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James Zeoli



Mark Moyher

Candidates Being Chosen for November Elections

ZEOLI, MOYHER RUNNING FOR THE TOP SEAT

BY BETTINA THIEL
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Orange Democratic Town Committee chairman Polly Demirjian opened this year's election season by revealing her nominating committee's choice for first selectman: Mark Moyher. Moyher will challenge long-time First Selectman Jim Zeoli who confirmed that if approved by his Republican caucus in July, he would seek a tenth term in office.

After all these years in office, Zeoli has a lot of accomplishments to point to. "I run on my record of economic development, repeated mill rate reductions, and preserving the character of the community by purchasing open space," he wrote in an email. He also pointed out that he is supportive of the school system, and has partnered with volunteers in the community

to develop a new playground at Fred Wolfe Park.

Mark Moyher works in the financial industry, as head of trading at Wright's Investors Service, and has lived in Orange for a quarter century. He currently serves on the town's Recycling Committee. Two years ago, he ran for the position of tax collector, in an election where the Republican ticket swept town hall, and Moyher lost.

"Orange is not the same as it was 25 years ago," he said in his acceptance speech, adding, "It can be more." By "more" he means more economic development, more services for seniors and young families, more opportunities to gather and socialize. The theme of "More" is also reflected in his campaign slogan, "MorewithMoyher," which is

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CONCERT & FIREWORKS
Saturday, July 2nd (Rain Date 7/9)
Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
See Schedule of Events on Page 11



Orange Superintendent, Dr. Vince Scarpetti, along with the 3 elementary principals, Kathy McNeil, Tricia Lasto and Denise Arterbery with the Award Recipients (in order as they appear in the photo) - Emily Frazier, Barrett Gagnon, Mark Audie, Sabrina Feliconio, Annabella Liptak and Josephine Yun

SCASA Superintendents' Award

On April 28, 2023 these students were honored at the prestigious award ceremony and luncheon for the South Central Area Superintendents' Association ("SCASA"). The SCASA Superintendents' Award is presented to the top students in the state who exhibit

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Stephanie and Sam Larson, along with their two children, Julian and Jessica, will be leading a mission trip team to volunteer at Mustard Seed Communities (MSC) in the Jamaican capital of Kingston. The mission team will spend time with the MSC residents - many of which are children - who have a range of disabilities. Their goal is to serve them through love and companionship. They will also complete various work projects to improve the infrastructure and facilities where the residents live, learn, and play. The mission team also includes residents of Milford and New Haven, as well as others from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Georgia.

Stephanie and Sam both know MSC well; they have been on multiple mission trips with the organization in the past. Now that Julian and Jessie have both reached age 15 (the minimum age for volunteers travelling to MSC), the entire family is excited to be a part of this adventure in service to others. "Most of the kids at MSC have very little materially, but they are some of the most beautiful and spirit filled individuals you will ever meet," says Stephanie.

MSC is dedicated to caring for the most vulnerable populations in society and began in 1978 as a home for children with disabilities on the outskirts of Kingston. Since then, the organization has also expanded to Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe, and Malawi.

In preparation for their trip, the mission team has been busy fundraising and collecting needed supplies and other physical donations to take with them to Jamaica. "MSC does a great job managing their resources and is always working towards being as self-sufficient as possible, but caring for hundreds of residents including many with special needs is challenging," Sam explained. "We want every resident at MSC to be able to develop to their full potential, and are committed to helping achieve that."

According to Stephanie, another significant benefit of the mission trip is the long-term affect it has on those that participate. "We see people who go on an MSC mission trip come home with a new perspective on volunteering; many find new ways to get involved in their own community with helping others. It's kind of addicting, but in a good way!"

People interested in learning more about MSC or making a tax-deductible donation can contact Sam Larson at (475) 223-6174 or visit www.mustardseed.com/mission-trips/support-mission and search for "Larson Family".

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Upcoming Issue Date

Issue Deadline

September 1 | Labor Day & Back to School Issue.....August 25

September 29 | Fall Issue.....September 22

October 27 | Election Issue.....October 20

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

FROM OUR READERS

UELP is A Great Program for Seniors

I would like to make the town residents aware of a great program for Seniors at the Amity Regional High School called the Unpaid Experiential Learning Program (UELP). It is run by Lyn Cocco, College & Career Counselor, SAILS Program Counselor at Amity. This is a two-week internship program to give Senior's experience in a real-world career area. This year the Orange Tax Office hosted a delightfully well-qualified Senior, Sana Quadri, from Orange. She was well prepared and is a sterling example of the quality of workers Amity can produce.

As a mentor in the program, I prepared a sampling of the various things

that we do in the tax office and gave her several tasks to accomplish which she did extremely well. Some of our Orange Residents may have seen her at the office or heard her on the telephone. This program is one which I am sure helps Amity students get a picture of various career fields and a taste of what goes on in the workplace environment.

I would recommend the program to other mentors and businesses that would like to mentor a student and get them off to a good start. I am sure Ms. Cocco would appreciate a call at 203-397-4830 x3304 if you would like to participate in the program next year.

Thomas P Hurley,
Tax Collector, Town of Orange

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

Women’s Guild Awards Scholarships

The Holy Infant Church Women’s Guild recently awarded scholarships to two graduating seniors. They are Kathryn Marquis who graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, Kathryn will be attending UCONN and intends to major in Mechanical Engineering, Caitlyn Shanley who graduated from Amity High School. Caitlyn will be attending Fairfield University and she intends to major in psychology with a minor in finance.

Holy Infant Faith Formation Program Is Now Registering

Holy Infant Faith Formation Program has begun its annual Registration for the 2023-2024 school year for grades one through ten. Information is on the parish website, www.holy-infantorangect.com under the Faith Formation title. See registration form and calendars for each of the schools on this site. Return forms to the Faith Formation Office by August 15th with your payment to be placed in a class. After September 1st, a late fee of \$25 per family will be charged. We are looking for teachers and assistants in the classrooms to help in our program, call the office at 203-799-2417 for more details if interested in sharing your faith with our students.



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LOCAL SPORTS



Amity Youth Lacrosse Congratulates Teagan Rahn

WINNER OF THE 2023 ‘PLAY FOR RAY’ AWARD!

Raymond Heenie, Jr. was the beloved 13-year-old son of Marisol and the late Raymond Heenie and the little brother to his older sister, Lauren. In March of 2021, Ray suddenly passed away at his home due to SUDEP: Sudden Unexplained Death in Epilepsy. Raymond was an 8th grade student at the Amity Middle School where he played hockey for Yale and lacrosse for Amity Youth Lacrosse. All who knew Ray remember him as a kind friend and fantastic teammate. In honor of Ray, Amity Youth Lacrosse introduced the annual ‘Play for Ray’ award. The recipient of this award is chosen each year by the 8th grade coaches. It is a player who embodies the team, someone who always has a positive attitude, has the ability to lift the team, and someone who has shown utmost sportsmanship throughout the season. In honor of this special recognition, a \$250 donation is made to the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut in the winner’s name by Amity Youth Lacrosse.

TOWN OF ORANGE | LEGAL NOTICE TAX COLLECTOR

Per CGS 12-145, the first installment of the town tax on the 2022 Grand List of 1 October 2022 is due and payable on 1 July 2023. Payments received after 1 August 2023 are considered delinquent and are subject to the rate of 18% per annum, 1.5% per month, \$2.00 minimum CGS 12-146, dating back to the original due date. Motor Vehicle bills are payable in one installment. Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are payable in two installments with ½ due on 1 July 2023 and the second installment on 1 Jan 2024. All taxes may be paid in one installment. We DO NOT rebill for second installments. Your tax bill has a January tax bill attached. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. FAILURE TO RECEIVE A TAX BILL DOES NOT EXEMPT YOU FROM PAYMENT OF ALL INTEREST CHARGES AND COLLECTION COSTS, per Connecticut General Statutes 12-130, 12-148. Payments may be processed in person at the Town Tax window in Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Rd, Orange, CT, Monday-Friday except holidays from 8:30 a.m. -12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring your entire three-part tax bill if you wish a receipt. A payment coupon or duplicate bill must accompany each payment. There is a \$2.00 fee charged for each duplicate bill requested. Payments may also be made by mail. The receipt date will be that of the USPS date on the envelope. Only USPS stamped dates are considered valid. If a receipt is desired a self-addressed stamped envelope and your three-part bill must be included with your payment. We do not accept CASH payments through the mail! E-checks, Credit and Visa Debit Card payments are only accepted on-line (convenience fees apply). See the Town of Orange website.

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Thomas P. Hurley, Tax Collector

First Selectman’s Update on Fred Wolf Park

BY JAMES M. ZEOLI
FIRST SELECTMAN

I am writing to give an update on Fred Wolfe Park since I have heard a lot of misinformation being distributed by a few people.

The Town of Orange has needed a new community playground since the closing of the Mary L. Tracy playground during school hours. This has been a wish of mine and brought to me as a need by many parents and families. I began an evaluation of possible locations since the schools were all off limits during school hours and High Plains Community Center cannot be used during camp sessions and the many events that are held during the year. The open space areas were considered, but many hold development restrictions.

Fred Wolfe Park seemed like a perfect fit for a community family friendly playground. The property was measured out and the idea was brought to the Board of Selectmen to clear the property at the October 2, 2019 meeting, it was approved unanimously to clear 8+ acres for a barrier free playground, access road and future use at Fred Wolfe Park. In February of 2020 the Playground Committee was formed to start choosing the layout and equipment. This was going to be an extensive project and I agreed to handle the site work and prep for a beautiful new family friendly playground as approved by the Board of Selectmen, not just Jim Zeoli. The entire Board of Selectmen have voted and

approved on each phase to develop this playground.

This property is owned by the 14,000 people who call Orange home. Fred Wolfe Park is not a single use property, it is just over 67 acres of both usable and unusable areas. The first area that was developed was for soccer, then lacrosse fields were added. These two programs are excellent for children and the playground is also for the children. Profound consideration has been given to this playground and safety measures planned to make sure it is done correctly including a separate parking area, sidewalk, and fencing. The original entry will be improved this year, and the second entrance is in development. The central hub of Fred Wolfe Park will continue to be Hollow and Oakview Roads, this made the best sense then and with limited access points to this property it continues to make sense today.

At the request of residents, The Fred Wolfe Park Ad Hoc Committee was appointed in December 2022. There has been a petition circulating under the name of the Orange Soccer Association that was started before this committee met for the first time. I have had residents tell me how they have been accosted by Mr. Pisano at the soccer field while trying to watch their children and grandchildren play their soccer game and that they must sign this petition. They have made claims that the Town chooses corn over kids, and you need to sign because that is how a state-of-the-art facility

will be built. The Orange Soccer Association and Mr. Tom Pisano have personally exposed themselves to a defamation of character lawsuit from the Hine Family of Field View Farm and the Bspuda Family. These families have done nothing wrong by leasing farmland from the Town, yet Mr. Pisano continues to defame these families. The Hine’s Lease does not hold up any development of that portion of Fred Wolfe Park as there are no present plans or funding sources currently for that area. In April of 2021 it was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen to grade and seed the area directly across from the current soccer fields for new practice fields, this area is fully fenced and includes underground sprinklers for the fields. This area could easily accommodate the young children who play at Mary L. Tracy, but Mr. Pisano refuses to use this area and continues to call this area a dog park. Each morning as I have watched the playground construction, residents do bring their dogs in but not to run in the fenced in area but on the soccer fields.

The Ad Hoc committee is reviewing the current layout of the park and is in the middle of reviewing traffic and safety study proposals that were submitted. There are no plans until this committee completes their evaluation task. There have been many expansion ideas proposed to the committee including bathrooms, basketball courts, and pickleball courts to name a few. The committee meetings are open

to the public and they have encouraged residents to submit their ideas. The Ad Hoc committee has also been working in conjunction with the Park and Recreation Commission regarding current uses by groups that use the park. The Orange Soccer Association, Amity Girls Youth Lacrosse, and Amity Youth Lacrosse were each invited to both committee meetings to give updates about the number of children participating in their programs and share their wants and needs. The Park and Rec Commission has also asked for insurance certificates and copies of their financial tax returns, which they should be providing yearly. The Park and Recreation Commission would like to get the organizations using Town fields to contribute “in-like-kind”. The Town mows all the fields, provides irrigation to the fields, and lines the fields, as well as emptying trash and recycling. Expansion is a great thing, but it does come with costs. The last filing seen for the Orange Soccer Association shows net assets or fund balances at the end of year to be \$200,000. I ask why does a not for profit 501(c) carry such balances? Why is this money not spent on the children in the program?

I have received many calls asking when the playground will be open. The playground construction is almost complete, the safety pads will be added soon. There will not be a grand opening until the sidewalk and fencing are complete. I believe the playground grand opening will be in June and I look forward to seeing you all there!

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There is no registration required and will be free of charge. Light snacks and refreshments offered daily. We hope to see you come out and enjoy the activities that week! For more information: jsimone@orange-ct.gov.



ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Left to Right: Ms. Jennifer Marganski, 8th grade social studies, Aryan Shrivastav, Adriana Diosa, and Taylor Schneider, 8th grade science

2022-2023 CAS Scholar Leader Award Winners

Mrs. Kathy Burke, principal and the AMSO community wishes congratulations to eighth grade students Aryan Shrivastav and Adriana Diosa who were selected by Amity Middle School Orange to receive the 2022-2023 “Scholar-Leaders Award” sponsored by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS).

This program is designed to give public recognition to two students in each middle level school in Connecticut who have distinguished themselves in scholarship and leadership in school

and community. The academic standard established by CAS is based on a cumulative middle school average of at least 85% or “B” or 3.0 on a 4-point scale or the equivalent standard of excellence for schools that do not use any of these scales.

For leadership, schools are welcome to create their own standards but are encouraged to consider active participation in school and community organizations, citizenship, a positive influence on school climate, dependability, responsibility, character, and integrity.



Amity Students Receive SCASA Award

On April 28, 2023, two students from each school in the Amity Regional School District No. 5 were chosen to receive the South Central Area Superintendents’ Association (SCASA) Award Recognition Program for the school year. Based on the following leadership skills and the following criteria the students were selected:

- › Willingness to take on challenges;
- › Capability to make difficult decisions;
- › Concern for others;
- › Ability to work with others;
- › Willingness to commit to a project;
- › Diplomacy;
- › Ability to understand issues clearly;

› Ability to honor a commitment.

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Amity is proud to announce the following students from Amity Regional High School are Benjamin Aviad and Aarushi Trivedi both of Woodbridge pictured with Principal Andre Hauser and Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Byars.

Zhang a Winner in the NEML Contest

NEML (New England Mathematics League) is a very popular math contest in the New England area and organized by The Math League. The goal of The Math League is to promote enjoyment and positive experience for students to study mathematics. The League organizes various contests for grades 4-12 with topics appropriate to the grade level and questions with a variety of difficulty ranges. This competition is to encourage youngsters to enjoy a challenge in mathematics and to find

problem-solving stimulating.

In the 2022-2023 NEML math competition for eighth grade, Ziyan Zhang won first place in Amity Middle School Orange (AMSO), first place in the Hartford, Middlesex, New Haven, and Windham Region, first place in Connecticut, and 17th place in the NEML contest. Thanks to Ziyan and other students from AMSO, the school ranked first place in the Hartford, Middlesex, New Haven, and Windham Region and third place in NEML contest.



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**Dean’s/President’s List
Curry College**

Milton, MA – Henry Colby of Orange, CT has been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2023 semester. Full-time students who carry 12 or more graded credits in the Fall or Spring semester, earn at least a 3.30 semester GPA, and have no grade lower than a “C” and no incompletes in the semester qualify for the Dean’s List.

Fairfield University

Fairfield, CT - The following Fairfield University students from Orange, CT received Dean’s List Honors for the Spring 2023 semester: Hadley C. Boguniecki, Emma F. DelVecchio, Mary L. Foley, Dominick J. Lombardi, Payton H. Rahn, Miles C. Turner, and Rose G. Wegman. In order to be placed on the Dean’s List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

Goodwin University

East Hartford, CT - Carolyn Push, from Orange, CT, has earned a spot on the Goodwin University Dean’s List for Spring 2023 as well as the President’s List for Spring 2023. Dean’s List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify. Carolyn’s inclusion in the President’s List came about due to her score of a perfect 4.0 GPA. Goodwin University congratulates Carolyn on making the Dean’s List and demonstrating such a high standard of excellence in the classroom and beyond!

Hofstra University

Hempstead, NY - Kayley Mingione of Orange excelled during the Spring 2023 semester at Hofstra, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean’s List. Kayley’s major is Psychology.

James Madison University

Harrisonburg, VA - Orange resident, Brynn Weirsmann, has been named to the Dean’s List at James Madison University for the spring 2023 semester. Students who earn dean’s list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Weirsmann is majoring in Architectural Design - BFA.

Lehigh University

Bethlehem, PA – Dean’s List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been granted to Spencer Shepard in the

Spring 2023 semester.

Mars Hill University

Mars Hill, NC - Alexander Oleschuk of Orange is one of 332 Mars Hill University students named on the Honor Roll of the Academic Dean at the end of the spring 2023 semester. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 on a minimum of 12 semester hours, and carry no grade below a C.

Providence College

Providence, RI - Meredyth Laskowski (Amity class of 2022) of Orange, CT was named to the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 Dean’s List at Providence College. Dean’s List honors are earned by full-time undergraduate students who, at the end of the semester, have attained a GPA of 3.55 or better (on a 4.0 scale), with no grade lower than “C,” and with no incomplete grades (“I” or “NM”). Part-time students in the School of Continuing Education must be in good academic standing (defined as a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above) and, at the end of the spring semester term, have attained an average of 3.25 or higher with no grade less than “C.” They also must have carried a minimum of nine credit hours during that semester and be enrolled in a degree program.

**Rensselaer
Polytechnic Institute**

Troy, NY - The following Orange students have made the Dean’s Honor List for the Spring 2023 semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York: Luke Hauser is studying Economics; Arianna Pargen is studying Games & Simulation Arts & Sci; and Sebastian Todeasa is studying Physics.

Sacred Heart University

Fairfield, CT - Nolan Young of Orange was named to the Dean’s List of Sacred Heart University. A student completing a minimum of six credits with a GPA of 3.6 or better is eligible for the Dean’s List. Nolan is a Nursing major and a Theater Arts minor.

Siena College

Loudonville, NY - Juliana Amici has been named to the Siena College Dean’s List for the Spring 2023 semester. Amici is from Orange, CT. To be named to the Dean’s List, a student’s grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

Springfield College

Springfield, MA - Springfield Col-

lege recognizes the following Orange students for being named to the Dean’s List for academic excellence for the 2023 spring semester: Molly Blair, primary major of Health Sci / Pre-OT; Keira Droney, primary major of Art & Design; Gillian Fuchs, primary major of Health Sci / Pre-OT; Lauren Ronai, primary major of Health Sci/Pre-PA. The criteria for selection to the Dean’s List are: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of “P” grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

Stonehill College

Easton, MA - The following Orange students were among nearly 1,000 students named to the Spring 2023 Dean’s List at Stonehill College: Colton Varholak, Marissa Dwyer, and Anna Varholak. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered.

University of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, AL – Ryan Gunning was named to The University of Alabama President’s List for fall semester 2022. A total of 12,791 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean’s list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president’s list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A’s). The UA dean’s and president’s lists recognize full-time undergraduate students.

**Worcester
Polytechnic Institute**

Worcester, MA - A total of 2,054 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI’s spring 2023 Dean’s List. The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects. The following Orange students were on the Dean’s List for Spring 2023: Natalie Carrington, class of 2025, majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Amir Jarad, class of 2026, majoring in Industrial Engineering; Kelly Pritchard, class of 2025, majoring in Aerospace Engineering; Evan Russell, class of 2024, majoring in Aerospace Engineering;

and Stephen Stardellis, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science.

**Graduations
Fairfield University**

Fairfield, CT - The following Fairfield University students from Orange graduated from Fairfield University, May 2023: Michael Bier, Mary Foley, Michael Holloway, Haley Kober and Jared Smith. At the time of graduation, a student must have earned a minimum of 120 credits and completed at least 38 three- or four-credit courses, depending on the course of study, and have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better at the conclusion of the senior year.

James Madison University

Harrisonburg, VA - Daniel Chodos of Orange graduated with a degree in Sport and Recreation Leadership - MS from James Madison University during commencement exercises in May 2023. Chodos was among more than 4,200 students who received undergraduate and graduate degrees. Congratulations to all graduates and their families!

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - The following Orange students received degrees from Quinnipiac University during commencement ceremonies held in May: Hilde Gehr, Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education; Chloe Gherlone, Bachelor of Science, Psychology; Adriana Lebowitz, Doctor of Medicine; and Napoleon Stardellis, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering.

**Rensselaer
Polytechnic Institute**

Troy, NY - On May 20, 2023, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) awarded a total of 1,988 degrees - 152 doctoral degrees, 390 master’s degrees, and 1,446 bachelor’s degrees - to 1,957 students, some of whom earned multiple degrees. The following local student earned degrees: Arianna Pargen, of Orange, graduated with a BS in Games & Simulation Arts & Science.

Stonehill College

Easton, MA - Colton Varholak of Orange, CT, was among 548 students to process at Stonehill College’s 72nd Commencement on Sunday, May 21, 2023.


Wilkes University

Wilkes-Barre, PA - Andrea Delvecchio of Orange, CT, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Wilkes University. The degree was one of over 650 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees at its 76th spring commencement ceremonies on May 20 in the McHale Athletic Center in the Simms Center on Main, 169 S. Main Street in Wilkes-Barre.



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HISTORY CORNER



BY GINNY REINHARD

They All Have a Story...

As we bounce around from one part of our lives to another, we may or may not visit with family members, especially if they live many miles away. A small staff of the Orange Historical Society has made it their mission to find those members of the town who helped make it a town, but are only known to the public by their names on their headstones.

As they clean the stones, with the utmost care and protocol, each one can be identified and in one case became a mystery. Yes, a mystery. As they follow the rows, it becomes obvious that members of one family were in some cases, buried together but in the middle of the Merwin family members sits Mehitable Woodruff's stone...why is she there? Using various resources at hand, the answer eluded us. Hmm. Where to go next. Since one source mentioned a will, the library at the State of CT gave us the answer.

Mehitable passed from consumption which in today's parlance is Tuberculosis. She was only 40 and from the documents provided by the library we read, "In consideration of the kindness shown to me by Mary T. Merwin and her husband Alpheus N. Merwin, I do hereby give devise and bequeath all my estate of every kind and nature which I may have to Mary T. Merwin to be hers absolutely and forever. She is to pay for a suitable grave stone & funeral expenses."

Indeed, Mehitable's stone is somewhat more elaborate than some, at a cost, in 1878 of \$32.00, approximately \$973 today. Opening her grave was \$5.00 which would cost \$152.00. We have inventories from both the Bryan and Andrew families which are part of our tours of the Bryan-Andrew House giving us a good view of family life in 1740. Mehitable's inventory is simple as it appears and I say appears that she was unmarried. Mystery # 2....in Susan Woodruff Abbott's book she writes that Mehitable was married to Jonah Camp as his first wife with impossible dates! But this mystery will go unsolved because our first was the why and anything else will remain unsolved mystery # 3.

Mehitable's inventory says a good bit about her life, as a homemaker. She had a chamber set which at that time required a group of porcelain



items that were related to the bathroom of today. She had 2 beds and 5 quilts, cotton sheets, linen sheets and 1 woolen sheet. Her house had a carpet at some point and she could boast 5 table cloths, tin ware and crockery.

In viewing this inventory, a question arises as to what she might have done as a profession or job as she had a savings account of \$90 in 1875 and I came up with the possibility of her being a teacher as it lists books and pictures...now granted, owning books doesn't make you a teacher but it's a thought needing more research, at another time.

The cemetery has many stories to tell and one that I will mention briefly is the first person to be buried in the North Milford Cemetery (Orange Cemetery) November 2, 1805, 4-month-old, Joseph Treat. He was the 3rd child of Joseph and Eunice Treat and according to his epitaph, he was the 6th descendent of the Treat name. His story is short, but he has a story to tell.

Two sisters, lie in the front row, side by side and the saying on Sarah's stone says "Here sleep two sisters, loving and pleasant in their lives, in death they were not divided." Although her sister

Lucy died in 1847, Sarah's stone tells the story. Lucy's stone is inscribed on the bottom and one must take time to read it...takes a little time to focus on the words, but they are there...tells her brief story.

For these two stones, a mystery evolves in the spelling of Clark on Lucy's stone...it has an "e" at the end...hmm. Could it be that the "e" made it appear to be of royalty or of someone important? At one point in our recent history, a truck ran into the front of the cemetery, damaging some of the monuments. It appears that Leverett Clark, whose name is always spelled with an "L" lost its "L" on Lucy's stone when the stone was replaced, so Lucy's husband lost an "L" but gained an "e". Her father and brother all spelled their names with the "L".

There is a little stone, yet to be cleaned but known to the staff, of William Casner who was born ca 1844 and died in 1927. If you are good at math and history, you might wonder if William was in the Civil War...well, you would be right. He was in Company E 17th Massachusetts Volunteer Infan-

try serving in North Carolina. With some enthusiastic research by two of our team, his granddaughter's stone was located as well. William had several children, not all of them buried in Orange but his son, Joseph, is buried in West Haven. It's not known when William joined the army but given his birth date, he was just a kid at the beginning of the war in 1861 when the 17th was organized.

This writing may seem very straightforward but believe me, it's not. It takes many documents, many head-to-head talks and a Connecticut State Library card to untangle the details and put them together correctly to tell the story. Everyone has a story and by the way, our Civil War soldier, after being mustered out is listed in the 1880 census as selling trees. I was curious as to where he lived and when I looked into the census records, I found his information puzzling as the census was listed as Orange but his address was Campbell Avenue. Then it hit me...and mind you, I know this info backwards and forwards, until 1921 West Haven was part of Orange. See? Research is never straightforward nor can a historian keep it all straight.



Town of Orange Concert & Fireworks Show

Schedule of Events

July 2nd (rain date 7/9)

- 6:25 – 6:35** Welcoming Comments from Jim Zeoli, Orange First Selectman - Gazebo
Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack #922 and Boy Scout Troop #12
Our National Anthem
- 6:35 – 6:45** Sponsors Acknowledgement and Band
Introduction - Rocky Salperto, Orange Town News
- 6:45 – 7:45** Live Concert Featuring “**AM GOLD YACHT ROCK**” (1st set)
- 7:45 – 8:15** Music Hosted by a WPLR Radio.
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- 8:15 – 9:30** Live Concert Featuring “**AM GOLD YACHT ROCK**” (2nd set)
- 9:30 – 10:00** Fireworks Show

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Girl Scout News

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Who benefits from the Orange Foundation?

In a typical year, we distribute \$27,000 in scholarships to Orange students attending college and \$30,000 in grants to local community groups. These groups included: the American Legion, Camp Cedarcrest, the Orange Historical Society, the Orange Senior Center, Orange Arts and Culture Council, Orange July 4th Celebration, Orange Memorial Day Parade, and Eagle scout projects. As you can see, we assist a wide variety of groups.

Why should I give to the Orange Foundation?

Although Orange is a fairly affluent community there are

still organizations and people in our community that do not have sufficient funding to meet all of their needs. With regard to college scholarships, even UConn tuition, room and board is up to \$33,000 per year. In the past few years, we have assisted students whose parent was deceased, divorced, disabled, or unemployed. Other students have received scholarships as an acknowledgement for a job well done in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities.

How much of my donation makes it to the recipients?

The members of the Orange Foundation are volunteers and, therefore, do not receive monetary compensation for their services. Our only major expense is the fees from our trustee bank for services rendered in connection with our investments.

When should I donate?

Our Foundation does not have an annual fund-raising campaign. We receive donations throughout the year. A significant amount of our donations come from the estates of the deceased. Many people are concerned about unforeseen health costs and feel more comfortable in donating in their will. You can contact us ahead of time so that we are sure to distribute your donation's earnings in accordance with your

wishes. We can help you understand any restrictions you may want on distributions or investment options.

Where can I get more information?

Visit our website at www.OrangeFoundation.org or talk to one of our members: Bob Archambault, Katalin Baltimore, Carla Birmingham, Paul Davis, Santo Galatioto Jr, Jacqueline Koral, Frank Baily, and John Wesolowski.

What funds can I donate to?

Donations can be made to our general fund, or can be added to an existing fund described on our website. These funds include: the American Legion's Vincent Timmins Scholarship Fund, the Thomas Birmingham, Jr Scholarship Fund, the Charles L. Flynn Scholarship Fund, the Antonette Giangarra Scholarship Fund, the Benedict Giangarra Scholarship Fund, the Harry Haynes Scholarship Fund, the William Knight Scholarship Fund, the Elizabeth C. and John W. Povilaitis Community Fund, the Mary L. Tracy Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Frank P. and Louise Horbal Tripp Scholarship Fund, the Vaughn Family Scholarship Fund, the Dusty and Frank Downey Fund, the Officer Robert F. Stanke Fund, the Susan M Lewin Fund, the O'Sullivan Family Fund, and the Olga Fund.

LOCAL BUSINESS



Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL) associates at the newly relocated store at 53 Boston Post Road in Orange, Connecticut celebrate the grand opening on May 18, 2023

Ocean State Job Lot Opens Newly Relocated Orange

New location at 53 Boston Post Road offers customers a bigger, brighter shopping experience

Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL), the region’s premier discount retail chain with 152 stores across the Northeast, is pleased to announce the opening of its newly relocated Orange, Connecticut store, which has been relocated to 53 Boston Post Road. The new store boasts 45,654 square feet of space, up from the 29,484 square feet of space OSJL occupied at its previous location at 401 Boston Post Road, giving customers a better and brighter shopping experience and restoring vibrancy to a previously vacant retail location, which was most recently home to a Best Buy. OSJL also owns the 12,556 square foot building that houses PetSmart within the plaza, but not the building that houses Target.

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Orange Community Farmers’ Market – Each Thursday

The Orange Community Farmers’ Market will have its opening day on Thursday, June 30th. The event runs each Thursday until September 29th under the Pavilion at the Orange Fairgrounds, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange. Market hours are from 3:30 pm to 7 pm.

Market Master, Annemarie Sliby says, “We have returning vendors from years prior as well as some new vendors this year, and we are looking forward to another great season.”

Visitors can look forward to farm, artisan, and craft vendors selling products such as vegetables, meats, eggs, baked goods, sauces, jams, soaps, essential oils, dog treats, flowers, and craft items such as rope baskets, framed art,

embroidered items, and more. The food truck line-up includes New Haven Pizza and Mad Mike’s Cheesesteaks who will attend full time, and Cousin’s Maine Lobster and Meriano’s Cannoli’s, who will attend part time. Live bands are scheduled to play under the gazebo on varying dates throughout the summer from 6 pm – 8 pm. The band Boogie Chillun will be performing on opening day. In addition, instrumentalists are scheduled to perform under the pavilion on intermittent dates when bands are not scheduled. Shop at the market, grab some food, and stay for the music!

Please check the website at www.FarmMarketOrange.com for a vendor list and the entertainment schedule, more vendors and music will be added as the summer progresses.

ARTS & LEISURE

BU Expands Woodbridge Novelist’s Literary Collection

Boston University began collecting Woodbridge author Russ Madison’s books and manuscripts over the past four decades. The Mugar Memorial Library’s Special Collections Division, devoted to archival preservation of literary works by global writers and artists, was attracted to Madison upon the publication of his first novel, “Victory Among the Insane,” from Grove Press. The book received national critical acclaim and proceeded to outsell all previous Grove first novels.

Over the years Madison has produced a number of novels and poetry. He recently won the national Ruth Stone Poetry Prize from the Vermont College of Fine Arts, and has been awarded a fellowship in residency at the Provincetown Creative Arts Work Center. The latter was awarded to complete a long forty- year project “City in the Sky”, a fantasy biography of the late novelist Norman Mailer.

Currently he is completing four new novels, mostly written on rolls of paper towels, scrolled through electric typewriters, a personal writing process he has chosen to undertake for decades. Some of the rolls are part of his Boston University Collection.



Russ Madison

The new, expanded additions at BU include years of correspondence with the late, former poet laureate, Donald Hall of Hamden, and the deceased Norman Mailer.

Madison continues to produce creative campaigns for clients, along with his Art Director wife Gi, at their Lone Wolf Advertising office in Woodbridge.

Some of his books may be available at the Woodridge Library, or can be accessed, both new and used, on Amazon.com or similar search engines.

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CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Visit our website casememoriallibrary.org and sign up for our weekly email newsletter for updates on events at the library.

Hours

The Library’s hours are as follows:
› 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 Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence 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 casememoriallibrary.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
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.



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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.

Take and Make: July 4th Straw Rockets
Pick up dates: July 3-8
For children ages 3-12
Make and launch mini rockets using straw, paper, and your lungs! Summer take and makes are available while supplies last, no registration required. This kit is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Preschool Playtime
Saturday, July 8, 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.

Makerspace: Perler Beads
Tuesday, July 11, 3 p. m.
For children ages 6-12.
Create something unique using fusible perler beads! Registration is required.

Take and Make: Emoji Notebooks
Pick up dates: July 17 -22
For children ages 3-12
Use origami to create mini notebooks out of a sheet of paper! Summer take and makes are available while supplies last, no registration required. This kit is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Tween D&D: Session #1
Monday, July 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
For children ages 8-12.
Now that we know the basics, it’s time to play! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Baby Sensory Playtime
Tuesday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.
For children ages 3 months to 24 months.
Use all your senses to explore our baby-safe sensory stations and meet other babies! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Summer STEAM: Earthquake Towers
Tuesday, July 18, 3 p.m.
For ages 6-12.
Architecture meets engineering as we try to build the tallest (and most disaster-proof) towers out of household items. Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Summer STEAM: Weather Science
Tuesday, July 25, 3 p.m.
For ages 6-12.
Create your own homemade thermometer and barometer while you learn about weather science! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Glass Photo Magnets
Thursday, July 27, 3 p.m.
For ages 6-12.

Design a set of glass magnets with drawings and photos! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Take and Make: Make Your Own Kazoo
Pick up dates: July 31- August 5
For children ages 3-12
Use household items to create a musical instrument! 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: Ozobots
Tuesday, August 1, 3 p.m.
For ages 6-12.

Learn how to code an Ozobot and test it with mazes and races! Registration is required.

Preschool Playtime
Saturday, August 5, 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.

Makerspace: 3D Doodlers
Tuesday, August 8, 3 p.m.
For ages 6-12.

Draw in 3D with these special printing pens! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Summer Reading Finale: Magician Ed Popielarczyk
Saturday, August 12, 10:30 a.m.
For children and families

Come enjoy an interactive magic show! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Tween D&D: Session #2
Monday, August 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
For children ages 8-12.

The thrilling conclusion of our D&D mini-game! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Events For Teens & Adults Crochet Club
Saturdays, 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.

Virtual Trivia Night
Thursdays, 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.

Book Boxes
July pickup dates: July 24-29
August pickup dates: August 21-26

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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.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, June 24, July 22, August 19, 2:30 p.m.

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.

Teen Volunteer Training

Saturday, July 1, 2:30 p.m.

Are you a high school student interested in earning volunteer hours? Come to this training session and learn to be a volunteer shelf manager. The shelf manager position is ideal for students who are highly organized and need a flexible volunteer schedule. Registration is requested. Drop-ins are welcome.

Take & Make: Bubble Tea

Pickup dates: July 3–8

For adults and rising 7th–12th graders.

Make your own bubble tea with this tasty, take-home cooking kit. Registration is required. This kit is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Amigurumi Workshop

Saturday, July 8, 2 p.m.

For adults.

Join our presenter MeganLeigh-Crafts to create your very own reversible octopus amigurumi craft to take home. All crochet materials (yarn, hook, embroidery needle) will be provided. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

2023 Oscar Film: Living

Monday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 12, 1 p.m.

In 1950s London, a humorless civil servant decides to take time off work to experience life after receiving a grim diagnosis. 1 hr. 42 min. PG-13. Registration is required.

Bookcase Discussion

Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase discussion leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of Portrait of a Thief by Grace D. Li.

Teen Murder Mystery and Pizza Party

Saturday, July 15, 12 p.m.

For rising 7th–12th graders.

One killer. Two murder victims. One inheritance to win. Do you have what it takes to piece it all together? We’ll have pizza for lunch – if you live long enough! This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Teen Take & Make: Paint by Numbers

Pickup dates: July 17–22

For rising 7th–12th graders.

Create your own masterpiece at home with a Vincent Van Gogh paint by numbers kit. Registration is required. This kit is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

2023 Oscar Film: Living

Monday, July 24, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26, 1 p.m.

A West Texas single mother wins the lottery and squanders it just as fast, leaving behind a world of heartbreak. Years later, with her charm running out and nowhere to go, she fights to rebuild her life and find redemption. 1 hr. 59 min. R. Registration is required.

Calligraphy Workshop

Monday, July 31, 7 p.m.

For adults and rising 10th–12th graders.

Learn the basics of modern calligraphy with pointed dip pen and ink in this hands-on workshop led by librarian Rebecca Harlow. Registration is required. Space is limited. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Hot Ones Challenge

Wednesday, August 3, 1 p.m.

For rising 7th–12th graders.

The Hot Ones Challenge will consist of increasingly spicy chicken nuggets covered with sauces from the official Hot Ones Challenge. The winner is the one that makes it through all the rounds without having to cool down. Challenge your friends or come to cheer on participants. This program is not recommended for participants with food allergies. A parental waiver must be signed to participate. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Break-In Bags

Pickup dates: August 7–12

For adults and rising 7th to 12th graders.

Think escape room except instead of trying to break out you’re trying to break in. Solve the puzzles to find the numeric code that will open the lock and free the loot inside! Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

2023 Oscar Film: Aftersun

Monday, August 7, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9, 1 p.m.

Sophie reflects on the shared joy and private melancholy of a holiday she took with her father twenty years earlier. Memories real and imagined fill the gaps between as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn’t. 1 hr. 42 min. R. Registration is required.

2023 Oscar Film: Causeway

Monday, August 21, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 23, 1 p.m.

A U.S. soldier suffers a traumatic brain injury while fighting in Afghanistan and struggles to adjust to life back home. 1 hr. 34 min. R. Registration is required.

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linked to his campaign website.

Under Zeoli’s administration, the town has continued the development of the industrial corridor along Prindle Hill, Edison and Marsh Hill roads. At the same time Zeoli encouraged and facilitated major open space purchases, such as the Turkey Hill Preserve, Race Brook parcel and more recently, the Race Brook Country Club.

“His commitment to the people of Orange is undeniable,” says his website from an earlier campaign. “Jim has always given freely of his time for Or-

ange, serving as a volunteer fireman for over 20 years, past assistant treasurer of the Volunteer Fire Association and co-chairman of the Orange Agricultural Fair.

While his long tenure and repeated election success show the trust that many voters place into Zeoli and the Republican ticket, it also brings with it its share of criticism, most recently regarding the hobbled expansion of fields at Fred Wolfe Park, where traffic and security issues raised concerns. But in spite of it, the inclusive playground has gone up, and is nearing completion.

As for Moyher, he says his vision is

to see the town continue to flourish. “I believe the town’s leader should strive to continually improve the quality of life for all residents,” he said. “We should not live with ‘we have always done things this way’ when there are more proactive and innovative ways to achieve things,” he said when accepting the nomination.

Election Day is five months away, scheduled for Tuesday, November 7. The caucuses will take place July 18, after which time the real race begins. “Fundraising will be coming over the summer and fall,” Zeoli said. He is encouraging people to stop by Town

Hall, “where I am the larger part of most days.”

The Democratic Town Committee is planning a ticketed Meet the Candidates picnic on Friday, August 25, at 5:30 p.m. at HPCC Pavilion. Call Polly at (203) 494-5976 or Melissa at (203) 520-0331 for information.

Moyher on his website lists as his interests DIY home projects, bowling, traveling and golf. He is a member of the Grassy Hill Country Club Men’s Association. He plans to go door-to-door to hear what is important to the voters, “so together we can build a better, stronger community for all.”

“Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on.” — THURGOOD MARSHALL



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

Great Summertime Leisure Activities

A warm breeze on a summer day embodies the spirit of this beloved season for millions of people. Seen by many as a season to relax and recharge, summer, not coincidentally, goes hand in hand with leisure.

With more time on their hands due to vacations from school and work and less hectic activity schedules, particularly for families that include school-aged children, individuals often find summer affords more time for leisure. With that in mind, people from all walks of life can consider these summertime leisure activities.

Relax by the water: Whether it's a pool, lake or even the ocean, the water beckons each summer. Simply sitting on a beach or beside a lake or pool is a great way to pass the time without much stress. Nothing needs to be scheduled when relaxing poolside, lakeside or on a beach; simply enjoy some time to relax by the water.

Paddleboarding: Paddleboarding is another leisurely way to spend a summer day. Paddleboarding requires physical exertion, so this might not be the ideal activity for those looking to relax without lifting a finger. However, paddleboarders typically take to the water when it's at its most calm, making this a great activity for those who want to capitalize on peaceful, serene summer vibes.

Fishing: Few activities may be more relaxing than fishing. Though there are many different ways to fish, some of which require considerable

physical effort, casting a line and waiting for a fish to bite is a relaxing way to spend a day in nature. That might not seem like much to novices, but spending time in nature has been found to reduce stress and lower heart rates, which the U.S. Forest Service notes are both risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

Read: Books make for great companions on warm summer afternoons. Reading is such a popular summer pastime that many bookstores set up displays featuring books that make for great beach reads, providing inspiration for individuals who aren't sure which book or books to dive into this summer. And much like other summertime leisure activities, reading has been linked to reducing stress. A 2009 study from researchers at the University of Sussex in England found that reading can reduce stress by as much as 68 percent.

Visit a museum: On summer afternoons when it's raining or too hot outside or individuals simply want to spend some time indoors, a museum makes for the perfect place to visit. Museums do not typically draw crowds in summer, making this an ideal season to visit. Many offer discounted prices to individuals like seniors and students, so this is a great way to relax without breaking the bank.

Summer is a season of leisure, and there are many activities that align with that spirit of relaxation.

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.



How To Maximize Weekend Getaways

Extended summer vacations may get all of the glory, but individuals and families needn't feel pressured to go away on week-long trips to get the rest and relaxation they deserve. There is plenty to be said for weekend getaways as well.

Working oneself ragged is no way to enjoy life. In fact, a person could be doing harm to his or her health by working too much, which may lead to lost productivity and burnout in the long run. Experts agree that getting away could be good for mental health. According to psychotherapist Jonathan Alpert, who is the author of "Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days," a weekend trip can boost mental and emotional health. Alpert says smaller vacations even "pack a bigger punch" than longer ones. Neuroscientists have found that getaways can evoke feelings of calm, banish stress and enable the mind to heal. Furthermore, according to a Gallup study, those who make time for regular trips score higher on the Gallup-Well-Being Index. Weekend getaways simply may be easier to schedule than longer vacations.

The following are some ways to make the most of weekend getaways and why these getaways are so beneficial.

Plan ahead. Weekend getaways generally do not need extensive planning. The logistics are much easier when there are only one or two nights involved in an overnight stay. Sometimes weekend getaways are only day trips, which makes them even easier to set up.

Bring pets along. Short stays may mean it is easier to bring pets. Quite

often hotel chains and even homestay accommodations allow pets with the inclusion of a pet cleaning fee. This saves on having to find a pet sitter or a boarder to watch pets while you are away.

Book a different locale a few times a month. Weekend getaways are more affordable than lengthier trips, which means you can see various sights without a big investment. Unlike longer vacations that tie travelers to a specific destination for the duration of the trip, weekend jaunts are short stops at different spots. Try various cities and towns on for size.

Avoid boredom. Anyone who has booked an extended trip away has at times had some boredom set in when the initial wow factor of the resort or trip wears off. In some instances, it may seem as if you've exhausted the list of things to do. Weekend getaways are anything but boring because you're packing so many things to do into a short amount of time.

Keep a to-go bag packed. When the mood hits you, you can dart off to a weekend escape. Keep a packed bag with some essentials at the ready so there's no overthinking the vacation process.

Become a loyalty member. Investigate the loyalty programs of various hotel chains. This way if you find a chain you like and book stays regularly you can earn rewards points. These points may be redeemed for upgrades or even free rooms over time.

Weekend getaways are great ways to rest and recharge without the commitment of time and planning required of longer excursions.

Unique Family Vacation Ideas

Summer is the unofficial season of vacations, especially for families. School is not in session in summer, and kids' often busy schedules may grind to a halt in summer, when sports leagues, dance classes and other activities go on hiatus.

School closures and a largely empty obligation schedule makes summer a great time for families to go on vacation. Traditional vacation hotspots like adventure parks and resorts merit consideration, but the following are some unique family vacation ideas that can help parents and their children make lasting memories.

Ballpark tour: For families that love baseball, a summer ballpark tour can be a truly unique experience. Whether families prefer Major League Baseball and its large ballparks or the more intimate settings at minor league stadiums, there's no shortage of options on a ballpark tour. Both MLB and minor league stadiums tend to be located in large or mid-size cities, which means there's plenty to do in between games as well.

Camper/RV trip: A family vacation in a camper or RV is a cozy way for families to bond as they vacation at their own pace. National parks across the United States and Canada make for ideal places to visit when touring each country in a camper or RV. But there's really no limit to the experiences families can enjoy on self-driving trips when their beds are on board for the ride.

History road trip: Historical

landmarks dot the North American landscape, making a history road trip a fun way to hit the road and learn a little something along the way. American history buffs have no shortage of historic sites to see regardless of which region of the country they plan to visit or which period of history most intrigues them, from the Revolutionary War to the California Gold Rush to the American Civil War and more. Canadian history buffs can go all the way back to the days of the dinosaurs at the Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta or visit Nova Scotia to see the eighteenth century economic and military hub the Fortress of Louisbourg, which is the largest historical reconstruction in North America.

Urban tours: One of the joys of visiting Europe is the chance to travel from city to city without spending too much time in the car or on the train between stops. Though North America might be more spread out, families can still tour various urban locales in a single vacation. Parents can pick a region of the country (such as the northeastern United States) and then plan road trips that enable them to visit different cities in that area over the course of a week to two weeks. Make an effort to try the foods each city is known for and visit a local landmark, making sure to leave time to walk around so everyone can get a feel for what a day in each city is like.

Family vacations can be as unique as the individuals taking them.

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FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

OVNA Blood Pressure Checks

Join us on Thursdays from 12:00-1:00p, for blood checks with an OVNA nurse. Call 203-891-4788 with questions.

Adult Coloring

Carol Imperati will lead us on the first Monday of the Month, July 3 at 12:30pm for Adult Coloring. Lots of Fun!

Arts & Crafts

Join us for a fun-filled class project on Monday, July 10 at 12:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Lunch & Fun: Healthy Relationships

Join us on July 5, 2023, at 1:00pm when the Umbrella Center for Domestic Services presents Healthy Relationships. Please register at 203-891-4784.

AARP Driving Class

AARP Driving Course will be offered on the first Thursday, July 6 from 9-1:00pm. Call the office to register (203) 891-4784. \$20 for members, \$25 nonmembers. Pay instructor.

Lunch & Fun: Lotus Lantern Craft and South Korean Documentary

July 10 at 2:00. 20 people minimum, 30 people maximum. Please call the Center to register at 203-891-4784 as seating is limited.

Drumming

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

Classic Movie of the Month

Join us July 7 at 1:00pm for CODA. As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her passion at Berklee College of Music and her fear of abandoning her parents. Chips and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

All American Pet Day

On July 11th, we'll be showing our slide show of our members and staff's pets in honor of All American Pet Photo Day! Thank you to all of you who submitted photos. Be sure to reserve lunch that day in the café and enjoy the show!

Lunch & Fun: The Ron Davis Story

Join us on July 12 at 1:00pm, for the exciting life story of Ron Davis, OGAT Coordinator and owner of VideoLab. You will be amazed!

Movie of the Month

Join us July 14 at 1:00pm for The Whale. A reclusive, morbidly obese English teacher attempts to reconnect with his estranged teenage daughter. Chips and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

Bone Health with Maggie from Griffin Hospital/Parish Nurses

Join us on July 18 at 1:00pm when Maggie from Griffin Hospital presents Bone Health and offers Osteoporosis Screenings. If you want the Osteoporosis Screening you will be asked to stand on the screening machine with bare feet. Call 203-891-4784 to register for this presentation.

Documentary & Discussion

Join us July 21 at 1:00pm for The Biggest Little Farm: The Return. Follows the Chester family as they transform land into a working farm. This 1/2-hour documentary focuses more on Emma the pig. Chips and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat (203) 891-4784. LIMITED to 20 people.

Lexi Crcco Presentation

Lexi will discuss what it is like having Albinism and being a legally blind, award-winning certified professional photographer on July 24 at 1:00pm in the Senior Lounge. To register call 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 July 28. July's book is Time

of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

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, July 26, 2:00pm in the cafe when Maplewoods' 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 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.

- › July 6: Mondo Pond, 404 West Avenue, Milford. Park on left of JFK school;
- › July 13: Solomon Woods, 810 West River St, Milford;
- › July 20: Ewen Farm Preserve, 648 St. Johns Drive, Orange;
- › July 27: Racebrook Tract, 839 Racebrook Road, Orange.

Trips

July 18, 2023: LOBSTER & A GREAT SHOW @ the Log Cabin with Michael D'Amore, a New York born singer & songwriter. His new show highlights the very best of the 50s, 60s & 70s. For lunch is your choice of 1 1/4lb lobster OR Prime Rib, potato salad & cole slaw, lobster & crab cakes, BBQ chicken, dessert with coffee. Cost is \$132pp with transportation (minimal walking).

August 10, 2023: SHADES OF BUBLE` @ the Aqua Turf - Three-Man tribute to Michael Buble` brings swinging standards and pop hits of Michael Buble`. The show includes a family style menu: garden salad, pasta, chicken marsala & broiled scrod, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$118pp with transportation (minimal walking).

September 6, 2023: SONGS of SUMMER @ Amarante's - Enjoy the Elderly Brothers when they perform at Amarante's. The menu includes mixed garden salad, chicken piccata or fillet of salmon with dill sauce, vegetable, potato, strawberry shortcake, soda, coffee & tea. Cost is \$79 drive yourself or \$89 and take the Senior Center Van (minimal walking).

September 20, 2023: THE BIG E—Connecticut Day - Board the motor coach for a day at the Big E. Leaving CT around 9:30am and departing the Big E at 6:00pm. Cost is \$99 with or without transportation (extensive walking).

October 7-16, 2023: SHADES OF IRELAND visit the Emerald Island (extensive walking).



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6 Complimentary Workshops
Get Your Legal Affairs in Order NOW



Barry D. Horowitz & Brian S. Karpe

My name is Barry Horowitz. I am a founding partner and president of the law firm of Nirenstein, Horowitz & Associates P.C. We practice exclusively in the areas of Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning, and Elder Law.

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- “Why should I have a Trust instead of a Will?”
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- “Will my family be able to make medical decisions for me if I get sick?”
- “How can I ensure I am NOT forced to go into a nursing home?”
- “Can I protect my property from being taken by the state if I go into a nursing home?”

We cannot answer these questions in a telephone call. As each family is unique. We know that a workshop is the best way for us to educate people about these issues.

These workshops allow us to give you this important information in a safe, sanitized & comfortable environment.

I teach many of the classes. I am a senior partner with the firm, and am a frequent speaker on trusts, wills, and proper estate planning. One of our associate attorneys, Brian Karpe, may be speaking. Attorney Karpe has been practicing law in Connecticut for 35 years, and is also dedicated to helping clients with their estate planning needs.

You must call and make a reservation if you wish to attend. Seating is limited. Therefore, if you want to attend one of the workshops, please call as soon as possible to reserve your seat.

Safety First:
The workshops have limited seating in sanitized rooms.
Face masks may be required depending on town mandate.

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ORANGE Wednesday, July 19 2:00pm-4:00pm (Refreshments) Courtyard by Marriott 136 Marsh Hill Road	SOUTHINGTON Thursday, July 20 10:00am-12:00noon (Continental Breakfast) The Manhattan Restaurant 16 Eden Avenue
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