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Orange Fire Department Dedicates New Fire Truck

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

The new truck, designated Quint-32, went into service earlier this month. Equipped with a 75-foot aerial ladder, 1,500-gallon-per-minute pump and a variety of other tools, the Spartan/ Smeal truck is designed to perform a variety of tasks at emergencies. Firefighters held a dedication ceremony, called a wetdown, on July 17th. In addition to showing off the new truck, the party included speeches and a cornhole tournament.

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

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

Fire Chief Vaughan Dumas thanked his firefighters but offered special thanks to firefighters' families and the community. Without their support, he said, the department wouldn't have the new truck. "We work hard," he said. "This is reward for that hard work."

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



Jamie Balisciano, takes over as the new principal at Peck Place School. Jaime comes from an assistant principal position at Bridgeport public schools.

New Leadership At Orange Schools

By Melissa Nicefaro Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Board of Education was busy at work this summer, faced with hiring for three key roles at the district offices and one elementary school principal. In the spring, Director of Special Services Rosie Slowik announced her retirement from her position. Around the same time, Business Manager Mary-Jo Sierekowski, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Marie Acampora, and Peck Place Principal Eric Carbone resigned to pursue other interests. terviewing candidates, four new hires are ready for the 2019-2020 school year. Jamie Balisciano, the new principal at Peck Place School comes from an assistant principal position at Bridgeport schools.

Christine Koch is the district's new Business Manager. Former administrative assistant to the First Selectman, Mary Shaw is the new Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. New Director of Special Services Mary Edo has been transitioned into her new role under former special

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After a summer of vetting and in-

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

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

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 emergency services.

Operating strictly with revenues from fund-raisers 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.

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ed director Rosie Slowik.

"One of the things that was really helpful was that Rosie knew well in advance that she planned to retire and that allowed us to start this process so early, and then when other postings came up, we were that much ahead. We extend a warm retirement to Rosie and a warm welcome to Mrs. Edo," says Superintendent of Schools Vince Scarpetti.

Mary-Jo Sierakowski took on the roll as business manager five years ago, leading the district through some challenging financial scenarios as the state funding cuts impacted the school district's budget. "Mary-Jo, I can't say enough about. She's connected the bridge between the town and us. She is a diligent worker. The one thing that you want to have in a business manager is trust. You may read some horror stories in other districts and we had that trust from Mary Jo and dedication," Scarpetti says. "She's what we look for in all employees. She would come in on weekends, was always accessible to us at any given moment and we want to extend the best to her."

After 24 years, Board of Education Administrative Assistant Marie Acampora resigned. "Ms. Acampora's departure is a loss to the district – the amount of historical information that she has is tremendous. I remember sitting down with [Director of Curriculum] Evelyn Russo and telling her I had something important to tell her. She said, 'Please don't tell me you're leaving, Vince,' and I said, 'No, someone more important than me is leaving.' I want to wish her the best in her new position." Scarpetti says.

"Any success I've had is because of the people around me, not because of me and that's especially true of these three ladies. They have had a huge impact on the success, not only the board, but the kids. I have such gratitude for all three ladies," he says.







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Orange Public Schools Announce Lunch Policy

The Orange Public Schools announced its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for de-

termining eligibility.

The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

The income calculations above are based on the following formulas: Monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is cal-

culated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52. All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Information on how to apply will be included in the eBlast Welcome Letter emailed to each student household in August. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to school. Applications are available in the school office, as well as online at www .oess.org under the Food Services page. Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast and milk programs. Additionally, all school-aged children in income-eligible households can receive school meal benefits regardless of a child's immigration status, and the district/school does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the CNPs. Note that the district

may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program offiSome children may be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals based on Medicaid (HUSKY). No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on Medicaid (HUSKY). All children in these households are eligible for free or reduced-priced meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under Medicaid (HUSKY) will be notified of Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs should complete an application and check-off the relevant box. Questions should be directed to the determining official. For any child not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the school or determining official about any child also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the

	Free Meals/Milk						Reduced-Price Meals						
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income		
1	16,237	1,354	677	625	313	1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445		
2	21,983	1,832	916	846	423	2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602		
3	27,729	2,311	1,156	1,067	534	3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759		
4	33,475	2,790	1,395	1,288	644	4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917		
5	39,221	3,269	1,635	1,509	755	5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074		
6	44,967	3,748	1,874	1,730	865	6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231		
7	50,713	4,227	2,114	1,951	976	7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388		
8	56,459	4,705	2,353	2,172	1,086	8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546		
Each additional family member	+ 5,746	+ 479	+ 240	+ 221	+ 111	Each additional family member	+8,177	+ 682	+ 341	+ 315	+ 158		

other children.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the determining official or school if it chooses to decline the free meal benefits. If households/children are not notified by the district/school of their free meal benefits and they receive benefits under Assistance Programs or under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs, the parent/guardian should contact the determining official or their school.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster

care agency or court, are categorically eligible for free meals. A foster parent does not have to complete a free/ reduced meal application if they can submit a copy of the legal document or legal court order showing that the child is a foster child. Additionally, a foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meal benefits. Note however, that a foster child's free eligibility does not automatically extend to all students in

cials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same local educational agency (LEA). When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals and the school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based

their eligibility and their children will be provided free or reduced-price benefits accordingly, unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free or reduced-price meal benefits extended to those children.

If a child is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced-price meal application form. The application for the SNAP or TF A households require the SNAP or TFA case number and the households may

on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TF A) program. All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP /TF A programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to those children. Households receiving SNAP or TF A benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by September 27th.

be asked to provide proof of the SNAP or TF A case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required.

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application or contact the determining official for more information.

When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the child is categorized as either: Homeless; runaway as defined by law and determined by the district's or school's homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. Households with children who are categorically eligible under the household.

Application forms for all other households require a statement of total household income, household size and names of all household members. The last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member must be included or a statement that the household member does not have one. The adult household member must also sign the application certifying that the information provided is correct.

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, the determining official, 203-891-8020 x1208, cmaltais@orange-ed.org, will review applications and determine

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eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he/she wishes to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Vince Scarpetti, 203-891-8020 x1200 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure. Each school and the central office of the school district has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by an interested party.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes at any time, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for reduced-price meals, free meals, or free milk, if the family income falls at or below the levels shown in the Income Guidelines.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the determining official at 203-891-8020 x1208.

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Kinship & Respite Fund Grants Available

GRANTS HELP GUARDIANS WITH SCHOOL EXPENSES

With adults already thinking backto-school, Probate Judge Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas reminds court-appointed guardians to apply for grants for school supplies. Probate Courts have been awarding grants from the state Kinship Fund and Respite Fund to court-appointed guardians for more than a decade. As of last October, eligibility for the grants was expanded beyond relatives serving as guardians to all those appointed by the Probate Courts who meet low-income guidelines.

A guardianship case typically arises in the Milford-Orange Probate Court when parents are unable to care for their children due to mental illness, substance abuse or incarceration. In most cases, Probate Courts appoint a grandparent or other relative to care for the children. In some cases, courts appoint a close family friend who has a long-standing relationship with the child. While foster parents receive funds from the state, court-appointed guardians do not receive such benefits. Guardians who meet eligibility requirements can receive some assistance through the Kinship and Respite Fund grants.

"Grandparents, aunts and uncles, and close family friends who keep children in their familiar environments instead of entering state foster care not only benefits the best interests of the child but such family placements save taxpayers and the state tens of millions of dollars. In many cases, the guardians do not really have extra money to spend on a child's basic needs," said Judge Streit-Kefalas. "Kinship and Respite Grants are there to help bridge the gap and make a huge difference to the households who are eligible to receive these grants."

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

The Kinship Fund assists guardians in paying for necessities such as school supplies, clothing, eyeglasses, school trips and sports fees. Often such expenses are paid directly to the providers. Kinship grants are capped at \$500 per child or \$2000 per family per year.

The Respite Fund helps guardians with the cost of child care, housing, transportation and food. These grants are capped at \$2000 per year.

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

Orange Scholarship Fund Awards Scholarships

The Orange Scholarship Fund held its annual presentation and reception

ford, Taylor Gourdier-UConn: Storrs, Hannah Hayes-University of New Local Student Achieves Top ACT Score

in June at the Case Memorial Library. Eleven students were presented with scholarships. Outgoing president Jean Virshup was honored for her many years of service. Guest speaker was Santo Galatioto, Jr. a former scholarship recipient.

Students awarded scholarships and their prospective schools are as follows: Jay Moon-Boston College, Olivia Pisano-WestConn, Cole Kuchachik-Sacred Heart University, Spencer Shephard-Lehigh, Jake Bronson-St. John's, Katelyn Blake-University of California: Davis, Emily Berkeley-Connecticut College, Luke Nemecek-UConn: StamHampshire, and Cailey Esposito-St. Joseph's University. Also honored was Julia Potter who was awarded the Lions Club scholarship. She will attend George Washington University.

The Orange Scholarship Fund Association invites high school seniors in both public and private schools to apply for next year's awards. Find us on Facebook.

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Danielle E. Lee, a senior at Amity Regional High School, earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. Only around two-tenths of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2018, only 3,741 out of more than 1.9 million graduates who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1–36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. The score for ACT's optional writing test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.

In a letter to Danielle recognizing

this exceptional achievement, ACT CEO Marten Roorda stated, "Your achievement on the ACT is significant and rare. Your exceptional scores will provide any college or university with ample evidence of your readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead."

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Understanding Grants, Scholarships & Loans

By Roberta L Nestor

For those entering their senior year in high school there will be many things on your "to-do" list. If you are college bound, your list will also include finding the best way to pay for college. According to Sallie Mae.com, the average student paid \$26,226 on their college education in 2018-2019. The good news? Over 55% of the cost was covered by scholarships, grants, and loans. The catch – you have to file your FAFSA forms and you can do this as early as October 1st.

Once you have completed and filed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) the first communication, the student aid report, will be mailed to you. On this report, they will tell you of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is the amount of money you and your family are expected to pay. This is subtracted from the cost of attendance. Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, and a few other incidentals. On this report, you will also see the loans (money you will have to pay back with interest), grants (money for free sometimes with conditions), and scholarships (totally free).

There are two types of loans, government loans and private loans. Of the two, government loans are preferable because they usually have fixed, lowered interest rates, and better repayment plans than private loans. The Federal Government offers 3 types of loans:

 Direct Subsidized Loans – eligibility is based on financial need. The government will pay interest while you are in school and they offer a 6 month "grace" period after graduation where you do not have to pay interest. The current loan rate is 4.53%;

rate is 7.08%.

Grants are considered free money and they generally do not have to be paid back. The most common grant is the Federal Pell Grant. You would only have to repay this grant if you withdrew early from the program for which the grant was given. Some grants require you to be a fulltime student, so if you change your enrollment status, you might have to pay back part of the grant. Grants are given through the FAFSA application and eligibility is need or merit-based. Each grant will have its own eligibility requirements. Since the number of grants offered is limited, it is important to file your FAFSA as soon as possible.

Scholarships are absolutely free and are need or merit-based. You can apply for a scholarship through FAF-SA, however, more often than not, you have to seek out scholarships on your own. You can start by asking your financial aid office at your high school or at your college. Google search "scholarships in CT" to get started (be wary of scams though). There are literally thousands of opportunities for scholarships, but you will have to be diligent. The good news is that there is a scholarship out there for everyone. Scholarships can be based on academic major, age, artistic or athletic ability, employer, ethnicity, gender, military affiliation, physical disabilities, race or faith - the list is endless.

The key to scholarships is to start early! Start in your junior year, senior year and even throughout your college years. Local businesses, cities and towns all have scholarship opportunities. Don't dismiss the small \$100 scholarship. A hundred dollars can be used toward books and every little bit counts. Think of it this way, for an hour's worth of work, applying





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 Direct Plus Loans – eligibility is not need-based and you will need a co-signer with good credit. The cosigner will also sign a Master Promissory Note. The interest accrued while you are in college is not subsidized and the current for a scholarship could earn you \$100.

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Dean's List Adelphi University

Garden City, NY -- Daejin Kim of Orange has been named to the Adelphi University spring 2019 Dean's List. Kim was among a select group of outstanding students named to the spring 2019 Dean's List. The Dean's List comprises full-time students-registered for 12 or more credits-who have completed at least 9 graded credits and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above for the semester. This recognition becomes part of the student's academic record and is entered into the individual's transcript.

Lewis University

Romeoville, Ill - Yusuf Ahmad of Orange, CT, was named to Lewis University's Dean's List for the 2019 Spring Semester. Ahmad is studying Biology at Lewis University. More than 1,500 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2019 Spring Semester. To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

Union College

Schenectady, NY -- Griffin Smith, of Orange, CT, was named to the 2019 Dean's List at Union College. Smith is a member of the Class of 2019, majoring in Economics. Comprised annually, the Union College Dean's List honors students who have a grade point average of 3.5 for the entire academic year and meet certain other requirements.

University of Pittsburgh

Andrew J. Lipsitz of Orange, graduate of Amity High School, class of 2016, was noted as achieving requirements for being added to the Dean's List for spring semester of 2019 at the University of Pittsburgh, Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences. This requires a GPA of at least 3.5 and no grade lower than a C.

Graduations

with a B.S. in Architecture in May as part of the Class of 2019.

Southern Connecticut State University

SCSU announces the 2019 Graduation list which includes Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Winter 2018 and Spring 2019. Those from Orange who graduated include: Mariam Alajjan, BS English; Dana Albert, MS CSP; Stefany Anastasopoulos, BS EXS; Stephanie Antonellis, MS CSP; Paula Brodie, MBA Business; Brianna Chiaraluce, MA PSY; Madison Correia, BS IDS; Madison Correia, BS SED; Madison Csejka, BS English; Anastasia Esposito, BS Business; Lisa Gaidosz, MS SED; Shane Gallagher, BS EXS; Sarah Golomb, BS Nursing; Kelly Gouse, BS SOC; Sara Livoti, MS Education; Neal Luisi, BA MAT; Justin Mancini, BS Business; Alyssa Martino, SYC SCP; Blair Massimino, BA IDS; Elizabeth Miller, MFT MFT; Caitlin Nickerson, MS CMD; Laurie Rivers, SYC RDG; Francesca Rodriguez, BA PHY; Rohit Saundankar, BS Biology; Amin Sheikh, BS Business; Mary Spodnick, BS PSY; Mengxia Xu, BS COM; Jessica Zamachaj, SYC EDL.

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI -- At the University of Rhode Island's 133rd Commencement on Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, 2019, about 3,400 undergraduate and 740 graduate students became the University's newest alumni. The following students from Orange graduated from the University of Rhode Island: Christian Cerrone received a Bachelor of Science in Aquaculture and Fishery Technology; and Julia Forbes received a Bachelor of Science Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design Bachelor of Arts French Magna Cum Laude.

Jarod Tashea of Orange (06477), received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Accounting Magna Cum Laude

Students who received the honor summa cum laude graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.7; students who received the honor of magna cum laude grad-

Did You Know? Back to School Preparation for Young Adults

Young adults over the age of eighteen should have a Durable Power of Attorney and Health Care Instructions granting legal authority to a person (or people) they trust to make important decisions.

Durable Power of Attorney Instrument:

- What does it do? Appoints someone to make financial decisions and sign legal documents for you if you're alive but unable to do so yourself.
- What if you don't have one? If legal decisions must be made, or legal actions must be taken (i.e. signing legal documents), and a young adult does not have a Durable Power of Attorney, then someone will need to petition the Probate Court to become appointed as the "Conservator of the Estate". This process is public, can be time consuming, can be expensive, and does not always produce a result you might have chosen.

Health Care Instructions:

- *What does it do?* Appoints someone to make medical decisions for you if you're alive but unable to do so yourself.
- What if you don't have one? If medical decisions must be made, and a young adult does not have Health Care Instructions, someone will need to petition the Probate Court to become appointed as the "Conservator of the Person". This process is public, can be time consuming, can be expensive, and does not always produce a result you might have chosen.

Example:

A young adult is in college, is in a car accident, and is in a coma. Her parents have no legal authority to access her Bank account, or pursue insurance claims or litigation against the driver who hit her. Similarly, her parents have no legal authority to discuss her medical records with her attending physicians.

If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of properly drafting a Durable Power of Attorney or Health Care Instructions, please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



Roger Williams University

Bristol, RI -- Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Michael Montano, of Orange, CT, graduated uated with a GPA of at least 3.50; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.3.



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Did you know you can register for events online?

Registration for events opens three weeks in advance of the event date online at casememoriallibrary.org/events.

Events For All Ages

Escape From Filch's Office: A Harry Potter-Themed Escape Room Session 1: Thursday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. Session 2: Monday, September 23, 6:30 p.m. Session 3: Thursday, October 3, 6:30 p.m. Session 4: Monday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. For tweens, teens, and adults

For tweens, teens, and adults ages 10 and up.

Argus Filch, caretaker at the Hogwarts School of Magic, is suspected of stealing four magical items and you've broken into his office to recover them. Solving puzzles and using clues, can you find all four magical items and use them to locate the hidden portkey you need to escape before he returns? Space is limited. Registration is required and begins three weeks in advance of each session. Please sign up for only one session. Duplicate registrations will be cancelled.

Events For Adults Make & Take Workshop: Arashi Shibori

Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m.

Make and take your own indigo tote using the arashi, or pole wrapping, method of shibori. Led by Librarian



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sical traditions, with the added spice of some exotic originals. A typical show includes blues, rags, old-time and contemporary fiddle tunes, Hispanic waltzes from the old Southwest, a classic string-band number by The Mississippi Sheiks, swing tunes from the 1930s, and a Ray Charles instrumental. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required and begins Saturday, September 14.

An Evening with Alasdair Neale

Thursday, October 10, 7 p.m.

Join us for an illuminating evening with Alasdair Neale, New Haven Symphony Orchestra's newest conductor. Maestro Neale will share music from the fall season at NHSO as well as the passion and stories behind the orchestra's fall repertoire. Sponsored by the Orange Arts and Culture Council. Registration is required, through the Library, and begins Thursday, September 19 at 7 a.m.

Fall Film Series

Registration is highly recommended for all films. Registration opens three weeks in advance of the film screening. All Wednesday afternoon screenings are shown with subtitles.

Rocketman

ly-charged summer of 1971. 2 hr. 12 min. PG-13. Registration is required and begins Monday, October 7.

Yesterday

Monday, November 18, 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, 1 p.m.

A struggling musician realizes he's the only person on Earth who can remember The Beatles after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed. 1 hr. 56 min. PG-13. Registration is required and begins Monday, October 28.

The Farewell

Monday, December 9, 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 11, 1 p.m.

A Chinese family discovers their grandmother has only a short while left to live and decides to keep her in the dark, scheduling a wedding to gather before she dies. 1 hr. 40 min. PG. Registration is required and begins Monday, November 18.

Book Discussions Mystery Book Discussion Group

Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m. "A Brilliant Death" by Robin Yocum.

Led by Librarian Samantha Jasulavic. Registration is requested.

The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group

For teens in grades 7-12.

Create a pumpkin masterpiece! Pumpkins and decorating supplies will be provided. Please bring a box to carry home your pumpkin. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, October 2.

Events For Children & Tweens

Oreo Tasting

Wednesday, September 18, 3:45 p.m. For children ages 7-9.

Try our sampling of different Oreo flavors and vote for your favorite! Registration is required and begins Wednesday, August 28.

Tween Advisory

Group (TWAG) Tuesday, September 24, 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 3:45 p.m.

For tweens in grades 4-6.

Join us at our monthly meeting to brainstorm and help plan programs that you want to see at the library, as well as recommend books for our collection. Registration is required and begins three weeks in advance of the event date.

Chess Club

Wednesday, September 25, 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, October 16. 3:45 p.m.

For children and tweens in grades 1-6.

Children and tweens will learn about this strategic board game and play against each other. Registration is required and begins three weeks in advance of the event date.

Textured Fall Slime

Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m. For children in grades 1-3.

Create a Borax-free, sensory-friendly, slime with a fall twist. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins Saturday, September 7.

Life-Size Clue

Wednesday, October 2, 3:45 p.m. For tweens in grades 4-6.

Rebecca Harlow. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins Saturday, August 17.

Farm to Table Cooking Demonstration

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.

Join Chef Kashia Cave as she cooks fresh, healthy recipes using seasonal produce from farmers' markets. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required and begins Thursday, September 5.

Concert: Lost Acres String Band

Saturday, October 5, 2 p.m.

The Lost Acres String Band serves up a rich stew of songs and instrumentals from a wide variety of muMonday, September 16, 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 18, 1 p.m.

A musical fantasy set to Elton John's most beloved songs tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture. 2 hr. 1 min. R. Registration is required and begins Monday, August 26.

Best of Enemies

Monday, October 28, 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, 1 p.m.

Based on a true story, centered on the unlikely relationship between Ann Atwater, an outspoken civil rights activist, and C.P. Ellis, a local Ku Klux Klan leader who reluctantly co-chaired a community summit, battling over the desegregation of schools in Durham, North Carolina during the racialThursday, October 24, 7 p.m.

"Inheritance" by Dani Shapiro. Led by Toby Zabinski. Registration is requested.

Events For Teens Teen Cupcake Decorating Class Tuesday, October 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m. For teens in grades 7-12. Learn to make buttercream frosting and decorate cupcakes with ShopRite's Registered Dietician Courtney Huggins. Please notify the Library of any food restrictions at least 24 hours in advance of the program. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins

Teen Pumpkin Craft Wednesday, October 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24.

Play a life size version of the popular board game, Clue. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, September 11.

Science Snoopers: Going Batty

Thursday, October 3, 5 p.m. For children ages 5-10. Join Jean Mai of Science Snoopers and learn about these fascinating mammals. Registration is required and begins Thursday, September 12.

Ping Pong Lanterns

Thursday, October 10, 3:30 p.m. For tweens in grades 4-6. Make decorative luminaries out of flameless tea lights and ping pong balls.

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Registration is required and begins Thursday, September 19.

STEAM Wars

Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m.

For children and tweens ages 6-12. Use the force, complete a minifig rescue challenge, and make pixelated art. Registration is required and begins Saturday, September 21.

Vampire Slime

Thursday, October 24, 5:30 p.m. For children in grades 1-3. Whip up a batch of this spooky slime with a scientific twist. Registration is required and begins Thursday,

Storytimes Lapsit Storytime

October 24.

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Little ones and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Michelle! We'll practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, and explore touch-and-feel books.

2-Year-Old Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Audience participation is highly encouraged at this story time session just

for 2s. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays and puppetry together.

3-5 Year Olds Storytime

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

No storytime on Labor Day or Columbus Day

Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and puppetry at this story time series especially for 3-5-year olds! A story-related craft is offered following each session.

Art In The Library

September: Oils by Gene Zandri. Reception: September 12, 5-7 p.m.

October: Artwork by David and Joanne Byrne.

Services

Homebound Delivery Service

Are you a book lover who is unable to leave your home? If so, the Library will bring the books to you! Orange residents who are homebound may contact the Library to arrange for regular library book delivery service to their home at no charge. Some restrictions apply. For more information, call the Library's Head of Circulation Services, Samantha Jasulavic, at 203-891-2170 or email sjasulavic@casememoriallibrary.org.

Art in the Library

Local abstract artist, Eugene Zandri, will exhibit a collection of his paintings at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange from September 3, 2019 to September 30, 2019. Hours: Monday and Thursday, 10am-8pm, Tuesday; Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10am to 5pm, closed Sun.

Gene has been a professional artist for over 40 years during which time he

has been commissioned by private parties, interior designers and businesses and his paintings can be found across the country. He has won awards and has also exhibited his paintings, which can be as large as 6 ft, in local galleries.

Zandri's art form can be described as bold and colorful Abstract Expressionism, yet many of his works maintain the softness of Impressionism.

Healthy Cooking With Farm-Fresh Produce

Chef Kashia Cave will give a cooking demonstration, "Farm to Table—Cooking with Produce from Farmers' Markets" sponsored by the Friends of the Case Memorial Library on Thursday, September 26 at 6:30pm. Trinidad-born

and current Meriden community

leader, Kashia Diaz Cave acquired her passion for cooking from her family. Cooking and baking were a tradition

which bonded the family. Growing up on the island, it was customary for girls, as young as 12, to learn how to prepare a meal. Kashia reveled in cooking a delicious meal and discovered that her culinary skills were a healthy way to bring people together.

As Executive Director of My City

Kitchen located in Meriden, Chef

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Bread & Torah

Saturday Mornings 9:00am-9:45am

Explore the treasures of bible and other Jewish readings with Rabbi Rona Shapiro. Be prepared for a lively discussion over bagels and coffee in the B'nai Jacob Library.

www.OrangeTownNews.com

This season will begin with the

Elul Institute for The High Holidays

The month of Elul is the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah, a time for study and reflection. Join us over five Shabbat mornings as we explore themes of the holiday.

• Daily Morning and Evening Minyan

- Family-Friendly Services and Programs
- Enriching Adult Education
- Vibrant Social Action
- Outstanding Religous School with a FREE Sunday Preschool
- Shabbat Services and Festivals Open to the Community

Kashia Cave

<u>Upcoming Speakers</u>

Sunday, September 15 • 10am

Rabbi Richard Eisenberg: "Addiction, the Opioid Crisis and



Recovery Through a Jewish Lens"

Rabbi Eisenberg, beloved religious leader and certified drug and alcohol counselor, discusses his new book, which describes the spiritual fog of addiction

that engulfs Jewish individuals, family members and communities, weaving Jewish texts and sources into understanding this critical issue. Free event.

August 31	Understanding the The Liturgy of the High Holidays
September 7	Cries and Whispers: The Sounding of the Shofar
September 14	Hannah and Rachel: The Haftarot of Our Mothers
September 21	The Music of the HIgh Holidays (with Cantor Kanfer)
September 28	Do People Really Change?: Exploring Tshuva (Repentance)

All classes will be taught by Rabbi Shapiro unless otherwise noted. Everyone is welcome. No knowledge of Hebrew or experience necessary.

The Judaica Shoppe GIFT SHOPPE HOURS

Congregation B'nai Jacob With the largest selection of Judaica in New Haven County, this hidden gem offers a wide collection of gift items for holidays and simchas. Come see our beautiful selection of honey pots, perfect for Rosh Hashanah. You may even treat yourself to some Israeli jewelry.



Plus, the Gift Shoppe will always open by appointment!! Please call the synagogue office at 203-389-2111.

Sunday, September 22 • 10am



Atty. Henry Kopel: "Hate Speech and the Law" Hank Kopel, a federal prosecutor presently specializing in national security investigations, has published on the causal linkage between mass hate incitement and genocide. He will present an overview of how the liberal democracies' legal systems deal with hate speech, with emphasis on the contrasting approaches of Europe and America, and in the context of the contemporary global resurgence of anti-Semitism. Free event.

Sunday, October 27 • 10am Adina Hoffman: "Till We Have Built Jerusalem:



Architects of a New City" Award winning essayist and biographer Adina Hoffman will discuss her book "Till We Have Built Jerusalem", a gripping and intimate journey into the lives of three very different architects who helped shape modern Jerusalem. A powerful rumination on memory and forgetting, place and displacement, the book uncovers multiple layers of one great city's buried history as it asks what it means, in Jerusalem and everywhere, to be foreign and to belong. Free to members. A \$10 donation to CBJ is suggested for non-members.

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Orange, Shelton Firefighters Rescue Man From River

On July 28th, Orange and Shelton firefighters rescued an unconscious man from the Housatonic River, carrying him from a remote area to waiting paramedics. Orange Fire Chief Vaughan Dumas said the man, who is in his 20s, was using a rope swing in a remote area where youths often have parties. He swung out over the Housatonic, but struck rocks when he landed. He suffered head and leg injuries and was unconscious.

Dumas said civilians on the scene moved the man to shore and alerted authorities. It was determined that the quickest way to evacuate the victim was carrying him in a special stretcher called a Stokes basket. Orange firefighters walked to the scene on railroad tracks while Shelton firefighters responded via boat. Firefighters from both departments worked together to immobilize the man and place him in the basket stretcher. Orange and Shelton firefighters then carried the man about a quarter mile to waiting EMS crews. Derby's Storm Ambulance and

AMR paramedics treated and transported the victim to the hospital.

"This is a great example of how area departments work together to take care of our neighbors," said Dumas. "It also shows the dedication of local firefighters and EMS personnel." Dumas said the area where the man was hurt has presented problems for firefighters in the past and he urged residents to stay away from it.

"Every kid likes to have a place out of the watchful eye of parents to enjoy themselves," he said. "The people who walk down the railroad tracks to these areas by the river are actually putting themselves in grave danger. We've had fires there and others hurt and it's difficult to get there to help."

The call for help came in around 2:30 p.m., said Dumas. About 10 firefighters from Orange responded in addition to personnel from Shelton, Derby and Ansonia fire departments, Orange Police and other agencies. No identification of the victim was available.



Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of September 2019



(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk's Office, 203-891-4730)

3rd	Economic Development Comm5:30 pm Town Plan & Zoning Comm7:00 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
4th	Conservation Comm7:00 pm Country Fair Cmte7:30 pm	HPCC Exhibit Hall
5th	OGAT7:30 pm	Town Hall
9th	Traffic Authority4:30 pm Board of Police Comm4:30 pm Amity Board of Education6:30 pm Zoning Board of Appeals7:00 pm	Police Dept. Police Dept. Woodbridge Town Hall
10th	Inland Wetlands Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall
11th	OVNA Board of Governors8:30 am Safety & Health Cmte10:00 am Board of Selectmen7:30 pm	Clark Bldg Case Mem. Library Town Hall
12th	Community Services Comm7:00 pm	HPCC
16th	Family Counseling Advisory Council9:00 am Orange Board of Education7:00 pm Board of Finance7:00 pm Board of Health7:00 pm	HPCC Mary L. Tracy Town Hall HPCC
17th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm7:00 pm	Town Hall
18th	CERT7:00 pm Recycling Cmte7:00 pm	HPCC HPCC
19th	Case Memorial Library Comm7:00 pm	Case Mem. Library
23rd	Youth Services Comm7:30 pm	HPCC
24th	OVNA Professional Advisory Cmte4:30 pm	Clark Bldg
25th	Safety Comm9:00 am Park & Recreation Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
26th	Bond Construction7:00 pm	Town Hall
27th	Emergency Management Cmte8:00 am	Police Station

Orange Conservation Commission Asking for Photos

The Orange Conservation Commission invites all who enjoy our Open Spaces to share a picture of someone being a proper steward of our town trails. Take a picture of yourself, your family, your friends, or your pets hiking our trails. Show how you help to keep the trails welcoming for all who

visit them.

We will display the pictures at our booth in the Civic Tent at the 2019 Orange Country Fair – showcasing our favorites for all to see. Send pictures to: orangeconscomm@gmail.com by September 14th, then come by to see us at the Fair, September 21-22nd.

ITEM: PARENTS ARE GIVING UP CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILDREN TO HELP GET NEED-BEED COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID.





Protect Your Plants From Winter Weather



Winter might not be conducive to gardening, but the arrival of cold weather does not necessarily mean a gardener's work is done until the following spring. Taking steps to protect plants from winter weather is an important part of maintaining a healthy garden that thrives from year to year.

Timing is of the essence when winterizing a garden. The online gardening resource Get Busy Gardening!TM advises gardeners that the best time to winterize is after the first hard freeze in the fall. A hard freeze occurs when temperatures dip below freezing overrecommends pulling dead annuals and adding them to a compost pile after a killing frost. Any annuals that developed fungal disease should be discarded. Mulch annual beds with a three- to four-inch layer of chopped leaves or similar materials, spreading the mulch only two inches thick over self-sown seeds you want to germinate in the spring.

Warm-climate annuals also should be covered with polyspun garden fabric when light frost is expected. Seeds of cold-hardy annuals can be planted for extended winter bloom, while gardeners also can collect seeds of warm-weather plants that will breed true to type. Even though you're winterizing, Better Homes and Gardens recommends that gardeners continue to weed and water their plant beds and plants while also keeping an eye out



How To Store Firewood The Right Way

A fireplace is a cozy and warm spot around which a family can gather. The home and real estate resource HomeGuides.com indicates that 60 percent of new homes have a fireplace, which is up from 36 percent in the 1970s.

Naturally, fueling a fireplace for the season may require homeowners with wood-burning units to keep an ample supply of wood at the ready. How that wood is stored is important, as properly stored firewood can prevent waste and other issues around the house.

Wood that is freshly cut has a water content of 60 percent or more. Yet,

property that is about 20 feet from the nearest door to the house. This helps avoid hitchhiker pests from coming inside with the wood, such as termites, ants, spiders, and mice. Do not stack the wood flush against a structure. It should be at least a few inches away to allow airflow behind the stack.

Stick to organized rows of wood no more than four feet high. Log racks and pallets and posts will keep the wood up and off of the ground where moisture and rotting can develop. Placing the logs in an unorganized pile will impede air flow and cause the wood to rot rather than continue to dry and

night. When that occurs, annual plants and vegetables are killed off and perennial plants, which grow back year after year, begin going dormant.

Better Homes and Gardens notes that perennials are the easiest plants to prepare for winter, as they require just a little cutting back and mulching to be safe from cold weather. But no two perennials are alike, so homeowners should consult their local gardening center for advice on how to prepare their particular perennials for the coming months.

The steps necessary to winterize annuals depends on which type of annuals, cool- or warm-climate, you have. Cool-climate annuals should be covered with polyspun garden fabric when light frost is in the forecast. In addition, Better Homes and Gardens for pests. If organic mulch has decomposed or thinned out, replace it with a new layer.

Get Busy Gardening!TM notes that the bulbs of tender plants like dahlias and tuberous begonias can be dug up and overwintered in their dormant state. All dead foliage should be removed after the bulbs have been dug up, and the bulbs should be allowed to dry out a little before being stored. Container gardeners can overwinter their tender bulbs in their pots inside, but be sure to remove their foliage and store them in a dark, cool place that maintains temperatures above freezing.

Winterizing may mark the end of gardening season, but it's an important task that can ensure a healthy, beautiful garden next spring, summer and fall. for best burning ability, wood should be near 20 percent in water content. Green wood is hard to ignite and will not burn nearly as well or efficiently as seasoned wood. Another concern associated with green wood is that it can contribute more to creosote accumulation in the flue of a fireplace. Creosote is a combustible material that may lead to fires if left unchecked.

According to BioAdvanced[®], a science-based lawn, garden and home improvement innovator, seasoning wood typically takes six months to a year. Homeowners may opt to purchase seasoned wood that already has sat and dried.

Homeowners who have an abundance of firewood have to store it somewhere. Log Splitters Direct suggests choosing a dry, breezy area of the season even more.

Homeowners also should use a cover to protect seasoned firewood from the elements. Position a tarp or plastic sheeting so it blankets the top of the stack and extends a few inches down the sides. Keep the sides mostly exposed to air. Others prefer to stack it in a barn or shed or under an overhang.

Green wood is less expensive than seasoned wood. Those who prefer this method should do so in the early spring and let it season over the next several months.

Bankrate says that the cost of a cord of wood varies across the country, but in general one can expect to pay between \$120 and \$180 for a cord of hardwood that is split and seasoned. This price may be higher in mid-winter when demand increases.





How To Level An Uneven Yard

Many things can cause a yard to be uneven. Drainage problems, leaky pipes beneath the grass and pests can wreak havoc on a yard, resulting in uneven turf that can be both unsightly and unsafe.

Addressing an uneven yard might be homeowners' ultimate goal, but the home experts at BobVila.com note that homeowners should first figure out what's causing the problem and make fixing that their first task. Fixing uneven ground above leaky pipes will only be a temporary fix if the leaks themselves are not addressed. Professional contractors might be necessary depending on what's causing the problem. However, once the underlying issue has been addressed, many homeowners can handle the task of leveling an uneven yard on their own.

Get the right tools and materials. Leveling an uneven yard may require various tools. Thatch will likely need to be removed from the lawn before it can be leveled out, so homeowners will need a thatch rake or dethatching machine to get this task started. Dethatching machines are generally necessary for especially large lawns, and these can typically be rented from home improvement retailers. A shovel, bow rake and push broom are other tools homeowners will likely need. Materials such as topsoil, compost and sand will be necessary as well, and these are typically sold at local garden centers. Fill in areas beneath the grass. Areas beneath the grass can be filled in with a mixture of sand, topsoil and compost. The experts at BobVila.com advise using two parts sand, two parts

topsoil and one part compost. Each of these components plays its own role in restoring the yard to full health. Sand helps the ground stay level, while the topsoil and compost provide the grass with valuable nutrients. If the low spots are not especially deep, this mixture can be applied without removing the grass. However, before filling in holes when addressing spots that are deeper than two or three inches, remove the grass then place it back in place once the hole has been filled. To dig up the grass, put the blade of the shovel at the outside of the low spot before sliding it under about two or three inches so you do not upset the grass roots.

Spread the top dressing. Once the holes have been filled and the grass has been placed back on the ground (if it was removed), spread the top dressing mix with a shovel. The mix should be spread evenly with the back of the bow rake at a depth of no more than half an inch. Make sure the mix is worked into the low spots and that it's not completely covering the grass, as that will suffocate the lawn. If necessary, use the push broom to work the mix

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into the soil.

Water the lawn. Finally, water the lawn to help the top dressing settle into the grass. If necessary, repeat the process of applying top dressing and watering until the lawn is even and has returned to full strength.

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Affinity Health & Wellness Now Open

Affinity Health & Wellness officially opened at 1351 Whalley Avenue in New Haven, in the former Tommy K's plaza on the New Haven/Woodbridge border. It is the city's first and only medical marijuana dispensary. The dispensary consists of a fully renovated 3500 square foot facility with a large, comfortable patient waiting room, retail area, private consultation rooms, monitored entrance, and secured dispensary facility. Affinity Health & Wellness is staffed with an experienced team of Dispensary Pharmacists and Dispensary Technicians to provide a full line of both products and expertise to all their patients.

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Brian Essenter, RPh, Dispensary Manager, is a graduate of Northeastern University and a registered pharmacist. Brian is a former Dispensary Manager at one of the busiest dispensaries in Connecticut for almost 3 years. He also worked 16 years for one of the nation's largest national retail pharmacy chains in MA, NV, and CT. Brian is the owner of MM Consult CT. At MM Consult CT, Brian's goal is to answer any and all questions regarding the benefits of medical marijuana. He is also able to guide patients through the difficult process of navigating Connecticut's Medical Marijuana program. This can include suggested dosing and delivery

methods appropriate for the patient's condition, as well as desired results. Brian has also been consulting for businesses in the cannabis industry and those interested in entering the industry. He has also had the opportunity to speak to many different audiences regarding medical cannabis.

"We are proud to be the first company to bring a full medical marijuana dispensary experience to the New Haven community," said Pantalena. "We wanted to provide New Haven area patients with premium-quality medical marijuana products by opening a dispensary that was convenient, assessible, and in a comfortable environment."

"Our primary focus is on patients suffering from debilitating medical conditions and to educate our patients to gain control of their lives," added Essenter. "We are committed to understanding our patients' individual conditions and providing the therapy they need. Our dedicated staff is here to work closely with the patient to understand their needs and recommend the proper type of medical marijuana. In addition, we educate our patients fully on the effective use of our products to obtain the full benefits."



Pictured seated left to right: Bill Hawkins, VP Finance and Administration Albertus; Thomas Hastings, Executive Director Overseas Ministries Study Center. Standing left to right: Jamie Cuzzocreo, Attorney Paul Proto and Attorney Jim Whitney, Frank D'Ostilio, partner/broker Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio; Nancy Andersen, Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio.

Wareck D'Ostilio Announces Five Million Dollar Sale

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio announced the sale of the following transaction by partner/broker Frank D'Ostilio and Nancy Andersen:

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"The purchase coincides with the upcoming arrival of the largest incoming class in the College's 94-year history," the college said in a release. To date, there are 275 first-year and transfer students arriving on the private, Dominican college's campus for this coming semester. A spokeswoman said that, with the purchase, housing immediately will be available for 27 residents. Additionally, the facility will provide additional classrooms and office space for faculty and staff, she said.

The college said 61 percent of the class of 2023 has requested on-campus housing. "We received multiple offers on this fabulous property from Yale University and other major developers," said D'Ostilio. Orange Town News



Traditional Irish Music P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Séagda Coyle will join the P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éire-

ann traditional Irish music session on Thursday, September 19, at St. Gabriel's Church Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford. The free session starts at 7:45 pm. BYOB. Musicians, dancers, singers and guests are welcomed.

Séagda, a talented button accordion player from New York, in 2017 released to critical acclaim his first solo album, Rip the

Bellows. Dan Neely of the Irish Echo wrote that Coyle is "a powerful and very talented button accordionist who plays with great drive and has a high respect for the tradition." Coyle is a

student of All-Ireland champion John Nolan, and is very active on the New York session scene, as well as an in-demand musician for céilís. He teaches the button accordion at the Catskills Irish Arts Week, and also teaches at the Woodlawn Arts and Music House in the Bronx.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was founded in 1951 in Ireland to

promote Irish traditional music, song, dance and language. For information on the session, call 203-876-9937.







Build A Better Birdhouse For The Orange Country Fair

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is encouraging young and old alike to create a birdhouse, to be entered in the Orange Country Fair, to be held on September 21 and 22. Birdhouses can be built from scratch or, if that's more creative than you can handle, purchase an unpainted birdhouse and paint away. All entries are welcome. Take a chance and enter an "objet d'art."

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

The birdhouse division, open to child or adult, is Birdhouse Design Fun Department 16. Entry blanks can be found in the fair book, which is available at the Town Hall and Case Memorial Library. Adult and Youth Entry blanks can also be downloaded from the web by going to OrangeCountryFair.com listed under Departments. Mail entries to: Orange Country Fair, 874 Grassy Hill Road, Orange 06477. Birdhouses are to be brought to the OACC Tent in front of the Exhibition Building on the Orange Country Fair grounds on Friday, September 20 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

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A Musical Mosaic

The Lost Acres String Band featuring a trio on bass, violin and guitar will present a medley of musical genres at the Case Memorial Library on Saturday, October 5, at 2:00pm. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

A typical show might include blues, gypsy jazz, a Mexican dance tune, a romantic waltz, old time and contemporary fiddle music, a Hispanic ballad, a classical string band number, a folk tune from Columbia, swing music from the 1930s and some original compositions.

The three professional musicians, Gordon Swift, Paul Howard and Jon Swift all hail from Connecticut, but bring a variety of cultural music to audiences. Violinist Gordon Swift plays in jazz-rock fusion, reggae, and country-western bands. With a degree in ethnomusicology, his original compositions blend musical influences from around the world.

Master guitarist Paul Howard brings a mix of swing, old time, bluegrass and folk/rock music to the group. He's also an accomplished vocalist.

Jon Swift (Gordon's brother), the bass player, lays down a solid beat for The Lost Acres Band. He also sings and plays acoustic guitar with several other bluegrass and American music roots groups, and recently appeared in the BluesGrass duo at the Case Library.

The Lost Acres String Band, with its eclectic style and beat has music for everyone and is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Call 203-291-2170 or go to http://casememoriallibrary.org/events to make a reservation.





Easy Ways To Clean Up Leaves

Autumn is marked by colorful foliage and plummeting temperatures. Once those leaves reach peak color, they fall from the branches and collect on lawns, necessitating cleanup projects. For homeowners with big yards, such a project can be tiring and time-consuming. However, there are ways to make leaf cleanup easier.

One of the easiest ways to clean up leaves is to reach for a lawn mower rather than a rake. The mower will cut leaves down to smaller sizes, creating an effective mulch that can add nutrients back into the lawn. Davey, a lawn and landscape solutions service, says that mowed leaves also can be collected in a mower bag and added to garden beds or compost piles.

For those who prefer manual raking, select a rake with tines that will not skewer the leaves in the process. Big rakes also can make faster work of gathering leaves into piles.

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The Family Handyman advocates for the use of a lawn sweeper. This is a manual device that has a rotating sweeping brush that gathers up lawn debris and leaves into an attached hopper bag. Like mowed leaves, the bag can be emptied into a compost pile or distributed where needed.

Raking leaves onto a large tarp is another option. Once it's full, the tarp can be taken to the curb where many towns will collect the leaves seasonally. Otherwise, the tarp can be used as a funnel to put leaves into a gardening bag or another appropriate receptacle.

Leaf blowers remain a fast option for cleaning up yards, but they require electricity or gas and can be noisy. Still, they are a popular choice for large landscapes or when quick work needs to be made of leaf clean-up.

Leaves will fall in autumn, but luckily homeowners have various methods at their disposal to tame the mess.



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Zeoli Campaign Holds "An **Evening Under the Stars**"

On Friday, July 26th "An Evening Under the Stars" was held at the home of Vinny & Debbie Marino. A crowd of supporters set the stage to celebrate the beginning of the 2019 campaign

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by Dana Jackson

Q: What happened to the **"Home &** Family" talk show that's on weekday mornings on the Hallmark Channel? My favorite daytime program is suddenly not on anymore. -- Jean

A: Have no fear, "Home & Family" hasn't been canceled. In fact, it was recently renewed for an upcoming eighth season. The show is just taking a break for the month of August with new shows airing only on Fridays. It will return to its normal weekday schedule beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3.

As you probably noticed, the show did undergo a big change at the beginning of last season. Beloved longtime co-host **Mark Steines** was fired, reportedly for speaking out against the show's executive producer, **Woody Fraser**. Steines then filed a wrongful termination suit, stating that he regularly warned Hallmark executives about Fraser's inappropriate behavior toward women on the set.

Steines was replaced last year with former **"All My Children"** star and Hallmark regular **Cameron Mathison**, who now shares hosting duties with **Debbie Matenopoulos**.

Q: Years ago we watched the TV series **"Due South"** with **Paul Gross** and **David Marciano**. I have seen David Marciano in occasional small parts since then, but wonder if Paul is doing any TV or movies? -- J.S.

A: David Marciano, who played American detective Ray Vecchio on the Canadian crime series, has been acting steadily since the show's end in 1999. In addition to numerous guest-starring prime-time roles, he's been a regular on **"The Shield," "Homeland"** and most recently **"Bosch."**

As for Paul Gross, who played the other lead on "Due South," Constable Benton Fraser, he's been working



Cameron Mathison [Kailey Schwerman/Hallmark Channel]

pretty much nonstop, but many of his credits are based in Canada or theater. However, his newest project is the Netflix miniseries "**Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City,**" which is set in San Francisco. Gross stars on the show with the talented **Laura Linney** and **Olympia Dukakis**.

Q: Was **Chris Cimino**, the New York meteorologist, let go because he dropped the F-bomb or was it another reason? -- Carol

A: For those who don't know the story, Chris Cimino, an NBC local weatherman who occasionally filled in on the **"Today"** show, didn't know his mic was on when **Al Roker** deferred to him. He could be heard on the air chatting and, as you put it, said the F-word. This all happened back in April, but just two months later Cimino was announcing his departure after 24 years with the station.

Only Cimino and his superiors whether the on-air profanity led to his exit, and who made the final decision, but he did say he's "excited about the next chapters of my life's journey." Perhaps you'll see him on the air again someday -- hopefully on a station with a seven-second broadcast delay.

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Top: Maryellen Bespuda standing near the new Tea Rose bench. Middle: Diana DeFillippo, Larry Huzi and Nancy Becque enjoy refreshments served by Maryellen Bespuda's granddaughters. Bottom: The Garden Club of Orange Herb Garden in full bloom.



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Date & Time: Tuesday, September 17th from 6:00 to 7:45 PM.

Place: The Woodbridge Town Library located at 10 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT.

For further info, e-mail PrintLRK@ aol.com, call 203-258-7777 or www. HappinessClub.com.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut

Garden Club of Orange Herb Garden Open House

On Thursday, July 25, The Garden Club of Orange hosted its 2nd annual open house behind the Stone Otis House. The Historical Society also opened its doors for guests to walk through.

Under the direction of Maryellen Bespuda, club members began in April to replant and trim the 26 herbs that are currently in the garden and cared for by them throughout the summer. The herbs were historically used for culinary and medicinal purposes and were in full bloom. Along with the herbs, the garden club also added a new Tea Rose bench surrounded by new boxwoods and sunflower plants. These new additions to the garden were purchased with a \$500 award from a National Garden Plant America Grant.

Refreshments were served during the tour. The gardens are always open for visitors to tour.

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the FGCCT, and NEG. For membership information, contact Eileen Eisenman 203-878-9597. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut is delighted to offer an afternoon with Steve Morse on Sunday, September 15, 2019, from 1:00 – 3:45 PM, at Temple Sinai, 41 West Hartford Road, Newington, CT 06111. There will be two presentations: One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools, followed by The History of the Geography of New York City. The program is free and open to the public. Stephen Morse, Ph.D., is the creator of the One-Step Website, https:// stevemorse.org/, for which he has received prestigious awards from many international genealogical societies. Morse is a computer professional who has held many research, development, and teaching positions, authored numerous technical papers, written four textbooks, and the owner of four patents.

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Kennedy Earns 100% Voting Record

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

Representative Kennedy was present and voted for all 392 votes taken on the State House floor during the 2019 session, according to voting record data released last week by the House Clerk's Office. Perfect attendance is very difficult to achieve, with only about 26 percent of legislators able to do so this year. In Connecticut, the General Assembly is a part-time state legislature, meaning many of the legislators have another job they must

House which would have impacted the lives of many families in the 119th. I am truly honored to serve the people of Milford and Orange," said Rep. Kennedy. "I look forward to next year's legislative session."

Kennedy serves on three legislative committees (Education, Public Health and Environment Committees) considered 'A' committees which means they can meet 3 days a week, sometimes simultaneously.

For an overview of legislation passed this year, visit the Office of Legislative Research website: https:// www.cga.ct.gov/2019/rpt/pdf/2019-R-0120.pdf. The next regular session of the legislature will convene

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in February 2020.

Anyone with questions, ideas or concerns about state-related issues can contact Representative Kennedy's office at Kathy.Kennedy@housegop. ct.gov or 860-240-8700.

"Cookin" From Page 11

Kashia extends her passion for cooking to her role as a community leader. She teaches children ages 6-17 and adults about health and wellness, using handson training to prepare nutritious meals. Through her efforts, My City Kitchen and her Junior Chefs program have flourished into a successful non-profit organization. Chef Kashia knows the impact of culinary education and has been the winner of numerous local

community service awards, and her achievements have also been recognized by international organizations. Now is the season to pick up a variety of farm-fresh produce from local farmers' markets. And what better way is there to enjoy the healthy harvest than to come to the Case Memorial Library and learn how to dish up some tasty and nutritious meals. Call 203-891-2170 or go to make reservations. For more information, go to http:// www.casememoriallibrary.org/events.

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💾 By Ginny Reinhard 🚱 ne bNorth Ly Did You Learn This In School?

Was Christopher Columbus the first European in the Americas? Nope. Around the year 1000, Leif Eriksson sailed west from Scandinavia to what is now Canada, spending the winter there before returning to Greenland.

Some colonists stayed there for three years but finding the natives unfriendly, returned home. Columbus landed in the islands of the Caribbean in 1492. Columbus died thinking he had discovered the East Indies and that is why he called the people he found there, Indians. We now refer to them as Native Americans.

Other explorers followed, knowing that there was land to

be explored and the one man who actually put this in writing was Amerigo Vespucci, who sailed to South America between 1499 and 1503 bringing back to Europe, exciting tales of the new world. A mapmaker named Martin Waldseemuller created an updated map, where he named the continent South America in honor of Vespucci. The name was being used in Europe and it became attached to the North American continent as well.

To some, the Pilgrims were the first to establish a successful English settlement in North America. Wrong. In 1607 a group of Englishmen sailed to what is now Virginia, hoping to find gold, silver and copper that had been reported by previous explorers.

The Virginia Company of London funded the trip with 105 men landing at a place they named Jamestown after King James. They struggled for survival and within a few months,



tobacco plant, which they harvested in great amounts. It was sold to England by the ton even though King James was heard to say that "smoking was a custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain and dangerous to the lungs." BUT it saved

the colonies behind.

Getting back to the Pilgrims. This group of people came to the "new world" in hope of a better life. (Me thinks the travel brochure lied.) Some came for religious freedom, while some came for land. Others came as indentured slaves who hired themselves out to work for someone else for 4 to 7 years, to pay for their voyage. Not a bad idea if at the end

they indeed received

their freedom. The Pilgrims were part of a religious group of English men and women who called themselves Puritans, disagreeing with the Church of England with its elaborate ceremonies and decorations.

As the name Puritan implies, well really it states,

that they wanted to purify the church and when they fought the rules of

> the Church of England they were told to shape up or ship out. Tough talk. I don't think it was that blunt but they chose to leave. One of the members of this new world colony went even further with his doctrine not sharing the strict ideas of the Puritans. Although Roger Williams helped establish the Massachusetts Bay Colony, he noted that the ideals of the Puritans were for them only and they were quick to whip, jail, banish

but before they could do that, he ran away, founding a new colony, Providence, Rhode Island where religion was

truly free with each person choosing his or her own religion.

Did you have to learn the names of all 13 colonies in school? Do you remember them? Let me remind you. Of

course, the most obvious to stay in our memory bank is Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and maybe Rhode Island. Close your eyes and try to name the rest. No peeking. Virginia, New Hampshire, Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Georgia. What one did you miss? I bet it was Georgia.

Many years prior to the Revolutionary War, shots were fired in 1754 with the French and Indian War. Its



the Indians on their side. The French

were the better of two evils because their main idea was to hunt and trap not to colonize. The English had another idea. Take over the land, mistreat the natives

Braddock died, and Washington had two horses shot out from under him and he had four bullet holes in his coat.

> Enter Betsy Ross... no that's another time.

The British wouldn't give up and eventually triumphed in 1758 with the leadership of William Pitt. The Treaty of Paris was

signed in 1763 restoring much of the territories belonging to the various countries involved but the cost of the war was extensive giving the French the heave ho from the British territories that caused the war in the first place. How was Britain going to pay for this war? Ah, the colonists. They were reaping the rewards of living in the British colonies so why not let them pay for the war? Wrong again. The colonists were not in the war so why make them pay?

The thinking, on the part of King George III and especially the British Parliament was that the war protected the English colonies from a French takeover and the occasional skirmishes with them. The Sugar Act of 1764 placed a tax on sugar, coffee, wine and molasses. There had been a tax on molasses since 1733 but due to evasion of this tax by the colonists, Britain beefed up its efforts to force the colonies to buy from the British West Indies instead of the French West Indies. This and other considerations

Your Sugar Ration

forced the colonies to cease their lucrative rum production. Given the increased anti-British sentiment, the Stamp Act of 1765, following the Sugar Act, angered the colonists. to not more than 2 loss a restrict in order to provide a restrict to England, France and Italy. It placed a tax stamp of payment on everything printed on paper, newspapers, playing cards, wills, ship's papers and other documents requiring paper. These two efforts to raise money only raised anger and you can see the writing on the wall with my story that the Revolutionary War was not far behind. How much of this history do YOU remember?



half of them had died. With the trip taking longer than expected, their rations were depleted.

The colony stumbled along for several years with the arrival of women and children and it ultimately survived with the leadership of Captain John Smith. They didn't find gold but with the help of the Native Americans found food sources and the ever so popular



or even hang non-Puritans. Ouch. Although he was well liked, Williams angered other ministers and they decided to put him on a boat back to England

there and ignore their cultures.

It was 21-year-old George Washington who was sent to Fort Duquesne in Pennsylvania to force out the French as they were on British territory. BUT they had no intention to leave. So there. Washington and his 150 men were defeated and had to retreat. A year later, Washington and a British General Edward Braddock returned.

Stone-Otis House Opens For Tours

The Stone-Otis House, located at 615 Orange Center Road, will be open on Sundays from 2:00-4:00pm through October. Admission is \$3.00 per adult and free admission for children under 10. If you would like to see how one of our leading families of the 19th century lived, come visit and take a tour. For more information, call 203-795-3106.



Al-Anon Meeting, Monday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30am, Holy Infant Church Hall, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange; a support group for relatives and friends of alcoholics. For more information, contact www.ct-al-anon.org.

Al-Anon Parents Meeting, Monday nights, 7:30pm year-round, United Church of Christ, Plymouth Building, 18 West Main Street, Milford – supporting parents of alcoholics and/or substance abusers. For more information, go to www.ct-al-anon.org or call Margaret at (203) 877-4313.

Nicotine Anonymous Meetings, Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 21 Robert Treat Parkway, Milford, open to all, no dues or fees, only requirement is the desire to be free of nicotine. For more information, call Bridges, 203-878-6365.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Family Support Group Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge in the West Rock Room. For more information, contact Averi Kelly, Ms, R-DMT, 203.389.2911.

Bereavement Support Groups, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm and Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm, Griffin Hospital, 130 Division Street, Derby, support groups for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. Contact Janice Lautier at 203-732-1100 or jlautier@griffinhealth. org to register.

Zumba Gold Classes At Congregation

Or Shalom, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, simple and easy routines to follow, designed for people of all ages and no experience is needed. If interested, call Robin at 203.314.8176 or temple office at 203.799.2341.

Clean Energy Task Force of Orange, meets on the third Tuesday of every month at HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, conference room, 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Orange Arts & Culture Council, meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, check chalk board for meeting room. The public is invited.

Orange Recycling Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:00pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:00pm, North Haven Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@ snet.net).

Blood Pressure Clinic presented by Gentiva & Maplewood of Orange, 1st Thursday of every month, Maplewood of Orange, 245 Indian River Road, 1:302:30pm in the Community Room. No appointment necessary.

The Rotary Club Of Orange meets every Friday, 12:15pm at the Racebrook Country Club, 246 Derby Avenue; prospective new members may contact Diane Eger at 203-530-4526 or visit www. rotarycluboforange.org for information about the club.

Orange Historical Society Academy Antique & Gift Shop Museum, open Saturdays, 10:00am-3:00pm. For information call 203-795-3106.

Continuum of Care Needs Caregivers, Would you like to make a difference in someone's life as a caregiver? Continuum Help at Home is currently looking for individuals to work as a Homemaker, Companion, or Personal Care Attendant. We have full-time, part-time and live-in positions available. Visit www. continuumct.org/events to register and download an application.

Donate Your Car, Truck or Van, help raise funds for a local private school; FREE, FAST, TOW AWAY; Running or Not Running; Can be used for a charitable tax deduction. Call Charter Oak Education DBA Sterling Education at 860-643-1100.

World War I Memorials of CT, Monday, September 9, 2019, 6:30 pm, Derby Public Library, 313 Elizabeth St, Derby, co-sponsored by The Derby Historical Society and the Derby Public Library; Richard Franklin Donohue, a CT historian, will be presenting "The World War One Memorials of Connecticut" Registration is required https://bit. ly/2ySNNVF or 203-736-1482.

17th-Century Encampment, Friday, September 20, 2019, 10am-5pm; 110 Pequot Trail, Ledyard, The Mashantucket Pequot Museum will be holding a 17th-century encampment and the Derby Historical Society will participate while interpreting life during the era. Dan Bosques, Executive Director for the Derby Historical Society, will be demonstrating primitive technology skill, such as flint-knapping and cordage making.

Open House, Saturday, September 21, 2019, 4:00-6:00pm, Animal Assisted Therapy Services (a non-profit dedicated to build the human/animal connection as a motivator for therapeutic and recreational purposes), 4 Oxford Road, Building D, Milford; no charge, refreshments served. For more information, call 203-804-5434 or chris.patela@aatsct.org.

Ansonia Harvest Festival, Saturday, September 28, 2019, 1am-5pm, music, food, crafters, vendors, a petting-zoo, and more!

Autumn Tavern Night, Saturday, October 12, 2019, 5pm–9pm, Derby Historical Society, 37 Elm Street, Ansonia; enjoy fare piled high and authentic desserts baked before you in our fireplace; artist on location for live-action sketches, music, cash raffles, best outfit prize, and more! *21 and over - drinks are on us* Tickets: \$20.00/pp. For Tickets call 203-735-1908. *Rain date – October 13th.

How Mulched Leaves Help Your Lawn

Various chores are synonymous with certain times of year. For example, cleaning a pool is a summertime task. In addition, rare is the instance that Mother Nature forces anyone to break out the snow shovels outside of winter. Raking leaves has long been a task for fall afternoons, but homeowners may be surprised to learn that they might be better off putting their rakes in permanent mothballs. In the 1990s, turfgrass specialists at Michigan State University began exploring the potential benefits of leaving mulched leaves on a lawn instead of raking them and leaving them for curbside pickup. While the researchers noticed an obvious leaf residue on the lawn after mulching, they noted that it only sticks around for a few days. Eventually, the tiny pieces sifted down into the lawn, ultimately serving to control future weed growth while also providing the lawn with essential nutrients. Over time, researchers noted

that homeowners who mulched rather than raked their leaves needed less fertilizer to give their lawns a green look in spring, saving homeowners

Volunteer Reading Tutors (Age 50+) For Young Children Needed

Experience Corps needs volunteers, age 50+, as reading tutors for young children in participating schools and afterschool programs in Hamden, North Haven, New Haven and East Haven. Volunteers tutor twice weekly (avg. 5-6 hours) from October to June. You bring the love. We provide the training. Learn more by attending any of the upcoming volunteer information presentations at: Guilford Free Library, 67 Park Street on 6/18 1pm; East Haven's Hagaman Library, 227 Main Street (back entrance), on 7/16 at 1pm, 8/20 1pm or 9/5 at 10am; Hamden's Miller Library, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, in the Friend's

Room (2nd floor) on 7/19 at 11am or

8/22 at 1pm; Agency on Aging, 117

Washington Avenue, Suite 17, North

Haven on 7/31 at 10am, 8/26 10am

Questions? Contact Sheila at 203-752-3029 x2900 or email volunteer@

aoascc.org by September 6th. Also,

visit www.aoascc.org/experiencecorps.

the effort and cost associated with fertilizing.

Researchers also noted that decomposing pieces of leaves cover up bare spots between turf plants, which have traditionally proven to be excellent spots for weed seeds to germinate. In fact, MSU notes that homeowners can expect a nearly 100 percent decrease in dandelions and crabgrass after mulching leaves for just three years.

Depending on the type of mower being used, up to six inches of leaves can be mulched at a time. Push mowers can handle smaller amounts, though can still be as effective as ride-on mowers.

Fall may be synonymous with raking leaves. However, homeowners who want to give their lawns a healthy boost should consider putting their rakes away and mulching their leaves this fall. Orange Town News

or 9/9 2pm.

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Congregation B'Nai Jacob Events

CBJ's Big Read 2019 "Eternal Life"

Our big read this year, "Eternal Life," is Dara Horn's most recent novel about a woman who lives forever despite her overwhelming desire to die. Born at the time of the Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, she, like the Jewish people, has survived countless pogroms, inquisitions, and gas chambers. Now alive in 2019, her grandchildren pursue new technologies to extend life forever, while she wrestles with the question of what it all means and is it all worth it.

Rabbi Shapiro will talk about the book during her sermon on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Come September, we will be having book group meetings to discuss the story and its message.

Monday, September 23, 6:20 PM Khadija Alahmad: "Apples and Honey Aleppo-Style"

Aleppo is renowned for its cuisine. Khadija Alahmad, a Syrian refugee chef who came to CT with the support of JCARR, has launched a new catering service "Khadija's Sweets, Etc." She will offer a just-in-time for Rosh Hashanah kosher baking class at CBJ. "Honey" is in the spotlight in a baklava baking demonstration; "apples" are incorporated into baking fatayer tufah, an individual apple pastry. Participants are invited to pitch in with the preparation. The fee is \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members. RSVP to CBJ office at 203-389-2111.

CBJ Book Discussion Late Fall or early Winter

Join in a discussion of "The Weight of Ink" by Rachel Kadish - WINNER OF A NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK



Congregation B'nai Jacob

at nuance, narration, and the politics of passion."—Toni Morrison

Set in London of the 1660s and of the early twenty-first century, "The Weight of Ink" is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history.

"A mysterious collection of papers hidden in a historic London home sends two scholars of Jewish history on an unforgettable quest...Kadish's characters are memorable, and we're treated to a host of them: pious rabbis and ribald actors, socialites and troubled young men, Mossad agents and rule-worshipping archivists. From Shakespeare's Dark Lady to Spinoza's philosophical heresies, Kadish leaves no stone unturned in this moving historical epic. Chock-full of rich detail and literary intrigue." — Kirkus Reviews

Discussion will be led by Elizabeth Edelglass. Elizabeth Edelglass is an award-winning short story writer, recently published in New Haven Review, Tablet, and JewishFiction. net. She also reviews Jewish fiction for Lilith and Hadassah Magazine. A B'nai Jacob member, Edelglass was the founding director of the Jewish Community Library at the JCC. RSVP

Orange Congregational Church Welcomes All

Orange Congregational Church is an Open & Affirming congregation located at 205 Meeting House Lane in the Town of Orange, CT. We will meet on Sunday, September 1st at our summer worship time of 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with summer church school and childcare available. The church resumes its regular weekly worship schedule on Sunday, September 8th with an 8:00 a.m. service in the Chapel and a 10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. The Senior Choir will sing during ten o'clock worship and the Junior Choir will begin its weekly rehearsal after service with new members welcome. Every Sunday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. there is a child-care experienced Crib Room Attendant for all birth to Pre-K children whose parents or guardians are attending the 10 a.m. worship service.

Our children's programming Bible Literacy Adventure Stations (B.L.A.S.T) will begin for the church year on this Sunday and the following 10:00 a.m. services. This year's theme is "Bible Classics". September 8th is also our "Welcome Back" Sunday and after worship services, the Stewardship Team will host a potluck on the Town Green (in case of inclement weather, it will take place in the John Ho Dining Room).



Orange Congregational Church

We have an active Pilgrim Fellowship youth group for school ages 6-12; please contact the church office for a schedule. Our "God Is Still Talking" group will begin meeting again in the fall on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. for study and discussion. Fellowship Breakfasts meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at Chip's Restaurant to hear different speakers. Also, the Widow and Widowers Club of Orange meets twice a month at the church on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Katherine Knight Room; all widows and widowers are welcome. Stay tuned for our new Music on the Green concert series beginning this fall. For questions or more information about our church programming, please visit our website at orangecongregationalchurch.org or call the church office at 203-795-9749.

Hadassah to Present "The Catskills of CT"

The Wepawaug-CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadassah will present a program on "The Catskills of CT" by Dr. Lawrence Wartel on September 10, 2019, at 2 pm at Woodbridge Library, 10 Newton Road, Woodbridge. Dr. Wartel's grandparents, Rose and Aaron Greenberg, owned Stucco Cottages Resort in Moodus for over 50 years. Dr. Wartel himself grew up in Moodus and worked at his family's resort when it was part of a flourishing Connecticut industry. There were more than 2 dozen similar resorts in

the area in the 1940s and 1950s, and summer visitors flocked there from around the region. Come hear more about this special slice of Connecticut history. And perhaps share your own memories? Please RSVP to wepawaug@

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Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. is the largest Jewish women's organization in the United States, bringing Jewish women together to effect change and advocate on critical issues such as medical care, research, and women's empowerment.



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The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild will hold a Membership Tea on Sunday, September 8th, at 2:30 pm. Benediction in the church, followed by the tea in the Guild Hall. This is a lovely event with great refreshments and socializing! Membership in the Guild is \$10 per year.

The first meeting of the Guild will be on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:45 pm in the Guild Hall. The guest speaker is a medical missionary from Uganda who will also be collecting used eyeglasses for the needy in Uganda. Refreshments will be served.

The Guild's annual Bake Sale will



Holy Infant Church

be held on the church portico after all Masses on the weekend of September 28th and 29th. An assortment of cookies, pies, breads, and cakes will be for sale.

Congregation Or Shalom Events

Weekly Services Minyan Services

- Sunday 9:00 AM
- Monday 7:30 AM
- Thursday 7:30 AM

Healing Circle

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Shabbat Services

- > Friday 7:30 PM
- Saturday 9:30 AM

Tuesdays, Social Mah Jongg

Looking to learn or play Mah Jogg? We play on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Call the office if you are interested 203.799.234.

YAHAD Is Starting!

The start of the school year is just around the corner. We're delighted to begin our third year of YAHAD, a



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a blast. No experience needed and classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at zumbarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or temple office at 203-799-2341.

We are happy to add Zumba Gold with Danielle Pettit. Zumba Gold is perfect for active older adults who are looking to dance and have a good workout. While increasing balance, range of motion and coordination. TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS 10:15 AM,

Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel Events

High Holy Day Services

Adults require tickets or reservations for most services. Children require pre-registration for children's programs. Please contact the office 203.389.2108 x114 or office@beki.org. The sanctuary is handicap accessible and equipped with a T-coil hearing loop.

Saturday, 21 September: Selihot program and service 9:00 to 10:30 pm

Sunday, 29 September: Minha & Maariv 6:15 to 7:15 pm

Monday, 30 September: Rosh Hashana Services 8:30 am to 1:15 pm including Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation, Learners' Service; Tashlikh 5:15 to 5:30 pm at Edgewood Bridge, Whitney Museum Covered Bridge, and West Rock Playground; Minha & Maariv 6:15 to 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 1 October: Rosh Hashana Services 8:30 am to 1:15 pm including Children's Ḥavura K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation, Learners' Service; Minha 5:45 to 6:10 pm

Tuesday, 8 October: Kol Nidre Services 6:15 to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, 9 October: Yom Kippur Services 9:00 am to 2:30 pm including Children's Havura K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation, Learners' Service; Study Sessions 3:00 to 4:15 pm, followed by Minha; Concluding Services 5:30 pm to 7:03 pm

Preparing for the High Holy Days

Shabbat Schmoozes for Heart, Mind, and Soul have been scheduled for Saturdays at 12:45 pm after the weekly service and kiddush lunch.

A musical schmooze with BEKI lay leaders Marsha Beller, David Gordon, and Jonathan Gordon will be offered on September 7. You don't need to be tion, is scheduled on September 14. Participants will sit in chairs; no special clothing or equipment is necessary.

"Promises, Promises: How Kol Nidrei Got Its Groove," is the topic on September 21. The opening phrase of "Kol Nidrei" is one of the most famous sounds in the Jewish musical repertoire. How did a relatively dry legal declaration become a source of danger and contention for Jewish communities, a masterpiece of the cantor's art, and the emotional climax of the first "talkie" film? Join ethnomusicologist Rachel Adelstein for a tour of this beautiful, nostalgic, and often misunderstood part of the High Holy Days liturgy.

"The Book of Jonah -- Seriously? Taking a Fresh Look!" is the title of the study session on September 28 with Rabbi Carl Astor, formerly of Congregation Beth El in New London. One of the best-known stories in the Bible, the Book of Jonah is chanted every year on Yom Kippur.



Through BEKI Eyes: Photographs of Synagogues

This exhibition is the latest edition of BEKI's high holiday show, drawing on the experiences of BEKI travelers who record their impressions of synagogues near and far with photography. This year's exhibition includes photographs from synagogues less often visited, including the countries of Georgia, Morocco, and India, as well as personal interpretations of better-known synagogues in Venice, Prague, and Amsterdam.

The exhibition, which will be on view from September 5 until late October, is open to the public by appointment.

Sunday morning community Hebrew School for grades Pre-K through 7. YAHAD, the result of months of collaboration between Congregation Or Shalom and Congregation B'nai Jacob, will take place Sunday mornings, alternating at each Synagogue. On Wednesdays, our Hebrew school will be held, as usual, at Congregation Or Shalom. Contact our office at 203.799.2341.

ZUMBA Gold At Or Shalom

Congregation Or Shalom announces the continuation of ZUMBA GOLD on Tuesday nights at 7 PM. ZUMBA Gold is an easy to follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. Burn lots of calories, meet new friends, and have 10-class punch card/\$70, drop in class/\$8.00. daniellepettit75@yahoo. com, 203-509-3683 (cell)

Shabbat at the Gazebo - Friday, September 6, 7:00 pm

Join us as we hold our annual outdoor Friday night Shabbat Service in the Gazebo at High Plains Community Center! Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus will bring his guitar and lead us in a joyful "sing-along" service. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce prospective members to Or Shalom and to Rabbi Wainhaus. Approximately 100 people attend this popular Service. Some chairs are provided, but we encourage you to bring your own lawn chair. (Note the grounds and pavilion will be available prior to an experienced singer or know how to read music to sing these high holy day melodies.

Heart of the new year meditation with Robin Goldberg DMD, a certified instructor of Heart Rhythm Medita-

85 Harrison Street (corner of Whalley Avenue - Route 63 - in Westville)

the event, if you would like to bring a picnic.) We will also be recognizing our new members during the Service. We look forward to seeing everyone! In addition, we will honor our past President, Marc Franzman.

Community Yizkor

Congregation Or Shalom, the only Conservative synagogue in Orange, is offering all non-members an opportunity to come to a free community-wide Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur Day (October 9, 2019) at 4:00 PM. This service, which will last under an hour, is open to the public without any membership obligation. The Service will be led by the synagogue's Ritual Committee Chair, Robert Spaulding and his wife Tova Clayman.

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Applications: mrslindareilly@gmail.com or Linda at 203-387-1051 \$60.00 for a 6-foot table space and \$90.00 for 12 feet of display area. Proceeds benefit the Youth Service Awards, Church Food Pantry & other ministry projects.



Providing Hope for Kidney Patients

By Alex M. Azar II Secretary of Health and Human Services

President Trump has promised to fight for the forgotten men and women of America—those whose needs and suffering have been too often unheeded by their government. One forgotten group in healthcare is the millions of Americans with some stage of kidney disease—especially the more than 700,000 Americans suffering from the final, deadly stage of the disease, kidney failure. That includes 6,590 patients here in Connecticut, most of whom must go through the incredibly draining experience of receiving kidney dialysis several times a week, for several hours each time.

But there is good news. President Trump recently signed an executive order launching a revolutionary initiative at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services called "Advancing American Kidney Health." The initiative aims to help prevent Americans from experiencing kidney failure in the first place, provide more options for treatment once that has occurred, and deliver more life-saving transplants.

This is especially important because kidney disease particularly burdens our low income and minority citizens. Kidney failure is three times more common among African-Americans than among whites, and low-income Americans are 50 percent more likely to suffer from it than those with higher incomes. Black and Hispanic Americans are also less likely to receive the transplants that represent the best treatment for kidney failure.

To prevent kidney disease and provide more treatment options, we're launching new ways for Medicare to pay for kidney care. For example, nephrologists will soon be able to receive bonuses for preventing the progress of kidney disease in their patients. We'll give providers a financial stake in getting their patients healthy, as opposed to just paying them for performing more procedures. ca's dialysis providers new incentives to provide patients with dialysis at home or even in their beds at night, rather than having them travel to dialysis centers. Today, only 10.5 percent of kidney patients in Connecticut receive dialysis at home, an option that's much more common in other countries. Home treatment is especially important for individuals and communities struggling to provide for their families—patients who cannot afford to leave their jobs and families several times a week for dialysis.

To provide more kidney transplants, we will be revising how kidneys are obtained from deceased organ donors, allowing better identification of kidneys for transplant. The executive order also calls for us to expand support for the generous living donors who choose to donate organs. Changing how we identify transplantable kidneys from deceased donors, by itself, could produce life-saving organs for an additional 17,000 Americans each year—including some of the 982 individuals currently waiting for a kidney in Connecticut.

The President's kidney initiative also includes working with the private sector to develop artificial, implantable kidneys, and continuing support for research into precision-medicine treatments designed to target kidney disease in the populations who are more likely to be genetically predisposed to the disease, including African Americans. We'll also undertake a national awareness campaign about kidney disease, which is often undiagnosed in its early stages, like breast cancer and prostate cancer once were.

Too often, Washington focuses on some of the same tired fights in healthcare, year after year—doing nothing for decades to improve how we cover and treat something like kidney disease. President Trump is shaking that up, and delivering American patients the affordability you need, the options and control you want, and the quality you deserve—especially to patients, like those with kidney disease, who have been forgotten for too long.



Join Connecticut's Largest Walk to End Ovarian Cancer

Discovery To Cure – The Beverly Levy Walk and Block Party, an event to find a cure for women's reproductive cancers, will take place on Sunday, September 22nd. The event will be held at Yale's Payne Whitney Gym at 70 Tower Parkway in New Haven, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register and find out more, visit www.wizathon.com/ discovery-to-cure. Questions? Contact: Ruth Ann Ornstein at Ruthann. ornstein@yale.edu or 203.901.0964.

The event will feature food trucks, vendors, raffles, children's activities, entertainment and a survivors' tent. A short program emceed by WTNH's Jocelyn Maminta will be followed by a 1.5-mile walk through Yale's campus. Pre-registration is encouraged; however, walk-ins will be welcome. The cost is \$30 for Adult walkers, \$15 for children ages 6-16 and free for children 5 and under. The event will be held rain or shine.

Discovery To Cure was founded at the Yale School of Medicine in 2003 to advance the prevention, early detection, education and treatment of women's reproductive cancers. The event is named in honor of its founder, Beverly Levy, a local woman who was fighting her own battle against ovarian cancer when she launched a fundraising walk through Yale's campus in 2013. Sadly, Beverly lost her battle in 2014, but the walk continues in memory of her vision, determination and remarkable energy. The walk is held annually to carry on Beverly's incredible legacy and to honor her and all women fighting and lost to these diseases.

Each year, 90,000 women will be diagnosed with a reproductive cancer. Of these, 29,000 will be ovarian cancer and 17,900 of those women will die from the disease. Ovarian cancer, once thought of as a silent disease, is now known to be the disease that whispers. Educating women to listen and act on its signs and symptoms is critical for early detection and an increased chance of survival.

Discovery To Cure is a program through the Yale School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. Its mission is "Keeping families together through provider education, early detection, personalized care and cutting edge research for cure and prevention of women's reproductive cancers." The direct connection between the research lab and clinical patient care make Discovery To Cure the leading center for women's reproductive cancer research

We have also proposed a Medicare initiative to give about half of Ameri-

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Orange Soccer Association (OSA) In-house Program

OrangeSoccerCT.org

Orange Soccer is a weekly program designed to allow young players to develop their soccer skill in a fun and relaxed environment.

Fall Season

The fall season will run Sundays September 15 through November 17, with a "bye" week Sept 22nd due to the Orange Country Fair.

Every Sunday during the season, teams of approx. 6-8 players are led through ~15 minutes of skill building exercises, followed by 45-60 minutes of game time depending on the age group. Teams are coached by parent volunteers and officiated by experienced referees.

Uniform

Players will be provided a team T-Shirt on the 1st day of the season. Players must wear shin guards and sneakers (soccer cleats are optional). They should also bring water and great attitude. The may wear shorts or athletic pants depending on the weather. Soccer is an all-weather sport and will be played in light rain conditions. Any cancellations will be communicated via group e-mail and on our Facebook page.

Team Divisions, Game Time and Location

Teams are made up mostly by the Grade the child will be entering in the fall. We do it this way so that players potentially know each other from the classroom. Any special considerations should be noted in the Notes field of the on-line registration form.

Team Divisions	Potential Game Time/Location (to be confirmed after we know the # of registered players)
Co-ed Pre-k & K	10:30- 11:30 or 11:45-12:45 at MLT
Boys 1st & 2nd Grade	12:45-2:00 at Mary L Tracy
Boys 3rd & 4th Grade	12:45-2:00 at Mary L Tracy
Girls 1st & 2nd Grade	2:00-3:15 at Mary L Tracy
Girls 3rd & 4th Grade	2:00-3:15 at Mary L Tracy
Co-ed 5th, 6th & 7th Grade	1:00-2:30 at Fred Wolf Park

Practice Clinics

In addition to the Sunday program, we offer free clinics at Fred Wolf Park (300 Hollow Rd, Orange CT) to boys and girls of all enrolled players. These sessions are coached by Sterling Smith, one of Amity Travel Soccer tenured coaches. Players must wear shin guards and sneakers (soccer cleats are optional) and bring water.

	Tuesday	Thursday
Girls	4:30-5:30	5:30-6:30
Boys	5:30-6:30	4:30-5:30

Fees

The fee for the season is \$80 before August 29th. A \$10 late fee will be applied for registrations received after August 29th.

Orange Soccer is most successful due to all the great volunteers we have. Please consider coaching your child's team. Pre-season training is available for 1st time coaches. In order to coach, please register your child and also yourself. If you are a first time volunteer you will need to enter your birthdate and Social Security Number, so that the Connecticut Junior Soccer

A Legislative Update

During this past legislative session several of my personal legislative priorities became law. In addition to my personal priorities, we passed many other laws that will benefit members of our community. My priorities this past session were protecting seniors, providing opportunities to our children, encouraging economic development, and serving our veterans. Several of these pieces of legislation were sparked from interactions with constituents in the 14th state Senate District. I value each and every conversation with people in our community. If you would like to speak with me, I hold a regular coffee and conversation the third Thursday of every month at the Starbucks in Orange.

One thing I often hear from senior citizens is that as a state we need to do a better job of making it possible for them to stay in the communities that they love. With this year's budget, we eliminated the state income tax on Social Security for individuals earning \$75,000 or less and couples earning \$100,000 or less. In addition, we are starting to phase out the income tax on pensions individuals earning \$75,000 or less and couples earning \$100,000 or less. For our state's seniors, we are providing tax breaks on Social Security and pensions and right now those eligible are fully exempted from state income tax on Social Security.

Connecticut has the seventh oldest population in the nation. We must do all we can to take care of our seniors and ensure their standard of living meets or exceeds expectations. An important way we accomplish that is by keeping them safe. As Aging Committee co-chair, I am pleased to inform you that we've banned individuals convicted of assault and/or abuse crimes from gaining employment at nursing homes or long-term care facilities. We've also established an elder abuse registry website.

You may not be aware of this fact, but currently there are 7,500 open computer coding jobs open in the state of Connecticut. In the next 5 years, there are predicted to be over 2 Million unfilled computer coding jobs across the country. Currently, computer coding jobs are the highest paid jobs without an advanced degree. Learning these skills are critical for our students and for our economy. I am very proud to have championed computer coding legislation. Under this law, all Connecticut schools are required to offer Computer Science curriculum. This law makes Connecticut the first state to require teacher preparation programs to offer instruction on teaching programming and coding. Additionally, the Department of Economic Community Development will perform an analysis of workforce needs in our state, work with the other relevant agencies to develop a plan to prepare our work-

by State Sentaor James Maroney



force, and help facilitate internships for college students with companies in our state.

We know we must ensure our children have the tools they need to achieve great success as they become adults. It is also extremely important to protect them. I am proud to have voted in favor of legislation which extends all statute of limitations related to sexual crimes. Prior to this legislation our state had one of the shortest statute of limitations for these types of crimes, which prevented many victims from getting the justice they deserved. This legislation is deeply personal to me as these heinous acts have affected both family and friends.

In order for our students to have great opportunities after they complete their education, we need to promote more economic development throughout the state. One small step towards encouraging small business growth was eliminating the Business Entity tax. In addition, we revised the language of the "Transfer Act." It will now reduce the number of properties and businesses subject to the Transfer Act and shorten the window for commencing audits, making it easier to buy and sell commercial properties that fall under the purview of this act.

Another bill that I am proud to have championed was a bill enhancing Opportunity Zones in the State of Connecticut. Opportunity Zones (OZs) were created by the federal tax reform in 2017 and this law will help to unlock an estimated \$6 trillion in unrealized capital gains. The legislation layers some state incentives on top of the federal incentives, making investing in our state's OZs more attractive and draws investments from out of state.

As co-chair of the Veterans committee, we were able to pass many pieces of legislation to help provide services for our veterans. We were able to increase the property tax exemption for disabled veterans. A bill that I introduced and was enacted will strengthen our manufacturing industry and help our state's veterans find work.

Association may run a free background check.

Sponsorship Opportunity

Orange Soccer also greatly appreciates all of our sponsors and offers two levels of sponsorship:

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The Military to Machinists Program will ensure veterans are prepared for successful careers in manufacturing. This bolsters an important industry and helps veterans transition to life as civilians.

These are just some of the laws that we passed. If you have questions on any laws that were passed or suggestions on how we can help grow our state, please reach out to me. There is still much work to be done. Constituents' views and concerns influenced my priorities this session and next year will be no different. Feel free to contact me to share your thoughts or concerns.

James Maroney is State Senator for the 14th District covering Orange, Milford, West Haven (part) & Woodbridge (part).

DEATH NOTICES



Jeannette Kordiak

Jeannette Kordiak, age 87, of Woodbridge, beloved wife of the late Stephen M. Kordiak, died peacefully on July 22, 2019. Jeannette was born in Shelton, CT on April 13, 1932 to the late Francis and Mary Bednarik Kurtyka. She was a secretary at BF Goodrich and later the co-owner of Latex Foam in Shelton. She was active in her community and was a member of the Woodbridge Garden Club, the Woodbridge Republican Town Com-



Seelawathi Anula Dawlagala

Seelawathi Anula Dawlagala, 96, of Orange, beloved wife of the late Chandra Dawlagala, passed away on July 21, 2019. She was born on June 7, 1923 in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Seelawathi has been a resident of the USA for over 30 years. She spent

mittee and was a gracious supporter of the Woodbridge Town Library. She was also a member of The Quinnipiack Club and loved the theatre, fine dining, shopping and getting "dolled up." She had a soft spot in her heart for cats and loved the two she cared for at home. Survivors include her step-son, John Kordiak (Sandra) of Orange, cousins; Mrs. Marianne Bauer of Orange and Bertha Belden of Shelton, three step-grandchildren; Michael and his wife Chelsea, Christopher and Jackie Kordiak and several other cousins. Jeannette is predeceased by her step-daughter, Janice and several cousins.

The Gregory F Doyle Funeral Home, 291 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford was in charge of the arrangements. A service was held in the funeral home on July 30th. Interment was private. A reception was held at The Qunnipiack Club following calling hours at the funeral home. Donations may be made to Cat Tales Non-Profit Rescue, PO BOX 901, Middletown, CT 06457. To leave an online condolence, please visit www. gregoryfdoylefuneralhome.com.

her family. She was kind and generous and was always trying to feed those she loved and loved to help those in need. Seelawathi also found much joy in gardening and caring for her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

Seelawathi is survived by her children, Nimal (Umanga) Dawlagala, Shanthi (Sydney) Silva, and Keerthi (Indrani) Dawlagala; her grandchildren, Sanjeeva Marc Silva, Ruwan A. (Danielle) Silva, Asanga Silva, Nadeera Dawlagala, Priyani Dawlagala, and Dharshini Dawlagala; her great grandchildren, Xavier and Ambrose. In addition to her parents and husband, Seelawathi was predeceased by her sister, Indra Kumari Paranatale, and her uncle, Abeyarathna Banda Paranatale.

Arrangements were in the capable hands of the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 N. Broad St., Milford, CT. Interment was private. To leave online condolences, please visit www.cody-

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 Long Shot (R) Charlize Theron
 The Intruder (PG-13)

Dennis Quaid 3. Shazam! (PG-13)

Zachary Levi

4. Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13) Rosa Salazar
5. Hellboy (R)

> David Harbour 6. UglyDolls (PG) animated

7. Breakthrough (PG) Chrissy Metz
8. Little (PG-13) Regina Hall
9. Pet Sematary (R) Jason Clarke

10. Captain Marvel (PG-13) Brie Larson





Travis Fimmel in "Finding Steve McQueen" [Open Road Films]

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Avengers: Endgame" (PG-13) -- After Thanos shattered the universe and left the Avengers decimated and scattered, the remaining heroes must again face him in a final standoff. But with a fistful of infinity stones, can he even be defeated? In an impressive end to the Infinity Saga, directors Joe and Anthony Russo have managed to balance six or more storylines, nail down some satisfying character development and effectively resolve a 22-film collection in one -- admittedly long but eminently worth it -- movie that will leave hard-core fans of the Marvel Cinematic Universe content. Barber (Fimmel) is a wheelman for a radicalized group of Ohioan bank robbers who take a vacation to sunny California in order to rob a bank where Richard Nixon allegedly stashes his campaign slush fund for dirty deeds. The gang is headed by Barber's uncle, Enzo (William Fichtner), and they're pursued by an odd couple of groundbreaking special agents, played by Forest Whitaker and Lily Rabe. It's interesting and lighthearted.

"All Is True" (PG-13) -- Kenneth Branagh directs and stars in a work not of William Shakespeare, but about the man. With Branagh in the lead role, we find the bard in 1613, renowned and celebrated and the current owner of a burned-down theater. He returns to his wife, Anne Hathaway, in Stratford-Upon-Avon to reflect on his life and repair his relationships. The script is clever and amusing, as you would expect. Dame Judi Dench is lovely as Anne, as is Ian McKellan as the Earl of Southampton. Branagh's portrayal of Shakespeare feels like a familiar and loving tribute befit-

- "The Long and Winding Road" is credited to Lennon-McCartney. Which Beatle actually wrote it?
- What's being described in the song where there's
 "a green one and a pink one and a blue one and a yellow one, and they're all made out of ticky tacky"?
- 3. The gospel group Dixie Hummingbirds sang backup on what two of Paul Simon's songs?
- 4. Which decade has the most songs on the Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Songs of All Time list?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Love is but a song to sing, Fear's the way we die."

I. Paul McCartney, at his High Park farm in Scotland. The song was released a month after the band broke up in 1970 and was their last Billboard No. 1 hit. S. Suburban tract housing, where the houses all look the same, in "Little Boxes," made farmous by Pete Seeger in 1963. 3. "Loves Me Like a Rock" (1973) and "Tenderness" (1972), 4. As of the 2010 update, the 1960s head the pack with 196 entries. The 'Yos are next with 131. 5. "Get Together" The Youngbloods version, first released in 1967, was the most popular, but song was originally recorded in 1964 as "Let's Get Together" by The Kingston Trio in a live performance.

Sports Quiz



- 1. Entering 2019, who were the only two pitchers in the past 100 years to allow one hit and no walks with at least nine strikeouts in their major-league debut?
- 2. Who of these onetime Los Angeles Dodgers teammates pitched more major-league innings for their career: Tommy John or Don Sutton?
- 3. When was the last time before the 2017 season that New Mexico State's football team won a bowl game?
- 4. Name the last season before 2018-19 in which the Milwaukee Bucks advanced to at least the second round of the NBA playoffs.
- 5. How many consecutive years has the U.S. team won the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship?
- 6. In 2019, skier Mikaela Shiffrin became the third woman to win four discipline titles in a single year. Name either of the other two to do it.
- 7. Who was the last golfer before Brooks Koepka in 2019 (PGA Championship) to have at least a seven-shot lead at the halfway point of a men's golf major?

1. Cincinnati's Johnny Cueto (2008) and Pittsburgh's Nick Kingham (2018). 2. Don Sutton tallied 5,882 innings over 23 seasons, while Tommy John pitched 4,710 innings over 86 seasons. 3. It was 1960. 4. It was 2000-01, when the Bucks reached the Eastern Conference Finals. 5. Five consecutive years. 6. Lindsey Nonn (2010, 2012) and Tina Maze (2013). 7. Henry Cotton had a nine-stroke lead after 36 holes of the 1934 British Open.

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"Finding Steve McQueen" (R) -- This is not a Steve McQueen biopic, if that's what you were expecting. You could be forgiven, as the lead, played by "Vikings" star Travis Fimmel, is enamored of the actor, striving to emulate his looks and prowess behind the wheel of a car. Which brings us to a story that's told in flashback and ripped from the crazy but (mostly) true history books. Harry ting his reverence for the poet.

"Unplanned" (R) -- Based on Abby Johnson's 2010 the book of the same name, "Unplanned" stars Ashley Bratcher as Abby, a college girl who begins volunteering and later working for Planned Parenthood. She works her way up the ranks until one day, she is called in to assist in a procedure that changes her views forever. Spoiler alert: She becomes an anti-abortion activist who writes a "memoir" that is later turned into a movie! Look, I'm not here to tell you your politics. If there's one thing I'm pro-choice about, it's my movie selection. But if you choose this film, just know that it's a hard-core pander that's not even as well-presented as a low-budget TV movie, and nobody should have to endure that.



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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo Leonardo DiCaprio has moved on from Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood," opposite Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie, to Martin Scorsese's film "Killers of the Flower Moon," opposite Robert De Niro. This will be DiCaprio's sixth film with Scorsese and the 11th teaming for De Niro with Scorsese. Netflix plans to release Scorsese's "The Irishman," which brought De Niro together with Al Pacino and Joe Pesci, into movie theaters later this year for award consideration.

Set in the 1920s, "Killers of the Flower Moon" is a drama about the FBI's rise to prominence after investigating the suspicious deaths of Native Americans killed to obtain their oil-rich land. De Niro and DiCaprio worked together twice before, in "This Boy's Life" (1993) and "Marvin's Room" (1996).

Meanwhile, Brad Pitt has the sci-fi film "Ad Astra," with Tommy Lee Jones and Ruth Negga; as well as producing "The King" (based on Shakespeare's "Henriad"), with Robert Pattinson and Joel Edgerton; and the crime drama "Kajillionaire," with Evan Rachel Wood. Margot Robbie has an untitled drama with Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman, Kate McKinnon, Allison Janney, John Lithgow and Malcolm Mc-Dowell (in theaters Dec. 20); the DC Comics-based superhero film "Birds of Prey," with Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Rosie Perez and Ewan McGregor (out Feb. 20); and is producing the thriller "Promising Young Women," with Alison Brie, Connie Britton and Laverne Cox.

The 1986 movie musical "Little Shop of Horrors," which starred Rick Moranis, is getting the remake treatment. Josh Gad, who starred in Broadway's "The Book of Mormon," in



Mark Wahlberg [A&E, "Wahlburgers"]

five "Frozen" films (as Olaf) and as Gaston's friend LeFou in "Beauty and the Beast," is in talks to play Seymour. Rebel Wilson -- of "Pitch Perfect," "The Hustle" (with Anne Hathaway) and the upcoming "Cats" film -- is in talks to play Audrey.

Also in the works is a third Sherlock Holmes film, again with Robert Downey Jr. The first two films, which each grossed over \$545 million, were directed by Guy Ritchie, Madonna's former husband. Ritchie has recently completed the crime film "The Gentlemen," with Matthew McConaughey, Colin Farrell, Charlie Hunnam, Henry Golding, Hugh Grant and "Downton Abbey's" Michelle Dockery.

Mark Wahlberg, who last scored big with "Instant Family" (2018), is making up for lost screen time, starring in the Netflix mystery "Wonderland," with Alan Arkin; "Good Joe Bell," with Connie Britton and Gary Sinese; and the sci-fi film "Infinite." He also lends his voice as The Blue Falcon in the 3D computer-animated comedy "Scoob," from the Scooby-Doo franchise, along with Zac Efron, Will Forte, Amanda Seyfried, Gina Rodriguez, Tracy Morgan and Ken Jeong, for a May 15 release. When does he find time to flip burgers while running Wahlburgers?

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As a recipient of a 2019 Red Sox Service Scholarship, Jason Luciani of Amity Regional High School was honored with \$1,000 college scholarship at Fenway Park on July 30 game alongside more than 200 fellow recipients.

Red Sox Foundation Presents Student with \$1,000 Scholarship

Jason Luciani of Amity Regional High School was recognized as a recipient of the Red Sox Service Scholarship during a pregame ceremony at Fenway Park before the Red Sox-Tampa Bay Rays game on July 30. The program awarded students from public high schools across New England with \$1,000 scholarships towards their college education based on academic performance, financial aid eligibility, and demonstrated community service.

A total of 210 public high school graduates from Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, and Connecticut have been awarded scholarships this year, and nearly all of the recipients were on hand before the game to be recognized on the field.

ANNUAL ELECTION

Before their recognition on the field at Fenway Park, the awardees participated in a community service project in collaboration with Mayor Walsh's office and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. The group will conduct a #Trashtag Challenge to pick up trash in five different public parks and spaces throughout Boston.

The service scholarship program was introduced in 2010 by then-New Hampshire Governor John Lynch, and Red Sox Principal Owner John W. Henry and Red Sox Foundation Board Member Linda Pizzuti Henry. Today, the New England Red Sox Service Scholarships Program has grown to include more than 200 high schools throughout NH, ME, CT, RI and VT.

Orange Little League



Union College Soccer Team returned from a pre-season trip to England where they played a pair of games against British academy squads run by professional clubs. Conn, a senior midfielder from Woodbridge, scored two goals combined in a 2-0 win over Chorley FC and a 2-2 draw with Padingham. Both games were played earlier this week in Liverpool, where Union was staying and training. The Dutchmen open their regular season schedule with games at home next weekend.

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Orange Little League, Inc., a non profit organization providing baseball and softball to Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge youth, will be holding an election for the positions listed below. Interested candidates may apply to be nominated as officers/directors of the organization. The election will take place 7:00 p.m. on October 16, 2019 at the Orange Board of Education meeting room. Attendees will enter through Mary L. Tracy, 650 Schoolhouse Lane, Orange. In order to be eligible, the deadline to enter your name for a position is October 9, 2019. The terms of office are one year. Candidates must submit to and pass a criminal background check.

If you are interested in running for any position, please contact BOTH Chris Wetmore, Nominating Committee Chairman at wetmore52@gmail.com AND Mike Visnic, President at OLL1@optonline.net. Subject Line: OLL Elections

Interested candidates should review the Orange Little League Constitution which will provide additional information and procedures and can be found on our website: www. orangectlittleleague.com.

The positions are:

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- **Facilities Director**
- Safety Officer
- IT Officer
- Snack Bar Supervisor .
- Executive VP Counsel
- Communications Director
- VP Hardball
- Player Agent Hardball
- Fundraising Hardball
- Umpire in Chief Hardball
- Director of Equipment Hardball
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Bark Bytes...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz





What Your Body Language Tells Your Dog

Dogs have a specific way of interacting, which includes an instinctual manner of communication. Learning how to communicate effectively with your dog in a language he understands is the first step in establishing your leadership. By leveraging a dog's instinctual communication techniques using voice control and body language, we humans can learn a new language that clearly positions us as leaders, which results in a balanced relationship of bond, trust and respect with our canine companions.

Dogs crave good leadership, and if they don't get it from their owners, they'll take charge. This can lead to bad behaviors such as barking, jumping, aggression and pulling on the leash all examples of the dog taking charge.

There are several ways for an owner to establish leadership. It is very typical for an owner to want to go to his dog instead of making the dog come to him or her. This communicates to the dog that he is the leader, as the leader will always have the other members of the pack come to him.

You can also establish leadership by always walking ahead of your dog, whether it is up the stairs, through doorways or especially on walks. In your dog's mind, the leader always leads. All requests from your dog must be granted on your terms. When a dog constantly nudges you to be petted, for example, you should break eye contact immediately. When he has given up, call him back to you to be petted or to play. When he responds to you, versus you to him, he will begin to see you as the leader.

Oftentimes owners grab their dogs or, in the case of small dogs, pick them up, to stop them from going somewhere or doing something undesirable. However, when an owner is physical in this manner, the dog has only two options: fight or flight. If a dog can't run to get away, his next option is to bite. This may not happen in every situation, but the dog will inevitably feel threatened by the action, whether he bites or not. This is not a conducive mindset for a dog to be in when an owner is trying to train, control or protect him.

If you want your dog to come to you, use body language and voice tones that are inviting, crouch down, and call him in a sweet voice, praising him as he comes to you. If he is likely to jump on you when he comes back, make sure you stand up just before he arrives, displaying confident body language.

Gaining respect and trust from your dog is all about establishing leadership, and the most effective way of doing so is by using your dog's own language to communicate with him. By learning and practicing proper forms of body language and voice control, your dog

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful not to allow the backers of a new financial "deal" to pull the wool over the Lamb's eyes. It could hold fewer plusses and more negatives than you were first led to believe.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good idea to finish all incomplete tasks so that you can devote your attention to next week's projects. The weekend could hold surprises for romantic Fernandas and Ferdinands.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A workplace suggestion you made a while ago that you might have forgotten could come back with a request to turn it from idea to reality. Your social life picks up considerably this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Someone from the past could return with an intriguing opportunity for a future project. Check into it, by all means. But don't neglect your current responsibilities in the meantime.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keeping your claws sheathed and using good humor instead to counter someone who's bad-mouthing the Big Cat isn't easy. But it's the best way to avoid more problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace situation could improve if you're less critical and more supportive of those who are, after all, trying to do their best. Let them know you're there to help when necessary.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A new job offer might not carry all the benefits you're seeking. Make sure you know what you're entitled to, what is off the table and what is negotiable before you make a decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A social obligation you would rather get out of could hold some surprisingly positive aspects. Why not go and see for yourself? A family member makes a curious request.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Before tackling that new project awaiting you at home or on the job, take time out for some much-deserved pampering to help lift your spirits and restore your energy levels.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January **19)** Your social calendar begins to fill up more quickly than you expected. And that's great. You deserve to enjoy some good fun after so much time spent on serious matters

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A domestic situation continues to improve, thanks to all the tender, loving concern you've shown. A colleague makes a questionable move that you might want to check out sooner rather than later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A sudden turn in a romantic relationship calls for both a rational and passionate response. Keep the love level high, but also find out why the problem arose in the first place.

BORN THIS WEEK: You often set high standards for others. But to your credit, you set the same expectations for yourself.

Busting a Cat's Biting Behavior

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Our male cat "Buster" is celebrating his third birthday. While he's a good kitty most of the time, he has these moments where he decides to "attack" and take a bite out of my arm or leg. He's not a

cuddler, and when being petted he only permits me to pet a few times and then snips at me to signal that's enough. When he attacks, I've tried spraying him with a squirt bottle or distracting him with toys --which works for a few minutes. He is declawed, and I wonder if this is behind his behavior, but I'm not sure what else to do. Any suggestions? -- Martha L., via email DEAR MARTHA: I feel your frustration. Nipping and biting are generally dominance behaviors, and there are a few options for curbing them. If Buster has not been neutered, consider doing so as this can

reduce aggression in male cats.

Make sure you're not inadvertently rewarding Buster for his behavior. If you sometimes give him a toy right after he attacks, he remembers that attacking you got him a toy he enjoys -- so he'll do it again! Instead, hiss at him or use the squirt bottle. Give him a toy when he interacts less aggressively, such as meowing or tapping you with his paw. Observe what he

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"I am NOT an underachiever-my teacher is an overexpecter!"













does after he nips or attacks. Does he sit, waiting for something? Does he meow and try to lead you somewhere, like his food bowl? Note the times of day that he exhibits these behaviors.

Again, don't reward dominance behaviors. Immediately hiss at nipping or biting. Reward calm behavior. It will take several tries, but create that pattern and Buster eventually will get it.

Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

Differences: 1. Banner letters are plack. 2. Balloon has been added. 3. Boy's parts are dark. 4. Socks have ruffles. 5. One present is missing. 6. Bow has been added to snake.



For growing vegetables in the cooler months, it's important to: • Consult local garden authorities or county extension agents for the average date of the first hard frost in your region.

• Understand the growing time needed for each of your vegetables (30 days? 60 days? 90 or more?). • Plant your crops at the right time so they can reach their full maturity before that killing frost. - B. Weaver

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