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Car Parade Celebrates Amity Grads



A caravan of 16 cars sponsored by the Knights of Pythias-Fidelity Lodge #78 covered 26.7 miles through Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany holding congratulatory signs on June 7 to celebrate Amity Regional High School graduates as seniors and their families drove in a parade around the area. Photo by Steve Cooper.

Milford, Orange Police React To National Moment

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

Police chiefs and officers around the country – including in Milford and Orange – have been reacting to additional scrutiny amidst widespread protests since the May killing of black Minneapolis resident George Floyd by a white police officer in that city.

Floyd was killed May 25 when officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck for almost eight minutes during an arrest for allegedly passing a counterfeit \$20 bill. Bystanders captured the incident on video, including Floyd's strained pleas for his life.

Questions about racism and use of force practices have hurt relations between some departments and the communities they are charged with serving, though some officers have also joined with protesters in calling for reforms.

Connecticut has been no exception to the conversation about police practices. Several police-involved killings in the last few years have sparked protest, including New Haven resident Mubarak Soulemane, who was shot by police in January, and 15-year-old Jayson Negron, who was shot by a Bridgeport police

officer in 2017.

Such incidents are not as common in the suburban streets of Milford or Orange, but the departments in these two towns have also been compelled to respond.

Orange Police Chief Robert Gagne was quick to condemn the killing of Floyd, saying that it was "sickening to watch the lack of training, judgment, and human empathy displayed by these officers. We have worked hard to ensure that nothing like this will ever occur here."

Orange has an overwhelmingly white population – almost 90 percent, according to the US Census Bureau. Statistics from the bureau's American Community Survey estimated that only 1.8 percent of Orange's population was black in 2018.

A town need not have a large minority population for inequities to emerge in policing, of course. One way Connecticut has tried to get a handle on biases against people of color is by analyzing traffic stops: whether, for instance, greater proportions of minorities are stopped.

In the 2018 report – the most recent available – there was only a 0.3 percent difference between the number of black residents and the number of black

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Milford, Orange Chambers Growing Despite Challenges

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

Like many organizations around Connecticut, the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce was forced in March to close the doors to its building on Broad Street downtown as the COVID-19 pandemic bore down on the state.

Yet data from the chamber show that it continued to add new members throughout the first half of the year

Since January, the chamber has garnered 30 new member businesses. Almost half of those – 13 total – came on in March. Gov. Ned Lamont ordered non-essential businesses and non-profits to close starting March 23.

Some those additions include Tri-City Heating & Cooling, Literacy Volunteers of Southern Connecticut, Planet Fitness,

Village Bistro and Good Morning Cupcake.

Chambers of commerce typically engage in a wide variety of activities, many of which require some level of face-to-face contact, such as networking events and ribbon-cuttings. They often make use of their physical spaces to serve as "ambassadors" for those looking to learn about the local business community.

New memberships at the Milford Chamber did noticeably slow in April and May; only two businesses were added to the rolls during each of those months, when Lamont's stay-at-home order was in full effect.

The Orange Chamber of Commerce declined to offer information about new members. However, Board of Directors President Ted

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Online Challenge Benefits Orange Fire Department



The Orange Volunteer Fire Department is taking donations online to pay the cost of its new fire truck after the COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of the annual Fireman's Carnival, which is normally the department's main source of revenue. Photo by Rick Roberts.

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Orange Volunteer Fire Department to cancel its most important funding source, the Orange Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, members of the Orange Board of Finance put a team together to start the "Fire Truck \$50K Challenge," a GoFundMe page.

The challenge has raised over \$22,700 from 172 donors to date, including six members of the 2% Club – people who have donated at least \$1,000. The goal is to reach \$50,000 or more, which will cover the remaining cost of a new fire truck.

The truck replaces equipment first put into

service in 1978. It was purchased to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements that the old truck no longer met.

"The truck we replaced lasted over 40 years in service and like all of our equipment was well maintained. We do our best to ensure that every dollar donated to the OVFD is efficiently spent to benefit the residents of Orange," said Chief Vaughan Dumas.

Top donors will be eligible for certain rewards, including a home fire extinguisher, a fire truck ride and lunch with OVFD

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Orange Native Rewards Community Champions



Longtime Orange resident Myla Chadwick, a realtor with Coldwell Banker, started a statewide program called the Community Champions Network to allow certain people to save money when buying, refinancing or selling a home. Qualifying Champions include but are not limited to: first responders, law enforcement, medical professionals, military and teachers. CCN also offers rewards and discounts from many local business partners including restaurants, retail, health, beauty and service-based businesses throughout Connecticut. Photo courtesy of Myla Chadwick.

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Opinion & Editorial

Reopening Schools Is Moving Forward



STATE REP. (R-117)
CHARLES FERRARO

During the climax of the state's pandemic response, and as parents and teachers adjusted to the challenges of distance learning, I often thought about the long-term impact on children – the schoolwork of course, but perhaps as important, the emotional and social aspects of the equation.

It's a subject that's been talked about throughout our country as everyone, from news reporters to employers, pondered what classrooms would look like this fall.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of training thousands of children in martial arts. I've seen first-hand the positive impact delivered by interaction with others. People, and youths particularly, rely on the energy and experience drawn from what we've perhaps taken for granted: the power of human connection. It guides us. It shapes us.

Gov. Ned Lamont and state education officials recently released guidance and requirements for reopening schools this fall. Their way forward might not be perfect, and naturally it's triggered questions and debate, but the starting position is one I support: providing a full day, in-school experience – five days a week.

Early on in this process, the governor has talked about the importance of flexibility. That's good, because along with public health statistics – overall, the most influential ingredient for the governor – thoughts from students, parents, educators and local leaders should be part of the evolving recipe. Whether it's students wearing face coverings inside classrooms or resources for staff training and distance learning options for students who need them, more discussion is important.

I've been critical at times of some aspects of the governor's approach as he responded to the crisis – particularly, the lack of collaboration with the General Assembly combined with an opaque decision-making process that periodically confused residents and employers. But I believe the impact of this subject, the reopening of schools, is so extensive that the governor and state education leaders must collect as much input as possible.

I'm hopeful that they will.

I've posted their reopening document on my website, repferraro.com, and I encourage you to contact me with your comments so I can share them.

A Closer Look At School Reopening



STATE REP. (R-119)
KATHY KENNEDY

Last week, every school district in the state was on the edge of their seat waiting for the governor and the state Department of Education's guidelines on fall school reopening.

There are many different aspects of reopening our schools, from anxious parents worried about their children getting sick to working parents trying to figure out child care and their ability to go back to work if distance learning continues to educators and school administrators trying to navigate in-person learning and transportation with social distancing protocols.

The Department of Education released its new comprehensive plan for returning to in-school, full-time classes beginning in the fall. The plan, titled "Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together," will serve as a guideline for schools across the state to follow as they reopen for the 2020-21 academic year. The Department of Education worked closely with the state Department of Public Health in crafting the guidelines.

It is recommended that school districts use a 'cohorting' system, keeping the same students in small groups based on classrooms. All students will have to socially distance and desks in the classroom will have to be spread out to maximize social distancing. Students and staff will be required to wear masks and wash their hands frequently. Facial coverings will also be mandatory for the school bus drivers and the students who ride the bus to and from school.

This plan was created with input from students, teachers, parents, principals, superintendents and other education stakeholders. The considerations outlined follow these six guiding principles:

1. Safeguarding the health and safety of students and staff.
2. Allowing students the opportunity to return to the classrooms full time this fall.
3. Monitoring the school populations and, when necessary, potentially cancelling classes in the future.
4. Emphasizing equity, access and support to the students and communities.
5. Fostering strong two-way communications with families, educators and staff.
6. Factoring into decisions about reopening the challenges to the physical safety and social-emotional well-being of our students when they are not in school.

Each district will review the material and is expected to report back to the commissioner and governor on the types of supports needed to make the protocols feasible. They will be identifying additional costs inclusive of staffing, technology, building modifications and more. The plan is guided by current health data with the acknowledgement that it will require fluidity.

Options will be available to continue remote learning for those uncomfortable about a return to the physical classroom. These distance tools will vary district to district.

As always, please contact me should you have any questions about the coronavirus or concerns on any other issues relating to state government at Kathy.Kennedy@housegop.ct.gov or at 800-842-1423. I do frequently update my state Facebook page and my state website, repkennedy.com/, with the latest COVID-19 information.

Unemployment Crunch Coming



STATE REP. (R-114)
THEMIS KLARIDES

Connecticut continues to see numbers of those affected by the COVID-19 virus – new cases, hospitalizations and deaths – moving in the right direction. But like everywhere else, we have paid a huge price in human, social and economic terms. More than 600,000 new unemployment claims have been filed since the outbreak hit us back in March. Businesses closed, some never to reopen, and schools resorted to distance learning for students.

While we enter the summer months with positive signs – the national unemployment rate dropped to 11 percent as 4.8 million jobs were added in June – businesses in Connecticut face potential additional costs down the road.

The state's unemployment trust fund could be empty in the next few months. As they have in the past, businesses will be forced to pay off whatever money the state borrows from the federal government to cover unemployment costs unless we give them a break. I am committed to working toward a bipartisan effort to mitigate additional burdens on our businesses that have already suffered greatly.

At the beginning of the crisis we had \$700 million in the fund; a federal study showed we needed about \$1.5 billion to cover an economic downturn. We will likely need more than that.

We had more than 600,000 new claims for unemployment this spring, which was unprecedented.

The governor's executive order essentially froze businesses' unemployment ratings to pre-pandemic levels. That executive order expires Sept. 9 so it needs to be revisited.

A special legislative session has been discussed for July to deal with absentee ballot rules and police accountability. In order to boost economic recovery, the legislature and the governor need to consider creative ways to help our businesses who overnight were confronted with the worst economic tsunami since the Great Depression. The federal government must also play a significant role in all of this.

The Capitol remains essentially closed to the public, but I am in constant contact with my other legislative leaders on short- and long-term strategies that make sense for Connecticut. I look forward to hearing from you on these matters. I can be reached at 860-240-8700.

School Is In Session



STATE SEN. (D-14)
JAMES MARONEY

The plan is in place. Schools will be in session this upcoming fall around Connecticut as long as residents continue to do their due diligence and strive to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19. Reopening Connecticut schools, grades K-12, will happen on a statewide basis, which will provide equal learning for students across all Connecticut towns. It is up to each district to implement safety procedures to continue to keep students and staff safe when back in the classroom.

As of now, Connecticut continues to see a positive trend of eliminating COVID-19 from the state. If state residents continue to maintain social distance from one another and wear masks, then students will be able to head back into the classroom this fall. Connecticut has had a 50 percent decrease in coronavirus cases from week to week that has made a tremendous difference, and because of this positive trend the plan is for schools to reopen. But it could change if the state's health situation changes.

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When students left the classroom back in March, it may have been challenging for them to bring their studies into their home. But now another task is at hand: transitioning them back into the classroom. As parents, try to continue to remind your child over the summer that they will have to wear a mask in school. Continue their summer reading at home and make sure you are there for them when they have any questions.

The U.S. Department of Education site is a great resource to help kids transition back into the classroom at [2.ed.gov/free/features/back-to-school.html](https://www.ed.gov/free/features/back-to-school.html). It may be a difficult transition back, but with hard work and dedication from teachers, parents and students themselves, everyone will be able to enter back into the classroom safely.

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Letters to the Editor:

Beginning a Conversation

To the Editor:

I am an ally of the Black Lives Matter movement. Opposition to and fighting against systemic racism is both overwhelming and personal. It feels too big for an individual to know how to combat and undo the generational harm that racist policies and actions have perpetuated. I've struggled with how to effectively respond to the brutal and cold-blooded murders and treatment of other human beings. It astonishes me as to why and how people can be so incredibly cruel to people they view as "other."

A letter to the editor seems such a trivial response to something so enormous, but silence is complicity and I do not want to be an accomplice. Initiating a difficult conversation is necessary to understanding and addressing the problems before us.

A friend told me about some racist posts on Facebook from Milford residents. Some examples are posts of statements or videos that use racist language; belittle the murders of black people; support the maltreatment of some people because of the color of their skin; or restate, without verification, misinformation or conspiracy theories. Not only is the behavior racist, it's harmful. It's wrong. Those views inform how they think and treat others. What power and influence do they have over others?

I don't engage in arguments on social media because I've experienced that people talk at each other without listening. We need to examine what we say and how we treat each other. We need to be able to have honest conversations, without fear, about how we have reached this point in America. If those who are on the receiving end of prejudice feel they are not being heard or seen, then we are failing them. We are failing ourselves too by denying a reality that we can help change to make way for an enhanced and more equitable way of life.

As an individual I can write a letter to the editor in an attempt to begin the conversation and ask others to do the same. Additionally, I hope that the leaders in Milford will help our community take the necessary steps to address the gap between those who experience racism and those who deny a problem exists.

Laura Fucci
Milford

Kennedy Shortchanges Orange

To the Editor:

It was published in the Milford Mirror (March 12, 2020) that state Rep. Kathy Kennedy (R-119) voted in favor of passage on the two-year \$166 million state funding package for towns and cities where Orange was awarded \$16,003 less than last year in state funding for the next two years, yet Hartford and the other big cities received big increases. She did not fight for us on this important legislation, but instead Kennedy hid her vote from us.

The state assembly districts cut Orange into three segments where each of our voters is outweighed by voters in Milford, West Haven, Woodbridge or Derby. We in Orange can end up being the "illegitimate stepchildren" of the respective state districts unless we have a representative who is willing to fight for us. Kennedy was not willing to do so when it came to state funding for Orange over Hartford and Bridgeport, and the result is we got shortchanged. The Mirror quotes Kennedy as saying, "This was a tough plan to support because it does have a slight decrease in funding for Orange, but ultimately it's a good package for the state."

Making matters worse, she failed to inform the voters of Orange about her vote to support this cut in state funding, but Kennedy's recent postcard publicity gave us stale COVID-19 information, and her newspaper columns ways we can volunteer during the pandemic.

Instead of volunteering, Orange taxpayers are going to have to work longer hours to pay their taxes if Kennedy stays in office after the next election. Kennedy acts like she's a friend of Orange when the election rolls around, but with friends like her who needs enemies! It's just lip service from our state representative when we needed her to roll up her sleeves and fight for us.

The next election is coming up on Nov. 3. It's time for a change in state representative for the 119th District. Instead of someone who goes along with cuts in state funding for our town while the big cities get the big bucks, we need someone willing to fight for us. I strongly believe the person who is best to represent the voters of the 119th District is Bryan Anderson. He has a long record of fighting for his constituents, and it's time we had someone willing to fight for Orange in Hartford, instead of just going along.

Kenneth Lenz
Orange

Chambers

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Novicki said their organization was also thriving, with new members joining its ranks while maintaining its existing members. "Best of all," he said, "our members are riding through the COVID-19 storm with the support of the community and fellow members."

Now that the state has begun the reopening process, Milford Chamber president Pam Staneski is bullish about the future.

"I am confident that with the work of the reopening committee and our businesses our region is positioned for a successful rebound," she wrote in her column for the *Milford-Orange Times*. "The Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce will continue to be a resource, partner, and leader as we navigate the road to recovery and restore confidence."

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Commentary:

The Right To Protest,
The Wrong Of Destruction

Protesting is one of the greatest gifts the First Amendment gives us under the banner of free speech and assembly. It is being usurped by criminals and anarchists. Looting, fire bombing, property destruction, arson, assault, battery, murder, insurrection and other criminal offenses are crimes committed by criminals, not protesters, and are not a form of legitimate protest.



THOMAS P. HURLEY

Burning federal, state and local government property, such as police stations or post offices, is insurrection (a violent uprising against an authority or government.) The Insurrection Act of 1807 and Posse Comitatus Act allows the president to deploy federal troops within the US in the event that state authorities are unable to maintain the rule of law within their own borders.

I was a survivor of the race riots of 1968. My family's house was within two blocks of the rioting and only half a block from the inner-city high school. We turned out all our lights and hid while my father patrolled the first floor with a shotgun as carloads of rabble rousers drove by the front of the house and toward downtown to the riot area.


This is the only time I ever saw him

need to take this type of action to protect us. This is mob terror in its rawist form.

Businesses need to demand protection, property owners need to demand protection, residents need to demand protection from the lawlessness that this uncontrolled "protesting" is leading to. It destroys decades of rebuilding efforts and ruins our cities. Minnesota has experienced

damages to a library, state Supreme Court building and US Post Office, has seen a \$34 million investment in a new affordable housing complex burned to the ground. It has had small business owners lose their life savings, liquor stores looted and burned, bank buildings burned and other chain stores that bring food, commercial items and pharmacy services to the area (including jobs) destroyed.

Who can possibly benefit from these actions? Not the locals. Mayors, governors, National Guard and state and local police please take notice. These attacks on the fair citizens of their states is warfare and must be stopped early and with force if necessary. I have seen and experienced it. My fellow citizens, you do not want to.




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An Update On The Spring Market

This season has been a seller's market: very low inventory combined with a frenzy of eager buyers. Each client is experiencing a wave of newness; the variables can be a bit overwhelming.

The COVID-19 pandemic slowed things down for a bit in real estate, but interest from both sides is now strong and ongoing. With historically low rates, such as a 3.15 percent on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage at the end of May, sales are up.

The housing supply is tight and therefore homebuyers are paying higher prices to get the fewer homes available. This stream of supply versus demand is increasing the cost to buy. Overall, as homes close for more money, new listings can market for higher prices – thus we have a seller's market.

There are multiple reasons for the high demand. The normal spring market always brings out buyers. This year, society is reopening and people previously pent-up due to the virus are finding great rates, making for an excellent opportunity to get low mortgage payments. Qualifying for a larger loan equals more buying power, so homes are selling for higher prices. There are also those buyers looking to move into our area to get away from New York City.

With prices up and sales up, and a more relaxed atmosphere to actually go inside of homes, now is a great time to sell.



BARBARA
LEHRER

Jumbo loans are the only worry. Banks are feeling the stress of giving out business loans to small corporations during the pandemic, so they then worry about getting their own reimbursements. Buyers worry about their own jobs being threatened by the economic crunch, and whether their large loan could wind up being their last loan. Therefore, higher priced homes still take a little longer to sell.

Buyers who rush to visit new listings with a good preapproval letter are scooping up the deals. Some were even buying without getting inside the property. Just by using

a virtual tour, technology has made a clear vision of a home and all its amenities. Our new normal will include careful viewing rules for a long time to come.

In the meantime, we need inventory to keep the economy lively. Sellers can find a new home but usually they need a bite on their current property first. Since rentals are a scarce commodity, timing is the key to moving. As always, get a buyer, put your old home under contract, and write an offer on a new property that fits your needs. Close both homes in a few days: that's the real estate mantra.

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

Here's To Your Health

Loving Yourself Back To Life

It's so wonderful to be writing to you again. These past four months have been nothing short of trying times. We know we are not the only family to have lost a loved one to this awful virus, so our hearts and prayers are with you.

It's my firm belief in times of trouble our true character comes shining through. Amidst all of the uncertainty, the fear and our changing environments through quarantine I watched people delivering food to the elderly, neighbors watching out for each other and increased outreach everywhere.

Our neighborhood got busy with people we had never seen before. We got to know a few while landscaping our yard because there wasn't too much else we could do.

Initially, we were exercising more and using our extra time wisely. However, many of us started eating whatever we could find in the pantry, drinking every night and not managing stress properly. We started packing on some

pounds and feeling sluggish.

I'm here to encourage you to stop the madness and love yourself back to life. We can and will come out on the other side of this better if we apply some intentionality to our lives.

I will not endorse certain detoxes; however, now is the best time for garden fruits and veggies. Lettuce is a great detoxifier, so make a colorful salad with homemade dressing. Increase your fiber to help cleanse the toxins in your body. Apples, peas and broccoli are among many foods that are high in fiber.

Many of us have let our muscles atrophy, which means getting back into weight bearing exercises is important. You've read about the importance of lean muscle mass and longevity



MICHELE
TENNEY

of life in this column. We've got to get back to weight bearing exercises at least twice a week. You don't need the gym. Resistance bands can get you the same results. Find a buddy to work out with.

I'm currently hosting high-intensity interval training classes in my backyard with five lovely local moms who were in the same boat as me and decided to stop the madness and get themselves going. We started slow and took baby steps, added in some weekly nutrition tips and week by week they are getting stronger and more fit. The comradery makes them show up and be accountable even when they don't feel like working out, so the buddy system is a great way to go.

I realize our stress levels have been challenged at work, home and in isolation, but

self-medicating is not the answer. I recommend spending less time watching the news – focus on the positive things in your life and maybe start a gratitude journal. I know some of us have lost our jobs – myself included. But my attitude has shifted and I've changed my priorities. I'm being intentional about making more time for family board games, lunch with my 86-year-old mother and spending more time reading, praying and mediating.

You are strong, beautiful, brave and courageous. Here's to your health.

Michele Tenney is a Certified Personal Trainer and Nutritionist & Wellness Coach. She is the Chair of the Healthy Lifestyles Committee for the Orange Elementary School System and is a member of the Orange Board of Health. She can be reached at 203 668 2969 or email of Hmgbrd3@gmail.com.

Retired and Rejuvenated

When Does It All Stop?

First there is the coronavirus with all its precautions to help keep us safe and healthy, along with the resulting isolation many of us are feeling. Then, for those who are in Florida where I am, came the love bugs, which attach themselves to your cars and have to be washed off daily before they damage your paint finish. Then there was the tragic incident in Minneapolis that triggered a nation and worldwide demonstration of frustration in an unfair system. This unnecessary tragedy revealed again our inability to solve our great racial divide, something that has plagued this nation since its earliest days.

And now, not to be factious or lame-brained, we await the approaching hurricane season. How much more before we scream out loud a collective "Uncle"?

While all of these events can keep people on edge, the two most serious are the virus, especially with its increasing numbers in some states like Florida, and the racial divide that is

still evidenced in so many areas of our social and economic existence.

We all need to start talking about the injustices we see in the world and about how wrong it is to blame others instead of taking responsibility for our own actions. I love the new admonishment, "Silence is not an option."

It is our collective inability to resolve a racial divide rooted in the disastrous practice begun when Africans were imported to this country to serve as slaves, property of a white aristocracy. That practice, of course, ended a century and a half ago, but the inequalities and prejudices live on today. There have been periods of progress, efforts to integrate society. There have been successes. But the ravages of poverty, inadequate health care and substandard schools have taken their toll. Even the current pandemic



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has fallen disproportionately on Americans of color.

When the smoke clears, I hope calmer voices will be heard and the real work of reconciliation will begin to reverse a system rigged against too many. May the message we older folks pass on to the younger generation be one of love, of understanding and of acceptance and tolerance.

It is encouraging to hear of the many ways that our young people are stepping up to the plate and speaking out. The disruptions to the recent rally by President Donald Trump in Tulsa, Oklahoma arranged by hundreds of teenagers who went online to order thousands of tickets giving the false impression to the organizers that there would be a sold-out crowd shows the ingenuity of our younger population. Herein lies the hope of the nation. Perhaps these young folks will save

us all.

The days ahead promise to be interesting ones. We are all anxious to have a tested and effective vaccine for COVID-19 which will allow us to get back to a new normal where we may be able to get on with our lives, albeit in different ways.

Each of us must decide how we are going to contribute to making the upcoming November election one where the voice of all people is heard. Remember, silence is not an option. I am calling people where I vote to encourage them to request vote by mail ballots. No one knows what the polls will be like in November if there is a resurgence of the virus, so it makes sense to avoid long lines of voters, to mail in your ballot in states that permit this.

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

We All Feel Pain. Don't Carry It Alone.

By Carolina Amore

The healing process is not linear. Battling negative emotions and thought processes can be exceedingly depleting.

Choosing to combat rather than to observe is one way to govern unwanted thoughts and feelings, though it is always the most difficult. It is the equivalent of playing tug of war over a bottomless pit with a personified emotion, giving our thoughts or feelings power. To surrender and observe is to take back your control.

Pain is inevitable, as is the growth that accompanies it. To hurt is to feel, and to feel is how you know you are alive. While everyone

will at some point face hardship, some have a tougher time than others. An emotional hindrance of any sort can result in a decline in mental health.

Having a mental health disorder does not have to cause shame. These disorders may be a result of circumstance or be purely biological. Mental health disorders and emotional suffering of any kind is something almost all of us face. We need to discuss it, learn about it and be there for one another.

Throughout the past few years, I have known significant loss and even greater pain. I have endured, and I have suffered. I was one of the few who asked for help; this one small aspect

makes a world of difference. Countless people feel burdened by their pain, as if they cannot let anyone know they hurt. This strain is precisely why the world must empathize, be compassionate and unified. Too many have lost their lives to suicide; too many have gone unnoticed for too long and disappeared altogether.

A little over a year ago, I lost a family member to suicide. She was young and beautiful, and no one knew the depths of her pain. She did not ask for help, nor did she know she could. Many people experiencing suicidal ideation do not speak about it, which is why friends and family must be aware of the warning signs. Some signs include, but are not limited to, moodiness,

withdrawal and rage.

My departed loved one lived a short yet beautiful life. She left this world too soon, just as many others who suffered in silence. As a community, we cannot presume to know the inner workings of one's thoughts. As friends, we must be present; as family, we must take notice. There is pain around many corners, but love – real and genuine unconditional love – seems to be less potent. There will always be a pain to endure, but it is our job as human beings to ensure that love will always outweigh the pain.

Carolina Amore is a resident of Orange.

Grave Matters

Josef And Anni Albers, Visionary Artists

Near the base of the Orange Town Cemetery hill can be found the tombstones of a couple who are still remembered by some in the art world as among the leading pioneers of abstract art. Josef and Anni Albers, born in Germany, moved to Orange in 1970 and lived here just off Route 34 until their deaths. He died in 1976 at the age of 88. She lived on until 1994.

Both were Bauhaus Institute students and then instructors in the 1920s. The Bauhaus had been formed in Germany in 1919 and emphasized innovation in arts and crafts. The Albers emigrated to the US in 1933 at the invitation of American architect Philip Johnson when the Nazis padlocked the Bauhaus and the couple were forced to leave Germany.

Johnson, who had become friends with weaver Anni on an earlier visit to Germany, invited the Albers to teach at the newly-formed experimental school Black Mountain College in North Carolina. It was a liberal arts college owned by its students and faculty. The couple knew no English and had no idea where North Carolina was, but they

agreed.

The Albers shared an aesthetic philosophy based on Bauhaus principles, which the New Britain Museum of American Art newsletter summed up as “live simply, avoid excess, and make every decision a purposeful, aesthetic choice.” Asked his motivation in accepting the position at Black Mountain, he said, “I want to open eyes.” While his work at the Bauhaus had focused on stained glass, at Black Mountain his artistic explorations widened. Like his wife, Josef believed in art not as self-expression but as exploration and experimentation.

After 16 years at Black Mountain, Anni was the first woman and the first weaver to have a solo exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art. Around the same time, in 1949, Josef was named head of the newly-formed Yale design department and she was hired by Yale to teach textiles and weaving. When they moved from New Haven to Orange in 1970, they chose a simple home on Birchwood



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Drive off Route 34 and became members of Holy Infant Church. They remained there until their deaths, and it was in the Orange Town Cemetery they chose to be buried.

Josef retired from teaching at Yale in 1978 but remained a Yale fellow. Anni's medical problems led to her shift from weaving at a loom to printmaking. This year, the New Britain Museum of American Art, aided by The Glass House and the Albers foundation, opened an exhibition of Anni's

work in textile art and printmaking called “In Thread and on Paper: Anni Albers in Connecticut.” Activities connected with the exhibit were curtailed by the pandemic, but parts of the exhibit can be seen online at the Museum's website, nbmaa.org., and the exhibit has been extended into August.

The Albers made their reputations as dedicated artists and designers. Born into a family of craftspeople, Josef began his

work at the Bauhaus in stained glass but over the course of his life proved himself a Renaissance artist and forged a reputation as a designer, photographer, typographer, printmaker and poet. He is especially well known for his painting and color theories.

In 1974 the Albers formed the non-profit Albers Foundation, which is based in Bethany and continues to house many of their artifacts and to provide a library and space for working artists.

Both exhibited extensively in the U.S. and abroad during their lifetimes, and both authored numerous articles and books. They made 16 trips to Central and South American and were serious collectors of South American art objects. A few of Josef Albers's “Homage to the Square” series of paintings can be seen at the Case Memorial Library. Anni wrote On Designing and On Weaving, and some of her work is still commercially available.

The devoted couple did for many individuals and artists what Josef said he had set out to do when they first came to the United States: to open eyes.

Police

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motorists stopped, significantly lower than some nearby communities. The percentage of Hispanic motorists stopped was even lower than the percentage of the town's population.

“We are committed to community policing and were practicing that in this department before the term ever became popular,” Gagne said. “Our officers are well trained in the proper use of force, procedural justice, crisis intervention, and the sanctity of life.”

Milford has also been swift in responding to death of Floyd. Police Chief Keith Mello is arguably under greater pressure than most; he serves as the chairman of the state Police Officers Standards and Training Council, which trains police all over the state, develops policy and accredits many of Connecticut's police departments. Mello is additionally the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association.

“Unfortunately these actions in Minnesota erode the layers of trust, confidence and goodwill that so many police officers have built within their communities, especially those who lead agencies in fragile communities,” Mello said of the circumstances surrounding Floyd's death. “Every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect; this is the foundation of our profession. Any violation of these core tenets is inexcusable.”

Mello met with his fellow POST Council members in a special meeting on June 10 that resulted in a ban on chokeholds like the one that was used on Floyd. It also requires police departments to “explicitly address a law enforcement officer's duty to intervene and report unreasonable, excessive, and/or illegal use of force” – an apparent reference to the other Minneapolis officers who were present but took no action as Floyd was dying.

The standard, Mello said, “does not provide police departments with policy language, only the requirement to include language equal to,

or greater than the standard. Police departments are required to update their policy to reflect these changes.”

On June 16, Mello also put out notice that the Police Chiefs Association had agreed to a 90-day moratorium on the acquisition of surplus military equipment, a program that has grown over the last 20 years and been criticized by some for creating a more militarized mindset among officers and damaging community relations.

Fire Truck

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leadership.

“They will still come when you call, but the equipment is expensive, and a \$50,000 truck payment is nothing to sneeze at,” said First Selectman Jim Zeoli. “Let's get this done.”

Visit orangevfd.org or orange-ct.org to contribute.

Public Notice: Presidential Primaries

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

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

Democrats

Name and Address:

- Joe Biden, Wilmington, DE
- Bernie Sanders, Burlington, VT
- Tulsi Gabbard, Kapolei, HI
- Uncommitted

Republicans

Name and Address:

- Donald J. Trump, Palm Beach, FL
- Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente, San Diego, CA
- Uncommitted

Hours of Voting: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Location of Polling Place by District

- Milford**
Joseph Foran High School, 80 Foran Road, 117

- JF Kennedy School, 404 West Avenue, 118-1
- Meadowside School, 80 Seemans Lane, 118-2
- West Shore Rec., Center, 14 Benham Avenue, 118-3

- Margaret Egan Center, 35 Mathew Street, 118-4

- Harborside Middle School, 175 High Street, 118-5

- Orange Avenue School, 260 Orange Avenue, 119-1

- JF Kennedy School, 404 West Avenue, 119-2
- Harborside Middle School, 175 High Street, 119-3

Absentee ballots will be counted at the following central location: Parsons Municipal Complex, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT.

Town Clerk: Karen Fortunati, Town of Milford

Orange

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A Look Back By Priscilla Searles



One of the early cars owned by successful Orange residents. Photo courtesy of the Wade family collection.

It's September 1913 and these young people are out for a drive through the countryside. The children of two successful farming families, Wilbur Wade Peck is in the driver's seat with Oliver Russell seated next to him. In the back seat are Doris Russell, Frederick Russell and Florence Peck.

Although there are some successful commercial businesses in town, most of Orange remains farmland – a horse and buggy community. "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" is number one on the pop song list. A gallon of milk costs 32 cents and gas is 12

cents a gallon. Orange Center School, built for grades one through eight, is a mere four years old. Cars such as this one are rare in town. The first automobile in Orange was purchased in 1906 by Frederick Woodruff, who chose to be driven around by a chauffeur.

If you have a vintage photo of Orange and are willing to loan it to Town Historian Priscilla Searles, contact her at publisher@theorangetimes.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.

Your Health

Precautions Save Lives

It's summer and yet the coronavirus has not magically vanished. Despite repeated false reassurances, we are now witnessing a huge surge in COVID-19 cases in various parts of the country. For the past several weeks the number of new coronavirus cases has broken daily records and there have been too many deaths.

It is even more disheartening to watch and read news about how people are behaving during this pandemic. Some are calling mask-wearing an attack on their personal freedom. According to various reports, some public health officials have received death threats while advising the public to wear a mask and practice social distancing to curb this infection and save lives.

No matter what their beliefs or political affiliations, these people are forgetting this fact: When there is life, there is freedom. Saving life is what healthcare workers all strive for.

When we compare the US with other developed nations, we find a totally different response. In one recently published article, Japan's minister in charge of COVID-19 highlighted that his country beat the coronavirus by avoiding high-risk situations. He labeled them the "three Cs": closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings.

As I have been closely monitoring and writing about this pandemic, I keep reminding our residents that controlling COVID-19 will require modified behavior by all of us. Before going out, you need to ensure that you are taking your facial covering/mask along

with your car keys, wallet and mobile phone. Improving your personal hygiene and keeping a six-foot distance everywhere you go will decrease your likelihood of being exposed.

Research has shown that COVID-19 mortality is higher in persons with underlying medical conditions. All medical societies and organizations are calling on the American public to protect themselves, their neighbors and families by continuing to wear masks, practice physical distancing and to wash their hands frequently.

This is when we need everyone to cooperate most, show responsibility and respect others. While I remain optimistic that we will be able to defeat this invisible enemy just like we have done in past, it will not be possible unless each and every one of us exhibits responsible behavior by following best practices and guidelines.

Orange has had a successful response so far. However, that may quickly change if people stop following preventive steps. I hope that people don't let these personal sacrifices to go to waste. So-called "caution fatigue" is real and can be overcome by engaging in constructive dialogue, shifting your mindset and asking what the reward is that you get for making tough choices. No reward is better than good health.

It's time to lead by example by wearing face masks/coverings and showing respect to others.

Dr. Amir Mohammad is the Director of Public Health for the town of Orange.



DR. AMIR MOHAMMAD

The Garden Spot

Our Founding Farmers

Editor's note: This column celebrating the farming traditions of the nation's founders originally ran in 2017.

This month, as we celebrate the founding of our great nation, we also reflect upon the farming traditions of our Founding Fathers. George Washington, who many call "The Father of our Nation" was not just a bold leader during the Revolutionary War and our first president, but also a farmer. His 50,000-acre farm in Virginia, Mount Vernon, used a variety of innovative techniques such as crop rotation, livestock breeding and fertilization. Washington oversaw the design and planting of the farm, including what he called his "Botanick garden," where he grew many different types of plants



PAT DRAY

from all over the world.

Our second president, John Adams, was also a farmer. According to Corliss Knapp Engle in "John Adams, Farmer and Gardener," Adams wrote a recipe for compost in 1771 that many of today's organic gardeners would be delighted to use. It included seaweed, kitchen scraps and animal waste. John and his wife, Abigail, planted many ornamentals at their farm in Quincy, Massachusetts, some of which still exist.

In 1786, Adams was living in London when he called upon our third president, Thomas Jefferson, to assist in negotiations with the Barbary States of North Africa. Adams and Jefferson traveled outside of London to see some of the great estates. With his farm, Monticello,

in mind, Jefferson was fascinated by a new style of gardening developed by landscape artists such as Lancelot "Capability" Brown. Brown was an early proponent of creating a more natural landscapes, and he manipulated lakes, hills and roadways, planted groves of trees and included "follies" or "haha's" in the landscape to create a sense of surprise and to contain livestock. This naturalistic style appealed to Jefferson, as it was more sustainable and required less regular maintenance expenditures. Monticello, built over a period of 40 years, included the Monticello Grove, an ornamental forest, a fruit garden with over 170 varieties of fruit and a vegetable garden with over 330 types of vegetables.

As we take time with friends and family to celebrate graduations, weddings and fireworks, let's reflect upon the three first presidents of our country and key framers of the Declaration

of Independence and also think about them as "founding farmers." I suspect these three men would look at today's farm-to-table movement and congratulate the independent farmers, with their small-scale, self-sufficient farms.

Don't forget to go to Thursday's Farmers Market at High Plains Community Center in Orange and enjoy the local bounty. To quote Washington's letter to Dr. James Anderson from April 7, 1797:

"I am once more seated under my own Vine and Fig-tree, and hope to spend the remainder of my days...in peaceful retirement, making political pursuits yield to the more rational amusement of cultivating the earth."

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

Just Floored

Working With Patterned Carpet

Flooring is the cornerstone of any design scheme. Once the carpet is decided all else falls into place. The material, color and texture of your flooring is the centerpiece; wall color, window treatments and fabrics are the accent pieces.

Flooring is also the integral ingredient in setting the style of a room. Being bold with an animal print such as Habitat from the Atelier Collection will bring a more exotic and sophisticated look. If you are looking for something more transitional and comfortable, Whittier from the Pacific Heights Collection would be a wonderful choice. What you choose to put on your floor, whether it is a solid color or elaborate pattern, will ultimately



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create the mood for your entire space.

The pattern itself is a crucial decision when considering a carpet. It deserves special attention, because some patterns can hide spills, spots and wear. Some more subtle patterns will help conceal blemishes, and patterns as a whole add detail to a room – as much or as little as you desire. There are geometric designs, classic floral or subtle and simple designs for a more conserved look. Patterns are diverse and can offer character as well as complexity to the overall design.

Some patterns complement certain furniture styles. Geometric patterns, for example, are often used in the Art Deco style; see Halcyon in the Wiltrex Collection or even Revere in the Sterling Collection. For a formal and

more refined room you would want carpeting with a classic and decorative pattern such as Montpelier from the Royal Pavilion collection. These timeless designs are often similar to those found on antique Oriental and European rugs. In a room with more modern furnishings, a simplistic carpet with clean lines, similar to North Shore from the Chesapeake Collection, will suit the look.

Designing a space with patterns takes some extra thought. It can be difficult to make a space come together when the carpet, walls and fabric in a room all have exceedingly different designs. Patterns must work with each other to create harmony in a space. If there is a primary fabric in a room that has a large, bold print, maybe consider a simpler pattern for the carpet such as a check or a diamond. Scale should always be considered as well – if a carpet has

a large-scale pattern, then the other patterns in the room should be smaller. This applies to all other designs: if you have floral carpeting, it would be best to steer away from competing floral patterns in the room. A great option would be to consider small prints, stripes and solids for furniture and window treatments.

Now that we know how to design with patterns, let's talk about how to buy consciously. Stanton carries a variety of collections mentioned above, but one of their most impressive collections is their Naturally Green Wool. It is an eco-friendly, smart choice that can stay within your budget.

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The Milford Chamber of Commerce

We're Here To Help Restore Confidence

We began March by welcoming 18 new businesses to our Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce family, just since January (and 12 more as of now). As March ended we watched local businesses, entrepreneurs and institutions shutter their doors as the governor declared a public emergency in response to COVID-19.



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Over the next three months the chamber worked with a collaborative group of community partners to develop and support a shared vision for economic resilience and recovery. A dominant theme expressed by many of the partners was that economic recovery will only be possible if we work to nurture confidence in consumers, businesses and the workforce.

Questions regarding proper protocols, access to PPEs, changes to workforce patterns and school closures highlighted the serious challenge of restoring confidence to shop, work and invest. We leveraged technology to address these questions, posting trustworthy information on safety protocols and sharing resources via social media platforms and weekly email updates. We are continuing to work with government agencies on policies and to support a buy local initiative.

Businesses in our area have always been concerned about the wellbeing of their workers and customers. They understand that what they have done under "normal" circumstances had to be modified to advance the level of confidence required by the overseeing agency, and more importantly

our community. They have stepped up -- taking on this challenge by practicing disinfecting and cleaning protocols, implementing contactless transactions and social distancing guidelines, offering flexible work environments and executing general safety procedures. That in turn builds confidence. We trusted our business leadership three months ago and we should continue to do so.

This is our chance to restart, reinvent and return the economy to a vibrant state after so much disruption. I am confident that with the work of the reopening committee and our businesses our region is positioned for a successful rebound. The Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce will continue to be a resource, partner, and leader as we navigate the road to recovery and restore confidence. We can be reached at 203-878-0681; give us a call.

PS on building confidence: Visit the bestofmilford.com and help us celebrate the best Milford has to offer in the arts and entertainment, food and dining, shopping, health and wellness, home and garden, and service industries. *Milford Living Magazine* and The Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce will be accepting registrations in dozens of categories. The community is invited to vote for the best and brightest in local food, shopping, entertainment, outdoor adventures and more. The 2020 Best of Milford award winners will be honored at the Best of Milford gala on Sept. 30 at the Milford Yacht Club. Winners will also be featured in the fall issue of *Milford Living Magazine*.

The Rotary Club of Orange

Rotarians And Community Services In Orange

By Richard Dumbrill



This past year Orange Rotary has continued to invest time, effort and funds into community services for the residents of Orange. Along with volunteering, community services is one of the most

important pillars of Rotary's local, regional and world-wide service activities.

This ongoing commitment has taken on a special significance in 2020 as the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic has overtaken our communities and lives.

Rotary's community services campaign in Orange has taken two forms. The first was designed to meet the needs of deserving persons and organizations in helping them weather the economic impacts of COVID-19. Included in this program were the Visiting Nurses Association, Food 2 Kids, Orange Community Food Bank, the American Legion, Orange Police and Fire departments and the Milford Rape Crisis Center, which covers six surrounding towns.

The second part of Rotary's community service campaign was designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Orange community. This effort was spearheaded by Community Services Chair Sharon Ewan and assisted by fellow Rotarian Dr. Amir Mohammad, who serves as director of the Orange Health Department. Under their direction, Orange Rotary has delivered and will continue to deliver quantities of personal protective equipment to a variety of health care services, governments and non-governmental organizations.

This ongoing distribution program was divided into three phases as supplies became available:

Phase One – In May, 1,000 masks were delivered to the Orange Fire and Police departments, the Visiting Nurses Association, American Medical Response, the First Selectman's office and the Case Memorial Library. The Rotary clubs in southern and northern Connecticut delivered over 27,000 masks to their respective communities during this period.

Phase Two – In June, Orange Rotary delivered a wider range of PPE, such as KN95 masks, gowns, flat masks and face shields to designated entities in Orange, including dental and medical practices, nursing and rehabilitation facilities, and essential businesses in the community. Five hundred masks were also given to 10 houses of worship in the area. In all, over 1,100 pieces of PPE were handed out during this month.

Phase Three – In August, a fresh supply of 270 gowns and 100 flat masks will be delivered to Mohammad's office for distribution among skilled nursing and medical facilities, as well as other community services such as housing authorities and veterans' organizations.

Through its foundation and other funding sources, Rotary has invested to date nearly \$500,000 in COVID-19-related projects in Connecticut. One special funding source is the Ted Rossi Foundation of East Hampton in partnership with District 7980. With the assistance of local clubs, PPE has been distributed to organizations and entities throughout the state. Oftentimes Rotarians have delivered these supplies directly to the front door. This volunteering and teamwork exemplifies the Rotary motto of "service above self."

As outgoing president of Rotary, I am immensely proud of our community service efforts and activities in 2019-2020, as well as our contributions toward improving the lives of our fellow neighbors and friends in Orange.

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Travel Matters

Travel With Flexibility

With the world temporarily in flux, the ability to plan ahead with flexibility and peace of mind is more than just preferred; it's essential. Many of our clients have rebooked trips from 2020 to 2021 and some are still hoping to go on trips this fall. New clients are looking to get away this summer, and one is planning a destination wedding for the fall. What to do?

The best answer is to have the ability to change your plans without penalty. There is more than one way to do that these days. Many of the most successful travel providers, be it on land or on sea, are offering travelers the ability to cancel or change dates within 48 hours of travel. Another way is to book hotel rooms that offer free cancellation. A third way is to buy travel protection insurance. This allows people to move forward without

feeling that they are going to regret their decision to plan a trip.

Let's discuss the European Union's decision to open its borders on July 1 to 14 countries – with reciprocal privileges for European citizens to travel to those 14 countries. That opening date does not include the US. That decision is going to be reviewed every two weeks, so it is not a forgone conclusion for the entire summer or fall.

There are several other categories of travelers who will be able to bypass the latest EU restrictions. They include passengers in transit, so if you have a connecting flight in Europe to another destination, that's a go. If you're a student



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traveling to Europe to attend school, you're good, too. If you're traveling for "imperative family reasons," it can still happen.

Alaska and Hawaii currently require a 14-day quarantine unless you can provide a negative CPVID-19 test result within 72 hours preceding entry or take a test when you enter.

Jamaica requires the test upon landing, and if you test positive you will have to quarantine for 14 days. Cruises out of the US have voluntarily suspended sailing through Sept. 15. Cancun, on the other hand, requires no test or quarantining and resorts are operating at 35 percent capacity – the benefits are social distancing and excellent service.

It's critically important that your reservations be fully refundable should conditions change in the state or island to which you are planning to travel. Are you willing to use an airline voucher versus getting a refund? These are all issues that travelers need to consider when planning a trip these days.

Many prefer to book trips for 2021 or even 2022. We just booked a group on a lower Danube River cruise for April 2022, for example. Travel is coming back. Bargains can be had if you are willing to book short-term or two years out. The key is flexibility and planning within your comfort zone.

Karen Quinn-Panzer is the owner of Dream Vacations Quinn Panzer Travel. She can be reached at kpanzer@dreamvacations.com

Getting To Know You

Embracing A New Perspective

Strange, stressful days.

That sums up 2020 so far. Strange, stressful days. 2020 took our plans and turned them on their heads. Suddenly all that had been normal wasn't normal.

2020 has given most of us a little extra free time. Like me, I'm sure you found a lot of ways to occupy yourself during that time. I read books and articles, I watched some TV, I worked out, I cooked with my kids and I spent time reconnecting with friends and family. I know some of you got phone calls you probably didn't expect.

Since the plans we all had were irrevocably altered by the events of 2020 so far, we all shifted focus and began to plan on how to get back to "normal."



DAVID CROW

Then 2020 threw me another curve. I suffered an eye injury in late June that left me peering out of one eye at a world I had only ever seen through two eyes. I've had shiners before, but never before did I suffer an eye injury that left me unable to see the way I had seen before the injury.

Nothing focuses you on the present like an injury. You simply can't focus on the past or the future because you're dealing with doctors and drugs and treatments in the here and now.

You have to be in each moment, and the future is limited to the time between appointments or treatments.

The eye injury removed a lot of distractions from my life. I couldn't read or watch TV for very long. I couldn't drive. I couldn't exercise. I

couldn't do yard work. I couldn't even lie down or bend over for long. I had to keep the lights down low. I spent a lot of time sitting still in the dark and thinking. That's when thoughts about the future started to creep back in.

Would my sight return? If it did would my sight be like it was before? What if it didn't return? Was this my new normal?

In the silence I noticed I was still seeing the world, but in a new way. I stopped relying so completely on my eyes to tell me everything about the world around me. I began paying more attention to the sounds and smells that surrounded me on a daily basis. As I was unable to focus on people's faces, I began focusing on their words more intently. I got a new appreciation for the words people spoke to me and I began to value those words more. Nothing is as comforting as hearing another voice when you're in silent

darkness.

This isn't some great revelation. I'm sure everyone has had a similar experience in their life. However, it's good that once in a while we remind ourselves that the injuries and trials we face as individuals and communities are really invitations to "see" the world in a new way. It is an opportunity to hear other voices in the silent darkness and be reassured that even if this is the new normal, we can find a way forward so long as we are willing to embrace a new perspective.

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We know, we know. Sometimes, taking the kids to the beach requires military precision. Between the packing and prepping, the sandy feet on the blanket or stepping on slimy things in the water, there's a lot to consider when you've got littles in tow. That carefree bikini and tanning oil approach to the beach may be a thing of the past, but we've got you covered for some easy-peasy beach fun with the kiddos.

For a day filled with saltwater swimming, sandcastle sculpting and treasure hunting, head to Silver Sands State Park in Milford for some low-key (and hopefully stress-free) family fun.

Silver Sands offers miles of preserved natural beach connecting the Walnut Beach and Fort Trumbull Beach neighborhoods in Milford. The 47-acre park features the beach, a restored salt marsh and a three-mile boardwalk stretching from the end of East Broadway to Walnut Beach.

Silver Sands can be accessed for free, unlike most parks throughout the state, and offers a

wonderful picnic area with picnic tables, charcoal grills and sweeping lawns perfect for playing frisbee or flying kites. Enjoy saltwater swimming, building sandcastles or casting a line, particularly toward the end of summer, which has in recent years been chock full of bunker.

From the shore of Silver Sands, particularly at low tide, it's difficult to resist the lure of Charles Island. Only a half-mile walk from along the tidally submerged sandbar visible at low tide, Charles Island is a 12-acre wildlife sanctuary serving as a haven for shorebirds. On a clear day you will see groups of beachcombers making their way along the sandbar out to the island, despite three signs warning "DANGER! Sandbar floods twice daily with strong currents and undertow."

If you have little ones, it can be fun to



MAKAYLA SILVA

explore the first 1,500 feet or so of sandbar, which is more wide, dry and secure, than the narrow stretch of slippery rocks as you near the island.

Charles Island is known as the "thrice cursed island" and is home to many legends and artifacts of Connecticut history. In the 1800s, Charles Island was home to a resort hotel and small village known as the Charles Island House and later as the Ansantawae House. There are plenty of well-documented legends surrounding the island, but none more exciting than the tale of Captain William Kidd landing in Milford and burying his final treasure.

If you forgot to pack a picnic, or it was just too much to haul with all of your beach gear, head to the Greek Spot Café. It's a five-minute walk from the Silver Sands parking lot for

some casual but absolutely delicious Greek fare.

If you're in the mood for some dreamy creamy homemade ice cream, walk along the boardwalk to Walnut Beach, about a 15-minute walk from the Silver Sands parking lot (bring a wagon or a stroller for little ones), and try some Walnut Beach mud or Sandi Annie ice cream at the Walnut Beach Creamery for the perfect end to your day at the beach.

Makayla is a thirty-something mother of two and a lifelong storyteller. As a longtime freelance writer and blogger, Makayla spends her time in search of the best dinosaur trails and planetarium shows, corn mazes and sledding hills. She loves exploring the outdoors, discovering new destinations and heading out on her next great adventure with her kiddos.

Orange House Fire Extinguished

An Orange family came home July 10 to find their home on fire, but members of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department were able to extinguish the fire, saving the home and rescuing the family's pets.

Firefighters were called to 538 Chippendale Lane around 9:15 p.m. after the family arrived home to discover heavy smoke in their garage.

"The smoke came rolling out when their garage door went up," said Fire Chief Vaughan Dumas.

When firefighters arrived at the 2,300-square-foot ranch-style home, they found heavy smoke throughout. Using thermal imaging cameras, they checked the entire home and found the fire in a 200-square-foot room in the basement.

"Once we found it, we were able to knock

it down quickly," said Dumas. "Heavy smoke and high amounts of carbon monoxide had filled the home, so we ventilated the house." Firefighters also pulled three dogs to safety.

Dumas said the family routinely kept the door to the basement room closed, and that minimized the spread of the fire.

"In this case, it kept the fire contained to the room in the basement," Dumas said. "We could see the charring and the soot on the back of the door to the room. It's a great lesson about keeping doors closed, including bedroom doors at night."

Dumas said the fire caused about \$100,000 in damage in the home. Deputy Fire Marshal Timothy Borer is leading the investigation of the fire.

Orange Gets New Recycling Shed

Orange's Transfer Station and Recycling Center received a new shed for recycling plastic bags and plastic films on June 20. The items cannot be recycled through the normal recycling stream.

The shed was delivered by The Home Depot.

"With the help of Transfer Station equipment operator Gerry Butler, we had it set up and ready to go within minutes," said Mitch Goldblatt, a selectman and chair of Orange's Recycling Committee.

Goldblatt said the current shed is temporary; The Home Depot has approval for a permanent structure, but it may not be ready for a few months.



Orange received a new shed on June 20 for recycling plastic bags. Photo courtesy of Mitch Goldblatt.

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Insuring Your Future

Loss Of Benefits Doesn't Mean Loss Of Health Insurance

Over the past three months many have experienced changes in employment status. Furloughs, layoffs and reduction in hours can all mean a loss of employer-sponsored health insurance.

Such an occurrence does not mean one has to go without health insurance. There are two ways to continue receiving coverage.

First, each employee will be offered coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, or COBRA, which doesn't sound like anything to do with insurance and brings to mind a very negative image of a snake. Wouldn't it have been better to call it the Continued Health Insurance Act or Always be Covered? Under this plan, employees are offered the same insurance that they currently have, but without the employer's contribution. This often results in sticker shock, as the premiums can be very high. The coverage lasts for up to 30 months and must be

chosen within 60 days following the end of employment. It is administered by the employer's human resources department or, in some large companies, a third-party administrator who oversees the plans.

A second and often less expensive option is to purchase a plan through the health exchange, Access Health CT. This is the only way one can purchase individual insurance in Connecticut. There are two companies that offer plans on the exchange: Anthem and ConnectiCare. There are a variety of plans designated by metal levels – bronze, silver or gold. The coverage varies depending on the level. All plans cover well health visits and most lab work that is part of an annual physical at no additional cost. However, deductibles and copays will vary depending on the plan.



TRISH PEARSON

If your household income is below a certain level, you may qualify for an advanced premium tax credit that will reduce the monthly premium.

If you have dependent children, they may qualify for HUSKY. As with COBRA, a person has 60 days from the date that benefits ended to enroll in a plan through the exchange.

There are a few other routes to consider: Those who are under 26 years old might be eligible to enroll in a parent's insurance plan. This option only works if everyone is in the same state or there is out of network coverage as part of the plan. Conversely, those over 65 can enroll in Medicare.

Another option is to consider a short-term medical plan. They are designed as a "bridge" for up to a year. They do not have

to follow the requirements of the Affordable Care Act and can take preexisting health conditions into account when pricing and exclude certain medical treatments.

A final option is to self-insure (also known as "rolling the dice"). This is not recommended because if something unexpected were to occur that results in a big medical expense, it is a debt that will follow you forever.

Many of my clients say, "This is so complicated; I could not figure this out myself." The good news is you don't have to. Insurance agents are available to advise on the best choice and walk you through the process, generally with no cost to the client.

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On Your Mind

Anger Hurts, So Let It Go

Whether you've been cooped up at home worried about the pandemic, out protesting in the street or just following the news, there is certainly plenty to feel angry about.

These strong and justified feelings of anger are harmful to our physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Anger is a normal emotional response to something you don't like or could not control. It is often coupled with the feeling that something is unfair. Regardless of your political views, world events are infuriating in many ways. Anger is an appropriate response.

Anger is a combination of physical, emotional and mental responses in the body. Physiological changes include increased blood pressure, heart pounding, muscle tightening and numerous others. The feeling



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of being out of control is the source of the anger.

Domestic violence is often a result of anger created by a feeling of being out of control that leads to physical or emotional violence. Interestingly, people who commit violence out of anger usually only feel "out of control" around someone weaker than themselves. That is a perfect indication that the "out of control" feeling is an excuse, as the same abusers use every bit of control they need around those who they perceive are stronger or in a position of power.

All the studies about anger indicate that anger itself is not the problem. The way you deal with it or express it is the problem.

All the conventional wisdom about anger says that it's a choice. But we know it doesn't feel like a choice while we are experiencing

it. It feels awful. The more anger you have the worse you feel.

So if it is a choice, why can't we choose to let it go more easily?

Since much of our anger is justified, it's hard to learn how to let it go. You may be suffering from old unresolved anger that you're either unaware of or just not sure how to deal with. Even when anger is completely warranted, it still has a negative effect on your wellbeing.

Some mental health professionals and philosophers say forgiveness is essential for mental health. What if someone did something unforgivable? I don't believe forgiveness is necessary for relief, but even when you don't want to forgive you need to learn how to let go.

Letting go of the anger while seeing the experience as a painful but essential life lesson can be helpful. You can remember that you cannot control the things or people around you but you have 100 percent control over the way you respond or the way you allow it to affect

you. My clients who come with issues related to insomnia, anxiety, overeating or overdoing anything usually have anger as the underlying issue. Once we identify the old source of anger in hypnosis, it can be neutralized and reframed with some compassion to allow for releasing and letting go of the old, damaging, unhealthy feelings.

The first step in anger management is to identify the triggers of the anger. The second step is to identify how you prefer to feel. The process from there includes a variety of modalities to reduce or eliminate the out-of-control and angry feelings. Understanding anger and the way it is getting in the way of you being your best self is the first step to change the thoughts that change the behaviors.

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

Orange Country Fair Postponed To 2021

The Orange Country Fair Committee has announced that it is postponing the iconic fair due to the coronavirus pandemic, with the next fair to be held Sept. 17 to Sept. 19, 2021. "The committee did not make this

decision lightly, committee co-chairs Karen McCausland and Kevin Monck said in a press release. "There was a lot of discussion, but it ultimately came down to doing what is best for our own committee, our volunteers,

the town and public safety." McCausland and Monck said they were considering putting together smaller events this fall that would allow for proper social distancing.

Lobsterfest Postponed

The Rotary Club of Orange's annual Lobsterfest has been postponed from its usual date in August due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizers say the tradition will likely happen in September and be restricted to takeout, with delivery possible.

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Recycling Tip

By Loretta Smith

Did you notice that the plastic bag bin at the Orange transfer station was missing for a while? A very strong windstorm blew it over and broke it. Immediately, the Orange Recycling Committee contacted Home Depot in Orange to donate a new shed. The Home Depot was willing. But with the COVID-19 pandemic, the request was tied up at national headquarters for approval because they were helping with the virus. Just recently Home Depot saw our plight and put up a temporary bin. They will replace it with a heavier one. In the meantime, please bring your plastic bags and film to the transfer station or to one of the many stores in town that are now accepting them again.

For more on what can be recycled, visit orangerecycles.com.



Wine Talk

Climate Change Threatens Bordeaux Wines

The wines from the Bordeaux region of France have been sought after since Roman times. The French developed what has become known as the Bordeaux blend, which consists of Cabernet, Merlot, Cabernet Frank, Petite Verdot and Malbec. All these grape varieties are important in the classic Bordeaux blend.

The wines from the left side of the river have a greater degree of Cabernet than Merlot. On the right side of the river Merlot is more prevalent in the blend, so the wines are softer and not as tannic. They are also much cheaper. The white Bordeaux is grown on the right side of the river and that blend is Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Muscadelle.

There are small chateaux that make Bordeaux that have wines stored that go back 30 years. They are still tweaking them and using current grape varieties that have characteristics that would aid older wines.

However, there is a problem in the Bordeaux wine region that for hundreds of

years no one anticipated: climate change.

If you are a climate change denier, just talk to the great old Bordeaux wine houses and they will tell that the climate is so different from what it was a few years ago that the great Bordeaux blend may have to be altered. It is becoming too hot for Cabernet. The cool nights are not so cool. The warm days are becoming too warm. Bordeaux's climate is getting hotter overall.

Since 1950, the average temperatures in Bordeaux have increased 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) according to, Météo-France, France's meteorological service. The summer heat is baking the vineyards of Bordeaux, making the Atlantic Ocean more like the Mediterranean. Not a great situation to grow



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Merlot or Cabernet.

This has many in Bordeaux quite concerned. Bordeaux is big business. They produce more than 700 million bottles of wine a year. During a good year Bordeaux will export \$2 billion worth of wines. To protect their crop they have been harvesting the wines earlier to prevent the grapes from growing too sweet and too ripe on the vine. This would cause the sugar content to increase and the alcohol level to be too high for the classic blends.

The classic Bordeaux blend may need to be changed to include some grapes that are more heat tolerant. This is true all over the world, but it's an especially difficult sell in Bordeaux. Terroir is the key to the great Bordeaux wines: the specific mix of climate, soil, geology and plant that make

up the taste of a wine. Change the climate in such a special wine-growing region, and you have a different-tasting wine. This will not be the traditional Bordeaux. The French, along with many wine lovers around the world, consider this to be a catastrophic event.

My recommendation is to purchase some classic Bordeaux wine and keep it in a cool place for a long period of time. It might appreciate markedly years from now.

Ray Spaziani is chapter director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He has taught wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College, the Milford Board of Education, at Maltose wine and beer making suppliers and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti del Vino and Wine Maker magazine. He is an award-winning home wine maker. Email ray with your questions and wine events at realestatepro1000@gmail.com.

Your Finances

Use Pandemic Savings To Shore Up Your Finances

While many people suffered financially due to job losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic, savings rates actually soared in March and April.

Americans increased their savings rate more than 1.5 times in March and then nearly tripled that rate in April, sending U.S. savings to a record \$6.15 trillion, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Over the previous six months total savings averaged \$1.3 trillion a month.

Researchers said most employees continued working from home and had fewer opportunities to spend money on travel, eating out, entertainment or goods, so they were essentially forced to save.

If you are fortunate enough to fall into this category, the question becomes what to do with your excess cash? Will you go out and spend like mad now that the lockdown period is ending to make up for lost time? Or will you invest or save the money to hedge against future economic shocks? Perhaps you will do both.

The answer should depend on the state of your finances. If you already have a healthy emergency fund and a diversified investment portfolio, it's okay to take that trip you put off or buy that furniture you were eyeing in February.

If your situation is more tenuous, consider using the excess cash to shore up your financial foundation. Remember, it doesn't require a global crisis for you to lose your job or develop a health issue. Take the following steps to prepare:

Get on top of your planning. Assess your current financial situation and develop a long-term plan to improve it by eliminating debt and cutting spending. Create a comprehensive financial plan encompassing retirement planning, tax planning and investment planning, something a certified financial planner can help with. Obtain the types of insurance coverage you need, from disability insurance to life



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insurance.

Think like a millionaire. Most wealthy people get that way by working hard and then living below their means. They do not buy the fanciest house and the priciest car, nor do they indulge in unnecessary luxuries and over-the-top vacations. Rather than taking pride in possessions, they take pride in being productive and setting aside money to take care of their family's future.

Build an emergency fund. If you don't already have a savings or money market account set aside and designated as your emergency fund, start one right away. Set aside enough money to live on for six to nine months with no income stream. It's a cushion that provides real peace of mind. Once your emergency fund is in place, you can start dedicating additional savings to your investment portfolio and to other savings accounts.

Adopt the "pay yourself first" strategy. Once you've started or enhanced your savings and investment program, keep it going by using automatic savings plans. These programs sweep money from your income directly into savings or investments accounts, ensuring that you prioritize the future first. If the first things you do with your income are pay bills and spend on goods and entertainment, it's likely there will be nothing left over to contribute to savings, and you may even slide into debt.

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Orange Lions Cancel Wine Tasting

Due to the recent postponement of the Phase 3 of reopening the state by Gov. Ned Lamont, and in a desire to promote safety and wellness, the Orange Lions Club said it has canceled its 2020 wine tasting event.

"We hope that many of our friends and supporters will consider their ticket purchase a donation to Orange Lions Charities which helps to fund the local Low Vision Centers, Fidelco guide dogs,

equipment for eye screenings of Orange school children, large type and audio books for our Case Memorial Library as well as yearly Community Grants to local groups," the organization said in a release.

Ticket holders wishing for a refund can get in touch with their original Orange Lion Club contact to start the process.

The Lions Club said it expects to hold its 2021 wine tasting event in the spring.

Orange Barber Gets New Owners



Sam, left, and Alex are the new owners of the Orange Barber Shop at 663 Orange Center Rd. in Orange. The shop has been at the location for 50 years. The shop is open Tuesdays through Sundays. Photo by Steve Cooper.



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Obituaries

How To Pay Taxes In Milford And Orange

As Milford and Orange respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, residents are being encouraged to take advantage of contactless options available for making July 2020 tax payments. Tax payments postmarked and mailed on or before Aug. 3 will be considered timely.

In Milford, taxpayers may also pay by electronic check, credit card or debit cards online or by calling the secure payment phone number 844-738-4030.

Two drop boxes are available at the Parsons Government Center located in the hallway adjacent to door #2 (accessed via the handicapped ramp near the gymnasium parking lot) and in the Parson's courtyard (adjacent to the gymnasium parking lot). Do not deposit cash payments in the drop boxes.

Residents with extenuating circumstances may pay in person at the Parsons Government Center between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Seniors 65 years old and over may visit the Tax Office between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. A face mask/covering is required for entry into any city building. Guests are asked to enter using door #2 and exit as instructed. No more than three customers may be permitted inside the Tax Collector's Office at a time (one at each register). Additional customers will line up in the hallway, keeping social distance.

Online payments can be made by visiting ci.milford.ct.us/tax-collector and selecting the "View and Pay Tax Bills" option. Service fees may apply.

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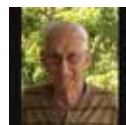
In Orange, the first installment of the taxes on the grand list of Oct. 1, 2019 became due and payable on July 1. If a customer wants a receipt when paying by mail other than the canceled check, the entire three-part tax bill can be remitted along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

To pay online, visit orange-ct.gov and click on the "Pay Tax Online" button. Online e-check, debit and credit payments are made through

Point and Pay. All e-check payments charge a flat fee of \$2 for up to \$10,000, and \$10 for any payments over \$10,000. All major credit cards are accepted. Point and Pay charges a two-and-one-half percent convenience fee with a minimum of \$2. Visa debit can be used for a flat fee of \$3.95.

Payments may also be paid in person at the tax collector's office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. by check or exact cash. To pay in person you must wear a mask to enter town hall and keep socially distant in line.

Full obituaries and pictures (if provided) of the deceased are on our website at www.milford-orangetimes.com and are published at no cost to residents of Milford and Orange.



Lawrence Frank Albera, Jr., 93, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 3, 2020.



Joseph Alexander Andrews, age 48, of Milford, died on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.



Janet Avroch died peacefully at home in Orange on Wednesday, June 10th.



Paul G. Barash, MD, passed away in Orange, CT on Monday, June 8, at age 78.



Donato "Danny" Barbiero, Jr., 87, of Milford, passed away on July 3, 2020.



Mary Agnes Brooks, 76, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2020.



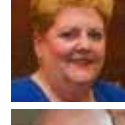
Joan Alice Calandriello, 88, died on July 9, 2020.



Mary Carzillo, 97, of Milford, passed away peacefully on July 4, 2020.



John V. Castello, 96, of Milford, Connecticut, passed away on June 28, 2020.



Patricia Ann Chaco, 71, of Milford, passed away peacefully June 23, 2020.



Benjamin Cooper, 89, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 29, 2020.



Donna Byers Cotter, 87, passed away on May 27, 2020.



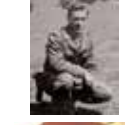
Mary Celine (Crotty) Crowley passed quietly on Thursday, June 4th in Milford, CT.



Robert J. DeAngelo, 81, died July 8.



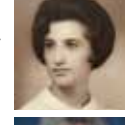
Giovanni DeRubeis, 91, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2020, after a brief illness.



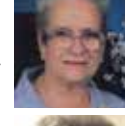
Liberato "Mike" DellaGioia, age 93, of Milford, passed away June 22, 2020.



James Walter Deptula, age 76, of Milford, died on Monday, June 8.



Maria DeVellis, age 73, of Milford, entered peaceful rest on July 7, 2020.



Joyce P. Donegan, of Orange, formerly of West Haven passed away on June 6, 2020.



Sarah Ann Doyle, age 88 of Milford, passed away on May 29 at home following a long illness.



Carole Anne Duhaime, age 84, died peacefully on June 21, 2020, surrounded by her family.



Anna Regina "Jean" Edgeworth, 96, of Orange, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2020.



John Price Ely, 90 of Orange, entered into rest on June 26, 2020.



John Joseph "Jack" Flanagan, Jr., 89, of Milford, CT, passed away peacefully on June 12, 2020.

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Obituaries



Robert (Bob) Flower was born in Lynn Massachusetts April 26, 1930.



The family of **Ronald J. Funaro (Ron)** announce his passing on June 26, 2020.



Elfriede L. Hagedorn, 88, of Milford, passed away on June 5, 2020.



Laura Ann Hambrick, 57, of Wallingford, passed away on June 21, 2020.



Dorothy A. Hayden, 88, of Milford, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2020.



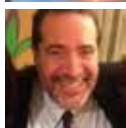
Shirley Virginia Holodnak, 92, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2020.



The family of **Thomas R. Jagoe Sr.**, announce his passing on June 15 at the age of 81.



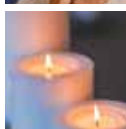
Edwin J. Jones, age 93 of Milford, died peacefully on June 13.



Damian Paul Lake, age 61, of Orange passed away suddenly on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.



Ann Louise Loesch, age 76, of Milford, died on Friday, June 5, 2020.



Geoffrey Christian Lund, 76, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2020.



Joseph Thomas Lynn, 67, of Milford, passed away on June 25, 2020.



Barbara Jean McBurnie, 87 of Milford, Jr, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2020.



Elizabeth "Libby" O. McCarthy, 98, formerly of Milford, passed away on June 1.



Thomas "Thom" Patrick McFarland, 66, originally from Milford, passed away on July 2.



On May 26, 2020, **Joanne Barnes McKeever** passed away.



Edmond Joseph Mickowski, Jr., 73, of Orange, passed away at home on June 21, 2020.



Bessie "Betty" Anna Kennedy Mitchell of Milford, passed away on May 25, 2020.



Albert R. Moquet, Esq., 96, of Orange, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2020.



Howard Elbert Nichols, 90, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2020.



Betty Olsen, age 78 of Orange passed away on July 10.



Elfo "Al" Sante Pol, of Orange passed away June 18, 2020 at his home.



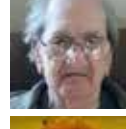
Joan Ann Pyne, 90, of Milford, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2020.



Sharon Susan Rackiewicz, 76, of Milford, passed away on June 24, 2020.



Theresa R. Rapetski, 91, of Milford, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2020.



Owen Raymond Reynolds, 98, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2020.



Maureen Coyne Richetelli, 76, of Milford, passed away on June 22, 2020.



Irene Ann Rieve, 81, of Milford, passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 20, 2020.



Noel "Chris" R. Robitaille, 92, formerly of Milford, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2020.



Patricia L. Roland, age 66, of Milford, died on Thursday, July 9, 2020.



Mamie (D'Amato) Romano, 94, formerly of Orange, passed away on May 27, 2020.



Dorothy Stodolski Rouleau, age 79, passed away on Monday, June 29, 2020.



Esther I. Ruotolo, 89, of Milford, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2020.



Robert Louis Sattler, 83, of Milford, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2020.



William "Bill" C. Shea, age 80, passed away suddenly, on May 25, 2020. He was born in Milford.



George Marty Smith, Jr., passed away at home on June 4, 2020, at the age of 70.



Dr. Satish Tandon died on June 18, 2020 at the age of 81.



Marilyn W. Teeden, age 81 of Milford, passed away May 6, 2020.



John Charles Wells, Sr., 77, of Milford, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2020.



Mark A. Wittkofske, Jr., age 28 of Milford, died suddenly on June 15, 2020.



Patricia Ruth McKiernan Soulier, age 90 of Milford, passed away on May 3, 2020.



Michael V. Young, 67, of Orange passed away June 22, 2020.



Joseph J. Zullo, Jr., 70, of Milford, passed away peacefully at home on July 10, 2020.

Congratulations Mr. Winthrop S. Smith, Sr.
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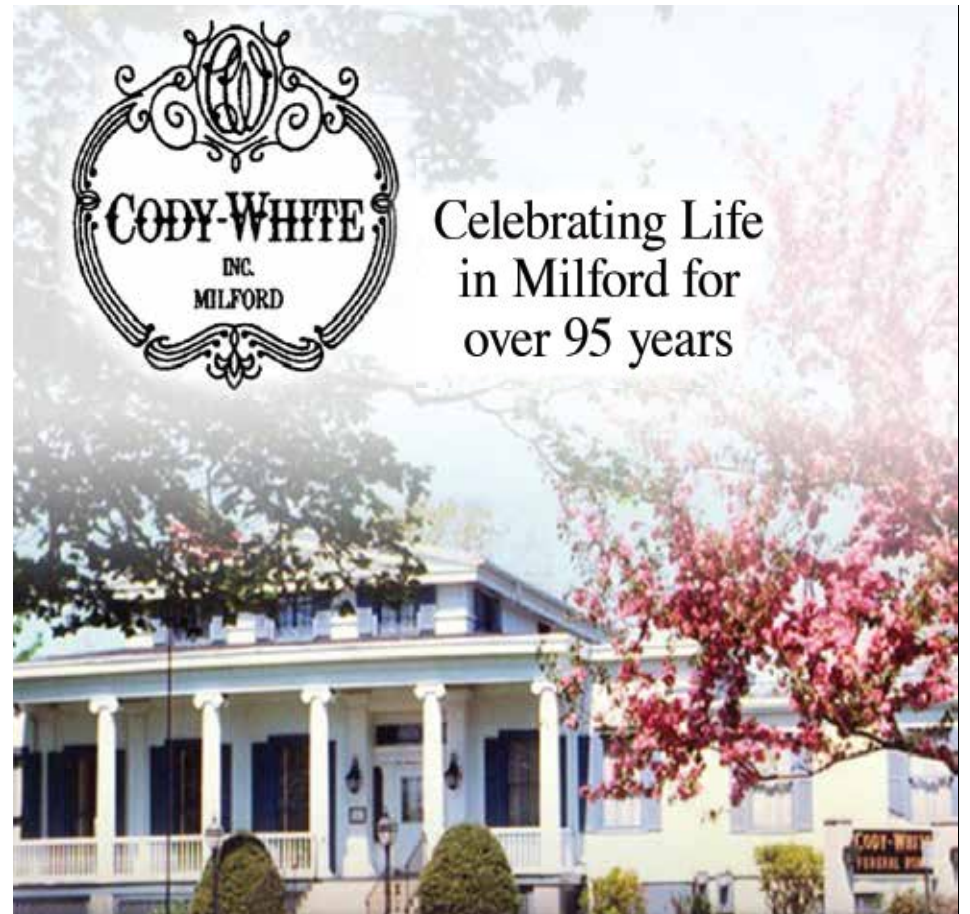
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