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Majority of Amity Parents Plan to Send Their Students to School

BY BETTINA THIEL

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A preliminary survey of Amity parents in mid-July showed that some 14% are opposed to sending their students back to school this fall; but 64% responded with an "absolutely yes," said Amity Supt. Dr. Jennifer Byars. In all they had 1,500 responses (2,400 students). She said the result gives them some idea what to expect in terms of attendance come September, even though the numbers may shift over time.

That survey will be followed up by a more detailed questionnaire closer to the opening of school, she said. At that point they will query parents about details regarding the need for transportation as well.

As in most school districts in the state, a re-opening committee has been working diligently to devise three dif-

ferent teaching and learning scenarios:

- › a full back-to-school plan ("onsite");
- › a hybrid which would split the district student population into two groups attending school on an alternating schedule ("hybrid");
- › an all-online learning scenario ("remote").

Which mode of teaching kicks in will be determined by state officials based on public health parameters, Byars told the Amity Board of Education at a special meeting July 23. "The perception that local administrators have a level of choice in what this return to school may look like is a false perception," Byars said. "We are accustomed to being pretty independent operators," she said. But under pandemic conditions, the district,

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Orange Schools Unveil Plan for Reopening Schools

BY MELISSA NICEFARO

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Orange Schools' administration announced its detailed plan to safely reopen schools to all students in late August. The plan was a collaboration of input of a committee of roughly two dozen administrators, board of education members, teachers and representatives from the community.

Surveys were held in the spring, at the end of the school year and again in July, to help the district plan for potential needs for both students and staff, come fall. Out of 792 responses to a district-wide survey, nearly 73% of respondents said they would send their children back to school in the fall. Just over 19% said they were unsure and 2.9% said they would not send their children back in the fall.

"I have great appreciation for the challenges you have dealt with for the

past months and in the months that we're facing together," Superintendent of Schools Vince Scarpetti said of the parents who were watching the Board of Education meeting, which was held in-person and streamed on YouTube Monday, July 20. "We are not only in a health pandemic, but in an education emergency," Scarpetti says. "We are looking at this from a different lens than we ever have before. We have a lot to consider: the implications on the facilities, operations, teaching and learning. The plan must exercise equity, access, and support to the communities."

Mike Gray, Director of Business and Operations, detailed the district's mitigation strategies, which include masks being worn by all students. "The challenge here is, if you've been to a store

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Local Preschool Hosts Parade for Graduating Students

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Earlier this month, teachers and staff from The Orange, CT Goddard School travelled from Milford, CT to Guilford, CT, spreading cheer by providing each graduate with a mini parade celebration. The students saw their favorite teachers and administrators, received their diploma and a gift bag of goodies, along with a graduation sign and tee-shirt.

Kimberly Kick, on-site owner of The Goddard School located in Orange, says that graduation is not only a celebration for the children and parents but for the faculty as well. “It’s been a journey filled with excitement and friendships, learning and laughter. Many of the children have been with us since they were infants,” she said. “While we’ll miss seeing them on a daily basis, we’re confident that they are well prepared for the road ahead.”

“Many of the children and families come back to visit us and share their accomplishments with us long after their Goddard School graduation. It’s a wonderful feeling,” Kimberly said.

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- Whether you are young, or old, or in-between, you owe it to yourself and your family to have a Durable Power of Attorney Instrument and Health Care Instructions.
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- How do you feel about feeding tubes and mechanical breathing machines such as ventilators? Are there circumstances where you would not want those types of mechanical devices to be used to keep you alive? If you don't talk about it, how will your family know what you intend?

Reliable Resources:

- If you want to read more about Advance Directives and medical decisions making, websites such as www.cdc.gov, www.cebm.net, and www.aarp.org have helpful information.
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Amity School's Synthetic Field is Approved

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The Woodbridge Plan and Zoning Commission earlier this month approved the application by the Amity Regional School District to move forward with construction of a synthetic field stadium and track. The board attached a condition that the company installing the artificial turf, called Field Turf, guarantee that the products they use not contain a group of chemicals known as PFAS or PFOS (Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances). The chemicals are considered highly toxic and the state last fall created the Connecticut Interagency Task Force, which developed an action plan to address these chemicals.

The infill for the all-weather field is made of crumb rubber, ground up car tires that have been used in fields all over the nation. The tires, critics say, leach chemicals as they break down. Players may also inhale dust and ingest particles, which some studies have found to contribute to cancer risks and other health issues.

The project has been rejected in the district before. But at a referendum in December 2019, it passed in Orange 539-279 and in Bethany 165-146, even though Woodbridge voters rejected it, 211 to 321.

The town had received some 250 letters from Woodbridge residents, requesting the town place a moratorium on the project or choose a different product, such as cork. Board chairman Robert Klee read the letters into the record, given that Town Hall had not reopened to the public and the meeting was held online.

They also received some 30 or so letters supporting the project – many of them from Orange and Bethany residents – saying the project had passed at referendum in December and that vote stands. Zoning Commissioner Andrew Skolnick agreed with their assessment.

“I am hesitant to second guess those democratic processes,” he said.

Commissioner Jeff Kennedy agreed, saying the district had gone through the democratic process, but added that some residents had raised legitimate safety concerns.

Klee also pointed out that according to the zoning regs, the board has to take into account the health and safety of the population.

A group of Woodbridge residents, including neighbors of the school, had brought up the issue of PFAS, which had gotten a lot of attention in the state just a few months earlier, when the chemicals leached into the Farmington River due to firefighting foam that was used at Bradley Airport.

However, Andrew Dyjak, regional vice president of FieldTurf, assured the board that numerous studies had been performed and peer reviewed, finding “no causal link” between their product and any negative health outcome. He assured the commissioners that as opposed to many artificial turf manufacturers, FieldTurf does not use PFAS chemicals as a lubricant. Their lubricant is water-based and evaporates, he said.

He said what they are installing here is the “cool play” system, which covers the crumb rubber with a layer of antimicrobial non-abrasive cork granules, which prevent the rubber from heating up. The rubber blades sit in a layer of stone and sand silica, which filter the rainwater runoff from these fields. As a result, the water is cleaner than the runoff from chemically treated fields, he said.

Amity Supt. Dr. Jennifer Byars said in a phone conversation last week that improvements have started on Field 3, which they hope to have finished by the beginning of fall sports. As for the stadium; however, they are holding off until they know whether the zoning decision will be appealed.

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Issue Deadline

September 4 | Labor Day & Back To School Issue..... August 28

October 2 | Fall Issue..... September 25

October 30 | Election Issue..... October 23

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

FROM OUR READERS

Fire Truck \$50K Challenge is A Call to Arms

Over the past 2 months, I have had the pleasure of working with the members of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD) to “plug the gap” caused by the cancellation of the Orange Fireman’s Carnival & the resulting loss of 30% of their operating revenue. Imagine the feeling: you lose 30% of your family’s annual revenue yet maintain 100% of your costs!

The OVFD motto is “Neighbors helping neighbors.” Recall that these volunteer firefighters are not only your neighbors, but they are ones that -- willingly & unpaid -- come to your home if you had an emergency, such as a fire.

In my view, the “Fire Truck \$50K Challenge” is a call to arms for Orange residents & businesses to now support their fellow neighbors – the OVFD

members – due to a situation which, just like a house fire, they surely didn’t ask for. To date, the OVFD has enjoyed the support of 246 donors to the on-line GoFundMe efforts and nearly 40 more people & businesses have sent in checks. This support is a great start.

Going forward, I encourage all 4,841 households and the hundreds of businesses in Town to join the “Fire Truck \$50K Challenge” and support the OFVD in their time of need. The link to the GoFundMe page is on the Town website at www.orrance-ct.gov or at the OVFD website www.orangevfd.org. Checks can be mailed directly: OVFD, P.O. Box 878, Orange, CT 06477.

Every contribution – no matter the size -- is valued. By doing so, your donation shows you “have the backs” of the OVFD just as they support us when we have an emergency. Thank you.

Jim Leahy

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**Dean’s/President’s
List/Honor Roll
Adelphi University**

Garden City, NY - Daejin Kim of Orange, CT, was among a select group of outstanding spring 2020 Dean’s List at Adelphi University. The Dean’s List includes full-time students registered for 12 or more credits who have completed at least 9 graded credits and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above for the semester. This recognition becomes part of the student’s academic record and is entered into the individual’s transcript.

Bryant University

Smithfield, RI - Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students from Orange, CT who have been named to the Deans’ List for the spring 2020 semester: Christina DiStefano, class of 2020, Andrew Forchetti, class of 2022, Taylor Nuzzo, class of 2021, and Kenneth Page, class of 2023. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Bryant University

Smithfield, RI - Andrew Forchetti, class of 2022, from Orange, CT, has been named to the President’s List for the spring 2020 semester. The President’s List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant’s highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work. Congratulations to Andrew on this outstanding achievement!

Coastal Carolina University

Conway, SC - More than 2,300 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2020 semester, including Justin Moulder, an Accounting Pre-Major major from Orange, CT.

Curry College

Milton, MA - Curry College congratulates roughly 1,000 students who were named to the Spring 2020 Dean’s List. To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher. Those from Orange named to the Dean’s List are: Julia Loschiavo majoring in Business Administration; Amanda Moran majoring in Nursing; and Carlee Mulherin majoring in Undecided.

Dean College

Franklin, MA - Dean College is pleased to announce that Stephanie Durkee of Orange has earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Spring 2020 semester. Students earning a place on the Dean’s List have demonstrated serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

**Eastern Connecticut
State University**

Willimantic, CT - Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean’s List for the spring 2020 semester. Those from Orange named to the Dean’s List are: Mason Feurer majors in Business Administration; Mary Fox majors in Psychology; Brooke Matyasovsky majors in Communication; Stephanie Satonick majors in Elementary Education and English; Mackenzie Seymour majors in Accounting; and Nuala Tzovolos majors in Psychology. To qualify for Dean’s List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses during the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they’ve accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded course work with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Fairfield University

Fairfield, CT. - The following Orange students received Dean’s List Honors for the Spring 2020 semester: Michael Bier, Cassandra Bishop, Thomas Boutros, Taylor Choe, Mary Foley, Bridgit Ford, Michael Holloway, Christina Judd, Elias Oliphant, Rosemarie Richetelli, Helen Ruckes, Dario Salati, Christina Skerritt, Janae Staltaro, Gabriella Torrenti, and Alexa Vallie. In order to be placed on the Dean’s List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

Furman University

Greenville, S.C. - Roberta Buccilli of Orange, Connecticut, has earned a place on Furman University’s dean’s list for the 2020 spring semester. Furman’s dean’s list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system. Buccilli’s parents are Yueh-Ying Lee and Dennis Buccilli.

Gettysburg College

Gettysburg, PA - Christian DeMusis of Orange CT has been placed on the Gettysburg College Dean’s Honor list for outstanding academic achievement in the Fall 2019 semester. Students with a quality point average of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for a semester’s work are placed on the College’s Dean’s Honor List.

Lewis University

Romeoville, IL - Yusuf Ahmad of Orange, CT was named to Lewis University’s Dean’s List for the 2020 Spring Semester. Ahmad is studying Biology at Lewis University. To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a

grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no “D” or “F” grades.

McDaniel College

Westminster, MD - Charles Csejka of Orange has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the McDaniel College Spring 2020 Dean’s List with Highest Honors. Highest honors are earned for a semester grade point average of 3.90 or higher, high honors for a grade point average of 3.70-3.89, and honors for a 3.50-3.69 grade point average.

Muhlenberg College

Allentown, PA - Congratulations to Sydney Rothman of Orange for being named to the Muhlenberg College Dean’s List for the Spring 2020 semester. Muhlenberg College students and Muhlenberg College School of Continuing Studies students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

**Notre Dame High School
of West Haven**

Notre Dame High School of West Haven President Mr. Robert Curis and Vice President for Student Success, Mr. Joseph A. Ramirez, recently announced the Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter of the 2019-20 academic year. Those from Orange earning First Honors are: Class of 2020, Joseph Bierowski and Brett Hutchinson; Class of 2021, Nicholas Richetelli and Dohyeon (Steven) Yeo; Class of 2023, Chevintha Edirisinghe and Kyle Grande. Those from Orange earning Second Honors are: Class of 2021 Connor Smith; Class of 2022, Dylan Ekstrand and Anthony Young.

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - The following Orange students were named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2020 semester at Quinnipiac University: Kayley Blanchard, Brianna Caruso, Gabriella Caruso, Jeremy Gustafson, Samantha Richetelli, Lana Suleiman, and Jessica Szkotnicki. 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.

**Rochester Institute
of Technology**

Rochester, NY - Micaela Nelson of Orange was named to the Dean’s List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 Spring Semester. Nelson is in the biomedical sciences program. Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean’s List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades

of “Incomplete”, “D” or “F”; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Springfield College

Springfield, MA - Springfield College has named Emily Mullins from Orange, CT to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2020 spring semester. Mullins is studying Health Science/Occupational Therapy.

University of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, AL - Ryan Frobel, of Orange, CT, was named to The University of Alabama (UA) Dean’s List for spring 2020. A total of 16,470 students enrolled during the 2020 spring term at UA were named to the Dean’s List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President’s List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A’s).

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL – Alexis Halstead of Orange, CT, a freshman majoring in Applied Physiology and Kinesiology (APK) in the College of Health and Human Performance, was named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2020 semester at the University of Florida. Dean’s List students must achieve a 3.50 GPA on a minimum of 15 credit hours of graded coursework.

University of Maine

Orono, ME – Garrett Young of Orange, CT, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2020 semester at the University of Maine. Dean’s List students must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average and also carry at least 12 credit hours.

University of New Hampshire

Durham, NH - The following Orange students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2020 semester: Jillian Gusciora for earning Honors, majoring in BusAdm:Accounting; Timothy Johnston for earning Honors, majoring in Mechanical Engineering; and Veronica Pisano earning Highest Honors, majoring in Wildlife & Conservation Biology. Students named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.



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University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI - The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2020 Dean’s List. To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades 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 earning at least a 3.30 quality point average. The following Orange students were named to the Dean’s List: Jenna Aconfora, Steven Ayala, Sophie Benjamin, Chase Burzynski, Alexa DeGennaro, Emily Drezek, Bash Formica, Julia Hoddinott, Michaela Kraut, Pete Spodnick, and Michael Stewart.

The University of Scranton

Scranton, PA - Orange residents were among more than 2,000 students named to The University of Scranton’s Dean’s List for the 2020 spring semester. The Dean’s List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean’s List. The students are: Haley A. Forcier, a senior occupational therapy major in the University’s Panuska College of Professional Studies and Samantha A. Gaynor, a senior occupational therapy major in the University’s Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Western New England University

Springfield, MA - Western New England University is pleased to announce that Colin Hughes of Orange, CT, has been named to the President’s List for the Spring Semester 2020. Hughes is

one of over 700 students to achieve this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the President’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher. Hughes is exploring majors in Business.

Graduations Eastern Connecticut State University

Willimantic, CT - Hundreds of students graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University this spring 2020 semester. The University’s 130th annual Commencement Exercises occurred via YouTube on May 19 amid the COVID-19 pandemic on the same day the University had planned to hold its graduation ceremony at Hartford’s XL Center. Graduates from Orange are: MacKenzie Seymour graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting; Cassidy Kirby graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences; Mary Fox graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, and Stephanie Satonick graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and English.

Emory University

Atlanta, GA – at the May 2020 commencement, Katie Shelnitz, from Orange, received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from the Emory University School of Medicine. Katie graduated with the Highest Honors and received the Zoher Kapasi Award for Excellence in Leadership and the Frances A. Curtiss Award for Excellence in Community Service. She is the daughter of Kathleen and Michael Shelnitz.

Nichols College

Dudley, MA - Nichols College graduated over 300 students this spring. Virtual celebrations were held for both undergraduate and graduate recipients

on May 2, 2020 with an in-person commencement ceremony promised for a date to be determined. Aidan Stuart, of Orange, Conn., graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Finance.

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - The following Orange students received degrees from Quinnipiac University: Brianna Caruso, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; Melanie Hauser, Bachelor of Science in Biology; Michelle Kiska, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Lauren Salatto-Rosenay, Bachelor of Arts in Communications; Lauren Salatto-Rosenay, Bachelor of Arts in Theatre; Bret Schneider, Master of Science in Interactive Media and Communications; XiaoBin Shen, Bachelor of Science in Psychology; Sarah Smeriglio, Bachelor of Science in Health Science Studies; Jessica Szkotnicki, Bachelor of Science in Finance; Jessica Szkotnicki, Bachelor of Science in International Business; Kathryn Wanta, Master of Science in Cybersecurity; and Katherine Winkle, Master of Science in Nursing.

University of Connecticut

Storrs, CT – at the May 2020 commencement, Zachary Shelnitz, from Orange, received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Chemical Engineering from the University of Connecticut School of Engineering. Zachary is the son of Kathleen and Michael Shelnitz.

University of New Haven

West Haven, CT - The following Orange students received degrees from the University of New Haven in May: Omar Ahmad, Tagliatela College of Engineering, Master of Science in Environmental Engineering; Abdulaziz Essa A Aldossary, Henry C. Lee Col-

lege of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Allison Denny, College of Arts and Sciences, Master of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology; Christina Genovese, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts in Communication; Christina Genovese, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts in English; Michael Gregory, Pompea College of Business, Bachelor of Science in Accounting; Kelly Grindall, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Kelly Grindall, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science in National Security Studies; Amanda Hudson, Pompea College of Business, Master of Business Business Administration; Akshay Sankar Vijay, Tagliatela College of Engineering, Master of Science in Engineering & Operations Mgmt; and Daikichi Washington, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester, MA - Late this spring, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) celebrated the Class of 2020 with a socially distanced commencement season in place of its traditional 152nd Commencement exercises. Matthew Schmitt of Orange, Conn., was awarded a bachelor of science degree in robotics engineering with distinction. Since the Class of 2020 was unable to receive diplomas in person this year, they instead received personal commencement packages, mailed to their home, that included their diplomas, commencement regalia, and other items to celebrate their successes, as well as a congratulatory video message from President Laurie Leshin.

Maximize Time Spent In The Pool

One of the advantages of having a pool right in the backyard is the convenience of being able to take a dip anytime you so desire. Spending time in the pool is a great way to kick off summer vacations — especially if that vacation is a staycation. The pool also is a fun gathering place for casual barbecues or hangouts with friends. The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals says there are 10.4 million residential swimming pools in the United States. The Pool & Spa Marketing group has found that the number of pool permits issued in 2018 in Canada (the most recent year for data) was the third highest in the last 14 years, indicating a booming pool market that continues to show promise, especially considering that the data does not reflect many of the rural areas that do

not require building permits for pool construction. With hazy summer days on the horizon, it’s time to dive into ways to maximize pooltime fun. Carefully consider pool location. Those who are installing a new pool should spend time in their yards looking at the landscape, how the sun travels overhead and any obstructions that can get in the way of the pool. Then the pool can be properly located for ideal results. Select upgrades. Certain upgrades can be added when pools are being built; otherwise, aftermarket additions can enhance the pool experience. Zero entry effects can reduce the number of steps or ladders needed, while a water shelf, also known as a Baja bench, enables swimmers to play or

cool off without being completely immersed in water. Diving boards or water slides can complete the package and provide some extra thrills. Stock up on toys. Anything from aqua volleyball nets to climbing walls to floating golf games and even inflatable hamster balls that float on water can amp up the fun factor. Lather up the SPF. Pool time can be cut short if people are not diligent when applying sunscreen. Follow package directions regarding application, being sure to reapply regularly. Even waterproof products will



need to be reapplied frequently. Offer a shady escape. Like a sunburn, heat exhaustion can compromise a fun day in the pool. Provide a shady respite, particularly one stocked with refreshing drinks like water or lemonade. Time spent in the pool can be enhanced with various additions and smart safety guidelines.

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West Haven Veterans Museum Reopens

After being closed for the past few months, the West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center will be reopening on Friday, July 10, 2020. The museum will be open Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM until further notice. The museum is following all the recommended state guidelines to protect against COVID-19. Visitors and volunteers will be required to wear masks, have their temperature taken with a contactless thermometer and practice social distancing. Visitors will also be asked to provide their name and contact information in our sign-in book. The museum features many artifacts from the 102nd Infantry Regiment, which was based in the New Haven area for training during World War I. We have historical displays beginning with the Revolutionary War era up through modern day military artifacts.

The museum is approximately 9,000 square feet and contains many displays of local veterans, including a scrolling video Wall of Honor, with biographies and photos of over 160 veterans who bravely served our state and country. The museum is handicapped accessible. We are a 501(c)(3) educational not-for-profit organization that is 100% volunteer-run and exists thanks to donations and grants. We are always looking for volunteers to come join us in our mission to honor the sacrifices made by veterans to secure our rights and liberties. We would love to have you join our organization if you have a passion for military history! The WHVM is located at 30 Hood Terrace, West Haven, across from the train station. Please feel free to contact us at: 203-934-1111 or whmilmuseum@snet.net.

Orange Lions Club Cancels 2020 Wine Tasting Event

Due to the recent postponement of Phase 3 by Governor Lamont, and in a desire to promote safety and wellness, the Orange Lions Club regretfully cancels its 2020 wine tasting event. We hope that many of our friends and supporters will consider their ticket purchase a donation to Orange Lions Charities which helps to fund the local Low Vision Centers, Fidelco guide dogs, equipment for eye screenings of

Orange school children, large type and audio books for our Case Memorial Library as well as yearly Community Grants to local groups. For those ticket holders wishing a refund, please get in touch with your original Orange Lion Club contact to start the process. We look forward to being together at our 2021 Wine Tasting event next spring! In the meantime, be well and stay safe.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange, that a Special Town Meeting of said Town will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT for the purpose of taking action at that time upon the following matters:

1. To approve, pursuant to Section 13a-49 of the Connecticut General Statutes and other applicable laws, the abandonment by the Board of Selectmen of a portion of Neenan Street. The abandonment was voted on by the Board of Selectmen on April 1, 2020 at the request of Gyroscope Development Group, LLC. The legal description of the land to be abandoned and the maps are available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Orange, Connecticut this 14th day of July 2020.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ORANGE

Attest: Patrick B. O'Sullivan, II
Town Clerk

FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

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

Virtual Classes

If you would like to participate in Andrea Cashman's **Yoga**, David Chandler's **Tai Chi**, or Danielle Pettit's **Zumba** via Zoom—call the office with your email and we will ask the instructor to email you an invite.

If you would like to participate in **Chair Exercise** while at home, visit the Town Website at orange-ct.gov and under Departments you will see a link to the Senior Center. There you will find the Chair Exercise video-<https://media.discovervideo.com/show?vg=2e01f56ca0&vt=1&ch=f0ba0e7d06>.

Join Suzanne Anderson for a weekly **Arts & Crafts** video on the Town website at <http://orange-ct.gov/783/Orange-Senior-Center>.

If you would like to learn how to use **Peapod** with Josh, visit this link: <https://youtu.be/fWUN7ILGwRM>.

Classes

In order to begin to reopen the senior center for activities, we must adhere to state guidelines. At this point in

time we must wear facial coverages and practice 6 feet of social distancing. You also will be asked the questions of the Community Services COVID-19 Screen form. All classes must be signed up for in advance in the senior center office. Instructors will be responsible for checking students in. If you do not pay for the class in advance, the instructor will direct you to the office to make payment and answer the questions on the COVID questionnaire.

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

- › **Afghan Ladies** 3rd Monday at 1:00pm in Senior Lounge. Next meeting is August 17;
- › **Bocce** meets Wednesday at 10:00am at the Bocce Court;
- › **Fitness** Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30am with Danielle in Gym starting September 1;
- › **Laughter Yoga** meets Wednesday at 11:00am in the Pavilion;
- › **Painting & Drawing** Tuesday at 9:30am in room 8 starting September 1;
- › **Yoga Monday** with Andrea at 9:00am in room 4 starting September 14;
- › **Yoga Wednesday** with Saskia at 9:00am in room 3 starting September 2;
- › **Zumba Gold** Friday with Danielle at 8:30am in Gym starting

September 4.

Frozen Meals

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

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

AARP Safe Driving Courses

AARP announced that all in-person AARP activities have been canceled through the end of 2020. AARP Smart Driver online course is an alternative, especially for those who need to renew their car insurance discount. AARP has extended its special 25% off discount through the end of the year.

Website: www.aarpdriversafety.org
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AARP Tax Help

Many people have relied on the Senior Center's AARP Tax Help Program.

The AARP Tax Volunteers will not be returning this year. However, I found that the **AARP Foundation** is offering **online tax help**. The link is below and it can also be found on the Senior Center website: orange-ct.gov, put your mouse over Departments and you will see all the way to the right (the last in the list) Orange Senior Center. Click on the Orange Senior Center and in the middle of the next page you will find the link: <https://signup.aarpfoundation.org/preparing-your-taxes-online>

Trips

All Senior Center trips are canceled until September 2020

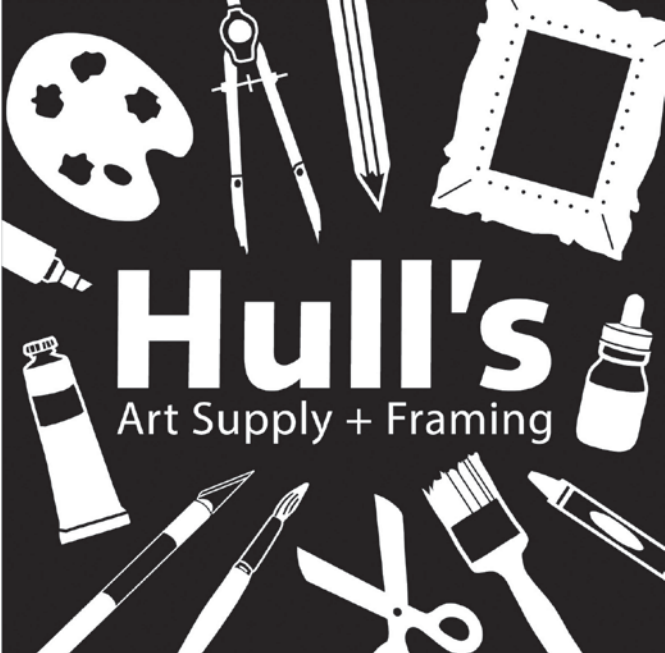
Virtual Edwards Twins Show

With shows and trips being canceled, Friendship Tours has put together a fabulous virtual show, "The Edward Twins" on August 27. No traveling; no buses what could be more easier!?!

Tickets in advance are required. Ticket price is \$10 per person. To sign up and make payment, go to <https://www.friendshiptours.net/>. Click on the "More Than Tours" link at the top to the right. Once you purchase your ticket, your confirmation will include instructions on how to get your zoom meeting link. You will receive an email confirming your registration.



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“Fire Truck \$50K Challenge” Exceeds \$35,000

Thanks to the generosity of the Orange Community, the initiative to support the Orange Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD) has exceeded \$35,000 on the GoFundMe site. While we are very grateful to those who have contributed, we have not yet reached our \$50,000 goal, so the job is not done yet.

The cancelling of the Orange Fire-fighter’s Carnival due to the Covid-19 crisis has had a severe effect on the funding of the OVFD. Proceeds from the carnival provide over \$100,000 in revenue that help fund operations and the purchase of vital equipment needed to safeguard our town.

“Neighbors helping neighbors” is a slogan that the OVFD has lived by since its formation in 1925. Members of the OVFD serve our town 24/7 protecting property, and more importantly saving lives.

Many dedicated volunteers serve the department. Neighbors like Fire-fighter Lisa Kaplan answer the call. Lisa, a mother of 2, has been with the OVFD for 11 years. She has lived in Orange for 28 years and has taught at Mary L. Tracy for 21 years. “At times, I was the only woman member. Now we have three. I have always been treated as an equal & fully respected. No one EVER made fun of me and when there has been a fire, they sent me right in.” said Lisa.

On one call Lisa, with fellow fire-fighter Mike Esposito, were in a burning attic with flames coming up, the insulation burning. They made sure

they had an exit. “Yet, we both kept on saying ‘We’re here together’ and kept asking each other ‘Are you Okay?’ as we handled the fire situation.” recalls Lisa.

We remember dedicated people like Al Pol, a member for over 55 years. Al served until retiring at age 90. He performed duties as a Captain and more than 30 years as treasurer.

REQUEST: Please answer the call; to support the brave OVFD volunteers who sacrifice their time and energy for the benefit of ALL Town residents & businesses. To date, 246 donations have been made on the GoFundMe site by many of your neighbors. You can contribute to the “Fire Truck \$50K Challenge” by visiting www.orangevfd.org.

Orange is a close-knit community where we help each other. Now it’s time for us all to step up and support our volunteer firefighters.

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Youth Services

BY JESSICA SIMONE, MSW, ORANGE
YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Chalk Challenge

Get involved in this summer’s CHALK CHALLENGE! This challenge encourages you to get outside and spend time with your family in the comfort of your own driveway. This is for any/all Orange families with student-age children. Take a photo of your artwork and submit it to the Youth Services Coordinator to be entered in to win a gift card to a local restaurant. The top 3 pieces of artwork will be chosen per category. The categories include: (1) positive affirmations, (2) animals, (3) movie/tv characters, (4) miscellaneous art and (5) drawings that include child in picture. This will run until Friday, August 28th, 2020 and then winners will be chosen.

There is no limit to how many photos a family can submit, but there is a one family limit per category for winning prizes. Just snap a picture and send it to jsimone@orange-ct.gov. More info to follow on the Orange town website and Orange Youth Services social media.



Orange Youth Services Scholarship

Three Orange high school seniors have been chosen to receive the Orange Youth Services Scholarship of \$1,000 each. These students were chosen based on their academic achievement, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement and future endeavors.

Martin Gnidula will be attending the University of Vermont; Elizabeth Cohen will be attending the University of Rhode Island and Ameya Menta will be attending Tufts University. Congratulations and good luck to all three recipients!

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Town of Orange Meetings for
the Month of August 2020

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

3rd	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Country Fair Cmte	7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall
4th	Economic Development Comm	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm	7:00 pm	Town Hall
5th	Conservation Comm	7:00 pm	HPCC
6th	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
10th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Board of Police Comm	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
11th	Inland Wetlands Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
12th	Board of Selectmen	7:00 pm	Town Hall
13th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte	12 noon	Silverbrook Estates
17th	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Board of Finance	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Orange Board of Education	7:00 pm	Mary L. Tracy
18th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm	7:00 pm	Town Hall
19th	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte	7:00 pm	HPCC
20th	Case Memorial Library Comm	7:00 pm	Case Mem Library
	Pension Board	7:00 pm	Town Hall
26th	Park & Recreation Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
27th	Bond Construction Oversight Cmte	7:00 pm	Town Hall
28th	Emergency Management	8:00 am	Police Station

Americanisms

A stylized illustration of the American flag, with the stars and stripes flowing and waving.

"I have a two-story house
and a bad memory, so I'm
up and down those stairs all
the time. That's my exercise."
— Betty White

TOWN OF ORANGE
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Preference Primary of the Republican and Democratic Party will be held on August 11, 2020, in each town.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the candidates (including the category “Uncommitted”) which are to appear on the ballot at said primary in the manner and in order in which such names and category are herein listed, under the office designation “Nomination for President of the United States”, together with the addresses of such candidates:

Democrats	Republicans
<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>
Joe Biden, Wilmington, DE	Donald J. Trump, Palm Beach, Fl
Bernie Sanders, Burlington, VT	Rocque “Rocky” De La Fuente, San Diego, CA
Tulsi Gabbard, Kapolei, HI	Uncommitted
Uncommitted	

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 23rd Day of June, 2020
Denise Merrill
Secretary of the State
The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State in accordance with Secs. 9-433 and 9-471 of the General Statutes. As provided, such primary will be held on August 11, 2020. The hours of voting at said primary and location of the polls will be as follows:

<u>Hours of Voting:</u> 6:00a.m. to 8 p.m.	
<u>Location of Polling Place</u>	<u>Voting District</u>
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High Plains Community Center Senior Cafeteria 525 Orange Center Rd	3

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"This sale reinforces that properties in the Industrial sector remain in high demand. While some asset classes such as retail and office are not as strong right now, Industrial and Light Industrial properties, especially Owner/User properties remain in short supply," said Richetelli.



Tony Vitti

Colonial Properties, Inc., founded in 1978, is a full service Commercial and Residential Real Estate Brokerage, located in Orange, CT. The firm handles all types of real estate transactions including the sale and leasing of retail, industrial, office, investment properties, and residential properties, as well as brokering land and business sales.

Small Town Nutrition Cares About Their Community

Owners Tiffany & Adam Arsenault and Maria & Chris Small, long-time residents of Orange recently opened the family run business: Small Town Nutrition. They are bringing incredible tasting Smoothies, Energizing Teas & Protein Coffees in the heart of "Downtown" Orange, CT. In addition to be focused on nutritious & healthy options, they also offer children's options making it a family friendly stop! During the week of 8/2-8/8 Small-

Town Nutrition will be donating all proceeds from sales to the Orange Volunteer Fire Department in support of the "Fire Truck 50k Challenge." Small Town Nutrition invites you to stop in and refuel, refresh & rehydrate all for a great cause.

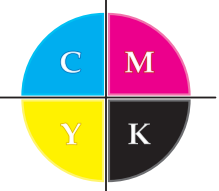
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ARTS & LEISURE



The 5th and 6th grade actors from Turkey Hill School Drama Club



Eva Kubik and Caryn Kim co-hosted the show

Turkey Hill Drama Club Performs Quarantine Virtual Show!

The Turkey Hill School Drama Club performed, “10 Ways to Survive a Life in Quarantine” by Don Zolidis on Sautrday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. The live show was performed on a zoom webinar in front of an audience of more than 100 viewers from around the country!

Actors included 12 Turkey Hill School 5th and 6th graders who practiced for more than a month. According to Director Deborah Sansone, the actors took to the virtual stage very easily. “They are already comfortable

with the format of Zoom and they easily converted their stage knowledge to the new format,” says Sansone, “We had to use chat features to cue each other. They learned to work through technical difficulties and practiced improv in case something unexpected happened during the live performance.”

Sansone said soon the actors were sending encouragement and pats on the back through the chat function on Zoom.

The THS Drama Club is supported by the Jaime Hulley Arts Foundation.

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Congregation Or Shalom Happenings

Weekly Services

All Services are currently through Zoom. Please call our office

Minyan Services

- › Sunday 9:00 AM
- › Monday 9:00 AM
- › Thursday 9:00 AM

Shabbat Services

- › Friday 7:30 PM
- › Saturday 9:30 PM

Zumba Gold at Or Shalom – Via Zoom

Congregation Or Shalom announces the continuation of ZUMBA GOLD on Tuesday nights at 7 PM. ZUMBA Gold is an easy to follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. Burn lots of calories, meet new friends, and have a blast. No experience needed and classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at zumbarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or temple office at 203-799-2341.

We are happy to add Zumba Gold with Danielle Pettit. Zumba Gold is perfect for active older adults who are looking to dance and have a good workout. While increasing balance, range of motion and coordination. Call or email for dates and times daniellepettit75@yahoo.com 203-509-3683 (cell).

Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 29th,
9:00am – 6:30pm

The Red Cross encourages eligible donors to become hometown heroes and answer the call of patients in need by donating blood. Or Shalom Blood Drive, help ensure blood is available



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for patients in need this summer by giving blood through the American Red Cross. To donate, download the Blood Donor App (3cu.be/blood), visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Each presented donor will receive a FREE SIX FLAGS TICKET. **The American Red Cross continues to closely monitor the evolving situation of COVID-19. Due to the amazing outpouring of community support, we are able to meet immediate patient needs. Thank you for continuing to stand with us through this crisis. Your upcoming blood drive is very important to ensure we can continue to meet all blood needs in the weeks to come. Our commitment to operate blood drives in the safest way possible for our donors, volunteers and staff remains a top priority.

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The First Church of Christ Events

The First Church of Christ Woodbridge started “attending” the You Tube Sunday services offered by the North Haven Congregational Church on July 26th. The North Haven Church has the capability to offer its service from its sanctuary. This means a new start time for the Sunday services – 9:30 am. If you would like to join the services, please notify us by Friday morning in order to receive the instructions on how to link with the services. You can either call us at (203) 389-2119 or email us at office@uccw.org.

Our office remains closed but our staff is hard at work. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us using the contact information listed above. We would be happy to hear from you.

As always, we invite all members of the community to join us for our weekly services:

Sunday Services – 9:39 am. You Tube services at the North Haven Congregational Church led by the Rev. Scott Morrow.



The First Church of Christ

Church School – The Church School does not meet over the summer. We look forward to the resumption of the church school programming on September 13, 2020.

Boy Scout Troop 907 – meets weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. During the pandemic, the troop is holding its meeting via ZOOM.

Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday, 10-11 Bible is on hiatus over the summer.

For more information on these events, please contact us at (203) 389-2119 or office@uccw.org. Visit our website at uccw.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/uccwoodbridge.

Congregation B’nai Jacob Happenings

We are excited to announce that beginning Friday night, July 24, (weather permitting), Shabbat evening services will be held OUTDOORS in the courtyard in accordance with guidelines for social distancing. Space is limited. Call the office to sign up.

Join us for OUTDOOR SERVICES in our tent, Ohel Ya’akov

We have a tent set up in the courtyard to provide some shade and comfort during services, while still maintaining social distancing. Bring your own lawn chairs and/or picnic blanket. We will also set up some white chairs in the breezeway for those who prefer not to walk on the grass.

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- › **Morning Minyan** at 7:45am (Monday-Friday), 9:00am (Sunday);
- › **Evening Minyan** at 6:00pm (Sunday-Thursday);
- › **Shabbat Shmooze** at 6:00pm Friday;
- › **Kaballat Shabbat** at 6:30pm Friday;
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Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel Events

Outdoor Services

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- › Sundays 9:00 am**
 - › Mondays 5:45 pm**
 - › Fridays 6:00 pm**
 - › Saturdays 9:30 am
- ** also available via Zoom

Services via Zoom

- › Sundays 5:45 pm
- › Mondays 7:00 am
- › Tuesdays 7:00 am & 5:45pm
- › Wednesdays 7:00 am & 5:45 pm
- › Thursdays 8:15 am & 5:45 pm
- › Fridays 7:00 am

High Holy Days

High holy days at BEKI will include a combination of in-person services, live streaming, and pre-recorded elements. Programming to enhance the spirit of the holy days will include on-line elements such as text study, meditation, and cooking demonstrations. Youth and Family Programming Director Annie Norman-Schiff is creating children's programs, which will include pre-recorded segments, a home packet of activities, and in-person activities, including services, both on- and off-site.

Blood Drive

On Thursday, August 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. BEKI will host a Red Cross blood drive. A free COVID-19 antibody test is included for every donor. Strict health protocols will be in place. Sign up at tinyurl.com/BEKIllooddrive

Wednesday Schmoozes

From 8:00 to 9:00 pm on Zoom, they include a presentation and time for questions.

August 5. Morris Bell & Raina Sotsky will share their insights on the psychological effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Sotsky is a psychiatrist who works with both adults and children. Bell is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychiatry at Yale and Senior Research Career Scientist for the VA.



Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel

August 12. Kalfani Turé, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Quinnipiac, will discuss issues relating to policing, racism and community. Turé is both an anthropologist and a former police officer.

August 19. Historian Robert Forbes will discuss “Do Black Lives Matter in the Declaration of Independence?” Forbes has been a faculty member at Yale, Wesleyan, UConn, and Southern.

August 26. Occupational therapist Sascha van Creveld will explain how the choices we make today will create the reality of how we live when we reach our 90s. She will provide tips for keeping both body and mind strong.

Psalms Group

Now on Tuesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 pm, Prof. Corinne Blackmer leads Tehilim in Times of Trouble. If you would like to join any BEKI Zoom meeting, email bekitefilla@gmail.com or office@beki.org.

In-person services

Prayer books and chairs are provided or bring your own. In case of bad weather, services move inside. Washrooms are available if needed.

Since any group gathering has inherent risks, participants should make their own informed choices as to what is best for them. So that records can be kept for possible contact tracing, RSVP to bekitefilla@gmail.com or jjtilsen@beki.org.

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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Events

If you were to open a Bible and start reading from the beginning, the first story you'd come across would be one of creation. You would read about the story of how God spoke the world into existence. You would read about God looking out over His creation and saying “it is good.” You would read about God making humans – male and female – in His own image. Christians call God “maker of heaven and earth” because that’s how we’re first introduced to God in Holy Scripture: by His actions. Not by His attributes or characteristics or His moral demands, but by His gracious, loving act of creation.

And God doesn’t simply make the world and then leave it be! He plants a garden, and sets a man in it to tend it and care for it. He tells this man and his wife that they are to have lordship over creation – not to inflict violence on creation, but to participate in the beautiful extension of the mind of God. The Creator loves His creation so much that He wants others to play in it, to witness its beauty, and to eat of its fruit. He wants His favorite creations (humans) to learn how to care for it and make it even more beautiful.

It is this desire to see a legacy carried on by others that also causes us to call God “father.” When we use this title, we’ve shifted from talking about God’s actions, to speaking about God’s relationship to humanity. This is a difficult reality for many to wrap our heads around because in this fallen world many fathers have failed. Maybe you’ve been hurt by your father. Or maybe, as a father, you have fallen short of your duties. It is for this reason, that Christians also profess belief in the forgiveness of sins — a forgiveness that work to mend even the most shattered of human relationships.

But when Christians call God “father” we are not saying “God is like a father,” but actually the opposite:



Zion Lutheran Church

when the God of the Bible is kept in mind, fatherhood is demonstrated by God for humans.

God, who creates mankind in His image, shows us what real fatherhood looks like.

God, who plants a garden and teaches His children how to care for it, shows us what real fatherhood looks like.

God, who wants the best for His children, and wants them to run away from the things that will harm them and kill them, shows us what real fatherhood looks like.

When Christians call God “father” we are making a claim about how He cares for us, and confessing that we must look to God to show us how earthly fathers are to act and love. When Christians say that we believe in God as “maker of heaven and earth,” we aren’t simply making a statement about the origins of the universe. We are speaking about a God who loves His creation. A God who wants to see beauty in the world, and wishes that His creatures (His children) would care for and preserve His creation.

Indeed, Christians believe in God... but we go on to say so much more.

If you'd like to find out more about the way Christians talk about God, come and hear our re-telling of the story every Sunday morning, 10:30 am at 780 Grassy Hill Road in Orange. You can get in touch with Pastor Benson by visiting www.zion-orange.com/contact.

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The Library will be closed Saturday, September 5, and Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

The Case Memorial Library is here to serve the community. We are temporarily closed to the public, but we continue to provide services and develop new programs to meet your needs.

We are currently providing the following services:

- Our public computers may be used by appointment only. Call 203-891-2170 or email reference@casememoriallibrary.org to make an appointment. Time slots for computer use are 10-11 a.m., 2-3 p.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m., and 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Monday and Thursday evenings only).
- Holds can be placed on library materials through our online catalog, by phone, or by email. When the items you request are available, we will call you to schedule a curbside pickup. Hours for curbside pickup are Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We have online programs that are free and open to the public.

Events For Adults

Book Discussions

Online Mystery Book Discussion

Thursday, August 13, 1 p.m.

Join Librarian Samantha Jasulavic for an online discussion of "The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle" by Stuart Turton. This discussion will take place on Zoom-please note that registration is required, as for online security reasons only registered attendees will be able to attend this event. Registered attendees will receive a Zoom link via email before the event. Please call the library or contact Samantha at sjasulavic@casememoriallibrary.org to place a hold on a copy of the book.

Online Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Chat

Thursday, August 27, 6 p.m.

Do you have a new favorite science fiction or fantasy author you'd like to



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share or are you currently re-reading one of the classics and want to geek out over it with others? Come join Librarians Tom and Jonathan online for our very first Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Chat. All are welcome. Registration is required (you will receive a Zoom link the day before the chat).

Events For Children

Online 3-5 Year

Olds Storytime

Monday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 3-5. Preschoolers are invited to join Ms. Michelle for stories, music, and movement! Registration is required. Please note: All registrants with a valid email address will be sent a link for storytime. For security reasons, we are unable to admit non-registrants to this program.

Online Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, and 25, 10:30 a.m.

For babies and toddlers up to two years old. Little ones and their caregivers are invited to this virtual storytime with Ms. Michelle! We'll play with puppets, sing our favorite songs, explore books together, and more. Registration is required. Please note: All registrants with a valid email address will be sent a link for storytime. For security reasons, we are unable to admit non-registrants to this program.

Online 2-Year-

Old Storytime

Wednesdays, August 5 and 12, 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 2-3. Experience music and movement, dive into picture books, and sing your favorite songs with Ms. Michelle! Registration is required. Please note: All registrants with a valid email address will be sent a link for storytime. For security reasons, we are unable to admit non-registrants to this program.

Tween Take & Make: Cyanotypes

Kit pickup: Thursday, August 6-Saturday, August 8

For tweens going into grades 4-6. One of the earliest forms of photography, cyanotypes use the sun to imprint white silhouettes onto rich blue backgrounds. Learn about the first book of photographs and create your own unique print to take home! Participants may bring flowers, leaves, or small objects from home to use in their design. This activity requires the use of lemon juice and paper coated with ferric ammonium citrate and potassium ferricyanide. Registered participants will be able to pick up their take-home kit between Thursday, August 6 and Saturday, August 8.

Tween Virtual Chill and Create

Thursday, August 6, 2-3 p.m.

For tweens going into grades 4-6. Working on a drawing? Making a graphic novel? Practicing your knitting skills? Whatever motivates you to be creative, you'll be welcome at our tween socially-distanced social hour! Join us via Zoom as we share our projects and our ideas. Registered participants will receive a link to our Zoom session on Tuesday, August 4.

Take & Make: Rapunzel Rescue Challenge

Kit pickup: Thursday, August 13-Saturday, August 15

For children entering grades 1-3. Engineer a clever escape for Rapunzel and save the day using your imagination! All materials will be provided. Registered participants may pick up their take-home kits via curbside pickup from Thursday, August 13 to Saturday, August 15. Adult supervision strongly recommended. Registration is required.

Take & Make: Geology Slime

Kit pickup: Thursday, August 20-Saturday, August 23

For children entering grades 1-3. Mix a cool sensory concoction full of gemstones and minerals. All materials will be provided. Registered participants may pick up their take-home kits via curbside pickup from Thursday, August 20 to Saturday, August 23. Use of food coloring is optional. Adult supervision strongly recommended. Registration is required.

Events For Teens

Virtual Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, August 6, 5:30 p.m.

For students in grades 7-12 (minimum age 13). Join us as we play Dungeons & Dragons online with our Adult Services Librarian Tom, who is an experienced gamemaster. We will be using the Roll20 platform for this program, which is safe, free, and easy to use. Bring your imagination and we'll do the rest! Registered participants will receive a link to the game session on Roll20 on Tuesday, August 4th.



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How To Safely Watch Wildlife

Outdoor enthusiasts know that the wonders of nature never cease. Encountering wildlife while enjoying the great outdoors can be an experience unlike any other, especially when nature lovers know what to do and how to treat wildlife with caution and respect.

The National Park Service notes that the safety of nature lovers and wildlife depends on outdoor enthusiasts' good judgment. By following these guidelines, nature lovers can continue to enjoy the great outdoors without adversely affecting local wildlife.

Do your homework. The NPS notes that every park has its own specific guidelines regarding interactions with wildlife. Prior to visiting a park, familiarize yourself with these guidelines, which often include rules on viewing distances and food storage requirements. Ignoring the guidelines adversely affects the safety of both nature lovers and wildlife, so review the rules in advance of your trip and again upon your arrival at the park.

Be vigilant from the moment you arrive on park grounds. According to the NPS, accidents involving motor vehicles are some of the more deadly



encounters for wildlife in parks. The roads that help nature lovers navigate their way through parks cut directly through wildlife habitats, so visitors should be on the lookout and proceed with caution after arriving at the park, even if their campground or the area

they intend to visit is still miles away. Don't get too close to wildlife. The NPS says that, in addition to following park guidelines that govern the distance visitors should maintain between themselves and wildlife, a good rule of thumb is to remember that

you are too close if animals react to your presence. Selfies should be out of the question, but visitors can still take photos so long as they maintain safe distances between themselves and wildlife.

Never feed, touch, tease, frighten, or intentionally disturb wildlife. Wildlife can be unpredictable, and interacting directly with them can put the health of park visitors and animals in jeopardy. Always remember you are there only to observe wildlife.

Share any unusual experiences with a park ranger. Nature lovers who see wildlife that appears sick or wildlife that approaches them should share these experiences and encounters with a park ranger. In addition, don't be shy about informing park rangers about other park visitors if you see them disobeying park rules. Keeping parks safe for visitors and wildlife requires a collective effort, and anyone not doing their part must be reminded of that, ideally by a park ranger.

Parks are great places to experience local wildlife. Guidelines governing interactions with wildlife should always be followed, as they can keep both visitors and animals safe.

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like all other districts in the state, has to follow the guidelines issued by the state Department of Education and by health officials at the national and state level.

“Our job is to figure out how to work within the guidelines that are provided,” she said. But many of those guidelines are coming in only gradually, and many questions remain.

First day: The first day of school for all BOWA students will be Monday, August 31.

Onsite learning: Students and teachers are expected to wear face masks while in school. Desks will be re-arranged to allow for maximal distancing, even though it may not always be six feet apart, she said. In fact, the district medical advisor, Dr. Amir Muhammad, has recommended a minimum of three feet. Extraneous furniture will be removed from the classrooms and stored in storage pods.

At the high school each classroom will have about 20 students. Some bigger classes may be split into two sections, if need be, or moved to a bigger space. Some outdoor spaces may be available while the weather is conducive, but their planning has to be for those days when it is not available.

There will be traffic patterns throughout the building to help with physical distancing during passing time.

“Our biggest challenge is lunch at the high school,” Dr. Byars said, adding that that is one of the major outstanding questions they are working on. Schools are mandated to provide lunch for students. “We have to figure out the manner in which to do it.” It is also one situation in which students will have to remove their masks, making physical distancing even more essential.

Athletics: The CIAC (Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference) has issued its own set of guidelines to keep athletes as safe as possible. Fall sports will start on time, said High

School Principal Anna Mahon, albeit with safety measures in place. She said the CIAC still has to solve some issues around busing, but so far, the fall season is on!

Middle schools: Middle school classes will stay together in one classroom throughout the school day, while teachers move from classroom to classroom. The students will be grouped based on their math classes, said Orange Middle School Principal Kathy Burke.

Each “cohort” will have at most 20 students. Lunch waves will be organized by keeping cohorts together. The only time students will be mixing with other groups is during health and PE.

There will be no extra-curricular activities for middle school students, said Bethany campus Principal Jason Tracy. However, they are planning to offer up period 8 for students to organize clubs virtually.

Facilities: Custodians will be following a rigorous cleaning protocol, with special focus on bathroom and high touch areas. They are continuing to follow Green Cleaning guidelines. As for ventilation, the district will keep windows closed so as to avoid allergens from entering; instead, maintaining proper filtering in the HVAC system is the best thing they can do, the superintendent said. In restrooms, they installed touch-free flushing and sinks; automatic hand dryers are out, instead they have to revert to paper towels from touch-free dispensers. They are considering hiring staff to monitor the number of people entering bathrooms.

Hybrid model: Dr. Byars said she is not totally sure what “hybrid” means, other than reducing the student population at any given time. At this point, the plan is to form two groups, based on last name, with *A-K in school on Monday and Thursday; *L-Z in school on Tuesday and Friday. Wednesday would be a flex day under that model. However, Byars said she is looking for direction from the state as to what that flex day would accomplish. For families

with different last names, they will deal with each on a case-by-case basis.

Remote learning: All students from 9th to 11th grade will be issued a district laptop, Principal Anna Mahon wrote to Amity families last week. Seniors will be expected to have a personal device at their disposal in school and at home. Should a senior not have access to a laptop, the district will provide a device.

After three months of remote learning this spring, the feedback from parents and students has been loud and clear in favor of synchronous teaching and learning — when all log on at the same time — which is considered far more supportive than everyone doing their work on their own schedule. The goal is to keep schedules that would be workable in either of the three modalities, which could allow students to log it at a certain time for their third-period class, for example.

Whether teachers will be presenting lessons live is part of the conversation the district is having with the teacher’s union, Byars said. These talks are under way.

Last spring, the student schedule did not start until 9:30 a.m., which allowed teachers to get technical support first thing in the morning. That model was well received, Byars said, and may be used again, should the schools have to revert to remote learning.

Getting sick in school: The health department has issued very specific guidelines of what to do when students present with symptoms. “Our first phone call will be to health department to get their advisement on next steps,” said Tom Brant. The school will have to provide an isolation room for students or staff who take ill during the school day.

Regular testing of staff or students is not a recommendation at this time, Dr. Byars said. Sending a student or teacher home who feels sick is not unheard of, Dr. Byars said. “We have been dealing with this forever.” Sim-

ilarly, they have processes in place for those students who have to stay home for medical reasons.

Opting into remote learning: What’s different in this situation is the parents who decide they don’t want to send kids back to school under current circumstances. The state recommends that school districts provide “temporary remote learning opportunities for those parents and students voluntarily opting into remote learning programming while other students attend in-person instruction.”

That does not mean that families can pick and choose which activities to take part in – say band, for example; but stay home for the rest.

Parents who sign up for voluntary remote learning will be expected to supervise and engage their children “to fully and effectively access the remote learning programming that is offered through the public school district.” Districts will be expected to take attendance.

No guidance has been provided for special education students who choose the remote learning model.

Tracking expenses: The fiscal impact of all these changes will be significant, predicted Amity Finance Director Terry Lumas. She said the district spent a little over \$400,000 just for PPE, and cameras and laptops for teachers – expenses that were incurred in the Fiscal Year 2020. The impact on the current year may be as high as \$2million, she said, mostly due to staffing costs. The district will need to hire additional custodial staff as well as substitute teachers, which all school districts are trying to attract.

“We are tracking and trying to project the expenses,” she said. But predictions are as slippery as the plans that keep changing. By tracking expenses, she is laying the groundwork for claims when federal or state funds become available to public schools.

Of the three teaching and learning models, bringing back all students is probably the most expensive, she said.

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lately, you have to wear a face covering. If you go into BJ’s, they’re wiping down the carriage and giving you hand sanitizers. These are mitigation strategies that we’re all experiencing now in our real lives. The challenge is putting this into the context of our school buildings,” he says.

Classroom teachers will schedule mask breaks throughout the day and will also provide opportunity for children to take individual breaks as needed. Based on guidance from the Department of Public Health, school buildings will be cleaned and disinfected, focusing on doorknobs, hand railings, sinks, toilets, fixtures, light switches, cover plates and many more items. “All efforts will be made in the schools to minimize contact with these high-touch surfaces,” Gray says, adding, “We will talk to children to make sure they’re not touching their neighbor’s desks or materials and that they’re staying in their own spots.”

Sanitizer stations are being added throughout the schools. “Hygiene and cleaning will be a community event. It will be that partnership between home and school,” Gray says. Students will spend their days in cohorts with the same students daily in an effort to help prevent too much contact with other children and adults.

In addition to non-classroom spaces in Orange schools, the district has looked into other community spaces such as at the former Holy Infant School and at High Plains Community Center in the event that those spaces are needed in order to properly socially distance students.

Meanwhile, in Orange Schools, custodians have been deep cleaning the schools since students were let out in mid-March. “They started with opening light fixtures and working their way down to the floors and all of the furniture before it came back into the room. They’ve been doing a very thorough deep cleaning of the classrooms, restrooms, hallways, and the office areas, so we will certainly be ready for the opening of school as far as room

cleanliness is concerned,” Gray says. An automated ventilation system will turn fans on at 5 a.m. in all classrooms, circulating fresh air so that there is no ambient, stagnant air in the classroom. “Fans are going to run continuously during the school day to circulate fresh air through the classrooms. We are going to be flushing our classrooms with as much fresh air as possible,” he says. “I can pull up any classroom in the district on my computer and can look at the heating and ventilation in that room; I can look at what the temperature is. We’re able to monitor and inspect all of the actuators, dampers and air handlers to make sure that the computer is actually doing what it says it is doing.” This summer, all duct work is being cleaned in all school buildings. “We’re really targeting our ventilation systems to make sure that the air that we’re supplying our classrooms and larger areas is as clean as it can be,” Gray says.

Some changes will be more visible to students and their families. The district is not expecting to have parent or other volunteers in classrooms, or any outside clubs or groups, at least for the time being. Students will eat lunches in their classrooms with their cohorts, with a lunch prepared in the cafeteria, packaged and delivered to the classroom.

Transportation will be in what’s called ‘low status’ mode, where buses can operate with a full load, but with restrictions in place including masks required for all drivers and passengers and students boarding from the back of the bus to the front in order to eliminate passing other students. Parents will be encouraged to transport students to school whenever possible. “In preliminary survey results, about 55% of families said they would be riding the bus and 45% said parents will provide transportation,” Gray says.

Scarpetti acknowledges that a great deal of minutia went into the overall plan. “Things that may seem very minor are going to create a huge effect to us to do anything that we can to have a clean and healthy building,” Scarpetti says.

DEATH NOTICES

Cynthia J. Butler

Cynthia Joan Butler, age 87, of Milford, formerly of Orange, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, July 4, 2020. She was born in West Haven, CT on July 11, 1932 to the late Alexander and Mary (Kolodenna) Butler.

Cynthia graduated from West Haven High School, and received a Bachelor’s Degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She went on to earn a Master’s Degree from Columbia University. She received an Advanced Certificate in Administration from Fairfield University. Cynthia taught in the West Haven School System until her retirement. She was active in the West Haven Retired Teachers where she served as Secretary. Cynthia was also active in the Orange Democratic

Town Committee.

Cynthia is survived by her niece Janice Potochney and her husband Andrew, and her nephew Richard Butler and his wife Veronica, as well as one great niece and three great nephews. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Butler, and two sisters, Helen Zubchonic and Jennie Butler.

Arrangements were in the capable hands of the Keenan Funeral Home, 238 Elm Street, West Haven, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, 769 Ella T Grasso Blvd, New Haven, CT. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.keenanfuneralhome.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

The Orange Town News will publish Death Notices for Orange families free of charge as a service to our readers. Family members please email notice (limit 250 words, please) to: edit@orangetownnews.com

Family-Friendly Outdoor Activities

Children who spend a lot of time outdoors benefit from exposure to nature in myriad ways, some of which may surprise even the most devoted outdoorsmen.

According to a 2006 study published in the journal Human Dimensions of Wildlife, fifth graders who attended school at a local prairie wetlands where lessons in science, math and writing were integrated in an experimental way had significantly stronger reading and writing skills than their peers who attended more traditional schools. Another study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health found that holding a class outdoors one day a week significantly improved the daily cortisol patterns of students, reducing their risk of stress and improving their ability to adapt to stress.

Parents who want their children to reap the rewards of being exposed to the great outdoors can encourage educators to incorporate nature into school curriculums and also embrace these family-friendly outdoor activities.

Nature treasure hunt: A treasure hunt in nature can keep kids engaged on family hiking excursions and provide an excellent opportunity for parents to teach children about the assortment of plants, birds and wildlife that live in the parks and along the trails near their home.

Outdoor art class: Families don’t

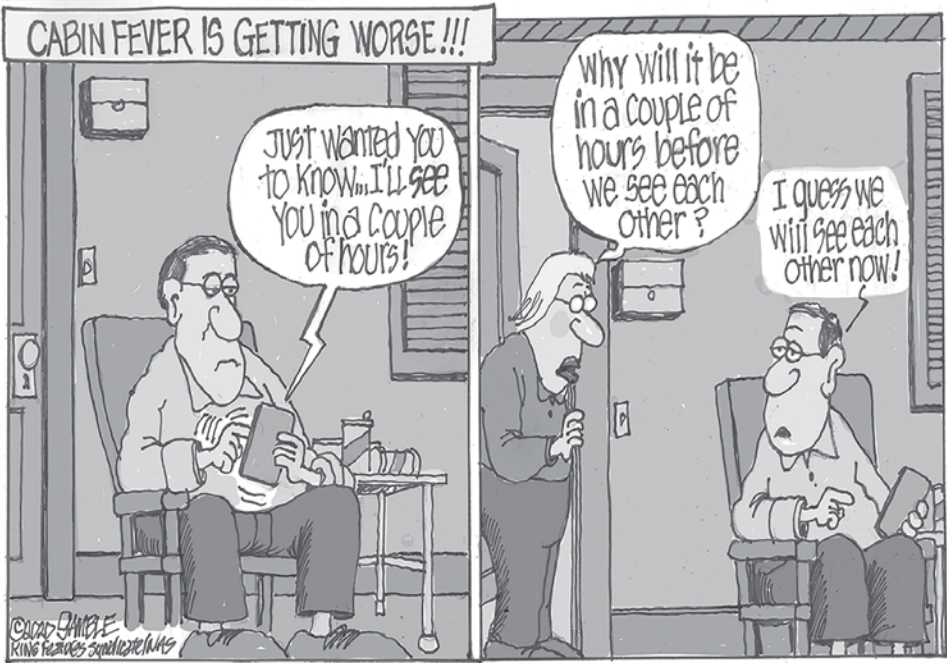
even need to leave their properties to spend quality time together outside. Pick a pleasant afternoon and set up an outdoor painting station, encouraging everyone to paint what they see. Fall is a great time to host an outdoor art sessions thanks to the assortment of vibrant colors that have become synonymous with autumn landscapes.

Bonfire: Outdoor activities need not be limited to daylight hours. A post-dinner backyard bonfire can entice everyone outside, where families can tell scary stories as they make s’mores.

Stargazing: Stargazing is another way families can spend time outdoors and learn a few things at the same time. Some blankets, a thermos of hot cocoa and a chart of constellations can provide the perfect complement to a sky full of bright stars. If visibility is compromised in the backyard, find a local spot where everyone can get a clear view of the night sky.

Fruit picking: Apple picking is a popular autumn activity, but families need not wait for the autumn harvest to enjoy a day picking fruit or vegetables at a nearby farm. Visit a local farm during its harvest season, teaching children about how the foods they love are grown and eventually make it to the family dinner table.

Families looking to spend more time together in the great outdoors can look to a number of activities people of all ages can enjoy.



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Different Summer Reads

BY ROBERTA L NESTOR

With summertime comes summer reading, but this year, summer reading does not have to be about reading books. In 2019, there were 600 million blogs worldwide in a world of 1.7 billion websites. WordPress, a very user-friendly blog site, boasts 70 million posts each month. Great blogs are current and without too much digging can be extremely relevant to your day to day lives, especially for retirees. If reading a large book seems daunting or enjoying daily bite-size reading is more your style, then try one of these five interesting blogs:

Sightings at 60 (www.sightingsat60.blogspot.com)

A Baby Boomer for Pennsylvania digs into all topics relating to retirees—from health, finance, retirement, grown-up children, travel and occasionally politics. Lately, there has been a few blogs on coping with Coronavirus and the changes it has brought to all of us. It is easier to read, often relatable, and comes with the insight of being a fellow Baby Boomer.

Alliance for Retired Americans
(www.retiredamericans.org)

While this site might be more informative than entertaining, Alliance for Retired Americans is a grass roots organization with millions of members contributing to the information you will find here. It focuses on social and economic justice for all and aims to educate and mobilize its readers. Even if you are not into strong agendas, they provide great resources on Medicare, Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, and many other things.

Baby Boomer Retirement (<https://www.baby-boomer-retirement.com/>)

Deborah, a fellow Baby Boomer, has been writing this blog for seven years. She fills the pages with information answering questions like “How to Downsize without Moving?” and “Which Vaccines do Senior Citizens Need?” She brings facts and advice together throughout her website. She also has sections for “Travel, Family & More,” “Retire Overseas,” “Retire in

the US,” “Social Security & Medicare,” and “Medical Concerns” so if those are hot topics for you, dive into this blog.

Having Fun Cracking Retirement (<https://www.crackingretirement.com/>)

Sometimes, we dream about a special guide that will give us all the answers. While no one has all the answers, this author has brought eight years of retirement experience and thirty years of working to his blogs. Providing his thoughts on a variety of topics from the pandemic to travel (pre-COVID) to the flowers in his garden, he embeds how to work with the many challenges' retirement can pose.

And for those of us who just love holding a book, here is an all-time favorite book:

“How to Retire Happy, Wild & Free” by Ernie J. Zelinski - This book is a winner, especially if you are done reading and researching the financial aspects of retirement. The average retirement lasts over 10,000 days, what will you do to fill those days and maintain being productive and active? This book does not offer any financial advice, just advice on how to maintain purpose and meaning in your life throughout retirement.

Happy reading!

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HISTORY CORNER



BY GINNY REINHARD

Let's Piece it Together...

History has a way of blending facts and over time, the truth becomes fiction and fiction becomes facts. The Bryan-Andrew story is somewhat straightforward as documents have been preserved and with word of mouth and scientific analysis the story is an interesting one.

It starts with Alexander Bryan arriving in 1639 with his wife and son Richard to the colony of Wepawaug, later named Milford. He was a prominent man living on 4 acres at the corner of River and Broad Streets, once the home of the Taylor Library and now Chamber of Commerce. As early as 1640 he sent a vessel to Boston laden with beaver fur bringing back goods needed by the fledgling colony. He was so well respected that his notes were passed as currency.

His son was also a merchant trading in the West Indies as well as Boston. Alexander's will, dated 1678, mentions Richard, his wife having died in 1673. It would then seem that Richard lived in the home of his father. He died in 1679. We will call this Richard, the first (I) 1631-1689.

Before I leave Alexander, an anecdote. Historian Mr. Edward Lambert states that he had a liberal education and sometimes appeared as an attorney before the general court. One case, in particular was against Roger Ludlow in the slander case where Thomas Staples received a judgement against Ludlow for reporting that Goodwife Staples was a witch!

Richard's (I) inventory is extensive, difficult to read but nevertheless an example of wealth and prosperity, his own and that of his father, Alexander. Using terms as "great chamber" and "garret" implies a two-story home but judging from the amount of inventory, a large home. Some of the inventory listed are brass candlesticks, a Turkish carpet, often used on a table rather than the floor, 3 Bibles, numerous chairs with cushions, many beds for 14 children, pewter plates, 2 salt cellars (tiny bowls), brass kettles, 2 peels, and "a thing to set a pot on", exact words. The contents, which goes on for many 11"x14" pages, indicates a wealthy home.

The Bryan clan was not satisfied only to live in Milford, but ventured out or down to Long Island to a place called Eaton's Neck, where the descendants of Richard Bryan's children are numerous there today. Would you believe that Richard bought Charles Island? Yup, but that's another story. Now Richard (I) had a son he named Richard (II) 1666-1734 which is where confusion reigns. According to our Orange history book by Mary Woodruff, 300 acres had passed from Alexander

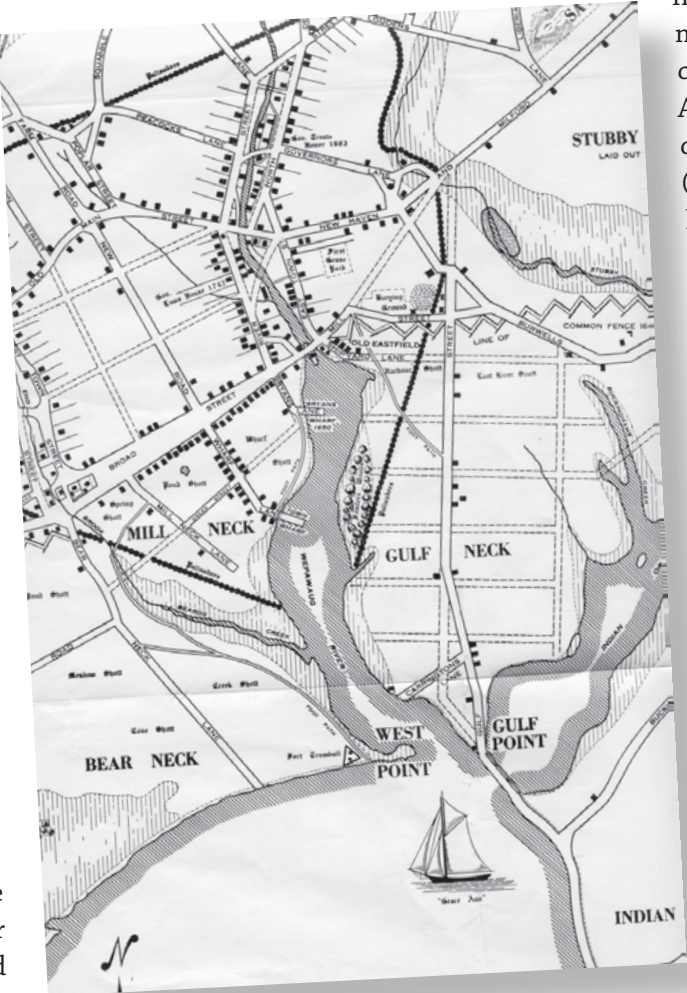


The foundation wall

to Richard (I) who in turn gave his son Richard (II) 208 acres at High Plains in 1720 with dwellings. OK now here it gets a bit clearer. Richard's (II) house at High Plains existed when builder Harry Grillo lived in Orange and he remembers a large colonial on the top of the hill at High Plains which was torn down, much to his dismay and mine as well. He said it was a Bryan house with an inventory to match.

The 208 acres is the exact location between Lambert Road, Old Tavern, Orange Center and Porter Lane. The Bryan-Andrew House is located in the bottom portion of that 208 acres. I have been fascinated by a small wall at the Bryan-Andrew house which showed some unusual looking mortar as well as some flat stones placed in the back portion of the house and a pile of cut rocks taken out of that area when dug for proper drainage in 2005. All clues to another house behind the one that is there now. Hmm. State Archaeologist, Nick Bellantoni confirmed with me that the mortar in the wall was indeed early 18th century. While doing research at the Academy for our 200th anniversary, Frances and I unearthed some interesting information which is now tying it all together. Richard (II) had two sons, another Richard (III) 1699-1767 and Nathan 1714-1766. Some of the dates in the found information do not match up with certified dates using various established works, but using the note from Edward Lambert's History of the Colony of New Haven, 1838, it confirms that in 1717 a Jesse Lambert settled in a place called East Farms having been the 2nd inhabitant, a Bryan the first.

With my intuition, facts and the "wall", I now feel certain that there was a house, in the back of the Bryan-Andrew house, a smaller house built probably in 1720 or thereabouts. I could not verify the East Farms notation right now but we are talking about a



Bryan-Andrew House

house on the property at 131 Old Tavern Road. I won't argue with a note that says a deed dated 1726 indicates that by that date Richard (?) was living in a house at that location. Yes, in the back of the present-day house. He could very well have lived there and in leaving that house, Nathan built the one we now call "home". Various historical restoration experts have stated that today's house was built in the 1740s which by tradition a house was built for an upcoming marriage and Nathan and Elizabeth were married in 1739.

The notes go on to say that "there is a faint possibility the present house may have been a replacement built about 1748 after some children died in 1746. Using Susan Abbott's Families of Early Milford, I do find that Richard (III) had a son (Richard (IV) 1721-1776 and he had two children who died, 1744 and 1746. Her book also confirms that a Jesse Lambert married in 1717. This and other comments from the notes make my conclusions plausible. However, the last comment makes the connection quite valid. "Supposedly there were the remains of a foundation nearby, but this is a supposition I had not heard before." Well? Now you have.

Come visit as soon as you read about our opening the Bryan-Andrew House on Old Tavern Road or if you want to visit with a small family group, call us at 203- 795-3106 and we will meet the protocol for covid-19 while you visit. More on the Andrew connection next time.

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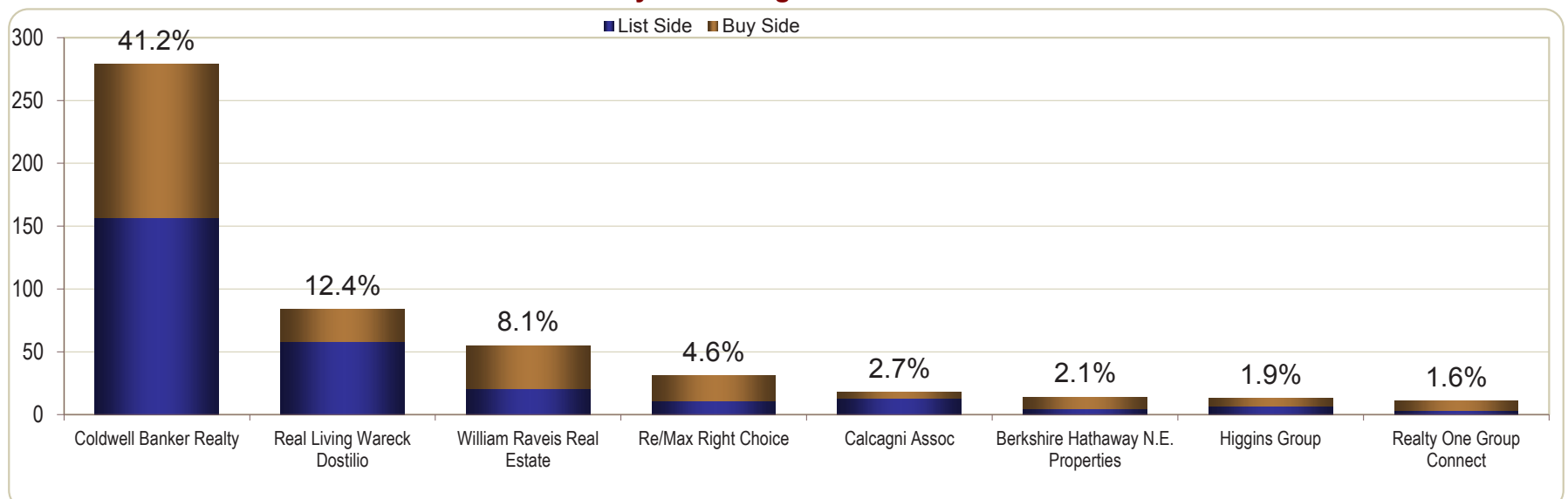
With the Bryan families being wealthy for their time, it would only be reasonable that they had a portrait painted of one of them, Alexander or Richard as evidenced by their inventories. The Orange Historical Society would love to be able to have a Bryan portrait so if you know of one, please contact Ginny at 203-795-3106, email orangehistorical@yahoo.com or contact us through our website www.orangehistory.org.



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