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## Orange TPZC Shuts Down Cottage Development After Neighborhood Outcry

By *Brandon T. Bisceglia*

The Orange Town Plan & Zoning Commission voted unanimously July 3 to deny a zone change that would have allowed the development of a controversial cottage community for older adults on Turkey Hill Road after residents in the area turned out in force to voice their opposition.

The new zone, proposed by Orange resident Richard Meisenheimer, would have created a "Cottage Community Active Adult Community" zone in an area between Turkey Hill Road and the Wilbur Cross Parkway.

The change was needed for Meisenheimer to carry out his vision of building an independent living community of 30 to 40 townhouses for older adults on a portion of the 22-acre property he owns, which is currently mostly woods and wetlands.

It required a zone change because the density of the proposed development exceeded the limit of one unit per one-and-a-half acres required in the residential neighborhood.

### Grassroots Opposition

Meisenheimer's proposed new zone had been before the TPZC for several months, during which time his representatives worked to revise the proposal to meet some of the commission's concerns. Those early meetings were sparsely attended.

During the commission's June 5 meeting, Maryann and Mark Quiriconi, as well as Joseph Ronan, all of Turkey Hill Road, came and raised several of their own concerns. Among other things, they complained that no one had approached them about a development that would arise in their own backyards.

Just two weeks later, on June 19, the lower-level room in Town Hall where the TPZC holds its meetings was standing-room only, filled with area residents who opposed the proposal. In addition to the dozens of people who attended, the commission spent a significant portion of the evening reading letters and emails of opposition into the record.

Meisenheimer's team also provided a number of letters from residents to the commission, but chose not to read them, instead only mentioning their names and addresses. None of those letters came from Turkey Hill Road addresses.



Attorney Kevin Curseaden, left, representing property owner Richard Meisenheimer, speaks as Orange Town Plan & Zoning Chair Oscar Parente, right, looks on during the board's June 5 meeting. *Image courtesy of OGAT.*

Criticisms of the proposal were myriad, ranging from worries about increased traffic to questions about the effect on property values to concerns about changes to the "character" of the neighborhood. Several pointed out that part of the reason they had moved to Orange in the first place was because of the density requirements in residentially-zoned neighborhoods.

The opposition campaign grew quickly in the neighborhood once people became aware of what was happening, according to Ron Michaels, a Turkey Hill Road resident who helped organize the effort.

Michaels said he heard about the development from a neighbor after the June 5 meeting. Once he was aware of it, he and his wife helped to send fliers around to about 350 homes. They went house-to-house to discuss the issue. They created an email distribution list of people in opposition.

"Had there been more time," he said, "you would have seen a lot more letters and a lot more people at that (June 19) meeting."

Michaels, like several of his neighbors, was particularly upset by the way he had to learn about the proposal: from word of mouth. He said there should be greater communication by

either the town or property owner with those in the area when a project of this magnitude is being considered.

### Right Idea, Wrong Place

Members of the TPZC incorporated some of the residents' complaints into their discussion and vote July 3.

Commissioner Paul Kaplan opened by saying that the town's Plan of Conservation and Development clearly encouraged the kind of older adult community Meisenheimer wanted to build, but added that not every property in town was going to be the perfect fit for that kind of development. That, he said, was his feeling about this case.

"I believe the proposed use is too intense for this particular area," he said.

Fellow commissioner Kevin Cornell echoed that sentiment, saying he couldn't justify allowing the increased density for the potential benefit of the proposed housing.

Vice Chair Judy Smith pointed out that the commission has been actively working to bring senior housing of various kinds to Orange, most recently with the approval of a zone change on Indian River Road to allow for a new senior community development there. The difference,

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## Splash Pad Opens At Milford's Eisenhower Park

Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake announced July 3 that the splash pad (a sprinkler like system where water comes out of the ground) at Eisenhower Park would be open to the public starting at noon July 4. The splash pad is the latest upgrade to the park, following the recent addition of eight pickleball (a game reminiscent of tennis played with paddles) courts this spring.

"It's a great addition to a park where there

are all kinds of activities," Blake said in a press release, adding that these enhancements "would not be possible without the hard-working team at Public Works along with various others. Eisenhower is truly a community centerpiece of which we can all be proud."

The park is filled with recreational amenities such as walking trails, tennis courts, a playground, softball fields and more.



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# News & Events

## RWA Expands Water Assistance Program

The Regional Water Authority has announced an expansion of its Residential Water Assistance Program, helping more Connecticut families afford access to a high-quality, reliable water supply. The program provides grants to low-income families for use on their water bills. Starting this month, the RWA has made the program accessible to more families and increased the aid it provides.

RWA consumers living at or below 175 percent of the 2018 Federal Poverty Income Level are now eligible for the program. Income guidelines depend on the size of the household being evaluated. For example, a family of four could apply to the program if their annual income is \$43,925 or less. Qualifying applicants can receive up to \$100 toward their water bills, a 25 percent increase from the \$80 that was previously offered.

About 60 percent of Orange residents are connected to the regional water supply. The remainder rely on private wells. The RWA was unable to provide information on the number of wells in Milford.

“We started our Residential Water Assistance Program because no one should

have to struggle to fit water into their family’s budget,” said RWA President and CEO Larry L. Bingaman. “The RWA is proud to be a conscious business and dedicated community partner. We go to great lengths to keep our high-quality water affordable, and this newly expanded program provides that extra helping hand to our neighbors facing financial hardships. This assistance helps those members of our community maintain their water use and their home budget, so that they can get back on their feet faster.”

Anyone interested in applying for the program should contact Dollar Energy, RWA’s partner on this initiative, at 1-800-375-1388. Callers will be connected with Dollar Energy’s Program Coordinator or their Hardship Program Coordinator who will provide free, confidential assistance.

Applicants can also visit or call one of the RWA’s other community partners: the Salvation Army of New Haven, 450 George St., New Haven, 203-624-9891; the Salvation Army of Ansonia; 26 Lester St., Ansonia, 203-736-0707; and TEAM, Inc. of Ansonia, Bethany, Derby, Milford and Seymour, 30 Elizabeth St., Derby, 203-736-5420.

## Milford Senior Center Holds Awards Luncheon



The Milford Senior Center paid tribute to 96 volunteers recently during an awards luncheon ceremony at the center. Pictured are volunteers, staff members, the Council on Aging Board of Directors, Executive Director of the Milford Senior Center Janice M. Jackson, and Mayor Benjamin Blake, who presented the Volunteer of the Year awards. The awardees were: Susan Persett, consignment shop; Paula Hartlett, office; Terry Manno, community café; Linda Gill, Ahrens program; and Barbara Harrington, food bank. Photo by Eleanore Myers Turkington.

## Boating Safely Course Being Offered

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-2 is offering an “About Boating Safely” course on Sunday, July 15.

About Boating Safely is an eight-hour course, starting at 8 a.m. Successful completion of the course satisfies the Connecticut licensing requirements for both boats and personal watercraft. Instruction will cover all the basic topics involved in the safe operation of recreational boating and seamanship.

All students will need to obtain a State of Connecticut Conservation ID number before taking the ABS/PWC class. To register for a

free ID number, visit [ct.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/Sales](http://ct.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/Sales).

Flotilla 24-2 is located at 1 Birdseye St. in Stratford at the Birdseye Boat Ramp. The cost of the class is \$50 per student. Pre-registration is required. To register, email [Flotilla242@comcast.net](mailto:Flotilla242@comcast.net) or call 203-381-2085.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, visit [cgaux.org](http://cgaux.org).

## Holy Infant Religious Education Registrations Open

Holy Infant Parish in Orange is currently accepting registrations for the Religious Education Program for the 2018/2019 school year. Applications are available for children entering first grade in September

and any new students not registered in the program.

Please contact the Religious Education Office at 203-799-2417 or at [dre@holyyinfantorange.com](mailto:dre@holyyinfantorange.com) for information.

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place in General Chiang Kai-shek's exiled Republic of China (ROC) government. Chen's star shined so brightly that universities in the United States and elsewhere began to offer him a fellowship. He returned in 1960. Very shortly, everything changed for Chen. (PRC), insisted on the One China Principle, stating that China and Taiwan were one and the same. The ROC saw things differently. The ROC's most famous diplomat adopted the One China Policy, a diplomatic solution of acknowledging the PRC's claim and



# News & Events

## Special Olympics Cycling Comes To Orange



For the first time, Special Olympics Connecticut held its Summer Games cycling competition June 9 and 10 at Yale West Campus in Orange. More than 2,500 athletes, partners and coaches from across the state came together for the Special Olympics Connecticut Summer Games, including 229 who participated in cycling. In addition to cycling, track and field, tennis and swimming events were held at Southern Connecticut State University and soccer was held at the Hamden Hall Skiff Street Athletic Complex. The Summer Games also featured Healthy Athletes Village, where athletes received free health screenings and education from volunteer medical practitioners, and Olympic Town, which offered entertainment, crafts and activities for athletes to enjoy during the downtime between their events. *Contributed photos.*

## Orange Rotary Scholarships Given



Orange Rotary gave three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors. Left to right Don Lewis, Nitya Bhattaria of Amily, Sharon Ewen, Justine Lue of Amily, Bob Sigler, Peter DeBassio of Holy Cross and Maria LaViola. *Photo by Diane Eger.*

## Downtown Milford Free Summer Cinema Series Returns

The Downtown Milford Business Association's free Summer Cinema Series is back. For four Thursdays in July and August, a different movie will be featured and local food trucks will be on site at Fowler Pavilion. This year's lineup includes *ET*, *Home Alone*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Ghostbusters*.

The DMBA Summer Cinema Series opens court at 6 p.m. so you can set up and visit the food trucks. The movie starts at 8 p.m. (when the sun goes down). All movies are free.

*ET* will be shown June 12; *Home Alone* July 19; *Jurassic Park* July 26; and *Ghostbusters* Aug. 2. Fowler Pavilion is located at 1 Shipyard Lane in Milford.

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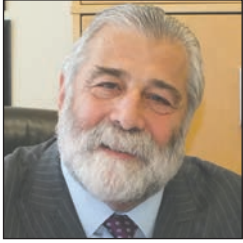
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# Opinion & Editorial

## In The House:

### Supreme Court Union Ruling Victory For Democracy



STATE REP. (R-117)  
CHARLES FERRARO

Last month, the US Supreme Court delivered its decision in Janus v. AFSCME. In a 5-4 vote, the court overturned a 1977 Supreme Court case (Abood v. Detroit Board Of Education) that had allowed public sector unions to collect fees in lieu of dues from public sector workers who are not union members, but who are required by state law to be represented by the union.

In the majority opinion, written by Justice Samuel A. Alito, the court said, "Under Illinois law, public employees are forced to subsidize a union, even if they choose not to join and strongly object to the positions the union takes in collective bargaining and related activities. We conclude that this arrangement violates the free speech rights of nonmembers by compelling them to subsidize private speech on matters of substantial public concern."

I believe the court's decision, in this case, is a major victory for our democracy and workers throughout our state. Now government employees have the choice to determine whether to pay union dues and will no longer be forced to pay dues to organizations that spend their money on positions they do not agree with.

As a small business owner, I am not allowed, nor would I ever, force my employees to agree with my political views or to donate to candidates that I am supporting. Now public employee unions will be held to this same standard.

This ruling is not an assault on American workers, but a positive step forward in allowing all workers the right to choose.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [Charles.Ferraro@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:Charles.Ferraro@housegop.ct.gov) or call 860-240-8700. I would like to also encourage you to follow me on Facebook and on Twitter @RepFerraro, and to visit my website for frequent updates.

### Stopping The Governor's Education Cuts



STATE REP. (R-119)  
PAM STANESKI

On June 25, the Connecticut General Assembly was summoned into session to vote on overriding seven bills that Gov. Dannel P. Malloy had vetoed. These bills passed both chambers with overwhelming bipartisan support, so one would think that this would be a quick up and back day ending with the General Assembly voting to override all of the bills – or at least one, right?

Wrong. Not one vetoed bill was overturned.

I was hopeful that at least one of the bills would get the votes necessary in both chambers to overturn the veto. That bill was HB5171, An Act Prohibiting the Executive Branch from Making Recessions or Other Reductions to the Education Cost Sharing Grant During the Fiscal Year.

Municipal leaders have practically begged for the general assembly to provide stability in the budget process. HB5171 did just that. It originally passed the House 117-32, and the Senate 36-0. We, the House, voted to reconsider the bill and it received the required two-thirds vote to overturn the veto and move it to the Senate.

Unfortunately, it did not receive two-thirds of the necessary votes in the Senate to uphold the override, so the governor can continue to cut education grants to towns midstream by using his rescission authority, an act this governor (and only this governor) exercised in Orange and Milford. I am disappointed that many senators reversed their original votes and blocked the override, thus standing with the governor. Contrary to the governor's veto message, this bill was not about how education funding is distributed through the state; it was about timing and ensuring predictability. School districts, students, and taxpayers will continue to be exposed to uncertainty. Upholding this veto was a knock on every school board and town that works to manage its finances.

All of the governor's vetoes were upheld in this special veto session. For more information on these bills go to [cga.ct.gov/2018/rpt/pdf/2018-R-0156.pdf](http://cga.ct.gov/2018/rpt/pdf/2018-R-0156.pdf).

### Auditor Hearings Promote Greater Transparency in Government



STATE REP. (R-114)  
THEMIS KLARIDES

Thanks to a law the General Assembly passed last year, there will be greater transparency and accountability in the way Connecticut's government functions.

P.A. 17-2 requires that hearings be conducted within six months after the auditors issue reports on government agencies. Some of the reports may call into question potential improprieties, misuse of taxpayer funds or a pattern of repeated missteps that go unaddressed. The law requires that the committees of cognizance that oversee the agencies conduct the hearings in what is deemed a timely fashion.

For the first time since it passed, the law will be put to use this month. Lawmakers were called back to Hartford from the summer doldrums to address issues that the auditors identified in their reports on eight separate agencies. They cover policies that involve higher education, veterans' affairs, the Secretary of the State's office, private providers of special education and the Division of Criminal Justice.

Not all of the issues are of great magnitude. Some may involve simple bookkeeping issues that can be easily rectified, or obscure policies that the auditors raise questions about. Some may amount to red flags that have gone unattended for years despite the auditors calling attention to them. The point is, however, that whenever taxpayer money is at stake or state government policies are involved, we need to take steps to ensure that the public's interests are met.

The oversight committees are Higher Education, Government Administration and Elections, Education, and the Judiciary. Agency heads are called to appear before the panels and joint panels and respond to the auditors' reports. Some may find the hearings dull, but the process allows for greater insight into how these arms of government actually function, and how managers respond to questions or criticisms of their policies.

It is better to have more oversight, even if it means having a little more redundancy in the system of checks and balances.

### Meals For Kids Throughout The Summer



STATE REP. (D-118)  
KIM ROSE

As summer continues to heat up in Connecticut, our youths are out and about enjoying the weather and freedom that a long-awaited vacation from school brings.

Thankfully for most of our kids, access to healthy meals when schools are out is not a major concern. But for those who may have challenges obtaining consistent, nutritious meals, I am pleased to write about a program that fills that need.

A non-profit organization called End Hunger Connecticut! teams up with a number of locations and businesses to provide free summer meals for kids and teens 18 years of age and under (21 and under if disabled). Meals are served from Monday to Friday. Some sites offer breakfast and lunch, while others serve just lunch.

Nutrition plays an especially important role in growing bodies and minds to provide energy and reduce the risk of developing many diseases and developmental issues. Proper diet builds the foundations for healthy growth, development and learning.

And with the heat in the 90s for the last several days across the state, it is important for young people to make sure, especially if they are outdoors engaging in strenuous activity, that they are hydrated and properly nourished.

There is no charge for any of the meals. There are no income/asset or residency restrictions. It is also not necessary to preregister. There are a number of locations within five miles of Milford and throughout the state that can be found by calling 211 and/or going to [endhungerct.org/summer-meals/](http://endhungerct.org/summer-meals/).

This is in line with our work to prioritize the most vulnerable populations in the state and a worthwhile program. I support its continuation and, if possible, its expansion. I look forward to the program serving and reaching many young people throughout the summer.

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## Orange Recycle Tips

Gardening? Keep in mind advice from the website "Organic Authority" that acid-loving plants will love recycled tea bags and coffee grounds, botanicals that thrive in the presence of calcium-rich conditions will benefit from recycled eggshells, and don't forget to bury potassium rich banana peels around the roots of rose bushes. You can also scare pesky, tomato-pecking birds away by hanging naturally reflective recycled compact discs or tops of metal soup cans around the perimeter of your garden.

For more information, visit the Orange town website at [orange-ct.gov/180/Recycling](http://orange-ct.gov/180/Recycling) or visit the Orange Recycling Committee on Facebook at [bit.ly/ORC-Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ORC-Facebook).



# Giving Back

## Editorial:

### Local Citizen Engagement Crucial For Change

Government meetings are often lonely places. Sometimes the only audience is a member of the press. And with the thinning of local journalism over the last decade, often there's no audience at all.

So it was heartening to see the packed lower-level room at Town Hall in Orange recently, after a coalition of neighbors sprang up virtually overnight to oppose a zone change that could have brought an older adult cottage community to a plot of currently undeveloped land in their area off Turkey Hill Road.

Regardless of whether you agree with their reasons for opposing the project, it was undoubtedly an impressive feat of organization and determination that brought so many people together in such a short time to make their collective voices heard in the halls of their hometown government.

We see mass demonstrations and organization in the US all the time, of course, around national issues. Protests against child separation at the country's border, rallies for and against gun rights, and women's marches all come easily to mind.

It is much easier to forget, though, that it is local governments that play the largest role in most of our day-to-day lives. They set property taxes, create zoning rules, police the streets and run the schools.

Local governments are also the ones over which we have the most direct influence.

The critical mass needed to effect change in Washington, D.C. might be in the millions. In a small town or city, a few dozen will do.

Several of the critics of the Turkey Hill plan were bothered by how long it took to find out what was going on. To be fair, the proposal was no secret. The agendas for every meeting were available online on the Orange town website. The meetings were streamed live on Orange Government Access Television. The petition to change the zone was filed publicly. Several news outlets, including this one, reported about the issue as it arose.

It might have behooved the property owner to have canvassed the neighborhood to get a sense of what the residents were willing to accept before bringing the proposal forward. Although there is no law requiring it, an advance effort might have avoided some bad feelings. It might even have offered a chance to persuade people to change their minds.

Ultimately, though, we as citizens cannot expect every issue we might personally care about to pop up in our inbox or knock on our door. Engagement requires vigilance and effort.

So fill some of those empty seats at your local board meetings. Visit the town offices. Watch government access television. And, yes, read the papers. You'll be a more informed, effective citizen, and those government officials will be a lot less lonely.

## Letters To The Editor:

### To the Editor:

We, the members of the clergy of the Town of Orange, embrace and teach the divine precept bidding us to treat all people with dignity and to uphold one standard of justice for citizens and strangers alike. Moreover, we regard the family as a societal structure that is blessed by God. We are therefore appalled at the recent United States policy that calls for the separation of children from families that have sought asylum from danger by crossing over into this country. Such a policy violates our moral code as well as the sacred institution of the family. We appeal to all Americans to condemn this injustice, and we particularly appeal to the humanity of the officials who work on our borders to refrain from dividing families in this way. Children should not, under any circumstances, be punished for things that are beyond their control. Our hearts go out to those suffering under these terrible conditions. We pray for them, we pray that their families will soon be restored, and we pray that the proper authorities find a swift and more compassionate solution to this unfortunate and very painful situation.

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### To the Editor:

As event co-chairs for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Bethany-Orange-Woodbridge, we would like to sincerely thank our community for its generosity and support. This year, 38 teams participated in the Relay For Life movement and raised \$74,000 to help the American Cancer Society attack cancer from every angle.

We were honored to welcome and celebrate the lives of many cancer survivors, who walked the opening lap and inspired us all. Our luminaria ceremony demonstrated the community's warmth and strength in honoring survivors and remembering loved ones lost.

We would also like to thank the Relay For Life event volunteer leadership team, team captains, and participants who worked so hard to make this year's event a success. And of course, thank you to our corporate sponsors Laticrete International Inc., Chips Family Restaurant, Boost Mobile, Paturas Landscaping, CT Media Partners, GRP and Sons Construction, and American Waste for their support, which helped make all of this possible. We also want to give a huge shout out to First Selectman Jim Zeoli, Rob Carbone, the Orange Police Department and the Town of Orange for all their help and support over the many years of Relay.

To learn more about the BOW Relay For Life, visit [RelayForLife.org/bowct](http://RelayForLife.org/bowct).

Lynn Plaskowitz, Deb Davis, George Geane  
 BOW Relay For Life Event Co-Chairs, American Cancer Society

## Rotary Supports Young And Old In Community

By Maria LaViola



Many of us go about our day-to-day lives not realizing all of the wonderful events and opportunities happening right in our own community. Additionally, we often take for granted how these activities are organized, where they get funding, and who makes it all happen.

The Rotary Club of Orange is one of the behind the scenes contributors that helps make it happen. Yes, we are an international organization that promotes peace, helps fight disease, provides clean water and helps to build goodwill throughout the world. But there are also many ways that the Rotary Club of Orange impacts the local community.

I recently attended a meeting where Rotary gave scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each to three motivated, wonderful and hardworking high school seniors. The recipients attended the Rotary luncheon in late June with their families to accept their scholarships. I felt proud to be part of an organization that supports education for the young people of Orange.

Also in support of local education, the Rotary Club of Orange annually donates new dictionaries to the third-graders in Orange. As a former elementary teacher in Orange, I was excited to be able to deliver these brand-new dictionaries to the third graders. The Rotary Club of Orange also donated new Andy and Elmer coloring books to the second graders in

Orange, and a group of Rotarians volunteered to read the story to the second graders. As someone who has a personal love of books and reading, I cannot express what it felt like to have those young children look up with their inquisitive, curious eyes while reading this special picture book designed to promote the Rotary Four Way Test for second graders.

Reading is a critical life skill, and annual literacy projects have been adopted by many clubs throughout the US. A good book can expand your world, be a great escape or just make you think. The people of Orange should be proud that Rotary promotes literacy in so many ways.

On the other end of the life spectrum, the Rotary Club of Orange contributed a majority of the funds to purchase the Senior Center van you may see traveling around town. It has the Rotary logo right on it. It is used often for home-bound or elderly residents.

Another activity the club participates in happens when the weather starts to turn cold. Hundreds of new winter coats are given by Rotary to school children in neighboring cities.

Rotary also purchased a zoom camera for for the Orange Volunteer Fire Department's drone to allow them access to valuable information from a sky view. Rotary provides the truck and grinder for the annual Recycling Day in Orange. Rotary also celebrates area veterans and their loved ones each year by inviting them to a festive dinner with music and interesting speakers.

As you can see, we have a lot going on. Come join us, help out if you can, and let's enjoy our unique and wonderful community together. We meet on the first and third Friday of the month for lunch at Racebrook Country Club in Orange.

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# Arts & Entertainment

*Any form of art is a form of power: it has impact, it can affect change, it cannot only move us, it can make us move!* – Ossie Davis

by Patricia Miller

**THE ORANGE PLAYERS** (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) is preparing for the Acting Up! one act play festival to be held at the High Plains Community Center in Orange on Oct. 19 and 20. The deadline for submissions of short, unpublished one-act plays was June 30, and the Play Reading Committee is now reviewing over fifty submissions from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, North Carolina, New York and other parts of the country. The plays selected will be performed in the festival. The deadline for submissions of directors' resumes (for experienced and non-experienced directors alike) is July 15, so there are a couple of days left to send in a letter of intent with a resume. This is the third year that Orange Players has produced the Acting Up! play festival, and it has been enthusiastically received. For more information about submissions or the event itself, call 203-397-8915 or 203-668-7618, or visit orangeplayers.net.

**THE ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL** will once again sponsor the Build A Better Bird House booth at the Orange Country Fair on Saturday, Sept. 15 and Sunday, Sept. 16. Everyone – individuals, families, groups, clubs, children, adults – is encouraged to build, paint and decorate a bird house to display. Let your imagination run wild. Over the past few years, OACC has seen all kinds of bird houses: beautiful ones, funny ones, some made of wood, cardboard, or metal (one even made of stone), some made in boots, in baskets, in boxes, some small, some large. Anything goes. It's a wonderful summer family project.

**THE FRIENDS OF THE CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY** (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) will sponsor a summer book sale this year. The "Great! Basement Book Sale" will be held with expanded hours. There will be a members-only preview night Thursday, July 12, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The sale will be open to the public Friday, July 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and on Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds from the book sale go to support the library. The latest donation of \$3,000 was used to purchase 3D pens, programmable bots, a Thomas the Train table and accessories, puppets and much more, according to Library Director Kathy Giotsas.

**ART IN THE LIBRARY** (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) continues the showing of the work of three artists through the month of July: Nan Adams, Maura Galante, and Mary Mayer. They are printmakers who have been working together for many years at the Creative Arts Workshop, where they have concentrated on producing one-of-a-kind prints. Much of their work is inspired by nature. Their close collaboration enriches their work. Monotypes are featured in this show. The exhibit is available for viewing during regular library hours: Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**THE GALLERY AT TOWN HALL** (617 Orange Center Rd., Orange) continues the exhibition of Orange resident Dee Anil. A practicing pharmacist, she says that her travels with her family have inspired her to capture the images of memorable places, people, cultures, lifestyles and events. Nature is also an inspiration for her. She has been a prizewinner at the Orange Country Fair (first and second places) and in the Orange Arts and Culture Council's "Fill the Frame" photo contest (first, third and honorable mention). Stop by Town Hall and see her work. The Gallery hours are the same as Town Hall hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**THE ORANGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** (171 Old Tavern Rd., Orange) hosts Ye Old Lebanon Town Militia, Co. 1775 at the Bryan-Andrew House on Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The encampment will feature spinning, cooking and other colonial crafts. The event is free. Donations are welcome. Parking for the event will be at High Plains Community Center near the grassy field to the right of the building, with a free shuttle bus running to and from the Bryan-Andrews House.

**CHRISTIAN SANDS**, Orange's own rising star in the jazz world, has signed with Mack Avenue Records, releasing his debut recording, *Reach*. Sands is a five-time Grammy Award nominee and a singularly talented pianist and composer. With *Reach*, Sands breaks new ground with fresh-sounding music influenced by a range of styles, from Afro-Cuban rhythms to hip hop beats to blues with an edge.

Sands says that this collection "is about reaching new ideas and reaching new music...reaching from past recordings to bring in the future, which is really all about finding myself. It's a chance to express my experience." The recording is produced by Christian McBride, another Grammy Award winner and well-known bass player who is the current director of the Newport Jazz Festival. Sands has played with the Christian McBride Trio.

**GUILFORD ART CENTER** (411 Church St., Guilford) will be holding its annual Craft Expo, Connecticut's premier outdoor juried show of fine American crafts, on Friday, July 13 from noon to 8:30 p.m., Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, July 15 from noon to 5 p.m. There will be 180 artisans on the Guilford Green. Other attractions include a silent auction, a family art tent, craft demos, live music and food and drink. For additional information, go to [guilfordartcenter.org](http://guilfordartcenter.org).

**THE RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE** (80 East Ridge Rd., Ridgefield) presents a full and varied schedule of musical events for the summer. On Saturday, July 14, Dennis Quaid and the Sharks will perform classical rock. On Monday, July 16, Phillip Phillips will present a special acoustic performance. On Thursday, July 19, Ronnie Milsap will play. On Saturday, July 21, Don McLean will be featured. And on Tuesday, July 24, the Bacon Brothers, featuring actor Kevin Bacon and his brother Michael, will make a return engagement. For tickets or more information, call 203-438-5795 or go to [ridgefieldplayhouse.org](http://ridgefieldplayhouse.org).

## The Great! Summer Book Sale Coming To Orange

Are you going on summer vacation? Need some beach reads? Want to explore new genres? Then you will want to come to the Case Memorial Friends of the Library Great! Book Sale.

The members-only preview night is on Thursday, July 12 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Not a member? Join when you arrive, enjoy light refreshments and register for a free book raffle.

On Friday, July 13, sale hours will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. If you need more time, come on Saturday, July 14 when you can shop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be thousands of books in over 30 categories. All are in good shape and ready for purchase. Looking for CDs, DVDs and records? Then you are in luck.

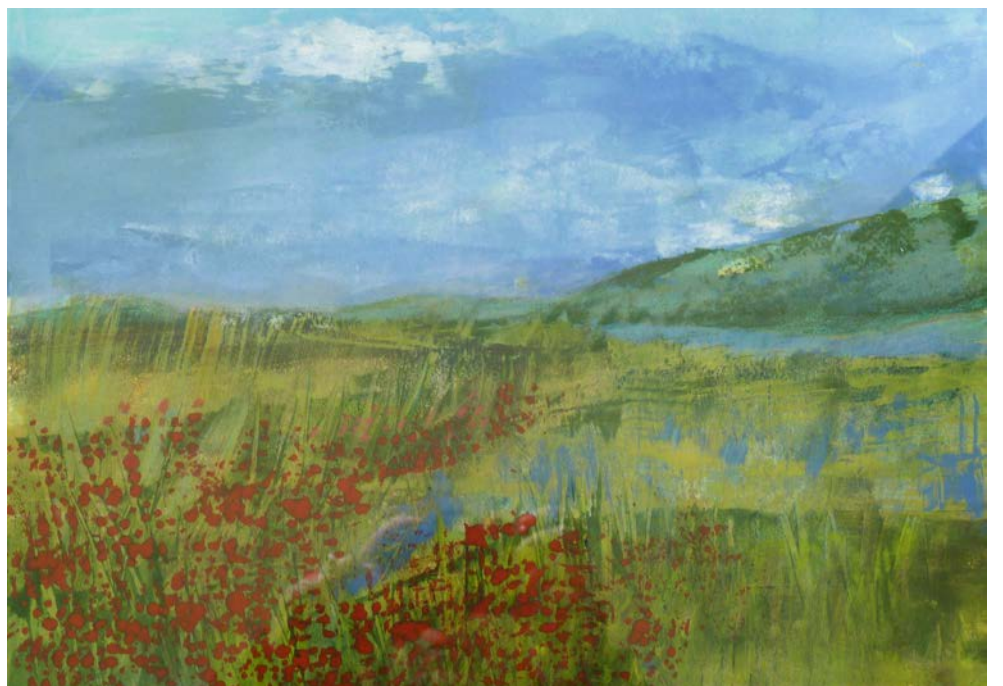
You can also visit the section of vintage books, signed books, and first editions. The Children's Section is brimming with books to attract, educate and thrill. The Bargain Section is waiting for you to snap up books at 50 cents each, or a bag of paperbacks for \$3. There will even be short "pop-up" sales offered throughout the day on Saturday.

All of the proceeds help to purchase equipment for the library, fund children's and adults' programming, and provide museum passes, available at the Circulation Desk.

Don't miss this chance to restock your personal library, find gifts for others, and share your favorite titles and comments with the volunteers, who work year-round to sort, organize, shelve and display books.



Photos above, artwork of Nan Adams. Contributed photo.



Artwork of Mary Mayer. Contributed photo.

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**The Book Club:**

# Of Love, Longing, Lechery And Long Ago

Gregory Blake Smith, *The Maze at Windermere*, Penguin, 2018

This is a remarkable book. First, it is a time-tripping novel. Five stories are interwoven in different times: 2011, 1896, 1863, 1778 and 1692. All take place in Newport, Rhode Island; once a Quaker settlement; then a garrison for British troops fighting American revolutionaries; and, since the mid-19th century, a playground for America's wealthiest families. At the center of each story is a theme of love both pure and corrupted.



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In 2011, Sandy Allison, a gorgeous has-been tennis pro woos Alice, the crippled owner of the Windermere mansion. It is hard to imagine a man so clueless about his own emotions or so uncomprehending as women who are objects of previous amorous adventures manage to derail him.

In 1896, Franklin, who knows exactly what he is doing, is a closeted homosexual, attempting to trade on his charm and wit to conquer the heart of the wealthy widow who

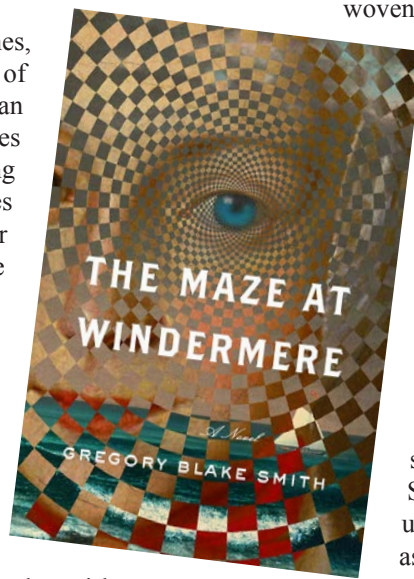
owns Windermere.

In 1863, Henry James, that great observer of every nuance of human behavior, becomes entangled with a young woman who desires to marry him. But for James she can never be more than the heroine of a future novel.

In 1778, an Aristocratic British officer becomes obsessed with the beautiful daughter of a Portuguese Jew and cannot sort out whether his object is seduction or marriage.

In 1692, a young orphaned Quaker girl fights for marriage to a beloved sweetheart as a refugee from the lesbian attentions of the woman next door.

All these stories are not merely satisfying in themselves, revealing the multiple layers of our erotic longings, but they are brilliantly



woven together with each chapter ending with a cliffhanger.

Yet what is most satisfying for this reader is the author's mastery of the narrative voices of his five protagonists. The pious and spiritualized speech of Prudence Selwyn, of 1692, is utterly convincing, as is her groping for words to describe both acts and feelings that had no legitimacy in Puritan New England. Captain Stevens, of 1778, is portrayed by a narration that pushes a sense of entitlement to the top rung of his character. His rationalization is "It is the Awareness of Goodness and Vitality

residing outside oneself which one can never Possess and so must Destroy."

In the 1863 story, the author has certainly captured the wordy reticence of Henry James, he who made a career of dissecting the emotions of others but was completely in the dark about his own. His explanation of why he could not marry is eloquent regarding the higher calling of his art but completely ignorant of his own homosexual leanings. The two young men who are chasing Newport heiresses have very different voices. Franklin is an utter cynic, planning and executing every gesture, whereas Sandy appears to wander through a maze of admiration, unable to see the next step.

Bottom line, dear reader: go buy or borrow or steal a copy. The only regret you will have is that, unfortunately, the book must end.

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## Cottage Development *Continued from page 1*

she said, was that part of town was accessible to the kinds of amenities seniors would need, with transportation and stores close at hand.

Oscar Parente, Chair of the commission, spoke at length about the pros and cons of the proposal. He listed a number of arguments the opposition had made that he found unconvincing, including the increased traffic and the specter of diminished property values.

Parente also praised Meisenheimer's team for the way it pursued its case, saying they

"gave the right kind of effort."

However, he said, two items convinced him to vote against the zone change. He agreed first with the fact that there were already other areas of town identified for this type of project. Most convincing to him, though, was what he called "peoples' reasonable expectations" about what kinds of things could and could not be built in their neighborhoods.

"People moved here in part because of the one-and-a-half acre rule," he explained.

"They have a reasonable expectation we're going to preserve that."

Before voting, Parente added a note of caution to the neighborhood residents, reminding them that Meisenheimer could still build something on the property, and it might be end up being something the neighbors would like even less than the cottage community.

After the vote, Michaels said he thought the TPZC had made the right decision, noting that he especially agreed with Parente's description

of residents' reasonable expectations.

"I would have been shocked if it went any other way," he said.

He also said that Meisenheimer had every right to do whatever he wanted with the property, as long as it abides by current zoning regulations.

"He's free do that whether I or anyone else in the neighborhood thinks it's desirable," he said. "As long as it's being developed the right way."

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# Home & Garden

## The Garden Spot:

### Mulch, Mulch, Mulch

Now that the hot summer days are upon us, it's important to keep your garden mulched.

Mulch is sometimes thought to be merely a decorative touch, making the garden beds look neat and fresh. Although that is one good reason to mulch, there are many reasons more important than cosmetics.

A layer of mulch at least two inches thick will help to prevent weeds in your garden. It will also help to protect the roots of your plants from the heat (and in six months, from the cold) and reduce evaporation from the soil. As the mulch decomposes over time, it will also help to restore nutrients to the soil and encourage more beneficial insects and worms.

Don't put down a layer of "landscape fabric" or plastic under the mulch. Although the fabric will prevent weed growth the first

year, over time the weeds will just seed and grow in the decomposed mulch. If you want a barrier under the mulch you can use cardboard or newspaper, which will decompose along with the mulch – and is free.

Now that you know the answer to why you should mulch, the question becomes which type of mulch to use. For small areas, bagged mulch is very convenient.

Bagged mulch typically comes in two-cubic-foot bags that will cover about 12 square feet at a two-inch thickness. A cubic yard of bulk mulch is equal to about 13.5 bags of mulch, so for large areas the bulk mulch will be more cost effective, assuming you have a place to



PAT DRAY

dump it (or have it dumped if you are getting it delivered).

You also need to choose the mulch according to its purpose. Large "chips" tend to be better in areas that have no runoff and take longer to decompose. They work well under trees where you want to protect the bark from lawn mowers and weed whackers. Be sure to not mound the mulch right up to the trees, since that provides

a place for moles and voles to hide.

Every few years I like to give my garden beds a treat and use Sweet Peet, which is a combination of organic wood products and manure. It helps to buffer the soil to a neutral pH, which is typically best for plants. It

also nourishes the plants since it adds more organic matter and organisms to the garden soil than regular mulch via the compost. The downside is that it is more expensive than traditional mulch.

Mulch color is a matter of personal preference, with dark brown being the "classic" look. Although I personally don't like the look of dyed red mulch, it is safe to use. The red color is created by adding iron oxide, which will add some iron to your soil as it decomposes. So go ahead and use red, brown or black. However you do it, just be sure that you mulch.

*Pat Dray is a past president of the Orange Garden Club.*

## Real Talk: You Ask, A Pro Answers

### Looking Back On The Sale

When a home has been on the market for six to twelve months and finally closes, we can most likely review the process and find a specific element that caused this extended time frame. A lower price and therefore smaller profit is the result when a home sits too long. The obstacle that has prevented a buyer from signing a contract can be a number of things. Most often it is the price point, although sometimes it is the condition of the property.

When you have closed on the deal and are now looking at the check from the closing attorney of what is left over for you, you may reflect on the transaction. It is too late to change the amount; the process began when you chose the realtor and the market evaluation that suggested your price range on the Multiple Listing Service. You must keep in mind the competition: how many homes are on the market at the time you are selling and who will be willing to purchase the

house at your asking price. This is the most important piece of the puzzle. A good agent will know just what the other properties look like in order to place your listing in the right pocket on that hot sheet.

Honesty on the condition of the home concerning everything from clutter to odors to animals must be the rule in order to capitalize on the process. This is your agent's job. If you are pondering the sale of your property, attend open houses. You can see your competition and watch other realtors in action, possibly helping you to decide who to interview for your job.

Always have at least two agents. Look at their statistics; it will help you to see how active they are. As an agent, I know it is never easy to have a new person ring your doorbell, walk around your home and then evaluate everything on how you compare to



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others.

It is definitely true that when a home sale takes months there is a direct correlation between the original marketing price and the subsequent reductions. I often see closed prices reflecting this truth: homes that should have sold for more, but, because they started too high, lost the market and became an old listing. When you overprice, you end up reducing and never catching up to the true value. Buyers move on, usually first focusing on new listings.

You are hot when you are new, I always say, and everything must be ready when you go to market. If you have a list of items to address, then after that list is completed we revisit the list of homes for sale. We call the statistics a moment in time because new homes go on the market daily, others close,

and we must use the most recent sales in our evaluation. Our appraisals are much like those of bank appraisers. There is no sense wasting time. If we list too high and it will not appraise, the transaction is cancelled.

You don't want to be reflecting on the transaction later on, when it is too late to do anything about it. Knowing and using the true value of your home on that hot sheet will give you peace of mind as you look forward to what will be your new purchase using profits you can reasonably count on.

We are in July, part of the most popular season for buyers, as they want to settle in for the school year. If you are thinking of selling, now really is the time. Sales are abundant, so you can get a true market evaluation easily with all of the comparable closed deals. Best of luck.

*If you need more information on these issues, email Barbara.Lehrer@cbmoves.com.*

## Room 911:

### And There Was Light

Often the final project in a room is how the windows will be decorated (or not decorated).

Unadorned windows have become more popular than heavily draped windows with thick materials and cornices. In fact, letting the light in, or going out of the way not to make your drapes look "matchy, matchy" with the other fabrics in the room, is *de rigueur*.

Using polka dots or color-coordinated curtains in a child's room or sumptuous Belgian linen or silk in a living room can produce a warm, inviting, rich look. However, many rooms become dated-looking with cornices or stripes using the two main colors from the upholstered furniture. Some curtains become so expansive that one never sees the light of day. You end up with a dark "drawing room" from a century or two ago.

Family rooms, living rooms, kitchens and some bedrooms are taking a lighter approach by using such fabrics as bamboo or matchstick shades. You get a diffused light effect while maintaining some privacy. These types of shades lend themselves to an organic look that blends well with neutral walls and casual furniture. In addition to this material, silk, whether plaid, embroidered or with a woven pattern, can give that same simplicity while letting the light in. One caveat: silk is a "living" material that tends to fade and crumble over time. One possible solution is to line it with a blackout lining to prevent the sun from destroying the fibers. However, the "silky" effect is often lost by doing this.



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Another idea is to use a product such as silhouette shades. These are shades that can run vertically or horizontally and have soft fabric vanes suspended between two sheer facings. If you pull the cord one way, all you see are through the slats of the sheer material and you can get light in and look out as well. If you pull the cord another way, all the fabric vanes fold down on one another and you have total privacy. These shades can also be entirely pulled up in their to make it function as blinds.

Many of the fabrics today are what we call "green design." Woven into the window fabrics are anti-fungal, antibacterial, mold and mildew fighting agents that are there to offer environmental protection for you

and your family. These "green" products are now found in carpeting, paint and other areas of decorating.

Last but not least is the unadorned window. It brings the outdoors in and fills a room with natural light. Whether it is sunny or grey outside, your room feels connected to the environment.

More and more houses are featuring this look. The windows can be clear-tinted to prevent the sun's rays from discoloring the fabrics on your sofa and chairs, as well as on your artwork. This contemporizes a room, and for those of us who are on the other side of 60, it helps us to see more clearly, particularly when reading.

As it is said in the Bible "and there was light...."

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## Here's To Your Health:

# Make Water Your Go-To

Did you know you are supposed to consume a number of ounces of water equal to half your body weight every day? And did you know that is a requirement without exercising? If you exercise, you will need to add eight ounces to every hour of your workout. This fun fact was something I really thought I had a handle on until, of course, I actually started to measure. I was completely shocked at how deficient I was in my daily requirement of water.

We know that inflammation is the root cause of everything from pimples to cancer. Water should be your absolute best friend and your go-to drink before anything else. Most people believe water to be boring, tasteless and irrelevant. I'm here to change your mind.

First and foremost, you cannot live without water. You will die after three days without

water. Just three days. You can live far longer going without food than you can without water. Here's why. Water serves as the body's transportation system. It allows things to flow through our bodies and helps us eliminate toxins. How many of us get constipated, take a laxative, and find it only elevates the symptoms rather than getting to the root of the cause?

Water helps you regulate your body temperature. Water actually helps your skin do its job of sweating to help you keep a healthy body temperature. I had the scary job of doing CPR on an elderly woman watching her grandson play T-ball. Her skin was clearly telling me she was dehydrated because she was having a heat



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stroke. She wound up being fine, but this event could have been completely avoided had she been hydrated enough and stayed in the shade on a hot summer day.

We wake up dehydrated. Think about it. What time did you drink your last glass of water? If you get the proper amount of sleep and drank a glass before bed, your answer would be eight hours. If you're the average person, especially those of us who don't want to get up in the middle of the night to use the bathroom, it's way before that eight-hour mark – more like 10 to 12 hours.

Water is essential for the proper circulation of nutrients in your body. Power drinks like Gatorade will never hold a candle to water. In

fact, the carcinogens in those drinks should actually concern you greatly, especially for kids. We all should be drinking a full 16 ounces of water when we wake up every day.

Keeping yourself hydrated can actually help prevent certain cancers. Studies have shown drinking water can help prevent colon and bladder cancers, and it's positive for breast cancer as well. Water also helps with joint pain and headaches.

I beg of you, not just because it's summer, but simply because it's so good for you, get your water intake in check. You are worth it. You can do this. I believe in you. Here's to your health.

*Michele O'Brien-Tenney is a personal trainer and nutritionist. She can be reached at 203-668-2969*

## Travel Matters

# Local Summer Vacation Getaways

It's officially summer, and that means it's time to take the ultimate family vacation. If you haven't decided where to go yet, here are highlights of four of the top getaway destinations our great nation has to offer.

Orlando may well be the most magical place on Earth. From the wonderous sights and sounds of Walt Disney World's parks and resorts to the splendor of SeaWorld's ocean life, this subtropical spot has something for every member of your family. With over a dozen theme parks, some of the world's finest food and entertainment, and more miniature golf courses than you can count, you and your family will have the adventure of a lifetime. And with the second highest number of hotel rooms in the country, your family will have a great range of hotel options – no matter your budget.

In 2004, my family and I travelled to

Arizona and embarked on what my son considers to be the greatest vacation experience of his entire life – visiting the Grand Canyon. One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, this national park stretches 227 river miles long, spans up to 18 miles in width, and possesses a depth of just over one mile. It's no wonder over 4 million people visit this geological marvel every year. While there, you and your family can hike trails, observe a unique variety of wildlife, whitewater raft and learn about local Native American culture and history.

Chicago is a place dear to my heart. As a native daughter of the Windy City, I know first-hand of the fun and excitement that



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the city has to offer. You can delight in the deliciousness that is deep-dish pizza at either the original Giordano's Pizzeria or Uno Pizzeria & Grill; stroll through the exhibitions at the Art Institute of Chicago; munch on a classic Chicago-style dog as you root for either the Cubs or the White Sox at a home game; laugh uncontrollably at a Second City improv show; embrace the blues at Buddy Guy's Legends; and explore the modern-day menagerie that is the historic Lincoln Park Zoo.

Washington, D.C. is easily the ultimate all-American family vacation experience. Our nation's capital boasts some of the most historic sites imaginable. Walk the streets paved by our forefathers as you

visit Ford's Theatre, climb the steps of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial and gaze at your reflection in the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool on the National Mall in front of the Washington Monument. But the fun doesn't stop there – you can enjoy a prime cut at BLT Steak, shop the 10 acres of stores at CityCenterDC, ride the nation's highest-rated public transportation system and bask in the glory of the Star-Spangled Banner flag at the National Museum of American History.

The ultimate family vacation can be closer than you think. A new destination transports us and creates fabulous family memories.

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## On Your Mind:

# Are Angry People Abusers Or Abused?

Why are some people just angry by nature? Does being angry give a person the right to burst out into a mean, out-of-control rant?

We often tiptoe around angry people so we don't set them off. We get used to angry rants and are afraid or just don't want to address their angry behavior.

If you are the angry one, begin to become aware of where you learned your angry style. Which of your parents did you learn from? How did you feel when the rant was directed toward you? Identify the feelings that you are having that may feel like anger but are not. The anger is just a habit, or a convenient expression of much deeper, uncomfortable feelings.

Here are some possible emotions you are avoiding: feeling disrespected, sadness, inadequacy, fear of being out of control, resentment toward the one whose anger you were the victim of. The thing that set

you off was just a trigger and has little to do with the person at whom you're currently ranting.

Being aware of what you are really feeling is the beginning of controlling those angry rants. The feeling always begins with an increased heart rate or knot in the stomach. The time to take control is at the first sign of anger building. Choose to take three deep breaths slowly in and out. As you breathe in, think "calm," and as you breathe out, release stress. Decide to remove yourself from the situation for a few minutes so you can plan your words to respond instead of reacting to the situation. The best way to express your anger is to use the words, "I'm really angry because..."

Anger isn't bad; it's a normal feeling. It's only bad if you hold on to it and let it grow.



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When that happens, it builds until it feels out of control. You are never truly out of control, but sometimes you neglect to use your control. Anger becomes a habit. It is rather unfair to those you impose it upon. Punching a pillow or a punching bag can be helpful to release the adrenaline you have built up. Other forms of exercise will also use up that adrenaline.

If you are the victim of the anger, remain calm. Let the person know that their behavior is unacceptable and you will be happy to discuss an issue when they are ready and feel better. When possible, ignore the words and focus on the feelings. For example, you can say something like, "I see you're really upset and angry. What's going on?" Remind them that you know they're feeling terrible, but that you don't

like being screamed at.

People who lash out in anger don't see themselves as being abusive, but the victim of their rant often feels abused. Those who have these tirades have often been the victim of someone else's rants and have themselves been abused in the same way. They learned through their experiences.

The cycle can stop. Holding in anger is never the answer. Anger is like a hot coal; it only hurts when you hold on to it.

I believe that it's not about how angry you are; it's about how you handle that anger. It's also about what the real underlying causes are and how to learn to cope with those feelings in a meaningful, effective way. When you know better, you do better.

*Fern is a certified hypnotist, life coach and health educator. She can be reached at www.myhealinghypnosis.com.*

Home Sales Rise in Orange County  
by Joseph Cole  
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range, the town he has long called home. "Then they called me traitor."

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acceptance of the policy was not an inherent acceptance of the principle.

"One of my professors asked me, where







# Milford Public Library Programs

## Bell and Chime Chorus

Thursday, July 12, 2 p.m.

Join us for a performance by the ever popular Young at Heart Bell and Chime Chorus. These seniors from Black Rock Congregational Church perform with handbells and chimes and offer a varied repertoire of hymns.

## Tech: Amazon Alexa and the Echo Family of Devices

Saturday, July 21, 2:30 p.m.

Unsure what Alexa can do? Amazon's virtual assistant, Alexa, is capable of voice interaction, music playback, making to-do lists, setting alarms, streaming podcasts, playing audiobooks, and providing weather, traffic, sports, and other real-time information, such as news. This is a general overview for those interested in this new technology.

## The Roots of Rock 'n' Roll

Wednesday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.

Brian Gillie's musical performance is unlike any history lesson you will ever see. History, humor, props, costumes, sound bites, stand-up piano playing, radio commercials, attitude and impersonations serve to reveal the sound of rock 'n' roll through its first 15 years.

## Postponed - Electric Vehicle Information Session

Experienced electric vehicle owners will discuss why they like their electric vehicles and how they use them on their daily commutes and longer distance

drives, as well as how they charge the cars' batteries. Learn about the differences between electric vehicles and conventional gas-powered cars (including why electric vehicles are much less expensive to operate and maintain), the widespread locations and different types of charging stations, the range of electric vehicle models available now, and the benefits of electric vehicles for the environment and for public health. Attendees will also learn about financial incentives from the Connecticut Green Bank for purchasing and leasing electric vehicles. Cars will be on display. Presented by Milford's Energy Advisory Board. This program has been postponed to the fall (new date TBD) due to many local events and extremely limited parking on its original June date. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Calling All Crafters

The Library hosts both a Needlepoint Guild and a Knitting/Quilting Group. Bring your work in progress and chat with fellow crafters. The Needlepoint Guild meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. Knitters and Quilters meets every Friday at 1 p.m.

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# Profiles

## Those Who Give:

### Girl Scout Troop Leader Helps Bring Out Untapped Potential

Girl Scout Troop 30326 leader Crystal Babcock brings a huge amount of enthusiasm to her role. The mother of two daughters, Babcock, originally from upstate New York, came to Milford in 2001 with her husband Jay, who was born and raised in the city. They settled in, and Babcock became an employee of Subway Headquarters, where she continues to work.

Having been a Girl Scout for a few years herself while she was in school, Babcock knew that she wanted her daughters to also participate in the organization. When her oldest began kindergarten, she attended an informational session about Girl Scouts — specifically Daisies, the introductory level for kindergarteners. When it came time for someone to volunteer to start a new troop, Babcock was the one to raise her hand.

She chuckled and recounted, “I went to the introductory PTA meeting as well as the one for Girl Scouts with the intention of not volunteering for anything. It worked with the PTA, but not with the Girl Scouts. It’s been great though.”

The troop began small, with five girls from her daughter’s school, and grew from there. Now it’s a multi-level troop, consisting of many different age groups, and is comprised of girls from several of Milford’s schools. Both of Babcock’s daughters are members, and Jay is the troop’s co-leader.

The troop, under Babcock’s leadership,

participates in many fun activities, as well as important service projects to benefit the community.

“We’re doing a water table at the Literacy Volunteers of Southern Connecticut’s Neon Night Run, we’ve made catnip toys for local animal shelters, gone caroling at two of the rehab centers in town, and held diaper drives for the United Way of Milford,” Babcock said. “We’ve also done beach cleanups, and this year did it as part of Mackenzie’s Beach Cleanup, since Mackenzie Powers is a member of our troop now. And, of course, there’s the cookie sale.”

Babcock has branched out beyond her own troop to help support the Girl Scouts in the whole City of Milford.

“We have a great service unit in town, which is a team that supports all 30-plus of our troops; helps them grow and be successful,” she said.

Babcock is the Cookie Manager for all of the troops for their yearly cookie sale, working hard to ensure they receive the resources and guidance they need for the fundraiser.



SHAILEEN LANDSBERG

She also helps to organize a four-week summer program at Camp Katoya in Milford for Daisy-aged girls (incoming kindergarteners and first graders) who are interested in learning more about Girl Scouts. This program is held one evening per week during the month of July. Similarly, Babcock runs a second four-week program, this one in October, open to all incoming

kindergarten and first grade girls.

“We help them learn about the Girl Scouts, develop an interest, and help to form new troops,” she explained.

When asked what her favorite part about being a Girl Scout leader is, Babcock was quick to respond. “It’s rewarding to watch the girls grow and to realize the untapped potential they each have. It’s incredible to see how much they grow and mature. I love helping to shape them into the women they’ll become,” she said.



L-R Crystal Babcock with daughters Maddie Babcock and Abby Babcock. Photo by Jay Babcock.

### Milford Resident Honored With Carnegie Medal



Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake along with Diane O'Rourke and John Gerald O'Rourke, of Milford, who received the Carnegie Medal for saving a boy who had fallen through the ice in 2017. Contributed photo.

Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake presented the Carnegie Medal to Milford resident John Gerald O'Rourke on June 30 prior to the firework launch at Lisman Landing Marina in Milford.

O'Rourke saved a 10-year-old boy from drowning in Milford on Feb. 5, 2017. The boy broke through the ice on a pond while playing with friends, moments after O'Rourke had warned the boys about the dangerous ice conditions.

O'Rourke, a 61-year-old delivery driver, who was walking his dog on a nearby trail, grabbed an eight-foot-long tree branch and moved on his stomach to reach the boy about 75 feet from shore when he, too, broke through the ice a few feet from the boy. O'Rourke, fully clothed, grasped the boy and held him above water while treading water and attempting to break a path through the ice toward shore. As he became exhausted, O'Rourke heaved

the boy onto the surrounding ice, which held, then instructed the boy to shimmy across the ice to shore.

O'Rourke was unable to hoist himself out of the water even after he moved closer to shore where the water was chest-deep. He was pulled from the water and across the ice by police using a rope and flotation ring. O'Rourke and the boy were both treated for exposure to cold water; both recovered.

The Carnegie Medal is given throughout the United States and Canada to those who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. Since the Pittsburgh-based fund's inception in 1904, 10,009 heroes have been awarded the honor. Throughout the years since the fund was established by industrialist philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, \$39.9 million has been given in one-time grants, scholarship aid, death benefits, and continuing assistance.



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# Senior Living

## Retired and Rejuvenated:

# Motion Is Good For Body And Soul

It is not a new concept that there is a high correlation between movement and happiness. When people get up and move, even a little, they tend to be happier. A recent study published in the journal PLOS ONE that used cell phone data to track activities and moods found that people who move are more content than people who sit. The study confirmed that physical activity is linked to psychological health. Other epidemiological studies show that people who are active typically are less prone to depression and anxiety than sedentary people.

Coincidentally, as I was writing this column, I felt my fitness tracker (I have a Fitbit) on my left wrist vibrate. The words running across the face-screen said "Let's Start Rolling!" For those of you who wear a fitness tracker, you know that this is the way the tracker tells us it is time to get up and move. Trackers want you to do at least 250 steps each quarter hour, which is usually not difficult, unless you have spent several hours watching television or

playing cards or mahjong. Then it "hollers" at you to get moving.

I don't mind these gentle reminders about the importance of activity. I now take more evening walks and park far away from the entrance to the grocery store so I can try to reach my goal of 10,000 steps a day. I don't reach the goal very often, but when I do, it is so rewarding to see the fireworks go off on the tracker. I have a much better chance of seeing the fireworks if I have played two hours of tennis that morning – a sure way of accumulating those steps.

In addition to tracking my steps, my Fitbit also lets me know how many hours I sleep each night, whether it was a light or a deep sleep, and how many hours I lay awake. It also shows me my heart rate, the number of calories burned and the number of stairs I have climbed. Yes indeed, motion is good for



JOANNE BYRNE

the body and the soul.

The study referred to above was done at the University of Cambridge in England and looked at the correlation between movement and happiness. To do this, a special app for Android phones was developed and made available free from the Google app store. It was advertised as helping people to understand how lifestyle choices might affect mood. More than 10,000 men and women downloaded the app, which randomly sent requests to them throughout the day asking them to enter an estimation of their current mood by answering questions about whether they were feeling stressed or relaxed, depressed or excited, and so on. After a few weeks, when people were more comfortable with the app, they began answering additional questions about whether, in the past 15 minutes, they had been

sitting, standing, walking, running, laying down or doing something else. They were also asked about their mood at that moment.

As the researchers had anticipated, the people using the app turned out to feel happier when they had been moving in the past quarter-hour than when they had been sitting or laying down. Most of the physical activity reported was gentle walking, a little running or cycling. The results suggested that people who are generally more active are generally happier. Furthermore, in the moments when people are more active, they are happier. In other words, moving and happiness are closely linked – proof to me that my fitness tracker is really a good friend.

*Joanne Byrne served as Senior Services Coordinator for the Town of Orange. She is now actively and happily retired. Email her at joannebyrne41@gmail.com to share your thoughts on retirement.*

## Beecher Walk Project Moving Forward

Beecher Walk in Orange is back to market, according to an announcement from Calcagni Real Estate. The development on a private road off Route 1 near the Home Depot will be anchored by 60 modern townhomes tailored to the needs of the 55-and-over buyer.

The homes range in prices from around \$250,000 to \$300,000, based on listings on the Beecher Walk website. The smallest houses are 1,110 square feet, while the largest are 1,414 square feet.

The announcement said North Haven's Timberwood Construction will be crafting the Beecher Walk lifestyle. The developer is Oak Tree Development, LLC. Oak Tree's managing director is Luke Williams, who is a partner in Calcagni Real Estate.

The properties have gone back on the market after several years of delays. Calcagni's sales team of Beth Cantor and Doug Blackwood are actively meeting and showing prospective buyers the Beecher Walk opportunity, according to the company. Open houses are being scheduled. A second building is under construction and at this time excavation has taken place in preparation for foundation.

The real estate firm says Beecher Walk's fresh designs, open concept floorplans, and first-floor owners' suites distinguish it as a neighborhood that anticipates the cultured tastes of its eventual residents.



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# News & Events



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## American Holistic Nurses Association Announces Orange Resident As Faculty

The American Holistic Nurses Association recently announced Orange resident Catherine M. Alvarez as a new faculty member for the Integrative Healing Arts Program in Holistic Nursing on the East Coast.

IHAP is a unique 84-hour continuing nursing education program in a retreat setting that prepares nurses to take a pivotal role in transforming the healthcare culture using the principles of holistic health, therapeutic presence and person-centered care.

AHNA acquired this CNE program in March from the BirchTree Center for Healthcare Transformation, which has offered it since 2000.

"It is with great anticipation that we announce this opportunity to provide a continuing education program throughout the US and internationally to our members and future members seeking to become certified in holistic nursing," said Lourdes Lorenz-Miller, president of AHNA.

The program has a seventeen-year history of preparing holistic nurses to sit for the Holistic Nurse Certification Exam. The requests for holistic nursing educational preparation have escalated at AHNA over the past two years, and this program will assist in meeting this demand.

AHNA will offer the three-session program beginning in September in Chester,

Connecticut. Enrollment is open until Aug. 20. Session 1 is from Sept. 20 to 23; Session 2 is from Feb. 7 to 10, 2019; and Session 3 is from June 20 to 23, 2019.

### About Cathy Alvarez

Catherine M. Alvarez, RN, MA, BS, CNML, HNB-BC, PCCN of Orange, Connecticut is currently an Education Specialist at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT. Cathy designs and implements nursing education programs that specifically focus on self-care, mindfulness, and resiliency. She received her BSN from Elmira College, in Elmira, NY and obtained her Master of Arts with an emphasis in Health Arts and Sciences from Goddard College in Plainfield, VT.



Cathy Alvarez. Contributed photo.

## Orange Youth Services Can Help

### Job bank residents can assist with variety of jobs

Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13 to 16, who can be employed by area residents to do a wide variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, raking, snow shoveling, mother's helper, and more. For further information, contact John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785.

### High school volunteers can assist with community events

Orange Youth Services has a list of Orange High School youth who are available to assist the community with a variety of volunteer needs. The volunteers have signed up with a parent with Youth Services to access opportunities so that they can attain their necessary school volunteer credit hours. They are available for community and organizational services located in Orange. For information, please email John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at [julatowski@orange-ct.gov](mailto:julatowski@orange-ct.gov).



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MON. JUNE 25	LISMAN LANDING	7:00 PM
MON. JULY 09	WALNUT BEACH PAVILION	7:00 PM
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## Orange Fireworks



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## Ribbon Cutting For Connecticut Capital Management Group, LLC



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## Orange's Zeoli Backs Staneski For State Senate



Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli and State Rep. Pam Staneski. Contributed photo.

Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli strongly endorsed State Rep. Pam Staneski (R-119) July 2 in her bid to win the Republican nomination for the 14th State Senate seat. The 14th Senate district includes Orange, Milford, and portions of West Haven and Woodbridge.

"We have a true leader in Pam Staneski," Zeoli said. "Pam has worked tirelessly against Governor Malloy's burdensome taxes on behalf of our residents and businesses alike. Pam led the charge against

the Malloy administration's taking of all the education funding allocated to Orange. Pam has been a strong advocate for Orange and will continue to be as our Senator in the 14th district. I support Pam Staneski for State Senate and ask that you do also."

Staneski and Zeoli have been working together as local and state colleagues for the last four years on the behalf of Orange residents.

State primaries are Aug. 14.

## Milford Registrars Remind Voters Of Primary Deadlines

The Milford Registrars of Voters want to help residents understand eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify for voting in the Aug. 14 Democratic and Republican primaries.

You cannot vote in the primary in Connecticut if you are not a member of the political party on the ballot. Unaffiliated voters cannot vote in either the Democratic or Republican primaries.

You are considered a new voter if you meet the eligibility requirements and are registering to vote for the first time or you are a voter who has moved into Milford.

The deadline for unaffiliated voters to

enroll in a political party or new voters to register with a party by mail or online is Aug. 9. The deadline for unaffiliated voters to enroll or new voters to register with a political party at the Registrars of Voters' office is by noon in person on Aug. 13.

The deadline has already passed if you are currently enrolled with a political party and wish to switch to a different one.

Voters can check their party and registration status at [myvote.ct.gov/lookup](http://myvote.ct.gov/lookup). For more information, call 203-783-3240 or go to the Milford Registrars of Voters website at [ci.milford.ct.us/registrars-of-voters](http://ci.milford.ct.us/registrars-of-voters).

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## Orange Legislators Achieve Perfect Voting, Attendance Record

House Republican Minority Leader Themis Klarides, along with State Reps. Pam Staneski and Charles Ferraro, all earned a perfect 100 percent voting record for the 2018 regular and veto legislative sessions, according to data released by the House Clerk's office.

This year, the regular and veto session included votes on 317 separate pieces of legislation that were called on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Only 52 members of the House of Representatives, or roughly 34 percent, were in attendance for every vote.

The next regular session of the Connecticut General Assembly will convene in January 2019.

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# Youth & Education

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Office	Party	Candidate	Address
Governor	Republican	*Mark Boughton	1 Kennedy Flats, Danbury, CT. 06811
		Timothy M. Herbst	97 Fairview Ave., Trumbull, CT. 06611
		Steve Obsitnik	8 Imperial Ldg, Westport, CT. 06880
		Bob Stefanowski	1046 Boston Post Rd., Madison, CT. 06443
		David Stemeran	517 Lake Ave., Greenwich, CT. 06830
Lieutenant Governor	Republican	*Joe Markley	47 Elm St., Plantsville, CT. 06479
		Jayne Stevenson	65 Saint Nicholas, Darien, CT. 06820
		Erin E. Stewart	242 Reservoir Rd., New Britain, CT. 06052
United States Senator	Republican	*Matthew Corey	181 Center St., Manchester, CT. 06040
		Dominic Rapini	4 Mariners Way, Branford, CT. 06405
State Senate District 14	Republican	*Anthony Glannattasio	58 Rosebrook Rd., Milford, CT. 06460
		Pam Staneski	35 Point Lookout, Milford, CT. 06460
Treasurer	Republican	*Thad Gray	117 Wells Hill Rd., Lakeville, CT. 06039
		Art Linares	1110 Old Clinton Rd., Unit E, Westbrook, CT. 06498
Comptroller	Republican	*Kurt Miller	18 Swan Ave., Seymour, CT. 06483
		Mark Greenberg	184 Fern Ave., Litchfield, CT. 06759
Attorney General	Republican	*Sue Hatfield	306 Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret, CT. 06259
		John Shaban	29 Ledgewood Rd., Redding, CT. 06896

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 30 day of June, 2018.

DENISE W. 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 Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided in said notice, a primary of the referenced party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 14, 2018. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

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LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES	VOTING DISTRICT
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High Plains Community Center 525 Orange Center Road	2
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Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following location Orange Town Hall 617 Orange Center Road

Dated at Orange, Connecticut, this 30 day of June, 2018

Patrick B. O'Sullivan II  
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Office	Party	Candidate	Address
Governor	Democratic	*Ned Lamont	4 Ashton Dr., Greenwich, CT., 06831
		Joe Ganim	36 Monroe St., Bridgeport, CT. 06605
Lieutenant Governor	Democratic	*Susan Bysiewicz	339 Hill Ave., Apt. 116, Middletown, CT. 06457
		Eva Bernudez Zimmerman	22 Bankside Trail, Sandy Hook, CT. 06482
Representative in Congress 5th District	Democratic	*Mary Messina Glassman	40 Pinnacle Min. Rd., Simsbury, CT. 06070
		Jahana Hayes	12 Red Fox Run, Wolcott, CT. 06716
Treasurer	Democratic	*Shawn Wooden	115 Scarborough St., Hartford, CT. 06105
		Dita Bhargava	502 Cognewaugh Rd., Greenwich, CT. 06807
Attorney General	Democratic	*William Tong	99 Chestnut Hill Rd., Stamford, CT. 06903
		Paul R. Doyle	38 Thornbush Rd., Wethersfield, CT. 06109
		Chris Mattei	176 North Beacon St., Hartford, CT. 06105

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Frank Basile and Roberty Cyr owners of the Bonfire Grill at 186 Hillside Ave. in Milford, celebrate the opening of their new restaurant with a ribbon cutting. They are also owners of the Bridgehouse in Milford. *Photos by Steve Cooper.*

## Knights Of Pythias Meeting



The Knights of Pythias met at Costa Azzurra in Milford on June 28 to discuss upcoming events for the year. *Photo by Steve Cooper.*



# Obituaries

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**Robert Michael Braga**, age 71, passed away on June 16, 2018 at Milford Hospital.

**Gordon Andrew Buchmiller**, of New Port Richey, FL, formerly of Milford, CT and Laconia, NH, died on June 15th, 2018. He was born in Rensselaer, NY on September 5, 1921.

**Elisabetta Malangone Cappetta**, 61, of Orange, entered into rest peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family, on June 24, 2018.

**Margaret Mary Cushman**, 93, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 29, 2018.

**Philomena Tucciarone Franci**, age 93, of Milford, passed away on June 11, 2018

**Anthony Gagliardi, Jr.**, age 83 of Milford, died in the early morning on the anniversary of his mother's death on Wednesday, July 4, 2018.

**Christine A. Hayes**, 90, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2018, with her family by her side.

**Dr. Jean F. Jones**, 92, of Orange, passed away on June 16, 2018.

**Kyle Anthony Lomme**, age 24, of Milford, passed away on Saturday June 16, 2018.

**Patricia W. Longo**, 70, of Orange, CT, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 5th 2018.

**Susan A. Maze**, 57, of Milford, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

**Floyd A. O'Connor**, age 81, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2018.

**Dorothy Eileen Odice**, age 75, of Milford, passed away on Friday, July 6, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

**Albert Joseph Olenski**, 88, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2018.

**Robert R. Palier**, age 86, entered eternal rest on July 7, 2018 surrounded by his family at home.

**Frank Pepe**, age 68 of Milford, passed away June 23, 2018.

**Harry Riccio**, age 83, of Milford, passed away July 5, 2018 in his home.

**Enid (Heller) Scheps**, age 85, of Orange and Branford, CT passed away on Sunday June 17, 2018.

**Joan Tarasiewicz**, 82, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 25, 2018.

**Frances Mary (Tichy) Turecek**, age 90, of Orange, was welcomed into heaven by Jesus and her heavenly family and friends on July 5, 2018.

**Ralph G. Vitale, Jr.**, age 76 of Milford, died June 16, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family.

**Mr. Judge Herbert Walker** died peacefully in Connecticut Hospice on June 21, 2018 in Branford, CT at the age of 90.

**Donna Risley Whelan**, born on December 23, 1933, passed away on June 25, 2018 in Milford at the age of 84, with her family and friends by her side.

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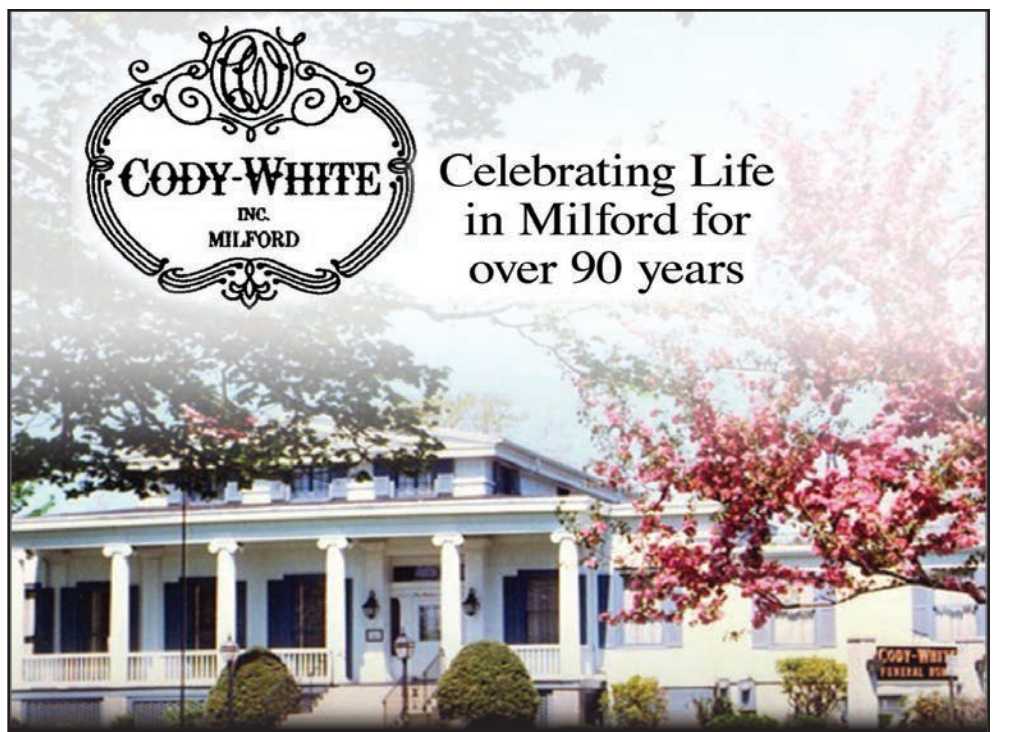
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