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Class Sizes Cause Concern for Elementary School Families

BY MELISSA NICEFARO
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Parents and administrators at Orange Elementary Schools are keeping a close eye on growing class sizes, particularly at Race Brook School, where as many as 24-25 students may occupy a classroom this fall. In late June, there were four classes that administration was keeping an eye on and at that time, Superintendent of Schools Vince Scarpetti said that if kindergarten enrollment remained at 150, he would consider moving one teacher from kindergarten to another section. "We are making sure we have funds

available in case we need to hire another teacher," he said. "That said, there is also no question in my mind that our teachers can handle 24-25 students."

First Selectman Jim Zeoli said an uptick in new families moving to town is behind the student growth. "The Board of Education is scrambling with a changing of home ownerships. Houses are selling faster than the signs can go up and people are moving here from all over - with children," he told the Board of Selectmen at their August meeting.

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Country Fair, Though Smaller Than Usual, Is Highly Anticipated

BY BETTINA THIEL
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

One of Orange's most popular annual events, the Orange Country Fair, will be back this month, after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The fair will take place, rain or shine, the weekend of September 18 and 19 on the Orange Fairgrounds. Hours for Saturday are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is unchanged from prior years, \$8 adults, \$5 senior citizens and active military (with ID); children 14 and under enter for free. For details check its website, orangefair.com.

There is no truck pull on Friday

night, according to fair committee co-chairwoman, Karen McCausland. "We don't have the staffing to manage it," she said. But the premises will be open Friday to those who enter competitions - ranging from baked goods to arts and crafts and home-grown vegetables and plants.

One change people will see is that the civic and the craft fairs will be in separate tents this year, McCausland said. One of the challenges the committee had faced was to find a tent rental company. Some had gone out of business, she said; others struggle

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Town Concert & Fireworks Event Schedule on Page 15



Concert & Fireworks Show to be Held on the Fairgrounds

The Town of Orange may be small in population, but it gained the reputation for bringing in topflight bands and one of the best fireworks displays in the New Haven County.

Although the town could not hold its usual Independence Day Celebration due to covid precautions, this year's event will now be a Labor Day Concert. The Orange Town News, who is once again producing the event, is presenting "Ronstadt Revue" to perform prior to the town's Annual Fireworks Spectacular.

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	Conservation Comm.....7:00 pm	HPCC
7th	Economic Development Comm.....5:30 pm	Town Hall
8th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Selectmen7:00 pm	HPCC Cafeteria
9th	Community Services.....7:00 pm	HPCC
	OGAT7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	Traffic Authority4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Board of Police Comm.....4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Amity Board of Education6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Board of Health7:00 pm	HPCC
	Zoning Board of Appeals7:00 pm	Town Hal
14th	Inland Wetlands Comm.....7:30 pm	Town Hall
15th	Safety & Health Cmte10:00 am	TBD
	CERT.....7:00 pm	HPCC
16th	Library Commission7:00 pm	Case Mem Library
20th	Orange Family Counseling9:00 am	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education7:00 pm	Mary L Tracy
	Board of Finance.....7:00 pm	Town Hall
21st	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....7:00 pm	Town Hall
22nd	Recycling Cmte7:00 pm	HPCC
	Park & Recreation Comm.....7:30 pm	Town Hall
24th	Emergency Management Cmte8:00 am	Police Station
27th	Orange Youth Services7:30 pm	HPCC

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Upcoming Issue Date	Issue Deadline
October 1 Fall Issue	September 24
October 29 Election Issue	October 22
November 19 Thanksgiving Issue	November 12

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

FROM OUR READERS

The Origins of Our State Motto

It is essential for citizens to know their history, not only of our founding as a great nation, but also of the state we live in. I’m a life-long resident of Connecticut and knew our Great Seal pictured three grapevines and a ribbon below with the motto Qui Transtulit Sustinet (He who transplanted sustains). What I didn’t know was the meaning and origin. It is an adaption of Psalm 79:3 from the Latin Vulgate Bible and means that He (God) brought us across and still supports us.

It was adapted in May of 1784 and was chosen to represent the ideals of Rev. Thomas Hooker and his followers who came to Hartford in 1636 and began the first settlement. They believed they were bringing all the best aspects of Christianity without the corruption they witnessed in England. Rev. Hooker played a significant role in the creation of “The fundamental Orders of Connecticut”. This document is one of the modern world’s first written constitutions and was a primary influence upon the current Constitution written nearly two centuries later.

Pray with me that our state returns to one with Godly principles and life affirming legislation and legislators that honor our Creator and every life as precious.

Bonnie Pelaccia

Candidate Calls for Full Disclosure

On February 16th, 2021, Orange residents voted to purchase the property of Race Brook Country Club. The public hearing that preceded the vote was run exclusively by the First Selectman who selectively read each email question and answered it. There was no room for genuine collaboration between residents and the administration.

Rightly so, residents questioned the terms of the lease agreement. The First Selectman said there was no lease because they needed the referendum

to pass before they could work on the lease.

We have waited patiently for the next steps with no communication from our First Selectman as to its status. Even our Board of Selectmen are in the dark on this issue. It’s time to share the progress and details of this lease with the residents of the town. The residents are paying the bill through yet another tax increase and have no idea what the agreement is between the club and the town.

I am calling on Mr. Zeoli to release the details of the lease immediately via the town website and inform the residents of Orange how their money is being spent.

Connor Deane
Democratic Candidate for First Selectman of The Town of Orange

Stay Vigilant & Safeguard Our Schools

It is hard to believe just how fast this year is moving and how, for many students and parents, it is almost time to think about school again. While many thoughts right now with families might be about new shoes and school supplies, as a recent 2021 high school graduate, I would like to bring another topic to the forefront of parents and residents going into the next school year.

In my opinion, public schools, not only in CT but around the country, are going to be faced with the adoption of Critical Race Theory (CRT) as it is being forced in through the federal level and other groups across the country. As someone who has spent his whole life being educated in the public school system, and someone who took a class where the subject material came from a textbook titled “Readings for Social Justice and Diversity”, I would like to warn parents to please pay attention to this threat and to stop the adoption of CRT from coming to our schools.

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Dean’s List
Adelphi University

Garden City, NY - Daejin Kim of Orange, CT, has been named to Adelphi University’s Spring 2021 Dean’s List. Kim was among a select group of outstanding students recognized by Adelphi’s deans of Arts and Sciences, Education and Health Science, Business, Nursing and Public Health, Social Work and Psychology for superior academic performance. The list comprises full-time students-registered for 12 or more credits-who have completed at least nine 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.

Bryant University

Smithfield, RI - Bryant University is pleased to recognize the Orange students who have been named to the Deans’ List for the spring 2021 semester: Connor Mislow, class of 2021; Taylor Nuzzo, class of 2021; Kenneth Page, class of 2023; Alex Palermo, class of 2024; and Anastasia Abriola, class of 2024. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Bucknell University

Lewisburg, PA - Bucknell University has released the dean’s list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean’s list recognition. Megan Small, class of 2022, from Orange, CT has achieved dean’s list status for spring 2021.

Emerson College

Boston, MA - Jaden Esse, a native of Orange, CT has been named to Emerson College’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. Esse is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2022. The requirement to make Emerson’s Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Emmanuel College

Boston, MA - Emmanuel College has named Theodore Weber of Orange to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean’s List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Goodwin University

East Hartford, CT - Jaime Bouchard has earned a spot on the Goodwin

University Dean’s List for Spring 2021. Jaime, a student from Orange, CT, is one of 1,014 students to make the Dean’s List, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance. Dean’s List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify. Goodwin University congratulates Jaime on making the Dean’s List and demonstrating such a high standard of excellence in the classroom and beyond!

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - The following Orange students were named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2021 semester at Quinnipiac University: Meadow Blakeslee, Gianna Cooper, Colby Darden, Stephen Delaney, Jessica Ferraiolo, Chloe Gherlone, Jeremy Gustafson, Saliba Kaoud, Taylor Martin, Samantha Richetelli, and Mitchell Sousa. To qualify for the dean’s list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI - Brian J. Curtin of Orange, CT has been named to the Dean’s List for the 2021 spring semester at Michigan State University. The Dean’s List is composed of students with a minimum of 12 credit hours and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.55 or better.

University of Hartford

West Hartford, CT - The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the President’s Honors List and/or the Dean’s List for Spring 2021. Those from Orange named to the Dean’s List are: Richard Fagan, Francis Novak, and Pierre Wright.

University of Maine

The University of Maine recognized Evan Dixon of Orange for achieving Dean’s List honors in the spring 2021 semester. Due to the unusual and challenging circumstances faced this semester amid the global pandemic, the university has modified its Dean’s List policy for the spring 2021 term. The requirement that students earn 12 calculable credits to be eligible for

Dean’s List has been waived. Instead, students will be eligible if they earned a minimum of nine letter-graded (A–F on the transcript) credits for full-time students in addition to the criteria in the catalog. For part-time students to be eligible, they must have earned at least six letter-graded credits across the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters, in addition to the criteria in the catalog for Part-time Dean’s List. Courses with P/F grades selected by the student will not count toward the total of nine (for full-time) or six (for part-time).

The University of Saint Joseph

West Hartford, CT - Peter Debasio of Orange, CT has been named to the The University of Saint Joseph Spring 2021 Dean’s list. To be named to the Dean’s list, students must have earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester, with no grade lower than a “B.” Congratulations on earning this academic achievement, Peter!

The University of Tampa

Tampa, FL - Sara Cable, of Orange, Connecticut, earned dean’s list honors at The University of Tampa for the Spring 2021 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean’s list.

University of New Hampshire

Durham, NH - The following Orange students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2021 semester: Hannah Hayes for earning High Honors and Veronica Pisano for earning Highest Honors. Students named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester, MA - The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at

the A level in courses and projects. The following Orange undergraduates were named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List: Christian Chadwick class of 22 majoring in Aerospace Engineering; Matthew Rothman class of 22 majoring in Robotics Engineering; Khaled Jarad class of 23 majoring in Biomedical Engineering; and Evan Russell class of 24 majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

Graduations
Eastern Connecticut State University

Willimantic, CT - Hundreds of students graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University this spring 2021 semester. The University’s 131st annual Commencement Exercises occurred on campus on May 15 and 16. The following Orange students graduated this semester: Mason Feurer graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Michael Pretlove graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work; and Nuala Tzovolos of Orange raduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Hofstra University

Hempstead, NY - Cassandra Mazzacco of Orange, CT, graduated from Hofstra University in May 2021, earning a Doctorate in Audiology (AuD).

Springfield College

Springfield, MA - Springfield College Recognizes the following Orange 2021 graduates: Emily Mullins has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science/Occupational Therapy; and Ashlyn Gallo has earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in Physical Therapy.

Suffolk University

Nicolina Ivanna Messore, Amity’17, received degree of Bachelor of Arts Magna Cum Laude from Suffolk University from Boston. Commencement occurred at Fenway Park on May 22, 2021

Tufts University

Medford/Somerville, MA - Tufts University awarded approximately 1,500 undergraduate student degrees in disciplines ranging from the sciences and engineering to the humanities and fine arts during its online degree conferral ceremony commemorating the accomplishments of the Class of 2021. The Orange graduates from the School of Arts and Sciences and the

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“Asking your children about their fears or worries about going back to school will help them share their burden.” — CHUCK NORRIS

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

CT Braces Launches 2021 Scholarship Program

Local Orthodontist to Award \$1,000 Scholarship to Student

CT Braces, with 5 offices throughout Connecticut, has announced its 2021 Scholarship Contest for current and former patients of the practice. CT Braces will award a \$1,000 scholarship to the student who submits the winning essay response to “How has receiving orthodontic treatment positively impacted your life and plans for the future?” Entries will be accepted until September 6th. All CT Braces current and former patients entering college this fall are encouraged to enter. Winner will be announced by mid-September. Applications can be submitted online at www.ctbraces.com.

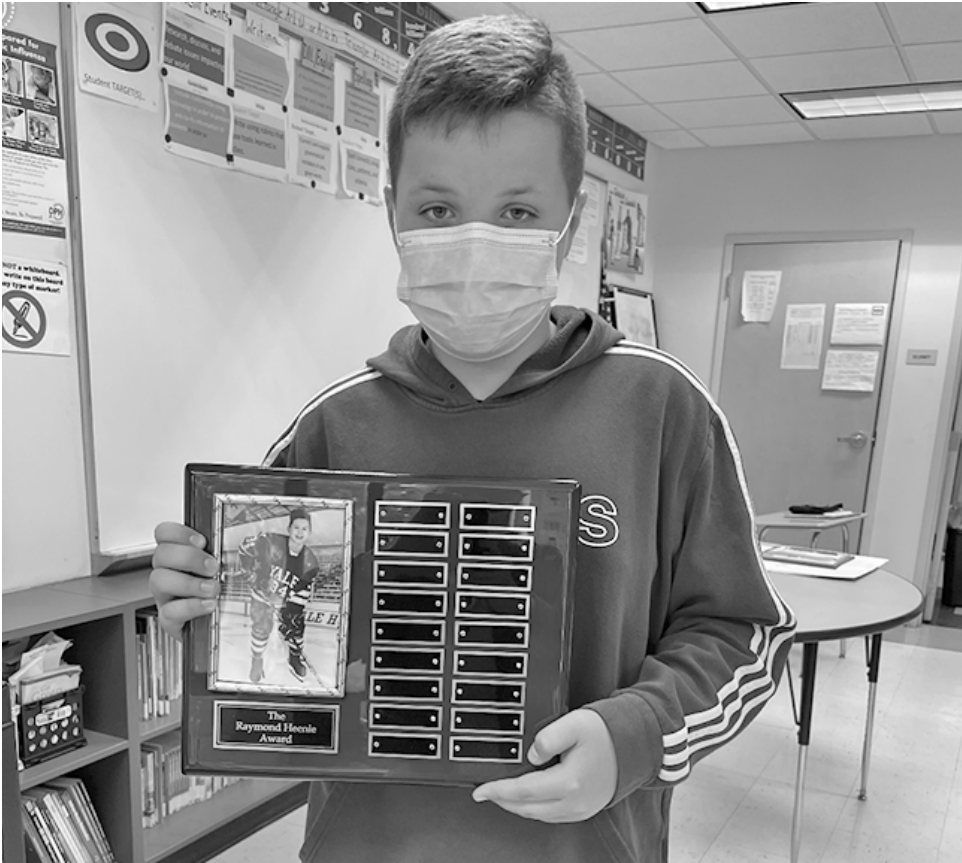
“We are proud to continue our annual scholarship contest to support our patients. We believe in giving back to the community and supporting our youth in achieving their dreams through education.” said Dr. Shyam Desai.

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dent applicants must be enrolled in college for the fall in an accredited U.S. institution, and they must have completed, or be currently undergoing, orthodontic treatment at CT Braces. They must have a minimum high school Grade Point Average of 2.5. Entries will be reviewed by an independent panel and will be judged on overall relevancy to the topic, clarity of response, and originality.

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Kaufman Receives the Raymond Heenie Award

Race Brook School wanted to remember our former student, Raymond Heenie. Raymond attended RBS and graduated in 2019; and passed away March 5, 2021. The Raymond Heenie Award will be given to one sixth grader who shows hard work and perseverance academically, possesses the love of athleticism, and a fun-loving personality, like Ray. At this year’s graduation ceremony, the former principal, Mr. Gray was invited back to speak. He spoke about Ohana, which is the Hawaiian term meaning family. Mr. Gray referred to the importance of our Race Brook

family, and how once a student attends the Race Brook School, he/she is always part of the Ohana.

His sentiments rang true with this award, too. Not only did the school community mourn the loss of a family member, but another Race Brook family donated the plaque in his memory. Michael and Maureen Ferguson’s children, Morgan, Kaleigh, and Liam all attended Race Brook School. Congratulations to this year’s recipient, Eddie Kaufman; and a special thank you to Ferguson’s Center Ice for their generous donation, and remembering the Ohana.

Three Retired Teachers Will Be Missed

When the new school year rolls around, three familiar faces will no longer be in the hallways at Amity Middle School in Orange. Ms. Emily McGalliard, Ms. Karen Steele, and Ms. Ellie Stephens retired this past June to spend more time with family and pursue other opportunities.

Emily McGalliard began her career at Amity as a music teacher and later taught literacy. She also served as the advisor for the debate team.

Karen Steele taught 8th grade science during her years at Amity. She

was an advisor to student council as well as team leader.

Ellie Stephens taught mathematics at the middle school and high school. She was an advisor for the math team, ran the school store, and filled the role of team leader.

They will miss working with the extraordinary Amity staff, but most of all, they will miss their interactions with students, and hope their former students have taken something from their classroom experience that may be helpful in their lives.

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School of Engineering included: Himay Dharani with a degree in Biomedical Engineering (BSBME) and Alekya Menta with a degree in Biopsychology (BS) Summa Cum Laude.

University of Connecticut

Jeffery S. Curtin of Orange, CT was awarded a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law during the May 8th commencement exercise at Rentschler Field in Hartford.

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI - The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University’s 135th Commence-

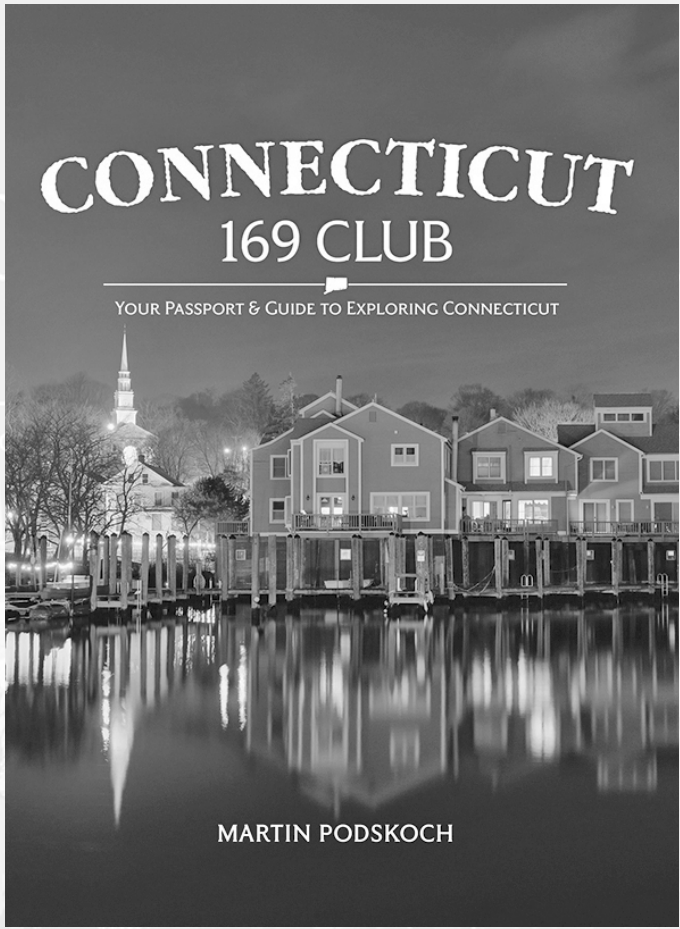
ment. Among the graduates was Emily Ann Drezek of Orange, who received a Bachelor of Science in Biological Science, Cum Laude. Students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.3.

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT - The University of Utah wishes to congratulate Melissa Taggart of Orange, CT who was among the 8,442 graduates honored during the 152nd general commencement ceremony on May 6, 2021. Taggart’s degree is listed as: Degree: B S in Nursing; Major; Major code description: Nursing BSN. The remarkably resilient Class of 2021 includes students who graduated summer 2020, fall 2020 and spring 2021-completing their degrees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The 169 Club book is available at the Academy Museum at 605 Orange Center Road on Saturdays from 10-3.

Ask the author of the Orange page to sign it for you.

How To Help Students Improve Their Focus On Their Studies

Teachers strive to create supportive and challenging classroom environments for their students. Such settings can bring out the best in students and help them overcome obstacles, including an inability to focus.

The struggles students can have with focusing on their studies was apparent during the pandemic. A 2020 survey of more than 400 college students found that 64 percent were concerned about their ability to maintain their focus and discipline in remote instructional environments. Though educators, students and parents are hopeful that remote learning will soon be a thing of the past, no one is certain about what lies ahead in regard to the 2021-22 school year. Ideally, students will be back in school time full-time five days per week by the start of the new academic year. However, there's no guarantee that will be the case, and students may need help focusing on their studies.

Emphasize one activity at a time. Various studies have shown that multitasking adversely affects performance and makes it hard to concentrate. A recent study from researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that performing two or three activities simultaneously puts significantly more demand on the brain than

simply doing those tasks one after another. All students, and especially those who are struggling with focus, should be encouraged to take on one task at a time.

Take breaks. The Cleveland Clinic notes that various studies have found that periodic breaks improve mood, boost performance and increase a person's ability to concentrate and pay attention. Many students are well acquainted with lengthy cramming sessions on the eve of a big exam, which can feel like a rite of passage for high schoolers and college students. Parents and educators can emphasize the importance of taking breaks during such sessions and how periodic rest can help improve performance.

Take a piecemeal approach to big tasks. The Child Mind Institute notes that breaking big tasks down into smaller, more manageable pieces can help kids effectively tackle more challenging tasks. The piecemeal approach can make big tasks seem less daunting, and the success kids have at each smaller task can provide some needed momentum as they draw closer to solving the problem.

Many students struggle to focus on their studies. Some simple strategies can help students overcome such challenges and fulfill their academic potential.

The Orange Historical Society

Below are just a few of the wonderful things for sale that can be seen Saturdays from 10-3 at 605 Orange Center Road.

Come browse in the museum.



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HEALTH & FITNESS

Preseason Movement Screens Are Needed In Youth Athletics

BY KYLE BRANDAY MSPT/CDN

Starting this time of year, the pediatrician's office is flooded with parents lining up to get their children through their yearly preseason physical so they can participate in sports once the school year kicks off again. Ensuring our young athletes health and well being is of the utmost importance. Detection of underlying breathing issues, cardiac conditions, and general internal health concerns needs to be done so we can keep our kids healthy and catch serious health concerns.

Unfortunately, there is another, often very under analyzed group of problems which is plaguing the world of youth athletics. And it's not some new case of the flu or a virus which clings to soccer balls which would send us scrambling for disinfectants. Rather, it is movement.

How would you feel if I told you that the rate of injury in youth sports has spiked in the last decade? And no, that's not because more kids are breaking bones. The spike is in repetitive over-use injuries. Conditions like tendinitis, muscle tears, and cartilaginous break down are running rampant in our town and travel teams alike. They are sidelining our young athletes at a record pace.

These problems are literally due to the spike in year round participation in single sports. I could drop statistics such as the fact that in the 2018 NFL Draft, 29 out of 32 First Round Draft Picks played 3 different sports in high school (THREE!!). 32 out of 32 played at least 2 sports in high school. The reason this is important is because it forces our body to move in different ways, movement patterns, to strengthen the body and create support through a wide range of athletic movements. That alone will help our young athletes develop their muscles very differently and create strength in ways they didn't know they had. It also blows apart the notion that single sport specialization is a predictor to playing at the collegiate or professional levels.

If you put that knowledge to use for the betterment of our young athletes, the orthopedic community applauds you. But that isn't what this article is truly about. The reality is with the pressure being put on kids and parents alike, the year round play issue isn't going to go away tomorrow. So what else can we do? We need to look deeper than the internal side of our athletes' health. We need to look at how they move.

What if I told you that by screening the movement patterns of our youth athletes that we can pick out specific weaknesses and range of motion limitations which could land your child on the sideline before they start? The ability



Kyle Brandy MSPT/CDN

to analyze movement is the hallmark of a good orthopedic physical therapist. I have fixed more rotator cuff tendinitis in my overhead throwing athletes like baseball players and quarterbacks through the years by looking at the way their lower body moves and stabilizes them during their throw than by attacking their shoulder alone. A pitcher is strong and can throw the ball fast not solely because of the way they can whip their arm around, but by the way in which they can generate force through their legs and core to allow for the entirety of movement mechanics to enhance their velocity.

By screening our young athletes' movements we can see the road map to success, or the road to ruin and the sideline. Looking at the integration of movement and stability at multiple joints throughout the body can determine whether we will overload sensitive tissue and create greater overall strain. Picking out those movement dysfunctions will give us the opportunity to create the best program to attack the limitations our athletes are facing which put them at risk of injury....BEFORE the season starts.

The amount of money dumped into sports specific coaches and training is staggering. But can your athlete truly maximize that training effort if they can't move the right way to accomplish what the coach is asking? Sometimes the most basic, primal movements people take for granted can be the most limiting part of another persons' athletic function. Correcting limitations and teaching people how to move correctly is the hallmark of what physical therapy is all about. If you want to optimize training, you need to check your movement first.

Stopping our kids from feeling the exterior pressure of playing one sport year round in hopes of a scholarship or making the pros is not something we can change overnight. But creating a difference in the orthopedic health of

Cervicogenic Headaches and Dry Needling

BY PETER GELOSO DPT

Cervicogenic headaches are a common cause of headaches and frequently seen in the physical therapy profession. These types of headaches can be very painful, and even debilitating. However, they differ from a true migraine.

Cervicogenic headaches often have a musculoskeletal component associated with them, and that is a physical therapist's specialty. People with cervicogenic headaches often have loss of range of motion in certain directions as a result of tight musculature or stiff cervical spine joints and poor posture. The muscles can often be palpated in certain spots which can increase their symptoms and refer pain into the head, these spots are commonly referred to as "knots" or "trigger points". The headaches are also often unilateral, on one side only, and the pain may radiate from the neck/back of the head up to the front of the head or behind the eye. There may or may not be neck pain accompanying them.

There are many different treatments that physical therapists can offer to help treat cervicogenic headaches. These may include: Modalities such as moist heat and electrical stimulation.

1. Manual soft-tissue massage;
2. Joint mobilizations;
3. Therapeutic exercises/postural correction.

One particular manual therapy technique that I personally have found to be a beneficial treatment for my patients with cervicogenic headaches is dry needling. Dry needling is safe, minimally discomforting and often an effective technique for patients with certain musculoskeletal presentations. This is a treatment performed by skilled, trained physical therapists, certified in the procedure.

A thin monofilament needle, similar to an acupuncture needle (although the treatment is very different than acupuncture) penetrates the skin and treats underlying muscular trigger points. The release of the muscles may be performed at the neck, base of the skull, and upper back that may be contributing to cervicogenic headaches.

A trigger point is a local contracture or tight band in a muscle fiber that



Peter Geloso DPT

can disrupt function, restrict range of motion, refer pain or cause local tenderness. When dry needling is applied to a dysfunctional muscle or trigger point, it can decrease banding or tightness, increase blood flow, and reduce local and referred pain that may be associated with cervicogenic headaches.

Dry needling is not only an effective treatment for cervicogenic headaches, but for a wide array of various musculoskeletal disorders. Using this technique for rotator cuff dysfunction, calf tightness, and even tremors or spasticity can be effective!

If you are a person who believes they may be experiencing cervicogenic headaches, the various treatments offered by a physical therapist, including dry needling, may be for you. If you have any questions regarding your symptoms, or dry needling, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or one of the many other knowledgeable physical therapists at our offices in Woodbridge, Hamden, Branford and Milford.

Peter Geloso, DPT is a licensed physical therapist and supervises the Milford office of Amity Physical Therapy. He received both his Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Sports Science and his Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy from Elon University in North Carolina. He can be reached by phone at (203) 693.2350 or visit amitypt.com. Remember, you don't need a referral for Physical Therapy!

our athletes starts with a simple screen. This is one choice that's a no brainer.

There is no need for a referral or prescription to have an orthopedic screen done for your child. You can call to set an appointment at (203) 389-4593. Kyle Brandy, MSPT, CDN has been a staunch advocate for proper orthopedic health

and wellness in youth athletics during the last decade of practice. While working with patients ranging from pediatrics to geriatrics, Kyle takes great pride in helping the youth athletes in the Greater New Haven community achieve their goals. For information of services offered by Amity Physical Therapy, you can visit amitypt.com.

FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

New Software

During the Covid quarantine we stayed busy. Orange Community Services installed new software. So, come by and receive a key tag to use at a new kiosk which will be in the HPCC front lobby. You will use the key card to sign in for classes, activities and volunteering and other activities.

Virtual Classes

If you would like to participate in David Chandler's Tai Chi via Zoom—call the office with your email and we will ask the instructor to email you an invite.

If you would like to participate in Chair Exercise while at home, visit the Town Website at Orange-ct.gov and under Departments you will see a link to the Senior Center. There you will find the Chair Exercise video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xk-II-X6K7jc>. Chair Exercise has resumed Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 11:00am. Details are subject to change as warranted.

Hiking Group

Marianne Bauer and Judy Fitol lead us in a 2 mile-ish, 1 hour walk every Thursday at 9am. Meet at the location of the hike.

- › September 9: Silver Sands, Silver Sands Park Way, Milford
- › September 16: Race Brook Tract, 839 Racebrook Rd, Orange
- › September 23: Fitzgerald Track, 112-126 Beecher Rd, Woodbridge
- › September 30: Turkey Hill Preserve, 506 Turkey Hill Rd, Orange

Family Feud

Let's Play the Feud! We have not played for a couple of years. Matt from Total Care has agreed to host Family

Feud once again. Join us September 13 for Pizza and for whatever the survey says. Call 203-891-4788 to sign up. We need a head count to order pizza.

Arts & Crafts with Suzanne

Join us for a fun-filled Patriotic themed class project with Suzanne as she leads Arts & Crafts on Monday, September 20 at 12:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Book Club

Mito Marden leads the book club the last Friday of the month at 2:00pm. The next meeting will be October 29. The book will be Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Movie of the Month

September 3, 1:00pm, Draft Day. At the NFL Draft, Sonny Weaver has the opportunity to rebuild his team when he trades for the #1 pick. He must decide what he's willing to sacrifice. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

Rita's African Show

Join us on September 27 when Rita Wagner returns with her African Show. Rita will speak at noon, snacks at 11:30am. She will have merchandise for sale. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Hot Lunch Program

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

Community Services has an Emergency Food Bank available for Orange residents in need. Call (203) 891-4788 for assistance.

Columbus Caberet

Join us when Jack Lynn performs his Dean Martin Show on October 4 in celebration of Columbus. Snacks served at 1:30, Jack from 2:00-3:00pm. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up as reservations are required!

Discussion Group

Join us when the Lions Club of Orange sponsors a Discussion Group with Jim Leahy on September 17 from 1:00-2:00pm in the Senior Lounge. These poignant discussions are a great opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and talk about current issues. The group will meet on the 3rd Friday of each month. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

Legal Clinic

We are resuming our Legal Clinic services. Attorney Floman DePaola's office will conduct appointments via telephone on the first Wednesday of the month. Appointments will be for 1/2 an hour beginning at 9:00am. Please call the senior center at 203-891-4788 to schedule an appointment. We will forward the schedule to Floman DePaola office who will then contact you at the scheduled time. Please be home for the appointment.

Trips

It is very hard to predict trips for 2021 with Covid concerns; but I would like to be optimistic that things will be more normal. I would like to offer the members some of the trips that Lilly Tours has to offer.

September 20—PAINTED CANYONS OF THE WEST, with Collette Tours (considerable walking).

October 4 – NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE SURF & TURF, the show is expected to be Murder at the Howard Johnsons. Enjoy a great buffet, a wonderful play at a fun-filled Cabaret! \$95 per person due at registration (minimal walking).

October 13—OKTOBERFEST @ KRUCKERS, with Friendship Tours (considerable walking).

November 10—USO TRIBUTE SHOW @ GRAND OAK VILLA, with Friendship Tours (minimal walking).

December 8—EDWARDS TWINS HOLIDAY SHOW @ AQUA TURE, with Friendship Tours (minimal walking).

Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Honors Orange Resident

Colonel Severio "Bob" Fodero was inducted posthumously into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2020, at the State Army National Guard Armory on July 29, 2021. His wife, Janice, accepted the commemorative medallion and certificate confirming induction in honor of her husband. Colonel Fodero's name will be added to the distinguished roll of Military Honorees on the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Plaque located in the State Legislative Office Building.



Bob Fodero

Colonel Fodero began his military career in the Army ROTC at UConn. Upon graduation in 1954, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant. He was deployed to Orleans, France for two years, attaining the rank of Captain. Returning stateside, he joined the 340th General Hospital Army Reserves in New Haven. After 30 years of service, he retired as Commander of the Unit, with the rank of Colonel.

Colonel Fodero was appointed by former First Selectman Mitch Goldblatt to Chair the War Remembrance Committee, charged with creating a site to honor Orange military veterans. The work of a dedicated committee culminated in the creation of a Memorial Garden and Remembrance Brick Walkway located outside of High Plains Community Center.

Colonel Fodero was also Chair of the Veterans' Affairs Advisory Com-

mittee in New Haven until his death in 2020. In retirement, he was co-chair of the Connecticut Army Retirement Council and represented Connecticut on the New England Army Retirement Council.

Colonel Fodero learned leadership skills in the military. During his tenure as Chair of the Orange Board of Health, he was instrumental in bringing Emergency Transportation to the Town. He served on the Civil Preparedness Committee of the Orange Police Department. He was President of the New England Public Health Association and CT Environmental Health Association. He served on the Boards of banks and civic organizations. His record of service extended into his professional life at Yale University, where he co-chaired the Yale Campaign for United Way and medical services for Connecticut Special Olympics. He retired as Associate Director of Yale Health after 43 years.

The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 2005 to highlight Connecticut veterans who have distinguished themselves after discharge and continue to use their knowledge and talents to improve lives of others, as leaders of veterans' organizations, in public service and as volunteers and community advocates at local, regional and state levels. Each year, 10-12 Connecticut veterans are selected for induction. To date, 168 veterans are honored in the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame. The Class of 2020 inductees are from Cheshire, Coventry, Ellington, Fairfield, Glastonbury, Groton, New Haven/Orange, New London (2), Shelton, Middlebury and Westport.



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Refresher Course on 529 College Savings Plans

BY ROBERTA L NESTOR

It's hard to believe that 529 College Savings plans have been available for 25 years. That longevity has led to multiple changes from the original IRS Code (which is what the 529 stands for). With each year, these changes have lent themselves to be more and more favorable in making 529 plans one of the best options to prepare for college costs. Apparently, families have already warmed up to these college savings plans. According to a new report from Morningstar (published in May 2021), total 529 plan assets reached a record high of \$384 billion.

Years ago, they had limitations for use. Initially, 529 plans had to be used solely for tuition and/or room and board. Today, they have expanded to include books, computer equipment and even international education. You no longer need to limit yourself to a traditional four-year college as 529 plans now include community colleges, graduate school, trade schools, theological seminaries, and even online colleges. This evolution should eliminate parents who are concerned that their children won't go to a traditional college for higher education.

In January of 2019, 529 plans also became available to use for private, public, or religious primary education. Up to \$10,000 per year can be withdrawn and used toward costs for high school, elementary or middle schools. Another change in 2019 was to allow qualified distributions for repayment of qualified student loans. So, if you have funds remaining in the 529 after college, you can apply up to \$10,000 per year to pay off loans. With the average student debt for a bachelor's degree set at \$28,950 (Saving for College, 2020 Study) a small amount of savings when your child is young could help them pay off student debt in just a few years instead of decades.

Generally, 529 Plans have three components. First, there is the owner of the 529 plan. Typically, the owner is the parent; however, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, any relative – even a friend – can be the owner and establish a 529 Plan. The second component is the Successor Owner. Should something happen to the primary owner, who would step in? Lastly, there is the beneficiary of the 529 plan who would be the future student. Regardless of who owns the plan, anyone can make contributions on behalf of the beneficiary.

What happens if you establish a

529 Plan, and the beneficiary does not attend any form of higher education? There are a few options here. The owner can always change the beneficiary on the account. The new beneficiary can be any family member—sibling, the parents themselves, nieces, nephews, even first cousins can become the new beneficiary. Some families look at a 529 Plan for generational college planning. There is no age restriction to funding and utilizing the 529.

The worst-case scenario is if you cash in the 529 and it is not used for qualified educational expenses. The owner of the plan would have to pay ordinary income taxes on any of the profit (not on principal) and, in addition, there would be a 10% penalty on those earnings. There could potentially be some state tax liability as well.

Flexibility is built into these plans. You do not need a large up-front contribution. With the CT CHET plan, you can invest as little as \$15. You can have automatic monthly contributions from your checking or savings accounts where you can start or stop anytime. And when it comes time to paying the tuition bill, withdrawals can be made payable and sent directly to the college.

529 rules can be complex and often advice is needed when it comes to the best way to use the accumulated savings. It's important to understand, what, if any, impact a 529 Plan could have on financial aid. There are already amended rules for 529 plans that go into effect in 2022 that are also favorable. CT offers the flexibility of offering CHET through an advisor or direct (online, DIY style). More information can be obtained at www.aboutchet.com.

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“Concert” From Page 1

The Labor Day Concert will take place on Sunday, September 5th (rain date Monday, September 6th at the Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange.

The festivities will begin promptly at 6:30 pm with welcoming comments from Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli. The concert will be followed at 9:30 pm by the Labor Day Fireworks Spectacular with Patriotic Music.

Orange Town News publisher and event producer Rocky Salperto said, “We are looking forward to another premiere event for area residents to enjoy. We are excited about producing this show for the ninth consecutive year. We hope everyone continues to enjoy this great community event. Many thanks go out to our sponsors, our first selectman and town officials

for their continued support.”

The event is made possible through area sponsors including major sponsors: Yale University, The Orange Foundation's Olga Fund, The Law Firm of Marino, Zabel & Schellenberg, PLLC, The Orange Town News, The Law Offices of Debra B. Marino, LLC & the Town of Orange.

Popular Food Trucks are being lined up, and novelty items will also be available for purchase at the fairgrounds beginning at 6:00 pm. A WPLR radio personality will also be on location. Come early and get a good seat. Admission is free. There will be a suggested parking donation of \$5 that will benefit the Orange Little League. See the full Event Schedule on page 14 of this issue of the OTN and our website www.orangetownnews.com.

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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



Pictured (Left to right): Peter Geloso DPT Supervisor; Michael Dow MSPT/CEO; Milford Mayor Ben Blake; State Senator James Maroney and Ally Jaser, Office Manager.

Amity Physical Therapy Opens In Milford

Milford Mayor, Benjamin Blake, attended the ribbon cutting event for Amity Physical Therapy on July 15, welcoming the practice’s founder, Michael Dow MSPT, CEO /Clinical Director to the city.

Dow, who received his degree in Physical Therapy from Sacred Heart University, founded his practice 17 years ago, and with the addition of the new Milford facility, now has four area offices.

“Milford is ideal for our practice,” Dow noted. “The city has a population of active adults, hosts road races, and has in depth scholastic athletic programs – the precise collective that needs physical injury monitoring, prevention and treatment.

“Even with the onset of the pandemic, with more at-home sedentary occupations, lack of movement and exercise – all take a toll on vital joints, ligaments and muscles that require evaluation for potential injury after returning to normal activity.”

Dow concluded: “Our clinical staff is experienced and caring, many of them former athletes and now fitness enthusiasts. Our Milford Clinical Supervisor, Peter Geloso DPT is a competitive cyclist in New England racing competition and knows injury diagnostics and thorough treatment procedures for injuries.”

The Milford office is located at 135 Cherry Street. Peter Geloso DPT can be reached at 203-693-2350, or visit amitypt.com.



Bethany Farm & Nursery Blossoms

New Garden Center and Landscape Supply Destination

With four young, energetic nursery professionals at the helm, Bethany Farms & Nursery represents a new generation in garden center management, creative landscaping design and installation. With over 24 acres and 10 greenhouses on Route 67, on a site formerly owned by Ace Begonia, Bethany Farm and Nursery operates a full retail and wholesale nursery with every manageable species of trees, shrubs, and plants; many at special discounts.

What makes the company very different is the management style and supervision by graduate horticulturists. Both Kyle Smith, owner, and Andrew Konopka, operations manager, bring a high degree of science to the business together with their collective experience in landscaping design and installation.

Marketing Manager and Administrative Officer, Jamie Appelberg oversees everything from digital marketing to order fulfillment—disciplines that few horticultural firms employ. The trio offers an open management, friendly, informal style of business

acumen that appeals to both retail and wholesale customers.

Shopping here is a pleasure. Tucked away, off highway, the nursery and greenhouses are a private, casual, unpressured experience for plant and flower lovers looking for a refreshing destination for beautifying properties. They also offer “community bonding” and reach out to school and civic organizations as well as the general public to offer free advice from seeding to propagation.

Professional landscapers also shop here for all supplies from soil, mulches, various bulk products, to one of the area’s quality assortment of trees, shrubs and plants, annuals and perennials for year-round property beautification projects.

Nursery and greenhouses are located at 229 Seymour Road, Woodbridge (RT 67); Hours: Closed Monday. Tuesday-Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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Lisa Crosby

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Welcomes Two Realtors

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate proudly welcomes Realtors Lisa Crosby and Corinne Stoehr to the team.

Lisa Crosby is originally from Florida and has been a Broker-Associate for over 30 years. After relocating to Connecticut in 1991, she worked as a Sales Support/Marketing Administrator with area real estate firms for the past 20 years and is extremely knowledgeable in every aspect of real estate sales and transactions. She was previously affiliated with Coldwell Banker in Woodbridge. Lisa's areas of expertise include residential homes sales in New Haven County & the Valley. She has earned the Seniors Real Estate Specialist® (SRES®) designation and is certified in being able to meet the special needs of maturing Americans when selling, buying, relocating, or refinancing residential or investment properties.

"My goal is to help my clients navigate the process of homeownership as simply and seamlessly as possible. Whether they are buying or selling I'm passionate about making their dream a reality and guiding them every step of the way," said Lisa.

A resident of Seymour, Lisa can be reached at 203-906-8861 or lisa.crosby@wdsells.com. Lisa will work out of Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio's Red Barn Woodbridge office at 378 Amity Road.

Corinne Stoehr is originally from

Basel, Switzerland and a resident of Hamden. A Realtor since 2012, she speaks fluent German and Swiss-German. Covering all areas of New Haven County and Hartford County, Corinne has a degree in business and specializes in foreclosures as well as working with buyers and landlords. She holds the Short Sales and Foreclosure Resource (SFR®) designation and is certified in the skills that will allow her to help buyers and sellers of distressed properties. "Every sale and transaction is different, and that's what makes real estate so interesting and enjoyable to me," said Corinne.

Married with two daughters, Corinne is also involved with the Hearing Loss Association of America organization.

Previously affiliated with Coldwell Banker in Woodbridge, Corinne can be reached at 860-502-4702 or corinne.stoehr@wdsells.com. She works out of Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio's Red Barn Woodbridge office at 378 Amity Road.

"Our company's continued growth over the past years, coupled with innovation, strategic planning, business integrity, and a demonstrated commitment to our clients, is why Lisa and Corinne joined our team," said John Wareck, Managing broker/owner.

"We are delighted to welcome them to Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio and look forward to a great future together."



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DID YOU KNOW?

Special Needs Planning

Do you have a family member who is receiving government assistance because of special needs? It may be cash assistance from the Social Security Administration or the Department of Social Services as someone who meets the Social Security definition of "disabled". It may be medical assistance from the State of Connecticut through the Medicaid program. It may be housing and supportive services through the Department of Developmental Services.

Do you want to provide financial assistance for the family member after your death? If so, it is important to do it the correct way.

- **Create a "third-party special needs trust":** the type of trust is a "third party" trust because it is funded with assets that originated with you and not the person with special needs.
- **Funding the Trust:** you can put assets in the special needs trust while you are alive or after your death.
- **Ownership and Benefits:** assets in the special needs trust are not considered owned by or available to your family member with special needs. Assets in the trust will not affect his/her eligibility for government benefit programs.
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Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack #922 and Boy Scout Troop #12
Our National Anthem
- 6:35 – 6:45** Sponsors Acknowledgement and Band Introduction - Rocky Salperto, Orange Town News
- 6:45 – 7:45** Live Concert Featuring **“The Ronstadt Revue”** (1st set)
- 7:45 – 8:15** Music Courtesy of WPLR Radio
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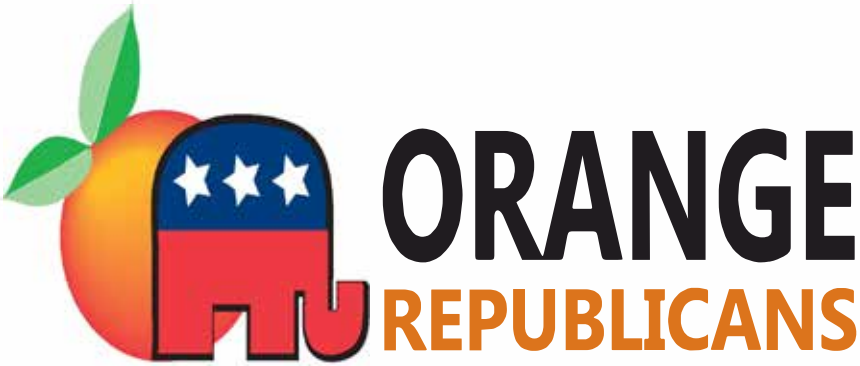
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- Orange Conservation Commission
- Orange Fire Marshall
- Orange Food2Kids
- Orange Historical Society
- Orange Senior Center Afghan Ladies
- Orange Senior Holiday Dance

This year, we also distributed **\$21,500 to nine local students**.

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The course includes 8 one-hour modules presented by academics, environmentalists and industry leaders. In addition, you will be able to enjoy a two-hour environmental field trip without leaving the comfort of your home or office, thanks to Zoom.

Environmental School courses are designed to teach participants environmental literacy and an appreciation of the natural world. The courses are open to anyone, whether or not they are garden club members.

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[Photos taken by various club members]

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School in Orange to schedule an appointment for intake with the school counselor. The intake day will be on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Please call Amity Middle School at (203) 392-3200 to schedule an appointment.



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Eagle Project Completed at Holy Infant Church

On Saturday, July 10, 2021, Benjamin Cap from Boy Scout Troop 12 completed his eagle project at Holy Infant Church, focusing on beautifying the outdoor front right wing section of the church. In late summer 2020, Ben met with Fr. Norman at Holy Infant Church to discuss a few ideas he had for his eagle project. Fr. Norman was thrilled that Ben thought of doing a project at Holy Infant Church first before pursuing other locations in town. Ben and Fr. Norman both agreed the best idea was a major beautification project that would involve raising thousands of dollars and would need a lot of pre-planning and precise material ordering. If you remember last summer, we were in the middle of the covid crises situation and fundraising was going to be extremely tough for Ben. Through many announcements at weekly masses and articles in the church bulletins, as well as online posts, Ben was able to raise over \$2,500 to cover the costs of materials for the project. Ben collected and returned recyclable cans and bottles throughout the past year to specifically use those funds towards drinks and food on the day of his eagle project workday (7/10/21), which kept all the helpers well hydrated, and provided them with lunch. Ben's smart advanced planning resulted in successful completion of this major project on July 10th!

Throughout the planning process, Ben worked with many vendors to get the best pricing and quality for his project. According to Ben, "Home Depot in Orange was a pleasure to work with." Ben worked with June from the front desk several times who helped and walked Ben through ordering every item he would need for his project. "She was awesome to work with," Ben said. "She literally walked around with me in the garden center looking at each item and taking notes. She made sure

I had every item delivered and that everything was correct. I learned how important these people are to us when we need help," Ben said. Ben stated that he could not be happier with the Home Depot team who provided top-notch assistance, from June in customer service, to Jose in the garden center confirming correct materials and quantities for his project, and Chris who also had a friendly smile and provided direction on who to speak to – all went above and beyond to help. "I couldn't be any happier with the three of them," stated Ben.

Ben started the onsite beautification project back in May 2020 by contacting Call Before You Dig. After he had everything marked out, he was able to create his final drawing and layout of where everything would be built and planted. Ben, along with his family, spent several days at the work site after school and started cutting down the overgrown bushes and cleared the entire site out. He made sure he had everything cleared and ready to go for the big workday on Saturday, July 10, 2021. On the morning of 7/10/21, Ben and his family arrived at Holy Infant Church at 7:15 am, all ready to work. Shortly after, scouts, leaders, friends, and other family members arrived and started to assist Ben with completing his planned project of refreshing/improving the look at Holy Infant Church. "Thank you to everyone who donated and/or helped me throughout my project," Ben said. "I feel like I put in so many hours and it paid off with giving it all back to the church in our community."

The following Troop 12 members assisted Ben on his project: Tim Cap, Nate Milea, Nick Massey, Jason Byun, Zack Geramia, Ken Gunun, Brendan Zeigler, Pete Zeigler, Vicky Cap and Jeff Cap. In addition, Ben received assistance from other family members as well.



Arrow of Light and Wolf Scouts at Ferry Landing State Park in Old Lyme



Scouts together as a pack for Disk Golf at High Plains

Pack 922 News

With the beginning of a new school year comes the start of a new scouting year. Pack 922 has many things planned this year and we are looking for new friends.

Boys and girls in the Orange area grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to come and meet our Scouting family. Some fun happenings this year are a trip to Lyme Rock Speedway for Scout day, The Pumpkin Chunkin in Pennsylvania, Corn Maze at Treat Farm, Hiking some state parks and so much more.

We have been busy this summer with the Sky's the Limit CT DEEP Challenge, disk golf, and rocket launches.

Our first meeting with the pack will be on September 13th under the High Plains Pavilion at 6:30pm. We invite all those interested in scouting and those returning to attend. The scouts will be participating in field games while the parents register and learn about important information for the upcoming year.

Please feel free to contact Brian Cleveland, Cubmaster, bcleveland@hotmail.com, Alex Zamachaj, Assistant Cubmaster, alexander.zamachaj@gmail.com or our website www.orangeconnectscouting.com and facebook page www.facebook.com/CubScoutPack922 for more details on joining our scout community.

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The first, "Spreading the Joy," will

be a demonstration by Gail Nixon, past president of the Garden Club and a landscape design consultant. She will show how to divide perennials and how to replant them. Following the presentation, Gail and other experienced gardeners will be available to

answer any questions about planting and caring for a perennial garden.

Patricia Dray, a Master Gardner, contributor to the Milford – Orange Times, and a past president of the Garden Club, will present the other program, "Invasives, Aggressives,

and Thugs." She will speak on what are considered invasive unwanted plants and how to recognize and deal with them.

Along with these two programs, there will be coloring activities for the children.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Temple Beth Sholom: "A Caring Community"

High Holiday Services at Temple Beth Sholom

In observance of the 5782 High Holidays, Temple Beth Sholom, 1809 Whitney Avenue, Hamden is conducting in-person and virtual services at the following times:

Rosh Hashanah – 1st Night

Monday, September 6 at 8:15pm

Rosh Hashanah – 1st Day

Tuesday, September 7 at 9:00am

Rosh Hashanah – 2nd Night

Wednesday, September 8 at 6:45pm

Rosh Hashanah – 2nd Day

Wednesday, September 8 at 9:00am

Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00pm

Yom Kippur Morning

Thursday, September 16 at 9:00am

**Yom Kippur Mincha/
Yizkor/Ne'ilah**

Thursday, September 16 at 4:30pm

All services will be live streamed online on our YouTube channel. For more information, please visit www.tbshamden.com or call the Temple Beth Sholom office at 203-288-7748. Additionally, Temple Beth Sholom offers daily morning and evening minyans, and Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services. All services are in-person and on Zoom. Details can be found on <https://tbshamden.com/worship>.

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SELICHOT – Saturday, August 28 at 7 pm – online only

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ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES – online unless otherwise noted

ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY CELEBRATION – Monday, September 6 at 3 pm – outside, weather permitting, with masks and appropriate distancing, otherwise, online

EREV ROSH HASHANAH SEDER – Monday, September 6 at 7 pm

ROSH HASHANAH DAY I – Tuesday, September 7 at 10 am

TASHLICH – Tuesday, September 7 at 4 pm – outside, weather permitting, with masks and appropriate distancing, otherwise, online

ROSH HASHANAH DAY II – Wednesday, September 8 at 10 am – outside, weather permitting, with masks and appropriate distancing, otherwise, online

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES – online only



Temple Emanuel

KOL NIDREI (Erev Yom Kippur) – Wednesday, September 15 at 8 pm

YOM KIPPUR MORNING – Thursday, September 16 at 10 am

YOM KIPPUR FAMILY SERVICE – Thursday, September 16 at 1 pm

MINCHA – Thursday, September 16 at 5 pm

YIZKOR, NEILA and HAVDALAH – Thursday, September 16 at 6:15 pm

EREV SUKKOT – Monday, September 20 at 6:30 pm

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH – Monday, September 27 at 6:00 PM

Links to digital versions of Mishkan HaNefesh, the high holy day Machzor, information about how to access virtual services and additional details about these events and all other events and services at TE are on the Temple Emanuel website, www.tegnh.org. You can also call the temple office at 203-397-3000. Stay connected with our community. Keep your physical distance while maintaining your social connections. Hope to “see” you soon!



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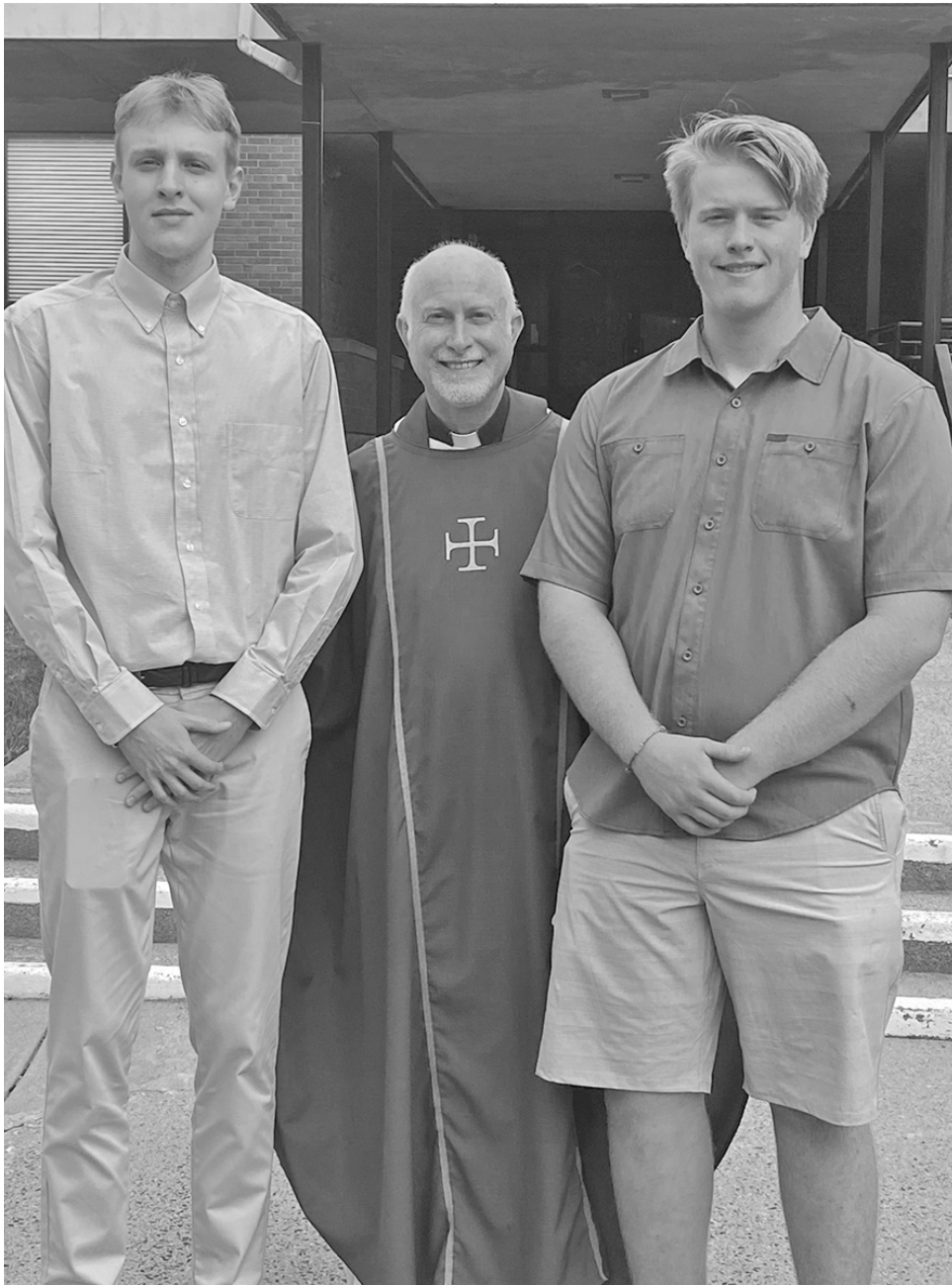
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Roche Scholarship Recipients for 2021, Miles Turner and Andrew Coscia. Missing from picture is Charles Windsor. Holy Infant Church handed out the 2021 Roche Scholarships out on Sunday June 27th to these three young men who have contributed many hours of service to our parish and our community. Congratulations!!



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How School Shopping Has Changed In The Pandemic Era

Back-to-school shopping sales have long been indicators that the summer vacation season is coming to a close. Students and their parents may visit area stores or browse online looking for items to make the coming school year a success. Those lists have looked similar for decades, but shopping for school supplies in the pandemic era may prove to be a unique experience.

Though hundreds of millions of adults and adolescents have now been vaccinated against COVID-19, there figures to be some lingering effects of the pandemic during the upcoming school year. That could affect which school supplies families buy in the weeks to come. Here's a look at some of the latest trends.

A shift from physical stores: According to data from IBM's U.S. Retail Index, the pandemic has accelerated a shift away from physical stores to digital shopping by about five years. It's likely that school shoppers will turn to the internet for their supplies, which means local brick and mortar shops should increase their web presence and digital shopping capabilities to reach online shoppers. This includes omnichannel fulfillment, such as buy online and pickup in store (BOPIS) options.

Reassessment of what's essential: The pandemic may have changed which items consumers consider essential. For

example, clothing became less significant as a greater number of students were enrolled in virtual learning. Back-to-school shoppers may purchase less clothing and focus more on tech items, among others.

Traditional supplies become less necessary: In 2020, Deloitte forecasted that a shift in preferences and intentions would result in parents buying fewer traditional supplies, such as notebooks and office supplies, as they chose to invest in digital resources to supplement children's education. That shift likely will continue into this school year.

Support for local retailers: Community spirit grew in the early days of the pandemic and continues now. Many people prefer to shop in locally owned stores. Eighty percent of customers surveyed feel more or as connected to their communities, according to the business industry consultant company Accenture.

Customers are trying new brands and products: Shoppers are trying new products out of curiosity as well as necessity. Back-to-school shopping may include novel brands and other items that may not have been readily purchased in years past.

Back-to-school shopping may continue to look a bit different than in previous years, spawning trends that may ultimately become the new normal.

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How To Support Students Interested In The Arts

Schools are diverse communities in which people from all walks of life gather to teach, learn and pursue an assortment of interests and passions. Students are perhaps the best reflection of that diversity, as even small schools are home to young people who excel in sports, music, theater, and, of course, academics.

Many young people harbor a strong interest in the arts, which can provide some surprising benefits. For example, the National Endowment for the Arts reports that students with high arts participation and low socioeconomic status have a 4 percent dropout rate. That's five times lower than their low socioeconomic status peers. In addition, a report from the Rice Kinder Institute for Urban Research found that arts education experiences reduce the proportion of students in school receiving disciplinary infractions by 3.6 percent.

Despite the myriad benefits of participation in arts education, which can include improved performance in the classroom, Americans for the Arts notes that not all students have access to art-based educational experiences. Parents of students who are interested in the arts can try various approaches to nurture those interests.

Support school-based arts education programs. Funding for arts programs is perpetually in jeopardy. Each state and school district is different, but a 2013 report from the National Association of State Boards of Edu-

cation found that federal funding for arts and humanities programs totaled roughly \$250 million a year, while the National Science Foundation received around \$5 billion annually. Arts and sciences are both important, and parents can support legislation that directs more federal funding for the arts while urging local legislators to direct more money to arts education.

Make art a part of life at home. Americans for the Arts recommends that parents make the arts part of life at home. Participating alongside children as they sing, dance, draw, play music or pursue other arts-based interests is a great way to incorporate the arts into home life while showing kids how fun the arts can be.

Research local performing arts schools. Children who exhibit an especially strong interest in the arts may benefit from enrolling in a school that specializes in performing arts. Such schools may be open to kids as young as five and extend all the way through high school. Some performing arts schools require prospective students to audition or apply. Arts high schools still offer instruction in core academic subjects, but parents should explore each school's curriculum before deciding if a given school is right for their children.

Arts education can have a profound impact on the life of a young person. There are many ways for parents to nurture and encourage their children's interest in the arts.



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with a lack of employees, while events and family celebrations are going on left and right. But the committee did sign with a new company for the event.

What's to see
Throughout the weekend, people can visit the farm animals in the animal building – although each contestant this year can enter fewer animals than in the past. The goal is to reduce the number of animals overall, and to create more space in the middle of the building for people to spread out. People will be encouraged to wear a mask while in the building, and possibly walk through one-way, to avoid people crowding in the building. The snake tent also will be back, McCausland said.

In addition to the canceled Friday night truck pull event, two other popular events will not take place this year, namely the pig races and the dog agility demonstrations. But with the doodlebug and tractor pulls, as well as the horse- and oxen pulls, people young and old can get their fill of watching the display of powerful strength. As far as the pedal tractor pull is concerned, the committee is looking for a new pedal tractor – the old one is not functional any more.

More strength will be on display at the two-person hand saw contest and the men's hay bale toss (16 years & older), but the women's skillet toss was up in the air at the time we spoke.

"We had to be able to scale back if needed," the committee wrote in the Fair booklet. "We also had several members who are no longer with us. We will be looking for some new superintendents to assist us with the fair going forward."

For antiques aficionados there will be a designated tent; as well as on Sunday, an antique car show. For the youth there are several exciting contests, including a Junior baking contest; a state Junior Quilt Contest, myriad arts and crafts contests and a photography contest.

The birdhouses competition also is in need of a new superintendent, McCausland said. For now, the birdhouses will be incorporated in the exhibit hall.

Both the delivery and the pickup of entries is causing the committee some headaches, as they want to ensure people will stay socially distanced, and, if in the building, masked. Participants are asked to register their entries ahead of time and to leave entries at the door on Friday evening. Entry blanks can be found in the fair booklet which is available at the town hall; or online, <https://orangectfair.com/downloads/2021/OCF2021.pdf>.

The entry form must be mailed to Orange Country Fair, 874 Grassy Hill Road, Orange, 06477. All exhibits must be delivered on Friday, September 17, between 5:30 and 8 p.m.

As for the pickup, the suggestion is to let small groups of people enter the exhibit hall at a time to retrieve their entry. Organizers were planning to have a meeting last week, focusing in particular on the pickup on Sunday evening. Details may still be announced.

During the fair, free parking and a shuttle to the entrance is provided. Pets are not permitted on the grounds; and no alcohol is allowed. ATMs are located at the main food area and at the satellite food tent.

Musical entertainment is on the schedule, although as of last week it wasn't clear which groups would be performing. The food tent will be up and running; people will need to social distance while waiting to be served.

The committee is looking for volunteers, in particular in the food tent and during the Friday night setup. If available, email the organizers at orangecountryfair@gmail.com.

Vendors for the civic and craft tent can rent spaces of approximately 10x10 feet and electricity is available. If interested in a vendor space, contact Robb McCorkle (robbmccorkle@gmail.com) for the civic tent and MaryEllen Bspuda (bspudam@yahoo.com) for the craft tent. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fairgoers may not find every event exactly as they remember it from past years, McCausland said but it's better to have a fair than not. "Now all we have to do is hope for good weather."



WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Kristen Mencucci to Wed Andrew Moore

Mr. & Mrs. John Mencucci of Orange announced the engagement of their daughter Kristen Marie to Andrew Moore of Boston, Massachusetts. The couple got engaged on Christmas

morning 2020. They have set a date for September 17, 2022 with a ceremony and reception at Briar Barn Inn located in Rowley, Massachusetts.



Stone-Otis House Open Sundays 1:00-3:00. Come tour the 1830 home built a mere 8 years after the founding of the Town of Orange. The year 2022 will be a banner one as Orange will be celebrating 200 years as Orange. Changed as a part of North Milford, our town had the powers as other towns in the state with officers elected at designated meetings. The first town meeting was held on the 2^d Monday, June 1822 with the following chosen officers: Town Clerk, Selectmen, Treasurer, Constables, Grand Jurors, Tythingmen*, Sealers of Weights & Measures, Pound Keepers, and Fence Viewers. By June of that year a Board of Assessors was chosen. You can find more interesting facts about Orange in our history book, History of Orange by Mary Woodruff, available at the Academy, open Saturdays 10-3.
(*A collector of 1/10 of earnings to support the town.)

Orange Soccer Association (OSA) In-house Program FALL 2021 REGISTER ON WEBSITE ONLY 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 Information

The Fall 2021 season will run Sundays September 12th through November 14th.

Please help us spread the word and share with those families especially with children entering Pre-K and Kindergarten this fall.

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.

Return to Play Guidelines Due to COVID

Available upon request and will be modified based on the latest information from CJSA.

Cancellations

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. <https://www.facebook.com/OrangesoccerassociationCT>

Game Day Attire

T-Shirts will be supplied on the first day of play.
All players are required to bring Own Water, Hand Sanitizer, Mask, Own Ball with your child's name on it, Shin Guards, Gloves (winter gloves are fine) in case opportunity to play goalie. Players must wear sneakers (soccer cleats are optional)
Parents are responsible to wash/sanitize all personal equipment between events.

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. **Should you have a cohort of friends that you want your child to play with, please make a list of those players on the Special Requests "NOTES" Section of the registration page.**

Children must be 4 years old by September 30th, 2021.

Practice Clinics

In addition to the Sunday program, we offer free clinics at Fred Wolfe Park (300 Hollow Rd, Orange CT) to all In-house enrolled players. These sessions are organized by Sterling Smith, an Amity Travel Soccer tenured coach and run by him and his staff. Players must wear shin guards and sneakers (soccer cleats are optional) and bring water.

Practice clinics still TBD.

	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 Fall 2021 season is \$90.00 when paid by August 29th
\$100 if paid between August 30th thru September 12th
\$125 if paid After Sept 12th

Special for Amity Travel Soccer Players

Amity Travel Soccer Players may participate in OSA free of charge. Contact amitysoccerclub@gmail.com for your individual discount code.

Volunteers Needed

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 birthdates and Social Security Number, so that the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association may run a free background check.

Sponsorship Opportunity

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

- Basic: 1 season \$100
- Deluxe: 3 seasons \$200

You can sign up to sponsor your child's team by indicating so on the registration page and supplying a logo in solid black or solid white to orangesoccerct@gmail.com.

Questions

If you need additional information please email us at orangesoccerct@gmail.com.

Like us on Facebook!!

<https://www.facebook.com/OrangesoccerassociationCT>

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Timothy John Edward Paquette

Timothy John Edward Paquette, 32, of Orange, beloved husband of Chelsea Hinchey, passed away at his home on June 27, 2021. Born on April 27, 1989 in Stoneham, MA, he was the son of Leo



“Rick” and Elizabeth (Sweeney) Paquette. Tim was a 2007 graduate of Malden Catholic High School where he was honored with the Xaverian Award and was a Catholic Conference all-star in lacrosse and swimming. Tim went on to graduate Cum Laude from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts in 2011 as an economics major and member of the track and field team, where he met his wife. After graduation, Tim worked in finance in various settings including State Street Bank and Partners Healthcare, eventually landing his dream job at This Old House, a television show he watched from childhood. Tim and Chelsea were married in May 2017 on Cape Cod and welcomed their son, Declan, in August 2020.

Tim’s favorite adventure was any time spent with his number one person, his baby son. Tim most loved spending time with family and friends. Tim enjoyed summers on Cape Cod and on Newfound Lake, waterskiing and fishing. Tim was a world traveler, from ziplining in Hawaii to celebrating in the pubs of Ireland. Tim was an accomplished photographer with work displayed in magazines and on websites. Tim was a talented woodworker, designing and creating much of the furniture in his own home. Playing guitar and playing drum in the Bunker Hill Pipe band were favorite past times. Tim was an avid fan of all Boston sports teams.

In addition to his loving spouse and parents, Tim is survived by his cherished son Declan, his maternal grandmother, Shirley Sweeney and paternal grandmother, Lillian Paquette. Tim is also survived by his brother, James Paquette and his wife Claire of Larkspur, CA and his sister Eileen Jack and her husband Daniel of Belfast, Ireland. Tim is survived by his sister-in-law, Jenna Woodford and her husband Jason of Orange, CT and mother and father-in-law, Janet and Stephen Hinchey of Orange, CT. Tim was blessed with his nieces and nephews, Isla, Bruce, Piper and Cairbre. In addition, Tim is survived by many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Timothy is predeceased by his adored grandfather Donald Sweeney and grandfather Leo J Paquette. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 6, 2021 at Holy Infant

Church, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT. Interment followed at Orange Center Cemetery, Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. Arrangements were in the capable hands of the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. Memorial contributions may be made to the Healey Center for ALS (<https://www.massgeneral.org/neurology/als>) or Compassionate Care ALS (<https://ccals.org/>). To leave online condolences, please visit www.cody-whitefuneralservice.com.

Kristen Kay Powell

Kristen Kay Powell, 67, of Orange, beloved wife of 44 years to David Lawrence Powell, passed away peacefully at home on July 25, 2021. Born on January 8, 1954 in Cleveland, OH, she was the daughter of the late Carmen and Jean Cozza.



Kristen Kay Cozza Powell was beloved by all who had the privilege of knowing her and was in an elite class of her own volition. “Kristy” as her family called her was born to be a nurse. She was protective of her two younger siblings and enjoyed taking care of them. Kristy prided herself as being the “mother to all” and devoted her life to making others’ lives better. As her parents aged, she spent countless hours tending to their needs even when her own health began to fail and her loyalty to those she loved will forever be unmatched. Since her “Daddy” was the head football coach of Yale, it goes without saying how she was Yale’s biggest fan until her final hour.

With 12 years on the Orange BOE and PTA President at Race Brook School, Kristy loved being around children. She went to Yale School of Nursing and was a proud member of the newborn special care unit who specialized in the “failure to thrive” infants who needed a little extra love and attention. Her selflessness would carry into her marriage to her husband David Powell. Their engagement in the nursery with her holding two boys would foreshadow her own life as a mother to be. Being a Navy wife was not without its challenges, but the adventures around the world with her “Dave” made it special nonetheless.

As her children began to grow, she opened her home to everyone and would have countless dinner parties and sleep overs for all of her sons’ friends. Anyone who walked in the door was offered her famous “magic bars”, which was her signature treat along with her infectious smile. Holiday decorating and tailgates were among her favorite times and she would often look back on those “hec-

tic” times with such fondness. During her free time, she loved to swim and never missed an episode of the Golden Girls and Everybody Loves Raymond, for laughter she felt was the cure to all ailments.

Being a mother to Michael (Mikey) and Mark (Markie) or “M and M” as she called her 15-month apart bookends was by far her greatest joy and devotion. RBS, Amity, NDWH, SRU and Lafayette College would not have been the same without her loving image and presence. It has been said that everyone has the best: mother, sister, daughter, niece, cousin and friend; however, Kristen Cozza Powell was and will continue to be unmatched for her love was truly in a league of their own.

Along with her husband, Kristen leaves behind her sons, Michael Powell (Patrick Bell) and Mark (Stephanie) Powell; one grandchild on the way; siblings, Kathy (Anthony) Cozza Tutino and Karen (John) Cozza Pollard; nephews, Eric Pollard and Christopher Pollard; niece, Elizabeth Tutino; and many extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her parents-in-law, Raynor and Joan Powell.

A Funeral Service was celebrated on July 30, 2021 at Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church, 71 River St., Milford. Interment followed at Orange Center Cemetery, Orange Center Road, Orange. The family is being compassionately cared for by the staff at Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital at www.stjude.org. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

Thomas F. Torello

Thomas Francis Torello, the loving husband of Elinor Scannell Torello and the son of the late Raymond and Louise (Graham) Torello, passed peacefully into eternal rest on July, 3, 2021. Tom and Elly celebrated 54 years of marriage, love and living life to fullest.



A lifelong resident of CT, Tom was born on June 24, 1941, grew up in West Haven and raised his family in Orange. Tom graduated from Notre Dame High School in West Haven and then Lehigh University. He also earned a master’s degree in business administration from the University of New Haven. Tom owned Southern Connecticut Warehouse in West Haven for 31 years. He also assumed ownership of his family business, Torello Auto Parts in West Haven which was started by his grandfather, Frank Torello.

Tom cherished his time with family and friends especially when skiing, running and enjoying their beach house in Milford. Tom was a proud finisher of the New York City Marathon and for many years trained hard for the New Haven 20 miler. Always willing to lend a hand, Tom could repair almost anything. Tom was most proud of his efforts to rebuild and restore the beach house with his beloved nephew, John Benett. He especially enjoyed restoring and driving vintage British sports cars and was active in the Porche Club. An avid reader, he loved WWII history and building period model airplanes. Tom loved telling stories to his family and many loyal friends.

A faithful parishioner at Holy Infant Church in Orange and St. Mary’s in Milford, Tom celebrated his Italian and Irish heritage. His service to his community included being an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Rotary, which awarded him the Paul Harris Fellowship. He also was president of the Paugusett Pool and Tennis Club.

Tom is survived by his loving daughter Kathryn (Andy) Torello-Korpi of Utah, granddaughter Grace Marie Korpi, grandson Theodore Ray Torello (Colorado) and Teddy’s mother, Erin Will Torello. He is also survived by his sister Anne (Alan) Benett (Connecticut) as well as 6 sisters-in law, 5 brothers-in-law, 12 nieces and nephews, and their families, who all loved spending time with Tom. Tom was predeceased by his son, Michael Francis Torello.

Funeral arrangements were in the capable hands of the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 8, 2021 at Holy infant Church, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT. Burial followed.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Tom, please consider a donation to Community Soup Kitchen in New Haven at <https://www.csknewhaven.org/donate>. To leave online condolences, please visit www.cody-whitefuneralservice.com.

Nancy Sue Schpero

Nancy Sue Schpero, of Orange, CT, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2021 in the company of her family after an extraordinarily brave fight with cancer. She was the beloved wife of Warren Chapman and daughter to Edith



Schpero and the late Morton Schpero. Nancy was the loving mother of David (Megan) Chapman, Paul Chapman, Martha Chapman, and James Chap-

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man. She was a proud Mimi (grandmother) to Maya Chapman and Luke Chapman.

Nancy is survived by 4 siblings: Dr. Mark (Lynne) Schpero, Dr. Jeffrey (Molly) Schpero, Davida (Steven) Pepe, and Amy (Michael) Greenberg, along with many cherished nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Ann (Burton) Kaplan.

Born in Derby, Connecticut on June 10, 1953, Nancy graduated from Amity Regional High School and then attended George Washington University earning a BA and MA in Early Childhood Education. After raising her family, she spent many years as an instructional aide at Race Brook School in Orange.

Nancy’s husband and children meant the world to her, but her generosity and kindness transcended her family to friends, acquaintances, even people she just had met. Always putting everyone before herself, Nancy was passionate about helping people in any way she could, especially during their times of need. She was always on the move, whether it was running with friends, taking care of household errands, babysitting for many children or mentoring BBYO teenagers. She loved seeing her grandchildren who absolutely adored her and loved the trips to the National Zoo in Washington D.C. every time she visited. All the while she captured just about every moment with her ever-present camera. She will be missed by countless individuals as she touched so many people in so many different ways and was always the brightest light.

Funeral Services were held at Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Grassy Hill Road, Orange. Private Interment followed. Donations can be made in her name to The Orange Foundation, P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477-0729, BBYO Connecticut Valley, 350 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525 or Lung Cancer Research Foundation at lungcancerresearchfoundation.org. Funeral Arrangements were in care of Robert E. Shure Funeral Home, New Haven, www.shurefuneralhome.com.

Laura C. Milardo Lenox

Laura C. Milardo Lenox, 98, of Orange, passed away peacefully on July 7, 2021. She was the wife of the late Richard Lenox for 55 years. Thomas R. and G. Elsa Witt were the late parents of Laura. She was born on April 2, 1923 in Germany while her mother was visiting her parents. Accompanied by her mother, Laura was brought to the states at the age of four months. She attended West Haven schools, after which she became secretary to the president of an optical company. Later she became a cosmetic representative for Bourjois, NY.



In 1949, Laura took a trip to Germany, at which time she met Richard, an officer on the ship, whom she married in 1951. Upon her return from Germany in 1949, she was employed by First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., retiring after 20 years as an Executive Secretary. During her career at First Federal, Laura was a model for the bank’s ads in newspapers. She also modeled for Kramer’s Furriers. Twice while walking on her noon hour, a Poli Theater representative approached her and asked if she would participate in a bathing beauty contest and later in a beauty pageant, both which she happily accepted. She came in second place in the beauty pageant.

Laura and her husband were former members of Racebrook Country Club, where they enjoyed golf and many social activities with their friends. Laura was predeceased by her brother, Thomas F. Milardo, and his wife Ursula, and her sister-in-law, Gertrude Brinton. Laura is survived by her sister-in-law, Florence Seney of Wilmington, DE and her family and her niece, Sharon and her husband Konrad Mayerhofer of Marco Island, FL.

Funeral services were held on July 14, 2021 at the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. and interment followed at Orange Center Cemetery, Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. To leave online condolences, please visit www.cody-whitefuneralservice.com.

Nicole Vitagliano

Nicole Vitagliano, age 36, of Orange, passed away on August 14, 2021 after a courageous battle. Born and raised in New Hampshire, Nicole cherished her relationship with friends and family who continue to be located within the state. Predeceased by her parents Harry (Sr.) and Joyce McKinnon (nee Pray) as well as her sister Kristi McKinnon, Nicole is survived by her loving husband Erik; most adored children Ella Elizabeth, age 18 months and Noah Harry, age four; brother Harry (Juliet) McKinnon, Jr.; sisters Kelly McKinnon, Beverly (Peter) Dubiel, Donna (Timothy) Hajjar, and Rebekah (Jeffrey) Bourdeau.

Nicole’s greatest passion was that of being a mother to her children, although she was also earnestly committed to the wellbeing and betterment for ALL children. Earning her Juris Doctor degree, Nicole practiced law for the State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families, further illustrating that steadfast devotion.

Nicole is best remembered as a most genuine and authentic individual- her selflessness was absolute, she was always available as a sounding board and for supportive advice; although having a reputation for her “non-filter” counsel, she respectfully delivered the honest truth in any situation. Long considered the ‘glue’ that held friendships and relationships together, Nicole placed great emphasis

on those in her life, the little things were what mattered. She has been and will continue to be regarded as the quintessential best friend every person should have in their life. A sense of honor is felt among those that were able to share in Nicole’s spirit and friendship. Her husband Erik, children Ella Elizabeth and Noah Harry are what Nicole lived for, for whom she was most devoted, and they will always remain her beacon of joy. The bar for motherhood was set to the top rung for Nicole; therefore it comes as no surprise that those who knew her deemed her a fantastic mother! A non-believer of cutting corners and/or quitting, she was a fighter through-and-through.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Bernadette Church, 385 Townsend Avenue, New Haven on August 18th. Entombment immediately followed at All Saints Cemetery, North Haven. Arrangements were entrusted to West Haven Funeral Home at the Green. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vitagliano children’s education fund by visiting their GoFundMe page. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.westhavenfuneral.com.

William J. Harknes

William John Harkness II passed away peacefully on May 21, 2021, after a long illness. He was surrounded by his wife and children. Bill was born on August 30, 1946 in Glens Falls, NY. He was the owner of Harkness Services, LLC a tree service company for close to 40 years.

Bill was an avid sportsman. He

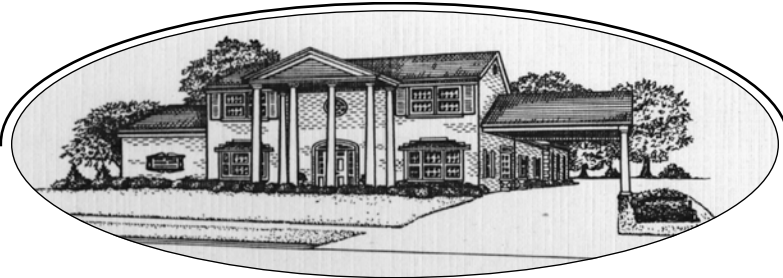
started playing hockey as soon as he could walk. He played throughout his childhood and adolescence, and was named most valuable player at Amity High School. In his 20’s he continued playing hockey for a semi-pro league in New York State and Canada. He later coached hockey at Southern Connecticut State University. Bill passed his love of hockey and Lacrosse on to his son, Seth, who also played throughout his school years.

Bill shared a family farm in Johnsonville, NY where he enjoyed fishing, target shooting and camping. He also loved to go deep sea fishing off Cape Cod with his family. Bill enjoyed a good steak and loved to cookout. Because of Bill, half of Bethany and Woodbridge became hooked on Charlie Hotdogs, from Famous Lunch, a restaurant in Troy, New York. He would take many road trips there to bring back orders for his friends. Bill had a quirky sense of humor and was also a big tease (mostly to his wife). He loved a good laugh.

Bill is predeceased by his parents William A.R. Harkness and Patricia Devore Harkness, and a sister, Brenda Burr. He is survived by his wife, Diane Harkness, sons William (Kirsten) Harkness of South Carolina, Seth Harkness of Bethany, and daughter Amanda (Dean) Harkness of New Haven. He is also survived by his two sisters Elizabeth Harkness of Johnsonville New York, Cary Harkness of Colorado, granddaughters Emma and Colleen, and their mother Susan, grandsons Will, Gavin and Soren. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews.

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The Orange Town News will publish Death Notices for Orange families free of charge as a service to our readers. Family members please email notice (limit 250 words, please) to: edit@orangenewstowns.com



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CRT is not an education, but rather a radical indoctrination. Most of the lessons taught under CRT are more divisive and filled with hate than the topic of racism itself. CRT is a way for people who have the same political ideologies as Karl Marx to infiltrate the classroom. They ensure that only lessons are taught and books are read that reflect the anti-American values that focus on half-truths and falsehoods about our history, and teach our children to hate our country. America ranks 30th in math, 15th in reading, and 11th in science. Our school systems’ priority should not be whether or not a 10th grader has white privilege, especially given the disadvantage our children have been put in with the disruption in their education due to the pandemic. There are already ways to address racism and focus on education, one of which is learning through our classic American literature. No book better addresses racism than the lessons from Ms. Harper Lee’s “To Kill a Mockingbird”, where we read how Atticus Finch defends Tom Robinson over false accusations that are brought about because of his skin color. However, CRT and other radical agendas remove classic American literature and instead encourage our children to read from lists of books that are extremely left leaning in political dogmas and ideologies, such as the one that was sent to incoming freshmen from Amity High School. Folks, as someone who has been through the public school system, I can assure you that even though CRT has not been adopted yet, the underlying messages are already in our classrooms. It’s distracting our young people from the vital and well-rounded education that they deserve!

No matter what your age, I encourage everyone to stay vigilant and safeguard our schools from CRT, to ensure that America’s future generations are allowed to learn in an environment free of distractions and opinions and full of knowledge and wisdom.
Dominick Lombardi

Has Leadership Taken a Back Seat in Orange?
Has leadership taken a back seat in our political arena? Does winning an election automatically mean a demand of respect? Or does one’s leadership skills determine the respect that comes with being an elected official? Even in sports, coaches must earn respect. In our professional lives, our conduct earns us respect. Trying to belittle or bully people does not earn you respect, nor is it deserved.

I believe we often take leadership skills for granted. I think our recent past shows us the importance of this skill. Yes, there are many skills a leader needs but being able to be a leader does not come with a title. Many people end up in leadership positions without ever being true leaders.
Connor Deane has shown leadership skills throughout most of his life. Many of us first came to know Connor as one of the stars of the Amity High School Theater program. He was leader on, and off stage. He understands that listening and understanding are important qualities for a leader. You cannot address the needs of those you serve without listening to them even when you may not agree.
As a lifelong Orange resident, Connor appreciates our town’s history. Yet, he also understands that we can honor our history while looking towards our future. His own family has a long history in town as the grandson of the late Eileen and Bill Ferguson, the son of Beth Ferguson

Deane, and nephew to PJ, John and Michael Ferguson.
As a small business owner himself as well as the grandson of one-time small business owners, Connor understands the economics of business and the importance of small businesses to the Town of Orange. Small businesses are part of our future and Connor understands how to develop them.
Never has Orange had such an opportunity to bring vision and leadership to our town as we do this November 2. I urge you to get to know Connor Deane over these next few months because once you do, I have no doubt you will join me in supporting Connor Deane for First Selectman.
Jody Dietch
Editors note: *Jody Dietch is the chairperson of the Orange Democratic Town Committee*

Family Talk About Drinking
The upcoming school year brings new classes, activities and often new social opportunities that may include peer pressure to experiment with underage drinking. Though resistance can be difficult for teens, as a parent, your involvement has a significant impact on your child’s decisions. According to the 2008 GfK Roper Youth Report, 74 percent of 8- to 17-year-olds cite their parents as the No. 1 influence on whether they drink alcohol.
That’s why Dichello Distributors, Inc. offers Family Talk About Drinking, a free guide designed to encourage open and honest communication between parents and children to help prevent underage drinking. Strong educational programs such as these, paired with effective law enforcement, are essential to make progress in the fight against underage drinking and teen drunk driving. According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America,

all measures of teen alcohol use have declined since 1998.
We must continue to guide and influence youth to ensure that progress persists. For a free parent guide, go to familytalkonline.com.
Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
Dichello Distributors, Inc.
Orange CT

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS): Seat Belt Laws Increase Belt Use
With Connecticut set to expand its seat belt law to cover the back seat, I wanted to send a summary of research on this important topic. In states that require seat belt use in all seating positions, 84 percent of back-seat passengers were observed using seat belts in 2017, compared with 63 percent of back-seat passengers in states that require only front-seat belt use. And when more people buckle up, lives are saved. Seat belts saved an estimated 14,955 lives in 2017.
In a recent IIHS survey, nearly 40 percent of people surveyed said they sometimes don’t buckle up in the rear seat because there is no law requiring it. If there were such a law, 60 percent of respondents said it would convince them to use belts in the back seat.
Although safety belts are proven to save lives, more than half of the people who die in passenger vehicle crashes in the U.S. each year are unbelted. One person’s decision not to buckle up can have consequences for other people riding with them as well, as demonstrated in a recent IIHS crash test with an unbelted rear occupant. IIHS has a summary of research on this topic here: <https://www.iihs.org/topics/seat-belts>.
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“Usually in June, they know where the numbers were going to become September. There’s always a little influx over the summer, but we’ve had a tremendous influx with house sales this summer,” Zeoli said. “Right now, we have some very big classes by today’s standards and the Board of Education and superintendent are trying to solve these issues with classes with 24-26 kids.”
Two Race Brook parents appealed to the Board of Education at its monthly meeting on August 16. Aniko Bezur has an incoming fourth grader and requested a teacher be added to

alleviate growing class sizes, nothing that the school’s current plan to have three teachers at that grade level bring class sizes up to over 22 children while all other grades have class sizes below 20 students. “We know that the Town of Orange can find the resources to hire the best faculty available and that our high-quality schools will attract the strongest candidates,” she said, asking administration to take steps to add an additional fourth grade class to reduce the number of children per classroom.
“Smaller class sizes will allow teachers to better address the educational needs of students at different levels of achievement on the learning spectrum.

This is particularly relevant as we start another school year that is likely to be impacted by the pandemic, she said, adding, “Smaller class sizes will allow teachers to help students better navigate uncertainties that come with the pandemic and stresses that this has brought on. Smaller class sizes will also mean greater physical distancing between children who remain unvaccinated against the corona virus.”
Theresa Fitol, another fourth-grade parent at Race Brook School is also concerned about crowded classrooms. When her two high school children came through Race Brook, they typically had fewer than 20 kids per class. “With social distancing and all

of the changes that these kids have gone through, having an exceptionally large class size is going to be too much for the fourth graders and for the teachers. My neighborhood alone has four houses for sale. If we have to add another teacher mid-school year, this will cause even more anxiety for the children. We moved to Orange specifically for the class sizes and the education,” Fitol said.
Since the schools are operating under circumstances that are not typical and spatial constraints may become an issue, Scarpetti plans to reach out to Orange Health Director Amir Mohammad for additional guidance based on parental concerns.

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HISTORY CORNER



BY GINNY REINHARD

He Didn't Have a Clue...

In 1830, a young Dennis Stone built a home on Orange Center Road which was actually North Main Street. After all, streets were only dirt roads with names that fit where they were with South Main Street somewhere below High Plains also named for where it was located. His home, looking small from the outside, is surprisingly very large inside with 4 bedrooms on the second floor, a kitchen, a parlor, a small bedroom and what was, at that time, a general store.

Mr. Stone was well known in town as he wore many hats. Farmer was obvious as many of the townsfolk were farmers of some, but his hats included Justice of the Peace, selectman, post master, tax collector, and grand juror. The town had recently been named Orange, a mere eight years prior to having been North Milford. The citizens in what became Orange had their roots in Milford when it was established in 1639. Many of the names we know to be Orange were Milfordites and wanting more land they made the trek through the woods to what we have now.

There is a sign at the cemetery stating that you are entering the Historic District. The 2nd sign has gone missing for a few years, but the placement is just south of Porter Lane. This is considered by the State of Connecticut to be an area that is to be preserved and with it goes some serious rules for the homes there. Orange Center was part of the tract granted to Richard Bryan known as Bryan's farms. The sachem, Antsanatwae of the Paugussetts deeded various pieces of property from the very beginning of Milford's history. By 1791, the citizens set aside a portion of the town for use by the public for grazing of their animals and a small meetinghouse was constructed at the north end. This is our Green.

So, what's in the district? Houses? Businesses? No businesses. Although in the beginning, there were businesses all around the center of North Milford located in homes. Shoemakers, blacksmiths and, of course, Mr. Stone's store. Dennis Stone, building his house in 1830 on the corner of Tyler City tilled the land as a farmer, but it is notable to say that he served 5 terms as First Selectman.



Dennis' son LeGrand had ideas of going west and took 44 families from New Haven with him to Kansas. At the age of 66, Dennis agreed to accompany his son and the family each homesteading 160 acres complete with Native Americans and buffaloes. Dennis wrote to his nephews who lived up on Grassy Hill Road that he would soon return to Connecticut for a spell and some bushels of oysters and clams but he wrote, "it will not do for me to change this pure air for your damp, foggy, wet April weather." He died in

1877, never to return to his New England home.

The District holds a myriad of stories with many homes up and down Orange Center Road from sign to sign and the Orange Historical Society is ready to share them. Next year, our town will celebrate its 200th year having become Orange in 1822; no longer known as North Milford. The town itself encompasses 18

square miles, with the District nearly located at the geographical center. The Green was a gathering place for people and animals as farmers were allowed to graze them on the Green. The Meeting House, known today as the Orange Congregational Church, was located at the north end of the Green having been built in 1810. In fact, in our History of Orange book written by Mary Woodruff, there is reference to geese honking on the Sabbath and with the church windows open, they disrupted the service. Another anecdote found in her book associated with the raising of the church was how it got its ridge pole.

The building committee canvased the town to find the right kind of tree which stood straight and over a

hundred feet tall before it branched out. One such tree was found on Isaac Treat's farm and as there were three, Mary Woodruff states he was the one not of the church group. Ok, so now they find the tree and as Mr. Treat did not owe anything to this group of parishioners said that he would cut it down IF Colonel Potter, a former Revolutionary soldier would cut off the portion of his hair known as a queue, the Colonial style of wearing the hair. Since he was not enthusiastic about the church, he felt his offer was safe but the Colonel cut his hair and Isaac cut the tree.

At the end of the Green is a white, clapboard colonial house built c. 1805 with two chimneys accommodating 8 fireplaces. Rev. Erastus Scranton purchased land from both Jonathan Rogers and Samuel Treat building the home and became the first pastor of the North Milford Church. He deeded some of his property to the town stating it was to remain open with no buildings, so a portion of the Green is owned by the town and a portion by the church. From 1895 to 1910, a portion of the house was used as a cigar factory.

Another house in the Historic District was the home of Ellsworth Foote. An interesting name as he was a shoemaker, one of several on the Green. Going down Meeting House Lane, where the big white house stands, stood a small white house, home to William T. Grant, shoemaker. We have one of his journals at the research center and reading it is fascinating. We hope to

make a copy of his more interesting pages for display at the town's bicentennial in 2022 at the Academy. Today, the Academy is a museum and an antique shop, but in 2022 it will be full of displays of the history of Orange with "hands" on items to explore and old documents to read.

Continuing with our Historic district "tour, we can see a large, white Federal style house built in the early 1800s by a prominent family. As farming was central to North Milford, this too was a farm well worked with plenty of land and down the road is a small side door Federal style home where Sidney Oviatt lived. One of the town's post offices was located here. Go back in my story and you will find another house with a post office. (Hint: you can visit this house on Sundays).

Remember Colonel Potter? Well, his house is at the far end of the District not the same color as mentioned in the Walking Tour we have at the Acad-

emy, but a color suited to the time it was built. It too has several fireplaces on each floor with wide floorboards on the 2nd floor.

Keep in mind that our town began in earnest when the northern part of Milford was sold by the Paugussetts sachem Antsanatwae to Alexander Bryan, one of Milford's highly respected citizens. Due to the fact that so much land was owned by the esteemed Bryan, the area

was named Bryan's Farms. When Alexander died, in 1679, we know that he passed 300 acres to his son Richard and in 1720, Richard conveyed to his son Richard 208 acres at High Plains. Woodruff's book surmises that a house was built in the fall of 1720 at that location. The 208 acres encompasses, Porter Lane, Lambert Road, Old Tavern Road and what was south Main Street. There is evidence from a former, well-known builder that his family once owned a house described as a mid-1700s homestead which would fit with the wealth of the Bryan family. That house was demolished.

As mentioned, 2022 is the year for celebrating the Town of Orange. On page 35 of Mary Woodruff's book she writes, "The first town meeting shall be holden at the Meeting House (church) in the Parish of North Milford on the second Monday of June, next at nine o'clock in the forenoon." And indeed, it was.



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