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Playground to Move Forward While Park Committee Forms

BY BETTINA THIEL
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Members of the newly-minted Fred Wolfe Park Committee met for their first meeting on January 19, and elected Attorney John Carangelo, a member of the Board of Selectmen, as its chairman. The committee will meet monthly, with the next meeting set for February 16 at 5:30 in an effort to sort out how the 69 acres of open space can best be used for passive recreation.

Members of the committee include Carangelo, Jeanine Capecelatro, Kaury Kucera, Jim O'Connor, and PJ Shanley. They looked at a long list of questions and ideas, drawn up by Shanley and Carangelo, which the committee will attempt to solve. First item on the list is to obtain existing plans for the park – including the 2013 Master Plan as

well as traffic and parking needs, bathrooms, lighting and scoreboards; possibly more fields and additional uses.

Meanwhile the Playground Committee, which has been at work for the past two years or so to bring an accessible playground to Orange, is anticipating construction to start soon. “The playground project is moving ahead as we are inching closer to spring,” wrote First Selectman Jim Zeoli when asked whether the playground was on hold.

Supply chain issues added to the delay in construction, said Travis Ewen, who chaired the playground project for the town. In February of last year, the selectmen voted unanimously to endorse the playground project moving to construction. The

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Pictured from left to right: Annemarie Sliby (Orange Economic Development), Dr. John Kelly (Connecticut Orthopaedics), Susan Bader CEO (Connecticut Orthopaedics), Gary Richetelli (Commercial Development Company), Michael Romano (Commercial Development Company), and Garry Richetelli (Commercial Development Company).

Groundbreaking Ceremony of Racebrook Medical Center

The Town of Orange and Commercial Development Company are excited to announce the groundbreaking of Racebrook Medical Center, located at 235 Boston Post Road in Orange. The new facility will house Connecticut Orthopaedics and Hartford Healthcare and is set to open in the third quarter of 2023.

“We are thrilled to be expanding our commitment to our patients in Orange and surrounding communities with a larger, more comprehensive facility,” said Susan Bader, Connecticut Orthopaedics Chief Executive Officer. “This will allow us to provide care to even more patients and get them back to the activities they enjoy.”

Connecticut Orthopaedics’ two existing Orange locations will transi-

tion to this new state-of-the-art facility when it opens later this year, offering patients a full suite of orthopaedic services, including urgent care, imaging, and physical therapy.

Hartford Healthcare, also currently located at a smaller office in Orange, plans to expand and increase their scope of services to the community.

Gary Richetelli, Principal of Commercial Development Company says, “The new building is going to be a beautiful addition to the Boston Post Road landscape and the medical center will service Orange and the surrounding areas nicely.”

The ceremony took place on January 4, 2023.

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Students from Orange Congregational Church Nursery School enjoyed visiting the Case Memorial Library to view the holiday decorations

Students in the 5s kindergarten readiness class at OCNS work together and learn cooperation skills as they prepare to enter kindergarten in the fall

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“The Gift of Time”

Orange Community Nursery School’s
Kindergarten Readiness 5 year old Program

As preschool teachers at Orange Community Nursery School we are acutely aware that our students learn best in a playful environment. OCNS (located at the High Plains Community Center) has traditionally been a play-based program and has been working with families in Orange for the past 66 years. Basing our program on sound educational research has been the foundation for our academic, play-based curriculum. Expanding our format to include a transitional Kindergarten Readiness Program eight years ago was a natural evolution for our school. It has been the perfect fit for families and we are excited to be offering the Kindergarten Readiness Program again for the 2023-2024 school year.

Our 5s program is a much-needed solution for children with late summer or fall birthdays who would benefit from an additional year of preschool. Children need to have many whole-body sensory experiences daily to develop strong minds and bodies. Social-emotional development is a key concern for families because of the effects of the pandemic on young learners. OCNS strives to offer a program filled with these meaningful learning experiences and focuses on aligning with the CT State Frameworks for Early Childhood Education as well as neighboring Kindergarten programs. The

certified teachers at OCNS create an ever-evolving curriculum to tailor to the needs of their 5-year-old students. We also offer many opportunities for strengthening social skills and building emotional stamina for kindergarten. Our program is purposely adapted to meet the needs of this age group and students achieve great success during their first formal year of schooling after graduating from OCNS’ Kindergarten Readiness Program. Giving young children “the gift of time” is a wonderful option for families and OCNS provides a loving atmosphere for this extra year of growth.

Orange Community Nursery School also offers 3- and 4-year-old programs. Our 3-year-old program focuses on socialization while our 4s begin early literacy and numeracy activities. Our certified, friendly staff will welcome you into our child-centered classrooms. We have a large fenced-in outdoor space and playground, which are sure to please your preschooler. Our class offerings are varied to allow families to find a schedule that works best for them. Your family will find Orange Community Nursery School and its 60 years of service to local families, is the perfect fit to meet your child’s preschool needs. We pride ourselves on being the preschool parents are talking about – come see the difference!



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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Teens Give Back to Orange PD with Cookies 4 Cops Event

The feeling was one of gratitude and thanks at CTeen Haven’s Cookies 4 Cops event. With the theme of giving back, 20 teens throughout greater New Haven got together with members of the Orange Police Department to show appreciation to those who serve. CTeen Haven, Chabad of Greater New Haven’s teen program, organized the event which was held at the new Chabad Jewish Center of Orange/Woodbridge on the Post Road.

Rolling up their sleeves, the teens and police officers got to work and baked about 300 cookies to be delivered to the local police station. The teens also heard from the cops about what they do for the community and what their service entails. Additional highlights of the evening were interacting with the cops through competitive races and games and chatting over refreshments. “It was so beautiful to see

an atmosphere of unity and teamwork between everyone. We are so happy to arrange this opportunity for the teens and show the officers how much we value what they do for us,” said Mrs. Bracha Cheruff, co-director of CTeen Haven. The program was part of CTeen’s mission to provide meaningful opportunities for Jewish teens that cultivate a strong sense of mission, purpose, and responsibility.

The event was a success and received a lot of positive feedback from both parents and teens. It was an excellent way for CTeen to promote positive relationships between law enforcement and the community.

CTeen is looking forward to future programs, including a Chanukah latke masterchef which took place Tuesday, December 20. To find out more about CTeen, go to cteenhaven.com/masterchef.

Veterans Wanted

The Town of Orange is working to put a list of living Korean-era veterans who served in the U.S. Military between 1950-1955 and Vietnam veterans who served in the U.S. Military between 1961-1975.

If you are a resident of Orange that served our country during these

times, please contact Ann Denny in the First Selectman’s Office with your information.

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playground equipment was finally delivered after the holidays, but it seems the ground needed to be prepared for construction to start.

The town had received two grants from the state, for a total of \$500,000 towards the project. In addition, the committee raised over \$10,000 in donations towards the purchase of benches, named bricks and other amenities. “This will be the first playground in Orange not associated with a school which will allow families with children not yet of school age to have access to play throughout the day and not be restricted by school schedules,” Ewen wrote. “In addition to the destination play equipment, some other exciting features include a paved track encircling the playground that will allow parents and grandparents to get their steps in while their children play, this will also be a great location for kids to learn how to bike.”

Parents, though mostly excited about the planned new destination playground, have expressed concern at public meetings about it being located right next to the driveway off Hollow Road, which at this point is the only access point to the park. Families arrive for soccer and lacrosse practices and games, up to 500 cars on some busy weekends, according to Tom Pisano, chairman of Orange Soccer Association. “That’s five hundred (cars) in and five hundred out,” he said.

If in the future the town re-purposes the fields behind Mary L Tracy School for parking, Orange Soccer will need to move all of its activities to Wolfe Park, adding another 300 cars to the mix. Pisano maintains that the town should add the 14 acres that are currently farmed at the north end of the park – to allow for more parking, an additional soccer field and possibly, a safer location for the playground.

That’s where it was located in the Master Plan.

Pisano and Zeoli have butted heads repeatedly. The latest confrontation at the January 11 Board of Selectmen meeting focused on the question whether or not the town could end its license agreement with Field View Farm, which is using the fields to grow corn.

Town Attorney Vincent Marino explained that Dorothy and Walter Hine had the option to renew the license for another two years, which they did, but now that they exercised that option, they had no right to extend the contract beyond those two years. In two years, it will expire and the town can use the land for its own uses. Zeoli suggested that in two years the FWP Committee will have come up with a plan of its own, and the town can decide at that time whether to use the cornfields for farming or for recreation.

Pisano was incensed. “I asked for it (to lease the land) in December, knowing that the Hines people had not given notice,” he said. Their letter to call the option to renew did not arrive at Town Hall until after his own, he said. He is hoping that a petition that circulated, asking the Board of Selectmen to not renew the license, can force a referendum. The petition has gotten close to 400 signatures, Pisano said, 100 away from the needed number to trigger a referendum. He is hoping to avoid a legal challenge of the license renewal. But if Attorney Marino’s interpretation holds up, the town has to fulfill its obligation. “It’s corn over kids,” Pisano said.

On November 7th a petition was created to stop the town from planting corn on FWP (passive recreation land). The petition also asked for the playground location to be changed. Currently 400 registered voters have signed.

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

From the Amity Board of Education

By PAUL DAVIS
AMITY BOE CHAIR



Application of Unexpended Funds: The Amity Board of Education made its decision on how to apply the unexpended funds from the 2021-2022 budget. Board members debated the interpretation of C.G.S. 10-51(c), which reads, “The board shall use any budget appropriation which has not been expended by the end of the fiscal year to reduce the net expenses of the district for the following fiscal year.” The Board approved that the unexpended funds from the prior school year (2021-2022) be used to reduce the allocation payments made by the member towns for the current school year (2022-2023). The reduction to the payments will be calculated from 2021-2022 enrollment and will be based on the final audit report that the Board will approve at its February meeting. Town Finance Committees will receive a memo detailing the reduction in payment prior to finalizing their fiscal year 2024 budgets. Reductions to the allocation payments will occur prior to June 30th.

Communicating Educational Concerns with the Schools: The Board recognizes that parents may have questions or concerns about their child’s educational experiences. Students also at times have experiences and observations about their instruction, education, and school climate that they wish to share or have explained or investigated. While the Board takes seriously its responsibility to listen to constituents and while Board members are empathetic to the experiences of parents, guardians, and students, it is the position and policy of the Board that problems are best resolved at the most immediate level of responsibility. To that end, the Board encourages parents and students to open lines of communication with classroom teachers, school counselors, assistant/associate principals, and principals when there is a concern about an educational matter they are experiencing. Phone conversations and face to face meetings with those individuals frequently help to resolve those concerns. If resolution isn’t reached at the school level, the administration at the district level (athletic Director, Pupil Services Director, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and Superintendent) are also available for conversation. All these channels of communication open the opportunity for conversation and dialogue between school personnel and community members.

CAPSS Student Awards Presented: The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) Superintendent Student Award Recognition Program was conducted at

the January Board meeting. Students who receive this award are recognized for “community service and service to others; academic process; and leadership service to the school community”. Ten Amity students were recognized including: Anchal Bahel (ARHS), Julia Capecelatro (AMSO), Nina Carmeli (ARHS), Francis Carvallaro (ARHS), Riley D’Andrea (AMSB), Allen Liu (ARHS), Grace Mahon (ARHS), Katherine Sim (ARHS), Auh’Veon Singleton (AMSO), and Tiari Young (AMSB).

2023-2024 Amity Budget: The Superintendent’s proposed 2023-2024 budget was presented to the Amity Finance Committee on January 9, 2023. Presentations will be made to each of the town’s Boards of Finance on January 19th (Woodbridge), January 23rd (Orange), and February 14th (Bethany). The purpose of the AFC presentation and attending the Boards of Finance meetings is to receive input and feedback from citizens of each of our towns prior to the March deadline for adoption of the budget by the Board of Education. Details of the proposed budget may be found on the district website amityregion5.org/BOE/budget.

Amity’s Next Generation Accountability Results: On January 9, 2023, the Board of Education reviewed Amity’s results on the CSDE’s Next Generation Accountability System. This is a statewide metric where “schools and districts earn points on a broad set of 12 indicators that help tell the story of how well a school is preparing its students for success in college, careers, and life. The system moves beyond test scores and graduation rates to provide a more holistic, multifactor perspective of district and school performance.” District results for Amity mirrored many of the trends found across the state. Amity maintained its top performance in the 4-year graduation rate, postsecondary entrance, 9th grade students on track to graduate from high school, and student performance in state English assessments. Amity showed growth in the number of students taking college and career level courses. Consistent with patterns across the state, Amity saw a significant increase in the number of students who are chronically absent and a decline in math performance in grades 7-12. The accountability results are used to prioritize budget requests and professional development for teachers. All accountability data can be found on the CSDE’s Data Portal, EdSight.

BOWA Boutique: The Amity chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting the BOWA Boutique, the school’s

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Students Preserve Hundreds of Photos for Hurricane Victims

“These photos are some of the only possessions people have after massive destruction to their lives”

Amity High School photography students have been involved in a community service photography project that has drawn national attention. The project involves using state-of-the-art technology they learned in school to preserve photos from Hurricane Ian (Florida) victims.

The project was conceptualized and led by long-time photographer and teacher Lisa Toto who has been a teacher for 27 years. She enlisted 30-35 students who have painstakingly restored 100 family photos for 10 weeks. This was a “labor of love” of the students who, in class, learned to perfect the technology to ensure they preserve these life memories.

Toto saw Kowalczyk on a “World News Tonight” segment with David Muir and reached out to see if she can support the efforts. She has been a long-time photographic storyteller helping to shed light on importance of photo preservation. Now she tries to pass that authentic experience to her students who are currently working to restore memories for hundreds of families with family portraits as a way to ensure moments are preserved.

Toto and students will deliver these photos to Krista Kowalczyk, a photographer from Fort Meyers, Florida who, along with “Operation Photo Rescue” project, has been salvaging family heirloom photos of Hurricane Ian victims. Photos were severely damaged by water and sewage and close to permanently destroyed by this natural disaster. According to ScanMyPhotos News, “billions of photos are destroyed each year.”

As a result of Toto’s leadership and support, the Amity High School and the Amity students will continue to restore photos as part of their curriculum.

Toto is an award-winning photographer of 36 years who has been a teacher since 1995. Her latest photo exhibit “Chernobyl 1989” was shown at the Kehler Liddell Gallery in New Haven, Connecticut.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Spreading Joy this Holiday Season

Bullard-Havens Tech High School Students Share Heartwarming Messages with Orange Rehab Residents

The freshmen students in Deborah Boughton’s English classes at Bullard-Havens Technical High School in Bridgeport made beautiful holiday cards for every resident at Orange Rehabilitation and Health Care Center on the Boston Post Road in Orange, CT. In the spirit of the season, Ms. Boughton is seen presenting the cards to Shailleen Landsberg, Nurse Liaison. The students enjoyed creating the individualized and unique cards replete with

artwork and heartwarming holiday messages and wishes which were then distributed to each and every resident on Christmas day. The project enlightened the students on the importance of community and the care of the elderly and ailing. They were proud to take part in this outreach of goodwill to Orange Rehab which is an inpatient skilled rehabilitation facility providing the area with short term rehabilitation and long term skilled nursing care.

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first-ever community thrift store event. To support it, the NHS held a community-wide clothing drive from December 9th to December 23rd, and the BOWA Boutique opened on January 6, 2023 in the ARHS Cafeteria. The event was a great success and proceeds will be going to the General Need Fund in New Haven.

Upcoming Virtual Keynote: - A Parent Primer on Fentanyl, Edibles, and Vaping - Please join this informative webinar by Lorrie McFarland, Alliance for Prevention & Wellness and Tricia Dahl, Yale School of Medicine. The webinar will be held on January 25, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm. The webinar is appropriate for parents of children of all ages and is open to anyone in the communities of Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge. Pre-registration is required to receive information about joining the webinar. This event is co-hosted by Amity Regional School District, Orange Youth Services, Wood-

bridge Youth Services, and BOWDAAC. Please visit our websites for pre-registration links.

Scholarship Resources: Now that many members of the Senior class have applied to colleges, they are now turning their attention to scholarship applications. To assist students with that task, the ARHS College and Career Center researches and posts information about local and national scholarships in their office and online and provides individualized support to seniors in identifying and applying for available scholarships.

Soap Lift Goes National: Amity Transition Academy students have been assembling Soap Lift (soaplift.com) products for the past several school years. Over the winter break, an Amity staff member saw a Soap Lift for sale at a local merchant in Nashville, Tennessee. Our staff and students are extremely proud of their work and are excited to learn that Soap Lifts that they have assembled can be found across the United States.

STUDENT NEWS

Dean’s/President’s List Hofstra University

Hempstead, NY - Kayley Mingione of Orange excelled during the Fall 2022 semester at Hofstra, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean’s List. Kayley’s major is Psychology.

Lehigh University

Bethlehem, PA – Dean’s List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been granted to Spencer Shepard in the Fall 2022 semester.

Mars Hill University

Mars Hill, NC - Alexander Oleschuk of Orange is one of 339 Mars Hill University students named on the Honor Roll of the Academic Dean at the end of the fall 2022 semester. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 on a minimum of 12 semester hours, and carry no grade below a C.

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - The following Orange students were named to the dean’s list

for the Fall 2022 semester at Quinnipiac University: Stephen Delaney, Chloe Gherlone, Saliba Kaoud, Julia Lagoutis, Jamie Longobardi, Arity Morrison, and Mitchell Sousa. To qualify for the dean’s list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

Sacred Heart University

Fairfield, CT - Allison Steigleder of Orange was named to the Dean’s List of Sacred Heart University. Allison is a Junior, majoring in Social Work and minoring in Criminal justice.

Siena College

Loudonville, NY - Juliana Amici of Orange, CT was named to the Siena College President’s List for the Fall 2022 Semester. The President’s List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

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Kindergarten Registration

Town of Orange

If your child is turning five on or before January 1, 2024 it is time to register for kindergarten!

Please register by February 28, 2023 on our website: www.oess.org - there may be multiple pop-ups so please click on the pop-up for "Kindergarten Registration"

HISTORY CORNER

On the Lighter Side...

 **BY GINNY REINHARD**

Did I say lighter side? Humpty Dumpty was a 1,350-pound siege cannon atop St Mary's Church wall in 1648 with its main reason for being to hurl a 12-pound, round granite ball at the enemy during the English Civil War. So, now where am I going with this? Nursery Rhymes, that's my target today. Ha ha. I don't know if today's parents read nursery rhymes to their children but I grew up with the sing-song rhymes without questions as to what were they all about. But I'm going to shed light on them for they were the "news" of the day in the centuries when speaking of those in power was verboten. Despite their lyrical nature and humorous words, they were actually biting social commentary about people and events of the time.

I mentioned Humpty Dumpty which we all see in the illustrations as a large egg dressed in period clothes, cracked head and obviously having fallen...off a wall? Did we ever ask why an egg was on a wall? Nope. Somehow the cannon got its name and when the church was hit, it crumbled to the ground and voila, so did Humpty...Alas, never to shoot at the enemy again.

This is not the only nursery rhyme which has a past other than the obvious. My favorite is Mother Hubbard, taking place in England, during the reign of Henry VIII. It was unwise to speak ill of his majesty as the death of some of his wives, some losing their heads, could possibly be your demise as well. So, when King Henry asked Cardinal Wolsey to petition the Pope to annul his 23-year marriage to Catherine of Aragon to marry Anne Bolyn, his wife's lady-in-waiting, it was denied.

Now, would you gossip in the streets about this? Never. So, Mother Hubbard, the Cardinal, went to Rome, the cupboard, to ask for a bone, with the answer of "no" the cupboard was bare and you know the rest. There are more verses to this nursery rhyme which tell of the eventual annulment. These seem-

ingly innocuous childhood sing songs really had a dark past if not downright dastardly. There were a few that were not targeted to people directly but an institution of historical importance. In 1275, a great tax was imposed on wool in which King Edward I dictated that 1/3 of its value was to go to him, 1/3 to the church and the farmer could keep the last 1/3. The list, in order is "one for my master" King, "one for my dame" church and "one for the little boy who lives down the lane", the farmer. OK, you can sing it now..I'll wait.

Rain, rain go away finds us in the reign of Queen Elizabeth II whose rivalry with Spain culminated in the launch of the Spanish Armada in 1588. A fleet of over 130 ships set out to defeat the English whose fleet numbered 34 small Navy vessels, ouch. But she had 163-armed, merchant ships. Waging the war, the English triumphed with their smaller ships and a fierce storm scattered the Armada...part of the rhyme I never heard was, rain, rain, go to Spain. Guess it did.

Mary, Mary Quite contrary is difficult to read to say nothing of re-writing it here but Mary Tudor, daughter of King Henry VIII was not only contrary but downright gruesome. She was known as Bloody Mary for her persecution of Protestant heretics, whom she had burned at the stake in the hundreds! Mary ruled, in her own right for 5 years. While over 300 dissenters met their death at her hand, her father King Henry VIII is known to have executed 81 people for heresy. This rhyme speculates in many directions, her lack of bearing children, infidelity, suitors, and on and on...but her persecution of the Protestants is in there, somewhere.

Shall we go to France for a minute? One of the most common theories for Jack and Jill is King Louis XVI and his wife Marie Antoinette who were both found guilty of treason and beheaded. But Jack and Jill was written 30 years before their demise so let's look into another interpretation...a gill and a jack...definition - gill is 4 fluid ounces, jack is 2 fluid ounces...17th century, King Charles I of England tried to increase the taxes on alcohol but failed so he reduced the amount of a jack thus

reducing the gill and it "came tumbling after." We do know and have in our possession at the Bryan-Andrew, a pewter mug which has indentations along the upper edge denoting the "signature" of an inspector who measured each mug, hung on the wall of the tavern to authenticate its volume.

Rock-a-Bye-Baby is short and sweet...well not so sweet. An interpretation is that the son of King James II and Mary of Modena was not their son but a child who was brought into the birthing room and passed off as their own in order to ensure a Roman Catholic heir to the throne...me thinks there was a little girl who could have been queen one day...oh well.

Ring Around the Rosie is not your best true story but I guess it was fun to run around in a circle, get dizzy and fall down. Although so many of the rhymes do have dubious origins, this one appears to be the most accurate and infamous. The most logical takes place in 1665 with the Great Plague of London. The "rosie" is the rash that covered the afflicted and with that came an order which was covered up with "a pocket full of posies." Grim to say the least. This plague killed nearly 15 percent of the population which the last part "ashes, ashes...we all fall down."

The kings of England seem to be the brunt of the historical-ly sung rhymes so let's not disappoint history. Little Jack Horner...is convoluted. So what else is new? We go back to Henry VIII. This one appears to have allusions to the English monasteries, bribes, gold, silver, land deeds land, of course, a pie. The story goes that our illustrious King, in 1540, was greedy and set out to dissolve all of the monasteries in England for their gold, silver and land. In trying to dissuade the King from this plan, a bishop attempted to bribe the king with land deeds of other manorial estates. As the story goes, this bishop, in the bribery attempt, baked 12 deeds in a large, Christmas pie to be presented to the king. Jack, given the chore to make this delivery is said to have stolen one of the deeds out of the pie. The deed was to Mells Manor and his family lived there until the 20th century. The delivery of the 11 deeds did not change Henry's mind and he sold

the seized property using the money to fund his many military ventures as well as giving some away to ensure the loyalty of those around him.

Yankee Doodle, is not often referred to as a nurse rhyme as it has taken a turn toward patriotism and is indeed the State of Connecticut song. The tune is said to be much older than the lyrics being well-known across Europe with a variety of words.

As a harvest song in 15th century Holland, it contained mostly nonsensical words in England and in Dutch such as Yanker, didel, doodle and others. The term Doodle appeared in early 17th century England meaning playing music badly or a simpleton. The macaroni wig came from the extreme fashion of the day for men to pile their hair up high making them appear important and the word Dandy added to that notion. They would often wear two feathers in their hats and wear two watches with chains. One to tell time and one to tell what time it was not...how silly. The term macaroni was then used to describe a fashionable man who dressed and spoke in an outlandish manner.

In British conversation, the term Yankee Doodle Dandy implied an upper-class fashion that putting a feather in your hat would make you into a nobleman. Prior to the Revolutionary War, the British officers sang the song to mock the raggle taggle men in the French and Indian War, who, upon finding a feather along the trail, put it into their raggle taggle hats. After all, these men came from the farm, with farmers' clothes...no pretension here just a determination to

win a war, a British War in the British colonies against the French out of Canada, with Native American allies on both sides. Later in the Revolutionary War, the song was again sung against the colonials to mock their wearing of a feather in their hats BUT, the fighting men, fighting for freedom, turned the song around and sang it in defiance, adding verses to mock the British. It had become a song of national pride.

So, there you have it folks, the lighter side of history, well most of it anyway. Check out our OHS website for upcoming events and more history of Orange, www.orangehistory.org.



Macaroni Fashion



Mary Tudor



Yankee Doodle



Henry VIII

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Historical Society Presents Taste of the Past with Patty Carver

On April 22, 2023 the Orange Historical Society will once again hold its annual Taste of the Past fundraiser. As in the past, the event will serve home-made hearty soups, breads, desserts, coffee, tea and water. There will be a raffle and a presentation by Patty Carver.

Patty Carver is a professional singer, actress and writer with international credits. As an actress/singer Patty has an extensive resume of New York, Regional, Stock and Dinner Theatre performance. As Playwright in Residence for Connecticut Children's Theatre, she has written over 40 original musicals for family audiences that have been produced for national tours and New York Productions.

Patty enjoys traveling and performing her numerous musical tributes and award winning This Old Hat series celebrating women of American History in venues throughout the East Coast, Midwest and New England.

Patty will be portraying four leading ladies of history in her play entitled, "Leading Ladies". "Leading Ladies" is an inventive and engaging event which focuses on five noted American women who were all the "first" to do something. She will be portraying:

Dolly Madison who tells her story of saving the Declaration of Independence during the War of 1812 and how she served as the "Hostess in the President's House" for 16 years;

Elizabeth Blackwell was the first American Woman to become a doctor. Patty tells the story of her first day at medical school;

Nellie Bly was the first under cover reporter. She tells of the story of how she spent ten days in Blackwell's Island... New York's notorious madhouse; and

Belva Lockwood who, in 1884, was the first woman to run for President of the United States. Belva Lockwood also sings and talks about Eleanor Roosevelt, the remarkable American Woman who never wanted to be a president's wife, but came to be known as "First Lady of the World."

Please join us on April 22nd for this exciting presentation from 1:00-3:30pm at the Orange Congregational Church, 205 Orange Center Road. For reservations, please mail a check for \$35/pp to: Orange Historical Society, P.O. Box 784, Orange, CT 06477-0784. Include your name, telephone number, email address and, if reserving for a group, the names, phone numbers, and email addresses for each member of your group.

Lion's Club Provides Mini-Grants

The Orange Lions Club will provide a limited number of mini-grants to eligible community organizations and/or individuals in 2023. The program is intended to provide funds to worthy causes and activities in the town of Orange that might not otherwise be funded.

The blank applications for the Community Mini-grants program are now available at the High Plains Community Center in the Community Services Department, at the M & T Bank branch on Orange Center Road, at the Case Memorial Library, and from any Orange Lion.

Completed applications are due to be submitted to the Orange Lions Club no later than February 28, 2023. All Orange non-profit clubs and related non-profit organizations, individual Orange residents, and Orange government entities are eligible to apply. The recipients of Orange Lions mini-grants will be announced in late March after the selection committee completes its review of all timely applications.



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Winds of Music: A Chamber Concert

The Orange Congregational Church hosts its next concert in the Music on the Green series on Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 4:00 pm. Talented member, JJ Brentson will play the trombone and he will be accompanied by local musician Phyllis Silver. The music of wind instruments continues as the Harmonia V ensemble will feature also.

The public is welcome to attend this

afternoon of chamber music. Admission is \$10 for adults, children are free of charge.

The Orange Congregational Church is located at 205 Meeting House Lane at Orange Center Road, in Orange, CT. For more information visit orangecongregationalchurch.org.

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Orange Local Graduates Second City Film School

Steve Kaplan graduated from The Second City Film school on December 16, 2022. The ceremony was held on The Second City Mainstage. The Second City is a world-renowned comedy institution that teaches improv, acting, and other performance/production skills for those seeking a career in the entertainment industry. Some of its most notable alumni include: Chris Farley, Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Amy Poehler, Tina Fey, Keegan-Michael Key, Jordan Peele, etc. It is no small feat that Steve is graduating from a program at the same institution as these greats.

Steve was accepted into The Second City Film School, which is a high-

ly specialized program in the art of storytelling for television, film, and web series. Steve is graduating from the Second City Film School where he created, wrote, and directed his own comedy film.

Steve co-created a 20-minute sketch show which was screened at the historic Music Box Theatre in Chicago on December 15, 2022. Notable film makers and comedy creators from the Chicago area will be in attendance. His show, "The Steve and Sug Show", is a variety sketch show that mirrors other classic sketch shows such as Mr. Show and Key & Peele. "The Steve and Sug Show" explores identity through satire and Second City style sketch comedy.

Lizzie Borden: Innocent or Guilty

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is featuring impersonator, Leslie Goddard, who will portray Lizzie Borden, a Fall River, Massachusetts heiress accused, arrested and tried for the murder of her father and step-mother in 1892. The program will be presented via Zoom on February 20 at 7:00pm.

Leslie Goddard portrays memorable women from the past. She is an award-winning actress and scholar who tells historical stories, so that

lessons from the past are entertaining and educational. She holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University in American Studies and a Master's Degree in theater. A former museum director, she is the author of two books on history and currently works as a full-time author and public speaker. Her programs have been presented in museums, libraries, senior centers, clubs and organizations around the country.

As Lizzie Borden (Leslie Goddard)



recounts what she knew about the horrible tragedy that occurred in her home on August 4, 1892 and became a national sensation, you can be the jury that decides whether or not you agree with the Fall River jury verdict.

Registration for this riveting crime program is required. A link to the program will be sent on the afternoon of February 20. Register at www.casememoriallibrary.org or call the Library at 203-891-2170 to secure your front row seat.

“They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything.” — BIL KEANE

“Student News” From Page 7

Springfield College

Springfield, MA - Springfield College Recognizes Dean’s List Students for the 2022 Fall Semester. The following Orange students have been named to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester: Molly Blair has a primary major of Health Sci/Pre-OT; Keira Droney has a primary major of Art & Design; Gillian Fuchs has a primary major of Health Sci / Pre-OT; and Lauren Ronai has a primary major of Health Sci / Pre-PA. The criteria for selection to the Dean’s List are as follows: the student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of “P” grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

Stonehill College

Easton, MA - Stonehill College is proud to recognize the students named to the Dean’s List this semester. To qualify for this honor, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered. Students from Orange named to the Dean’s List are: Colton Varholak, Marissa Dwyer, Kallopi Maniatis, and Anna Varholak.

University of Bridgeport

Bridgeport, CT - The University of Bridgeport is proud to congratulate more than 400 students who were named to the Fall 2022 Dean’s List, including the following Orange students: Nevaeh Colon and Uranik Klobucishta.

University of Bridgeport

Bridgeport, CT - Shannon Mulherin, of Orange, was named to the University of Bridgeport’s Fall 2022 President’s List. Mulherin was among

more than 300 students named to the Fall 2022 President’s List. To be named to the President’s List, a student must maintain a term grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

University of New Hampshire

Durham, NH - The following students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2022 semester: Jillian Gusciora, earning High Honors; Alexandra Hurlburt, earning Honors; and Jillian Lucibello, earning Honors.

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI - The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2022 Dean’s List. Those from Orange, CT include: Jenna Aconfora, Elizabeth Cohen, Sebastian Formica, Julia Hoddinott, Jayson Hutchinson, Becky Marchitto, Pete Spodnick, and Sophia Swift. To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester, MA - The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects. The following Orange, CT students were named to the Dean’s List for fall 2022 are: Natalie Carrington, majoring in Mechanical Engineering (BS), class of 2025; and Stephen Stardellis, majoring in Computer Science (BS), class of 2026.

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as well as several healthy trees that had been hacked with an ax.

The citizens of Orange are fortunate to have the use of over 1000 acres of open space. It is a resource that should be protected and preserved for future generations, and it is our responsibility

to document and report acts of vandalism or misuse.

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Ask the author of the Orange page to sign it for you.

FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

Nominations for Living Treasure

Nominations are being accepted through March 1, 2023, for the 2023 Living Treasure Awards. The three individuals chosen will be honored at the Living Treasure Award ceremony on May 18, 2023, from 5-8pm in the High Plains Community Center in Orange. Forms can be found in the Senior Center office.

Introduction to PC

Josh will teach an introduction class on Personal Computers. The class will meet on Wednesdays, March 1—March 22 from 5-7:00pm. A fee of \$20 is required. Come by the office to register. Call 203-891-4784 with questions.

AARP Driving

AARP Driving Course will be offered on the first Thursday, March 2 from 9-1:00pm. Call the office to register (203) 891-4784.

Arts & Crafts

Join us for a fun-filled class project on Monday, March 6 at 12:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

St. Patrick's Day Cabaret with Tom Callinan

Join us on Wednesday, March 8 when Tom Callinan performs his St. Patrick's Day show. Call to reserve a

seat. Coffee and dessert at 1:30pm, Tom Callinan from 2-3:00pm.

NEW CLASS: Drumming

Join us on Tuesdays starting March 9 with Dennis. Limit 10 participants for this fun and aerobic activity.

Hop the Bus

Hop on the bus to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra performances at Lyman Center at SCSU. The bus is free, you just must buy your tickets to the show. Next trip is March 10; Miller Conducts Schumann & Beethoven. Bus departs at 6:45pm. Call the office to register (203) 891-4788.

You Picked it: Movie of the Month

Join us March 10, at 1:00pm for "Waking Ned Devine." When a lottery winner dies of shock, his fellow town-folk attempt to claim the money. Popcorn and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

Movie of the Month

Join us on March 17 at 1:00pm for "The Banshees of Inisherin." Two lifelong friends find themselves at an impasse when one abruptly ends their relationship, with alarming consequences for both. Popcorn and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

Documentary & Discussion

Join us March 24 at 1:00pm for "What the Health." A filmmaker un-

covers the correlation between diet and disease and the collusion between government, food industry and big pharma. Discussion afterwards. Popcorn and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

Book Club

The book club normally meets the last Friday of the month at 2:00pm. The next meeting will be in the senior lounge on March 31. March's book is "Magic Mountain" by Thomas Mann.

NEW CLASS: Zentangle

Join us on the last Friday of the month, March 31 for our exciting new & free class: Zentangle. Zentangle is a relaxing and meditative art form that helps with focus and concentration. This class will be led by Certified Zentangle teacher Rosemarie Main. Limit 15 people. Call the Senior Center at 203-891-4788 to reserve a seat.

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.

Legal Clinic

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

schedule a phone appointment, call 203-891-4784.

Griffin Hospital/Parish Nurses Blood Pressure Check

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

Trips

April 16, 2023: AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES

Enjoy a finger-snapping, toe-tapping time on a tour of America's most famed musical cities—New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville (extensive walking).

October 7, 2023: SPOTLIGHT SANTA FE HOLIDAY

Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit of Santa Fe in the Holiday Season as you take in the city's multicultural atmosphere (extensive walking).

October 2023: SHADES OF IRELAND 10 days, 13 meals: 8 breakfasts, 5 Dinners

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CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Visit our website casememoriallibrary.org and sign up for our weekly email newsletter for updates on events at the library.

Hours:

- 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, February 20 in observance of Presidents 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.

Storytimes

Preschool Storytime

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Music, movement, and literacy for our preschool friends! Join us as we get

your stuffed animal friend, then leave them here for a stuffed-animals-only sleepover at the library! See their fun adventures through pictures the next day. Registration is required.

Take and Make: Lion and Lamb Puppets

Pick up dates: March 6-11
For children ages 1-5.

Make two little cardstock puppets based on the old saying about March! Registration is required.

Take and Make: Shamrock Rings

Pick up dates: March 13-18
For children ages 6-8.

Make two styles of shamrock rings out of pipe cleaners! Registration is required.

Preschool Playtime

Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
For children ages 2-5.

Come enjoy our mini obstacle

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ready for the school years. There will be a craft after the storytime session. Registration is required.

Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Little ones and their caregivers are invited to explore books, sing songs, and practice interactive nursery rhymes with Ms. Angela! Registration is required.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Get the wiggles out with Ms. Angela! Stories, music, dancing, and more fill this high-energy storytime for toddlers and their grownups. Registration is required.

Events For Children

Valentine's Day Slime

Monday, February 13, 3:45 p.m.
For children ages 6-12.

Make a festive slime for Valentine's Day! Registration is required.

Take and Make: Dragon Tassel Bookmarks

Pick up dates: February 21-27
For children ages 6-12.

Make a fire-breathing bookmark for all your reading needs! Registration is required.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m.
For children ages 2-6.

Come to an evening storytime with

your stuffed animal friend, then leave them here for a stuffed-animals-only sleepover at the library! See their fun adventures through pictures the next day. Registration is required.

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course for a morning of fun and peer socialization! Registration is required.

Tween Book Bags:
Graphic Novels
Pick up dates: March 20-25
For tweens ages 9-12.

Tell us what you like and we'll pick a graphic novel for you to borrow, along with some fun goodies to keep! Registration is required.

March Madness: Make a Mini Game
Thursday, March 23, 3:45 p.m.
For children ages 6-8.

Make a basketball themed version of the classic ball and cup game! Registration is required.

Tween STEAM: Shield Design
Monday, March 27, 3:45 p.m.
For tweens ages 9-12.

Engineer the perfect shield and test it out against an onslaught of enemies! Registration is required.

Events For Teens & Adults Book Boxes
February pickup dates: February 21-27
March pickup dates: March 20-25
For adults and students in grades 7-12.

Our free monthly book box service!

Each month that you register you will pick up a box containing two books selected by our librarians based on your reading preferences for you to borrow as well as some treats and other surprises for you to keep. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins on the first of the month for each box.

2023 Oscar Film: Elvis
Monday, February 27, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 1, 1 p.m.

The life of American music icon Elvis Presley, from his childhood to becoming a rock and movie star in the 1950s while maintaining a complex relationship with his manager Colonel Tom Parker. 2 hr. 29 min. PG-13. Registration is required.

2023 Oscar Film: The Fabelmans
Monday, March 6, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 8, 1 p.m.

Growing up in post-WWII-era Arizona, young Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker as he reaches adolescence, but soon discovers a shattering family secret and explores how the power of films can help him see the truth. 2 hr. 31 min. PG-13. Registration is required.

The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group

Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a Zoom discussion of Horse by Geraldine Brooks. This program will be held via Zoom. Registration is required.

Pi Day Take & Make Food Kit: Chocolate Hand Pies
Pickup dates: March 13-18
For adults and students in grades 7-12.

Celebrate Pi Day (3/14) with this tasty take-home hand pie kit! Most ingredients will be provided. Registration is required.

March Madness: Chocolate Edition
For students in grades 7-12.
Pickup dates: March 13-18
Voting dates: March 23-April 3

Which candy is the champion of chocolate? Find out in our March Madness tournament of chocolates. Take home a kit with 16 different chocolates to taste and vote for your favorites in our online elimination tournament. Registration is required.

2023 Oscar Film: The Banshees of Inisherin
Monday, March 20, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22, 1 p.m.

Two lifelong friends find themselves at an impasse when one abruptly ends their relationship, with alarming

consequences for both of them. 1 hr. 54 min. R. Registration is required.

Ban This Book! Club
Monday, March 27, 7 p.m.

Stamped: Racism, Anti-Racism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds was also one of the top 10 most frequently challenged books in America in 2020. Join librarian Rebecca and co-leader Elizabeth Ewen as we discuss this as a work of literature as well as an object of censorship. This program will be held in person at the Library. Registration is required.

Panelists: YA Graphic Novel Club
Thursday, March 30, 3:30 p.m.
For students in grades 7-12.

Join Librarian Nina for a discussion of Nimona by ND Stevenson. Check for available copies at the Circulation Desk. This program will be held in person at the Library. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Registration is required.

Mystery Book Discussion Group
Thursday, April 13, 1 p.m.

Join librarian Samantha Jasulavic for a discussion of Blackwater Falls by Ausma Zehanat Khan. This program will be held in person at the Library. Registration is required.

DEATH NOTICES

Frederick J. Kirkham

Frederick John Kirkham, 73, of Orange, beloved husband of 50 years to Maria (Cross) Kirkham, passed away peacefully at his home on January 4, 2023. Born on March 10, 1949 in Liverpool, England, he was the son of the late John and Jessie (Hallard) Kirkham.

Fred was very special to all that knew him. He was quiet, kind, humble and unassuming, yet he could light up a room when people saw him.

Fred grew up in Liverpool, England and always said it was ‘a great place and time to be young.’ He had a silent but special bond with his sister Kay whom he adored and admired and became even closer in the latter years of his life.

As a teenager his first job was repairing bicycles at a local bike shop to help earn enough money to fund his love of competitive cycling. It later turned from two to four wheels and so began his love and obsession with cars.

Fred attended Liverpool Collegiate School in England and went on to practice as a Quantity Surveyor for several years.

He later decided to relocate to South Devon where he pursued a career in forestry and tree surgery. He started his own company called Treescape Services and became the largest employer in his village for the next thirteen years, until the country fell into a recession. At the same time his father suffered a stroke and became infirm so he decided it was a good time to return to Liverpool to help care for his elderly parents.

It was there he decided to further pursue his life long passion with cars by starting a wholesale automobile company throughout England.

After his father passed it was time for a new chapter and in 1989 he had the opportunity to work in America doing tree removal and landscape installations. Over the years his flair for design and his vision and ability to create beautiful landscapes, be it small or large, enabled him to show his many skills. The culmination of his working career ended in what he would consider his one true goal in life, helping both his sons, develop their careers and provide for their families.

Fred’s retirement time, though very short, consisted of spending time with his bride of 50 years, being entertained by his grandchildren and spending time with his much loved family and friends.

Son, grandson, cyclist, car enthusiast, artist, good friend, father, uncle,

grandfather, and husband. He was a wonderful man treasured by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his loving wife Maria, Fred is survived by his sons, John (Elizabeth) Kirkham and Edward (Jacklyn) Kirkham; grandchildren, Jessie Kirkham, Frederick John Kirkham, and Tayshaun Gunn; his sister Marilyn “Kay” (Michael) Ashley of England; a sister-in-law, Christine (Richard) Russo; 12 siblings-in-law of England; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Arrangements were in the capable hands of the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Gabriel Church (Saint Raphael Parish) 26 Broadway, Milford, CT. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. To leave online condolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

Priscilla Searles

Priscilla Searles, 83, of Orange, beloved wife of the late James C. Searles, passed away on December 30, 2022. Born on October 18, 1939 in Hartford, CT, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Helen (Kerivan) Burgess.

Priscilla was a writer and contributor to Business New Haven since it was launched in 1993. She began her career as editor of publications for the Armstrong Rubber Co. A onetime staff reporter for the New Haven Journal Courier; she also served as executive director of Fort Nathan Hale Restoration Projects. A director of the New Haven Colony Historical (now the New Haven Museum) for 14 years, Searles headed the NHCHS’s education committee, writing and implementing educational programs, including “Free Men: The Amistad Revolt and the American Anti-Slavery Movement,” distributed to schools across the country. She was an incorporator of the New Haven Crypt Association, the organization responsible for the restoration of the original New Haven Burial Ground, located beneath Center Church on the Green. She was a former member of the board of directors of Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven and was a member of the formation committee of the Orange Country Fair, for which she served as Arts and Crafts Superintendent. She was also formerly on the Board of Directors of the Orange Historical Society. Priscilla was Town Historian in the Town

of Orange and has held that position for many years. She was a writer for the Milford-Orange Times newspaper and had a monthly column featuring historic photos from the town’s past. She was an active member of the Orange Bicentennial Committee and was appointed to the town’s time capsule which will be opened in the year 2072. She thoroughly enjoyed this latest project, which was completed just two weeks before Christmas.

Priscilla is survived by her children, Kevin (Michele) Margenau, and Keith (Paula) Margenau; stepchildren, Susan (Matt) Schmitt, and David Searles; grandchildren, Kyle, Matthew, and Paige Margenau, and Sam and Benjamin Schmitt; and her brother, P. Douglas (Sue) Burgess.

Friends and family may call from 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2022 at the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. A Memorial Service will immediately follow at the funeral home. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Orange Historical Society, P.O.B. 784, Orange, CT 06477 or through its website: www.orange-history.org.

Elizabeth M. Stahl

Elizabeth M. Stahl (Betty), passed away peacefully at home in Orange,



surrounded by family on December 21, 2022. Born in Derby Connecticut, January 7, 1950, daughter of George H Murphy Jr. and

Elizabeth Ann Manion Murphy, she leaves her husband Craig A Stahl, of Orange, survived by her sister Barbara J Stumpo and her husband Paul of Oxford, brother George H Murphy III and his husband James Pincille of Palm Springs, CA, a daughter, Jennifer Snow Morgan and her husband Christian of Rock Hill, SC., a son Brendan Snow and his wife Katrina of Milford, CT, a step-daughter Carrie Foster and her husband John of Wakefield, MA., a step-son Christian A Stahl and his wife Aleshia of Bethany, CT. seven Grandchildren and Step-Grandchildren: Sophie and Aiden Morgan, Emelia Snow, Cage and Ashur Foster. Cecilia and Seeley Stahl. Many loving nieces and nephews as well as her former husband Jeffery Snow, Woodstock, GA.

Elizabeth graduated from Luralton Hall Class of 1967, St. Mary’s Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1971 and Excelsior College. As a Registered Nurse she was Owner/Director of Operations at Progressive

Healthcare Services, Largo, FL; Former Director of Clinical Practice at University of Florida, Home Health Division/Shands Home Care, Largo, FL; Manager of clinical practice at Gentiva Home Health, Clearwater, FL; Administrator/ Branch Director at Gentiva Home Health, Trumbull, Hamden and Farmington, CT.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date to be determined. There will be no calling hours; burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, Betty and her family requests that charitable donations be made through the Funeral Director, in Betty’s name to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or the Tunnel to Towers Foundation or the Veterans Organization of your choice.

Arrangements by Jenkins-King & Malerba Funeral Home, 12 Franklin Street, Ansonia, CT 06401, Phone: 203-735-0036; Web: www.jenkinskingfh.com.

Donald J. Lewis, Sr.

Donald Jackson Lewis Sr., 90, of Orange passed away with his family at his side on January 6, 2022, at the West Haven Veterans Administration Hospital. For 67 years, he was the loving husband of Jean Marie Malaby Lewis. Donald was born in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late Albert and Hilda Lewis. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Debra Corey and her husband Craig of CO, Donald Lewis Jr. and his wife Bonnye, and Karen McDermott and her husband Douglas, all of Orange; his 7 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; as well as his sister Beverly Barley of PA. He was predeceased by his siblings, Catherine Boothe, Virginia Sheppard, and Albert Lewis.

Donald was a proud USMC Veteran, serving in the Korean War, and he was a member of the American Legion, Post 127. In his professional career, Donald was an Insurance Agent for State Farm Insurance. He was very active in his community of Orange, serving in many capacities. He was Vice President of West Orange Civic Association, a past President of the Chamber of Commerce, past Chairman of Orange Economic Development Commission, past Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners (25 years of service), past President of Rotary Club, where he was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow and a 50-year membership award. He was also a past Scoutmaster of Troop 7. Donald enjoyed his lifetime of public service to the Town of Orange.

Funeral Services were held at the Orange Congregational Church. Interment, with military honors, followed in Orange Center Cemetery.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Congregation Or Shalom Events

Join Us For Weekly Services Morning Minyan

- › Sunday 9:00 AM – In person and Zoom’d
- › Monday 8:30 AM – Zoom’d
- › Thursday 8:30 AM – Zoom’d

Shabbat Services

- › Friday 7:30 PM – In person and Zoom’d
- › Saturday 9:30 AM – In person and Zoom’d

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

Pajama Shabbat

Join us on February 10th at 7:00 pm for a kids “Pajama Shabbat” wear your favorite pajamas, bring a stuffed animal or your favorite blanket. After a brief service, come to the Oneg and enjoy “sleep over favorites, ice cream, popcorn and hot chocolate. Please RSVP to the office 203.799.2341.

Festival of Purim

Monday evening, March 6th, 7-8pm! All are invited to celebrate this most joyous of holidays: the Festival of Purim. We’ll read the first three chapters of the Megillah of Esther in Hebrew (booing our heads off at “you- know- who !”), summarize the rest of the miraculous story in humorous English and follow with songs and yummy Hamantash-cookies. Come solo or with your family. Feel free to wear a costume!

Programs

“COFFEE & .. LEARN!” WITH RABBI ALVIN WAINHAUS

On Wednesday mornings, people gather to explore the ancient texts of our tradition and the light they shed on the issues of our own day. Past topics have included: “Three Ideas that Changed the World;” “Bible Stories Your Rabbi/Minister Hoped You Wouldn’t Notice;” “Is the Tower of Babel Story a parable for Modern-Day America?” “Understanding Judaism - & Life - through the lens of the Kabbalah.” Anyone interested is encouraged to attend, in person or via zoom - either the entire series or specific the topics. Please call 203.799.2341 for more information. There is no class on February 22.

Book Club

Thursday February 16th at 7:00 pm

Tomorrow, And Tomorrow, And Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Discussion led by Sarah Darer

In this exhilarating novel by the



best-selling author of The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry, two friends—often in love, but never lovers—come together as creative partners in the world of video game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality. On a bitter-cold day, in the December of his junior year at Harvard, Sam Masur exits a subway car and sees, amid the hordes of people waiting on the platform, Sadie Green. He calls her name. For a moment, she pretends she hasn’t heard him, but then, she turns, and a game begins: a legendary collaboration that will launch them to stardom. They borrow money, beg favors, and, before even graduating college, they have created their first blockbuster, Ichigo: a game where players can escape the confines of a body and the betrayals of a heart, and where death means nothing more than a chance to restart and play again. This is the story of the perfect worlds Sam and Sadie build, the imperfect world they live in, and of everything that comes after success: Money. Fame. Duplicity. Tragedy. Spanning thirty years, from Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Venice Beach, California, and lands in between and far beyond, Gabrielle Zevin’s Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow is a dazzling and intricately imagined novel that examines the multifarious nature of identity, games as artform, technology and the human experience, disability, failure, the redemptive possibilities in play, and above all, our need to connect: to be loved and to love. All are welcome. Please call the office 203.799.2341 for Zoom Link.

Come back to Mah Jong.....’Cause Mah Jong’s back!

Thursday’s 1:30–3:30pm

All levels of players, including beginners! Please call the office 203.799.2341 and let her know you are playing. If you have a 2022 Mah Jong card, please bring it with you.

Yahad Hebrew School

Yahad is a community Hebrew school, a joint project of Congregations Or Shalom and B’nai Jacob in Woodbridge. At Yahad, meaning “together,” students form their Jewish



Members of Congregation Or Shalom’s “Lunch Bag Brigade” proudly display sandwiches they made for Milford’s Beth El Shelter & Soup Kitchen

Congregation Or Shalom Reaches Out

Driving by Congregation Or Shalom in Orange, one cannot help but notice the synagogue’s banner and motto, “Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors.” In fact, Rabbi Wainhaus, spiritual leader of the congregation, often includes those words in his sermons. As he puts it, “Our motto represents the message of our congregation as well as the essential message of Judaism. As the great Rabbi Hillel put it, “If I am only for myself, what am I?”

Toward that end, synagogue members are actively involved in helping newly arrived legal refugees resettle in this country. The congregation is also

engaged in a series of efforts meant to alleviate hunger, among them, our “Lunch Bag” project. (See photo above).

Bob Spaulding, Or Shalom’s president, comments, “The banner’s rainbow-colored Star of David visibly recognizes the LGBTQIA+ community and lets all know we are a colorful Jewish community, embracing inclusivity without prerequisites.”

For further information about Congregation Or Shalom’s “Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors” philosophy or to learn more about participating in social action at the synagogue, please call 203-799-2341.

identities through amazing experiential programming, while building foundational skills in prayer, Hebrew, Bible and much more. Together, as students, parents, teachers, and as a community, we will create our Jewish future! Please call Rachel @ Or Shalom if you are interested 203.799.2341.

Community Mitzvah of the Month

We are collecting socks & mittens for the Down Town Soup Kitchen in New Haven. You can call the office to schedule drop off.

Pull Tabs

Our Social Action Committee collects pull tabs from soda cans for the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven. The house hosts families of children who are being cared for at Yale New Haven Hospital and allows families to stay close to their children during hospitalization. The pull tabs can come from cans of soda, beer, cat or dog food,

sardines, soup, beans, fruit, etc. - any size tabs, any color, any metal. You can drop them to the Synagogue M-Th from 10-4 and Friday 10-3. Collect them from family and friends, too!

JCARR

The Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement needs new volunteers!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE: To make an online donation, go to: <https://jewishnewhaven.org/refugee-resettlement/give>. Or send checks, payable to The Jewish Federation, with JCARR in the memo line, to The Jewish Federation 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, 06525. Attention Amy Holtz. JCARR is also accepting gift cards. Gift cards can be sent to Jean Silk at 125 McKinley Ave. New Haven, 0651

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