdays from 10-3.

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Meet Reps. Kennedy & Ferraro at the Gazebo

State Reps. Kathy Kennedy (R-119) and Charles Ferraro (R-118) are hosting a constituent 'gazebo' hour in Milford to welcome in the fall season and update constituents on state issues. The gazebo hours will take place on the Milford Green off of Broad Street on Monday, October 4th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Milford and Orange residents are encouraged to bring a snack, a lawn chair or blanket to sit on and ask us any questions about state government and the state issues that they are most concerned about and would like to discuss. Both Kennedy and Ferraro want to hear from their constituents.



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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.

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For information call 203-795-3106

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 office and get 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 Bauer and Judy Fitol lead us in a 2 mile-ish, 1 hour walk every Thursday at 9am. Meet at the location of the hike.

October 7: Maltby Lake, Rt 34, West Haven. Parking is at the top of the hill. Gate will be locked at 10:05;

October 14: Witek Park, Derby, off Academy Hill Rd by the Ansonia Reservoir;

October 21: Naugatuck Greenway, Division St. Derby by BJ's Whole Sale Club;

October 28: Orange Triangle (aka Wepawaug Trails), 854-842 Mapledale Rd, Orange.

Columbus Cabaret

Join us when Jack Lynn entertains us on October 4 with a Dean Martin, Italian-themed program. Dessert at 1:30pm; Jack from 2:00-3:00pm. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up as reservations are required!

Blair's Coin Talk rescheduled

Blair's Coin Talk has been rescheduled for October 25, 11:30-1:00. Blair will talk about coins and appraise any coins you would like to show him. Blair will speak at noon, snacks at 11:30am. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Arts & Crafts with Suzanne

Join us for a fun-filled Halloween themed class project with Suzanne as she leads Arts & Crafts on Monday, October 18 at 12:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Book Club

Mito Marden leads the book club the last Friday of the month at 2:00pm. The next meeting will be October 29. The book will be "Klara and the Sun" by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Movie of the Month

October 8, 1:00pm, "Shutter Island." In 1954, a U.S. Marshal investigates the disappearance of a murderer who escaped from a hospital for the criminally insane. Covid guidelines will be respected. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

Halloween Movie

October 29, 1:00pm, "Jacob's Ladder." Mourning his dead child, a haunted Vietnam War veteran attempts to uncover his past while suffering from a severe case of dissociation. Drinks

and snacks will be provided. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

Computer Classes with Josh

- › **Holiday Cards:** November 3-24, 5-7:00pm \$20, Comp Room;
- › **Intro to Mac:** December 1-22, 5-7:00pm, \$20, Comp Room;
- › **Intro to PC:** January 5 - 26, 5-7:00pm, \$20, Comp Room.

Stop by the office to register. For more information call 203-891-4784.

IT Presentations with Josh

- › "How to Stay Safe in a Digital World": November 18, 5-6:00pm, Senior Lounge;
- › "How to Make Your Home Smart": December 9, 5-6:00pm, Senior Lounge.

Stop by the office to register. For more information call 203-891-4784.

Hot Lunch Program

Lunch is offered Monday through Friday, 11:30am - 12:00pm. No meals on Saturday, or Sunday. A \$3.00 donation is accepted for persons 60+. Call Ellen at (203) 891-4765 to register.

Food Bank

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

Discussion Group

Join us when the Lions Club of Orange sponsors a Discussion Group with Jim Leahy on October 15 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 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's office who will then contact you at the scheduled time. Please be home for the appointment.

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.

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

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Lessons Learned 2.0

BY ROBERTA L NESTOR

One doesn't have to go back very far into investment history to find out what can potentially happen to a portfolio when the markets turn negative. Unfortunately, many of the lessons learned from severe market downturns has been at the expense of the small investor. It seems like the investment industry, Congress and other interested parties adds safeguards and new regulations after the fact.

Many of our readers might not remember the Enron Crisis. Enron was a huge energy company that employed 29,000 individuals before it declared bankruptcy in 2001. Back then, employees unwittingly learned that they did own Enron stock, not outright, but inside of their 401k plans. Prior to Enron, employers were able to place restrictions that forced the employees to maintain employer stock until they retired or separated from service. The "Enron Rule" now forces employers to have different investment options for employer contributions so that employees are not forced to own company stock.

The late 1990s was an exciting time for investors, it was the beginning of the dot com era. This time it was with intent that investors over-weighted their portfolios with investments focused on technology - remember IPOs that were going up 30% - 50% in one day? Investment portfolios were littered with tech stocks. That bubble began to burst in the year 2000 and continued through 2002 with 3 consecutive years of severe stock market losses. Diversification once again was on the front burner and "target date" options became more well-known.

After the .com disaster, investors were leery and relied heavily on target date funds. These were designed to have your investments become more and more conservative as you got closer to your targeted retirement date. By 2008, the stage was set for disaster and the only surprise accompanying the devastation to individual accounts was the amount of surprise expressed by advisors, investors, and legislators alike who were shocked to learn that target date funds had widely divergent strategies as the target date approaches. Acting under pressure from Congress, the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) held their first joint hearing ever in June of 2009, to have more regulations for the "problem" of target date funds.

Fast forward to 2020 and we now have the Regulation Best Interest Rule, also known as Reg BI. The SEC got Reg BI right because it carefully balances consumer protection with investor choice. For one, Reg BI includes a requirement that brokers act in the best

interest of their clients. Think about that and how important it is that your advisor always places your best interest ahead of their own.

Second, Reg BI requires valuable new transparency focused on ensuring investors are informed. The new "Client Relationship Summary" (or CRS) is investor-friendly and will allow individuals to make more informed decisions when working with a financial professional. This additional disclosure and education support consumer choice in deciding the best course of action for their long-term investment strategy; either a low commission brokerage account or an advisory account with ongoing fees based on a percentage of their account balance.

Finally, Reg BI, by strengthening the federal standards for brokerage advice, should give state regulators confidence that strong federal rules are in place and discourage the development of a conflicting patchwork of state regulations, which confuse investors.

There is no doubt that more and more stringent regulations will follow you throughout your investment years. It's a good thing. It would be better if these regulations were more forward thinking to protect us, before we risk our retirement savings. Maybe our next regulation will be the "Robinhood Rule" to help protect our young investors who prefer to do it on their own. While learning from your mistakes is what makes us stronger, somehow investment mistakes seem to weaken not only our wallets, but our resolve to save. As markets, once again, reach all-time highs, many are wondering when the next shoe will fall and what is it that we will learn from the next market crash. Maybe it is a good time to rebalance and revisit your investment portfolio, when things are going well. Don't wait for another market downturn before you call your advisor to discuss the "what ifs", having a plan and a solid understanding of what you own is the first step.

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No stranger to road races, Amity

Physical Therapy has participated in 5K events for more than a decade as a sponsor dedicated to the physical health of active people young and old. The practice was founded by CEO/Clinical Director, Michael Dow seventeen years ago and maintains offices in Woodbridge, Hamden, Branford and now Milford at 135 Cherry Street.

For a consultation contact Peter Geloso, DPT at 203-693-2350 or visit amitypt.com.

How To Road Trip In An Electric Car

Seasoned travelers know that few things match the excitement of taking to the open road. Whether you're heading off for parts unknown or following a carefully planned itinerary, a road trip promises to be a unique experience.

Drivers can up the uniqueness ante even further by taking an electric car on their next road trip. Many people who take driving vacations may fly into a new city or country and then rent a car as they prepare to hit the open road. Electric vehicles, or EVs, have become increasingly available in rental fleets in recent years. Travelers interested in trying something new may be intrigued by the chance to get behind the wheel of an EV on their next road trip. This can be a great chance for drivers who are interested in one day purchasing their own EVs to get their feet wet.

Some drivers may not know what to expect when taking a long trip in an EV. Though it's understandable to have some hesitation, the following are some ways to navigate your first extended trip in an EV.

Determine the charging time of your vehicle. The automotive experts at J.D. Power note that EVs come with different types of charging systems. Level 1 are the most readily available EVs, and these come with a standard 120-volt three prong plug that's common in modern homes in the United States. That's convenient, but charging using a Level 1 outlet may take a significant amount of time and only provide a few miles per hour of charging. If you're renting an EV, confirm which type of car you're getting and emphasize to the rental agency that you prefer a car that can be charged easily and effectively.

One that can be charged overnight and provide hundreds of miles of driving time after a full charge is ideal.

Look for EV-friendly lodging. Many hotels now feature charging stations exclusively for guests with EVs. Some hotels include the cost of utilizing such stations in their parking fees, while others may charge an additional amount. Either way, the convenience of finding a hotel with its own charging station outweighs any extra costs, as cars can be charged overnight while guests are asleep, leaving more time to travel in a vehicle that's fully charged each morning.

Find some RV parks along your route. RVs have required charging stations for years, so RV parks typically have these stations available for a nominal fee of around \$50. RVs typically are Level 2, so EV drivers that require Level 2 charging systems should be able to charge their vehicles at RV parks. In addition, many RV parks now also provide charging stations for Level 1 vehicles, though drivers should confirm which parks have such offerings prior to embarking on their trips.

Drive in moderate weather. The software experts at Geotab note that cold weather affects EV range. Though battery thermal management systems have been designed to keep batteries within an optimal temperature range to minimize loss in battery performance, battery range is adversely affected when driving in extreme cold. Geotab notes that 70 F is the trip efficiency sweet spot.

Drivers can embrace various strategies to keep electric vehicles running strong on long road trips.

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- Your original Power of Attorney is essential for real estate transactions as the original must be recorded on the land records. Additionally, many financial institutions will request to view an original Power of Attorney document.

Where to keep original documents?

- If you work with a trusted law firm the law firm may provide security measures for storing your original estate planning documents.
- A safe deposit box
- A heatproof, waterproof, fireproof safe in your home.

If you are interested in learning more about the importance of preserving and safekeeping of your original estate planning documents 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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"Elections" From Page 1

Vying for the Town Clerk position are Mary Shaw on the Republican ticket and Margaret Novicki for the Democrats.

Shaw has served as administrative assistant to the First Selectman from 2012-2019, at which point she switched to fulfill the same role for the school superintendent. "As a result of her extensive experience working closely with all Orange municipal offices, Mary is uniquely qualified to serve as Town Clerk," says her profile on the campaign website.

Novicki, who is currently serving on the Board of Selectmen, also served on the Emergency Management Advisory Council and kept the board – and by extension the townspeople – informed of COVID-19 developments. She has held several managerial positions in the United Nations before retiring in 2017 and returning to her native Orange.

Both the Orange Board of Education and the Orange delegation to the Amity Regional Board of Education will see a turnover, as several long-time volunteers are stepping aside.

On the Amity board, neither Steve DeMaio nor George Howard are running for re-election. Instead, the Republicans are fielding Christina Levere Daddio, assistant director of public affairs at Southern Connecticut State University; and Sean Hartshorn, West Haven police mechanic, and a lifetime resident.

Carla Eichler, incumbent Democrat, is on the ticket for another four-year term, along with Craig Lennon and Dr. Patricia Post. Lennon is Dean of Students at the University of Bridgeport. Dr. Post is retired from her position of associate professor of biology at Albertus Magnus College.

The local Board of Education is losing three of its 10 members. Charles Flynn is running for the Board of Selectmen; Christian Young and Kimberley Browe are stepping aside. Vice Chairman Jeff Cap is running to return to the board. The Republican is Chief Information Officer for Newman Architects and a former technology teacher. He is a Boy Scout leader. His running mates are elementary school teacher Ronnette Pompano James, who served as Peck Place PTO president; and Attorney Tatiana Messina Mullen. Mullen grew up in Orange and is senior assistant state's attorney for the Connecticut State Division of Criminal Justice.

The Democrats are fielding Carmen Rodriguez, retired educator and administrator in New Haven, who was appointed to fill Mary Welander's seat. Also on the ballot are Attorney Jared Millbrandt and Hamden Middle School teacher Liz Tremper.

Three members of the five-member Town Plan & Zoning Commission are up for re-election and all three are seeking another term. They are Chairman Oscar Parente, Kevin Cornell and Thomas Torrenti, all Republicans. Chal-

lenging them on the Democratic ticket are Dan Fitzmaurice and Mike Muttitt. Paul Kaplan (D) and Judy Smith (R) are not up for re-election until 2023.

Three members of the six-member Board of Finance are seeking re-election, namely Democrats Pat Romano and PJ Shanley; and Republican Joseph Nuzzo. In addition to Romano and Shanley, Democrat Kevin McNabola is running for a spot on the Board of Finance. He served as the Orange schools' business manager and is currently Chief Financial Officer for the City of Meriden. The Republican ticket has Joseph Nuzzo and Ajeet Jain, associate professor of Finance at Central Connecticut State University.

Selectmen are voted in for a two-year term, so the whole board is up for re-election at the same time. Except for Democrat Margaret Novicki, who is running for Town Clerk, all are seeking another term. On the Republican ticket voters will see the familiar names of Judy Wright Williams, Ralph Okenquist and John Carangelo; on the Democratic line it's Mitch Goldblatt. New names to the board are Democrats Rosanna Cappetta and Charles Flynn. Cappetta is an attorney and Flynn is currently serving on the Board of Education.

Long time First Selectman Jim Zeoli is seeking a ninth term on the Republican ticket. He has led the town through economic crises and a pandemic, working hard for economic expansion and keeping tax rates in check. A gentleman farmer, he also served as co-chairman of the Orange Agricultural Fair. His jovial style has gained him the attachment of many.

Zeoli is being challenged by Connor Deane, a member of a new generation of leaders. Deane founded Broadway Method Academy, a nonprofit musical theater training program for young artists. In his campaign he is focusing on improved communication between Town Hall and the town at large, "across a variety of platforms"; on emphasizing small business ("re-branding the Boston Post Road") and on sustainability.

Also on the ticket are new names for Judge of Probate, following the resignation of Judge Beverly Streit-Kefalas who was tapped to run the statewide probate court system. Milford Alderman Win Smith, a Republican, is an attorney with the law firm of Dey, Smith Steele. On the Demoratic ticket is Ben Gettinger, a general practice attorney at the New Haven law firm of Lynch, Traub, Keefe & Erante.

Five of the seven constables are seeking re-election to a new term. They are Democrats Santo Galatioto Jr. and Randy Thomas, and Republicans Genn Papelo, Judy Daymon and Michael Donadeo. Not seeking re-election is Republican Jeff Vargo; in his stead, the ticket includes Dan Zapatka.

The untimely passing of Robert Shanley has left a painful hole on the ballot. The Democratic Town Committee can nominate a replacement if they so choose, said Town Clerk O'Sullivan.



The Orange Historical Society recently participated in the annual Orange Country Fair highlighting the 2022 Town of Orange Medallion in celebration of the town's 200th anniversary next year. A challenge to guess 5 items not available in 1822 was a hit with young and old with the History of Orange books, maps, t-shirts, towels, children's colonial games and the ever-popular 169 Town books available to honor the history of the town. The Orange Historical Society is looking forward to 2022.



How To Create A Sunroom

As fall inches closer to winter, it's not uncommon for people to look to the coming cold with a degree of lament. Spring, summer and fall provide ample opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors, but such chances are few and far between once the winter freeze settles in. Though winter might compel the masses to huddle up inside, there's still a way to take in the great outdoors on cold winter days and nights.

It might not prove an exact substitute for summer nights around the firepit, but a sunroom affords homeowners a chance to marvel at snowy winter landscapes without venturing out into the cold. Sometimes referred to as "all-season rooms," sunrooms can make for a great retreat on quiet summer mornings or crisp autumn afternoons. Sunrooms can be treated as blank canvasses, which makes decorating them more fun. But a few tricks of the trade can help homeowners turn their blank canvasses into welcoming spaces to take in all that nature has to offer throughout the year.

Define the purpose. The experts at Better Homes & Gardens recommend homeowners decide how they want to use the sunroom before they begin decorating it. When the weather gets too chilly to dine outside, will the sunroom serve as an alternative dining space in the same way patios and decks do during the warm weather? Or do homeowners want to turn their sunrooms into reading rooms? Though it's possible to make sunrooms multipurpose spaces, it may be hard to create a relaxing vibe in rooms that are too crowded with furnishings or too busy. Defining how the space will be used also makes it easier when shopping for furnishings.

Define when the room will be used. In addition to defining how the room will be used, homeowners should give ample consideration to when the room will be used. A year-round sunroom will need to be heated, while a three-season sunroom likely won't require heating. Cooling might be a concern on hot summer afternoons, but many homeowners will likely spend such days outside anyway, so cooling the room may be as simple as installing a ceiling fan and ensuring windows can be opened to let fresh air in. Homeowners who want a year-round sunroom should install insulated glass to keep the room even warmer when the mercury dips.

Opt for bright colors. Bright colors can make sunrooms feel all the more inviting and make for a perfect match with all the natural light already in the room. The renovation experts at HGTV note that white walls and ceilings can maximize the warm illumination of the natural light that will be pouring in from the floor-to-ceiling windows. Better Homes & Gardens adds that brightly colored cushions, pillows and area rugs with similarly hued colors and patterns can add visual interest and texture to a sunroom.

Make use of a view. Homeowners needn't direct too much of their focus on decor if their sunrooms come with a view. Art on the walls and other decorative items around the room are less important if a sunroom affords a view of the ocean or a lake or dense woods that attract local wildlife. In rooms with a view, arrange furniture so residents and guests can comfortably look outward and take in all the surround landscape has to offer.

Sunrooms are a great place to take in nature no matter the weather.



Design Ideas To Give Your Home A Farmhouse Feel

Farmhouse style homes are having a moment. A 2020 survey from Homes.com asked more than 5,000 adults across the United States about their favorite house style from a list that included bohemian craftsman, mid-century modern ranch, French chateau, and Tudor, among others. Modern farmhouse was the runaway winner, as participants in 42 of the 50 states indicated this simple, cozy style was their favorite.

Home renovation projects can help homeowners put their own unique stamp on their homes, and such projects can be both aesthetic and functional in nature. The following are some farmhouse design elements homeowners can consider as they look to transform their home interiors with this popular style in mind.

Exposed beams: Exposed beams instantly evoke images of a farmhouse. The home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that this rustic renovation project can utilize real wood or faux beams that look like the real thing. Decorative beams that have nothing to do with a home's structural integrity can be installed by skilled do-it-yourselfers. However, even faux beams are heavy, and BobVila.com recommends homeowners have an engineer assess their existing structure prior to installation.

Distressed wood finishes: Distressing is designed to make something look less than perfect. Distressed wood finishes

can be found throughout many farmhouse style homes. Furniture and picture frames can provide the distressed look farmhouse fans are looking for. This is a relatively inexpensive project that many homeowners can tackle on their own after watching some online tutorials that recommend the right tools and techniques to get the job done right.

Kitchen sink: Many components combine to create a truly classic farmhouse kitchen. But perhaps no component is more essential than the classic farmhouse sink. The renovation experts at HGTV note that a classic farmhouse sink features a deep, wide basin. Farmhouse sinks are large enough to handle all the dishes that come after a big family meal. Old-fashioned porcelain sinks are worth consideration by homeowners who want their kitchen sinks to evoke a traditional farmhouse feel.

Countertops: HGTV recommends butcher block countertops for homeowners who favor European farmhouse style. Homeowners overhauling their kitchens to create a farmhouse feel should consider installing a large island with a walnut butcher block countertop for an authentic farmhouse feel.

Farmhouse style homes are wildly popular. Some simple renovations can help homeowners with a fondness for farmhouse style bring this classic look into their homes.

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Partnered Program

Ansonia Nature Center and Ansonia Public Library

Nature’s Explorers
October 20, 27 and November 3, 10/10-11:30am
Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center, 10 Deerfield Lane, Ansonia, CT 06401
TUITION: \$40 per 4-week session
Contact/Registration: 203-736-1053 or ansnaturectr@ansoniac.org

October and November - Join the Nature Center and Public Library for this 4-week session geared for children ages 2-5 years old with an adult explorer. These outdoor classes will be fun exploring and learning through play. We will learn about nature and science

while hiking with ANC’s Ranger Dan and reading with APL’s Ms. Jen. We’ll end with a snack! Every class is outside, so dress for the weather! Email to ansnaturectr@ansoniac.org to sign up.
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Singing In Harmony

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is presenting The Citations, the a cappella group of Yale University graduate and professional school students on Saturday, October 9 (rain date Sunday, October 10) at 2:00pm on the Prown Terrace lawn at the back of the Library.
Formed in 2003 by students who embraced singing as a respite from the rigors of academic research and studies, the group gathered for weekly jam sessions, adapting a range of musical styles and songs. Eventually, a repertoire evolved to include hits by ABBA, Etta James, James Taylor,

Simon & Garfunkel, Cole Porter and other famous vocalists. Now, the group of future scientists, doctors, nurses, lawyers, artists and other professionals perform regularly at Mory’s and Yale events, as well as community and private events.
Registration for the program is required and may be made by phone 203-891-2170 or online www.casememoriallibrary.org/events. Guests are asked to adhere to pandemic guidelines. Bring a comfortable chair and relax. Let the harmonic voices of The Citations sweep you up into a reverie of favorite songs.



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Free Afterschool Program

Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center

Fall Term Jr. Rangers
Thursdays - 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, & 11/18 ~ 3:30-5:00pm
Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center, 10 Deerfield Lane, Ansonia, CT 06401
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Has your child ever wanted to work with animals, garden, help maintain our trails, and help with special events? This is the opportunity to help the Nature Center in our 8-week after school program. Jr. Rangers offers a chance for your child to become immersed in the job duties of our Park

Rangers. This fun and exciting program fills up fast!
-registration is necessary, and children must be prompt. Every class is outside, so dress for the weather! Email to ansnaturectr@ansoniac.org to sign up.
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CT Resident Charles F. Rosenay!!! Releases His First Pop Culture Book

Connecticut resident Charles F. Rosenay!!! may be best known in the state as the producer of the Connecticut Beatles conventions and festivals for over four decades, or as a pro DJ/MC/Entertainer for as many years. Along with musical events, he published a magazine on The Beatles called Good Day Sunshine for 25 years and, since 1983, he has organized and hosted the Beatles Tours to Liverpool for fans. For as long as he can remember, he has been asked to write a book on The Beatles, or on his adventures through the years as a DJ or Beatles aficionado, expert and promoter. He has just published his first book, but it’s not exactly a Beatles book, nor is it a memoir of his experiences. Instead, it is a pop culture book titled “The Book

of Top 10 Horror Lists”, which collects lists of favorite monster movies, actors, and other themes from 100 celebrities.
Along with the Beatles-themed tours, Rosenay!!! is the creator and organizer of the annual Dracula Tour to Transylvania, a “vampire vacation” that brings fans to the land of Vlad the Impaler and Dracula. That spun off the GHOSTours to Europe, week-long travel experiences for lovers of the supernatural. Rosenay!!! has acted in several horror films and shorts and was also the founder of Connecticut’s largest and scariest indoor haunted attraction, “Fright Haven,” which still operates in Stratford. More recently, he co-produced CT’s first-ever paranormal convention, and has been co-hosting paranormal investigations with

Norwalk’s Nick Grossmann of “Ghost Storm.” So, it isn’t such a stretch that horror turned out to be the theme of his book.
How exactly did this unique book come to be? For a few years, Rosenay!!! wrote an online newsletter called “National Horror Happenings,” which was read by thousands worldwide. A special feature of that column was an occasional Top 10 List from a celebrity. Rosenay!!! would invite well-known and not-so-well-known notables, many of whom were his friends, to contribute a list. In most cases it was their favorite monster movies. Others, however, contributed their lists of favorite genre actors, scariest scenes in horror films, funniest scary movies, sexiest scenes in horror, and so many

other interesting themes. Within a short time, there were memorable lists from actors, rock stars, authors, athletes, horror icons, directors, producers, scream queens, radio and TV personalities, and other pop culture luminaries.
When the pandemic hit, all of what Rosenay!!! did, he could no longer do. A party DJ/MC/entertainer by trade, there were no longer events where he could perform. He was no longer able to book live bands, as there were no longer gigs. All the international tours he produced and promoted for so long were now postponed. With a little extra time on his hands during quarantine, Charles started to assem-

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ble, edit, and write introductions for all those Top 10 Lists. He called on a friend, Janet Davis, from Stamford, to proofread what he had written and accumulated. Davis became his Assistant Editor, and the book came together. He realized that there were about 80 or 90 lists in the can, and his goal was to reach 100, which he did in just a few more months’ time.

More than just lists, every submission was a list plus additional comments as to why the choices were made. Often hilarious, sometimes thought-provoking, but always fascinating, the lists run the gamut from fan-based opinions straight through to thesis-worthy chapters on the horror aspects of Shakespeare’s work.

There are lists from a Beatle, from a McCartney, from a Lennon (Lennon’s sister), from a Karloff, from one of The Monkees, from a Munster, from a Woodstock legend, from a Baseball Hall of Famer, from four Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, and from many famous names one would never know were “monster mavens.”

Just a few of the pop culture icons featured in the book include William (Star Trek) Shatner, Butch (Eddie Munster) Patrick, Ruth (Laugh-In) Buzzi, baseball great Dave Winfield, the late actor Ed Asner, Bill (Lost in Space) Mumy, Jane Wiedlin of The Go-Gos, mentalist The Amazing Kreskin, singer

Gary Puckett, and so many others. Not to disappoint friends who have followed Rosenay!!! for years in the Beatles “universe,” he points out that this isn’t just a “horror book,” but it’s also a book for Beatles fans – with contributions from no less than nine Beatles-related individuals.

Rosenay!!! has always been a fan of horror, pop culture, and Top 10 Lists, commenting, “Who doesn’t love a Top 10 List? They’re short, they’re fun, and we always want to see if our choices match. In this book, 100 celebrities reveal their Top 10 favorite monster movies and themes.” He adds, “You won’t believe the actors, singers, musicians, horror figures, writers, film-makers, artists, composers, disco divas, sports figures, and others who are horror buffs and “monster mavens!” Rosenay!!! asks, “Will your favorite horror films show up on any of their lists?”

At over 300 pages including photos and illustrations, “The Book of Top 10 Horror Lists” is published in hardcover and trade softcover by BearManor Media. It is available from the website www.BookOfTop10HorrorLists.com on Amazon. Charles Rosenay!!! is making guest appearances at conventions, libraries and other locations to meet friends and sign copies of his book and will continue to do so through the new year. To get an autographed copy by mail, call (203) 795-4737 or email BookOfTop10HorrorLists@gmail.com.



Carole's Kings Headlines Afternoon For The Arts Gala

Carole's Kings – the world’s first all-male Carole King Tribute – headlines the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation’s Afternoon for the Arts Gala on Sunday, November 7, 2021, 2 pm, at Amity High School’s Brady Center for the Performing Arts.

The performance begins at 2 p.m. and is preceded by a lite reception and raffle preview at 1 pm. (Remember to set your clocks back the night before!). General admission tickets are \$45 and can be purchased at www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org. CDC guidelines for indoor events at the time of the gala will be in effect. Guests are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance to assist with the planning of safety protocols.

CAROLE’s KINGS is an exhilarating, family friendly musical revue delivered by three incredibly talented New York stage veterans who consistently wow their audiences with a dynamic act jammed-packed with chart-topping sensations such as The Locomotion, I Feel the Earth Move, You’ve Got A Friend, Natural Woman, and many more. Their set list also includes songs by King’s friends and collaborators James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon, and Neil Sedaka. They have received rave reviews from such venues as Caesar’s Palace and Celebrity, Princess, and Norwegian Cruise Lines.

The Gala also showcases the talents of young aspiring performers from the foundation’s partner programs: Amity Creative Theater, Broadway Method Academy in Fairfield, and Square Foot Theatre Company in Wallingford. Serving as Tri-Masters of Ceremonies for the afternoon are Robert Kennedy, Kimberly Jenna Simon, and Kari Hulley. Our Gala Raffle, Mystery Bags, and Buy-It-Now Boutique offer many opportunities to bring home prizes fit for “a King.”

The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the educational enrichment and professional development of young artists and early career professionals, was founded to celebrate the life of Orange, CT resident Jamie Elaine Hulley. All proceeds from the Gala are dedicated to scholarships and educational programs throughout Connecticut especially in the greater New Haven and Fairfield counties. Since the foundation’s creation in 2002, over \$900,000 has been awarded which have touched the lives of thousands of area youth each year.

For information on the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation, visit www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org, call (203) 891-8869, or email: jamieart@snet.net.

Mega Tasting Event to Benefit Leukemia Patients

The Nicole Donzello Foundation cordially invites you to its second annual tasting fundraiser, featuring 50+ wines, over 13 breweries with 40+ beers, distilled beverage bars, over 15 restaurants, chocolate bar, DJ, raffle and auction. All proceeds benefit leukemia patients and their families at Smilow Cancer Hospital.

The event date is Saturday, October 23, from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Woodbridge Club, 10 Milhaven Road. It is open to those 21 years of age and over. Tickets are \$75 (includes entry and tasting glass) or \$125 (includes entry, tasting glass, t-shirt, exclusive tasting hour from 6-7pm, and ten raffle tickets. All CDC and State of Connecticut COVID protocols will be followed. Tickets may be purchased on the website, Nicoledonzellofoundation.org.

The foundation was created by Nicole who was diagnosed with Acute Monoblastic Leukemia (AML) in February of 2015. As a wife and mother of two young children while practicing criminal law in Connecticut, she had to

put life on hold to focus on her health. Since, she has relapsed three times, receiving two stem cell transplants, with the most recent in June of 2020. Nicole is extremely grateful for the support family and friends have given throughout her journey. This support allows Nicole and her husband to focus on her health.

She has made it her mission to provide support to fellow leukemia patients and their families; as such the foundation’s mission is to ease the financial burden patients and their family’s receiving treatment at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven face while undergoing treatment for leukemia.

Due to the overwhelming success of the first tasting event, the foundation was able to award 14 need-based monetary grants for Smilow patients and their families. She hopes to assist even more patients this year, which can only be done with your support. Please come out and have fun for a good cause.

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Arrow of Light Scouts and Webelos scouts carrying the colors for the opening ceremony



Members of the Pack at the opening ceremony of the Orange Country Fair

Pack 922 Is Together and Hiking

September 13th Pack 922 met for the first time since the spring. We welcomed new faces and were able to reconnect with our dens. Scouts were able to hear about our fun happenings that are to come. We are planning a trip to Lyme Rock Speedway, Pumpkin Chunkin in Pennsylvania, Wreath Sales, Scouting for food and so much more.

The Pack was present at the Orange Country Fair selling popcorn and tickets to the Corn Maze. This year's corn maze is at the Treat Farm on October 3rd from 1pm to 5pm. Please come and support us. If you are thinking of joining or have any questions, please email our Cubmaster Brian Cleveland at bcleveland@hotmail.com.



Contactless Paper Shredding & Mattress Recycling Day

The Orange Recycling Committee has announced the next paper shredding and mattress recycling event, will be held rain or shine on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the front parking lot of High Plains Community Center (HPCC), 525 Orange Center Road. The committee will again be joined by the Mattress Recycling Council, who will collect used mattresses and box springs.

The secure, on-site paper shredding service will once again be handled by Affordable Solutions, owned and operated by Orange resident Joe Johnston. Residents may bring bags (preferably paper, not plastic) or boxes filled with documents for shredding. Volunteers from the Orange Recycling Committee will deposit them into the shredding truck.

Due to COVID-19, residents are asked to put documents in their trunk, wait in line, and pop the trunk when it is their turn. To keep this event as "contactless" as possible, residents should stay in their vehicle. Residents who want their boxes or containers returned should tell a volunteer.

This time around, in order to give everyone a chance to recycle their papers and keep the traffic flow moving, residents will be limited to six (6) copier sized boxes of materials. If you have more, you are encouraged to drive around and get back in line and come through again.

This service is generously funded by the Rotary Club of Orange. Residents may show their appreciation by donating to the Orange Rotary Scholarship Fund. Rotarians will be on hand to collect donations.

Residents may also bring mattresses and box springs for recycling. This free service is made possible through a partnership with the Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress Program. Dry mattresses (of all sizes) and box springs will be accepted. However, some items cannot be accepted. For residents who need assistance, members of the Orange Lions Club will pick up mattresses and box springs from residences, given items are outside and dry or in a garage for easy access, as volunteers will not enter individual homes. Anyone interested in this pick-up service should contact Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906. The fee for pick-up is \$10

per mattress or box spring. Payment is by cash or check made out to Orange Lions Charities, and all proceeds are considered a charitable donation.

If residents are in the cleaning out mode, they may also bring old clothing and shoes to deposit in the Simple Recycling bin near the back of the community center. This bin is available 24/7, making it a great option for when the Orange Transfer Station & Recycling Center is closed, as the town is paid for these items.

For the twelfth time, the Orange Recycling Committee will ensure the disposal of thousands of pounds of sensitive financial and medical papers in a secure, environmentally-responsible way. Adding mattress and box spring recycling to this event has made this event a popular one with residents.

Paper Shredding and Mattress Recycling Event

WHEN: Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., rain or shine

WHERE: High Plains Community Center (front parking area), 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT

BRING: Tax papers, bills, receipts, statements, and documents that contain personal, financial and/or medical information. No need to remove staples or elastic bands, but clips should be removed for reuse.

DO NOT BRING: Paper that is already shredded, newspapers, notebooks, plastic folders, and other papers and mail that can go in the regular residential recycling bins.

BRING: Mattresses and box springs.

DO NOT BRING: Some items will not be accepted: mattresses from futons/sofa beds or waterbeds; mattresses infested with bed bugs; wet, damaged or excessively soiled mattresses; and sleeping bags or mattress pads/toppers.

BRING: All sorts of clothing and shoes, no matter the size or condition.

The Orange Recycling Committee is a group of volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen, who live in Orange, meet monthly, and are committed to educating about, increasing, and simplifying recycling options for Orange residents. Website: www.orangerecycles.com; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ORCinCT/>

"There is a time in the last few days of summer when the ripeness of autumn fills the air." — RUDOLFO ANAYA

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

The Library’s hours are as follows:
Monday, Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holiday Closings: The Library will be closed on Monday, October 11 in observance of Columbus 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, unless otherwise noted. 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.

Story Times Zoom 3-5 Year Old Story Time

*Mondays at 10:30am
For children ages 3-5.*

Preschoolers are invited to join Ms. Michelle for stories, music, and movement! Registration is required.

Zoom 2-3 Year Old Story Time

*Wednesdays at 10:30am
For children ages 2-3.*

Preschoolers are invited to join Ms. Michelle for stories, music, and movement! Registration is required.

Events for All Ages Banned Books Bingo

September 27-October 12

Celebrate Banned Books Week with us! Stop by the Library and fill out a Banned Books Bingo card for a chance to win a banned-books themed heat reactive mug and a tote. To participate, select any five banned books you’ve



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read to get a bingo (across, down, or diagonal) and drop your completed bingo card into the raffle box.

Family Take & Make: Butterbeer

Registration: September 23-October 14

*Pickup dates: October 18-23
For all ages*

Relive the magic of Hogsmeade and make your own butterbeer with this tasty take-home kit. Registration is required. One kit per household.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Saturday, October 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Books, DVDs, music, and more for all ages! Held in the Library basement. Masks required.

Events for Children Family Take and Make: Creepcakes

Registration: September 21-October 12

*Pickup Dates: October 12-19
For children of all ages
and their families.*

Decorate your own Halloween “creepcakes” (creepy cupcakes) with our take home kit! Registration is required.

Tween Take and Make: Pumpkin Patch Snack

Registration: September 21-October 12

*Pickup Dates: October 12-18
For tweens in grades 4-6*

Make an autumn-themed snack to enjoy! Participants will be using mel-lowcreme pumpkins, green licorice, chocolate pudding, and oreos. Registration is required.

All Ages Take and Make: Sensory Process Art

Registration: September 27-October 18

*Pickup Dates: October 18-24
For children of all ages
and their families.*

Can songs have moods, shapes and colors? Is it possible to doodle music? Find out with process-oriented art! Registration is required.

Preschool Take and Make: Peacocks

*Registration: October 4-30
Pickup Dates: October 25-30*

For children of ages 3-5

Learn about these dazzling birds and make one of your own! Registration is required.

Tween Reads: Halloween

*Registration: October 4-21
Pickup Dates: October 25-30*

For tweens in grades 4-6

Looking for some thrills, scares, or even just some magic-themed fun? Try our Halloween-themed book pick! We’ll check out a Halloween book to you, based on your interests, and you’ll get some Halloween goodies to keep. Registration is required.

Events for Teens & Adults Teen Take & Make: Apple Cider Doughnuts

*Registration: September 18-30
Pickup dates: October 4-9*

For teens in grades 7-12

Create a tasty fall treat with this apple cider doughnut take-home kit. Registration is required.

Outdoor Concert: Yale Citations

Saturday, October 9, 2 p.m.

An amalgamation of future scientists, doctors, nurses, artists, lawyers (and more!), The Citations is the a

cappella group of the graduate and professional schools at Yale University. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. This program will be held outside on the Library’s back lawn. Please bring your own chair, wear a mask, and maintain social distancing. Registration is required.

Take & Make Craft Kit: Felted Wool Acorns

*Registration: September 23-October 7
Pickup dates: October 12-23*

For adults and teens in grades 7-12

Learn a basic technique for working with wool roving and create a decoration for fall. Registration is required.

Teen Take & Make: Pumpkin Carving

*Registration: September 30-October 14
Pickup dates: October 18-23*

For teens in grades 7-12

Pick a pumpkin from our indoor patch and choose your carving kit: undead pumpkin or starry night pumpkin! Registration is required.

Virtual Escape Room: Escape the Zombies

Launches October 23 at www.casememoriallibrary.org/virtualescaperoom

This program is open to all ages, though best suited to teens and adults.

Think you have what it takes to survive a zombie apocalypse? Find out in our virtual escape room! Test your problem-solving skills (and patience!) alone or with friends and family. No registration is required.

Virtual Author Talk: Spooky Trails and Tall Tales Connecticut

Monday, October 25, 7 p.m.

In our forests and meadows lurk spine-chilling ghosts protecting Captain Kidd’s treasure, the abode of the Devil himself, and shadowy creatures such as the Glawackus, all awaiting the next hiker to stumble down the trail. Join us for a Zoom talk with author Stephen Gencarella! Register via EventKeeper by October 25 at 5 p.m. to receive the Zoom link.

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Thursday, October 28, 1 p.m.

Join librarian Samantha Jasulavic for a Zoom discussion of *The Diviners* by Libba Bray. Register via EventKeeper by October 28 at 12 p.m. to receive the Zoom link.

The Bookcase: Evening Zoom Discussion Group

Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a Zoom discussion of *Charles and Emma* by Deborah Heiligman. Register via EventKeeper by November 18 at 5 p.m. to receive the Zoom link.

Library Friends’ “I Love Books” Sale

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, October 23, 10:00-3:00pm in the library basement. An assortment of best sellers, non-fiction and children’s books will be available for purchase at bargain prices.

Come browse the gently used “new” arrivals. Stock up on gifts for the holidays and good reads for the coming Winter months. Please wear masks

and bring bags to carry your bargain books home.

The Friends are grateful for continued support from the community. Proceeds from sales are used by the Friends to provide a variety of entertainment and cultural programs for community enjoyment. Gently used book donations are always encouraged and welcomed to replenish the supply for future sales.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

The First Church of Christ – Woodbridge

The First Church of Christ welcomes you to our Worship Service every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Meetinghouse.

Zoom Option: The option to attend Sunday Service via Zoom is 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.

Live Stream: Sunday Service 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 our YouTube channel, 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 gaining access to Sunday Services, please call us by Friday morning, at 203-389-2119, or email us at office@uccw.org.

Office Hours: The Church office in the Parish House is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Weekly Bible Study: Our Bible Study Group meets at the Parish House each Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. All are invited!

Boy Scout Troop #907: Regular scout meetings are held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Stop by with the young man in your family (ages 11-17 years old) and meet our great scouts! New members are always welcome. For more information go to www.troop907.org.

Events Update: We are excited to announce that FCCW will be participating in the “Woodbridge Like Me” event, sponsored by the Town of Woodbridge on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Seasonal delights, like fresh cider and warm apple pie a la mode (\$2), a free ice cream scoop for children, live music by singer/songwriter Shawn Taylor, and much more - from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come on over!

Sanctuary Décor Restoration: The fine decorative arts company, John Canning, Cheshire, CT, has begun its work to repair the plasterwork and



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to repaint the grisaille/trompe l’oeil design on the ceiling of our historic sanctuary. Go to www.uccw.org for all the details. Donations from the wider community to the FCCW Sanctuary Fund are welcomed.

Pre-School Space Available: Three rooms (1,200 sf) and a fenced playground are available. Please contact the office for more information.

For More Information: Visit our website at www.uccw.org for resources such as our calendar of events, monthly parish newsletter, ministry and volunteer opportunities, photo galleries, scout info, and much more! Feel free to email us or call the office with all your questions. We are happy to hear from you!

FCCW Sunday Service Schedule	
Sept. 26 th	Rev. Karl Duetzmann
Oct. 3 rd	Rev. Raquel Irizarry*
Oct. 10 th	Rev. Martha Bays
Oct. 17 th	Rev. Karl Duetzmann
Oct. 24 th	Rev. Martha Bays
Oct. 31 st	Rev. Walter Pitman
Nov. 7 th	Rev. Hiram Brett *
Nov. 14 th	Rev. Walter Pitman
Nov. 21 st	Rev. Karl Duetzmann
Nov. 28 th	Rev. Raquel Irizarry
Dec. 5 th	Rev. Hiram Brett *
Dec. 12 th	Rev. Karl Duetzmann
Dec. 19 th	Rev. Janice Touloukian
Dec. 26 th	Rev. Raquel Irizarry

* indicates a Communion Sunday

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Zion Lutheran Church Orange Welcomes Pastor Joshua Schiff

On June 12, Zion Lutheran Church (780 Grassy Hill Road, Orange) welcomed newly ordained Pastor Joshua Schiff and his family.

Pastor Schiff grew up in Southern Illinois. After returning from Operation Iraqi-Freedom in 2008, he married his best friend and worked for over six years in the State Correctional System. During his time working in Corrections, he completed his undergraduate education and his first graduate degree. He then left Corrections to pursue his dream of becoming a Lutheran pastor. During the summer of 2020, Joshua completed his vicarage at Faith Lutheran Church in Green Bay, WI. He holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Illinois and a Master of Divinity

degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. In the Fall of 2021, he will begin coursework toward his Master of Sacred Theology at Yale Divinity School.

Joshua is married to Shelly, who was accepted to the Long-Term Care Management Certificate program at the University of Connecticut and will begin her coursework there this fall. They have two children. The Schiffs enjoy living in New England and are excited about becoming part of the greater Orange community!

Zion holds weekly Divine Worship Services at 5:00 pm Saturday and 10:30 am Sunday. More information about Pastor Schiff and the Congregation (including its open prayer list) can be found at www.zion-orange.com.

Orange Congregational Church Invites You to Worship

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 will be at 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Due to COVID precautions, indoor seating is limited to 100 people, so please contact the church office (occhurch@snet.net or 203-795-9749) to register prior to worship and confirm your attendance. Masks are also required.

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Orange Congregational Church

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

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The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd at 680 Racebrook Road in Orange announces its Fall Rummage Sale to be held at the church on Friday, October 8th from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. and on Saturday October 9th from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. As in the past, the Rummage Sale will feature men's, women's and children's clothing, jewelry, accessories, shoes, jigsaw puzzles, toys, lamps, books, DVDs, housewares and linens.

Based on our experience from prior Rummage Sales, we encourage you to come to the Sale early and to come expecting to find a hidden treasure.

The Church's Sunday service times



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

are 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

If you want more information about the Rummage Sale or about the church services, please call Elaine Swirsky at 203-795-6809.

Holy Infant Church Outdoor Rosary

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild is having an Outdoor Rosary on Saturday, 10/9, at 1 pm on the church lawn at 450 Racebrook Road. The rain date is Sunday, 10/10 at 1 pm. Bring a chair and please park in the lot, not in the driveway area.

The Guild will be doing its annu-

al Christmas pocketbook stuffing for needy women. Donations of new or gently used pocketbooks, warm hats, gloves, socks, scarves, and new every day basic hygiene items are needed. Donation boxes will be on the portico of the church. All items are needed by Sunday, November 27.

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Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel Events

Kids and Teens

BEKI has returned to its usual schedule of services for all ages of children. Every Saturday, Children's Havura meets outdoors in the courtyard. K-2 Kehila and Junior Congregation meet indoors. All three start at 10:45 am and end outdoors with the congregation's kiddush lunch. To receive her weekly newsletter, email Youth and Family Programming Director Annie Norman-Schiff at anormanschiff@beki.org. She also will provide information about upcoming events for teens (BEKI USY) and pre-teens (BEKI Kadima).

Elm City Kallah

On Saturday, October 30 at 1 pm, Rabbi Ethan Tucker will speak



at BEKI as part of the weekend Kallah. Selected as an outstanding young Jewish innovator in New York, Rabbi Tucker is known for his ability to transcend the affiliation boundaries of Judaism. The co-founder of Kehilat Hadar, an independent prayer community in New York's Upper West Side, he is now President and Rosh Yeshiva at an observant egalitarian yeshiva, also called Hadar. His topic is "Navigating Relationships in a World of Difference: How do we proceed when aspects of our Jewish observance create discomfort with family members and friends?"

Learn About CONECT

The Zoom Schmooze on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30 pm will be about CONECT: Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut. CONECT is a broad-based organization made up of 37 congregations from Hamden to Stamford that organize together on issues of common concern. The featured speaker will be Matt McDermott, Lead Organizer for CONECT, who led CONECT through success-

ful campaigns on immigration rights, health insurance rates, criminal justice reforms, and police accountability. To request the link, email office@beki.org.

Fair Trade Foods

On Wednesday, October 13 at 7:30 pm, the Schmooze will be about Fair



Trade with Susan Sklar, the Interfaith Team Manager at Equal Exchange. Started in 1986 as a food co-op, Equal Exchange facilitates the Jewish Fair Trade Project, which assists Jewish institutions and individuals in purchasing kosher and Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org.

Outdoor Music

BEKI will hold its next courtyard music event on Saturday, October 23 at 7:30 pm. This showcase will feature secular and Jewish music from BEKI musicians, a campfire, and plenty of good vibes. In case of rain, the event will move inside.



Ancestors Exhibit

BEKI's latest high holy day gallery show features pre-1950 photographs and artwork that portray the diverse ethnic backgrounds of members. More than 40 members contributed images of ancestors, some which date as far back as the 1880s, along with information on their identities and the lives they lived. The exhibition, which will be on view through November 7, is open to the public by appointment; email office@beki.org or call 203.389.2108.

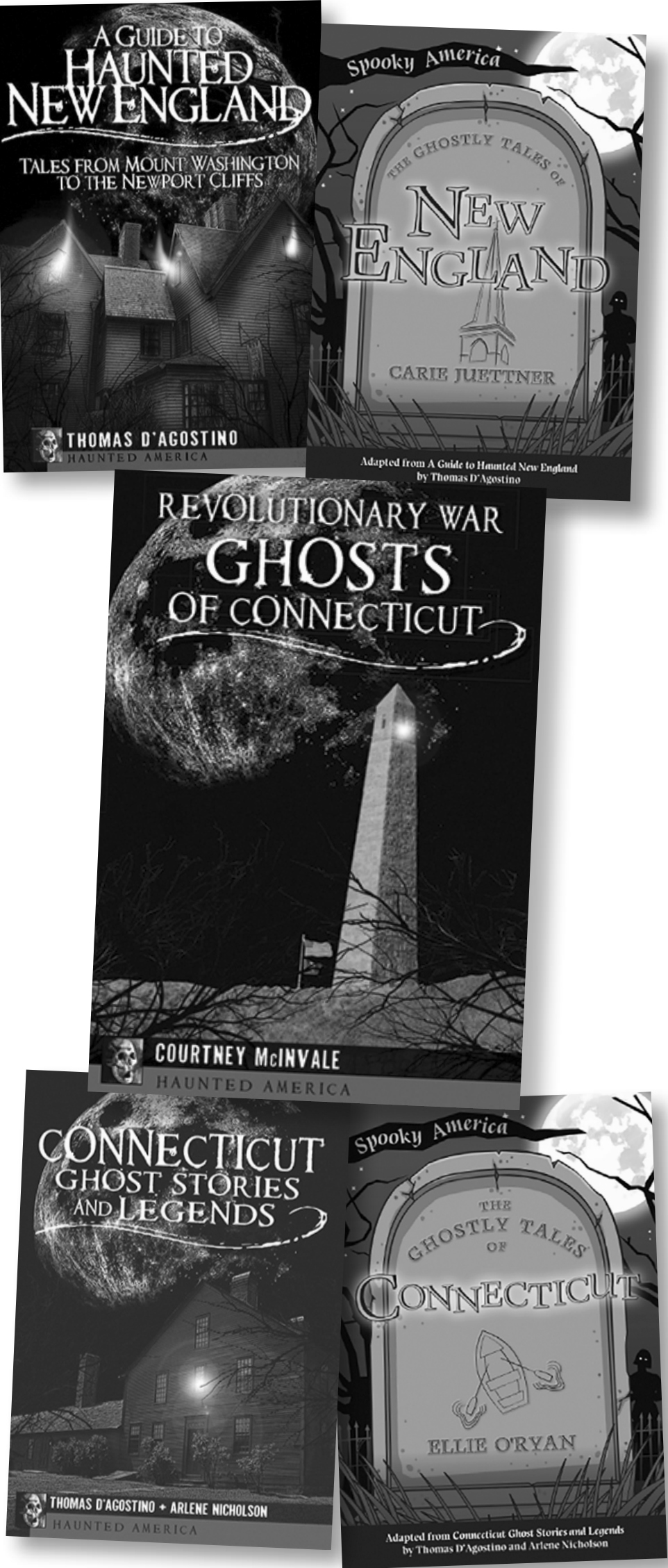
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Physical Fitness, Healing And Safety In The Age Of Covid

While normal living seems to have come to a halt during the pandemic, physical fitness and the needs of the human body to remain healthy and strong move on. In fact, "Movement as Medicine" is a mantra for Amity Physical Therapy, the only local physical therapy practice that has embedded a Fitness unit into all three of its offices.

Founded sixteen years ago by Michael Dow, MSPT and CEO/Clinical Director, Amity Physical Therapy is renowned for its "Prehab/Rehab" program that has established the practice as a destination for patient therapy before and after orthopedic surgery. "It's possible," Dow said, "that in many cases surgery can be avoided with specific preventative methods. Our clinicians are skilled at restoring movement in joints, reducing or eliminating pain, and possibly avoiding or forestalling further orthopedic procedures.

"From pediatrics to geriatrics, we cover all the bases in human physical movement increasing performance, strengthening muscles, ligaments and joints, and returning patients to normal activity in record time." Dow continued: "Our Fitness Centers, now an integral part of our therapy programs, are staffed by licensed professional trainers who work side by side with physical therapists to apply a holistic approach to our practice. Health-Wellness-Fitness – it's all here including nutritional programs for the most comprehensive physical health service in the area."

Amity Physical Therapy is a classic example of the adherence to all Covid-19 safety practices outlined by the government. From the socially-distanced lobby to private therapy rooms and tables to fitness equipment – all are thoroughly sanitized after patient treatments and usage.

Masks and appropriate PPE gear



Michael Dow

are in force. For patients who prefer online or Telehealth sessions rather than in-person visits, these are offered as well. Dow concluded: "Again, we've covered all the bases in physical health responsibly, safely, and in many respects, uniquely. With the pandemic having limited our lives and the way we perform personal and professional tasks, it also limits our physical activity impairing our health and weakening the body's physical structure. Correct fitness and therapy programs tailored to the individual, can significantly sustain and improve one's muscular-skeletal profile during a very restrictive time in our lives."

Michael Dow MSPT/CEO founded Amity Physical Therapy seventeen years ago and maintains offices in Woodbridge, Hamden, Branford and Milford. He received his degree from Sacred Heart University and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for his work with the national Multiple Sclerosis Society. He works with patients of all ages, as well as local high school and college athletes. Michael can be reached at 203-389-4593 or visit amitypt.com.



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DEATH NOTICES

Marilyn Cohen

Marilyn Cohen passed away peacefully at home on September 13, 2021, at the age of 90. She was born in Patterson, NJ to Samuel and Ruth Goodman, and grew up in Miami Beach, Florida. She attended Vanderbilt University where she met her husband Stanley Cohen, an engineer and writer, who predeceased her in 2010, after a happy marriage of over 50 years.

After marriage, she and Stanley moved to Connecticut where she was a beloved teacher in the Orange School system for 25 years. Upon retirement, Marilyn founded Educational Problem Solvers, a tutoring and consulting practice that enabled her to assist students with special educational needs.

Active and engaging, Marilyn lived independently until her death. She loved conversation and was passionate about politics. She enjoyed her family, friends, cultural activities, travel, and continuing education. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her and the students whose lives she touched.

Marilyn is survived by her brother Marvin Goodman (Rosalie Goodman) of Kingston, Jamaica, her sister Sandra Sohcot (Brian Stern) of San Francisco, CA and her three children Edward Cohen (Abby Ruben) of Minneapolis, MN, Jo Cohen (Ron Cohen) of West Hartford, CT, and Stephen Cohen (Susan Cohen) of West Orange, NJ, and 5 grandchildren.

A graveside funeral was held in New Haven, CT on September 14, 2021. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Connecticut Hospice, Visiting Angels of Connecticut, and Rabbi Farbman of Temple Emmanuel in Orange, CT.

Memorial contributions can be made in Marilyn Cohen's honor to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (michaeljfox.org) and the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation (crohnscolitisfoundation.org).



William T. Musco, Jr.

William T. Musco, Jr., of Orange, died peacefully on August 13th, 2021. Born in New Haven on November 5, 1946 to the late William T. Sr. and Genevieve Musco. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years and best friend Marie Viola Musco; sons Mathew and Mark Musco; grandsons Ethan, Tyler, and Benjamin; granddaughter Nora; brother Paul Musco of West Haven and sister Mary Lynn Musco of Manhattan, New York.

A graduate of Saint Anselm College with a degree in political science and philosophy, he was a longtime member of its alumni association as well as the President's Society. Billy began his political career at age 17, his first endeavor was assisting on the 1964 New Hampshire campaign for Presidential hopeful Barry Goldwater. He then worked for candidate Richard Nixon in 1968, as well as each subsequent republican Presidential campaign until his death. He served nearly 30 years in an executive management capacity for General Accident Insurance Company, retiring in 1999.

Long considered a clever Republican operative who could "heat the room" with his acerbic political wit, he will remain long remembered for his razor-sharp and sometimes caustic expressions, particularly as add-ons to phrases belonging to political lexicon. One who defined politics as a "contact sport", one particular story remains within the minds of his peers. Once asked by an overtly intense reporter as to the exaggeration(s) of his opponent's record in campaign literature, he stated, "Well, we ain't writtin' scripture." Summing up said campaigns, he maintained, "they are not about disseminating truth; rather, they are about winning."

Billy held a particular passion for poetry, a deep and enduring love of the written word, amassing a personal library of nearly 1,000 volumes, including biographies of individual poets as well as former American Presidents.

A dedicated citizen of Orange, Billy held various titles within community outreach. He was a member of the Orange Board of Selectmen and Town Ethics Committee. Additionally, he served as Chairman of the Orange Republican Town Committee, President of the Orange Soccer Association, Treasurer of the Racebrook School PTA, a Minister of the Eucharist at Holy Infant Church, an Assistant Boy Scout Leader, and a Justice of the Peace.

Services were currently private and interment will be announced at a future date. Donations may be made to the Town of Orange Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Ronald McDonald House of New Haven.



Robert C. Shanley

Robert C Shanley, 78 of Orange, passed away suddenly on Friday, September 17th. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Donna L. Shanley, and his adoring children, son PJ Shanley (Whitney), and daughter Erin (Nuala).

Bob is also survived by his four adoring grandchildren, Caitlyn, Colleen, Ronan, and Maeve, as well as many loving brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Also, survived by brother James (Betty Elizabeth) – predeceased by brother Richard (Beverly).

Born May 31st, 1943, Bob was the son of Dorothy and Patrick J Shanley. He graduated Hamden High and Quinnipiac College with a degree in Business Administration. He was discharged from active duty in the army in 1966.

He had a long and successful career in insurance, beginning with the Travelers insurance company and then the Hanover Insurance company. After 10 years working with both companies, Bob embarked on an independent career and was affiliated with Nicholson Associates of Milford. Bob joined the Professional Insurance Association (PIA), serving as president from 1995 to 1996 and six years as its national director.

Bob was active in the Orange community, having coached both PJ and Erin. Bob was also an active member of the Orange Democratic Town Committee and served as a town constable. He was also proudly chairman of the Orange Police Commissioners for 10 years. Bob was proud to be involved in the Irish community, serving as President of the New Haven chapter of the Irish Immigration reform movement, as well as its National Director. Bob was a communicant and volunteer at Holy Infant Church for over 30 years. Bob was a member of the AOH, the West Haven Irish American Club, as well as the Knights of Saint Patrick, serving as President in 1982. The Knights awarded him the Knight of the Year Award in 1999. Bob was a proud member of the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade committee since the 1970s, serving as Grand Marshall in 1987. He was also the Executive Director for 10 years.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated September 23rd in Holy Infant Church, Orange. Burial in Orange Center Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in the capable hands of the Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Avenue, Hamden. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made



Patricia T. (Tracy) Zeoli

Patricia Tracy Zeoli, 91, of Orange, beloved wife of the late Francis A. Zeoli, passed away peacefully at home on September 8, 2021. Born on March 28, 1930 in Derby, CT, she was the daughter of the late Michael Vincent and Louise (McEnerney) Tracy.

Pat grew up in Derby, CT and always spoke so fondly of the good times she had and what downtown Derby was like with all the stores along Main Street. She held many memories of good friends from her Valley days and many that she stayed in contact with during her lifetime.

Pat attended St Mary's High School in New Haven and the Larson College, Quinnipiac and then trained at New England Deaconist in Boston.

Pat worked in the laboratory at Griffin Hospital where she met her future husband, Frank. They were then encouraged to open Zeoli Medical Laboratory which they operated for over 50 years.

Pat loved being involved in the town and in activities in the schools. She served on and was Chair of the Orange Board of Health, loved local politics and any event or bake sale that was in need. Pat always had the interests of her family front and center and there was always room for another person at the dinner table.


Patricia is survived by her children, Michael T. (Ewa) Zeoli, James M. Zeoli, and Melissa L. Zeoli; her sister, Barbara (George) Santa; her caregiver, Pauline Jackson; many nieces, nephews, and extended family; and by her black lab, Ben.

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Griffin Hospital Development Fund, 130 Division St., Derby, CT 06418.



to the Knights of St. Patrick, P.O. Box 185127 Hamden, CT. 06518 or to the Associated Irish Societies, P.O. Box 9078, New Haven, CT 06532. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.siskbrothers.com.

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How To Help Seniors Adapt To Automotive Tech

Modern automobiles are more technologically advanced than ever before. That tech isn't just making driving more comfortable and convenient, but also more safe.

In a recent analysis of motor vehicle accidents, researchers at the International Institute for Highway Safety found that vehicles with blind spot and lane departure warning systems were involved in 11 percent fewer sideswipes and head-on crashes than cars that did not feature such systems. In addition, the IIHS estimates that the number of automobile crashes in the United States could be decreased by 85,000 each year if every vehicle were outfitted with a lane departure warning system.

Driver assistance systems have made driving safer for millions of people across the globe, but one demographic may need some extra help adapting to modern vehicles, and may even need a little extra encouragement to utilize tech that can keep them safe behind the wheel. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that, in 2018, the United States was home to 45 million licensed drivers aged 65 and over. That marks a 60 percent increase since 2000. Though seniors' perceived unwillingness or inability to utilize modern technology is often overstated, some aging drivers may need a little extra help as they try to learn how to use assistance technologies in their vehicles.


Learn the tech yourself. Assistance technologies are not all one and the same. Vehicle manufacturers have their own systems and there can be a learning curve when adapting to a new one. If you aspire to teach a senior

how to utilize the assistance technologies in his or her vehicle, first learn the tech on your own. If both you and your aging friend or family member own a Subaru, chances are you already know how to use the tech in your loved one's vehicle. If you drive cars made by different manufacturers, visit the dealership where your loved one bought his or her car and ask for a quick tutorial on all the safety features in the vehicle. Salesman demonstrate these features every day, so it shouldn't take long for them to show you the ropes.

Be patient. Each person adapts to a new technology at his or her own pace. It's important to remain patient when teaching aging drivers how to use the tech in their vehicles. Old habits die hard, and while some drivers may quickly adapt to tech like backup cameras, others may not be so quick to abandon driving techniques they've been safely using for decades. Stay the course, remain patient and allow senior drivers to adapt at their own pace.

Teach one tech at a time. It can be overwhelming for drivers of all ages to adapt overnight to all the tech in their new vehicles. When teaching senior drivers how to utilize various driver assistance technologies, take it one tech at a time. When coupled with your patience, this approach can help seniors avoid being overwhelmed and increases the likelihood that they will embrace the tech in their vehicles.

Many senior drivers utilize driver assistance technologies every day. A patient and methodical approach to showing seniors how their vehicles can help them stay safe behind the wheel can be a road map to helping seniors adapt to life in modern vehicles.



Orange Little League

ANNUAL ELECTION

Orange Little League, Inc., a non profit organization providing baseball and softball to Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge youth, will be holding an election for the positions listed below. Interested candidates may apply to be nominated as officers/directors of the organization. The election will take place 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9 at the High Plains Community Center in Orange. In order to be eligible, the deadline to enter your name for a position is October 12, 2021. The terms of office are one year. Candidates must submit to and pass a criminal background check.

If you are interested in running for any position, please contact **BOTH Chris Wetmore**, Nominating Committee Chairman at wetmore52@gmail.com **AND Eric Jadach**, President at orangectllpres@outlook.com. Subject Line: OLL Elections

Interested candidates should review the Orange Little League Constitution which will provide additional information and procedures and can be found on our website: www.orangectlittleleague.com.

The positions are:

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Where Do We Go From Here...?

The American Revolution was initiated by delegates from thirteen colonies of British America against the British. I know or hope you know that the war was fought over the issue of American independence from the British Empire. You also know, from my previous stories, that England tried to take away the rights of the Connecticut Colony through the return of its charter as a colony, then under British rule albeit loose, but rules nevertheless. So now, where do I go from there? It was a mere 39 years from the end of the war in 1783 that the Town of Orange sought its sovereignty and became the Town of Orange in 1822. In 1821 it was North Milford with a section in the south end named Bryan's Farms.

There is a series of books that we sell in the Academy about the Ghosts of Connecticut, Revolutionary War Ghosts, and Ghosts of New England, but I can't find any information in our archives of ghosts in Orange, other than hearsay and some paranormal activity. I suppose if it's in writing, one would believe it, but...there are legends in Connecticut like Hannah Cranna from Monroe, Capt. Kidd on Charles Island in Milford, and the phantom ship of New Haven, but that direction won't work for this story either so let me tell you what we do know about Orange (North Milford) prior to 1822. Oh, by the way, the date for the first town meeting was held on the 2nd Monday of June 1822 thus ending its connection with Milford.

Folks are often asked why the name Orange and I suppose that our newer citizens often ask that question so I will answer it here. A committee was appointed to select a name for the "new" town with a difference of opinion. Some wanted to keep North Milford (my favorite), Milford Haven, and Westford were other suggestions but Orange came up using Prince William of Orange (Netherlands) who was instrumental in helping the Connecticut Colony when it was under siege by King James II...remember the Connecticut Charter story? The Orange Historical Society has Prince William's Coat of Arms on our T-shirts which we all wore at the recent Country Fair, lest we forget that our first town seal was showcased at the sesquicentennial in Orange in 1972.

On Saturday, May 27, 1972, the First Federal Savings Bank of New Haven presented First Selectman, Ralph Capecelatro with the official Town flag designed by Bob Hiza and Curt Thompson, depicting the coat of arms of the 17th century benefactor of the Connecticut Colonies, Prince William of Orange. One of those flags hangs in the Academy with pictures

and the story of its beginning.

North Milford sprang out of the need for land, land that Milford was farming and using as it grew out of its 1639 beginning. Land to the north was purchased from the Paugussetts with their chief Ansantawae, the southern part being homesteaded by the Bryan Family. Today, we refer to their land as 208 acres with Lambert Road, Orange Center Road, Porter Lane and Old Tavern Road as boundary lines. John Bryan had a store on the west side of the Green so the town was like Milford with Devon its smaller area and Bryan's Farms the same idea. Once the North Milford folks had their settlement, Milford was still the hub for church and it became very difficult to manage Sunday services there. Thus, the Orange Congregational Church, 1810.

North Milford had a library, consisting of 144 volumes, mostly religious established in 1804, giving an idea of the character of the citizens. Timothy Dwight in his "Journeys in New England" wrote, "After passing the western boundary of the township of New Haven, we entered the parish of North Milford. The surface is formed of easy undulations. The soil is rich and the inhabitants are industrious, sober, frugal and virtuous. In the early days, there were sections of town with their own names and character. Oggs Meadow to the northwest, northeast, Dogburn, south-east Scot-



Prince William

land, High Plains ran south from the Green and the west of there was Town Plain and from Milford to Bethany was Race. White Plain ran between Race and Dogburn, south of the Derby Turnpike (Route 34) was Grassie Hill and over the hill and beyond to the Housatonic was Turkey Hill. Sodom Hill extending into Derby to the extreme northwest and lastly George's Cellar Hill lying west of the Derby to Milford Road." This area sounds like it was located in what is now the Turkey Hill Preserve.

Mary Woodruff, in her "History of Orange," gives us a mirror to the past. In 2022, the Orange Historical Society

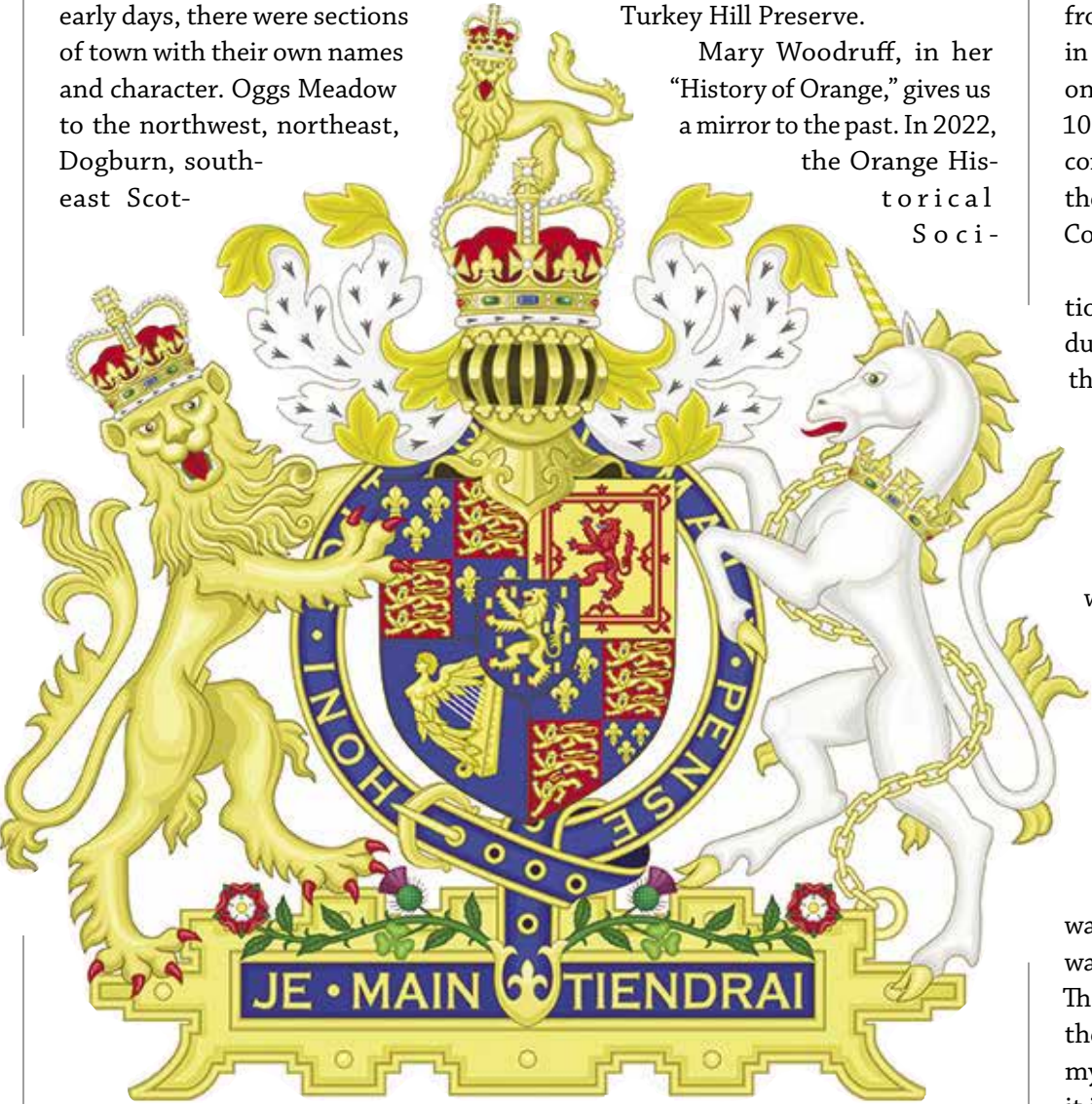
ety will be highlighting our history with exhibits, stories, hearth cooking, re-enactments and other events to catch us up for the past 200 years. Two hundred years, 39 years from the American Revolution, a mere speck in time but for a small town, a lifetime of efforts. Mary tells us that in 1820, West Farms (West Haven) having been denied sovereignty from New Haven, approached North Milford to unite the two to form one town. The men of North Milford, being very conservative first took a public opinion poll and after much discussion agreed with three conditions. 1. All town meetings and elector's meetings would be at or near the meeting house in North Milford (church); 2. For the first

10 years each society would pay such expenses incurred within its own limits in the way of town expenses and concerns and 3. If the General Assembly did not grant the new township, any expenses incurred would not be accepted by the North Milford society.

The petition was filed April 18, 1821 and the resolve to secure the two towns together is dated, May 1, 1822. This alliance held for almost one hundred years until West Haven, growing as a larger town asked to be released from its connection with Orange and in 1921, West Haven became a town, on its own. They are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year with events commemorating their beginnings and their history as the youngest town in Connecticut.

Mary goes on to tell us of a question that you might ask us in 2022 during our 200th celebration. How did the people manage to live and support large families in 1822? The answer? They grew crops, selling some for cash while others were consumed by the family. Exchange was more likely as butter, cheese and poultry were plentiful and the need for cash less than we would imagine. Livestock was the most dependable source of income.

Cider mills were aplenty on many farms making vinegar and both sweet and hard cider. Candles were made at home as well as soap using wood ashes, lime, straw and water, certainly not Dove. Toothpaste was a mixture of honey and charcoal. The grit would clean off the tartar, but the honey would add the cavities...oh my. So, life in 1822...let's celebrate it in 2022.



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