

Town Celebrates Its Living Treasures

BY BETTINA THIEL
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The town is celebrating three dedicated volunteers with the traditional Pasta Festa Supper on Thursday, June 15 in the High Plains Community Center gym. The three Living Treasure Award recipients are Betty Hadlock, Rowland Hine and Maureen White.

The annual Pasta Festa is organized by the Orange Community Services Department. Tickets are \$25 per person, but by mid-May only few tickets were left. This is also the first time that the event is being held at High Plains, a smaller event place.

Betty Hadlock

Betty Hadlock, a member of the Orange Board of Education, has been described as having the same energy level as the Energizer Bunny. “Frankly, we think such a description gives the bunny too much credit,” said the organizers in a brief write-up about each of the award recipients.

After retiring ten years ago from a very successful and joyful teaching career in Region 13 (Middlefield/Durham), Hadlock joined the Orange Historical Society (OHS), and soon became a member of the society’s Board of Directors, a position she continues to hold. She has participated in a wide variety of OHS activities, including working at the Orange Country Fair, assisting at hearth-cooked meals, coordinating communications between the Garden Club of Orange and the Historical Society, and frequently working at the Academy Building on Saturdays.

As a member of the Garden Club, Hadlock helps with the planting and weeding of the flower beds at the town Green, and helps maintain the

herb garden at the Stone-Otis House. During the holiday season, she helps decorate a room at the Frances Kellogg estate in Osbornedale State Park and here in Orange, she helps decorate the Case Memorial Library. She helps organize the Garden Club’s tent at the Country Fair and the annual May Market. She currently serves as the recording secretary of the Garden Club and recently became the Club’s incoming vice president.

Betty Hadlock also is a long-time member of the Orange Lions Club. For several years, she co-chaired the Lions’ biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual spring wine tasting.

She has developed and chaired the vision screening program for pre-schoolers and elementary school children in Orange. She spends countless hours each year coordinating and actively participating in the children’s eye screenings. Each year, several dozen children in Orange are identified as needing follow-up care from an eye doctor thanks to the Lions’ youth eye screenings. More than 800 youths are screened annually by the Orange Lions.

Betty has served as an elected member of the Orange Board of Education since 2015. Now in her second four-year term on the Board, she chairs the Policy, Personnel & Transportation Committee, and is vice chair of the Curriculum Committee. She plans to run for re-election this November. In addition, she is an active member of the Orange Democratic Town Committee.

Rowland A. Hine

Rowland Hine, a lifelong resident of Orange, former selectman and highway superintendent, is deeply enmeshed with all aspects of the town’s civic life

for the past 80 plus years.

A staff sergeant of the CT National Guard, he followed in his grandfather’s and father’s footsteps by serving on the Board of Selectmen for ten years. His grandfather, Walter, served as first selectman from 1925-1945 and his father, Arnold Hine, served as first selectman from 1947-1961.

He was an active member of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department

for 34 years and is still involved as a non-active, retired member. Rowland chaired the Annual Carnival Committee which still today is the Volunteer Fire Department’s largest fundraiser.

As a founding co-member of the Orange Agricultural Fair in 1975, Rowland played a significant role in building this popular town event that is still

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Memorial Day Ceremony

Sunday May 28, 10:30 at the HPCC Gazebo
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- › served at the tail end of WWII in Germany
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- › Sent off Easter Sunday 1969 to Vietnam
- › Worked in central accounting and Finance until 1970
- › Rank: Sgt E -5



George MacLemen

Honored Veteran:
George MacLemen

- › U.S Marine Corps1972 - 1974
- › Marine Corps Reserves 1974-1978
- › Defense information School of Journalism
- › Stationed at camp Lejeune where he served as a sports editor for the Lejeune Globe
- › Memorial Day Committee Member who is being Honored posthumously

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For many Americans, the long week-end also represents the start of summer gatherings, and unfortunately it has become one of the most dangerous times of year for drivers on our roads. If your plans involve drinking, remember to prioritize the essential thing that our service members fought to uphold: our safety and wellbeing. Drunk driving is 100% preventable, and we can all do our part to keep our loved ones

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Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness and Education
Coordinator, Dichello Distributors, Inc.

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Pursuant to Section 12-632 of the Connecticut General Statutes the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Orange will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Lower-Level Meeting Room at the Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT, to receive comments on an application received for the 2023 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program which will be submitted to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Service for funding consideration. The application is on file in the First Selectman's Office and may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received at the First Selectman's Office until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Thereafter comments should be presented at the public hearing. The following application has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen:

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Upcoming Issue Date	Issue Deadline
June 23 Independence Day Issue	June 16
September 1 Labor Day & Back to School Issue.....	August 25
September 29 Fall Issue	September 22

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



Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Show Set for July 2nd

The town of Orange Annual Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Show will take place on Sunday, July 2nd (rain date: Sunday, July 9th) on the Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road.

For this year’s concert, AM GOLD YACHT ROCK has been scheduled to perform before the fireworks show. AM GOLD YACHT ROCK, is a yacht rock tribute band based out of the NY area performing all the #1 hits from 1975 - 1985 including Hall and Oates, Michael McDonald, Toto, Christopher Cross, Steely Dan, Kenny Loggins and all the one hit wonders of that era, such as Brandy, Escape (Pina Colada song), Dancing in the Moonlight and more. AM GOLD YACHT ROCK performs music for all ages and is family friendly.

The festivities will begin promptly at 6:30 pm with welcoming comments from Orange First Selectman Jim Zoli. The concert will be followed by fireworks at 9:30 pm.

Orange Town News publisher and event producer Rocky Salperto said,

“We are excited to be a part of the Town’s Independence Day Celebration. We hope everyone continues to enjoy this great community event. Many thanks go out to our sponsors, our first selectman and town officials for their continued support.”

The event is made possible through area sponsors including Major Sponsors: Yale University, The Orange Foundation, The Law Firm of Marino, Zabel & Schellenberg, PLLC, The Law Offices of Debra B. Marino, LLC & the Town of Orange. Gold, Silver, Bronze and Patron sponsorships are still available. A sponsorship form is available on page 23 of this issue and on the Orange Town News website.

Popular Food Trucks are being lined up, and novelty items will also be available for purchase at the fairgrounds beginning at 6:00 pm. A WPLR radio personality will also be on location. Come early and get a good seat. Admission is free. There will be a suggested parking donation of \$5 that will benefit the Orange Little League.



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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



Caitlyn Shanley, Flossie Ardolino, Guild President, Sue D’Orso, Scholarship Committee Member, Kathryn Marquis

Holy Infant Women’s Guild Awards Scholarships

The Holy Infant Church Women’s Guild recently awarded scholarships to two graduating seniors. They are Caitlyn Shanley who is graduating from Sacred Heart Academy and will be attending UCONN and intends to

major in Mechanical Engineering, and Kathryn Marquis who is graduating from Amity High School. Kathryn will be attending Fairfield University and she intends to major in psychology with a minor in finance.

Orange Congregational Church Invites You to Worship Sundays

Orange Congregational Church invites you to join us for worship Sundays at 10 a.m. in our Sanctuary on the corner of 205 Meeting House Lane and Orange Center Road and livestreamed to our YouTube channel. Church school for children Kindergarten through 6th grade takes place in-person during worship, and fellowship and coffee hour follows afterward. We also have a crib room with an attendant for babies and toddlers on Sunday mornings. Our Senior Choir sings during worship and our Handbell Choir performs monthly. Memorial Day weekend worship will be on Sunday, May 28 at 9:30 a.m. after which our youth will march in the town parade. This year’s Strawberry Festival will take place on Saturday, June 10 (rain date June 11) at the Orange Fairgrounds with strawberry shortcake, pies, jam, craft vendors, entertainment, children’s activities, the red car show, and more. Scholarship Sunday will take place on June 18th at 10 a.m. after which this year’s awards for the OCC Scholarships will be given out. The Semiannual Meeting

of the church will be on Sunday, June 25th immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. The OCC Golf Tournament will take place on July 14th at Orange Hills Country Club at 8:30 a.m. for a shotgun start (with a 7:30 a.m. time for breakfast and registration). Please join us for this annual charity benefit in cooperation with Columbus House. Sign up for a foursome for 18 holes event. There will be fun-filled games with prizes: putting contest, closest to the pin, longest drive and a raffle drawing at lunchtime. Breakfast, lunch at Orange Ale House, and goodie bags are included. Sponsors can donate at the Gold, Silver, Long Drive, or Tee Box Sign level and have a sign with their name on the golf course. Lunch Only option at Orange Ale House is available at 1:30 p.m. for \$20. To sponsor or register, please call the church office at 203-795-9749, email occhurch@snet.net (especially for Lunch Only), or visit our sign-up website which you can find at the Events page of orangecongregationalchurch.org.



Left to Right: Elaine Klein, Lillian Malkus, Judy Lampner, Leslie Wasserman, Miriam Edberg, and Civanne Bloch

Celebrating 1,000!

Threads of Love, a group of knitters and crocheters, has created and delivered more than 1,000 shawls to patients of serious illnesses. Begun in December 2009, shawls and lap blankets have been sent to individuals throughout the United States and to Italy and Israel. Shawls

are made at home and collected every 3 months. Most supporters of the group belong to Congregation Or Shalom of Orange, but everyone is invited to participate. We are exceedingly proud of the 1,000-milestone and are now working on the next 1,000.



Ten Reasons You Should Attend Church Strawberry Festival

Celebrating 15 Years of Family Fun and Strawberry Treats!

BY CARRIE EHORN
Date: Saturday, June 10 (Rain Date: Sunday, June 11)
Time: 9AM - 5PM
Location: Orange Fairgrounds

a jar of homemade strawberry jam, top off your ice cream with strawberries, or walk around the grounds sipping a strawberry slushie. Can’t pick one? Go crazy and try them all. We won’t tell.

10. Strawberries, Strawberries, Strawberries
They are the star of the show, the fruit of the season, and offered at the festival in a variety of ways. Come enjoy a strawberry shortcake, take home

9. Pie Eating Contest
For you true strawberry lovers out there, dive in face first to the annual pie eating contest – open to
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hosting and entertaining thousands of residents and visitors each year. His legacy is being carried on through some of his children and grandchildren.

Rowland Hine was a 50-year member of the Little Wheel Shriners. He participated and entertained in many parades to raise funds for the Shriners Hospital. He was also a Freemason of Mason’s for 55 years. Freemasonry is the oldest fraternal organization in the world. A Mason is taught to be a good citizen, to be of good character, to care for those less fortunate, and to give back to the community.

Rowland is very proud to have been involved in the Rotary Club of Orange where he worked faithfully to raise funds for more than 40 years. He volunteered at the annual lobster bake and Mother’s Day rose sale. The Rotary Club of Orange annually provides more than \$30,000 to area charities and organizations every year.

He was always deeply involved in the Orange Historical Society to ensure the history of his cherished life-long roots were preserved and remembered. He attended regular monthly meetings for decades and also donated many articles for the museum.

He was a self-employed local business owner, and was running the town’s Highway Department for a period.

His ancestors arrived in New Haven, CT in 1639 on the John Davenport ship which qualifies him to be a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. NSSAR or SAR was founded in 1889 and is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to future generations.

“As you can see, there has never been a prouder, more devoted, and committed resident for any town than Rowland Arnold Hine is to the Town of Orange,” the organizers wrote.

Maureen White

Maureen White built her connections in Orange through volunteering at Holy Infant Church.

She and her husband Jim, and their four children moved to Orange in the

fall of 1982. This was their first move where the Army hadn’t chosen where they would live!

She quickly made friends though the congregation at Holy Infant Church and this began a series of volunteer activities. She became a member of the Women’s Guild, which led to a position on the Parish Council, and then to becoming a Trustee.

As a member of FISH, Maureen and two friends delivered emergency food to individuals in the greater New Haven area. For almost 20 years she ran a Christmas party with the CCD children of Holy Infant and the children of St. Peter’s School in New Haven. She currently serves as membership co-chair of the Women’s Guild and is a participant of the Prayer Shawl ministry.

One of the first friends Maureen made in Orange introduced her to the Friends of the Library, and it has become her passion ever since. Once a week, year-round she can be found in the Case Memorial Library basement, sorting donated books to be offered for resale to the community and beyond. The proceeds are spent on Case Library educational and entertainment programs for children and adults.

She has held every office within the Friends. As president of the organization, she initiated the Library Holiday decorations, and she also began the Murder Mystery community participation event. She coordinates the Friends’ table at the Orange Country Fair. She also began a joint endeavor involving the Friends of the Library, Orange Food2Kids, and Orange Community Services.

During the holidays, The Friends invite residents to trim a tree with donated mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves for local children in need. The gifts are then distributed through Community Services.

Maureen is also an appointed member of the Library Commission and acts as its corresponding secretary. As the liaison, she keeps the Commission members informed of the Friends’ activities.

“Maureen is truly a living treasure in Orange,” said the press release.

Tickets for the event can be reserved through Community Services at (203) 891-4788.



Zoners Allow Ground-Mounted Solar Panels

BY BETTINA THIEL
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The Orange Plan and Zoning Commission, at its May 16 meeting, voted to allow ground-mounted solar panels on residential lots, as long as they are located in the back of a house. Zoning Enforcement Officer Jack Demirjian had asked the commissioners to consider some regulation around this issue, as he had been getting phone calls from residents planning to install such arrays.

“Uses accessory to a dwelling may include ... solar and other renewable forms of energy and energy conservation structures and buildings for such uses, but only when such uses are for the personal and family use of the occupants of the dwelling and their guests,” reads the addition to §383-26 I. A little further down, it adds that “no part of a

solar and other renewable forms of energy and energy conservation structure shall be located in front of the primary structure or in any area between a street line and the primary structure.”

These installations do not permit large solar farms, but are designed for personal use of a family living at a particular address. Without this amendment to the regulation, ground mounted solar installations were not mentioned in the Zoning regs and were thus not permitted.

Demirjian had inquired with neighboring towns, where these types of installation are treated like any other accessory building. Those cannot exceed a height of 15 feet nor exceed a ground coverage of 300 square feet, unless allowed by special use permit.

“I am satisfied with that language,” said Chairman Oscar Parente.



Summer Concerts

2023 6:00-8:00pm

Music under the Stars

Come on out for 4 free Summer Concerts in the Gazebo at the High Plains Community Center. Be sure to bring your chairs and join us in enjoying all age appropriate music out on the lawn.

June 22 *Saab Brothers*
at the OEDCC Artisan Festival

June 29 *Boogie Chillum*
Local resident

July 13 *Sister Funk*
From West Haven,

August 10 *Penny Lane*
Beatles Tribute Band

August 31 *Richard Badowski Blues Band*

Come out early for the OEDCC Farmers’ Market from 3:30—7:00pm

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*From the Amity
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BY PAUL DAVIS
AMITY BOE CHAIR



The Amity Board of Education (ABOE) would like to thank the support of the community for the successful passage of the 2023-2024 Amity Regional School District Budget. The final vote count across the three towns was 1246 in favor and 808 against. Additionally, each town individually approved the budget. The budget is an extremely low 2.25 percent increase over the budget for the current year. Interestingly, we are still getting questions about why the budget must be increased at all since we have had surpluses in the past few years and have all that extra money. The facts are that any unspent funds each year must be used in a manner dictated by law for the benefit of the district's students. Part of these funds may be put into a capital account and the rest must be used to reduce the net expenses for the next year. At the end of the 21-22 fiscal year, for example, capital funds in the amount of \$929,175 were appropriated to repair the middle school roofs, purchase new musical instruments for our middle school music programs, and complete architectural plans for our lecture hall repair. Significant additional taxpayer costs were avoided by doing this rather than bonding for these projects. We are also using the remaining unspent \$711,936.66 to lower the net expenses for this year as required by law. In turn, we reduced the required payments from our towns to the Amity District by an equal amount based on each town's enrollment. This gives the towns additional funds to use at their discretion and zeros out the balance of unspent funds (surplus). It is important for residents to understand that a regional school district like Amity is not permitted to carry reserve undesignated funds from year to year so our outstanding finance staff works hard to be certain we are using our budgeted funds in the most efficient and effective manner sometimes resulting in unspent funds.

Amity Board of Education Community Forum

The ABOE and Board Communications Committee will be hosting its first Community Forum on May 22, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm in the ARHS Library Media Center. The purpose of the community forum is to prompt an open, civil exchange of questions and ideas between our parents and students and members of the Board and school administration. We hope that forum provides a transparent venue where questions asked receive answers

immediately. The broad focus topic of our first forum is ACADEMICS. Feedback on future topics will be solicited at the end of the meeting. The forum is expected to last about 2 hours.

New Board Policies

The Board of Education adopted one new policy at its last meeting and accepted revisions to an existing policy. The new Policy 0524 – Bias Incidents in Schools codifies the Board's commitment to providing a safe learning and working environment free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying. It also reinforces the ability of school officials to report bias incidents to law enforcement for investigation. The revised Policy 6144 – Controversial Topics was updated to reflect concerns that the Board has heard from public comment around topics that may be perceived as controversial. The policy is accompanied by a new administrative regulation. In addition to these, several existing policies about policy development have been updated; a new policy on extracurricular participation will be discussed at the June meeting.

Amity Teacher of the Year and Award of Excellence

Nominated by her peers, Amity Middle School Bethany Social Studies Teacher Marissa Nall is 2024 Amity Teacher of the Year. Armed with great perspective and a positive attitude, Ms. Nall exudes the idea that anything is possible. She puts the needs of the students, staff, and parents as a high priority – listening to her colleagues, developing inspiring relationships with her students; and forging strong connections with parents. Selected by the Award of Excellence committee from those nominated, I am pleased to announce that Randy Joiner is the 2023 Award of Excellence Recipient. Mr. Joiner serves as a District Maintenance Specialist and is truly a Jack of all Trades – there is nothing he cannot do and brings infectious positivity and kindness to his work.

Gold Pen Recipients

The Gold Pen is Amity's Annual Award in which teachers recognize their colleagues for their dependability, hard work, commitment to students, and whose contributions to Amity are valued by their peers. Recognized on May 4, 2023, this year's recipients are: Mr. Robert Murphy (Social Studies, AMSB), Ms. Kate Hoffman (Health/PE, AMSO), and Mr. Christopher Parrillo



(Special Education, ARHS). Families of the winners and teachers from each of the schools were invited to the high school to join in the celebration of the award winners.

Virtual Keynote – A Parent Primer on Social Hosting, DUI, Texting & Driving, and More

Just in time for prom and graduation season, please join attorneys Alex Mario and Jessica Ayala from the Carter Mario Law Firm for this important webinar on the legal implications to both parents and students of social hosting, teen DUIs, and texting & driving. The contents of this webinar are appropriate for parents of middle and high school students. This Virtual Keynote is funded by CarterCares - a program giving back to the community from the Carter Mario Law Firm.

Thanks to BOE Student Representative

Since 2019, the Amity Board of Education has seated two non-voting members from the Amity student body. Elected first by their peers to Student Government and then selected following an application process, a student Board member serves a 2-year term beginning in their Junior year of high school. They play an important role of bringing student voice, opinion, and feedback to the decisions made by the Board of Education. The Amity Board of Education would like to extend its sincere appreciation and thanks to graduating Marin Korenaga for her two years of service to our students and our community.

Amity Investment Club Places 2nd in International Competition

Amity's "7 Chakras" Investing Team placed second in the world championship round of the Wharton School of Business Investing Challenge on April 21-22, 2023. The investing challenge started with approximately 3,000 teams before narrowing down to the top 10 teams from around the world

for final round of competition.

Amity Awarded at Academic Decathlon National Competition

Amity's Academic Decathlon Team received the Rookie of the Year award at the National Competition in Frisco, TX last week. Additionally, team members were awarded 6 individual medals in the Essay, Science, and Interview competitions.

JSA (Junior State of America) Recognition

Congratulations to the Amity JSA for receiving recognition as the Northeast Chapter of the Year! The result was because of the great work by the students, with three students receiving individual recognitions.

ARHS Drug-Alcohol Awareness Speaker Series

During the week of April 3 – 7, 2023, the ARHS student assistance counselor and the members of our PE/Health department worked together to host the annual Amity Drug-Alcohol Awareness Speaker Series. The series is a community outreach program where speakers from our local communities speak with students in the health and physical education classes about the dangers, pressures, decisions, and consequences related to addiction. Some of the speakers were Amity Alumni, while others were members of the larger community who are passionate about helping young people make healthy choices.

BOWDAAC Survey

The bi-annual survey conducted in partnership with the Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee (BOWDAAC) was administered to students in grades 7, 9, and 11 during the last week in April. The results from the survey will provide the community with vital information about its young people and will help Amity staff improve curriculum and plan strategies and programs to promote prevention and decrease risk factors.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

APT Establishes Scholarship at Sacred Heart University

Amity PT has partnered with Sacred Heart University to establish an annual scholarship of ten thousand dollars (\$10K) for any student of the men or women sports team basketball team that is majoring in exercise science and/or pursuing a graduate degree in physical therapy.

Michael Dow, MSPT/Founder of Amity Physical Therapy commented, "As an alumni of both the undergraduate and graduate schools at SHU, as well as a former member of the men's basketball team years ago, I felt it was important to give back to the college. Without the experiences I got from SHU, I would have never developed the skills to become the physical therapist I am today, nonetheless to open my own practice, now with 5 offices.

"It is often hard to believe that it's been over 20 years, but I remember fondly the dedication it requires to obtain a degree in physical therapy while also sacrificing your time playing a sport. The demands can be tough, but well worth it. The idea of the scholarship is to help minimize those demands, as well as promote the profession as a whole. Today's students are our future leaders."

Interested applicants should contact their respective coaching staff, as well as being recommended to Stacy Velarde in SHU alumni services.

Michael Dow MSPT, and CEO/Clinical Director of Amity Physical Therapy, founded the practice 18 years ago, and now has five offices in Woodbridge, Hamden, Branford, Milford and Wallingford. He received his degree from Sacred Heart University and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for his work with the national Multiple Sclerosis Society. He works with patients of all ages, pediatrics to geriatrics, as well as local high school and college athletes. Michael can be reached at 203-389-4593 or visit amitypt.com.

Evan Russell Completes Intensive Research Project

Evan Russell, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Aerospace Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Strengthening La Goyco's Volunteer Program.

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of Integrative& Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

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STUDENT NEWS

Achievements Curry College

Milton, MA - Curry College welcomes the 2023 inductees into the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society. The objective of the Alexander Graham Bell (AGB) Honor Society is to promote and recognize academic excellence at Curry College. The Society is named for the famous inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, who was an early chancellor at Curry College. Membership in the Society is limited to those students who have achieved Dean's List every semester while enrolled at Curry College. In the spring

semester of 2023, 150 traditional undergraduate students were welcomed into the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society. Those students from Orange are: Amanda Moran and Carlee Mulherin.

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - Saliba Kaoud of Orange, CT was inducted into the Financial Management Association of the National Honor Society, during a recent ceremony. To be eligible for induction, graduating finance seniors are required to have a 3.5 cumulative GPA and a 3.5 GPA for major courses.



The following sixth grade students received the 2023 CAPSS (Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents) Superintendent's Award at the Orange Board of Education meeting that took place on May 15, 2023. This award is based on community service and service to others; academic prowess; and leadership service to the school community. Pictured with Superintendent of Orange Schools Dr. Vince Scarpetti are award recipients. From Race Brook School - Odrina Ameti, Noah D'Addio, Cassandra Prosnick, Zoe Kucera from Turkey Hill School - Alexis Schiff, Myra Ahmad, Akanksha Raj from Peck Place School - Nava Ismail-Beigi, Helene Flynn, Ammar Mirza. Congratulations to these students and their families.

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Members of team Amity 7 Chakras Investments. Top row, left to right: Piyush Bahel, Henry Ranani, Eydan Lavi, Aarav Patel, Lucas Rodriguez-Herlihy; Bottom row, left to right: Anchal Bahel, Annika Yun

Students Place 2nd in Wharton's Investment Competition

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania has announced the top 3 global teams for the Wharton Global High School Investment Competition, an annual contest for high school students. Unlike other competitions, winners are selected on the strength and creativity of their team investment strategies, not on the growth of their stock portfolios.

After presenting live to a panel of industry professionals, students from Amity Regional High School placed 2nd globally. The team, known as team Amity 7 Chakras Investments, consists of members Piyush Bahel '23, Anchal Bahel '23, Lucas Rodriguez-Herlihy '23, Eydan Lavi '24, Henry Ranani '24, Annika Yun '24, and team captain Aarav Patel '24.

Over 3,200 registered teams from 53 countries competed in this competition, which focused on a case study of a client, Peter Hjemdahl. Since September, these seven students have developed an investing strategy for Hjemdahl with several "chakras," or stages, which utilize data-driven analysis to ensure peace-of-mind investing.

Out of the thousands of initial teams who submitted investment reports, only 55 moved onto the semi-finals to submit a video pitch. After their presentation was reviewed, Amity qualified for the global finals, placing within the top 10 teams.

These finalist teams were invited to the Wharton School from April 20th to April 22nd, where they had the opportunity to listen to keynote speakers, take a tour of the campus, and meet students from across the world. The global final teams spanned from Virginia, California, Georgia, Indiana, Texas, Canada, South Korea, India, and the Czech Republic.

On the morning of April 22nd, the 10 teams competed for the global finale. Each team had 10 minutes to pitch their unique investment strategies followed by 5 minutes of questioning from the judges.

For four hours, teams took turns presenting economic analysis, custom algorithms, ESG considerations, and more. Judge Michael DeFlorio, CEO of private equity firm Harvest Partners, "was amazed by the quality in the room."

Andrea Vittorelli, the global insurance chair at JP Morgan, asked the students to "please stay in touch with us and let us know what's going on with your lives. We will be very proud to have met you when you were in high school."

Team Amity 7 Chakras Investments placed 2nd with their disciplined investment strategy rooted in the seven "chakras." Captain Aarav Patel '24 said, "I was in awe when they announced the results. I am very proud of how far we have come since starting the club two years ago."

Eydan Lavi '24 said, "It was a once in a lifetime experience. Seeing the countless hours of work we put in throughout the competition culminating in a second place victory made the experience all the more special!"

The club advisor, Mr. Ranani, said "I am honored to have witnessed their growth, resilience, and exceptional performance against teams from all over the world. This accomplishment is a testament to their potential and the bright futures that lie ahead for each member of the team."

The team took home a second place and finalist trophy, which they presented to Principal Hauser back at Amity. They hope opportunities like this can encourage students to take hold of their financial futures.



Superintendent's Awards

This year's Orange Public Schools Grade 6 recipients of the South Central Area Superintendents' Association (SCASA) Awards are pictured with their principals and their superintendent, Dr. Vince Scarpetti at a banquet held on April 28, 2023. From left to right and in the back row: Dr. Denise Arter-

bery (Principal of Turkey Hill School), Mrs. Tricia Lasto (Principal of Peck Place School), Mark Audie, Dr. Vince Scarpetti, Sabrina Feliconio, Annabella Liptak, and Mrs. Kathy McNeil (Principal of Race Brook School). In the front row: Emily Frazier, Barrett Gagnon, and Josephine Yun.

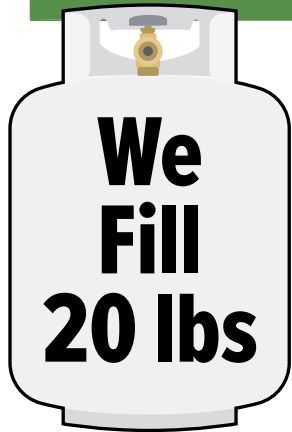


Students at OCNS had a great time participating in the annual Trike-a-thon. Thank you to Officer Knepper for teaching us about bike safety!

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Left: Firefighter Peter Goodwin helps Brandon Pepe, 4, try on a firefighter's coat at Touch-A-Truck at the Racebrook School May 2. Center: Firefighter Lisa Kaplan shows visitors some of the equipment on an Orange fire engine at Racebrook School's Touch-A-Truck event May 2. Right: On May 3rd at the Post Road Station, Firefighter Lisa Kaplan explains a firefighter's turnout gear and breathing apparatus to members of Daisy Troop 60226

Orange Firefighters Talk about Safety with Kids, Show Them Equipment

ORANGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS THREE PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENTS IN ONE WEEK

It was a busy week for members of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department as they met with children at three different events. “These events are as much fun for the firefighters as they are for the kids,” said Firefighter Lisa Kaplan, who chairs the department’s public education committee. “We get to teach some fire prevention and home safety tips. Equally important, the children get to see us in our gear and see our equipment. They learn not to be afraid of us and to come to us in an emergency, even if we’re in turnout gear and maybe even wearing air masks.”

Firefighters recently visited the Racebrook School’s Touch-A-Truck event, talked with a group of pre-

schoolers from the Orange Congregational Church Nursery School, and welcomed Girl Scouts from Daisy Troop 60226 to their firehouse. Kaplan said the department has programs for children of all ages and for adults. To arrange for a public education event, call the Orange Volunteer Fire Department at (203) 891-4703. A member will get back to you shortly.

The Orange Volunteer Fire Association provides fire protection to residents and businesses in Orange and, through mutual aid, surrounding towns. Members receive training in fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials response, homeland security issues and other emergen-

cy services.

Operating strictly with revenues from fundraisers and donations, the Orange Volunteer Fire Department is one of the remaining few all-volunteer incorporated fire departments in Connecticut. Active members are on-call to serve the community on a 24-hour/seven-day basis, responding from stations on Orange Center Road and Boston Post Road.

In addition, the fire company offers public education services including lectures, demonstrations and training. For information about membership, donations or public education, call (203) 891-4703, click on <https://www.orangevfd.org/> or find us on Facebook.



Firefighter Lisa Kaplan helps Girl Scout Lily Pfeifer, 6, use a hoseline during a visit to Orange Volunteer Fire Department Station 2 on May 3

Youth Service & Safety Week

Mark your calendars! The 2nd Annual Youth Service & Safety Week will be held Monday-Friday, July 10th-14th from 12:00-4:00pm at the Police Department – 314 Lambert Road. Daily activities will include decorating sweet treats, field day, touch-a-truck, water games, and more! There is no registration required and will be free of charge. We hope to see you come out and enjoy the activities that week!

Youth Services

BY JESSICA SIMONE, MSW, ORANGE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Ride For Hope

Last year, more than 108,000 people were lost to overdose in the United States. We need your help to break the cycle and change the narrative! HELPING BREAK THE CYCLE OF ADDICTION STARTS WITH OUR YOUTH! BOWDAAC (Bethany, Orange,

Woodbridge Drug & Alcohol Action Committee) along with the Milford & West Haven Prevention Councils, will hold our 11th Annual Ride For Hope charity motorcycle ride on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

With your support, we can continue our community outreach and educate

our children on overdose awareness, underage drinking, vaping and substance use prevention. This community issue has touched each and every one of us in some way, shape or form. Our groups offer education to Milford/West Haven/Amity region students, community presentations/town halls, and more. Help us sustain our programs and offer new ones as needed! \$30 PER BIKE (includes rider/passenger). Link to register on our FaceBook: www.facebook.com/bowdaac.

“These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor - and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror.” — MICHAEL N. CASTLE

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

June is Dog License Month

A Message from the Orange Town Clerk's Office

The Town Clerk's Office would like to remind all owners of dogs six months or older that June is the renewal month for dog licenses. One of the three ways to obtain a license is to visit the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

If you are unable to stop by in person, please visit the Town website www.orange-ct.gov for instructions on how to renew a dog license electronically or by mail.

The costs to obtain a dog license are as follows:

Spayed Female	\$8;
Female	\$19;
Neutered Male.....	\$8;
Male.....	\$19.

Special Note: All dog owners

who obtain a dog license during the month of June will automatically be entered to win a basket of dog treats and toys for your special pooch. The drawing will take place on Monday, July 3rd.

Please note, an up-to-date rabies vaccination certificate and a neutering/spaying certificate are required to renew or obtain a new dog license. In accordance with section 22-337 and 22-338 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the responsibility of the dog owner to obtain a license in the month of June each year. After June 30th, there is a state mandated \$1 per month penalty for unlicensed dogs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office at 203-891-4030.

New Program Benefits Vision Impaired

The Orange tax collector's office is piloting a new program in conjunction with the state Department of Aging and Disability/Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind.

Starting with the July 2023 tax bills, the office will be able to mail tax bills in braille. Braille, according to the American Foundation for the

Blind, is a system of raised dots that can be read with the fingers by people who are blind or who have low vision. The tax collector's office is looking for candidates who would like to participate, and is encouraging all residents to inform anyone who might be eligible for this new program. Pre-setup is required.



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From left: Andy Fleischmann, President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut; Mekhi McCoter, the mentoring organization’s 2023 Youth of the Year; and Alex Beck, Orange resident and Mekhi’s longtime mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program

Mentee Named Youth of the Year by Big Brothers Big Sisters of CT

Mekhi McCoter of New Haven has been named Youth of the Year by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut, the state affiliate of the 117-year-old Big Brothers Big Sisters of America youth mentoring organization. The recognition was presented at the 2023 Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Year Awards event, held recently at the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford. Mekhi, a senior at Eli Whitney Technical High School has been a Little Brother (mentee) in the Big Brothers Big Sisters

program for the past ten years. His Big Brother (mentor) in the program is Alex Beck, who lives in Orange and is Assistant State’s Attorney for the Milford-Ansonia Judicial District. Mekhi McCoter was awarded for his consistent growth mindset, his commitment to his match relationship and his ongoing receptivity to new knowledge and insights. Following high school graduation, Mekhi plans on spending time in the military where he’ll learn skills that will help him succeed later in life.



Arrow of Light Scout Antonno Bonazzoli successfully completing Cub Scouts

2023 Blue and Gold Ceremony

On April 22nd Pack 922 held its annual Blue and Gold Ceremony. The Blue and Gold celebrates the year in scouting and each scout who moves on to the next level. This year several scouts completed their Cub Scout

journey and were welcomed into Boy Scouts. Pack 922 will hold a recruitment meeting on June 12 at 6:30 the High Plains Pavilion. Any child entering grades K through 5 in the fall is welcome to attend.

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› Monday, Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
› Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holiday Closings: The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

Program Fees: Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free, except as noted for materials charges, and open to the public.

Registration: Registration is required for all library programs, unless otherwise noted. Register for events at casememoriallibrary.org/events.

Summer Reading

June 17–August 12

The Case Memorial Library has planned a summer full of fun for all ages. Children, teens, and adults are all invited to participate in our summer reading programs and attend exciting free events throughout the summer. Drop by the Library or visit orange.lioninc.org/summerreading to learn more!

Friends Of the Library Book Sale

Sunday, June 24, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Storytimes Music Mondays with Al deCant

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. (No class 7/3 or 7/10)

For children ages 2–7 and families

Explore music with Orange's own Singing Principal, Al deCant! Registration is required. This series is generously sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for storytime! This program is primarily for ages 1–5, but siblings and friends are welcome. No registration required.

Events For Children Preschool Playtime

Saturday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 2–5

Come enjoy our mini obstacle course for a morning of fun and peer socialization! Registration is required.

Tween D&D: Session #0

Monday, June 12, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

For children ages 8–12



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Learn the basics of the game and build a character! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Summer Reading Kickoff: The Power of a Story

Saturday, June 17, 10:30 a. m.

For children and families

Face-painting as part of a storytelling performance? Come and learn about the power of stories! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Take and Make: Juneteenth Flag Craft

Pick up dates: June 19–24

For ages 3–12

Make a flag to celebrate a newly official state holiday! Summer take and makes are available while supplies last, no registration required. This kit is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Summer STEAM: Circuit Quizzes

Tuesday, June 20, 3 p.m.

For children ages 6–12

Create a quiz about your favorite subject that lights up when you answer correctly! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Summer STEAM: Penny Boats

Tuesday, June 27, 3 p.m.

For ages 6–12

Put your engineering skills to the test and see how many pennies your boat can hold before it sinks! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Events For Teens & Adults Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady of the World

Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m.

Enjoy this performance by Sheryl Faye, as she brings Eleanor Roosevelt to life. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Crochet Club

Saturdays, June 3, July

1, August 5, 10 a.m.

For adults

The Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild meets monthly to share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems, education, and generally have a great time crocheting. All skill levels are welcome. Bring any crochet project you are working on or one you may need help with. Please bring your own supplies. No registration is necessary.

Pride Month Take & Make Food Kit: Rainbow Gumdrops

Pickup dates: June 5–10

For adults and rising 7th–12th graders

Celebrate Pride Month with this tasty take-home food kit! Make your own flavored rainbow gumdrops at home. This kit includes most ingredients needed to make rainbow gumdrops as well as information on Pride Month, Pride flags, and a list of books for all ages curated by our librarians featuring characters and authors who are part of the LGBTQ+ community. One kit per household. Registration is required. This kit is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

2023 Oscar Film: Triangle of Sadness

Monday, June 5, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7, 1 p.m.

A fashion model celebrity couple join an eventful cruise for the super-rich. 2 hr. 27 min. R. Registration is required.

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Thursday, June 8, 1 p.m.

Join librarian Samantha Jasulavic for a discussion of *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware. This program

will be held in person at the Library. Registration is required.

Virtual Trivia Night

Thursdays, June 8, July

6, August 3, 7 p.m.

Join us on Zoom for a game of general knowledge trivia where players (either individuals or teams of up to three) will compete in three rounds of ten questions each using the application Slides with Friends. The top three winners will receive a prize! This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Take & Make: Paracord Bracelets

Pickup dates: June 12–17

For adults and rising 7th–12th graders

Beat those pesky summertime bugs by making your own bug-repellent survival paracord bracelet! Registration is required. This kit is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Words from the Front

Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m.

A dramatic reading based on a collection of text messages, Facebook messages, emails, and interviews that have been exchanged in real time from the U.S., Ukraine, and Russia after the invasion in 2022. By Nancy A. Herman and Lynda Sorensen. Registration is required.

Book Boxes

June pickup dates: June 19–24

July pickup dates: July 24–29

August pickup dates: August 21–26

For adults and rising 7th–12th graders

Our free monthly book box service! Each month that you register you will pick up a box containing two books selected by our librarians based on your reading preferences for you to borrow as well as some treats and others surprises for you to keep. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins on the first of the month for each box.

2023 Oscar Film: Tar

Monday, June 19, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21, 1 p.m.

Set in the international world of Western classical music, the film centers on Lydia Tar, widely considered one of the greatest living composer-conductors and the very first female director of a major German orchestra. 2 hr. 38 min. R. Registration is required.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, June 24, July

22, August 19, 2:30 p.m.

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“What I can do for my country, I am willing to do.” — CHRISTOPHER GADSDEN

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

An Afternoon with Eleanor Roosevelt

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is presenting a performance by Sheryl Faye on Saturday, June 3 at 2:00pm. Back by popular demand, Sheryl Faye enthralled last year's audience with her impersonation of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Since 2003, Sheryl has offered programs portraying outstanding American women. She uses props, costumes and media to create memorable biographical presentations.



First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin Roosevelt, was a leader in her own right, involved in numerous humanitarian causes throughout her life. An unhappy and lonely childhood conditioned her to become the voice of the downtrodden. When FDR contracted polio, she was thrust into the spotlight of his campaign for NY Governor, overcoming her shyness. Her political prowess gained recognition

and during FDR's Presidency, she became one of the most active First Ladies in history, working for political, racial and social justice. After his death,

Eleanor was a delegate to the UN, advocating for human rights issues. She remained active in Democratic causes and was a prolific writer until her death at the age of 78.

At 1:00pm, the Friends will award their annual scholarship, named in memory of former member, Lucy Scillia. The Scholarship will be given to a graduating Orange student continuing academic studies. At this annual meeting the Friends will also vote for new Board members. The public is invited to attend all events, especially people interested in joining the Friends of the Case Memorial Library.

Please go to www.casememorial-library.org or call 203-891-2170 to register for this eventful, educational and entertaining program.

Spectacular Summer Book Sale

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library will host a Community Book Sale from 10:00am-3:00pm on Saturday, June 24, in the Library Basement "Bookstore". Sales are cash or check, no credit cards.

Books in all genres are offered at bargain prices, \$2.00 for soft cover and \$3.00 for hard cover. Some books may be higher priced. Popular "Last Call" books have been restocked and are

up for grabs at 25 cents and 50 cents. Children's books are a real deal at a 50% discount, plus teachers receive an additional discount at checkout. CDs and DVDs may be snapped up at 25 cents each.

Mark your calendar for June 24 to come browse the books shelves and fill your tote bags with reading for the whole family at bargain basement prices.



Orange's First Little Free Library Opens

A new free book-sharing box is open on the corner of Summit Drive and Crestwood Terrace, the first of its kind in Orange. Officially chartered as a Little Free Library, all visitors to the Summit Little Library are welcome to take or share a book.

Stewards Jackie Babe and Roberto Velez were inspired by their neighborhood's generosity. After a warm welcome to Orange last year, they wanted to contribute to the community and share their love of reading. "This neighborhood is wonderful, and we wanted to do something special to celebrate that," Jackie says. "We are passionate about stories and literacy, so what better way to come together than over a good book?"

Little Free Libraries are a global phenomenon. The small, front-yard

book exchanges number more than 150,000 around the world in over 100 countries — from Iceland to Tasmania. Now, the Summit Little Library in Orange will join the movement to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers.

These libraries function on the honor system. Visitors do not need to share a book in order to take one. Take a book or two from a little library, or bring a book or two that you've enjoyed. The community keeps the library stocked — just place new books inside the library.

The Summit Little Library (Charter #161507) is listed on the official map of Little Free Libraries at littlefreelibrary.org. Follow @SummitLittleLibrary on Instagram or Facebook for updates, and visit the library to share or find a new favorite book.

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For rising 7th-12th graders

Dungeons & Dragons is a cooperative, storytelling tabletop roleplaying game where you and other players take on the roles of different characters within a fantasy story. This program runs monthly, and drop-ins are welcome. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Ban This Book! Club

Monday, June 26, 7 p.m.

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison has been one of the top 10 most challenged books for the last decade. Join

librarian Rebecca and co-leader Elizabeth Ewen as we discuss this as a work of literature as well as an object of censorship. This program will be held in person at the Library. Registration is required.

Take & Make: Patriotic Votives

Pickup dates: June 26-July 1

For adults and rising 7th-12th graders

Make your own red, white, and blue votive candles in time for Fourth of July festivities with this take-home craft kit. Registration is required. This kit is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.





The annual Peck Place Talent show returned on Friday, May 12. It was a huge success with 30 acts displaying various talents across the board. Students from all grades shined bright. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped that evening and to Paul Ballas and Meredith Heatley for leading the event.

How To Make Summer Travel More Affordable

Summer is peak travel season. Whether vacationers plan to travel internationally or domestically, they can expect to pay top dollar as they head off for parts unknown.

Much has been made of inflation over the last year-plus, as the cost of seemingly everything has risen considerably since early 2022. And the cost of travel has seemingly increased by an even greater percentage than the cost of groceries. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index indicates the cost of airfare increased by more than 25 percent between January 2022 to January 2023.

Though travel has never been inexpensive, the rising costs noted in the Consumer Price Index have scared many consumers into staying home. However, consumers who want to travel but don't want to break the bank can try various strategies as they seek to get out of the house this summer.

Travel domestically. With airfare costs skyrocketing, now might not be the most budget-friendly time to travel overseas. Thankfully, would-be vacationers can still get away. Average gas prices in early spring 2023 hovered around \$3.43 per gallon, which is nearly \$1 less per gallon than the year prior. By driving to their destinations, vacationers can save substantial sums of money and also maintain greater control of their trips, something that isn't always so easy in an era marked by

routine flight delays and cancellations.

Change your timeline. If a faraway dream destination beckons, travelers might still be able to make it work if they have the flexibility to alter their timelines. Rather than taking a Monday through Friday off from work, consider starting and ending a vacation in mid-week.

It's generally less expensive, and sometimes significantly so, to fly mid-week compared to flying Friday-Monday.

Cash in your credit card points. Another way to ensure summer travel doesn't put a big dent in your savings is to utilize cash back rewards or airline miles linked to your credit card account. If you have a lot of cash and/or miles

saved up, the coming summer of expensive travel could be the ideal time to use them.

Consider a homestay over a hotel. Homestays, which includes bookings through sites such as Airbnb and VRBO, are typically much less expensive to book than hotel rooms. But homestays also save travelers money on food, as many listings feature fully operational kitchens that can help travelers avoid dining out three times per day over the duration of their trips.

Travel is a significant expense as consumers continue to confront sharp increases in prices on various goods and services. However, it's still possible to vacation without breaking the bank.



Driving to a vacation destination rather than flying can save travelers lots of money on costly airfare.

ARTS & LEISURE

3rd Annual Orange Artisan Fest & Vendor Fair Set for June 22nd

Save the date for the 3rd Annual Orange Artisan Fest & Vendor Fair, scheduled on Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Orange Fairgrounds at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange. The all-outdoor event is rain or shine and free and open to the public.

Visitors can look forward to a great mix of business, craft, and artisan vendors selling their homemade specialty products and services, product demonstrations, raffles, grabbing a bite at one of the food trucks, free activities, and listening to the sounds of the Sabb's Brothers, who will be performing from 6 pm – 8 pm under the Gazebo.

Annemarie Sliby, Executive Director says, "There is a nice mix of vendors such as artisan foods, crafts, clothing, beauty products, home improvement and maintenance, legal, insurance, healthcare, senior care, insurance, finance, realty, and more. The event is a nice kick-off to the summer, and I would like to welcome the public and business population to stop by and shop, network, and enjoy the day."

A Job Fair is a new activity this year, which will be contained under the pavilion from 2:30 pm to 5 pm. Visitors looking for employment are encouraged to attend. Recruiters and employers wanting to reach the region-

al skilled workforce should register for a table, as there is space still available. Industries highlighted are healthcare, hospitality, information technology, professional services, manufacturing, and more. The Job Fair is being promoted through Workforce Alliance and the American Job Center.

Additional free activities include: Blood pressure checks provided by the Orange Visiting Nurse Association, children's temporary tattoos provided by Milestones Behavioral Services, children's coloring event provided by Bright Horizons, with more activities being added. Visitors should stop by the welcome table for a free event bag and a program listing vendors and activities.

Many thanks to our sponsors: American Job Center, Brennan-Lucey Irish Dance Academy, Connecticut Burns Care Foundation, Coldwell Banker Realty, The Eagle Leasing Company, Economic Development Commission, Keep Me Home, Northeast Electronics Corporation, Senior Insurance Consultants, Taylor Rental, UIL Holdings Corporation, and Visiting Angels.

Please check the website for a list of vendors and an updated activities list at OrangeEDC.com/events_activities, or call the OEDC office at (203) 891-1045.

LOCAL SPORTS



The Orange Little League had their Opening Day on April 22nd, and invited the Amity Varsity Baseball Team to run stations for each of the baseball players to participate in. Amity boys were true role models and the kids had so much fun. Thank you to Sal Coppola and the Amity players for a great time and looking forward to this for years to come!



Kyle Droney is a junior at Platt Tech HS studying Information Systems Technology. On May 18th at Wesleyan University he won the CTC men's singles tennis championship for the 2nd year in a row.

DEATH NOTICES



Randy (Rumzi) Kaoud

Randy (Rumzi) Kaoud, 85, of Woodbridge died on May 6, 2023. Born in Ramallah, Palestine on February 19, 1938, a son of the late Khalil and Azizeh Kaoud. Survived by his son James (Kristina) Kaoud of Woodbridge; grandchildren Randy James "R.J.", Jillian, and Joseph "Joey" Kaoud; brother Abe (Aida) Kaoud of Woodbridge; sister Wedad Elfar of San Jose, CA; as well as sisters-in-law Jackie Kaoud of Woodbridge, and Rachel Kaoud of Milford. In addition to his parents, Randy was preceded in death by his beloved wife of over 54 years, Salwa Misleh Kaoud; as well as brothers Sam Kaywood of Woodbridge, Fred Kaoud of Woodbridge, and Wadi "Willy" Kaoud of Milford.

Randy attended the Friends Boys School in Ramallah, Palestine where he excelled as Captain of the soccer team. After three years of service in the armed forces, he met and married the love of his life, Salwa, and immigrated to the United States. Along with his brothers Fred and Abe, Randy es-

tablished the family business, Kaoud Rugs, which would become a household name in carpet and rugs in the state for 68 years. Randy possessed an absolute entrepreneurial mindset, whether in retail or residential and commercial real estate development, his keen attention to detail, standard of excellence, and steadfast commitment to detail perpetuated his reputation and success. Always readily equipped with a story to tell or a life lesson to share, his knowledge and advice remained well received by both his contemporaries and those he mentored. Randy believed in civil service and giving back to one's community, as illustrated by his involvement in the business community and Chamber of Commerce of Orange, serving as a Burgess of Woodmont, as well as past Police Commissioner for the Town of Woodbridge, where he resided for over 46 years. Upon spending several winters in Florida with his wife Salwa, Randy took up the game of golf in later years while enjoying his membership of the Racebrook Country Club. Other interests included his home, yard, and surrounding gardens. His greatest love, however, was that of his family. Randy was proud of each member, adored spending time with them, and was especially excited by his cherished grandchildren.

The Kaoud family would like to extend sincere appreciation for Maria Kosciuszke and her family, for taking care of him and his family for over 35 years.

Arrangements were entrusted to West Haven Funeral Home at the Green. You may offer an online condolence by visiting www.westhavenfuneral.com.

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FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

Pasta Festa

Three individuals will be honored at the Living Treasure Award ceremony on June 15, 2023, from 5-8pm in the High Plains Community Center in Orange. This year's Living Treasures are Betty Hadlock, Rowland Hine, and Maureen White.

OVNA Health Chat

Join us on June 13 at 12:00; registered nurse Maria Biondi of the OVNA who will speak about Diabetes. Call 203-891-4784 to reserve a seat.

Adult Coloring

Carol Imperati will lead us on the first Monday of the Month, June 5 at 12:30pm for Adult Coloring. Lots of Fun!

Arts & Crafts

Join us for a fun-filled class project on Monday, June 12 at 12:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

The Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

June 19 at 1:00, the CT Alzheimer's Association will be here to present The Warning Signs of Alzheimer's. Worldwide, more than 55 million people are living with Alzheimer's or other dementia. Early detection matters and can improve quality of life so know the signs. Please call the Center to register at 203-891-4784 as seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

Drumming

Join us on Thursdays with Dennis at 11:00am for Drumming. Limit 19 participants for this fun and aerobic activity.

Movie of the Month

Join us June 9 at 1:00pm for "The Fabelman's." Growing up in post-World War II era Arizona, young Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker as he reaches adolescence. Chips and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

Classic Movie of the Month

Join us June 16 at 1:00pm for "Moonstruck." Loretta Castorini, a bookkeeper from Brooklyn, New York, finds herself in a difficult situation when she falls for the brother of the man she has agreed to marry. Chips and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

Documentary & Discussion

Join us June 23 at 1:00pm for "The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel." German war veteran Peter Ertel tells how he barely survived the Russian Front and the Battle of Normandy, became a U.S. Government agent in postwar Germany, and began a 25-year career working for a small company owned by Orthodox Jews. Chips and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat (203) 891-4784.

Book Club

The book club normally meets the last Friday of the month at 2:00pm. The next meeting will be in the senior lounge on June 30. June's book is "Mrs. Dalloway" by Virginia Wolf.

Hot Lunch Program

Lunch is offered Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. No meals on Saturday, or Sunday. A \$3.00 donation is accepted for persons 60+. Call Ellen at (203) 891-4765 to register.

Maplewood Culinary Presentation

Join us on Wednesday, June 28, 2:00pm in the cafe when Maplewood's Chef Walt presents a tasty dish. Call to reserve a seat (203) 891-4784.

Legal Clinic

The Law office of Floman DePaola has merged with Wiley, Etter, & Doyon, but they are still available the first Wednesday of each month for a free legal clinic. Some things they will be able to help you with, while others may require an office visit and fee. To schedule a phone appointment, call 203-891-4784.

Ice Cream Social

Join us on June 26 at 1:30pm in the cafe for an ice cream social. Bill Benson will perform. Call the office at (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat as we need to know how many people are coming so we can have enough ice cream.

Griffin Hospital/ Parish Nurses Blood Pressure Check

Maggie of Griffin Hospital will be here the last Friday of the month, June 30 from 10:30-12:00pm to take your blood pressure. Stop by for this free clinic.

Brain Teasers

June 27 at 12:30pm, get ready to exercise those brain muscles! Join Stacey for a fun memory boost at 12:30pm in room 4.

All American Pet Day

Pets make our lives better every day. In honor of All American Pet Photo Day on July 11th, we're putting together a slide show of our member and staff pets to show during lunch in the café that day. Make sure you tell us

your name, your pet's name and what makes them so special to you! Email your favorite photo to Dennis Marsh, dmarsh@orange-ct.gov by Friday, June 23rd. Don't forget to sign-up for lunch on this day and enjoy the show!

Hiking Group

Marianne and Judy will lead us in a 2 mile-ish, 1 hour walk every Thursday at 10am (9am from July, August, & September). Meet at the location of the hike.

June 1: Maltby Lakes, 585 Derby Ave. (Rt 34) West Haven. Gates opens 9:40 to 10:00. Park at top of the hill;

June 8: Orange Triangle (aka Wepawaug Trails), 842 Mapledale Road, Orange;

June 15: Ansonia Nature Center, 10 Deerfield Lane., Ansonia;

June 22: Kelly Environmental Center/Osborne Museum, 500 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby;

June 29: Turkey Hill Preserve, 700 Derby Milford Road, Orange.

Trips

Spotlight Santa Fe Holiday
October 7, 2023

Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit of Santa Fe in the Holiday Season as you take in the city's multicultural atmosphere (extensive walking).

SHADES OF IRELAND
October 2023

10 days, 13 meals: 8 breakfasts, 5 Dinners; Highlights: Dublin, Irish Evening, Choices on Tour, Kilkenny, Waterford, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Jaunting Car Ride, Ring of Kerry, Farm Visit, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Castle Stay. Cost is \$3,719pp for triple, \$3,749pp for double, \$4,449pp for single. Travel insurance and deposit due at registration (extensive walking).

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all who want to give it a try. What's a festival without some small-town competition?

8. Red Car Show

Can't get enough red from the strawberry covered faces? We can't either. This year we will be hosting the annual Red Car Show during the festival. In the past, over 60 beautiful, gleaming, and perfectly detailed red cars and trucks of every era were on display on the fairgrounds. Do you have a red car you want to show? Join us and see if your car has what it takes to win this year's trophy!

7. Entertainment

If the car show and pie covered faces weren't enough, we will be programming the day with live entertainment featuring a live band in the gazebo.

6. Family Fun

Like strawberries, the festival is for all ages! Bring the whole family to enjoy everything it has to offer. Find Kids' activities, old time games, magicians and balloon animal makers around the grounds, or hop on an afternoon hayride – all ages welcome! Puppy adoption will also be back again this year.

5. Craft Vendors

As a small-town festival, we are thrilled to feature our local craft makers once again. Explore vendor booths

of every kind dotting the fairgrounds or browse the Country Store tent for special strawberry delights.

4. The Food

For those who think strawberries aren't a proper lunch, don't worry, the festival features a variety of delectable choices. Visit the festival grill for hotdogs, hamburgers, fries and other staples of summer.

3. Pancakes from Chip's Family Restaurant

Set your alarms – breakfast starts around 9:00 AM and features pancakes from Chip's Family Restaurant (and of course a strawberry topping!)

2. Strawberry Slushies

The strawberry slushie was such a hit it deserved its own number on this list. On a warm summer day, there is nothing better than this refreshing frozen treat. Grab a cup to enjoy as you wander through the vendor or red car areas or just sit and relax listening to the sounds of Furious George!

1. Admission is Free

And so is parking! This way you can bring the whole family to the 2023 Strawberry Festival. Look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 10!

If you have questions about the Festival, call the Orange Congregational Church at 203-795-9749. If you have a specific question about the RED Car show, call George Catalano at 203-799-6748.

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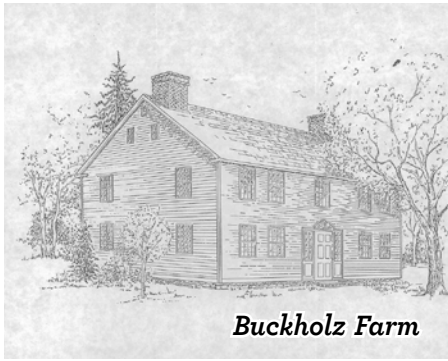


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Farms, Farms, and More Farms...

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Welcome to the world of farms in Orange. Field View Farm deserves top billing as the oldest working farm in the United States. Having begun as a dairy in 1639, Field View continues to provide Orange with a vista of farming with its cows, grazing on the hillside and its pure, white barns adjacent to a large, colonial home. Land was, in the early days of colonization, held by Native Americans and without extensive research, boundaries of tribes at that time is a bit hazy. What we do know is that in 1648, the Mohawks, who had been quiet for some time, attacked the Milford Paugussetts and one of the Mohawk braves was tied to a stake in the marsh. Young Thomas Hine found him, took him home for food and eventually helped the brave return home.

The grateful Mohawk elders believed that the Great Spirit would give the family prosperity and the story goes that they gave the Hine's the property on which the farm exists today. Grandmother Jessie remembers that cans of milk were put in large tanks filled with blocks of ice cut from ponds on the farm in the winter and stored in the ice house. In those early days, George Hine bought his animals from Vermont dealing in both oxen and cows bringing them to Orange by the carload and selling them at auction both in Orange and in Newtown. Today the farm offers locally grown produce and boasts and ice cream shop made, with you guessed, freshly made ice cream. Be sure to say hi to Greg and family.

Fairlea Farm was a showpiece in the 19th century when Wilson H. Lee decided to buy a farm in Orange. It seems Mr. Lee was looking for a place to spend the summer having a thriving publishing business in New Haven. He saw it, liked it and bought it in 1902 from the Nettleton Family who owned it as far back as 1850. Its location stretched from Orange Center Road easterly to Indian River, to the Post Road on the south and north to Old Tavern Road.

The Nettleton Farm had been in operation with 100 acres and a carpenter for its owner, but with Mr. Lee's offer, he couldn't refuse and Fairlea Farm came into being. Within the next 20

years, Lee bought more land extending past Lambert Road, going as far as Woodruff Road in Milford. By 1923, the farm encompassed 632 acres. Some summer home, eh? The number of animals varies through the years with Ayrshire cows among Jerseys. It is said that the milk from the Ayrshire cow is closest to mother's milk and best for babies and young children. The milk is known as acidophilus and is said to have been the milk put on board ship when President Hebert Hoover sailed to Europe. President Hoover, finding out that the milk came from Fairlea Farm sent Mr. Lee a letter complimenting him on "such great milk."

A name you will recognize, not as a farm of today but, as Spring Brook Common on Indian River Road. Once owned by the Buckholz family, this farm, throughout much of the 20th century, was operated as a dairy farm. In the mid 1960s, while operated as a dairy-farm triplet calves were born to one of the cows, an occurrence happening one in every 2, 500 births. The history of the farm dates back to 1886 when Joseph Buckholz bought the Lambert Farm, 85 acres between Lambert Road and Racebrook Road, south of Old Tavern to the Post Road. Two of the brothers, Otto and Ernest ran the farm and Otto's son Ray raised and sold vegetables well into the 1980s. Some of our readers might remember him as a bus driver who we found out started his bus career in 1912 with a horse-drawn wagon. Ernest, born in 1897 operated the farm until his death in 1978 when his wife and one of his sisters continued to live in the homestead on Lambert Road. The house was deconstructed and supposedly was rebuilt in Rhode Island. I have never been able to verify that information.

Treat, an old North Milford/Orange name. The land has gone through many transformations over time since the first generation who owned the land in the 1700s, but today, you can see the white barn buildings and homestead as you travel down Old Tavern Road. History says it was most likely a dairy farm as were so many of the farms in our town. The cows, after milking were driven down Old Tavern Road or Treat Lane, then dirt roads to a meadow for grazing. The cows at the Treat farm



were Jersey and Holstein with more milk from the Holstein, but more butter fat from the Jerseys so good for the cream.

The Treat Farm, is a working farm once more with vegetables and flowers for sale just before the bend in the road where you can see land that once was the dairy farm. Pumpkins are no stranger and if you are daring, ask Jeff about the corn maze in the fall and by my sources, it's great.

If you hear the clippety-clop of horses' hooves down Orange Center Road, you will soon see the beautiful team from Maple View Farm. Established in 1812 by Benjamin Clark this farm in its transformed way still is run by the Clark family, Patti and Bryan Clark. As a dairy farm, it also produced corn, hay, potatoes and eggs when the production of milk ceased in 1955. Unlike Fairlea Farm, the milk from this farm was sold in bulk to companies that pasteurized it and bottled it for sale.

Farmland was not always contiguous so the cows were moved down Orange Center Road to the pasture which is now the Orange Fair Grounds and hay was cut from the area known as High Plains and Pine Tree Drives. In 1812, a portion of the farm, closest to the road was sold to the proprietors

of The Academy for a meeting house and school. Come say hi to the horses but don't feed them. Parties are held at the farm today with rides around town with their beautiful team.

Ledgers are always fun to read and we have The Farmers Record and Account book from 1921 with some interesting facts put down in pencil for what is now history.

In 1921, the owner of this ledger bought a horse from Buckholz for \$125.00. Sold 32 barrels of corn to F. H. Woodruff & Sons, to E.B. Clark 26 barrels of corn. On the page with hay sold, the word "tons" is crossed out and it looks like lbs. and with a number like 2200 to Buckholz, I can't imagine it was 2200 bales...just my thought.

Now to eggs: Again, 1921. January 187, February 382, March, 892, April 914, May 674 and he stopped writing in the totals. But in December of that year I counted 21 eggs and that was it. I can tell you that this farmer's customers were Orange farmers with the names E.B. Clark (Everett), F.H. Woodruff, Charles Buckholz, A.S. Crosby who owned an ice house on Old Tavern Road. His purchase was hay which was surely for the ice he cut out of the pond which was located behind the Firelight Shopping Center.

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