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## Orange First Selectman Debate Sept. 12

The *Milford-Orange Times* is asking Orange residents to submit questions they would like to have posed to the candidates running for first selectman at the Sept. 12 debate.

The *Milford-Orange Times* is sponsoring this first debate between incumbent Republican Jim Zeoli and Democratic challenger Jody Dietch. It will be held at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium at High Plains Community Center, located at 525 Orange Center Road.

Residents can submit potential questions for the candidates by emailing [debateinorange2019@gmail.com](mailto:debateinorange2019@gmail.com). Questions should be submitted as far in advance of the debate as possible. The cutoff date is Sept. 10.

The moderators for the debate will be Daniel May, vice president for academic affairs at the University of New Haven, and Brandon T. Bisceglia, editor-in-chief of the *Milford-Orange Times*. The timekeeper will be Don Lewis.

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

## Lobsterfest



See story on page 3. Photos by Hilda Salerno.

## Oysterfest



See story on page 18. Photos by Rich Coyle, Rich In Memories, LLC.

## Milford, Orange Candidates Have Their Say

With the November 5 municipal elections just around the bend, the *Milford-Orange Times* is continuing its tradition of featuring the candidates' responses to a series of questions about how they would serve their communities if elected. This is the first of a three-part series. In Milford, incumbent Democratic Mayor Ben Blake is being challenged by Republican Dan German. In Orange, incumbent Republican First Selectman Jim Zeoli is being challenged by Democrat Jody Dietch.

**Connecticut's continuing fiscal challenges make it likely that the state will put more cost burdens on towns in coming years. What will you do to keep costs down for taxpayers?**



**Benjamin G. Blake**  
Milford Mayor – Democrat

Through good old-fashioned Yankee thrift, common sense, and with the help of our entire community, Milford continues to thrive. Our city employees, department heads, volunteers, political leaders, and an entire village of contributors have all worked diligently to seize upon opportunities to keep costs down while ensuring exceptional

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**Dan German**  
Milford Mayor, Republican

How do we keep our cost down? Spending is out of control at the state level. On the local level, we as a city have to operate very lean and always look for ways to save money and drive revenue. And we can keep costs down and taxes from increasing while maintaining all the city services people expect and deserve.

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**Jim Zeoli**  
Orange First Selectman - Republican

The Town of Orange started preparing for cuts in state-provided funding years ago. When I started my tenure the Orange Elementary Schools were receiving almost \$1.6 million in Education Cost Sharing funding; that number has declined to \$1.2 million and is planned to continue until the Town of

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**Jody Dietch**  
Orange First Selectman - Democrat

This question makes several assumptions. My conversations with our local representatives paint a much different picture. The looming demise of the State of Connecticut is overstated. We can spin statistics any way we want to make our own case. When times have been

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## Orange TPZC Supports Mixed Housing – In Theory

By Brandon T. Bisceglia



Attorney Marjorie F. Shansky appeared before the Orange Town Plan & Zoning Commission Aug. 20 to continue a discussion about a text change to the town's zoning regulation that could allow for mixed housing in part of town. Image courtesy of Orange Government Access Television.

After a winding discussion that included input from residents, lawyers, a planning consultant and other town departments, Orange's Town Plan & Zoning Commission agreed Aug. 20 that it likes the concept of allowing more mixed housing developments, but appeared no closer to settling on a specific proposal to do that.

The discussion centered around a proposal for a text change to the zoning regulations brought by Marjorie F. Shansky, the lawyer

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## E-Commerce Exchange Site Approved For Milford Police Station

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

People making exchanges for items bought over the internet now have a safe place in Milford to do so – the Police Department parking lot.

A resolution introduced at the Board of Aldermen's Aug. 5 meeting to establish two designated parking spots for e-commerce exchanges passed unanimously.

The resolution was proposed by Republican alderman Anthony Giannattasio as a way to reduce the chances of theft or violence.

The parking spaces will get signs to make them visible to residents, though the parking lot had already been available regardless of the signage.

Popular e-commerce sites such as Craigslist, Facebook and Marketplace allow users to make person-to-person transactions and trades. But when the physical exchange takes place, there is a risk that one party may be taken advantage of or face other dangers from meeting face-to-face with a stranger.

In 2017, for instance, a Hartford man was convicted of sexually assaulting a woman when he went to her home to buy one of the bicycles she had advertised on Craigslist.

No such incidents have been reported in Milford to date.

"I am thrilled to support this resolution," said alderman Karen Fortunati, who noted that the idea of establishing such safe exchange zones originated with Milwaukee police officer Lisa Saffold after a series of robberies in her community connected to

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## News & Events

### Orange Fire Department Dedicates New Truck



First Selectman Jim Zeoli dedicates Orange's newest fire truck at an Aug. 17 ceremony by spraying it with champagne. Photo courtesy of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department.

A new fire truck, dedicated Aug. 17 at the Orange Volunteer Fire Department's Boston Post Road station, will help firefighters protect their neighbors for years to come, according to Orange First Selectman James M. Zeoli.

The truck, designated Quint-32, went into service earlier this month. Equipped with a 75-foot aerial ladder, 1,500-gallon-per-minute pump and a variety of other tools, the Spartan/Smeal truck is designed to perform a variety of tasks at emergencies.

In addition to showing off the new truck in a dedication ceremony called a wetdown, the party included speeches and a cornhole tournament.

The truck replaces a 1978 Mack CK that had a 50-foot ladder and a 1,000-gallon-per-minute pump. The new truck carries a price tag of more than \$850,000, paid for through the Orange Volunteer Fireman's Carnival and other fundraising activities. Such equipment, noted Zeoli, helps firefighters respond to the town's emergencies.

"We have 14,000 people in this town," Zeoli said. "We have probably 100,000 cars passing through this town every day. That's all on this group. When there's an emergency, you're there and we're all really,

really grateful."

Fire Chief Vaughan Dumas thanked his firefighters but offered special thanks to firefighters' families and the community. Without their support, he said, the department wouldn't have the new truck.

"We work hard," he said. "This is reward for that hard work."

After additional comments and a prayer over the truck, Zeoli, himself a former Orange firefighter, sprayed the new truck with champagne. A crew led by former Chief John Knight used a hose line from the truck being replaced to wash the champagne off the new truck. Knight was chief when the truck was designed and the purchase process began.

After the ceremony, firefighters from Orange and surrounding towns competed in a cornhole tournament. Bean bags flew through the air inside the Boston Post Road station as 10 teams worked their way through the tournament brackets. Paul DeGeorge and Kyle Brennan, both with Beacon Hose Company #1 of Beacon Falls, won the contest.

The new truck already is in service, responding to some alarms in town. Firefighters will spend the next few months continuing to learn to use the new truck effectively.

### Milford 6-Year-Old Selling Lemonade To Help Cure Cancer

A 6-year-old from Milford is selling lemonade to help cure cancer.

Emma Levinson is participating in the Discovery to Cure – The Beverly Levy Walk and Block Party, an event to find a cure for women's reproductive cancers, on Sept. 22 in New Haven.

But first, she'll raise funds for the cause by setting up a lemonade stand at 170 Kings Highway in Milford on Sunday, Sept. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This will be the second year that Levinson will be raising funds in honor of her aunt who is battling ovarian cancer and to support the Yale School of Medicine's Discovery To Cure.

Those who can't visit Levinson's lemonade stand in person can send a donation to Emma c/o Discovery for the Cure, Yale School of Medicine, Dept. of Ob/Gyn and Reproductive Sciences, P.O. Box 208063 New Haven CT 06510.

The event that inspired Levinson's efforts, will be held at Yale's Payne Whitney Gym at 70 Tower Pkwy. in New Haven from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register and find out more, visit wizathon.com/discovery-to-cure or contact Ruth Ann at ruthann.ornstein@yale.edu or 203-901-0964.

The event will feature food trucks, vendors, raffles, children's activities, entertainment and a survivors' tent. A short program emceed by WTNH's Jocelyn Maminta will be followed by a 1.5-mile walk through Yale's campus. Pre-registration is encouraged; however, walk-ins will be welcome. The cost is \$30 for adult walkers

and \$15 for children ages 6 to 16. The event is free for children 5 and under. The event will be held rain or shine.



Emma Levinson of Milford is selling lemonade to benefit research into women's reproductive cancers. Photo courtesy of the Yale School of Medicine.

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## Lobsterfest: A Team Effort

By Richard Dumbrill



The 23rd Annual Rotary Lobsterfest brought out a large crowd of Orange area residents who enjoyed a summer afternoon and evening of food and fellowship at High Plains Community Center recently.

At press time, the final numbers remain to be tabulated, but we estimate that 450 adults and children came to experience and re-experience this Orange tradition. Rotary reached out to families by having entertainment for children to celebrate Lobsterfest with their parents and grandparents. Our visitors and guests had lobsters, steaks, clam chowder and corn-on-the-cob, along with beer and wine. It was safe to say that no one left for home hungry or thirsty.

Lobsterfest is one of Rotary's most important fundraisers. Monies raised there go to worthy causes in our community: scholarships for high school seniors, oil and food banks for seniors, resources for inner-city families, various youth services and support for cultural nonprofits.

We thank the many local families for their generous support of our efforts to improve the lives of their fellow residents of Orange. We thank the numerous sponsors: businesses, local merchants, professionals and community members for their support as well. These individuals and enterprises allow Rotary to fulfill its mission of "service above self."

Staging this event is a labor of love and fellowship for all Rotarians. The occasion

requires serious planning, sustained follow-up, and execution right up to and throughout the day of the event – even afterward. Virtually all members of Orange Rotary participated to ensure the event went off without a hitch.

As president of Orange Rotary, I am immensely proud of our team who made this year's Lobsterfest a success. From the first planning session in May, it was a case of "all shoulders to the wheel" and "all hands on deck." Kudos to co-chairs Mike Richetelli and Trish Pearson, and Jim Pascarella, our club foundation treasurer, for their leadership on this project. Kudos also to Ron Ruotolo for his untiring energy in setting up the lobster cooking tanks and keeping the lobster fires burning. He became our indispensable maintenance man. Many Orange Rotarians found time in between their busy professional and personal lives to devote their energies to a worthwhile cause.

There are many community projects that the more than \$13,000 raised by our Lobsterfest will help fund. The Rotary Club of Orange is one of the leading service organizations in town. We partner with other Rotary clubs in the area and on an international level on projects through which we provide hands-on and/or financial support. Rotary has many members and friends across the globe, but Orange remains at the heart of who we are and what we do.

I invite anyone interested in learning more about our activities and the rewarding experience of Rotary membership to email me at richard@dumbrill.net or drop in at one of our regular lunch hour meetings held at Race Brook Country Club in Orange on the first and third Fridays of each month. You will be most welcome.



Lobsterfest. Photos by Hilda Salerno.



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# Opinion & Editorial

## Pro-Veteran Policies Will Benefit State's Heroes



STATE SEN. (D-14)  
JAMES MARONEY

Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge are home to thousands of veterans. We are all forever grateful for their sacrifices, and the sacrifices of their families. As co-chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee, I am proud to report that several pro-veteran pieces of legislation I championed passed this session and will help our state's heroes.

One piece of legislation I am very proud of is the Military to Machinist Program. This is a bill I had proposed and have been working diligently on for some time. This program will provide veterans with training and job opportunities in the manufacturing industry. The program will be run by The Workplace and ensure that veterans can earn an advanced manufacturing certificate and find employment in the advanced manufacturing field. I am grateful for their partnership on this vital program.

It is important to help those veterans making the transition to civilian life land on their feet. Unfortunately, not all veterans return completely healthy. That is why it is even more critical that we help disabled veterans, who sacrificed so much for our country. This session, we addressed another way to show our gratitude to these disabled veterans. We increased property tax exemptions for our state's disabled veterans. This was part of several tax breaks that will benefit seniors and families as well.

As chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee, I am proud of the number of bills we successfully moved out of committee and through both chambers of the legislature. One will help the children of veterans with higher education aspirations. This legislation, which was signed by the governor in July, will allow children and spouses of certain members of the armed forces to be deemed in-state students for certain tuition charges.

Another bill that I proposed and championed will help more qualified veterans become teachers through the Troops to Teachers program. We have reserved slots for veterans in the state's alternate route to certification program that qualifies teachers. In addition, we also passed legislation protecting members of the Civil Air Patrol from workplace discrimination.

We can never truly repay our veterans for all they've done. I am proud that our community and state do so much to show our respect and gratitude. As chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I am proud of what we accomplished, eager to see how this will positively impact our state's veterans, and motivated to do even more in the next legislative session.

## New Laws Will Benefit Schools



STATE REP. (R-117)  
CHARLES FERRARO

As we head into September, students from around the state will be headed back to school. I want to take a quick moment to wish our students a successful school year and I want to thank all of our teachers for their dedicated work.

This legislative session we passed a number of bills that will help strengthen our schools and provide our students and teachers a safe learning environment.

Here are a couple laws I would like to highlight:

- **Bullying and school climate:** A new law makes numerous changes to the laws related to school bullying and school climate. Among these changes, it establishes a 33-member social and emotional learning and school climate advisory collaborative and tasks it with developing a student suicide risk assessment and biennial state-wide climate survey; modifies the definition of bullying by eliminating the requirement that the action occur between students; and requires boards of education to provide on State Department of Education's website certain bullying prevention and intervention training materials for school administrators.

- **School security:** A new law requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to update state school security and safety plan standards every three years, starting by Jan. 1, 2020; simplify certain school security reporting requirements; and develop criteria to identify qualified school security consultants and limit the existing registry to such individuals only. It also adds related duties for the SDE.

DESPP must submit a report to the Public Safety and Security Committee by Jan. 1, 2020, identifying the essential components for school security reporting and indicate how the department will simplify them. The department must implement the new requirements based on its findings by July 1, 2020.

- **Teacher pension tax exemption:** The Biennial Budget Act delays by two years the scheduled increase in the income tax exemption for income received from the state teachers' retirement system. The exemption was due to increase from 25 percent to 50 percent for 2019 and subsequent tax years. The new law instead maintains it at 25 percent for 2019 and 2020 and increases it to 50 percent beginning in 2021.

These are just a couple of important bills that were passed that impact our local schools. I was also proud to see a bill to force the regionalization of schools not move forward.

As always, if you have an issue, concern, or new ideas to make our schools and state better please contact me at Charles.Ferraro@housegov.ct.gov.

## A New Addiction In Our Schools



STATE REP. (R-114)  
THEMIS KLARIDES

The use of e-cigarettes, JUULs and other vaping products have become a common occurrence with today's youth, which students and health care professionals are calling an epidemic in our schools. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one in five high school kids and one in 20 middle school kids currently use e-cigarettes. Vaping products contain nicotine, numerous chemicals and flavoring ranging from bubble gum and grape to tobacco or watermelon, all in an effort to appeal to a new audience of consumers.

Kids misunderstand these cleverly marketed products and assume that there is no negative impact to a person's overall health because vaping doesn't produce smoke or tar. Unfortunately, e-cigarettes and JUULs are designed to be highly addictive and do contain nicotine. Reports give insight to the withdrawal kids experience when they try to quit these products, ranging from headaches and shaking to nausea and intense cravings. The harm these products are causing kids is difficult to measure because e-cigarettes and JUULs are so new to the market; researchers and health professionals have not had time to catch up.

Schools throughout Connecticut are doing their part by banning all vaping paraphernalia on school grounds and issuing detentions – or in some cases suspensions – if any vaping material is found.

Safeguarding our students is particularly difficult, as many of the products look and act like everyday electronic items. They can charge in a phone charger, plug into USB ports in a computer or laptop, or are discreetly packaged so they go unnoticed making the job of a parent, teacher or faculty member even more complicated.

The national numbers reported by the CDC are staggering. E-cigarette use among high school students was at 220,000 students in 2011; by 2017-2018 the CDC reported 3.05 million students using e-cigarettes and vaping. As the numbers of young users increase, the health of our kids is and will continue to decline if we do not speak to them about addiction to vaping, JUULing and e-cigarettes.

Some students report being deterred from vaping products because of the costs associated with them, ranging from \$20 to \$50 per week. This year the state legislature took action by increasing the taxes on vaping products to the same tax as traditional tobacco products, increasing the purchasing age to 21, and requiring a parent's signature for vaping products that are delivered to a home due to an online purchase.

As students, parents and teachers are adjusting to the beginning of the new school year, please speak openly and often about the dangers of addiction, vaping, JUULing and e-cigarettes.

## Is It Time To Redenominate The Dollar?

By Thomas P. Hurley

As inflation inevitably takes its toll, the numbers we use for monetary transactions become impossible for the mind to handle. Pension debts escalate at ever-increasing rates and everything, including the federal deficit, becomes mind-numbing. Housing prices go out of sight, as does ownership, because the ability to pay is severely impacted by the large number.

In the late 1800s a house cost in the hundreds of dollars instead of the hundreds of thousands it does today. Granted the salaries were lower, but it was still a goal that could be realized for many people. It was attainable by the common person. This was true well into the early 1960s. Salaries of \$8,000 a year could pay for a \$14,000 house, and they did it without 30-year mortgages. You actually had to save up the money to at least 20 percent.

Today an \$80,000 salary may not be enough to buy a home in Connecticut. Complaints about the gap between the rich and poor also increase. People start to demand a \$15 minimum wage.

It is the absolute size of the numbers that cause this to escalate out of control because we increase costs percentagewise. Student loan debt is escalating at an alarming rate.

Let us consider what redenominating our currency might accomplish. A simple multiple of 10 increase in the base dollar value would take the trailing zero off all our numbers, bringing them back to some semblance of reality. For example, back in the early 1970s the minimum wage was about \$1.65 an hour. If we take a trailing zero off the minimum wage of \$15 an hour we would now have a minimum wage of \$1.50 an hour. Keep in mind that the buying power (the economic value of goods) would not change in the marketplace – only the absolute price of those goods.

All debts would be redenominated under this proposal. We could leave the current tax dollar numbers the same for income tax purposes under the new dollar conversion. Most of us would drop off the income tax roles completely or greatly reduce our income tax liability.

When we have a 2 percent increase in inflation under redenomination, it is only a three-cent increase instead of a 30-cent increase. This is a much more manageable number for businesses and budgets to deal with. You can also see how this could help reduce the runaway numbers required to fund the state pension plan and government more generally.

Let's investigate the new dollar. We could still have a dual currency (the current dollar) for international trade, and the banks could handle the currency conversions quite easily with today's computers, it would probably incur less cost than the Y2K effort. The current \$10 bill would convert to the \$1 new dollar bill. The current \$5 bill would be 50 new cents. The current \$1 bill would be the new dime.

We could keep the current cent as one-thousandth of a new dollar. We already use a tenth of a cent at the gas station pump. Now you could actually pay the bill without the roundoff. The stock market already uses these fractions as well.

The powers of our new digital payment systems would make this the easiest transition for a monetary redenomination in history. It's time to think outside the current monetary traps to help address the runaway costs of government.

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# Opinion & Editorial

## Editorial: Our Lives Depend On Us Confronting Hate

By **Brandon T. Bisceglia**

While the discussions over guns, mental health and other aspects of mass shootings should continue, we need to come to grips with a problem that is possibly more widespread and has certainly grown in the last few years: hate.

The gunman who killed 22 people and injured 24 more this month at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas had explicitly racist motivations.

“This attack is a response to the Hispanic invasion of Texas,” he wrote in a manifesto posted online shortly before the mass murder.

We’re all familiar with the outsized role that prejudice has played in violence throughout U.S. history, from lynchings to the Civil War itself.

But discrimination is just as potent as ever. El Paso is just the most recent example. The 2018 Pittsburgh synagogue shooting and the 2015 shooting at a historically black church in Charleston, South Carolina, also

leap to mind.

Since the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, much of our attention has been focused on international terrorism. Massive amounts of money and effort have been devoted to ferreting out potential terrorists, beefing up security at checkpoints like airports, and reorganizing our intelligence operations.

Many of these efforts may have been worthwhile. In the meantime, though, domestic threats – especially from far-right white supremacists – have, statistically, always been the bigger threat.

Hate is on the rise. According to FBI statistics, hate crimes jumped 17 percent alone in 2017, the most recent year for which data is available. It was the third year in a row that the numbers had trended upwards.

This is nothing new, of course. The 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, which until 2001 was the deadliest terrorist incident on U.S. soil, was committed by someone deeply influenced by the lore of the white supremacist movement, frequently alluding

to the racist novel *The Turner Diaries*.

Closer to us, prejudicial hatred continues to threaten people in their daily lives. Just this month, police investigated an online threat issued against New Haven’s Puerto Rican Festival.

And late last year, residents were shocked to learn that anti-Semitism was rearing its head at Amity High School.

The fact is that hateful ideologies most often develop at a young age. And these days, the internet has become a veritable smorgasbord of prejudices. With a few clicks, anyone can join thriving communities of white supremacists or misogynists.

President Donald Trump, meanwhile, has done little to stifle these attitudes. The list of his prejudicial comments is long, from calling Mexican migrants “rapists” to insisting that there were good people “on both sides” of a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia that resulted in the killing of a counterdemonstrator.

We cannot blame Trump for these attitudes, however. They existed long

before him.

And though we don’t like to confront it, they exist in most of us.

Few people would call themselves racist or sexist. Even fewer would advocate violence based on these beliefs.

Nevertheless, we show our attitudes in small ways every day. We assume the doctor is male before hearing her name. We pay just a little extra attention to what the bearded Middle Eastern man is doing with that briefcase.

People who commit hate crimes are just acting out on a larger scale the same attitudes they see all around them. Their ideologies don’t come from nowhere.

If we are to root out the hatred that exists in our society, we must be willing to look within. We must be willing, at some point, to work at identifying our own misplaced attitudes and turning them around. We must be willing to help others do the same.

We can’t let guilt or shame or apathy stop us from having these conversations. Our lives literally depend on it.

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**To the Editor:**

This Labor Day, hardworking men and women across the country will take a well-

earned break to gather with family and friends and enjoy the final days of summer. From BBQs to ball games, Americans are looking forward to the long weekend for an opportunity to unwind and soak up the last bit of summer sun.

If you plan to grab a cold one to toast the hard workers in your life, make sure to celebrate responsibly by hydrating between beers and planning for safe rides. Whether you designate a driver, call a rideshare service or take public transportation to and

from your festivities, making it a priority to drink responsibly will ensure your Labor Day weekend ends on the right note.

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for this Labor Day.

But we need your help. Before you kick back, relax and raise a glass to the last weekend of summer, remember that drunk driving is 100 percent preventable, and together we can keep our community safe.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

**Tony Lota**  
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator  
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Email us at [debateinorange2019@gmail.com](mailto:debateinorange2019@gmail.com) to submit questions for the Sept. 12 Orange first selectman debate.

### Clarification

A story on page 16 of the July 11, 2019 edition identified Your CBD Store as selling items made from the marijuana plant. The items are actually made from the hemp plant, which is a breed of the same species that contains a lower amount of tetrahydrocannabinol and is regulated differently.

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# Arts Matters

*Art is meant to disturb; science to reassure. – Georges Brach*

by Patricia Miller

**ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL** (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) will once again sponsor the “Build A Better Bird House” exhibit at the Orange Country Fair, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21. There is still time to get those creative juices running and come up with an original birdhouse. They can be constructed from scratch (from any materials), bought and then painted or decorated in your own inimitable style, and brought to the fairgrounds on Friday night. Applications are found in the fair booklet, available at Town Hall, the library or online at the Orange fair website. Entries are welcome from people of all ages: children, adults, individuals, families, friends, groups, clubs. A variety of materials, types, sizes and creativity make this one of the most popular exhibits at the fair. For more information, call Liz Gesler at 203-795-5133.

**CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY** (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) and the Orange Arts and Culture Council are proud to announce they are cosponsoring a program on Thursday, Oct. 10 that will bring New Haven Symphony Orchestra Conductor Alasdair Neale to the Library as the featured speaker. Neale is the newly appointed NHSO music director and conductor, the replacement for retiring conductor William Boughton.

In addition to the NHSO, Alasdair Neale is the music director for the Sun Valley Summer Symphony and the Marin Symphony. The Marin Symphony, under his leadership, has earned the reputation as one of the finest orchestras in the San Francisco Bay area. Before his appointment to Marin, he was associate conductor of the San Francisco Symphony and music director of the San Francisco Youth Orchestra.

This is sure to be a popular program; reservations will be taken at 203-801-2170 or online at [orange.lioninc.org/](http://orange.lioninc.org/).

**ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL** (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) will once again offer its “Hop the Bus” service to the NHSO Classic Series, thanks to the generous support of the Orange Foundation. Their support allows OACC to continue this service and underlines its importance to the cultural life of the Orange community. The bus will leave from High Plains Community Center as in the past at 6:45 p.m. for the first concert on Sept. 25. Reservations may be made by calling Pat at 203-397-8915.

**THE ORANGE PLAYERS** (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) will hold auditions for “Acting Up!” 2019, on Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at High Plains Community Center. “Acting Up” is an evening of original, unpublished, 10-minute, one act plays. Ten plays, with casts of two to four actors in each, will be presented. Teens, adults and seniors are welcome to audition. Both new and experienced actors of all genders and ethnicities are encouraged to audition. The performance dates are Friday, Oct. 25 and Saturday, Oct. 26. For more information, go to [orangeplayers.net](http://orangeplayers.net) to the Orange Players page on Facebook.

**ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL** (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) is issuing a call for performers for its 2019 youth concert sponsored by the group and features talented young artists from the area. The concert gives the performers the opportunity to showcase their talent for the community. The level of their talent has surprised and delighted audiences for the past nine years. This year’s concert will be held as usual at the Milford Arts Council’s



Alasdair Neale, new music director and conductor at the New Haven Symphony Orchestra. Photo courtesy of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra.

Eastbound Theater at 40 S. Railroad Ave. in Milford and will be on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. Any young artists who wish to be considered for this year’s event can call Pat at 203-397-8915.

**CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY** (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange), as part of its Art in the Library program, is featuring the oils of Eugene Zandri, a long-time resident who was for many years a teacher and administrator in the Orange school system. He and his wife Brenda now live in Milford. Zandri’s works have been exhibited throughout Connecticut, and many of his works are in private collections. There will be an artist’s reception on Thursday, Sept. 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours in the gallery space in the Meeting Room on the second floor.

Art in the Library sponsors monthly art exhibits by artists from the area. Artists interested in exhibiting their work can call Audrey Galer, chairman, for more information.

**WADSWORTH ATHENEUM MUSEUM OF ART** (600 Main St., Hartford) has an interesting exhibit compiled from the permanent collection of the museum. “From Expressionism to Realism” is an ongoing exhibition of highlights of modern art made from 1900 to 1950 and illustrates the approach to expressionistic and surrealistic artwork. There are works by Ernst, Munch, Matisse, Rousseau, Picasso and other artists.

The Wadsworth was founded in 1842 and opened with 75 paintings. Today the collection has over 50,000 pieces, the result of the work of active collection by patrons, directors and curators who continue the Wadsworth’s dedication to collecting and supporting the work of living artists.

For more information about the museum and its collection and upcoming exhibitions, go to [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org).

**MILFORD ARTS COUNCIL** (40 S. Railroad Ave., Milford) presents David Auburn’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Proof*, from Sept. 20 to Oct. 6. Catherine has inherited her father’s mathematical brilliance but is haunted by her fear that she may have inherited his debilitating mental illness as well. She finds herself caught between a newfound connection with Hal, one of her father’s students, and the arrival of Claire, her practical and successful sister. She finds her mind and her life becoming increasingly unstable.

Ann Baker is the director. The cast includes Catherine Amanda Piechota, Hal Glenn, Claire Taryn Chorney, and Robert Peter Haynes. Catherine Amanda Piechota is the granddaughter of Margaret (Peg) Piechota, former president and long-time member of the Orange Players;

For tickets, call 203-878-6647 or go to [milfordarts.org](http://milfordarts.org).

**MILFORD ARTS COUNCIL** (40 S. Railroad Ave., Milford) kicks off its 2019/20 Nite Spot Night season, presenting *Simply Barbra Celebrates Hello Dolly* with Steven Brinberg on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. You can make this the last stop on the Milford Wine Trail because this Nite Spot Night is a double feature. Join the 11th annual Milford Wine Trail starting at 5 p.m. MAC will be on the patio pouring wine to benefit the United Way of Milford as part of the stroll around Milford, along with other local businesses. If you can’t make the wine trail part, just come to the show and enjoy the speakeasy lounge at the MAC.

Brinberg has toured the world with his all-live homage to Barbra Streisand. He also performed with Martin Hamlisch, Donna Koran, Liza Minelli, Stephen Sondheim and Catherine Zeta-Jones. The latest version of this show celebrates the 50th anniversary of the release of Barbra Streisand’s second film, *Hello Dolly*, with most of the songs from the film and stories about the making of the film. There are also other hits of Streisand’s and a couple from her latest album.

Nite Spot Nights are cosponsored by MAC and Pantochino Productions and feature the hottest stars of the New York City cabaret scene. All Nite Spot Nights are “bring your own everything except entertainment.” Wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks are available in the speakeasy lounge. For tickets or more information go to [milfordarts.org](http://milfordarts.org) or call 203-878-6647.

**THE NEW HAVEN CHORALE** invites singers to join them for the 2019/2020 season. Singers who have a passion to sing and a desire to be a part of an 85-member chorale have an opportunity to take the love of performing to the next level. Find out more about how to become a member of the chorale and/or to schedule an audition at [newhavenchorale.org](http://newhavenchorale.org).

**WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE** (25 Powers St., Westport) has announced the two plays closing the 2019 season: *Mlima’s Tale* by Lynn Nottage, and *Don Juan* by Moliere.

*Mlima’s Tale* opens Oct. 10 and tells a powerful, theatrical fable of Mlima, a magnificent and beloved Kenyan elephant, who is hunted for his coveted ivory tusks. As the traffickers maneuver the illicit ivory market, the elephant’s invincible spirit follows their path of desire, greed, crime and corruption. *Don Juan* is a darkly comic turn on a classic tale. The notorious seducer and antihero leaves a trail of broken hearts and scandals wherever he goes. He relies on his trusty sidekick, Sganarelle, to clean up his messes afterward. When an unearthly visitor

arrives, Don Juan may be forced to confront his wicked ways. Sex, politics, religion – nothing is sacred in Moliere’s brilliant comedy. For tickets, call 203-228-4177.

**LONG WHARF THEATRE** (222 Sargent Dr., New Haven) is still selling subscriptions for the upcoming 2019/20 season. Long Wharf’s artistic director, Jacob G. Padron, is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama and has a rich and varied background in theater for someone still in his thirties. He is a major force in new play development, especially among minorities. He is the founder and artistic director of The Sol Project, a national theatrical initiative that works with theater companies to amplify the voices of Latinx playwrights and to build artistic homes for artists of color in New York City and beyond. He served as senior line producer at the Public Theatre, working on Shakespeare in the park and Public Works. He also was producer at Steppenwolf Company in Chicago and the producer at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. These are only few of the experiences in his resume. He has a master’s in fine arts from Yale Drama School and is currently on the faculty there.

The Long Wharf season includes *The Grounds of Belonging* by Ricardo Perez Gonzales, *Pride and Prejudice* by Kate Hamill, *I Am My Own Wife* by Doug Wright, *The Chinese Lady* by Lloyd Suh, and *The Great Leap* by Lauren Yee.

For tickets and information, call 203-787-4282 or go to [longwharf.org](http://longwharf.org).

**THE WOODSTOCK FAIR** (Rte. 281 to Rte. 169 S., Woodstock) will be holding a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock concert on Friday, Aug. 30 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Gov. Ned Lamont is playing a role in putting together this commemorative celebration in part because he missed the iconic Woodstock Concert in 1969. He was only 15 and his parents wouldn’t permit him to go, he confided to Randall Beach in a recent *New Haven Register* article. The governor saw the movie, made after the fact, but he liked the symbolism of love, peace and music presented in the film and it stuck with him. He has played keyboard for years. He told Beach, “This kind of event will celebrate the 50th anniversary in Connecticut, in a Connecticut way, at the Woodstock Fair. There’s no better way to bring together Connecticut arts, music, 60s nostalgia and tourism into one fun afternoon.”

Five Connecticut-based bands will compete for \$17,000 in prize money and one will be named Connecticut Band of the Year. The governor is personally contributing \$20,000 to \$25,000 to cover prize money and other costs. If you regret having missed Woodstock 1969, here’s your chance to experience what is being called a mini-Woodstock.

**ELM CITY SHAKESPEARE** (Edgewood Park, 222 Cliff St., New Haven) finishes the summer run of *Comedy of Errors* on Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. with live music beginning at 7:30 p.m. This play is one of Shakespeare’s wilder comedies and promises to be an evening enjoyed by all ages. The director, Rebecca Goodheart, says that it is not only wacky fun but is more relevant than often thought. “It has real stories with real stakes and some of the most beautiful love poetry that Shakespeare wrote. It is more than all its silliness – although there is a lot of silliness,” she says.

The performance is free, although donations are accepted. For more information, call 203-392-8882 or go to [elmshakespeare.org](http://elmshakespeare.org)

*Have an event, announcement or idea? Send it to [patmiller605@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patmiller605@sbcglobal.net).*



# Inland Wetlands To Consider Turkey Hill Development

By **Brandon T. Bisceglia**

The owner of a tract of land off Turkey Hill Road in Orange vowed to develop it after his plans for a set of senior cottages was shot down in July 2018 by the Town Plan & Zoning Commission.

Owner Richard Meisenheimer's team is scheduled to appear Sept. 10 before the Inland Wetlands Commission with a proposal for the construction of 10 multifamily residential buildings and a single community building on a compilation of parcels on the 22.5-acre property.

The previous proposal generated significant public opposition, with neighbors filling the lower-level room of Town Hall where the TPZC holds its meetings. The commission also spent a significant amount of time reading letters and emails of opposition into the record.

At a previous "pre-application" hearing in January, the Inland Wetlands Commission unanimously agreed that the new proposal was a "significant activity" that would require a public hearing. The project will likely face a similar level of opposition as it makes its way through the various town approvals it will need to pass.

Orange currently lacks an inland wetlands agent, an enforcement officer whose duties normally would include inspecting properties and issuing notices of violation or cease and desist orders.

The new rounds of public hearings are likely to draw vociferous public opposition again. Signs opposing the development have gone up around town urging residents to speak out against the proposal at the Inland Wetlands meeting.



A lawn sign urges Orange residents to oppose a proposed housing development near Turkey Hill Road that the Inland Wetlands Commission will consider at its Sept. 10 meeting. Photo courtesy of Ron Michaels.

## Your Health

### Prevent Mosquito Bites

In Connecticut, mosquito season starts in the summer and continues into fall. During this time we all get mosquito bites.

There are several mosquito-borne diseases that are spread by the bite of an infected mosquito, so I encourage you to learn how to prevent these bites.

It is reassuring to know that the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station monitors adult mosquito populations throughout the state by collecting mosquitoes and testing them for the presence of eastern equine encephalitis, West Nile virus and other arboviruses. According to their website, monitoring sites are located in all eight counties and are checked on a weekly basis from June through October.

Mosquitoes have been in the news lately as they tested positive for dangerous WNV

in the East Haven and Hartford areas. The symptoms from WNV can range from slight fever, headache, rash, swollen lymph nodes and nausea to the rapid onset of severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, disorientation, muscle weakness and coma. Early evaluation by a healthcare provider is essential to prevent complications.

Here are Connecticut's Mosquito Management Program's instructions for controlling mosquitoes:

Mosquitoes around the home can be reduced significantly by minimizing the amount of standing water available for mosquito breeding. Residents are urged to



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reduce standing water around the home in a variety of ways. Source reduction activities include:

- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or similar water-holding containers that have accumulated on your property.
- Empty standing water from used or discarded tires that may have accumulated on your property (such as tire swings).

- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left out of doors.
- Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis, particularly if leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug up the drains.

- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths.
- Change water in birdbaths and wading pools on a weekly basis.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used. Be aware that mosquitoes may even breed in water that collects on swimming pool covers.

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## Mosquito Bite Prevention (United States)

Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different viruses and bite at different times of the day.

Type of Mosquito	Viruses spread	Biting habits
<i>Aedes aegypti</i> , <i>Aedes albopictus</i>	Chikungunya, Dengue, Zika	Primarily daytime, but can also bite at night
<i>Culex</i> species	West Nile	Evening to morning

### Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites

#### Use insect repellent

Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Active ingredient
DEET
Picaridin (known as KBR 3023 and icaridin outside the US)
IR3535
Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD)
2-undecanone

Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection.

Find the insect repellent that's right for you by using EPA's search tool®.

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites (continued)

#### If you have a baby or child

- Always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children.
- Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months of age.
- Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs, or cover crib, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
- Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, and cut or irritated skin.
  - Adults: Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.
- Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) on children under 3 years of age.

#### Treat clothing and gear

- Treat items such as boots, pants, socks, and tents with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
  - Permethrin-treated clothing will protect you after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
  - If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions.
  - Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

#### Mosquito-proof your home

- Use screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use air conditioning when available.
- Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water.
  - Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.

[www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes](http://www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes)



# Lifestyle

## Travel Matters

### Why Use A Travel Agent?

In this world of instant information on the internet, many people have asked me why bother to use a travel agent? In fact, there are some people who say “Are there still travel agents? I had no idea!”

One of the reasons to use a travel agent or specialist is because there is such an overwhelming amount of information online. A good travel agent can save you several hours of planning – and help you make better choices – based on their insight and experience with the type of trip you are looking for.

For example, if that deal on Groupon sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Trip pricing is based on the quality of experience, exclusivity, inventory availability and the timing of when you travel. With many trips, the further out you plan, the more you can save. This holds true for many river cruises and escorted tours, for instance, because

availability is so limited. An average river cruise holds from 130-190 guests. Many small group tours are capped at 16 or 18 individuals.

**Peace of mind.** This is a huge benefit for anyone using a professional. How do you know that great-looking resort in Jamaica is the best all-inclusive for you and your family? Aside from reviews on Trip Advisor, the travel agent may have actually been there, done a site inspection or have valuable feedback from fellow agents and clients. This provides far more peace of mind than reading random reviews from people you don't even know. Agents can provide comparison shopping with other all-inclusive resorts, expanding your



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possibilities and maximizing your budget. We know where the deals are available.

**Customer service and consumer advocate.** What if your flight gets cancelled due to mechanical reasons, with thousands of people trying to get to the same destination in Italy during the high summer season? If you have a travel agent, they can make sure your plans are adapted to allow for a 24-hour delay. They

can also advise you on how to advocate for yourself with the airline. And if you have travel protection insurance, they can make sure you are reimbursed for changes in your itinerary.

**Convenient one-stop shopping.** Travel agents can help you expand your possibilities

in travel. For example, you may start out wanting a cruise, but find that independent travel with skip-the-line tours, and local host assistance with train travel works out far better for you and your family. Or maybe you want to cover multiple stops in Europe and a river cruise provides a relaxed option to unpack only once on a floating boutique hotel on the river. An experienced travel agent can help you navigate through the many suppliers to find what fits your particular travel style.

Think of us as you would any other professional who you seek for advice. Most of us get paid by the supplier, not by the consumer. It's a win/win for everyone.

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## Wine Talk:

### What Is That Rooster Doing On My Wine Bottle?

In the thirteenth century, Florence and Siena decided to use a horse race to end their land dispute over Chianti. The dispute had a negative effect on the economies of both city-states for a long period of time. At the urging of some Austrian nobility and with the intervention of the Pope, it was arranged that the meeting point of two knights who had left respectively from Florence and Siena when the rooster sang at dawn would mark the new borders of their territories.

The Florentines selected a black rooster and kept it for a few days in a box with no food. On the day of the race, when they took the rooster out of the box, he sang much earlier than dawn. Thus the Florentine knight left before the Siennese rider, meeting him only 20 miles from Siena's walls. Since then the black rooster has been the symbol of Chianti: first of the Chianti League in thirteenth century and then of the Chianti Classico Consortium.

All Italian wines, including Chianti, are rated with the designation of DO, DOC, and DOCG. These are quality designations associated with the monitoring of the Italian government to ensure the nature of the quality of Italian wines.

DOCG stands for Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita (Denomination of Controlled and Guaranteed Origin). DOC stands for Denominazione di Origine Controllata. DO stands for Denominazione di Origine.

According to thekitchn.com, the DOC designation for wines was introduced in the early 1960s. It equates more or less to the French AOC/AC system. The regulations for each DOC wine delimit the production area, wine color, permitted grape varieties and maximum/minimum proportions, styles of wine, alcohol levels and permitted or mandated viticultural, vinification and maturation techniques. There are 330 DOC wines in Italy today.

The DOCG wine designation was created in 1980 to differentiate the top Italian wines, as there was a general feeling that the DOC status was graded too liberally, thekitchn.com says. “The regulations for DOCG wines are tighter and more restrictive. For example, maximum permitted grape yields are lower. Also each



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wine must pass an in-depth technical analysis and tasting to receive the official DOCG seal of approval from the Ministry of Agriculture,” the website explains.

Today there are 73 wines that have DOCG status in Italy, according to thekitchn.com. “Quality comes down to the individual producer, however. There are many top-quality Italian wines that fall outside the DOC or DOCG system – not because of lower quality, but rather because the producer chooses to make the wine from varieties or proportions of varieties not permitted by the DOC/DOCG rules,” it says.

These are called Super Tuscans. They consist of Sangiovese grapes paired with grape varieties in the Bordeaux blend such as Cabernet, Merlot, Cabernet Franc. Former actress Meghan Markel, the Duchess of Sussex, has brought a good deal of publicity to her favorite Super Tuscan, Tignanello. Her husband, Prince Harry, has it brought in by the case.

To add to the confusion there are other designations as to Chianti quality. There is a Subregion in the heart of the Chianti region called Chianti Classico. This is an area of about 100 square miles between Florence and Siena. This area is where the finest Sangiovese grape is grown, which is the primary grape in Chianti wine. From this location, Chianti Classico and Chianti Classico Reserva are produced. The Reserva must be aged in oak for two years and then held in bottles for an additional six months prior to release.

The next time you have some Italian food and want some great wine just look for the designation on the label of DOCG and the picture of our little friend the black rooster. You will be glad you did.

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## The Book Club:

### Every Unhappy Family Unhappy In Its Own Way

Celeste Ng, *Little Fires Everywhere*, Penguin, 2017

Shaker Heights, an affluent suburb of Cleveland, is a prosperous and orderly community whose inhabitants feel both blessed to live there but also deserving of their blessings. After all, they live by the rules. But this is a novel in which order is threatened because, in that oldest of fictional plots, “a stranger has come to town.”

This stranger is the rootless artist Mia, whose spontaneous, passionate lifestyle threatens to disrupt the orderly world of Shaker Heights, a world represented here by the Richardson family. This is the nub of the story.

If it sounds like a bit of a soap opera, it is. The worst part: the author insists on judging the characters, a job that should be reserved for the reader. You will not have

trouble distinguishing the black hats from the white hats.

The Richardsons have four children, three perfect ones and a sort of after-thought goth kid named Izzy. At the beginning of the novel they are sitting on the curb gazing incredulously at the smoking embers of their home, certain that Izzy is to blame. What follows is how we got to this point. Secrets abound in this story, and most of them have to do with the inconvenient arrival of babies or, at least, of pregnancies.

Mia's secret is that her daughter was conceived under strange circumstances which compel her to lead a gypsy-like life. Mia



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and her daughter Pearl become enmeshed with the Richardson family, whose placid suburban life is just about to feel the volcanic strains of its own chaos as the hormones of their adolescent children surge and roil.

If order and chaos are central themes in this domestic tale, then class and race privileges are also explored here. Mrs. Richardson, ever on the lookout to do some good, has offered Mia both an apartment and a job cleaning in her home. Yet her kindness fails to generate the kind of submissive gratitude the matriarch hopes for. Worse, Mia's direct, affectionate character slowly begins to act as a magnet for the Richardson children, whose affections become alienated from their mother.

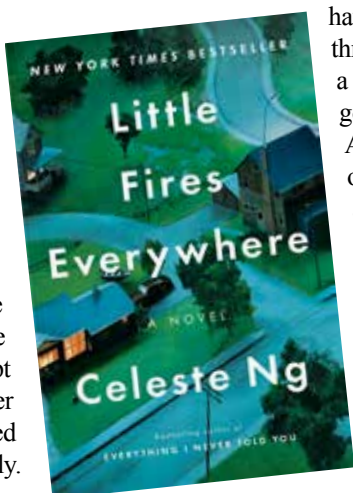
If there are competing philosophies here, Mrs. Richardson's would be “Play by the rules.” Mia's would be “Do what you need to

do in order to survive.” One can see that these are two ideas that cannot occupy the same space.

Buried as a subplot in this novel is another inconvenient baby story. Bebe, a recent Chinese immigrant, has been abandoned with a new baby and with neither much knowledge of English nor job skills. In a despairing moment, she abandons her baby but instantly regrets this. In the interim, a white childless couple manage to adopt the baby. This incident creates the space for an extended exploration (more of a rant) on issues of cross-racial adoption.

The choice this novel offers us, between chaos and order, is one we already know how to make. In life, of course, we prefer order. But on the printed page, chaos is far more interesting.

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# Senior Living

## Retired and Rejuvenated:

# How We Used To Save Our Environment

Time for another trip down memory lane. This time it is to prove to our grandchildren and all members of the younger generation that we really were “tuned in” to environmental concerns way back when protecting the environment for future generations was not even a hot issue. We just did it because it was the right thing to do.



**JOANNE BYRNE**

We may not have called it the “green thing” in our day, but we did return glass soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so the same bottles could be used over and over again. I remember having a milkman when I was young who delivered our milk every few days in glass bottles, and my mother leaving the empty bottles out for him to take back to the dairy to be cleaned, sterilized, and reused. These bottles really were recycled.

Remember how grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we used at home as garbage bags and as covers for our schoolbooks? This was to ensure that public property would not be defaced by our scribbles or spilled soup when we were studying at the kitchen table.

But we weren’t doing the green thing back then. We walked up stairs because we didn’t have escalators or elevators in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn’t climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go a few blocks. Back then we washed the baby’s diapers because we didn’t have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in energy-gobbling machines burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in the early days. But we didn’t call it being green.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand

new clothing. We had one TV – or radio – in the house, not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen about the size of a handkerchief, not the size of Montana. In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn’t have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then we didn’t fire up an engine and burn gasoline to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a plastic cup or bottle. We refilled writing pens from bottles of ink rather than buying new pens and we replaced a razor blade in a razor rather than throwing away the whole razor. But we didn’t have the green thing back then.

Back then we took a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their parents into a 24-hour taxi service. We didn’t have a computerized gadget to help us find the nearest burger place. We also had phone books and yellow pages.

But still we hear too often from the younger generation about how we “older folks” are wasteful just because we didn’t have the green thing back when we were young. I am not sure that I want to go back to these “old times,” but it’s still fun to think about how we really did take better care of our environment without calling it green. Let’s all continue to do what we can to protect our environment for future generations.

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# Home & Garden

## The Garden Spot:

### Controlling Fungus In The Garden

If you've noticed a white, chalky substance or black spots on the leaves of some of your outdoor plants, it's most likely a fungal disease.

The majority of plant disease is caused by fungal infection. Research at the Michigan State University Extension confirms that fungal pathogens are behind 85 percent of all plant disease.

These diseases include black spot, rust, downy mildew, powdery mildew, blight, dollar spot, red thread, and many others.

Field studies on plant pathogens have demonstrated that the growth of fungi is favored by high moisture and moderate temperatures, so these hot and humid summer days are the ideal environment for the reproduction of mold



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spores – and thus fungal growth. Remember, your plants need to breathe, or transpire, to carry water from the roots to the leaves where it can evaporate. When relative humidity levels are too high or there is a lack of air circulation, a plant cannot make water evaporate (part of the transpiration process) or draw nutrients from the soil, setting it up for fungal diseases to take hold.

The best solution is to choose disease resistant plants to start with. Start by doing an online search for blight resistant varieties and choose those plants when possible. Since that ship has already sailed for this growing season, consider it this winter when you're pouring over seed catalogues.

Prior to planting – even for shrubs this fall –

make sure that any debris in your garden such as decaying leaves or foliage from past seasons is cleaned out and not put in your compost pile. Keep the concept of right place and right space in mind when planting for good plant health. Spacing is important, since good airflow between plants will keep the humidity lower. Make sure that you thin out any seedlings to the recommended spacing. Thinning out plant growth will encourage airflow around leaves and stems and help to prevent fungal disease.

Next, be sure to irrigate wisely. Overhead watering can disrupt powdery mildew spores, but it also encourages water-spread pathogens. Water close to the ground to reduce wet leaves, and water early in the day so excess moisture dries by nightfall. Drip irrigation is ideal since it waters plants at the roots while reducing water usage, as the water is not evaporating

while airborne.

You should be closely inspecting your plants for any signs of illness. If you see any problems, prune infected plant parts promptly and dispose of the debris. Again, don't compost it since you'll only be spreading diseases when you use the compost next year. Always cut back into healthy tissue so no disease remains.

When you suspect disease, sterilize your pruners after each cut by wiping them with a common household disinfectant or rubbing alcohol. Otherwise well-intentioned snips may spread the problem. When you're pruning healthy plants, prune the center of the plant or shrub so that air circulates freely rather than just giving the plant a "haircut."

Happy gardening.

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

## Room 911:

### What's On Your Walls?

The canvas of the room is done. The walls are painted, the floors are covered with either wood, vinyl, carpeting, tile, stone or decorative cement. The furniture has been put in place.

Now the fun part begins. What should go on the walls?

We all remember "mirror, mirror on the wall" from fairy tales. One idea is to place exactly that on a wall – a mirror. A mirror, when positioned correctly, can enlarge a room, serve as an object to reflect in



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to make sure all looks well before leaving the house. It can be purely decorative, such as a mirror with a sunburst design or a long wall mirror to check on how you look in your clothes – or to face the music that it's time to start a diet.

Most people think of a wall as a place to hang artwork. Framed artwork, photographs, plaques/signs, decals, metalwork and collages can all be put up on walls. But let's go the extra step and think about a mural. What about a mural of

the ocean and a sunset, or a marina, forests, clouds?

Or perhaps a mural of soothing, calming colors that syncs with the room's color. One client of mine chose the latter route for her yoga room. The visuals put her in a serene, peaceful frame of mind.

Kitchen walls can lend themselves to hanging a chalkboard, which serves many functions. It can be a communication center: "Mom, I'm going out. Bye, Jim." It also serves as a handy reminder to write down errands or a grocery list, not to mention announcing the five-course dinner you will be preparing that night.

Another wall in the kitchen can function as a foil for a kitchen clock. A pegboard can be mounted on a wall with hooks to hold small kitchen gadgets or Jell-O molds. Shelves to hold glassware, cookbooks, plates, spices or a wine rack add an additional dimension to the room.

Moving on to the living room or family

room, bookcases can be attached to walls. Filled with books, knickknacks and souvenirs from past travels, they may also feature a personal collection of anything from seashells to figurines to miniature models of sailing ships.

If the lighting is right, some low-light level plants can thrive on the bookcase as well. These days there are whole walls serving as vertical gardens. There are planters that are framed in wood or metals that attach to your wall. The planters have rows into which you can put succulent plants, or ferns and mosses. It's certainly a dramatic effect, but the best wall décor that I encountered recently was a beautifully landscaped fish tank with exotic fish that was encased in a wall.

Use your imagination and walls can become three-dimensional, adding so much depth to your room.

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### E-Commerce Exchange Site Approved For Milford Police Station

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Alderman Raymond G. Vitali raised one concern that the parking spots would not be monitored and asked whether there would be surveillance cameras on the site.

City Attorney Robert L. Bercham replied that the spaces were not set up to be monitored by the police, but to act as a deterrent against dangerous behavior. Chairman Philip J. Vetro said he had spoken with Milford Police Chief Kieth Mello, who had told him the police department strongly backed the proposal.

Giannattasio pointed out that residents could also come into the police station lobby to make their transactions if they felt the need for an added level of protection.

The police station is located at 430 Boston Post Rd. in Milford.



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**The Milford Chamber of Commerce**

**Get Involved With The Chamber This Fall**

Hello from 5 Broad Street and happy August. How did that happen? Summer slid by; we wait all year and it is gone in a flash.

It seems like we were just gearing up for our summer concert series and it's done. Thanks again to Yale New Haven Health and Patriot Bank for providing five wonderful Fridays filled with great music and lots of dancing.

As summer winds down, vacations end, we turn our attention to getting the kids back to school and our business takes up our formerly free time, I would encourage you to think of fall as a time to get involved in our vibrant community and the Milford Regional Chamber.

Our chamber is comprised of a diverse group of businesses representing a gamut of categories all sharing a common thread:

everyone wants to do better, make business connections, grow their business, and make our community a better place to live. I am lucky because I get to help facilitate this. As your executive director, I am one of the first people you meet. My priority is to get to know you and your business and then to help the chamber be a conduit for you to be successful.

One way we help you to achieve your business goals is through networking. I'm not talking about events where you hand out your business cards. I'm talking about the chamber creating enough value to our community that the people and businesses of our community



PAM STANESKI

become valuable to you. Your chamber team finds it gratifying when we can connect business owner A and business owner B with the knowledge that they will help each other grow.

We spend a fair amount of time working to develop varied and valuable opportunities for our members. Some are as simple as a business-after-hours or a coffee hour with elected officials.

As advocates for our business community we are involved with the Economic Development Commission and Milford Progress as well as representing the chamber with a seat on the local Tourism Committee. We believe that each connection we make

on behalf of our businesses equals twice the connections for our businesses.

We would like to invite you to visit our office, or better yet, visit a chamber member and ask them "Why the chamber?" My guess is they will say there is no better place to grow your connections and business. Make sure you ask them about our new directory, our referral groups, the business-after-hours and ribbon cuttings. They love to talk about how the chamber helped their business.

Business is our business.



**The Orange Chamber of Commerce**

**Not Your Parents' Chamber Of Commerce**

The Orange Chamber of Commerce is not your parents' chamber.

If your parents owned a business, they probably belonged to the local chamber. It was one of the first things they did when they opened. People knew that was how business was transacted. There was only one way to network: in person at gatherings. The chamber offered those activities.

Today, there's a lot more to running a business than simply attending a networking event.

You may think you no longer need the chamber. If you haven't looked into chamber membership recently, you may be surprised how much it's changed. Chambers still welcome a new business by hosting a ribbon cutting and they still hold events that

connect people. But chambers are now taking a more personalized approach to serving you and helping you see membership as an investment in your business. The chamber lets the community know you are open for business.

The Orange Chamber is directing web traffic to its members, using strong web and social media to promote events and drive traffic to member websites through their unique website. Orange Chamber members administer their own listing. Members post events, employment opportunities, updates, photos, videos, sales and contact information on their listing 365 days a year.



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At the state level, the Orange and Milford chambers partner to provide a forum for members to interact with our state legislators. These sessions ensure the needs of businesses are addressed.

The Orange Chamber will also host one of the town's first selectman debates at 6:30 p.m. at Grassy Hill Country Club on Oct. 23. This is a great opportunity to hear, first-hand, the candidates' ideas on the future of Orange.

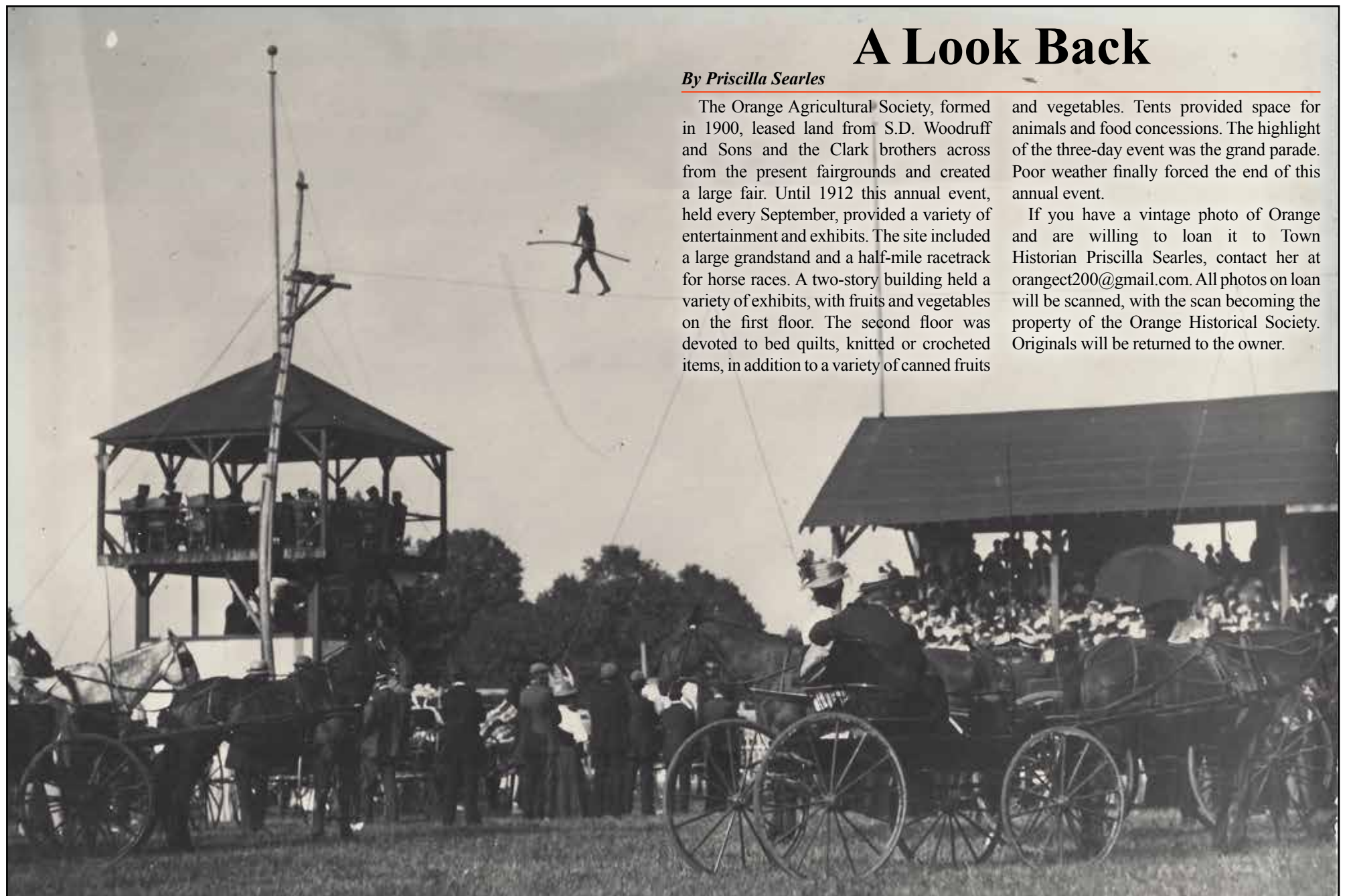
The women's networking group West Haven and Orange Women in business, or WOW, as well as the "Morning Jolt" coffee and conversation with area business professionals are two of the more traditional networking

opportunities in which the chamber offers for face-to-face relationship building.

The chamber is a useful source for what is happening in Orange. Check out the business and community calendar on the chamber's website at [orangetchamber.com](http://orangetchamber.com). Community agencies and not-for-profits post their activities there.

If you're already a member of your local chamber, thank you. Please spread the word that chamber membership is beneficial.

For information on all chamber activities, email [director@orangetchamber.com](mailto:director@orangetchamber.com).



**A Look Back**

*By Priscilla Searles*

The Orange Agricultural Society, formed in 1900, leased land from S.D. Woodruff and Sons and the Clark brothers across from the present fairgrounds and created a large fair. Until 1912 this annual event, held every September, provided a variety of entertainment and exhibits. The site included a large grandstand and a half-mile racetrack for horse races. A two-story building held a variety of exhibits, with fruits and vegetables on the first floor. The second floor was devoted to bed quilts, knitted or crocheted items, in addition to a variety of canned fruits

and vegetables. Tents provided space for animals and food concessions. The highlight of the three-day event was the grand parade. Poor weather finally forced the end of this annual event.

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](mailto: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.

This tightrope act, circa 1908, was just one of many entertainment offerings at the annual fair held by the Orange Agricultural Society. Photo courtesy of Orange Historical Society.





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## Insuring Your Future:

# When Things Don't Go According To Plan

One of the most important parts of any discussion that an insurance agent has with clients involves "What if something unexpected should occur?"

We choose insurance plans based on what we know today and assume it will be the same through the end of the calendar year, but sometimes unanticipated medical events happen beyond the normal doctor visits and prescription needs. This can include medical or dental procedures, accidents or incidents that occur while traveling that require immediate attention.

In most cases there are ways to add or adjust insurance coverage to help with the unexpected. The first step is to call your agent. There is nothing we can do after the fact, but given a little notice, we can often suggest alternative plans.

If you are Medicare-eligible and on a Medicare Advantage plan which has a low premium but higher copays, coinsurance and sometimes upfront deductibles, you have the option to switch to a supplement and standalone prescription drug plan that works with Medicare A and B. The benefits to making this switch are both financial and with ease of administration.

Supplement plans have little or no out-of-pocket costs other than the premium. The best way to determine if this is the right move is to compare anticipated out-of-pocket costs to treat the medical event versus the premium cost through the end of the calendar year.

For example, if the event occurs in the latter part of the year, the premiums might well be less than the copay for a three-day hospital



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stay, follow-up appointments and rehab. While not an exact science, it is possible to estimate the costs to determine if it makes sense to switch.

There are a limited number of prescription drug plans that will allow a switch outside of open enrollment, so it is important to consult with an agent to make sure you know your options. Remember, you will have the opportunity to return to a Medicare Advantage plan during the annual enrollment period.

While most health insurance plans cover emergencies, they do not cover all the expenses associated with medical care out of the area. Travel insurance is the best way to protect yourself against costs associated with treatment while on a trip. These can include ambulance fees, air transport to another hospital, emergency room visits or hospital stays. The insurance is relatively inexpensive as it is usually based on the cost of the trip.

For many of us, dental procedures are our largest expense. It can be costly without dental insurance. There are dental discount plans that will be effective within a week and do not have waiting periods. Often, traditional dental plans have 6 to 12-month waiting periods before they cover expensive procedures such as root canals, crowns or extractions.

There are ways to limit an unhappy financial surprise in the event of a medical surprise, but only if you remember to ask for some help.

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## Grave Matters:

# Emily Prudden: Educating Freed Slaves

As I walked up a lower lane of the Orange Cemetery one afternoon, my eye caught a familiar name on an imposing pink granite tombstone that stands about five feet high: PRUDDEN.

Remembering this was one of the names of the Milford "First Families" who arrived at Gulf Beach in 1639, I walked over so I could read the smaller letters under the surname. They listed the birth and death dates of Peter (1600-1685), three successive Samuels, and Nathan (1824-1865). To the left of this stone was a smaller one inscribed with a sprig of grape ivy under which was the name Emily C. Prudden, daughter of Joseph and Charlotte. Beneath the dates of her birth and death (June 13, 1832-Dec. 25, 1917) were these words: "Fifteen mission schools and colleges were founded by her in the southland and thousands received rich blessings through her loving ministry."

I had heard longtime Orange residents speak admiringly of Emily Prudden before, but these words made me want to know more. I dug, as many of us do, into Wikipedia, and what I learned is worth sharing.

Emily apparently spent her first 50 years in Orange. After raising the children of her brother-in-law, a widower, she turned her sights toward the south in 1882. She belonged to the American Mission Association, said by Wikipedia to be an organization of Congregationalists who advocated abolition when first founded in the 1840s and who championed the cause of education for freed slaves and others who had no school they could attend.

Starting out first in Berea, Kentucky, Prudden spent the next 32 years founding schools in western North Carolina. She retired in 1909 and died in Hickory, North Carolina. At her request, her body was returned to



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Orange for burial.

In 1994, Phoebe Pollitt, a retired nurse, published her dissertation, "Emily Prudden and Her Schools." Prudden's pattern was to go to an area that had no school, start one and run it for a year or two and then "transfer control" to the American Mission Association, which had financial resources she did not. She would then strike out for another rural area and start another school.

Over the years, she founded 16 schools in towns like Blowing Rock, Connelly Springs, Saluda, Elk Park, Brevard and Lenoir. Pfeiffer University, which evolved from her Lenoir school, has a bronze statue of her in a prominent place on its campus in Misenheimer, North Carolina. Each year the Association of Women Students there sponsors an Emily Prudden lectureship.

Perhaps our Congregational Church, where Joseph Prudden was a deacon, and which nurtured her, could sponsor a similar annual talk relating to the passion for social justice.

I walked away from Emily Prudden's tombstone marveling at the woman she must have been. After spending two thirds of her life in a small farming community, where she brought up her late sister's children, she then packed her bags and headed south to a totally unfamiliar place to labor for a cause she believed in. I marveled even more because since the age of 17, Prudden was nearly deaf. Despite this handicap, her bold actions made possible an education for thousands of children in the post-Civil War south.

In eulogizing her, "Congregational minister George Dickerman estimated that 10,000 students passed through her schools over the years."



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## Youth & Education

### Grants Available For Guardians With School Expenses

With adults thinking back-to-school, Milford-Orange Probate Judge Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas is reminding court-appointed guardians to apply for grants for school supplies.

Probate courts have been awarding grants from the state Kinship Fund and Respite Fund to court-appointed guardians for more than a decade. As of October 2018, eligibility for the grants was expanded beyond relatives serving as guardians to all those appointed by the probate courts who meet low-income guidelines.

A guardianship case typically arises in the Milford-Orange Probate Court when parents are unable to care for their children due to mental illness, substance abuse or incarceration. In most cases, probate courts appoint a grandparent or other relative to care for the children. In some cases, courts appoint a close family friend who has a long-standing relationship with the child.

While foster parents receive funds from the state, court-appointed guardians do not receive such benefits. Guardians who meet eligibility requirements can receive some assistance through the Kinship and Respite Fund grants.

“Grandparents, aunts and uncles, and close family friends who keep children in their familiar environments instead of entering state foster care not only benefits the best interests of the child, but such family placements save taxpayers and the state tens of millions of dollars. In many

cases, the guardians do not really have extra money to spend on a child’s basic needs,” Streit-Kefalas said. “Kinship and Respite grants are there to help bridge the gap and make a huge difference to the households who are eligible to receive these grants.”

The New Haven Regional Children’s Probate Court handles all such guardianships serving children and families for the towns of Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Hamden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, and West Haven.

The Kinship Fund assists guardians in paying for necessities such as school supplies, clothing, eyeglasses, school trips and sports fees. Often such expenses are paid directly to the providers. Kinship grants are capped at \$500 per child or \$2,000 per family per year.

The Respite Fund helps guardians with the cost of childcare, housing, transportation and food. These grants are capped at \$2,000 per year.

Guardians who meet income requirements can apply to both funds. Previous recipients must reapply to receive funds each year. Applications are posted at [ctprobate.gov](http://ctprobate.gov) under the Children’s Matters tab. Send completed applications and supporting documentation to: Kinship and Respite Application Review Team, State of Connecticut, Office of the Probate Court Administrator, 186 Newington Road, West Hartford, CT 06110. For questions, call 860-231-2442.

### Why A Pediatric Dentist?

By Paula Cerqueira

Special to the Milford-Orange Times

A pediatric dentist is a dentist who has chosen and dedicated their dental career to the oral health of children, from infants to teens. A pediatric dentist has the education and experience to address and care for a child’s teeth, gums, mouth and growth through all the stages of childhood.

On average, children begin erupting teeth at six months. However, for some infants this process can start too early or too late. A thorough examination by a pediatric dentist will be needed.

Children will start to change teeth at average of 6 years old. Deciduous teeth, also known as baby teeth, start to fall out, and new permanent teeth will erupt in their place. It is necessary that the developing mouth be evaluated to ensure proper eruption, proper spacing and to ensure sound tooth structure.

In today’s world, early childhood caries (cavities or tooth breakdown) are more common than asthma or hay fever. Dental caries are considered an infectious disease. They are also linked with proper oral care and diet. Today’s average diet includes too

much processed food, which can aggravate tooth decay.

A pediatric dentist has completed four years of dental school plus two to three additional years of residency training. They learn how to treat infants, children, teens, and special needs individuals. In addition, some pediatric dentists will become board-certified, which involves additional studying and passing a rigorous two-part exam.

A pediatric dentist provides oral health exams and preventive care like tooth cleanings, habit counseling, early assessment of crowding, and assessment of jaws to ensure they grow in harmony. They can treat cavities and defects. They can diagnose oral conditions related to systemic diseases, gum disease, bacterial and viral infections. A pediatric dentist can also care for dental emergencies.

A pediatric dentist learns different behavioral techniques to help treat children of all ages and needs. A pediatric dentist will assure the best possible care for your child.

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### Continued from page 1: Orange TPZC Supports Mixed Housing – In Theory

representing 35 Old Tavern Road LLC. The amendment, first opened before the commission at its July 2 meeting, would allow the building of some residential units in areas currently zoned as local shopping center districts.

Shansky’s client is a developer who wants to revitalize the long-struggling Firelite Plaza near Route 1. The plaza is located in one of two areas in town that fall under the local shopping center district zone.

If the change is adopted, Firelite could become a series of mixed-use buildings with commercial spaces on the ground floor and apartments above.

The original proposal would have also allowed mixed housing in the other area too, which is located near the historic center of town. Shansky since revised the amendment to effectively disqualify that section of town from consideration.

TPZC Chair Oscar Parente began the public hearing by reading several letters from community members into the record, all of which objected specifically to the concept of the developing an apartment complex at Firelite. He also read a letter from Police

Chief Robert Gagne, which noted that every major development incurs costs to the town in terms of greater need for police and emergency services.

Two members of the public spoke in person during the meeting. Thomas P. Hurley argued that amending the zone might open the town to development in other areas, such as along Route 34 – though Parente pointed out that the regulation under consideration could not do that.

“I’m going to suggest again,” Hurley said, “that this is kind of putting the cart before the horse tonight. We don’t know where we’re going, and we’re making decisions ad hoc if we continue to allow this kind of changes to the regulations while we have not reexamined the [plan of conservation and development].”

The other resident to speak, Jeff Gordon, was much more amenable to the proposal. He pointed out that Orange has been talking about diversifying its housing stock and creating more transit-oriented development for decades without taking many concrete steps to achieve that goal.

When Shansky came up to defend her client’s proposal, she reiterated her main

selling point: that the change would conform to the vision of the 2015 plan of conservation and development, which recommends greater housing diversity in several sections.

But planning consultant Glenn Chalder, who joined the commission for the public hearing suggested that the proposal might work against some of the other goals of the plan of conservation and development, such as by reducing the available land available for business and economic development.

Shansky pushed back against that claim. “Mixed use development is economic development,” she said.

Chalder said his intent was to counterbalance Shansky’s assertion that the amendment was wholly consistent with the plan of conservation and development.

“There are some statements that could be construed that way,” he said. “There are some other statements in the plan of conservation and development that present an alternative viewpoint.”

Some of the commissioners raised questions about applying regulations designed for commercial spaces to residential uses – for instance, the three-story height limit.

Chalder pointed out that there were other ways to accomplish Shansky’s ultimate goal for the Firelite location, such as by creating a planned development district. Such districts have been created in towns like Shelton as it converts old factory spaces downtown into mixed housing spaces with apartments, restaurants and other businesses. Chalder said that type of move could give the TPZC greater control over future development in the zone.

Shansky said she was “all ears” regarding further changes to the amendment. However, she asked that the commissioners give her some indication of whether they were inclined to have any kind of mixed housing at the site.

All of the commissioners who spoke agreed they would like to see some kind of mixed housing in town, but weren’t yet convinced that the specific proposal before them was the way to get there.

With that assurance secured, Shansky urged the commission to keep the public hearing open. The TPZC did so, continuing it to Sept. 3 with the expectation of more discussion between the parties during the interim.



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## Candidates Have Their Say

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city services, unparalleled public safety and extraordinary schools.

Notably, new business continues to skyrocket as we outpace all other Connecticut towns and cities. This past year alone, we have had 465 new businesses make Milford home. A tidal wave of economic development has helped grow our tax base to over \$6.7 billion; we now have the largest grand list in New Haven County and one of the top in the state.

All of this expansion has benefited Milford's bottom line, supporting the overall budget. Taxpayers have now experienced back-to-back-to-back tax cuts – four consecutive decreases in the amount of local taxes due; no other town in the state can boast this experience.

And while commercial growth is a big part of our fiscal success, our path toward prosperity remains grounded in our drive for efficiency. Our workforce is leaner than ever and we work very hard to streamline city operations. This practice of conservative financial planning has paid dividends.

In addition to tax cuts, Milford has done much to improve our community. We have made great efforts to restructure operations to maximize the effectiveness

of local government. Our cost-conscious philosophy has not only saved the city money but enhanced the services we provide our citizens. It is through these types of strategies that we are financially able to take on projects that make our community more attractive.

From paving more miles of street than ever before, to making Milford a more walkable and bikeable town, to building new world-class recreational facilities, to creating more downtown parking, we have been able to do more and invest more in improvements that make Milford more livable. Even in these difficult times when the state and federal governments exhibit instability, Milford continues to chart a solid and steady course forward.

Indeed, we are proud of Milford's accomplishments: a tax rate that is fair with excellent services; pristine parks, beaches, and open spaces that enhance quality of life for all; and, a progressive optimism that turns potential problems into possibilities while pushing us all to work for a better, stronger, more innovative community. As we continue along this trajectory, we are also sure to safeguard the traditions, heritage, history, and attributes that make Milford the envy of the world.

## Candidates Have Their Say

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This can be achieved several ways:

1. Grow the tax base and grand list. We need to do more to attract and retain business. A healthy business climate will add to a strong tax base, thus keeping taxes low. This will also drive strong housing values, which will attract homeowners. Fewer people will be tempted to leave our town and the state, which is a problem right now.
2. Our recycling program needs to be revamped; it's not working.
3. Health care costs are out of control. A simple shift to prevention and wellness instead of managing sickness will go a long way. And there are many ways this can be accomplished. This can potentially be a huge savings.

4. Working with our unions to keep expenses in line will help.

5. Limit our borrowing, which only kicks the can down the road and makes things worse in the long run.

6. The use of high efficiency LED lighting, solar and other energy management practices are a huge savings.

7. Every department needs to be audited for efficiencies. There are always ways to save a little more!

We will need to make tougher choices as the challenges increase. And we will all need to work together to make this a great city that is affordable and enjoyable.

## Candidates Have Their Say

Continued from pg 1 - Jim Zeoli, Orange First Selectman - Republican

Orange receives no funding in that education account.

The Democratic controlled House and Senate in Hartford under Dannel P. Malloy's administration had labeled Orange one of the 33 wealthy communities and wanted to eliminate the funding all at once. The current Democratic controlled House and Senate in Hartford also want the towns to start funding some of the Teachers Retirement Fund with no say or representation as to what Orange's share will be! That number as proposed was to be \$147,000 the first year, \$280,000 the second year and almost \$500,000 the third year of the initial program.

This reduction in Education Cost Sharing funding and the possibility of supporting part of the Teachers Retirement Fund could have an impact of over \$1.5 million to the Town of Orange budget. If the elected officials in Hartford continue to get their way, while the cities continue to get increased funding the suburban communities must think outside the box for revenue sources.

There are three ways to help the budget of any town. The first is economic development. I have this constantly in the forefront of the town's needs. Currently you are seeing a beautiful new hotel rise from once idle farmland to the south of I-95. You see a new distribution facility rise just to the north of I-95 on idle farmland that was generating

\$160,000 a year in taxes and is now proposed to generate \$700,000-plus in new tax dollars.

If you drive through Edison Road you will see the new building for veteran outpatient services. I chased and met with many potential developers over a six-year period to land that taxable facility and provide needed services to the veterans of the region. Right next door to that project is a building that will be a commercial ink manufacturer for the garment industry. I have met with several potential users of the Lowe's and Sam's Club sites and the interest is strong. I hope we will be able to announce suitors for those properties in the near future. The one issue to remember is those properties continue to pay taxes even while vacant!

The second is to look at services provided and how to control those costs. Education is 66 percent of Orange's budget and the reason why many of you have chosen Orange to call home. We must be certain that your dollars are being used wisely and going to the best possible programs to prepare your children for the future.

The third is grant funding and sponsors that choose to support and help provide services to residents. This could be programs, fuel assistance or transportation, just to name a few items.

Evaluation of all expenses is key to fiscal stability!



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# Federal Law Opens Eligibility For American Legion

In a significant legislative victory for The American Legion, President Donald Trump signed a bill July 30 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941. The American Legion sought the declaration as a way to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. service members who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war.

The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act) also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

“Recognizing the service of these wartime veterans is the right thing to do and it is long overdue,” National Commander Brett Reistad said. “The families of those who were killed or wounded during these wartime acts should take pride in knowing that we recognize their sacrifice and service. Moreover, we are proud to welcome any of the six million living veterans from the previously unrecognized periods into our organization and call them ‘Legionnaires.’”

Now that the legislation has been signed, the American Legion’s eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time to be later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

The law’s journey began on Feb. 14 when

Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Arizona, introduced Senate Bill 504, along with Sen. Thom Tillis, R-North Carolina. A companion measure, House Resolution 1641, was introduced in the House by Reps. Lou Correa, D-California, and Ben Cline, R-Virginia.

Reistad expressed gratitude to the bipartisan members of Congress for passing the legislation.

“We are grateful that President Trump fully acknowledges the importance of The American Legion by signing the LEGION Act in the White House today – just one week after it passed the House of Representatives,” Reistad said. “In an era of partisan gridlock, Republicans and Democrats in Congress overwhelmingly recognized the importance of allowing thousands of honorable but previously ineligible veterans the right to join the largest and most influential veterans organization in the country.”

Reistad pointed out that existing American Legion membership applications are in the process of being updated but can still be used.

“In the meantime, I recommend that prospective Legionnaires and recruiters write ‘LEGION Act’ in the eligibility date section of American Legion membership applications if they fall outside the previous war eras,” Reistad said. “The larger pool of veterans now eligible for The American Legion will also open their family members to eligibility in the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary as well.”

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# Candidates Have Their Say

Continued from pg 1 - Jody Dietch, Orange First Selectman - Democrat

difficult, our current first selectman blamed the Democratic governor. As a municipality, we do have our own certain responsibilities and obligations. We must accept our role and do our part to work to sustain our economic development and look at new ways to control expenses. Just because we can borrow money at a low interest rate, does that mean we should? Bonding debt inflates the taxes our residents pay. What budgetary moves can we make to budget for recurring expenses such as road paving versus the Republican solution of bonding = borrowing?

We must think outside the box, or big box store, with innovative ways to develop the large empty parcels on Route 1. Sensible development feeds our tax base. Do we sit back and wait for businesses to express an interest? Do we leave that to our staff or does the first selectman take a proactive marketing stance to attract new and desirable businesses to Orange? There is passive and proactive. In marketing our town, I believe we need to be proactive and as your full-time first selectman, that is the approach I will take. Just look at our neighbors to the south, in Milford, and see desirable development.

Rarely, if ever, have I heard about our town applying for grants to help fund some of the projects we are bonding for. This is an untapped resource we need to be actively pursuing. I have applied for grants many times in my non-profit experience. There are many out there to be had. You need to know where to look and who to ask for help.

What other budgeted expenses can we look at with new eyes? From my experience on the Orange Board of Education, delving deep into a budget can reap rewards, again with fresh eyes. Health care? Office supplies? Information technology? And

the list goes on. The Democratic Board of Finance candidates have new faces as well as experienced ones, the Republicans have the same old, same old. It’s time for new ideas and fresh eyes.

We also need to see where we can save by sharing resources with our neighbors. I have been in touch with a couple of our neighboring towns about ways we can help each other. Every town has its unique opportunities to offer such as equipment and personnel. How can we better share those resources, to save money and enhance the lives of our residents? It is amazing the ideas that are generated from a simple phone call or short meeting.

The state is also encouraging more shared resources and, no, I don’t mean merging our school systems based on probate court boundary lines. That was an unfortunate proposal that was walked back almost as fast as it was presented. It did, however, bring up the idea that we all need to see how we can share positions, commodities, and resources to save everyone money. The more we do this, the better off we will all be.

Business as usual can no longer be. Innovative ideas come with new people and their new ideas. The same old, same old will give Orange the same old, same old. We can’t afford to stay on the status quo path. That path does not include an incline. That incline is what stabilizes our taxes and, like Milford, can actually lead to tax reductions. What a wonderful goal to attain!

Isn’t it time the residents of Orange have leadership that listens and works to address their concerns? We don’t have term limits, but how long is long enough? Fourteen years? Orange, are you ready for new ideas?

## Kennedy Doesn’t Miss Any Votes

In her first legislative session, state Rep. Kathy Kennedy (R-119) achieved a perfect record for votes cast on the floor of the state House of Representatives during the 2019 legislative session.

Kennedy was present and voted for all 392 votes taken on the state House floor during the 2019 session, according to voting record data released last week by the House Clerk’s Office. Perfect attendance is very difficult to achieve, with only about 26 percent of legislators able to do so this year.

In Connecticut, the General Assembly is a part-time state legislature, meaning many of the legislators have another job they must juggle to serve their districts.

“As your representative at the State Capitol in Hartford, I take public service on your behalf very seriously. Many issues were debated at both the committee level and the floor of the House which would have impacted the lives of many families in the 119th. I am truly honored to serve the people of Milford and Orange,” Kennedy said. “I look forward to next year’s legislative session.”

Kennedy serves on three legislative committees (Education, Public Health and Environment) considered “A” committees, meaning they can meet three days a week, sometimes simultaneously.

The next regular session of the legislature will convene in February.

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# News & Events

## 'Our Town' Comes To Milford



The Milford Arts Council presented its rendition of the play *Our Town* Aug. 24 at the Eastbound Theater in Milford. Photos Robert Creigh.

## Milford Public Library News

Mobile printing is now available at the Milford Public Library. Documents can be sent from your mobile device – simply send your documents to the library's printer via email, the mobile printing portal, or through the app, PrinterOn. More information can be found on the library's website, under the Printing, Scanning, Copying Services tab.

The Milford Public Library's annual Party in the Stacks is set for Saturday, Oct. 19. Party in the Stacks is the annual fundraiser hosted by the Friends of the Milford Library.

The event is open to adults 21 and over. It's held at the library, featuring music, dancing, a silent auction and specialty food and drink. This year's theme is "Pop Culture – Celebrating Superheroes, Comics, Movies and Everything in Between." As always, costumes are optional. Tickets go on sale Sept. 3 and can be purchased at the library or online at [biddingowl.com/FriendsofMilfordLibr](http://biddingowl.com/FriendsofMilfordLibr).

Detailed information on all library programs can be found at [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org).

## Colonial Properties Brokers Deals Totaling 22,000 Square Feet

Orange-based Colonial Properties recently brokered five leases totaling 22,000 square feet of space.

Mike Richetelli, president and designated broker for the company, represented tenant Force3 Pro Gear LLC in the leasing of about 6,800 square feet of warehouse/distribution space with an office at 45 Banner Dr. in Milford from Car Wash Realty LLC, for a three-year term. Welco Realty represented the landlord.

Colonial broker Tom Doyle represented landlord Leveraged Equities, LLC in the leasing of around 9,000 square feet of warehouse space at 464 Boston Post Rd. in Orange to Arsens Training for a two-year term. The tenant was represented by Global Real Estate. Doyle and Richetelli also negotiated a lease for 2,500 square feet with Battlezone, Inc. at the same property for a

two-year term.

Senior Vice President Fred A. Messoro represented landlord 486 Derby Ave, LLC, in the leasing of about 1,450 square feet of office space located at 486 Derby Ave. in West Haven to Consolidated Management Group, Inc., for a two-year term. The tenant was represented by IPSG Real Estate.

Finally, Richetelli represented Consolidated Management Group for the sub-lease of 2,100 square feet of office/retail space at 263 Boston Post Rd in Orange to AIMNET Smart Building Systems, LLC for two-and-a-half years. The tenant was represented by Tony Vitti, also with Colonial Properties.

Colonial Properties, founded in 1978, is a full-service commercial and residential real estate brokerage.

## Milestones Announces Two New Top Hires

Milestones Behavioral Services announced Aug. 19 the hiring of two directors at the not-for-profit based in Milford and Orange.

Milestones, which employs more than 250 employees, is a special education and support organization that provides services throughout Connecticut, across the country and internationally.

Both positions are new to the growing organization. Theresa Bollmann, of Old Saybrook, is the director of human resources and Andrew Aschettino, of Branford, is the controller for the not-for-profit, which currently operates from four locations.

Bollmann has over 25 years of experience working for public, private and nonprofit organizations and comes to Milestones after a

long career in human resources management with Dunbar Armored, Inc. She is an active member of many professional organizations, including the Society of Human Resource Management.

A financial and accounting professional for 16 years, Aschettino has held positions of increased responsibility within the AIG Corporation and Yale before joining Milestones.

Milestones is entering its third decade of providing education and support to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. For more information, visit [mbs-inc.org](http://mbs-inc.org), email [emcgrath@mbs-inc.org](mailto:emcgrath@mbs-inc.org) or call 203-799-4100.

## Orange Congregational Church Resuming Regular Schedule

Orange Congregational Church will host its "Welcome Back" Sunday on Sept. 8, when it resumes its regular weekly worship schedule. After worship services the Stewardship Team will host a potluck on the Town Green. In case of inclement weather, it will take place in the John Ho Dining Room.

There are two services, one at 8 a.m. in the chapel and a second at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Senior Choir will sing during the 10 a.m. service and the Junior Choir will begin its weekly rehearsal after service, with new members welcome.

The church's children's programming Bible Literacy Adventure Stations have begun for the church year during its 10 a.m. services. This year's theme is "Bible Classics."

The church also has an active Pilgrim Fellowship youth group for children from

ages 6 to 12; contact the church office for a schedule.

Its "God Is Still Talking" group will begin meeting again in the fall on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. for study and discussion.

Fellowship breakfasts meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8 a.m. at Chip's Restaurant to hear different speakers.

Finally, the Widow and Widowers Club of Orange meets twice a month at the church on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Katherine Knight Room; all widows and widowers are welcome.

Orange Congregational Church is located at 205 Meeting House Ln. in Orange. For questions or more information about church programming, visit [orangecongregationalchurch.org](http://orangecongregationalchurch.org) or call the church office at 203-795-9749.

## Events At Congregation Or Shalom

**Shabbat at the Gazebo:** Congregation Or Shalom is holding its annual outdoor Friday night Shabbat Service in the gazebo at High Plains Community Center in Orange Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus will bring his guitar and lead attendees in a joyful "sing-along" service. Approximately 100 people attend this popular service. Some chairs are provided, participants are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. The grounds and pavilion will be available prior to the event, if you would like to bring a picnic. New members will also be recognized during the service, and the congregation will honor past president Marc Franzman.

**Community Yizkor:** Congregation Or Shalom, the only conservative synagogue in Orange, is offering all non-members an opportunity to come to a free community-wide Yizkor memorial service on Yom Kippur Day, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. This service, which will last under an hour, is open to the public without any membership obligation. The service will be led by the synagogue's Ritual Committee chair, Robert Spaulding, and his wife Tova Clayman.

**Yahad:** The start of the school year is just

around the corner. Or Shalom is beginning its third year of Yahad, a Sunday-morning community Hebrew School for pre-kindergarten through seventh grade. Yahad, the result of months of collaboration between Congregation Or Shalom and Congregation B'nai Jacob, will take place Sunday mornings, alternating at each synagogue. On Wednesdays, Hebrew school will be held, as usual, at Congregation Or Shalom. Contact the office for more information.

**Social Mahjong:** Looking to learn or play Mahjong? Congregation Or Shalom plays on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Call the office if you are interested.

**Zumba Gold:** On Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Zumba Gold is an easy-to-follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. No experience needed. Classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at [zumarobin@gmail.com](mailto:zumarobin@gmail.com) or call 203-314-8176 or the temple office.

Congregation Or Shalom is located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Rd. in Orange. Contact the office at 203-799-2341 or visit online at [orshalomct.org](http://orshalomct.org).

## Birdhouses Sought For Orange Country Fair

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is encouraging young and old alike to create a birdhouse to be entered in the Orange Country Fair on Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22.

Birdhouses can be built from scratch or, if that's more creativity than you can handle, purchase an unpainted birdhouse and paint away. All entries are welcome. Take a chance and enter an "objet d'art."

Let your imagination run wild. Birdhouses might be humorous, whimsical, colorful or just plain "over the top" in design. Materials can be anything from a log to a cardboard box to an elegant wooden mini-mansion birdhouse. If painting isn't your thing, look around your house for materials that might enhance your design: artificial flowers, greeting cards cut up and glued onto the birdhouse, or get glitzy and use your old costume jewelry. Get those creative juices going and give the house a title or name that will bring a smile to those who see it.

The birdhouse division, open to all ages, is Birdhouse Design Fun Department 16. Entry blanks can be found in the fair book, which is available at the Town Hall and Case Memorial Library. Adult and youth entry blanks can also be downloaded from the internet by going to [orangecountryfair.com](http://orangecountryfair.com), listed under "Departments." Mail entries to:

Orange Country Fair, 874 Grassy Hill Road, Orange 06477.

Birdhouses are to be brought to the OACC tent in front of the exhibition building on the Orange Country Fairgrounds on Friday, Sept. 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For questions concerning the birdhouses, contact Liz Gesler at 203-795-5133.



The "Bird's-eye view house," an entry from the 2018 birdhouse building event sponsored by the Orange Arts and Culture Council at the Orange Country Fair. The organization is seeking entries for this year's event in September. Photo courtesy of the OACC.



## Milford Gets Affordable Housing Moratorium



Milford Mayor Ben Blake announced Aug. 19 that the city had gotten a moratorium from Connecticut's affordable housing regulations, giving it greater leverage in denying certain projects. From left, state Sen. James Maroney, state Rep. Charles Ferraro, Blake, state Rep. Kathy Kennedy and state Rep. Kim Rose. Photo courtesy of the City of Milford.

Milford Mayor Ben Blake announced Aug. 19 that Milford has met the state requirements for a moratorium allowed under Connecticut's affordable housing laws.

During the moratorium – effective until Aug. 20, 2023, with eligibility for another extension to Aug. 20, 2028, Milford will no longer be subject to the harshest elements of the state's affordable housing law, known as 8-30g, which allows for developers to bypass certain local zoning regulations.

Blake celebrated the moratorium as a “win for Milford” as the “moratorium returns control of planning and development to the city, pushes back against over-development, and halts predatory development.

City leaders conducted an exhaustive canvass of housing units across Milford to prepare, document, and submit the city's Certificate of Affordable Housing Project Completion.

“I'm very proud of the tremendous efforts

by the entire group who contributed to our successful application for the moratorium,” Blake said. “I want to thank our local city leaders and our state delegation, past and present, for their efforts advocating for long overdue improvements to the Affordable Housing Act, as well as helping to secure the moratorium.”

Blake specifically thanked former state Sen. Gayle Slossberg and current state Rep. Kim Rose, who were chair and vice chair of

the Housing Committee in the state legislature and spearheaded efforts to correct some of the flaws in Connecticut's affordable housing law.

“The Small City with a Big Heart will continue to be a world-class community, with lots of New England charm, where every citizen has the opportunity to live and prosper,” Blake said.

## Milford Indoor Tennis Event To Benefit Genetic Disorder Foundation

Milford Indoor Tennis is sponsoring its Second Annual Lobs of Love event on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. to benefit the Mowat-Wilson Syndrome Foundation.

Mowat-Wilson is a rare but extremely serious genetic condition found in many countries and across ethnic groups.

The Mowat-Wilson Foundation is raising funds to hold a medical conference on the syndrome in 2020. Connecticut counts five children – two of whom live in Milford – known to be affected by the disorder. Experts estimate that hundreds of U.S. children are affected by Mowat-Wilson.

Significant signs of the syndrome include distinctive facial features, intellectual disability, delayed development and other birth defects. It is often misdiagnosed and treated incorrectly,

with negative consequences.

To help raise funds and visibility for the foundation, Milford Indoor Tennis is donating its facility for a night. Players will team up for round robin mixed doubles. Tennis fans can watch, and all attendees will enjoy light drinks and appetizers, gifts and a silent auction with prizes.

Event organizers are seeking donations of goods or services as well as financial contributions. For sponsorships, donations, or additional information about this serious syndrome, contact Laura Chrysostomo at [laurac@mowat-wilson.org](mailto:laurac@mowat-wilson.org).

Tickets to the event are \$25 per person for both players and non-players. Tickets are available at [mowat-wilson.org/tennis/](http://mowat-wilson.org/tennis/). Milford Indoor Tennis is located at 580 Bridgeport Ave. in Milford.

## Job Network To Discuss Empowerment In Orange

Building confidence will be the focus of guest speaker Kimberly Saltus at the September meeting of the Housatonic River Job Network on Thursday, Sept. 5 at the Case Memorial Library in Orange.

Saltus is the founder and managing director of Breathe, a brand that ensures everyone is engaged from the top down and the bottom up. Her talk is titled “Stop the Anxiety – Create a Confident Job Search.”

Businesses can't have satisfied customers and increase top line performance without engaged employees.

Have you ever been told you don't have enough experience when the reality is you have a 20 or 30-year track record of doing great work? Or repeatedly being told you're overqualified? What about that deep, dark hole your resume lands in, never to be heard from again?

All of these situations can lead to a depressing mindset. It keeps job seekers feeling that they

are not good enough. As a result, this often leaves them anxious and perplexed.

A basic goal during the job search is to find an answer to the daily anxiety that can keep you worried, confused and stressed out. In a world that's constantly trying to make you something else, Saltus will help you discover your greatest accomplishment is simply to be yourself.

Saltus describes herself as a visionary change agent and transformational leader whose brand has one focus: confident empowerment

The Housatonic River Job Network is an open group dedicated to those underemployed or in transition that meets monthly to share leads, hear guest speakers and obtain information to assist in their job searches.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. The Case Memorial Library is located at 176 Tyler City Rd. in Orange. For questions, e-mail Alex Yaworowski at [alex56@hotmail.com](mailto:alex56@hotmail.com).

## Milford, Orange Residents Invited On Eastern Europe Trip

Orange's former Senior Services Coordinator Joanne Byrne is organizing a group trip to eastern Europe in 2020.

The 12-day trip will include stops in Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast with Collette Tours from Aug. 20 to 31, 2020. The trip features visits to Dubrovnik, Dalmation Coast, Istrian Peninsula, Split and Lake Bled.

The region is filled with old-world charm, ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery. Visit a local family for dinner and sample farm-to-table delicacies.

The trip includes three nights in Dubrovnik, six dinners, and 10 breakfasts.

The price of the trip is \$4,999 per person double, and \$5,999 for a single. This price includes an early booking discount of \$250 per person. Also included in the price are group transportation to and from JFK International Airport, round trip air, air taxes and fees, all hotels and an experienced travel guide. Travel insurance is available for an additional \$329 per person.

Byrne will give a presentation about the trip on Monday, Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center, located at 525 Orange Center Rd. in Orange. For further information or for a brochure, call Byrne at 203-623-0325 or email [joannebyrne41@gmail.com](mailto:joannebyrne41@gmail.com).

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## Milford Celebrates Oysterfest



Milford held its annual Oysterfest on the town green Aug. 18. Photos by Rich Coyle, Rich In Memories, LLC



# Obituaries

Full obituaries 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.

**Nancy Angelina Agostini Baldwin**, 89, of Orange, CT, passed away on July 31, 2019.

**Andrew A. Braccidiferro**, 59, of Milford, died on July 30, 2019.

**William H. Brensinger, Jr.**, 83 of Milford, passed away August 15, 2019.

**Thomas Andrew Brockert**, 38, of Milford, passed away on August 4, 2019.

**Donald Roy Brown**, 87, passed away on August 16, 2019.

**Mary A. Cardea**, 102, of Orange, passed away on August 12, 2019.

**Jean Adele (Annable) Cozza**, 88, passed away on July 11, 2019.

**George Willis Davis, Jr.**, 88, of Milford, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

**Edward L. Donohue**, 85, of Milford, CT, went to his final resting place on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

**Mark A. Drenzek**, 27, of Orange, passed away on August 4, 2019.

**Marjorie Ernestine (Heinrich) Manfreda** of Orange, CT passed away on June 15, 2019.

**Shannon L. Gallagher**, 25, of Orange, passed away on August 7, 2019.

**Shirley Grace Cosier Grant**, 86 of Milford passed away on July 28, 2019.

**Bertrand "Bert" I. Jolicoeur**, 61, of Milford, passed away on August 7, 2019.

**Lucy Reyes Kling**, 89, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

**Iris D. Love**, 58, passed away on July 28, 2019.

**John J. Matera**, 83, of Milford passed away on August 6, 2019.

**Donald James McAndrew**, 86, passed away on August 6, 2019.

**Desmond Anthony McFadden**, 73 of Milford, passed away August 5, 2019.

**Suzanne E. Miller**, 79, of Milford, passed away August 1, 2019.

**Peter J. Monsam, Sr.**, 99 of Milford, passed August 4, 2019.

**Gerald (Gerry) Alan Moore**, 68, passed away on Sunday, July 21, 2019.

**Robert H. Moss, III**, 90, of Milford, CT passed away on August 16, 2019.

**Daniel S. Pivarnik, Sr.**, age 75 of Milford, passed away August 22, 2019.

**Rosalind Rascati-Casey**, 82, of Orange, CT passed away August 18th.

**Merle Addison Roehr**, 97, of Milford, passed away on August 10, 2019.

**Dr. Seth Michael Rule**, 29, passed away on August 16, 2019.

**Mary Margaret Scopp**, 81, of Milford, died on August 10, 2019.

**Bridget Verespey**, 93, passed away on July 29, 2019.

**Mary Kurkowski Waters**, 86, passed on August 4, 2019.

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