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## Dan German Running To Replace Milford's Blake



Dan German. Contributed photo.

Republican Dan German announced May 18 that he will be running against current Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake, a Democrat, in the city's November election.

"I love this city and as a 10-year veteran on the Milford Board of Aldermen, I want the best for it," German said in statement to the *Milford-Orange Times*.

German grew up in Milford, attending Mathewson School and Milford High School before attending Northern Arizona University for his undergraduate degree in finance and accounting. He later received an MBA from Sacred Heart University.

German has owned and operated Creative Health & Fitness in Milford for 23 years. He also owns German Financial, an insurance and financial advisory group.

His family has been involved in the Milford business community for generations. His father owned the German Construction Company, and his grandmother was the owner of German's Package Store starting in the 1950s.

"I believe my vision for Milford, my business experience, management and financial skills and life experiences put me in the best position to be the next mayor of the great city of Milford," German said.

German's campaign will hold its official kickoff on Tuesday, June 11, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Stonebridge Restaurant, located at 50 Daniel St. in downtown Milford.

## Milford Dog Park



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## Milford, Orange Budgets Pass

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

Milford residents will see their taxes go down slightly next year, while Orange residents will see their taxes go up slightly.

Milford's budget, which is proposed by the mayor, refined by the Board of Finance and adopted by the Board of Aldermen, passed its final hurdle May 16, with only two Republican members of that last board opposing it.

The mill rate in the \$216.55 million budget will drop from 27.74 to 27.71 – a property tax cut of less than \$10 for most residents.

Still, it represents the fourth year in a row that mayor Benjamin Blake can claim a decrease.

"These are unprecedented tax cuts," Blake. "At a time when other communities are arguing over the size of a tax increase, Milford is debating how much less our taxpayers will pay than in previous years."

Expenses actually went up in Milford by about \$6.36 million, or about 3 percent. But the grand list has also grown, giving city officials the ability to spread those costs out more broadly.

The Board of Education's portion of the budget will rise 1.89 percent, or \$1,763,332 to a total of \$95,078,487. It had previously drawn contention when it went before the Board of Finance. Some members of that board had questioned surpluses in the BOE budget and argued strongly that the city

See Budget on pg 19.

## Milford Named Best Place To Live



Milford Green. Photo by Fadein.

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

Milford has been named the best place to live in Connecticut by HomeSnacks, a website that ranks the best and worst places in the country.

The new rankings, released May 19, bump Milford up one spot to beat out Shelton, which had long held the top position.

See Milford on pg 18.

## Orange Disbands Railroad Station Committee

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

It was almost a throwaway item on the May 15 Board of Selectmen agenda: among other unused committees, the board unanimously voted to disband the Orange Railroad Station Committee.

The decision was just one more small nod to the defeat of an effort Orange has

been making for decades to get a stop on the Metro-North Railroad line, which already runs through the town.

Orange had come as close as ever to getting a station in late 2017, when state funding for the project dried up after funding for a design had already been authorized earlier that year.

See Railroad on pg 7.

## Milford, Orange Observe Memorial Day



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# News & Events

## Milford Gearing Up For Pirate's Day

The Downtown Milford Business Association is kicking off summer once again with the 17th Annual Pirate's Day on Sunday, June 9. Pirate's Day has served as an unofficial start to the season for years, and the DMBA says it's now more family-friendly than ever.

"Even though summer doesn't start until June 21, in Milford, it begins with Pirate's Day," said Dan Rascoll, DMBA vice president. "It's a festive way to enjoy the warm weather and our beautiful harbor town."

Run by a team of volunteers, the day begins with a character pancake breakfast on the harbor, then the appearance of Captain Kidd (radio personality Brian Smith) and his pirate crew as they arrive with fanfare by boat in Milford Harbor.

This year's event has expanded with live music from Rockin' Ron The Friendly Pirate and the Sabb Brothers, DJs, food trucks, vendors, activities and the signature treasure hunt. New activities include a pirate-themed story time with local author Katie L. Carroll, face painting with Hatter & Tatter and ghost tours of the Milford Chamber of Commerce with Spirits of Milford.

"The best part of the day is seeing all the kids turn on their imagination," said Yvonne Stobie, owner of Duck Duck Goose Children's Boutique. "It's a day of good old-fashioned, device-free fun."

Pirate legend is a part of Milford culture – rumors have long swirled that Captain Kidd buried treasure on Charles Island when he stopped there in 1699.

Pirate's Day begins at 9 a.m. at Lisman Landing, located at 37 Helwig St., and



Cole Macomber at a previous Pirate Day in Milford. Photo by Wendy Macomber.

goes to 3 p.m. There are two seating times for Pancakes with Pirates (9 a.m. and 10 a.m.) and tickets are \$10 each. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [downtownmilfordct.com/event-calendar/17th-annual-pirates-day/](http://downtownmilfordct.com/event-calendar/17th-annual-pirates-day/).

## Temple Emanuel To Celebrate Rabbi

Temple Emanuel in Orange will celebrate Rabbi Farbman's 10-year anniversary at the temple on Sunday, June 23 at 6 p.m.

Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby

Ave. in Orange. RSVP by June 16 at [tegnh.org](http://tegnh.org). There is a fee for the event. For more information, call 203-397-3000.

## Network Of Executive Women Awards Scholarships



The Network of Executive Women awarded scholarships to area women May 2 at its annual scholarship luncheon. From left: Nickella Walsh, Meaghan Sacco, Krystal Augustine, NEW President Wanda Carlson; Scholarship Chairwoman Virginia Allen, Jamie Owens, Jai'mice Toney and Christal Johnson. Photo courtesy of the Network of Executive Women.

The Network of Executive Women awarded six area women with scholarships May 2 at the organization's annual Scholarship Luncheon at Riverview Bistro in Milford.

The women were awarded the scholarships to complete or continue their education. A separate scholarship was also awarded to Krystal Augustine on behalf of the Milford Chamber of Commerce by Executive Director Pam Staneski. The Donna Marino Scholarship was presented by the Marino family to Meaghan Sacco.

After 20 years of leadership, Virginia Allen announced she would be stepping down as chair of the Scholarship Committee. The NEW board voted unanimously to award an annual Virginia Allen Scholarship in honor of her dedication and commitment to the many women who have been assisted throughout the years.

The NEW scholarship program started by paying for books to help women obtain skills needed to be self-sufficient. To date, it has awarded over \$150,000 to women who demonstrate need and ability.



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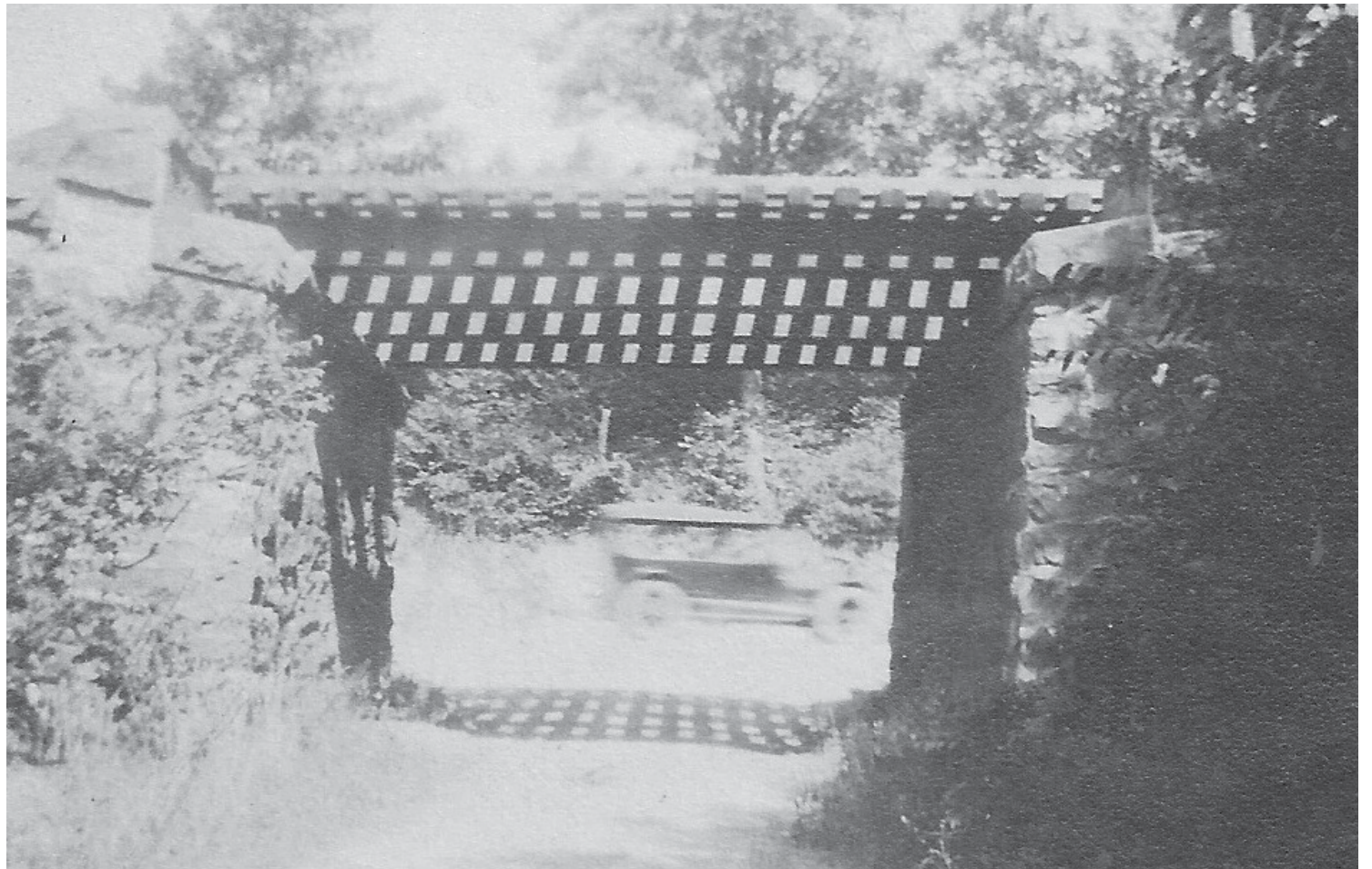
## A Look Back

By Priscilla Searles

Taken at the intersection of Dogwood Road and Derby Avenue, this photo, looking north across Derby Avenue towards Woodbridge, shows the Connecticut Company trolley bridge in the foreground. The car in the background is heading east toward New Haven on what is now the westbound side of Derby Avenue (Route 34). The trolley tracks remained in service until 1945, when they were removed. At that time Route 34 was widened and the former trolley right of way became the modern eastbound side of Route 34. The result is that the eastbound side is much straighter than the westbound side, which follows the original Derby Turnpike. This photo is part of a collection of early Orange images owned by Marge Menze.

If you have a vintage photo of Orange and are willing to loan it to Town Historian Priscilla Searles, contact her at orangect200@gmail.com. All photos on loan will be scanned, with the scan becoming the property of the Orange Historical Society. Originals will be returned to the owner.

the Connecticut Company trolley bridge on what is today Route 34. Photo courtesy of the Orange Historical Society.



## Milford Police Raising Funds For Kids Camp

The Milford Police Department and the Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association are looking for donations to send as many Milford youths, ages 8 to 13, as possible to Channel 3 Kids Camp in Andover the week of July 21 to July 26. Camp activities include swimming, digital media arts, performing arts, nature education, hiking, ropes courses

and games. Transportation will be provided for all who attend the week-long sleepover camp. For information on making donations, contact the Milford Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 203-874-2366. The original cost of the camp is \$500 per child. For more information on the camp, visit channel3kidscamp.org.

## Orange Seeking Summer Camp Nurse

The Town of Orange is seeking candidates for a seasonal position running from June 17 to Aug. 9, working Monday through Friday for a day camp in Orange caring for campers' injuries and sickness. The position may require administering medications. The job pays \$23.13 per hour. The candidate needs

to have a current CT RN License with a BSN and CPR certified. Those interested should email a letter of interest and resume to Dan Lynch, Director of Park & Recreation, at dlynch@orange-ct.gov by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5. The town is an equal-opportunity employer.



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# Opinion & Editorial

## Some Toll Details, Or Lack Thereof



STATE REP. (R-119)  
KATHY KENNEDY

Here is the latest State Capitol update on the toll proposals being talked about during the legislative session.

Right now one toll bill is still alive in the General Assembly. HB 7202, or An Act Concerning the Sustainability of Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure, calls for tolling all vehicles (not just trucks) on I-91, I-84, I-95 and Route 15, with the Department of Transportation determining the number of toll gantries and toll rates or if state discounts or exemptions will be given. In other words, there are no details yet.

The goal of the toll proposal would be to raise close to \$1 billion, so that would prevent the state from offering too rich of an in-state discount.

According to the proposal, tolls would be implemented as congestion pricing, which means higher toll rates based on the time of day or anticipated traffic congestion. These higher toll rate hours would normally fall between 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

I oppose any toll plans and have advocated for preserving the monies in the Special Transportation Fund, which have continuously been diverted over the years. This year the governor has proposed in his budget to intentionally starve the STF as a way to push his toll proposal.

I do support a more modest transportation borrowing plan, which keeps Connecticut under its state bonding cap.

I recently attended along with over 2,000 state residents, the "No Tolls Rally" at the State Capitol. I have also done a poll on the toll issue in my district, with over 81 percent of respondents opposed to tolls.

Here are some of the comments I received from constituents:

- "It will cause financial hardship to some working-class families. They will cause traffic back-ups..."

- "I am opposed to tolls because I have no confidence that the funds will be used for that purpose, i.e. the gas tax. We must learn to live within our means!"

- "Those of us who can leave this state will, and that will leave you people with only the takers behind, and a bankrupt state...I for example, have an 11-year-old daughter, and when she enters college in seven years, I am out of here. I already have jobs I can take in other states which are lucrative, and the cost of living is much lower."

- "Any tolls a trucker would incur would just come back to the consumer in higher prices. Not only would I have to pay tolls but also higher prices on anything that transportation trucker haul. It's no-win for the Connecticut taxpayer."

We've heard that the Speaker of the House is floating the idea of a special session on tolls because he does not have the votes for tolls and the regular session ends on June 5. I speculate the Speaker of the House hopes the passions of the anti-toll movement wane during the summer and they can pass a tolls bill.

As always, if you have questions about our state government, please contact me by phone at 1-800-842-1423 or email Kathy.Kennedy@housegop.ct.gov.

## Democrats Increase Costs Again



STATE REP. (R-117)  
CHARLES FERRARO

As you are reading this, we are less than a week to the end of the legislative session on June 5. The main focus of this legislative session has been on three topics: the budget, tolls and paid medical leave.

During odd numbered years, the legislature's goal is to produce a two-year state budget. Over the past few years, the majority party has had difficulty crafting a two-year budget without a tax increase. Sadly, it seems that they are again looking at increasing taxes instead of cutting state spending.

The governor's budget would aggressively expand the items and services that would now be under the state sales tax. The list includes accounting services, legal services, haircuts, real estate activities, and non-prescription drugs – just to name a few. His budget also would rely on shifting the teachers' pension onto municipalities and increasing the tax on hospitals.

The proposed budget of the Democrats in the legislature isn't any better. It also includes major tax increases, and they are still open to the idea of shifting teachers' pensions onto towns and cities.

In addition, both the governor and legislative Democrats are pushing to pass tolls and a paid family leave proposal. Under the current language of both proposals, these two policies would be a massive tax increase on working families in Connecticut.

With two weeks to go to the end of the session, we have very few details about the Democrats' final toll plan. The governor is suggesting placing around 50 toll gantries on nearly every major highway in the state to generate close to \$1 billion dollars in revenue. The governor would also bond approximately \$800 million based off projected toll revenue to be able to start fixing roads and bridges now.

The Democrats' paid family leave plan will force every single employee in the state of Connecticut to pay 0.5 percent of their paychecks for a state-run trust fund that pays employees on leave for up to 12 weeks.

I am against the Democrats' tolls and paid family leave proposals. Both these policies will cost working families hundreds of dollars a year. I am proud to say that House Republicans have offered alternatives to tolls and paid family leave. Yet our proposals have been ignored by the majority.

I believe the majority party is reverting to their old ways of doing things and will continue to ask taxpayers to pay more and more. The only way to restore our state's economy is by cutting unnecessary spending and stopping anti-business bills from chasing more employers out of the state.

Please sign up for my emails to stay informed about what is happening up at the Capitol at RepFerraro.com. I have been sending out a weekly email with articles and my press releases that talk about important issues impacting our state.

## Time's Up For Limitations On Sex Assault Charges



STATE REP. (D-14)  
JAMES MARONEY

As a legislator, one of my goals is to stand up for those who can't find their voice but need a voice to represent their interests in government.

We had the opportunity a few weeks ago to do just that. On May 17, I was proud to speak on and vote for the passage of Senate Bill 3, dubbed the "Time's Up" bill, that protects sexual assault survivors, extends the statute of limitations for sexual assault crimes and addresses workplace discrimination and sexual harassment.

I am particularly encouraged to see the elimination of the statute of limitations for sexual assault crimes committed against a minor. Our state currently has one of the shortest statutes of limitations in the nation for sexual assault crimes – only five years. SB 3 extends our existing statute of limitations to 20 years for felony sexual assault and from one year to 10 years for a non-felony. In each of these cases if the victim is 18, 19 or 20, the statute of limitations is 30 years following the victim's twenty-first birthday, giving the victim effectively until his or her fifty-first birthday to come forward and file charges.

This legislation is deeply personal to me. This past year, it was brought to my attention that one of my close friends is a survivor, as they were sexually abused as a child. My friend suffered in silence for many years, and then had to relive this pain once more when they decided to go forward to the authorities. Due to our state's five-year statute of limitations, nothing could be done for my friend, who was left with their pain and trauma and denied the justice they rightfully deserved.

The crime of sexual assault has also impacted my family. My cousin McKayla Maroney was the victim of sexual assault. This obviously impacted her, but it also impacted her parents. At one point my uncle, one of the strongest people I have ever met, told me "We are broken, but we will get through this."

Sexual assault is not an isolated crime. Everyone is affected, everyone is broken, and everyone needs time and space to heal. A statute of limitations on sexual assault crimes committed against a minor denies them the time they require to process their pain and the healing that justice provides.

It is imperative that we protect our children, and if we cannot protect them, then we need to give them justice. I am proud to say that this legislation passed the state Senate 35-0, and I am confident it will advance out of the state House of Representatives and be signed into law by the governor.

## Governor Continues To Push Unwanted Tolls



STATE REP. (R-114)  
THEMIS KLARIDES

The governor released his "working draft" toll proposal the May 21 along with his announcement of anticipating the need for a special session. The governor says that a special session is needed so that more time can be spent speaking with lawmakers about his transportation plan.

The unfortunate truth is that his working draft contains more deal sweeteners than we have seen in any of the transportation proposals brought forward by anyone this session.

Included in the draft are multiple pages of direct projects in swing vote districts, constructed to entice towns that have passed "no-toll resolutions" stating they are collectively against the implementation of tolls. The sweeteners also target elected Democrats who have publicly announced they will not vote in favor of a tolling option should it come to the floor in the House or the Senate.

It has been an ongoing struggle to understand these past few months why the governor would continue to push a plan that would directly crush the ever-shrinking working class of Connecticut, who have explicitly stated they cannot afford tolls on their daily commute to work. The governor now doubles down with a new tolling proposal with less than two weeks left of the 2019 session and simultaneously floats a special session (which will be at the expense of taxpayers) all in a last-ditch effort to get tolls across the finish line. It's incredibly disheartening.

When the only pro-toll voices heard and seen in the media are those who will or anticipate financially benefiting from tolls standing side-by-side with the governor at press conferences or listed in press releases, it makes the conversation on transportation improvements all the more difficult.

The need for infrastructure improvements is real and pressing. The gas tax last year brought in more than \$500 million and the Special Transportation Fund has plenty of money properly allocated to keep the coffers full. The only problem is there is clear and documented evidence that Democrats have continuously diverted funds and thereby shortchanged the commuters and taxpayers of Connecticut of transportation funds.

No special session for the sake of tolls is required to figure out our transportation issues. We need concentration and dedication to solutions that will benefit Connecticut without costing taxpayers more of their hard-earned dollars. Tolls aren't a solution; they're an excuse for poor choices and lack of responsible spending.

**Opens in Orange**  
by Joseph Cole

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Photo By Joseph Cole  
The Eye Care Group is set to open their Warehouse in Orange on February 27. They plan to move their New Haven location to this new space. Peter Branden said. He estimates between the group's rotating list of doctors and the 10,000 square foot space. He estimates between the group's rotating list of doctors and the 10,000 square foot space. He estimates between the group's rotating list of doctors and the 10,000 square foot space.



# Opinion & Editorial

## Editorial: Public Option Or No, Healthcare Needs Overhaul

By **Brandon Bisceglia**

Democrats in the state legislature unveiled a plan May 23 that could put Connecticut at the forefront of healthcare in the nation – or could further erode the state’s finances and business reputation.

The revised bill came out of earlier discussions about creating a so-called public option, under which individuals and small businesses could join a state-sponsored health plan, presumably benefitting from the state’s bargaining clout to negotiate lower prices and better coverage.

The newest iteration had an unexpected twist, bringing back – at least at the state level – the mandate that all residents buy insurance or pay a penalty, as existed until recently under the federal Affordable Care Act.

It would also restore Medicaid eligibility to a majority of those who lost it when stricter income guidelines went into effect in 2016.

If passed, Connecticut would become the second state to offer a public option; Washington state passed a public option in May. And it would be the first to pay for it partly through an insurance mandate.

“It is the most ambitious health care package any state has considered. It helps those folks who are falling through the cracks,” said state Sen. Matthew Lesser, D-Middletown.

There is no doubt that Connecticut needs bold thinking on healthcare. The state had an uninsured rate of 5.5 percent in 2017, the last year for which data are available. That was the first year the rate had risen since the ACA went into effect. But even at its lowest point in 2016, 4.9 percent of the population was uninsured.

Part of the increase in the uninsured rate

is no doubt due to Republican efforts to gut Obama-era healthcare laws. But the ACA also had its own failures. Drug prices and the cost of coverage continued to rise, for instance.

Democratic presidential candidates all have their own plans for overhauling the system, from Bernie Sanders’ “Medicare for All” to variations on the public option theme. President Donald Trump, for his part, has promised he and his party “will have a plan that’s far better than Obamacare” after the 2020 election.

It’s anybody’s guess whether state Democrats can pass their public option plan before the legislature’s June 5 adjournment date.

It was crafted behind closed doors without any Republican input, which is always a bad sign, because it means the bill’s proponents don’t expect to receive bipartisan support.

Democrats have comfortable majorities in both houses this session, so they can pass laws without engaging Republicans.

But that’s doesn’t mean they should. There are significant dangers to moving too quickly or blindly on any bill, and this is doubly true of one that charts an untrammelled course through uncharted territory. Shutting Republicans out of the process only ensures that Democrats won’t benefit from a diversity of perspectives.

Worries have already risen that the public option plan might drive the insurance industry – which has a large and historic presence – out of the state. Important questions about cost and sustainability haven’t been worked out yet.

This healthcare plan might or might not be the right one for Connecticut. But we should all be able to agree the state – and the country – needs to think boldly, because what we have now isn’t working.

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As we continue to support and address the increase in the needs of those experiencing homelessness and hunger in our community, we continue to be grateful for the empathy, dignity and respect shown to our most vulnerable community members by the Milford community at large.

The “Man on the Green” shows the complexity of this work. Rapid and comprehensive community response addressed an individual paralyzed by needs greater than he could solve independently. We know that there is not one universal answer.

This difficult position necessitates the charge of the Milford Homeless Outreach Workgroup, a multidisciplinary team working to identify and implement strategies to reduce the unsheltered

homeless population through direct service, data coordination and community education. Much of our work is to improve and enhance the coordination of our systems and is directly felt by the vulnerable individuals we serve.

It is because of this workgroup that the “Man on the Green” had many visitors during his stay, including the Milford Police Department, the Beth-El Center outreach and engagement staff, Columbus House support staff and Bridges Mobile Crisis staff. In addition, information and updates were provided to the workgroup in the event that additional supports were needed.

Those who are experiencing homelessness and require assistance navigating the shelter and/or housing systems can visit our coordinator in the Milford Public Library from 10 a.m. to

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Arts Matters

by Patricia Miller

### Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable. - Banksy

**FRIENDS OF THE CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY** (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) invites everyone to attend its annual meeting, which will be held this year on Saturday, June 8 at 1 p.m. There will be a business meeting preceding the program which will focus on the contributions the Friends have made to the library. Following this will be the board elections and the presentation of the Lucy Scillia Scholarship.

In celebration of a successful year, the Friends will present a special program called "Songs of America at War," featuring music historian Rick Spencer and fellow researcher Dawn Indermuehle, who also performs American historical songs. Their well-researched song list will include songs of pathos, describing tragedy, loss, fear and hope. It will also include more humorous selections. There will be period songs as well as discussion of the issues, events and personalities of the wars. The duo uses the songs to "illustrate the evolution of our nation's culture and history in an informative and entertaining way."

Spencer is a researcher and staff musician at Mystic Seaport Museum. He has traveled throughout the U.S. and Europe with a sea shanty quartet. Indermuehle develops program material and creates period-appropriate vocal accompaniment. She also performs with other ensembles.

Light refreshments will be served. Reservation is required. For more information, call 203-891-2170 or go to [orange.lioninc.org](http://orange.lioninc.org).

**FRIENDS OF THE CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY** (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) announces the new "Members Only Program," to be presented on Sunday, June 23 at 1 p.m. It will feature Patti Carber, singer, actor and entertainer in "This Old Hat, Leading Ladies." This is an inventive and engaging program focusing on five noted American women who accomplished important "firsts": Dolly Madison, Elizabeth Blackwell, Nellie Bly, Belva Lockwood and Eleanor Roosevelt. This special program is for Friends members and will be by invitation only. Become a member of the Friends to attend this and similar programs.

**ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL** (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) recently sponsored a bus trip to the Georgia O'Keefe exhibit at the New Britain Museum of American Art. It was organized by Marcia Jamron, who did her usual outstanding job of attending to all the details. The museum is light, well-designed and manageable. The exhibit was enjoyed by all the attendees and the tour of the exhibit was led by a knowledgeable and engaging docent, Joanna Bisicupski. An artist herself, she gave much insight into technique as well as the background of the artist and her career, and of the other artists included in the exhibition who were influenced by O'Keefe's work.

The museum visit was followed by what can only be described as a banquet – lunch at Great Taste, a Chinese restaurant in New Britain. Course after course appeared – with hot, steaming cloths offered to each person between courses. It is a most unusual restaurant, in décor as well as in the preparation and presentation of the bounteous luncheon served.

**AMITY CREATIVE THEATER** (25 Newton Rd, Woodbridge) once again has

gained recognition by receiving eight nominations for the annual high school Sondheim Awards. The Sondheim Awards are sponsored by the Broadway Method Academy, the Westport Playhouse and the Shubert Theater. The awards program is affiliated with the National High School Musical Theatre Awards, also known as the Jimmy Awards. The mission of this program is to emphasize the importance of art education by celebrating and supporting student achievement in high school musical theater. The winner of the Connecticut Sondheim Award goes to New York City to the national competition.

Amity Creative Theater's nominees are: Student Assoc. Costumes, Abby Slansky; Student Assoc. Lighting, Michael De Cesare; Best Supporting Actress, Sofia Halepas; Best Choreography, Andrea Kennedy; Best Director(s), Andrea and Rob Kennedy; Best Actor, Marty Gnidula; Best Actor, Ryan Kennedy; and Best Musical, Amity High School (*Catch Me If You Can*).

Amity students, teachers and parents put much effort in the production and performance of this Amity show. Rob and Andrea Kennedy present excellent performances and make the rehearsal and preparation for their shows a creative development process for the participants.

**NATIGYORGYEY** is a young artist who grew up in Orange and went to Orange and Amity Regional schools. She was recently interviewed in the *New Haven Register* and characterized as an "artist obsessed and slightly off kilter." She is a resident member of the Firing Circuits Artists Studios in Norwalk. She recently exhibited at the New Canaan Carriage House Art Center and is presently showing her series of work of cathedrals and interiors as part of a show now at the Fairfield Public Library. Her cathedral studies were inspired by those in Hungary she saw on her many visits there when she was a child. Others are from around the world, including Notre Dame in Paris. The other series in the exhibit is of her colorful interiors inspired by the ornate Belle Époque interiors that were in fashion at the turn of the twentieth century. Her interiors are filled with colorful tables, chairs, sofas and vases – all slightly off kilter, as are her cathedrals. Notre Dame is tilted more than the others – an interesting detail, especially since the painting was done before the fire. She says that may be a foreshadowing.

Gyorgyey believes much of her painting leads back to her parents and the times they lived through. They came to America after the Hungarian Revolution. She was born in New Haven and grew up in a home

where only her parents' native language was spoken. Her website contains her series labeled "Heritage Excavation," and it includes both scenes from labor camps (her father spent seven years in a camp) and portraits of Hungarian peasants. She now lives in Stamford and is a busy, involved citizen of the art world.

**GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE** (5 Main St., East Haddam) is running *Hi, My Name Is Ben*, a story about hope, friendship, grief and a miracle, through June 9. It is a true story of one ordinary man and his extraordinary life. From his tiny room in New York City, Bernhardt Wichmann changed the lives of those around him without ever speaking a word. Using only his note pad, pen and open heart, Wichmann turned a neighborhood of strangers into a community of friends, before finally encountering a miracle of his own. The play features an uplifting score by the award-winning Scottish writing team Noisemaker, with the collaboration of Dundee Rep, one of Scotland's leading theatres. This is the story of a man who had nothing but changed everything. For tickets, call 860-872-8668 or go to [goodspeed.org](http://goodspeed.org).

**LONG WHARF THEATRE** (222 Sargent Dr., New Haven) presents a special run of *Shining*, created by Elm City Shakespeare Associate Artist Mary Frank. The production team includes director Doug Moser, music director Andrew Levine and choreographer Ginger Thatcher. Frank and Levine appear onstage. When the unthinkable happens, a psychotherapist loses her grip and finds her voice. Elm City Shakespeare says, "Congratulations once again to Long Wharf Theatre for recognizing an important piece of theatre arising from deep and direct in our New Haven community experience." For tickets, call 203-787-4282 or go to [longwharf.org](http://longwharf.org).

**LONG WHARF THEATRE** (222 Sargent Dr., New Haven) has announced its 2019-2020 season. In October it will host *In the Grounds of Belonging* by Riccardo Perez Gonzalez, a new story of forbidden love in 1950s Texas. Next is *Pride and Prejudice* by Kate Hamill, an adaptation of Jane Austen's novel, opening in November. February brings the Pulitzer Prize-winning *I Am My Own Wife*, by Doug Wright. In March, *The Chinese Lady*, by Lloyd Suh, tells the story of the first American female Chinese immigrant. In May, the season closes with *The Great Leap* by Lauren Lee, a tale of basketball and foreign relations in 1980s China. To subscribe for the season, call 203-787-4282 or go to [longwharf.org](http://longwharf.org).

**YALE REPERTORY THEATRE** (1120 Chapel St., New Haven) has announced

its 2019-2020 season. The opening play will be *Girls*, a spin on *The Bacchae* featuring a DJ, dance music and live-streaming video. The next play, beginning in November, is *The Plot*, a mysterious and sometimes hilarious tale of a tiny piece of land. Manhatta follows in January and is a suspenseful and sweeping tale of the attempted eradication of native culture. In March, a defiantly hopeful American drama in Lorraine Hansberry's groundbreaking *A Raisin In The Sun* opens. Closing the season is *Testmatch*, a story of sport, gender politics and colonialism. To subscribe, call 203-432-1234 or go to [yalerep.org](http://yalerep.org).

**IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE** (103 Main St., Ivoryton) stages *Godspell* through June 16. Loosely based on the gospel of St. Mark, the show follows a company of actors who unite to form a community through the teaching of love, kindness and acceptance. The acclaimed musical includes such songs as "Day by Day." Other shows coming to Ivoryton include *Mama Mia*, *Cabaret*, and *Sheer Madness*. For more information, call 800-767-7318 or go to [ivorytonplayhouse.org](http://ivorytonplayhouse.org).

**THE YALE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY** (111 Chapel St., New Haven) welcomes everyone to enjoy their free special exhibitions, including the current exhibition, "A Nation Reflected: Stories in American Glass." This exhibition was organized by six Yale undergraduates. According to the gallery, student-curated exhibitions are central to its educational mission, contributing greatly to the cultivation of the next generation of scholars and curators. The students learn from the gallery's collections and are trained in all aspects of curatorial work. The student curators of "A Nation Reflected" spent a semester working with and learning from gallery curators, conservators and professional staff. This special exhibition will be on view until Sept. 29.

**FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND IDEAS** comes to New Haven June 8 to 22. Activities abound throughout the city and its environs, countless activities of arts and ideas abound. Some include the Kronos Quartet, Yale Coral Artists, food experiences at participating venues, dance, theatre, concerts on the green, talks exploring ideas of all kinds, a harbor bash – it's a whirl of intense, exciting events. There is something for everyone. The organizers of this award-winning festival see to that. For tickets and information about events, go to [artidea.org](http://artidea.org). There are ticketed and free events.

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**The Book Club:**

# Cheerleader For Team Taliban

John Wray, *Godsend*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2018

It seems like only yesterday that we watched in horror as masked jihadists with British or American accents performed, under the banner of ISIS, gruesome and bloody acts of revenge on the nightly news.



PETER HECHTMAN

Who were these people? What motivated them to leave lives of peace and comfort in the West? What did they find in the Islamic State and how did it transform them?

*Godsend* is a small gem of a novel that attempts to search for answers to these questions. The novel's story is loosely based on the experience of John Walker Lindh, an American convert to Islam, who fought for the Taliban in Afghanistan before his arrest by U.S. military forces in 2001.

*Godsend's* heroine is Aden Sawyer, an eighteen year old American girl whose "empty life" has created a space that

Islam promises to fill with its stern moral codes and its communitarian ethos. With her California family a ruin, she travels to Afghanistan to study the Koran at a madrassa and is, quite willingly, manipulated into joining the armed struggle of the Taliban against the central government.

It goes without saying that her first task is to persuade her "hosts" that she is a boy, named Suleyman Al-Na'ama. Reading between the lines, it appears that they tolerate her act but are not fooled. Why they see through her so easily is due to a well-known Afghan custom called Bacha posh, in which a family with no sons tasks the oldest daughter

to imitate the dress and mannerisms of a boy. Her response to this is "she was a liar and a dissembler and she'd never been so happy in her life."



There are moments of disillusionment, some comic, as when she tries to find a most holy and ascetic Inman and discovers "him paging through an instruction manual for a zenith color television set." And there are moments in which she is compelled to prove herself, for example, by shooting an accused traitor.

What she cannot abandon is the American adolescent's need to have the world measure up to her sense of fairness and, to her comrades, armed and faithful, this makes her an odd duck.

What she has the greatest trouble with is establishing bonds of trust with people who, she begins to understand, are lying to her.

It is to the author's credit that he makes no attempt to entwine this intensely personal story with the great global struggles of Islamic fundamentalism and the West – the kind of analysis that one can read in Tom Friedman's columns in the *New York Times*. The story is set in Aden/Suleyman's head and in the experiences, conversations and interactions within her immediate surroundings. With every new situation she faces, she is called upon, not simply to respond, but to reinvent herself. That makes her a complex and interesting character whose development over the course of the story is entirely plausible.

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## Rotary To Tackle Substance Abuse

By Roger Tausig



I am often asked "What does Rotary do?" by people who learn I'm involved in this organization. For those who don't know, Rotary is a service organization that works to address various needs in the local community, the region, nationally and around the world.

As I complete my fourth year as a member, and most recently president of the Rotary Club of Orange, I continue to learn the impressive scope of the projects undertaken by Rotarians to do good in the world by undertaking projects that benefit those who

are most in need of vital services and/or financial assistance.

It is not widely known, but Rotary, along with a number of other humanitarian service organizations, has and continues to play a significant role in the eradication of polio outside of North America. As of this writing, there are still 22 known cases, so the battle continues. Rotary remains a major contributor to this massive effort.

Now a new scourge is upon us here in the United States. It is as dangerous, if not more so, as polio was in the 1950s. The new epidemic is more insidious and destructive than polio because its root cause lies in human activity and in greed.

I am talking about substance abuse, and more specifically, the opioid crisis.

This problem, which is caused by the over-prescription and frequently unrestricted use of opioid-based pain medication, has caused

a massive number of people to become addicted, leading to severe physical and mental health issues for millions and, for far too many people, death. Many consider this crisis to be "polio 2.0" because of the danger it poses to so many people and the ease and speed with which it is spreading. It is hard to find a person who does not have a friend or loved one who has been affected or has themselves fallen prey to this menace.

As a Rotarian, I feel compelled to do what I can to take steps to address this crisis. Working to solve problems of this type is at the very core of Rotary's mission. I am pleased to have been asked by the leadership of our district, which is comprised of 57 Rotary clubs throughout Connecticut, to take a leading role in a campaign to attack this problem.

In the coming months, with the aid of an extraordinarily well-designed program fashioned by a Rotarian who is passionate

about doing this work, I will be reaching out to surrounding Rotary clubs to begin the process of organizing programs in local communities that will bring together members of those communities, their leaders, law enforcement and experts on the subject of substance abuse to educate the public and raise awareness of the scope and depth of this devastating public health threat.

I am proud to be a member of an organization that chooses to take on significant challenges and make a difference by driving solutions to serious problems and delivering on our motto, "Service Above Self." This is just one of many ways that Rotary serves the community.

Please let me know if you would like to join Rotary and take part in serving your community, your country and those in need around the globe. I can be reached at 203-605-5151 or rogetausig@yahoo.com.

## Letters To The Editor: Continued - Letters from pg 5.

noon on Mondays and Thursdays or contact the center at any time for an appointment.

Homelessness is an issue that impacts every municipality, large and small. Nonprofits and groups are able to impact greater change with your involvement. If you need information for someone you believe to be experiencing homelessness, you can refer them to 2-1-1, our statewide social service information hotline. If you want to assist in larger ways, reach out to Beth-El Center, partners in the Milford Homeless Workgroup or in your local community.

**Jennifer Paradis**  
Executive Director, Beth-El Center, Inc.  
Milford Homeless Outreach Workgroup  
Co-Chair

**To the Editor:**

It's the same old story for the Connecticut legislature. Find more revenue so we can spend more of other people's money, kick the can down the road instead of dealing with the overspending and end up further in debt with no end in sight and no plan to address the long-term commitments.

Past legislatures and governors pushed policies and contracts that prevent us from extracting ourselves from this overspending for years into the future.

In 1982, the mantra was: let us bring in the income tax, it will solve all our state's fiscal problems. How well has that worked for us?

Connecticut does not have a revenue problem and never has. It has a spending problem! Connecticut is spending money on non-essential nice-to-haves and new programs that are not funded or planned for. Instead of using so-called surpluses based on the current budget to pay down long-term debts, the legislature has raided every fund for every nickel by moving revenues into the general fund, where their collection source is lost, and then spending the money on something else. They are playing with fire by underfunding long-term promises that we, the taxpayers, will have difficulty paying.

Now they want to create state sponsored retirement plans for everyone and force citizens to buy health insurance on the Affordable Care Act model.

Progressivism is another word for socialism; it just takes longer to get to eventual bankruptcy. Legislative progressivism is leading the state to financial ruin. Retirees can't afford to live here anymore and aren't getting better services than elsewhere, but our retirement incomes are being chipped away at by state-levied taxes and unfunded state mandates on our towns and schools, causing increased property taxes.

Our state's job recovery is anemic. Our graduates, sons, daughters and grandchildren are leaving the state because they can't afford to live here. So why aren't you incensed and complaining to your legislators?

**Thomas P. Hurley, Orange**

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A Nov. 20, 2017 letter from Scott Hill, then the Engineering Administrator for the Bureau of Engineering and Construction at the Department of Transportation, said that the department "is not in a financial position to proceed with negotiations for or participate in the contemplated Orange Transit Oriented Development."

"Therefore," the letter continued, "the department will not be advancing the design and construction of the associated Orange rail station (aka the Orange Platform)."

Orange had spent years leading up to that announcement preparing for an eventual station. In addition to the Railroad Station Committee, the Town Plan & Zoning Commission over months worked out regulations around a transit-oriented development district where the station was planned.

Orange has routinely been in the running for a station since at least the 1990s, when Metro-North began considering building a station either there or in West Haven. At the

time, the stretch between New Haven and Milford was the longest between stops on the line in Connecticut.

In 2001, the South Central Council of Governments voted to push for the West Haven station over Orange, citing West Haven's economic needs. The town appealed the decision, and years of acrimony over the decision ensued. Even as the West Haven station opened in 2013, though, Orange continued to vie for its own station.

Orange may get passed over again, as Bridgeport officials are now using the promise of a second station in the East Side of that city as a bargaining chip in supporting the transportation plans of Gov. Ned Lamont.

Since the state pulled out in 2017, there has been little activity in Orange to suggest the train station concept will be revived, although the plans and regulations surrounding it remain on the books.

And on May 15, with no discussion, another small piece of that dream fell away.

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# Lifestyle

## Travel Matters

### Barcelona, Capital Of Catalonia

Perhaps you have sailed out of Barcelona on a Mediterranean cruise, or maybe it's just on your bucket list as one of the great European capitals to visit. We have had the luxury of spending time in Barcelona a couple of times. The first was as a pre-cruise to a Rhone River cruise through Provence, and the other was while leaving from the port of Barcelona on a Western Mediterranean group cruise.

Both times were delightful. The first time was the joy of discovery. The second time, the joy of sharing the city with first-time visitors.

Barcelona is one of those cities where the cruise port is almost walking distance from the heart of the city, La Rambla. I say "almost" because most of us sailing out of Barcelona have bags that make it awkward

to walk to the port. But it's a very quick ride to the port from the hotels situated along this tree-lined pedestrian street. I recommend staying in this area because not only are you on the number one walking street of the city, you are also a stone's throw from the Gothic center of Barcelona.

It's great to wander here and just get lost in the beauty of the area. The La Boqueria market on La Rambla is one of the best food markets of Europe, and you can easily eat your way from soup to nuts as you stroll among the stalls. Another 10-minute walk is the Picasso Museum, with over 4,200 works exhibited by the painter. Located within five adjoining



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and other medieval palaces in Barcelona's Old City, the building is as much of an artistic experience as the works of art.

During the morning, I highly recommend a half-day trip to Montserrat, the Benedictine monastery on the mountain that features the Black Madonna. The site is both spiritual and other-worldly. If you're lucky, the farmers will have a farmer's market with multiple types of cheese, olives and other delectables from the surrounding area. Make sure you go in the morning, taking the cable car to the top and getting into the monastery before the masses arrive.

At dusk, it's great to take a tapas (Spanish for appetizers) tour through the heart of

Barcelona, and to places where only the locals go. On one such tour, we ended up at five different establishments with totally different tapas at each place, along with local wines and beers. We ended up walking about six miles that night without even realizing it – so the walking outweighed the eating.

Last but not least, Barcelona is the city of Antoni Gaudi, the master architect of Art Nouveau. With multiple buildings to choose from, La Sagrada Familia is the masterpiece, the most famous of Gaudi's works. In construction since 1892, and not expected to be completed until 2026, you still have time to witness the building as a "work in progress."

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## On Your Mind:

### Self-Medicating Can Be Dangerous

Self-medicating comes in many forms, and the ages of those who self-medicate range from adolescent to elderly. Some people are unaware that they are self-medicating because they have some social anxiety and will say that a drink loosens them up. Some use pot or related substances because it makes them feel more relaxed in social settings.

Throughout my career as a teacher and hypnotist I often became aware of kids who used marijuana or alcohol to self-medicate to feel more comfortable in social settings. Growing up is challenging and young people begin to experiment with all kinds of things to feel like they fit in better. They don't identify their discomfort as social anxiety, but they learn easily that it is more comfortable to be in social situations under the influence of something. Some of these kids have depression and don't realize that these substances are making them feel

worse. If they feel worse, they use more or switch to something stronger.

A new trend among young people is e-cigarettes or vape pens, which come in more varieties than you can imagine. One example is the dab stick or pen. According to Kandypens.com, a dab pen is used purely for the consumption of tiny concentrates of THC, instead of the more traditional dry herb or e-liquid. Dab pens work the same way as vape pens.

The problem is so serious that there is a special program at Yale to work with these victims who find themselves in an emergency room experiencing a psychotic break. The program is limited to those who qualify to Yale's criteria.

When dabbing is combined with marijuana,



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the results can be devastating, according to the nonprofit Center on Addiction. "Dabbing comes with a slew of negative side effects, including a rapid heartbeat, blackouts, feeling like something is crawling under the skin, loss of consciousness and psychotic symptoms, including paranoia and hallucinations," the organization's webpage says.

Self-medicating is dangerous in many ways. Sometimes when users realize that they don't feel better medicating themselves – just a different kind of bad – they indulge more and more to try to hide the new feelings they don't like. This results in overdosing, passing out or worse. Self-medicating can have serious consequences that include addiction, other medical problems such as liver damage, or mental health issues like depression and anxiety.

If you have anxiety or if you've ever had a panic attack you know it feels like you're going to die. Another way to describe it is that you feel completely out of control. Your heart is pounding, muscles are tightening, you may even begin to shake. Sometimes the experience lasts for minutes and sometimes it lasts longer.

Social anxiety is more common than you would imagine, and self-medicating is a common but dangerous way to deal with it. Anxiety is about something that happened a long time ago – it's basically a fear of feeling afraid.

There are several non-pharmaceutical ways to reduce, manage or neutralize anxiety. Hypnosis is one of them and can be very effective.

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## Here's To Your Health:

### You Can't Soar Like An Eagle When You Hang Out With Turkeys

Did you ever hear the saying you can't soar like an eagle when you hang out with turkeys? I can still hear my mother saying, "Choose your friends wisely."

There's more to this than meets the eye. Hanging out and enjoying the company of friends and family is good for your health. Social interaction is important. However, social interaction with people who love you, accept you and enjoy being around you has many benefits to your well-being.

Spending time with family and friends can help you find better ways to manage stress. Having an ear to bend with someone who is truly listening to you will help prevent you from using alcohol or drugs as a coping mechanism.

I train a 96-year-old woman who I call "the apple of my eye." She trains with me

three times during the week and then plays tennis and mahjong on the other days of the week. She has a zeal and zest for life that is unmatched to anyone I know. She keeps her stress levels much lower by living this way and is prolonging her life.

People who believe their family and friends to be supportive enhance their psychological wellness. Their outlook allows them to feel they have a strong sense of purpose and live a meaningful life.

If you ask the apple of my eye what her secret is, she will tell you she loves her life. She is widowed and most of her family lives far away. Attitude is everything.

Stress kills. It causes inflammation in your



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arteries, adds unwanted pounds to your body without you changing your eating habits, and it shortens your life in more ways than we give it credit for. Be deliberate about managing your stress.

We all have family and friends who aren't exactly supportive or loving and quite honestly can make us nuts, so setting proper boundaries is essential. I have my family and I also have my "family" – they know who they are. When times are tough, I need a shoulder to lean on or when I need to put myself in check, my "family" are the people I rely on because they love me no matter what. Because they love the good, the bad and the ugly, I am reminded to pay that forward to

someone else. It's contagious.

Summer has begun and it's off to the races: graduations, weddings, barbecues. Then poof, it's gone. Slow down, smell the roses and have coffee with someone who builds you up, not tears you down. Be intentional about your peace. Take a walk on the beach, write a poem, sing a new song. Do it with someone who loves you just the way you are. Here's to your health.

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Drive. See Page 5.

Photo By Joseph Cole

Lung-chu Chen spent 33 years blacklisted from his native Taiwan as a result of his academic work in the United States. He has just returned to his homeland after 30 years in the United States. He is one of the most remarkable men in Taiwan. In fairness, the Chinese and Taiwanese seemed to be having trouble with the communist People's Republic of China (PRC), insisted on the One China Principle, stating that China and Taiwan were one and the same.

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The Eye Care Group is set to open their Warehouse in Orange on February 27. They began negotiating for their New Haven location in January. "We're taking the week to move in and get everything set up," Dr. Peter Branden said. He will be one of several doctors working out of the 10,000 square foot space. He estimates between the group's rotating list of doctors and part and full-time support staff that the location

*Eva Care staff on page 19*



# Milford Performance Center Holds Pizza Fundraiser



The Milford Performance Center held its Pizza Fundraiser Challenge on May 16 at the new Showroom of Colonial Toyota. The event featured eight restaurants from Milford and Orange, celebrity judges (from left: Elena Fusco of Bin 100, Danny Lyons of WEBE Radio and musician Jay Rowe), music by Vick & Barre, beer by New England Brewery and Black Box Wine from Wines & More. Photos by Steve Cooper.

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# Home & Garden

## The Garden Spot:

### Is It A Mole Or A Vole?

Most of us will at some time or other see “tunnels” in our lawns and blame the moles. While it’s true that moles tunnel, so do voles, and the voles are the ones that damage our gardens.

Although moles and voles are both about the same size, they have very different dietary needs. Moles do not eat roots and bulbs, but voles do. It’s easy enough to remember the difference by the first letter of their names: moles are meat eaters (carnivores) and voles are vegetarians. They are the culprits (along with mice) that eat your plant roots and bulbs.

Moles can actually be viewed as beneficial critters as long as you don’t mind the look of the tunnels. Moles will aerate your lawn and soil with their tunneling. They’ll also eat beetle grubs, snail larvae, insects and earthworms. They can eat as much as 70 to 80

percent of their body weight in a day. One study found a single mole can eat up to 175 grubs a day. The grubs that the moles love to eat are what actually cause the lawn damage and death that you see associated with the tunnels. Grubs eat organic matter, including the roots of grass.

So please don’t blame the moles for the dead patches of lawn.

What are grubs? They’re the fat, white, wormlike larvae of beetles that hatch in the warm weather. They have voracious appetites and love the roots of lawns, especially those that are in the sun and well-watered. You’ll notice brown patches in your lawn as the grass dies off, and you may even see patches that have been pulled up by skunks or raccoons,



PAT DRAY

who also love to eat grubs.

Do not use poisons on these creatures. Moles and voles will ingest the poison, but any predator bird, such as a hawk or eagle, will then eat the poisoned mole or vole and become collateral damage. If you are looking for a quick solution, trapping with a Have a Heart trap baited with peanut butter followed by relocation is the quickest way to eliminate them. To control voles, don’t mulch deeply near trees and remove wood piles and yard debris where the voles live.

To eliminate moles, you need to eliminate the grubs that they feed on. First, remember that grubs are surface insects and eat roots near the surface. To encourage deep root

growth for the lawn only do deep watering. If you have an automatic sprinkler system, don’t run it daily for short periods of time since that encourages superficial root growth. Water it once a week with about one inch of water. Applications of milky spore disease and/or beneficial nematodes will eventually kill the grubs. Beneficial nematodes are microscopic worms that attach to the grub and literally “suck the life out” of them, providing a quicker solution. Milky spore may take two to four years for the active organism, *Bacillus popilliae*, to completely inoculate the area treated, so is a longer-term solution.

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

## Real Talk: You Ask, A Pro Answers

### Your Real Estate Agent Will Be Your Best Friend

A project such as selling your home deserves all the supervision and love it can get. The steps taken from the beginning are deliberate and important. They reflect the total commitment needed to orchestrate a successful transaction as you move your family from place to place.

This plan, this devotion to detail, needs to be overseen by the most experienced realtor possible. Too many times buyers complain that they missed a step. It could have been in the preparation or the inspection proposal, but nonetheless they lost momentum in the process. There are timeframes and schedules, seasons and emotions that can interfere with business.

The selling of your home and the buying of a property is all business. If you get angry

or stress out, you will involve the people around you and the experience will disappointment. Dedication to the time frame and organizing your lifestyle around showings and keeping up with the interruptions is all good with proper emotional preparation. And why not? The outcome is the best – it is exciting to change your lifestyle. The way to do it requires no doubts and plenty of enthusiasm.

I would exchange an agent who said they could get you an extra \$10,000 more for an agent who has been working in the industry for 30 years and has statistics to support their success. After all, offering you



BARBARA LEHRER

a higher profit to get the listing is unfair to the homeowner and it lends itself to unreasonable expectations down the line. Everyone wants to be a realtor, but they do not all realize the seriousness of the profession. This is the largest purchase ever and if you have major problems with a septic system, a well or any other major item, then down the line your equity will be used up. It is the realtor’s obligation to make sure complete investigations are satisfied.

Combine the knowledge a good realtor has of buildings and inspections with compassion and commitment, put some old fashioned friendship into the mix, and you

have a best friend to follow you around and cover all bases as you maneuver through finances and keeping the home ready to show. Pets, landscaping, proper paperwork and updating prospects are just some more of the reasons to get a good realtor.

Look for sincerity and statistics when you interview for the job. This person will be spending a lot of time with you, calling all the time, including at bad times, looking for you to be ready. Make sure you take your time setting up this relationship. Ask how the process will go and pick out someone you can trust.

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

### Milford-Orange Times Columnist Quoted In NYT

Milford-Orange Times columnists Barbara Lehrer and Priscilla Searles were quoted in a May 22 New York Times article about Orange. The article, titled “Orange, Conn.: A Farm Town for Families,” was written by Susan Hodara and provides a general profile

of the town with an emphasis on town life. Lehrer, who works for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, was quoted about home prices in the town. Searles, the town historian, was quoted about the Orange Country Fair.

### Orange Garden Club Member’s Photo Wins In National Competition

Garden Club of Orange member Terry Azoti recently earned national recognition in a competition by the National Garden Club, Inc. for her photograph, “Tornado.”

Azoti’s photo won in the category of Climate Change: Altered Reality Using Creative Techniques. The photographic competition entitled “In Wilderness Is the Preservation of the World,” featured images of the national environment of the Americas and received 225 entries from the United States, South America and Central America.

Azoti’s photo was one of 24 entries selected for exhibition at the National Garden Club convention in Biloxi, Mississippi April 28 to May 3.

Azoti was the former co-editor of the garden club’s newsletter News ’n Notes, which received first place awards from the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut.

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the FGCCT, NEG and NGC. For membership information contact Joanne Friedrichs at 203-795-4266.



“Tornado.” Photo by Terry Azoti.

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# Youth & Education

## Orange Students Recognized By Superintendent



Sixth grade students from Orange were awarded the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' Superintendent/Student Recognition Award May 20 at a ceremony held at the Board of Education meeting. The awardees were: Anthony Casapulla, Taylor Leapley, Stephen Pedenski and Macie Salado from Race Brook School; Tanisha Chaturvedi, Sabrina Osowiecki and Shelby Snowden from Turkey Hill School; and Grayson James, James Liu, Anjali Prabhu and Audrey Wydra from The Peck Place School. Criteria for the award are leadership, service to the school, academic prowess relative to ability and service to others in the community. Photo courtesy of the Orange Board of Education.

## Scouts Place Flags At Veterans' Graves



The Boy Scouts of Troop 41 recently honored the memory of those who served in the armed forces, placing flags at the graves of veterans at the B'nai Israel/Or Shalom Cemetery in Orange. Photo by Johnathon Glassman.

## Amity Students Paint Portraits For Children Facing Adversity

Students at Amity Regional High School recently created portraits for children around the world facing substantial challenges such as violence, war, extreme poverty, neglect and loss of parents. The portraits are part of an effort to help the children feel valued and provide a special childhood memory that they can take into adulthood.

Most of the children have no access to photography, so the portraits are their only images of themselves.

Since 2004 Amity Regional High School students have created 498 portraits for children in 10 countries. This year's 51 portraits of children from Peru will be hand-

delivered to the children by Memory Project volunteers this spring. Shortly thereafter, the Amity student artists will receive a video of the children receiving their portraits. Past videos have also included personal messages from the children, dancing, singing and other sentiments from the children, their caretakers, teachers and Memory Project volunteers.

The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation has funded this project for 11 years, donating over \$7,000 so that Amity students can participate. The portrait is typically the culminating assignment in a watercolor unit in Drawing and Painting II and an optional assignment in AP Drawing and Honors Art.



Fernando by Isabella Ursini

Johan by Jenny Liu

Luna by Rachel Ciarleglio

Angel by Tracy Lu

Jean by Madison Tom

## First Communion Held At Holy Infant



Forty-seven students received their first holy communion May 11 at Holy Infant Church in Orange. Father Norman Brockett, pastor of Holy Infant Church, was the celebrant for the event. Photo by Berget Wydra.

## Amity High Student Wins At International Science Fair

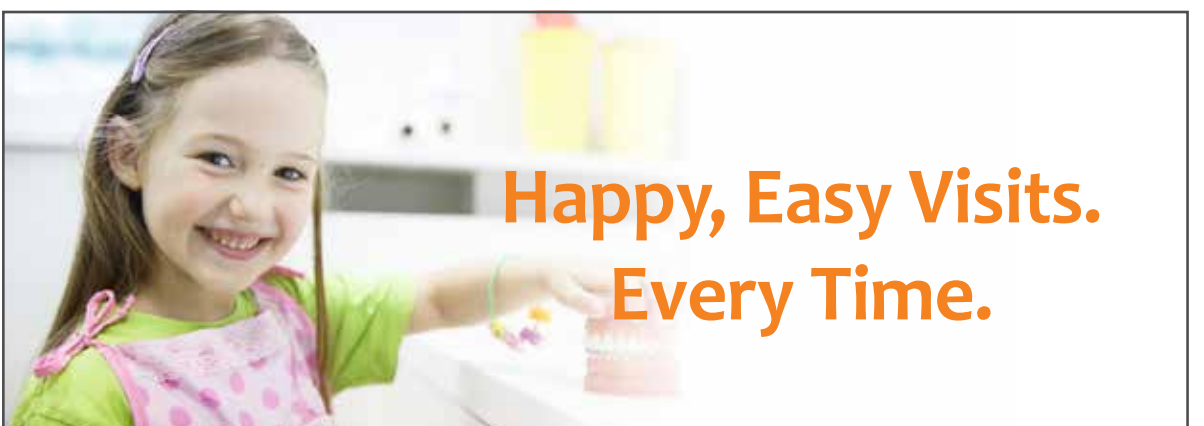
Sophia Wang has become the first Amity Regional High School student ever to place first in her category at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held in mid-May in Phoenix, Arizona. Wang beat out contestants from over 70 countries to win first place for her earth and environmental science project titled "Real-Time Sinkhole Detection

Using Civil Engineering Techniques, the Internet of Things, and Artificial Intelligence." Wang was also recognized by the Geological Society of America and the American Geosciences Institute, placing second in this special awards category.

## OVFD Hosts Race Brook Kids



Odrina Ameti tries on some turnout gear with the help of her mother Evis May 8 at the Orange Volunteer Fire Department's Boston Post Road station, pulling the suspenders on the turnout pants over her shoulders. Odrina is a second-grader at Race Brook Elementary School in Orange, one of about 50 who visited the station to learn about fire safety and what firefighters do. Photo courtesy of the OVFD.



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## Heroes Among Us:

# A Slice Of The Past: The Orange Chowder And Marching Society

A few years after the end of World War II, Orange was undergoing a transformation from a small farming community dotted with barns to a town that was building to meet the desires of returning service men and post-war families who wanted to have homes of their own.

At the same time, long-time Orange residents were eager to enjoy life and to make their own festivities. That seems to be what prompted the forming, in August 1947, of The Orange Chowder and Marching Society.

The instigators of the event were Albert and Ruth Gesler of Muirfield Lane. In a tiny 1947 datebook, between 1947 and 1961, Ruth Gesler kept track of what food and drink would have to be purchased to feed the 15 or so couples who formed the society's members. The first year, the Geslers provided the chowder and other couples, including the Robert Baldwins, Fred Rosses, Russells, Clarks, Merchants, Wies, Chases and Hubers, dined not only on the chowder but also cherrystones, steamers, grilled chicken, scalloped potatoes, garden salad and a Yankee tradition, Bambury tarts. They "wet their whistles" on beer, soda and coffee.

The newspaper recorded the society's amusements as well as the new officers selected each year. Those amusements included bocci and horseshoe pitching. When the evening set in, the crew formed a "marching society," and they paraded around Muirfield and Race Brook Road, torches in



TRISH O'LEARY TREAT

hand. No bands accompanied the troops, apparently, but those involved had such a good time that first year that the annual tradition continued for 15 years.

By 1952, Ruth Gesler's shopping list for the event came to tally 15 chicken breasts, 20 legs, five quarts of clams, 10 pounds of potatoes and five dozen ears of corn. That same year they began serving what sounds like lethal punch made of rum, pineapple, grapefruit, oranges, lemons and Tom Collins mix. It's hard to imagine the punch drinkers marching in formation for very long.

It rained only once in the fifteen years the event was held, so that year the party shifted from the Geslers' to the David Chases' on Wellington Road, where there was a sheltered area for square dancing.

The son of one of the society members recalls that in its early years, the only music came from a Victrola record player and a stack of 78s. Not long before she died, Ruth Gesler drolly noted how fortunate the group was to have Carl Peterson, the Orange Chief of Police, (noted for his ruthless ticketing policy) as a member. There is no record of the group's being chided for rowdiness and disturbance of the peace.

It took several years between the end of the Orange 4-A Fair and the start of the Orange Country Fair (spearheaded by Walt and Maryellen Bspuda). Perhaps a young Orange resident will decide to revive the Orange Chowder and Marching Society as well.

## Spring In Milford And Orange A Great Time To Get Outdoors

Now that the weather is getting warmer and there are more daylight hours, it is time to come out of hibernation. If you took a few months off from walking or running during the winter, it's time to get out the door.

Spring has officially sprung. It's the ideal time to start a routine. Let's be honest – summer and winter temperatures can be extreme. Spring is just about right: warm enough to convince you to get outside and cool enough to keep you from overheating.

The first thing you need to think about is not being overzealous. Doing too much too fast will create achy muscles or small injuries. It may feel tedious to start slow and small, but it will ensure you can continue to enjoy your exercise and stay injury-free.

Take inventory to be sure you have sturdy shoes and lightweight clothing. Remember to hydrate no matter how slow or short your first endeavors are. Spring weather can be unpredictable. You may encounter a shower, or the sun may come blazing out at any time.

Spring is the season when the streets and trails are filled with flowers, green grass and sunshine. Nothing puts a little pep in your step like hearing the birds chirp, smelling fresh-cut lawns and admiring blooming gardens along your route. It's hard not to get addicted.



CATHY BRADLEY

Now that I have inspired you, I hope I can inspire you again. As I head out to my many miles all over Orange it troubles me to see trash thrown along the roads. We educate about Earth Day. We preach conservation in the schools. We have recycling and pickup. It's hard for me to understand how I see the piles of trash just thrown from someone's car. How is it we don't take it home or into a gas station? There are places to throw

your McDonald's, Starbucks and water bottles.

Let's remember this is our land and it is our responsibility to care for it.

This is dedicated to my son, CJ Bradley, who cared much for the trails and the open spaces.

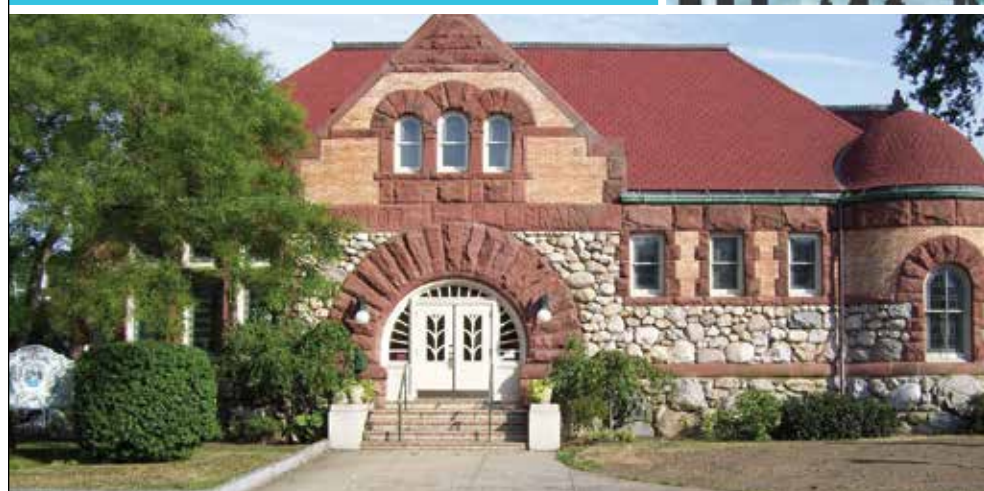


Litter on the ground in Orange. Photo by Lexi Crocco.



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# Growing The Seeds Of Business

May and June bring with it the planning and plotting out of our home vegetable gardens.

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PAM STANESKI

The same can be said of business. Just one seed, idea, or creative impulse holds the possibility of cascading into success. But for that potential to be realized we need to avoid getting caught up in self-doubt. There is no time for that.

At the chamber we don't want to hear the many reasons why it can't be done. We want to hear the one reason why it should be done. And then we want to work on how we can get it done. At your chamber we see that there is a whole lot of "why we should" and "how we can" yet to be realized. We want to know: what seeds are you planting?

Our plantings include: a new directory to showcase our businesses and community (which has a digital component); coffees with various government officials; a great outdoor venue, the Firehouse Gallery, for

the June Business After Hours; the 22nd Annual BIC Golf Classic tournament (supporting scholarships for our youth); a Young Professional group working on networking; referral groups that meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; walkabouts with the Economic Development director to hear about what keeps our businesses up at night; and our Friday night Summer Concert Series at

Fowler Field. These are some of the seeds we are growing this season, and the fruits are already thriving, with over 25 new members since January.

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Wine Talk:

# Sancerre, Sauvignon Blanc For Grown-Ups

Sauvignon Blanc has become one of the most popular wines in the world. It is more sensitive than most wines to where it is planted. The French call this terroir. The nature of the grape is affected by where it is grown due to the nutrients in the soil. This is true of all grapes, but especially Sauvignon Blanc.

The Sauvignon Blanc from California is much different than the Sauvignon Blanc from Chile, South Africa or New Zealand. New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc has become one of the most popular wines in the U.S. and has weaned many a grandmother off of White Zinfandel. It takes up numerous shelves in most liquor stores and has become one of the most popular happy hour wines at local bars and restaurants. It tastes like you are biting into a fresh grapefruit.

There is an upscale Sauvignon Blanc grown in the south of France called Sancerre. Of course, the French try not to tell you what is in the wine. They instead indicate where it is from.

The Romans first cultivated the area around Sancerre sometime in the first century. The area is a part of the eastern section of the Loire valley south of Orleans. It is on the left bank of the Loire. Some light reds called Sancerre Rouge are grown there, as well as a rose style made from Pinot Noir that is produced in the style of Beaujolais. The steep sloping hills provide the grapes with enough sunlight and warmth to have them ripen fully while allowing cold air to flow off the slope and pool into the valleys below.

Late in the nineteenth century, the phylloxera louse epidemic hit the Loire valley and



RAYMOND SPAZIANI

devastated the area. The Gamay was lost, and a small amount of the Pinot Noir was retained. They were replanted with American rootstock that was resistant to the phylloxera blight. The rootstock that was most available was Sauvignon Blanc.

After the end of World War II, Sancerre gained a good deal of popularity in the Paris bistro scene. It was an easy-drinking wine that matched up well with lots of foods.

It is currently a popular feature on restaurant lists all over the world. Sancerre is a wine that is dry but aromatic, with intense flavors of peaches and berries.

Close to the Sancerre region Sauvignon Blanc is Pouilly-Fumé. This exhibits more of a perfume nose, but Sancerre has more body and a bigger nose. Compared to the popular Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand and Italy, Sancerre is a little less grassy and less herbaceous. It is a more subtle wine.

If the temperature ever rises above 50 degrees in southern Connecticut this spring and going out on the deck becomes a possibility, take some Sancerre with you. You will be glad you did.

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# Planning Ahead

## Your Finances:

### Keep Market Volatility In Perspective

Periodic volatility in the stock market is a fact of investing life. One of the most important weapons in an investor's arsenal is the ability to remain calm in the face of panic-inducing headlines that accompany market sell-offs.

Recent volatility was set off by a trade flap with China, but volatility can hit the markets at any time. Common causes include falling corporate profits, rising oil prices, falling home prices, rising unemployment and geopolitical events. Ironically, positive economic news can also set off volatility as traders grow concerned about rising inflation and other unwelcome side effects.

Once you understand that periodic volatility is a natural feature of the markets, it's easier to resist the fear that might lead you to sell off your own investments. While there is no guarantee against another Great Depression such as occurred in the 1930s, history shows that the markets tend to rebound after sell-offs.

The 2008 economic debacle is a prime example: the economy fell off a cliff due to

the subprime mortgage scandal, and many investors sold their stocks, convinced the market would remain in the tank for years. However, markets recovered their value by early 2012 and have gained exponentially since then.

Another natural investment phenomenon that can cause investor anxiety is the market correction, a drop of at least 10 percent in the price of a security or index. Corrections occur periodically, but their timing is unpredictable. They are a longer-term issue than volatility and can cause sleepless nights just as effectively. However, corrections are healthy events that adjust the markets when assets become overvalued, and they offer opportunities to "buy low."

How do you deal with market volatility and corrections? First, accept that they are normal parts of investing. Second, do some research on market behavior. Understanding the history of market ups and downs will go a long way



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toward calming your anxieties. You have to seek knowledge beyond daily headlines and TV's talking heads. Some other sensible actions include:

**Focus on the long term.** When you are in your 30s and 40s you have plenty of years left to make up for market downturns. Of course, as you approach retirement it becomes prudent to shift some assets into lower-risk categories such as high-quality bonds or CD's. Even in your 60s, though, you need to stay invested in stocks, say 30-60 percent of your portfolio depending on your risk tolerance.

**Follow your financial plan.** Everyone should have a written financial plan that includes asset allocation, diversification and rebalancing strategies to keep your investments on track. Your investments should dovetail with your written plan. Going with a "pick and pray" strategy is a recipe for disaster.

**Focus on the positive.** While the China trade dispute was grabbing headlines in mid-May, the larger economic trends within the U.S. and globally were mostly positive, such as growing GDP, rising business investment, historically low unemployment, and tame inflation.

**Keep perspective.** A bout of market volatility often follows a period of rising stock values. For instance, during the mid-May sell-off, markets were coming off huge gains during the first quarter. Don't forget recent gains amid anxiety over momentary losses.

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## From The Bar:

### Transferring Assets Can Protect Your Loved Ones

Bob and Nancy are in their later 60s and have been married for 40 years. Together, they have two adult children. They are retired, just paid off their mortgage, and have worked hard to save as much as they can over the years. In addition to their home, they have retirement accounts, some joint bank accounts, a stock investment account and some life insurance. Although they don't consider themselves to be wealthy, they feel strongly that they want to leave as much as possible of what they've managed to accumulate to their children after they die.

Despite her young age, Nancy recently was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Not surprisingly, this threw everyone for a loop. Since then, Nancy gradually has

lost her ability to perform many activities of daily living. She now relies on Bob for help with many things she once did on her own. If it weren't for Bob's help, Nancy almost certainly would not be able to live independently in her home.

Bob has several health issues himself and worries about what will happen to Nancy if he dies first. Their children live out of state. Nancy would have to move to a nursing home or have a 24/7 live-in caregiver. Bob knows either option is very expensive. He wants Nancy to be comfortable and receive good care, yet he fears that all their hard-earned savings will be spent on Nancy's care,



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leaving little or nothing for their children.

Bob's neighbor tells him about something called an "income only trust" which he says is a tool that can be used to protect money for Nancy and his children if Bob dies first. With the help of an experienced elder law attorney, Bob creates an income only trust in his will. Since Nancy can no longer sign legal documents, Bob uses a durable power of attorney instrument, which appoints him as Nancy's agent, to transfer their home, most of their joint bank accounts and their stock investment account into his sole name. He also changes the designated beneficiary of his life insurance and retirement accounts to name the income only trust or his children, rather than Nancy.

Bob learns that, after his death, the assets in the trust will not be deemed "available"

to Nancy if she needs to apply for Medicaid, which is help from the state to pay for the cost of her care. At the same time, his children, as the trustees, can access what is in the trust to get Nancy anything she needs that is not otherwise covered.

Bob feels a bit funny removing Nancy's name from everything, as they've always shared all of their assets, but he knows he's doing the right thing. What he has done will protect what they've worked hard for and won't compromise the quality of care Nancy will receive.

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### Girl Scouts Elects New Board Of Directors Members

At its Annual Meeting on April 28 at the Oronoque Country Club in Stratford, Girl Scouts of Connecticut elected new members to its Board of Directors and renewed terms of returning members.

The new board consists of life-long Girl Scouts, community leaders, nonprofit and corporate executives and many board veterans. The board members will use their experiences in Girl Scouting, finance, communications, government, education, technology, marketing and more to lead the state's largest girl-focused organization.

"It's wonderful to have a group of diverse, skilled community leaders, executives, and dedicated Girl Scouts on our Board of Directors," said CEO of Girl Scouts of

Connecticut Mary Barneby. "I am confident that this incoming board will also combine their skills and expertise to enhance and expand the lives of girls throughout Connecticut."

The Board of Directors is a policymaking and governance body responsible for establishing the vision for Girl Scouts of Connecticut, developing strategic priorities, and providing governance and fiscal oversight for the implementation of these priorities by the CEO and staff members. Board members must be members of the Girl Scout Movement, live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and work to promote Girl Scouts as the leading organization for leadership development of girls in Connecticut.

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# Senior Living

## Retired and Rejuvenated:

### Let's Make Our Next Move Easier

There are new enterprising businesses starting up in many cities which help seniors downsize and relocate to a new residence. Called by many names, the one I know in southern Florida is called Senior Moves. The business offers an array of services specifically designed for older adults and their families to help them transition from one stage of life to another.



JOANNE BYRNE

Moving is stressful at any age, but can be especially overwhelming when a health crisis arises or a person is grieving the loss of a spouse or loved one, is physically unable to pack or arrange a move, or family and friends are out of state.

These services are useful for situations in which a family needs to prepare a deceased parent's home for sale. The programs are not moving companies, but rather services that provide emotional support, help with downsizing, packing and preparing a home for sale, setting up the new location on move-in day, and overseeing the move so that the process is done without undue stress for the older person. These "moving coordinators" often help a person decide what to take to the new location, hang pictures, set up the kitchen, change utility providers, help with decisions about moving a car, and other details that are involved in trading one stage of life for another.

This type of service did not exist a generation ago. In early 2000, a group of 22 entrepreneurs got together and formed the National Association of Senior Move Managers. Now the trade group has over 1,000 members, says executive director Mary Kay Buysse, with a 10 percent increase just in the last nine months.

Many people who leave their larger homes for the security and convenience of a retirement community do so around the age of 80, when running a household

becomes more challenging. While previous generations would never have thought of outsourcing a parent's move, much less their own, the times now are changing.

Decluttering and getting rid of "stuff" are the first tasks to be accomplished before one can transition to a new location. Marie Kondo, the recognized celebrity organizer with her own Netflix show, suggests that our stuff should rise to the level of sparking joy. If it doesn't give us joy or make us happy, we are supposed to get rid of it. In reality, most people just need some gentle nudging to weed out their inventory.

We are all coming to realize that our children and grandchildren are not likely to come clamoring for our most treasured possessions. Many of us have saved our china and silver – but if it doesn't go into the dishwasher, our children will not want it. Lifestyles change. People with homes with dining rooms are moving into communities with small dining areas, or perhaps eventually into assisted living where meals will be made for them, so that a dining table is no longer necessary.

As we move through the years, we tend to accumulate baggage in the form of possessions, and at some point, we become burdened down with all these things. What better time than now to start lightening the load? When deciding what to keep, ask yourself three questions: Do I use it? Do I need it? Do I love it? If the answer is "no," then get rid of it.

*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.*

## Orange Senior Center Gives 'Living Treasure' Awards

The Orange Senior Center recognized three Orange senior residents at a May 24 ceremony at Race Brook Country Club in Orange for giving themselves and their time to the Orange community. The honorees were Doris Knight, Leo Moran and Lea Turner.

Doris Knight has been a part of Orange since 1941. She says she loves Orange and is dedicated to the town. She founded Knights Inc with her late husband, Frank, and just retired from the organization in February. Knight helps at the Agriculture Fair, Volunteer Fireman's Carnival and for her church. She is an honorary member of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department and a volunteer at the auxiliary functions. She volunteered for many boards and was a selectperson in Orange. Knight was also the Orange representative of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party and was named Connecticut Republican Woman of the Year in 2002. She sings in churches and synagogues, having been a soloist at Carney Hall, Woolsey Hall and Sprague Hall.

Leo Moran is a retired shop foreman with the Orange Highway Department and has served the town as a volunteer firefighter for over 40 years. His service doesn't stop at emergency incidents; he offers his time to assist in public education presentations for all ages, from nursery school to seniors. He organizes the Volunteer Fireman's Carnival raffle. Moran guides newer members of the fire department to help ensure their safety

and the safety of those they serve. He also volunteers with Orange Agricultural Fair and was a Little League coach for a minor B team. He has an extensive knowledge of the town.

Lea Turner was a teacher for 32 years, including 25 years teaching special needs students at the Foundation High School. She was a Girl Scouts leader and served on the Board of Directors of the Race Brook PTA. Upon retirement, she tutored French and math for Orange Youth Services. She also was chair of the Orange satellite group of necessity bags, which supplies necessities for breast cancer patients. Turner introduced neck cozies to the Orange Lions Club, and now chairs the neck cozies committee. She is also on her third year as the Lions International Club Fund Coordinator. When Donna Ireland, Bob and Marion Drobish founded the Leo's Club at the Foundation School, Turner became one of the first Leo's Club advisors. She served as the liaison for the Lions Club and the Leo's club. She has served as the club treasurer and volunteers for most of the club service projects and fund raisers, including as Bunny Helper at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Turner was the recording secretary for the Orange Historical Society. For the past three years she has chaired the Historical Society's American Girl Doll Camp, which teaches crafts and about women in history. She is currently planning a Fancy Nancy Tea Party for young children as a fundraiser for the Historical Society.

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Veteran's Corner:

# American Legion Committed To Memory Of Those Who Served

Memorial Day is a time of remembrance for those who served.

The American Legion's US Federal Charter (United States Code Annotated Title 36, Chapter 217, Sections 21701-21708) was created by act of Congress on Sept. 16, 1919. The charter says that the purposes of the corporation are: (1) to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; (2) to promote peace and good will among the peoples of the United States and all the nations of the Earth; (3) to preserve the memories and incidents of the two World Wars and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy; (4) to cement the ties and comradeship born of service; and (5) to consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service to their country.

On Memorial Day the American Legion posts across the country commemorate the two World Wars and other great hostilities and remember our comrades who fought in

those conflicts. In our history, our members have striven to create monuments to those who served lest they be forgotten.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, for instance, was proposed by one of our founding members, U.S. Rep. Hamilton Fisk. With the backing of the newly-formed American Legion, a bill was passed by Congress to entomb at Arlington National Cemetery one unknown soldier who had been buried in France. President Warren G. Harding, surrounded by allied World War I generals and members of the American Legion, dedicated the memorial on Nov. 11, 1921.

The American Legion was also responsible for calling for and achieving overnight surveillance of the tomb in 1926 and subsequent 24-hour armed guarding in 1937. The remains

of unknown soldiers from World War II and the Korean War were added in 1958.

The American Legion helped dedicate the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City in 1921 with generals John J. Pershing of the U.S., Armando Diaz of Italy, Marshal Foch of France, Admiral David Beatty of the U.K. and President Calvin Coolidge in attendance as part of the Allied Victory Tour.

The American Legion has also collected moneys for the Ossuary at Verdun, France and Liege, Belgium. The American Legion Mausoleum in the Parisian suburb of Neuilly France was dedicated in 1936 and was a joint project of the legion's Department of France, American Legion Post 1 and Myron T. Herrick Post 4, and is the resting place of 285 comrades.

There is even a Tomb of the American

Legion at the Colon Cemetery in Havana, Cuba. Dedicated in 1926 by Havana Post 1 and honoring the U.S. Civil War, Spanish American and World War I veterans, it appears to be well-maintained to this day.

The American Legion raised more than \$575,000 for the Korean War Veterans Memorial and \$1 million for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. In 2000, The American Legion Overseas Trust Fund allocated \$25,000 to repair the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial near Paris, which was built in 1928 and contains the sarcophagi of 68 American aviators.

In 2004 the American Legion topped \$3.4 million for the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. In 2017 the Legion pledged \$300,000 to the building of the National World War I Memorial at Pershing Park, also in Washington, D.C.

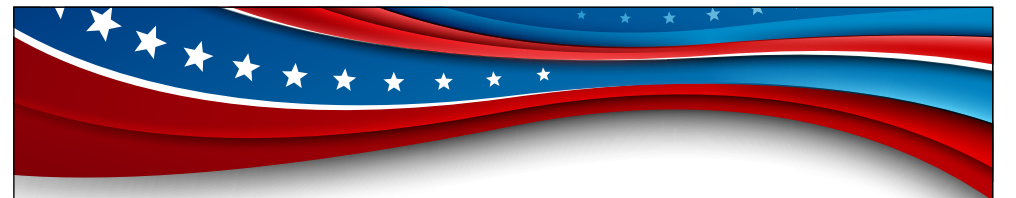
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THOMAS P. HURLEY



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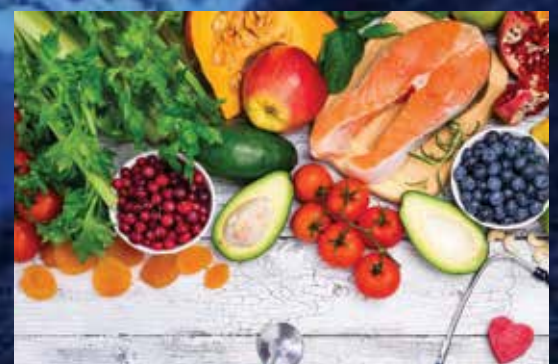
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# News & Events

## Orange Resident Among Top Financial Advisors

Orange resident Ken Steeves, managing director of Creative Planning, was named one of the top 1,200 financial advisors in the country by Baron's based on data provided by over 4,000 of the nation's most productive advisors. Steeves, who manages over \$1 billion in assets, was 14 in Connecticut out of 36 rated.

Ken Steeves. Contributed photo.



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Overall, Milford ranked 31 out of the best places to live in each state across the country.

The report takes into account things that make a town or city desirable, including food, shopping, people and safe, clean neighborhoods.

"More importantly, we looked at the places with low crime, great jobs, worthy salaries, affordable housing, and solid schools," the report's summary says. "We even looked at short commute times."

Connecticut overall has regularly placed in the top five best states to live on HomeSnacks, thanks in part to its low crime rates, quality public school systems and high

concentrations of wealth.

Milford has placed highly on other online ranking sites before, though its placement has varied widely and is highly dependent on which factors considered and how they're weighted. Movoto named Milford as one of five cities "that will instantly feel like home." In 2017, Niche.com placed Milford at 37 in Connecticut, and in 2016 AreaVibes placed Milford at 23.

HomeSnacks says it "combines recent data from the Census, FBI, OpenStreetMaps, and dozens of other sources into bite-sized studies to help you understand what it's like to live in different communities across the country."

## Dog Park Opens In Milford



Milford celebrated the opening of its newly renovated dog park and other improvements at Eisenhower Park May 10 with a ribbon-cutting and other activities. Mayor Benjamin Blake cut the ribbon on the dog park with former state Sen. Gayle Slossberg, and other city officials were on hand for the festivities. Eisenhower Park is located on West River Street. Photos by Robert Creigh and Sherry Johnson.

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# News & Events

## United Way Gives Service Awards



The United Way of Milford held its Community Builder Service Awards Dinner April 24 at Costa Azzurra Restaurant in Milford. The event was hosted by NBC Connecticut morning anchors Heidi Borselli and Ted Koppy. From left: Donna Stupak-Rider, Nurturing Children; Gary Montano, Lifetime Achievement; in front of him), Shaileen Landsberg, Champion of Caring; John Carissimi, Meeting Critical Needs; Barbara Carissimi, Meeting Critical Needs; Jason Stacoffe, Distinguished Service; Karuna Kasbawala, Spirit of Milford; Howard Sadinsky, Strengthening Families; and Trevanna Kandrach, Youth Leadership. Photo courtesy of the United Way of Milford.

## Pearce Real Estate Opens Milford Location



A ribbon-cutting was held May 24 for the grand opening of a Pearce Real Estate location at 122 Broad St. in Milford. From left: Richard Lombardo, Barbara Pearce, John Bergin, Nanette Pastore, Carl Russel, Milford Mayor Ben Blake and Pam Staneski. Photo by Robert Creigh.

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consider closing a school to save money in the face of declining student enrollment trends.

But the Board of Aldermen unanimously adopted the education portion of the budget. Instead, aldermen Anthony Giannattasio and Ray Vitali spoke out about new positions and a raise for the mayor's assistant – at the same time when the rest of the city was placed on a spending freeze.

Giannattasio also questioned Blake's plan to keep taxes flat by transferring \$9 million from the city's undesignated fund.

Orange's budget process differs from Milford's in that each department proposes a budget to the Board of Finance, which then issues a final budget plan that gets voted on by the entire town.

That vote, on May 22, had meager turnout. But it was overwhelmingly in favor of adopting a budget that included a small tax increase for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The approved budget of just under \$72.2 million raises the current mill rate of 32.38 to 32.59.

Of 224 total votes cast, 191 were in favor of the budget and 33 were against it. Ten votes were cast by absentee ballot. Polls were open from noon to 8 p.m.

The Orange budget is broken into three components: the town, the town Board of Education that covers students through sixth grade, and the Amity Board of Education that covers middle and high school students. A separate referendum held May 8 for the Amity portion also passed.

For a home valued at \$355,500 and assessed at \$248,850, the property tax bill will go up from \$7,963 in the current year to \$8,110 next year.

Like in Milford, the Orange Board of Finance's strongest objection was to a proposed increase on the school side. BOF members argued that Amity is systematically building unnecessarily large surpluses into its budget. Although that unspent money is eventually returned to the town, the board argued it deprived residents of funds they might otherwise be able to use in the interim.

There was little controversy around the budget overall, though, which is rising partially because of projected reductions in aid and increases in cost burdens from the state.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli has dismissed Milford's tax reduction as an unsustainable gimmick.

"You hope that you always have a monstrous fund balance," he said, because infusing that kind of millions of dollars into it to have a flat budget is mind-boggling," he said.

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# News & Events

## Milford Chamber Awards \$22,500 To Area Youth



The Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce awarded \$22,500 in scholarships May 20 at Subway World Headquarters to 23 students from the greater Milford area. Photo courtesy of the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce awarded \$22,500 in scholarships May 20 at Subway World Headquarters to 23 students from the greater Milford area.

“We strongly believe that the nurturing of young people with involvement in community and education opportunities will provide us with future business leaders making a constructive commitment to our collective future,” said Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Pam Staneski. “On behalf of the members

of the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce, I extend our congratulations and sincere wish for the success to all of our scholarship recipients, and we thank our many scholarship sponsors whom without we would not be able to make this happen.”

The recipients this year are Yousoupha Cisse, Ariana Cotto, Geovani Del Valle, Juliana Dente, Hannah Forlenzo, Jillian Haggerty, Kelsey Jackson, Adrian Larkin, Dereck Lefcort, Stefanie Lojko, Emma Rae Lucas, Tessa Malesky, Carley Malota, Jeunne

Corrie Mariano, Jayden Profetto, Alexis Roma, Dominic Romano-Wolfe, Jaelyn Roth, Hannah Turner, Daniel Wasserman, Jocelyn Wirth, Rory Woods and Rachel Wywoda.

Throughout the past 21 years, the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce, BIC, Subway and local sponsors have invested over \$415,000 to support the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce Trust scholarship fund. Scholarships are funded from the proceeds of the annual BIC Golf Classic, to be held this year on July 15 at

Great River Golf Club in Milford.

The BIC Golf Classic was started in 1997 to benefit the Milford Chamber Trust which, at the time, was funding one \$500 college scholarship. It now averages more than 100 golfers raising approximately \$30,000 for the scholarship fund.

Any individual or company interested in participating in the golf tournament or contributing to the scholarship program through sponsorship should contact Pam Staneski at 203-878-0681 for information.

## Orange Native Earns Advanced Degree

Orange native Mariah Azoti recently graduated with a Master of Art Business degree with distinction from Sotheby’s Institute of Art in London, in conjunction

with the University of Manchester. At the ceremony she was cited with a Director’s Commendation Award for excellence and merit from Sotheby’s.

Azoti graduated from Amity Regional High School before attending the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine

Arts with a double major in photography and art history. She is the daughter of Peter and Mary Azoti of Orange.

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## Beth-El Center To Honor Community ‘Champions’



Richard Meisenheimer. Photo courtesy of the Beth-El Center.



Bobette Moore and Gary Caulfield, co-owners of Bobette's Take Out in Milford. Photo courtesy of the Beth-El Center.

Beth-El Center's annual 'Light the Way' Spring Gala fundraiser on Saturday, June 1 will include a new awards ceremony where long-time supporters of the center will be presented with Beth-El Champion Awards.

The Champion Awards recognize and honor an individual and a business that has shown exemplary commitment and has made long-standing contributions to Beth-El Center and its mission to alleviate homelessness and hunger in the Milford community.

The Beth-El Individual Champion Award will be given to Richard Meisenheimer, managing director of the Meisenheimer Foundation in Milford. Meisenheimer served on Beth-El's Board of Directors for six years and continues to serve on Beth-El's Advisory Committee. His diligent oversight during some of the turbulent years guided the Beth-El Center toward the solid financial ground it now enjoys. His individual donations and funds from the Meisenheimer Foundation have been used to directly support and grow the center's emergency shelter and soup kitchen services and have positioned the organization to provide growing services, such as its outreach and

engagement program.

"Rich is a generous and caring person who has been one of the center's most ardent supporters," said Beth-El Executive Director Jenn Paradis. "He's been a committed and valued advocate for many years – a role model of an ideal board member. We're grateful for him and the impact he's had on our organization."

The Beth-El Business Champion Award will be bestowed on Bobette Moore and Gary Caulfield, co-owners of Bobette's Take Out in Milford. Over 10 years ago, Bobette's Take Out started its "Butternut Buddy Month" annual February tradition, in which a portion of butternut squash soup sales is donated to Beth-El Center.

"We couldn't be more grateful to Bobette's Take Out for their long-term fundraising commitment to the Beth-El Center. As a small business, they've truly shown their care for people experiencing homelessness and hunger in our area," Paradis said.

Gala and awards ceremony tickets are \$100 per person. To sponsor the event or to secure tickets, please visit [bethelmilford.org/gala](http://bethelmilford.org/gala) or call 203-876-0747.

## Medical Cannabis Company Opens In Milford



Canna Care Docs, a service that helps people gain access to medicinal cannabis products, held a ribbon cutting May 15 for its new Milford location. Photo by Robert Creigh.

Canna Care Docs, a service that helps people who have qualifying medical conditions access to cannabis products, held a ribbon cutting May 15 for its new Milford location at the Atrium Plaza at 326 West Main St., Suite 200.

"Canna Care Docs is committed to educating our patients and the community about the medicinal value of cannabis, while providing safe access to medical marijuana programs throughout the country," said Kara Francese, regional manager for Connecticut. "At our

clinics, patients will spend time with a non-judgmental medical professional to discuss their qualifying condition and determine how cannabis relates to their needs. Our company is dedicated to the belief that cannabis should be offered on the front lines of treatment, and that each patient should reserve the right to choose their own method of healing."

Canna Care Docs has three locations in Connecticut, as well as others where medicinal marijuana is legal throughout the U.S. and Canada.

## Relay For Life Raises Over \$67,000 In Orange



Over 500 people participated gathered at High Plains Community Center in Orange May 18 and 19 for the 25th Anniversary American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Bethany-Orange-Woodbridge. Photos courtesy of the American Cancer Society.

Forty teams and more than 500 people raised more than \$67,544 of the \$75,000 goal in the 25th Anniversary American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Bethany-Orange-Woodbridge that ran on May 18 and 19 at the High Plains Community Center in Orange.

The money was raised to support the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives from cancer. Funds raised help the American Cancer Society provide free information and support for people facing the disease today, and fund cancer research that will help protect future generations.

"This was the twenty-fifth relay in our community," said event leadership team member Debbie Davis. "Together, we celebrated those surviving cancer, remembered loved ones lost, and had a great time with the students and community members in the process."

The Orange Fire Department presented the colors, and the Amity High School Theatre Department, under the direction of Robert Kennedy, provided entertainment

throughout the day. A special Luminaria Ceremony after sunset was the highlight of the evening. Participants walked through the night because "cancer never sleeps," and will continue to fundraise throughout the summer.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985, the Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to save lives from cancer. During events, members of each team take turns walking or running around the track or path. Teams participate in fundraising in the months leading up to the event and throughout the summer.

The Relay For Life of B.O.W. is currently seeking students and community volunteers to help plan the 2020 event along with businesses, schools, and civic groups. Contact Dana Wolf, ACS community development manager, at [dana.wolf@cancer.org](mailto:dana.wolf@cancer.org) for more information. Donations can still be made by visiting [relayforlife.org/BOWCT](http://relayforlife.org/BOWCT). Further assistance is available at 1-800-ACS-2345.

## Milford Concert Band Announces Summer Series



The Milford Concert Band in 2018. Contributed photo.

The Milford Concert Band has announced its "Summer 2019 Coastal Series" concerts for its 27th year as the official band of the City of Milford.

The annual "Harbor Lights/Summer Nights" show begins the summer concert series at the Rotary Pavilion at Fowler Field on Friday, June 21 in conjunction with the Milford Chamber of Commerce.

This year's feature piece is the Giuseppe Verdi symphonic band arrangement of selections from the grand opera "Aida." The band will also perform a variety of pop, jazz,

Broadway, patriotic and family favorites with the Milford Harbor as a background.

New players of all ages and abilities are invited to rehearse and play with the MCB, including local middle and high school students. Rehearsals are Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Fowler Memorial Building next to the Milford Public Library.

Every Monday evening in late June and August the MCB will play concerts at beaches throughout Milford. The full schedule and more information is available at [milfordconcertband.org](http://milfordconcertband.org).



# News & Events

## Law Enforcement To Join In Torch Run For Special Olympics

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Connecticut will make its way across the state on Wednesday, June 5, Thursday, June 6 and passing through Milford and Orange on Friday, June 7.

Local officers and Special Olympics athletes will run, bike and escort the Special Olympics Torch with its "Flame of Home" through Connecticut communities during the three-day event to raise awareness of Special Olympics and its year-round sports, health and fitness programs and to inspire inclusion and acceptance for people of all abilities.

More than 1,500 officers are expected to participate in the annual Torch Run which takes place in the days leading up to the Special Olympics Connecticut Summer Games. Participating officers will cover more than 530 miles as they pass the Torch from town to town.

Leg 10, on June 7, runs from Greenwich to New Haven and will include Milford and Orange.

There will be a rally at WWE headquarters at 1241 E. Main St. in Stamford at 9:10 a.m., and a final leg procession during Summer

Games opening ceremonies at Southern Connecticut State University's Jess Dow Field at 7:15 p.m. The opening ceremonies event is free and open to the public.

Officers who participate in the final leg of the Torch Run will form a procession and bring the torch onto the field. The flame will be used to light a large cauldron, signifying the vitality and spirit Special Olympics athletes possess and the start of Summer Games weekend, June 7 through June 9.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Connecticut is a year-round effort carried out by officers who support local athletes by organizing fundraisers, raising awareness about Special Olympics in their communities and serving as volunteers at events. Active and retired officers representing municipal departments, state police and correction facilities, military police and federal employees and college and university public safety officers are involved.

To view the routes and schedules for each leg, visit [soct.org](http://soct.org).



A runner carries the "Flame of Home" for the Special Olympics Connecticut. Photo courtesy of Special Olympics CT.

## Special Olympics Connecticut Summer Games Coming

Special Olympics Connecticut will host its 2019 Summer Games presented by United Technologies, Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9.

Summer Games will offer athletes of all abilities from across the state the opportunity to compete in sports and demonstrate what they can achieve after training in their sport with their local team for a season.

More than 2,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities and Unified Sports partners (individuals without intellectual disabilities) will participate in Summer Games. In addition, more than 500 coaches and 2,900 volunteers are expected to support the event.

Competition in athletics (track and field), cycling, soccer, swimming and tennis will take place at Yale West Campus at 100 West Campus Drive in Orange, Southern Connecticut State University at 200 Wintergreen Ave. in New Haven, the Yale Dewitt Cuyler Athletic Complex at 252 Derby Ave. in West Haven and Hamden Hall

Country Day School Skiff Street Athletic Complex at 225 Skill St. in Hamden.

Opening ceremonies will take place on June 7 at Southern Connecticut State University's Jess Dow Field at 7:15 p.m. All events, including opening ceremonies, are open to the public and free to attend.

In addition to sports competition, Summer Games will offer the Healthy Athletes Village on Saturday and Sunday, where free health screenings will be provided to participating athletes by volunteer medical practitioners. Hearing, vision and dental screenings are among the services that will be offered and such items as free prescription eyeglasses and mouth guards will be dispensed.

For more information including times and schedules, visit [soct.org](http://soct.org), email [specialolympicsct@soct.org](mailto:specialolympicsct@soct.org) or call 203-230-1201.



## Leg 10 Milford/Orange Schedule

### MILFORD TOWN LINE

33.71	2:45 PM	Rt 1 at Lenox Ave
34.17	2:50 PM	Rt 1 at Cambridge Ave
34.71	2:56 PM	Rt 1 at Twin Oaks Ter
35.11	3:01 PM	Rt 1 at Silver sands Pkwy
35.27	3:02 PM	Rt 1 at Bridgeport ave
35.57	3:06 PM	Rt 1 at Erma Ave
36.35	3:14 PM	Rt 1 at Milford Police Department
36.98	3:21 PM	Rt 1 at River St
37.18	3:23 PM	Rt 1 at Orange Ave
37.63	3:28 PM	Head east on Boston Post Rd
37.75	3:30 PM	Turn left to stay on Boston Post Rd
38.46	3:38 PM	Rt 1 at E Town Rd
39.03	3:44 PM	Rt 1 at Woodruff Rd

### ORANGE TOWN LINE

40.68	4:02 PM	Rt 1 at Lambert Rd
41.16	4:07 PM	Rt 1 at Racebrook Rd
41.54	4:11 PM	Rt 1 at Lindy St
42.3	4:20 PM	Rt 1 at Dogburn Rd

### WEST HAVEN TOWN LINE

## Events At Connecticut Audubon's Coastal Center In Milford

### Summer Camp - Monday, June 17 to Friday, Aug. 16

The Connecticut Audubon Society's Coastal Center in Milford hosts a popular, weekly, state-licensed summer day camp offering both full and half-day sessions in a unique learning environment. Campers ages 4 through 14 attend week-long, science and nature-themed programs at the doorstep of Long Island Sound and its many habitats. Options include before and after care, as well as lunch bunch for half-day sessions. Students ages 15 to 18 can apply for half-day or full-day junior counselor volunteer positions. More details and registration information can be found at [ctaudubon.org/coastal-center-summer-camp/](http://ctaudubon.org/coastal-center-summer-camp/).

### Project Limulus - Horseshoe Crab Tagging - Saturday, June 1 and June 15, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Project Limulus is a research and monitoring program studying horseshoe crab ecology in Long Island Sound. The center is offering a look at this fascinating study, presented by

Project Limulus researchers from Sacred Heart University. The program begins with a brief introduction and information session indoors, then heads to the beach in search of horseshoe crabs. Participants should wear shoes or rain boots that can get wet and sandy. The cost is \$7 per person for CAS members and \$10 per person for non-members. Pre-registration is required at [ctaudubon.org/2019/04/project-limulus-horseshoe-crab-tagging/](http://ctaudubon.org/2019/04/project-limulus-horseshoe-crab-tagging/).

### Connecticut Trails Day - Sunday, June 2, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Connecticut Audubon Society's Coastal Center at Milford Point will celebrate Connecticut Trails Day with a free bird and nature walk. Participants will explore the salt marsh, beach and wooded habitats to view the osprey nesting platform, search for piping plovers and other shorebirds, and stop at the pollinator garden and bird feeding stations. Beginning birders are welcome. Binoculars, sturdy shoes, hat, water bottle and sunblock are recommended. Trails Day is organized by

the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. For registration and information, visit [ctaudubon.org/2019/04/ct-trails-day-at-the-coastal-center/](http://ctaudubon.org/2019/04/ct-trails-day-at-the-coastal-center/).

### Dynamic Detritivores - Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Detritus — what in the world is that? Come find out at the Coastal Center. The center's salt marsh will be your lab to learn about detritus and the critters that feast on this key component of the ecosystem. Explore fiddler crab tunnels and catch and release these animals that play a crucial environmental role through their unique diet. Nets and buckets will be provided. Wear rain boots or waterproof shoes that can get wet and muddy. All ages are welcome. The cost is \$7 per person for CAS members and \$10 per person for non-members. Pre-registration is required at [ctaudubon.org/2019/04/dynamic-detritivores/](http://ctaudubon.org/2019/04/dynamic-detritivores/).

### Adopt a Purple Martin Gourd for the 2019 Nesting Season

Connecticut Audubon's Coastal Center at Milford Point is one of the largest

monitored purple martin colonies in the state. Conservation efforts are essential as these birds build nests only in man-made houses — often plastic or natural gourds. Now anyone interested in supporting this citizen science project can adopt a purple martin gourd to help maintain this essential housing for the center's colony of human-dependent songbirds. For an adoption fee of \$50, donors will have a numbered gourd placed outdoors at the site along with a corresponding numbered paper gourd on the center's indoor recognition wall. They will receive weekly updates on nesting activity throughout the season and an end-of-season report. Adoptions make a great gift for family or friends. Availability is limited. To learn about gourd adoption for the 2019 nesting season, visit [ctaudubon.org/2019/04/adopt-a-purple-martin-gourd-for-the-2019-nesting-season/](http://ctaudubon.org/2019/04/adopt-a-purple-martin-gourd-for-the-2019-nesting-season/).

The Connecticut Audubon Society Coastal Center at Milford Point is located at 1 Milford Point Rd. in Milford. The center can be reached at 203-878-7440.



# Obituaries

Full obituaries for the May 30 issue and pictures (if provided) of the deceased are on our website at [www.milford-orangetimes.com](http://www.milford-orangetimes.com) and are published at no cost to residents of Milford and Orange.

## Orange Veterans Lost In The Past Year

Orange residents who served in the military and died between May 2018 and May 2019, as well as members of the American Legion Post #127.

- George Anastasion
- Donald Brown
- Charles Bruno
- Frank J. Coppola, Jr.
- James Crawford
- Raymond Davis
- Arthur DuBail
- William Furgeson
- Frank J Forte, Jr.
- John P. Fox
- Robert Giacobbi
- Genaro Gilormino, Jr.
- Edward Gorman
- Sidney Griffith
- Louis Guarino
- Paul Hannon
- Michael Healey
- John Hudson
- Dr. William Hunt
- William Jacobs
- Arthur Kane, Sr.
- John P. LeBrocq, Jr.
- John P. McGill
- George V. Montano
- Charles Morano
- John Nowicki
- Glenn Pearson
- Charles Potratz
- Vincent Saverese
- Lynell Spiller
- Lucian Tamaro, Jr.
- Andrew Toross
- Howard B. Treat, Jr.
- Vincent Wachter

### TOWN OF ORANGE LEGAL NOTICE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 12-632 of the Connecticut General Statutes the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Orange will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Room at the Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT, to receive comments on the application received from Southern CT Hebrew Academy for consideration for the Neighborhood Assistance Act for the year 2019. The applications are on file in the Selectmen's Office and may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received at the Selectmen's Office until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2019. Thereafter comments should be presented at the public hearing.

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