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Queen Tribute featuring Johnny Zatylny as Freddie Mercury

Queen Tribute to Perform for Concert & Fireworks Show!

The Town of Orange Labor Day Concert & Fireworks Show will take place on Saturday, September 2nd (rain date: Monday, September 4th) on the Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road.

Event Coordinator Rocky Salper-to confirmed today, “After two July rainouts for public safety reasons, the event has been successfully moved to Labor Day Weekend. In addition, I am thrilled to present the Queen Tribute featuring Johnny Zatylny as Freddie Mercury to perform on the new show date.”

Look-a-like, sound-a-like, Johnny Zatylny has been captivating audiences by carrying on the musical tradition of Freddie Mercury since 2000. His amazing likeness with the original, matches his perfect performance of Queen songs both through his voice

and his unmistakable stage presence. Zatylny is considered to be among the world’s top three Freddie Mercury impressionists. He has performed for years throughout Europe and North America with his Queen Tribute band.

This fabulous 6-piece Queen Tribute is making the trip to Orange, CT from Montreal, Canada. This is an exciting, high-energy show that will get people out of their seats. The Queen Tribute is a grand, theatrical representation of the real Queen concerts, complete with vocal quality unmatched by any other tribute out there. It captures the essence of a band that transformed the music industry and set lofty standards for those who followed. This band will set the stage for a flash back to one of the world’s finest groups of Rock

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Refurbished Peck Place School Playground

Schools Ready to Welcome Students

BY BETTINA THIEL
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Some 1,282 elementary-aged students from pre-Kindergarten to 6th grade walked through the doors of the town’s four elementary schools this week, to start a new school year. Of those, 165 are kindergarten students, a number that held steady compared to last year’s, according to School Supt. Dr. Vince Scarpetti.

“There’s excitement in the air,” Dr. Scarpetti said at the August 21 Board of Education meeting. He said he had taken a tour of the district’s four school buildings the week prior, together with administrators and members of the Board, and congratulated the custodial staff for getting the buildings ready for students.

Mike Gray, director of Business and Operations, said three capital

projects planned for this summer had been completed, or nearly completed, namely the replacement of the mansard roof at Peck Place School, and renewal of the front steps at Turkey Hill School. The district also installed a new rubber surface and some accessible playground equipment at Peck Place School. Now all of the school playgrounds are upgraded to allow for inclusive outdoor time.

As for the planned furniture replacement at Race Brook, Gray said the decision was taken to give students the opportunity to try out some choices for their comfort. The district had done so in the past, when they provided furniture for Turkey Hill School.

Comfort and flexibility will be main factors in determining the right fit.

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Obstacles Facing Small Business In The Modern Economy

Small businesses are the economic engine that runs countries across the globe. Such businesses comprise a larger share of the economic landscape than big firms. Despite how essential a thriving small business sector is, such firms are vulnerable to the fluctuating economic conditions, particularly in the aftermath of the global pandemic.

According to ValuePenguin, powered by Lending Tree, 86 percent of small businesses are facing economic challenges as of 2022. The latest MetLife and U.S Chamber of Small Business Index has identified issues that many small businesses are confronting in the current economic climate.

Inflation: The Index indicated inflation is the number one concern for small businesses today, with 53 percent of firms reporting this is the biggest challenge they are facing. When the survey was conducted, inflation was up 30 percentage points year-over-year. Also, according to Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Small Businesses Voices survey, more than 76 percent of respondents said the financial health of their business had been hurt by inflation in recent months.

Supply chain issues: Larger corporations may be able to source their products from many different vendors to keep shelves stocked, but smaller businesses often experience difficulties when items become unavailable. An Oracle survey reported that 80 percent of consumers would stop buying from a brand entirely if they experienced delays or shortages in their orders. This has been troubling to small businesses who have found it harder to compete with larger firms amid supply chain

disruption.

Revenue generation: As the costs of supplies and labor has risen due to inflation, small businesses have struggled to generate revenue. The U.S. Chamber of Small Business reported that, in the fourth quarter of 2022, nearly seven in 10 small business owners said they raised prices to cope with rising inflation as a measure to help mitigate revenue lags. Even after raising prices, certain small businesses have been having trouble breaking even.

Rising interest rates: Small business owners who rely on loans and credit to finance their business operations have been hit hard by the rising interest rates the Federal Reserve has been implementing to stem inflation. These rising rates, coupled with revenue struggles, are added costs to doing business.

Recruitment and retention: Finding and keeping quality employees has been challenging for some time. This has been exacerbated by the fact that everyone is feeling the pinch of rising costs, and individuals need jobs that will offer salaries and benefits that can help them make ends meet. This means that employees may be lured away by the prospect of better pay at big box businesses that may have more available capital to pay employees. In addition, large firms can provide access to less expensive health care plans because they are servicing a greater number of employees.

Small businesses are facing considerable obstacles in the modern economy. Consulting with a business advisor may help entrepreneurs solve these issues.



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Food Service: Last year the district received federal funding to offer free meals – a factor that helped increase participation in the lunch program to an average of 750 per day. Going forward, students and their families will have to pay for hot lunch, and the district set the price at \$3.15. The state has agreed to pick up the cost for those who qualify for reduced price lunches (40c). The price for milk (60c) remains unchanged.

Teacher hiring: The district welcomed 12 new teachers this fall. Dr. Scarpetti said his biggest concern this year was to find two qualified Spanish teachers. Students in grades 1-6 are learning Spanish, and each of the schools has their own teacher. "We were very fortunate that we found two full-time teachers," he said. However, they will not start at the beginning of the year, he said. Other than that, hiring went smoothly, he said.

Math tutors: The District is applying for a grant to provide "high-dosage math tutoring" for sixth grade students who struggle with math. The

question whether the service will be provided after school or during the regular school day will depend on the needs of those who will be enrolled, said Dr. Evelyn Russo, Director of Curriculum/Instruction & Personnel.

The tutoring grant is one of many the district received this year, partly through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). Mike Gray said the grant, at \$326,000, paid for summer enrichment activities, which allowed the district to pay for all summer programming this year. The program proved popular with families, said Dr. Russo, who thanked the local staff for offering innovative programming.

The district hopes to be able to offer it again next year, using remaining funds.

PTO gift: The board also gratefully accepted a gift from the Turkey Hill PTO to upgrade the public address system in the school's gym. The project was proposed by music teacher Kyle Ryan, and would cost about \$7,000. The reaction from board member Ke Vitelli was a heartfelt "Rock on, Mr. Ryan."

Similarly, board member Carmen Rodriguez noted that all the classrooms she saw on the tour of the buildings had smartboards. These may not be new buildings, she said, but inside is "a match to any state of the art."

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musicians!

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

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

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September 22

October 27 | Election Issue.....

October 20

November 17 | Thanksgiving Issue.....

November 10

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

FROM OUR READERS

Some Library Content Needs to be Dialed Back

The Case Memorial library pulled out all stops to not only celebrate, affirm and normalize the LGBTQ+ and trans community with all of its flavors, colors and quirks, but also indoctrinate our children. In each section of the children's library, from the youngest to middle school age, had prominent displays of books featuring characters and authors who are activists in this movement. It's one thing to have books on diversity, equity, inclusion and alternative life-styles available, but quite another to celebrate a whole month and beyond with all the symbols and propaganda pushing the transgender agenda. A picture book, titled WHEN ADAIN BECAME A BROTHER recounts the journey of her/him. "When Aidan was born everyone thought he was a girl but once he came out as a trans boy, Aidan and his parents fixed the parts his life that didn't fit anymore and he settled happily into being himself." I didn't spot one book by a trans who regretted the transition that he/her thought would "fix" the gender dysphoria with hormones, surgery, new names and multiple pronouns. Can we dial back the shouting of the minority that insists we celebrate and affirm every pronoun and flavor of their appropriated rainbow flag?

Bonnie Pelaccia

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.

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Amity is proud to announce the following students from Amity Middle School Orange are Avery French and Emma Imanov pictured with Principal Kathy Burke and Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Byars.

AMSO Winners

On April 28, 2023, two students from each school in the Amity Regional School District No5 were chosen to receive the South Central Area Superintendents’ Association (SCASA) Award Recognition Program for the school year. Based on the following leadership skills and the following criteria the students were selected:

- › Willingness to take on challenges.
- › Capability to make difficult decisions.
- › Concern for others
- › Ability to work with others.
- › Willingness to commit to a project.

- › Diplomacy
- › Ability to understand issues clearly.
- › Ability to honor a commitment.

“The Superintendent – Student Award/Recognition Program is designed to allow the superintendents to move beyond the academic achiever who routinely receives recognition, and to use their discretion and understanding of students to reach a wider spectrum, not often – or perhaps never considered as starts. Recipients might include students with disabilities, vocation or alternative school students. However, recipients are a local choice”.



Emma Kirck received the Lucy Scillia Memorial Scholarship from the Friends of the Case Memorial Library. Pictured are Phyllis Gwatkin, President, and Cheryl Berluti, chair of the Scholarship Committee.



Scholarship Award

The John Smyth Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Amity H. S. Graduate Caitlyn Shanley. Caitlyn is the daughter of Patrick and Whitney Shanley of Orange. The award was presented at the Knights of St. Patrick in New Haven. Shown in photo (L-R) are Seamus Bohan the president of

the Knights of St. Patrick’s, Bernadette LaFrance the granddaughter of John Smyth, recipient Caitlyn Shanley who will be attending Fairfield University and John LaFrance the grandson of John Smyth and chairman of the scholarship committee. Photo by George Waldron.



Congratulations to the 2023 OCNS graduates! The OCNS 5s kindergarten readiness class celebrated the end of their year with a rodeo showcase.

EDUCATION



Goddard School Presents Scholarship to Troy Ramos

Local high school student awarded \$5,000 to help pursue college studies in computer science

The Goddard School of Orange is honored to present the 2023 Bob Marchetti & Gerard Kick Memorial Scholarship to Troy Ramos. Now in its 2nd year, this \$5,000 scholarship is granted annually to a Goddard School of Orange pre-k graduate who demonstrates a hard work ethic and perseverance.

“The life lessons I learned at The Goddard School helped prepare me throughout my entire academic career,” said Ramos. “I am thrilled and so thankful to receive this scholarship as I continue my educational journey.”

The scholarship honors Bob Marchetti, the original owner of The Goddard School of Orange and father of co-owner Kim Kick, who had a vision for creating a school that his family would be proud of for generations. It also honors Gerard Kick, father of co-owner Chris Kick, who devoted his life to his family and his community, and spent much of his time helping

various charitable causes benefiting children in need.

“Both of our fathers exemplified their commitment to their careers, their families and their communities, and we are so honored to give back to our students in their name,” said Kim Kick. “Out of all of the applications we’ve received, Troy’s positivity and dedication to being an outstanding student truly stood out, and we are honored to name him this year’s recipient of the Bob Marchetti & Gerard Kick Memorial Scholarship.”

Ramos will begin his studies at The University of Connecticut this fall pursuing a degree in computer science. Six of his siblings have also graduated from The Goddard School of Orange’s pre-k program, while his youngest sibling just recently started at the school.

For more information about The Goddard School of Orange, please visit GoddardSchool.com or call 203-795-5575.



Odyssey: A Greek Festival

41st Annual Labor Day Weekend Festival to Feature All Things Greek including Greek Cuisine, Live Music, Greek Dancing and More

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the ODYSSEY Dancers –Traditional folk dances performed by St. Barbara’s youth

- › Nightly dancing to two live bands: “The Hellenic Company” and “Grecian Nights” (Fri, Sat, Sun).
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Achievements
James Madison University
Harrisonburg, VA - Orange, CT resident, Annika Lyngdal, has enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2023 semester. Lyngdal has selected Health Sciences - BS as a major.

Dean's/President's List
Bryant University
Smithfield, RI - Bryant University is pleased to recognize Kenneth Page of Orange for his unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement by naming him to the spring 2023 Dean's List. To earn a place on the Dean's List students must have a GPA of 3.4 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Clark University
Worcester, MA - Jake David Wajnowski, of Orange, CT, was named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2023 semester. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Coastal Carolina University
Conway, SC - More than 1,000 students were named to the President's List at Coastal Carolina University for the Spring 2023 semester, including Haley Cable, from Orange, CT. Students who made the President's List have achieved a 4.0 grade point average during the semester.

Curry College
Milton, MA - Curry College congratulates roughly 900 students who were named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List. Those from Orange, CT named to the Dean's List are: Henry Colby, Julia Loschiavo, Amanda Moran, Carlee Mulherin, and Gabriella Proto.

Eastern Connecticut State University
Willimantic, CT - Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester, in which nearly 1,300 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs. Among them is full-time student Gianna Santangelo of Orange, a senior who majors in Early Childhood Education and Psychology. To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester.

Endicott College
Beverly, MA - A total of 370 Endicott College club and varsity student-athletes have been named to the 2023 Spring Semester Dean's

List. Highlighting the group of 370 honorees were 64 student-athletes who achieved a 4.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for the semester. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester. Those from Orange, CT who were named are: Andrew Coscia, Criminal Justice major, John Neary, and Marketing Comm/Advertising major.

High Point University
High Point, NC - High Point University announces the students who qualified for the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester by maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher. Orange, CT students who have received Dean's List certificates are as follows: Jessica Yocher.

Quinnipiac University
Hamden, CT - The following Orange students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at Quinnipiac University: Chloe Hawkins, Brett Hutchison, Saliba Kaoud, Julia Lagoutis, Arity Morrison, 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.

Roger Williams University
Bristol, RI - Giana Guerra, of Orange, CT, has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Southern Connecticut State University
New Haven, CT - Congratulations to students who have earned a place on the Dean's List Full-time undergraduate students enrolled in a degree program must earn at least 12 credits, and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher to be eligible for Dean's List each semester. Garrett Yocher of Orange, CT, School of Business has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List.

The University of Scranton
Scranton, PA - Emma G. Tirollo of Orange was among more than 1,675 students named to The University of Scranton's Dean's List for the 2023 spring semester. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit

hours during the semester to make the Dean's List. Tirollo is a junior occupational therapy major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

The University of Tampa
Tampa, FL - Sara Cable, of Orange, earned dean's list honors at The University of Tampa for the Spring 2023 semester. Cable is a Junior majoring in Nursing BSN. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

Tufts University
Medford, MA - Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or greater. The following Orange students earned Dean's List honors: Diya Aggarwa, Ameya Menta, Armaan Patel, and Nickolas Wawrzyniak.

University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL - Ryan Gunning was named to The University of Alabama President's List for spring semester 2023. A total of 12,487 students enrolled during spring semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all As). The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students.

University of Bridgeport
Bridgeport, CT - Shannon Mulherin, of Orange, was named to University of Bridgeport's Spring 2023 President's List. Mulherin was among more than 300 students named to the Spring 2023 President's List. To be named to the President's List, a student must maintain a term grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

University of Bridgeport
Bridgeport, CT - University of Bridgeport congratulates more than 300 students who were named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a term grade point average of between 3.2-3.69. Nevaeh Colon and Uranik Klobucishta of Orange have been named to the Dean's List.

University of Hartford
West Hartford, CT - The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the Orange students who have been named to the Dean's List for Spring 2023. Those named are: Meghan Smith and Adriana Tufano.

University of New Haven
West Haven, CT - Matthew Whelan of Orange, CT has been named to the

Spring 2023 University of New Haven's Dean's List. He is the son of Mark and Stacey Whelan.

University of Maine
The University of Maine recognized Riley Palazzo for achieving Dean's List honors in the spring 2023 semester. To be eligible for the Full-time Dean's List, a student must have completed 12 or more calculable credits in the semester and have earned a 3.50 or higher semester GPA. Students who have part-time status during both the fall and spring semesters of a given academic year are eligible for Part-time Dean's List. They must have completed 12 or more calculable credits over both terms and have earned a combined GPA in those terms of 3.50 or higher.

University of Rhode Island
Kingston, RI - The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2023 Dean's List. To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average. Jenna Aconfora, Elizabeth Cohen, Jayson Hutchinson, and Pete Spodnick of Orange were named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List.

Washington University in St. Louis
St. Louis, MO - Monish Kumar of Orange, CT, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Kumar is enrolled in the McKelvey School of Engineering. To qualify for the Dean's List in the McKelvey School of Engineering, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 12 graded units.

Western New England University
Springfield, MA - Orange, CT resident, Colin Hughes, has been named to Western New England University's Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Hughes, majoring in Finance, is one of over 570 students who achieved this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre, PA - Andrea Delvecchio of Orange, CT was named to the Dean's List at Wilkes University for the spring 2023 semester. To be named to

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the Dean’s List, students must obtain a minimum 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 credits.

Graduations
Eastern Connecticut
State University

Willimantic, CT - More than 850 Eastern Connecticut State University students graduated in the 2022-23 academic year. The University’s undergraduate ceremony occurred May 16 at the XL Center in Hartford, CT, Kamron Bell of Orange graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

Georgia Tech

Atlanta, GA - Vince Li of Orange, CT, has earned a Master of Science in Computer Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Li was among more than 5,300 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute’s 264th Commencement exercises May 5 - 6, 2023.

SUNY Cortland

Cortland, NY - SUNY Cortland is pleased to announce the graduation of Julia Hurlburt of Orange, CT. Julia earned a bachelor’s degree in Psychology this spring.

Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY - Sean Nusdeo from Orange, graduated from Syracuse University-School of Arts & Sciences and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, on May 14, 2023. Nusdeo was among the nearly 6,000 students who received undergraduate and graduate degrees in the Carrier Dome. Congratulations to the gradu-

ates and their families.

The University of Tampa

Tampa, FL - Talia Barry, of Orange, graduated from The University of Tampa on Saturday, May 6. Barry graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science-Biology BS.

Tufts University

Medford, MA - More than 2,800 students across all schools graduated from Tufts University on May 21 during a university-wide commencement ceremony that featured the awarding of honorary degrees to a number of academic, business, and civic leaders making a positive impact on the world. Orange Graduates included: Robert Jaques with a degree in Biopsychology (BS) and Dylan Mansourian with a degree in Biology (BS).

University of Vermont

Burlington, VT - Izabella Jones of Orange graduated from UVM with a bachelor’s in Psychological Science.

Western New England
University

Springfield, MA - Western New England University held its undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 20 in the Anthony S. Caprio Alumni Healthful Living Center, celebrating the Class of 2023. Congratulations and best wishes to the newest Golden Bear Alumni. WNE is proud of you! Colin Thomas Hughes of Orange, CT graduated Magna Cum Laude from Western New England University with a BSBA in Finance. Colin also graduated with a minor in Enterprise Resource Planning with SAP. Adam S. Leszczak of Orange, CT graduated from Western New England University with a BSE in Civil Engineering.



Pictured at the Wednesday’s Warrior taping are, from left, Alyssa Taglia, WTNH News anchor/reporter; Little Brother Mekhi, recipient of the Big Brothers Big Sisters 2023 Youth of the Year honor; and Alex Beck, Mekhi’s Big Brother in the youth mentoring organization’s community-based program.

Resident Guests on WTNH-TV’s
Wednesday’s Warrior Feature

Orange Resident Alexander Beck was a recent guest on Wednesday’s Warrior, a popular feature that runs each week on multiple editions of WTNH News. Alex is a Big Brother (adult mentor) at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut, where he’s also a member of the youth mentoring organization’s Board of Directors. Mekhi from New Haven, the 17-year-old Alex mentors with Big Brothers Big Sisters, was recently named the non-profit’s

2023 Youth of the Year. Alex was interviewed by reporter/anchor/station personality Alyssa Taglia about his 10-year-old match relationship with Mekhi, about why he decided to become a Big Brother and his thoughts on his Little Brother (mentee) receiving the prestigious honor. When he’s not being interviewed on TV and not volunteering as a Big Brother, Alex is the Assistant State’s Attorney for the Milford-Ansonia Judicial District.



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From the Tax Collector

Know your Rights – Post Judgment Procedures

BY THOMAS P. HURLEY

Courts and Tax Collectors have wide collection powers to collect debts. But what can’t we do? For instance, we can’t collect from natural persons: “Necessary apparel, bedding, foodstuffs, household furniture and appliances; tools; books, instruments, farm animals and livestock feed, which are necessary to the exemptioner in the course of his occupation, profession or farming operation; burial plot for the exemptioner and his immediate family; public assistance payments and any wages earned by a public assistance recipient under an incentive earnings or similar program; health/disability insurance payments; health aids necessary to enable the exemptioner to work/sustain health; workers’ compensation, Social Security, veterans and unemployment benefits;

court-approved payments for child support; arms/military equipment/uniforms or musical instruments owned by any member of the militia or armed forces of the United States; up to two motor vehicles to the value of \$7000 in the aggregate, provided value based on their fair market value less the amount of all liens and security interests which encumber them; wedding/engagement rings; residential utility deposits for one residence, one residential security deposit; any assets/interests of an exemptioner in, or payments received by the exemptioner from a plan/arrangement described in § 52-321a; alimony and support, other than child support, but only to the extent that wages are exempt from execution under § 52-361a; an award under a crime reparations act; all benefits allowed by any association

of persons in this state towards the support of any of its members incapacitated by sickness/infirmity from attending to his usual business; all moneys due the exemptioner from any insurance company on any insurance policy issued on exempt property, to the same extent that the property was exempt; any interest of the exemptioner in any property not to exceed in value \$1000; any interest of the exemptioner not to exceed in value \$4000 in any accrued dividend or interest under, or loan value of, any unmatured life insurance contract owned by the exemptioner under which the insured is the exemptioner or an individual of whom the exemptioner is a dependent; the cash surrender value of any life insurance policy issued upon the life of a citizen or resident of this state, unless the life

insurance policy was assigned to or was effected for the benefit of the creditor or unless the purchase, sale, or transfer of the life insurance policy is made with the intent to defraud the creditor; the homestead of the exemptioner to the value of \$250,000, provided value shall be determined as the fair market value of the real property less the amount of any statutory or consensual lien which encumbers it, except that, in the case of a money judgment arising out of a claim of sexual abuse or exploitation of a minor, sexual assault or other willful, wanton, or reckless misconduct committed by a natural person, to the value of \$75000; and irrevocable transfers of money to an account held by a debt adjuster licensed pursuant to sections 36a-655 to 36a-665, inclusive, for the benefit of creditors of the exemptioner.”

FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

Health & Safety Fair
Join us September 22 for the 20th Annual Health & Safety Fair at High Plains Community Center from 9:30am—12:00 noon. Meet local vendors, enjoy the raffle, and the first 150 people will receive a free boxed lunch.

Classic Movie of the Month
Join us September 1 at 1:00pm for “When Harry Met Sally.” Harry and Sally have known each other for years, and are very good friends, but they fear sex would ruin the friendship. Chips and soda will be served. Call 203-891-4784 to reserve a seat.

AARP Driving Course
AARP Driving Course will be offered on the first Thursday, September 7 from 9-1:00pm. Call the office to register. (203) 891-4784. \$20 for members, \$25 nonmembers. Pay instructor,

Hiking Group
Marianne and Judy will lead us in a 2 mile-ish, 1 hour hike every Thursday at 10am (9am July, August, & September). Meet at the location of the hike.
September 7: Beaver Brook Trail, 553 West Avenue, Milford;
September 14: Orange Triangle (aka Wepawaug Trails), 842 Mapledale Road, Orange;
September 21: Naugatuck Greenway, park at BJ’s Wholesale Club, 20 Division Street, Derby;
September 28: Fitzgerald Trac, 112-126 Beecher Road, Woodbridge.

Movie of the Month
Join us September 8 at 1:00pm for “Women Talking.” Do nothing, stay, and fight, or leave. The women of an isolated religious community grapple with reconciling a brutal reality with their faith. Chips and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

Cancer Presentation
Join us on Monday, September 11, 10:00am when Dr. Ilana Richman, MD, MHS—Yale School of Medicine and her research team will present ways to minimize older adults’ chances of getting cancer. Call to register (203) 891-4784.

Arts & Crafts
Join us for a fun-filled Arts & Crafts class with Suzanne Anderson on Monday, 12:00pm, September 11 in the Senior Lounge.

Community CPR Class
Ever wanted to learn CPR? Join us on Tuesday, September 12, 1:00pm for a free 3hour course for Community CPR. The class will be led by Minna Kaufman. Call to register (203) 891-4784.

Legal Clinic
The Law Office of Theresa Rose DeGray—Consumer Legal Services LLC will return September 13 for free legal clinic. Appointment times start at 9:00am. Call 203-891-4784 to schedule an appointment.

Special Movie of the Month
Join us September 15 at 1:00pm for “Jersey Boys.” The story of four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the iconic 1960s rock group, The Four Seasons. Chips and soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

OVNA Health Chat
Join us on September 18 at 12:00pm in the cafe when Earlene Peckham of the OVNA will lead a discussion on Fall Prevention. Call the office at (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat.

Adult Coloring
Carol Imperati will lead us on Monday, September 18 at 12:30pm for Adult Coloring in the café.

Hawaiian Adventure Trip Presentation
Join us on September 18 at 3:00pm when Tracy O’Neil from Collette Tours presents our April 2024 trip “Hawaiian Adventure”. Come and learn all about the trip and see if it’s for you. Register by calling 203-891-4784.

Meet & Greet – CHERISH Program
Join us on September 20 at 1:00pm, to meet Daniela Collahuazo-Toledo, CHERISH Program Coordinator. CHERISH offers “Let’s Talk” a support group for seniors who have been victims of abuse by a spouse or family member. We will discuss if there is interest in starting a support group here. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

AARP Caregiver Roadshow
Join us on Monday, September 25, at 1:00pm when AARP leads a conversation for unpaid family caregivers to learn about strategies to help you plan your caregiving journey, available services, where to find assistance, and tips for taking care of yourself as you care for your loved one. Pre-registra-

tion is required. Call to reserve a seat (203) 891-4784.

Brain Teasers with Stacey
Tuesday, September 26, 12:30 pm. Get ready to exercise those brain muscles! Join Stacey for a fun memory boost at 12:30pm in room 4.

Zentangle
Join us on the Friday, September 29 at 1:00pm, for a free and relaxing, meditative art form led by a Certified Zentangle teacher Rosemarie Main. Limit 15 people. To register call 203-891-4784.

Book Club
The book club normally meets the last Friday of the month at 2:00pm. The next meeting will be in the senior lounge on September 29. September’s book is “Their Eyes Were Watching God” by Zora Neale Hurston.

Memories: Tell it or Write it
Join us as Trish O’Leary Treat leads a 6-week memory writing class on October 3 at 9:30am. Please register at 203-891-4784.

Understanding Dementia
Join us on October 10 at 1:00pm when Alzheimer’s Association will present “Understanding Alzheimer’s & Dementia.” Pre-registration is required 203-891-4784.

Columbus Day Cabaret
Pendola the Troubadour will entertain us at our Columbus Day Cabaret on October 16. Be sure to call 203-891-4784 to register.

Bereavement Support Group
Melinda Battone, Masonicare Bereavement Coordinator will facilitate a six-week series for members who have lost a loved one starting Tuesday, October 17th—November 21st, 10:00-11:15am. For questions or to register, call Melinda at 203-679-5366.

Money Management
Money Management will return after the summer. Join us on October 19 at 10:00am for Theresa Rose DeGray of Consumer Legal Services. Sign up with the office at 203-891-4784.

What I Need to Know About My Electric Bill
This AARP presentation on October 30 at 1:00pm is designed for you to learn about your individual choices when it comes to electric suppliers in

CT. Bring your electric bill to review and understand its components. Sign up with the office at 203-891-4784.

Pearls for Carol
November 6, 1:00pm, Albert Rugiero will give a one-hour power point presentation on a delightfully funny collection of short stories and poems written by his late wife Carol. Call to reserve a seat.

OVNA Blood Pressure Check
The Orange Visiting Nurse Association will be here every Thursday, 12:00-1:00 in the café for blood pressure and health screenings.

Griffin Hospital Blood Pressure Check
Maggie of Griffin Hospital will be here the last Friday of the month, in the café, September 29 from 10:30-12:00pm to take your blood pressure. Stop by for this free clinic.

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

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.

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

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

October 19, 2023: OKTOBERFEST @ Krucker’s
Enjoy a full day of entertainment, food, fun, music, and dancing. This lovely resort features the genuine spirit of an Oktoberfest. Lunch: barley soup, applesauce, choice of sauerbraten with red cabbage or sliced pork loin with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, carrots, apple strudel & vanilla ice cream. At 4:00pm, enjoy a bratwurst sandwich & cucumber salad. Cost is \$129pp with transportation (some walking).



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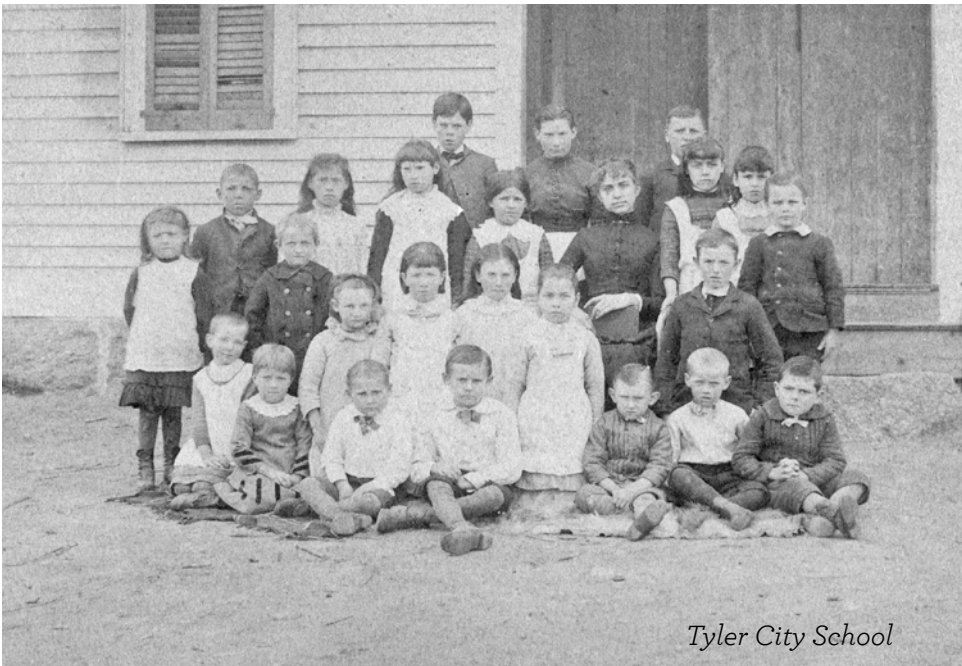


BY GINNY REINHARD

School Days... School Days...



2nd district school.



Tyler City School

The school year has started and groans and moans about the end of summer can be heard beneath their breaths but kids today don't know the half of what school was like in our town when it was named North Milford. As early as 1750, the Bryan's Farm citizens voted "that money should be appropriated to the inhabitants of Bryan's Farms for the purpose of setting up a school in winter, it being so well settled that one is deemed necessary." The location of this school is unfortunately, unknown.

Later on, there were 3 district schools but as the population of children increased, the need for a 4th school was set out in 1882 with a 5th in the newly formed Tyler City when the New Haven & Derby line was running through Orange. To tell their locations I will carefully outline the area, but if you were to have a copy of Mary Woodruff's History of Orange, the map enclosed will be helpful. So here goes. District one was on the north/east corner of Orange Center Road and Old Tavern Road. District two was somewhere at the junction of Ridge Road and Old Grassy Hill Road. A note here is that both roads have had name changes. Old Grassy Hill was just Grassy Hill and Ridge was Milford Road.

District three was on Racebrook Road (Bradley Ave.) and Woodside Drive and the Fourth District was in the area of the Grassy Hill Country Club on Grassy Hill Road and Clark Lane. As to the fifth district, it is located between Spring Street and New Haven Ave. still standing as Our Lady of Sorrows Church with land given by the entrepreneurs of Tyler City, Samuel Halliwell and Philander Ferry. An interesting note in Mary's books says that the districts made it a rule that no pupil over the age of 16 years of age should be admitted to the schools...ok by 1909, when all of the districts merged to the Orange School on Orange Center Road, the

older kids had been studying at the Academy since e 1812!

The winter school began in the middle of November running 4 months with a man teacher. A summer school began in the middle of April, continuing for 6 months with a woman teacher. Each teacher was expected to be given lodging at the home of the inhabitants of each district and a refusal to do so cost them a tax of \$1.25 per week. The journals kept by two of the districts makes for interesting reading and thankfully, very detailed. Here are some of the votes made in June of 1829 for the third district school:

- › Voted: that there be an open stove in the school house in preference to a chimney;
- › Voted: that school house be 24 feet long and 16 feet wide;
- › Voted: that the committee purchase a book for the records of sd (said) district the price not to exceed one dollar.

So, we go to July when the clerk being absent, the meeting was dissolved. August went on as planned:

- › Voted: to lay a tax of five cents on the dollar to defray the expense of building a school house in the 3rd district;
- › Voted: that Ebenezer Alling be collector of sd (said) tax;
- › Voted: that the form of the writing desks, benches etc. be left at the discretion of the building committee.

The next entry in the journal was for November in 1829 where they voted to set up a school the ensuing winter for three or four months beginning as soon as convenient:

Voted: that the committee furnish the wood for the school house the ensuing winter and cut and split same;

Voted: to have a man to teach the school the ensuing winter.

Some of the names listed as moderators and clerks for these meetings were Charles Alling, Aaron Clark, An-



Tyler City RR Station

drew Hine, Zeri Alling, Ebenezer Alling, Asa Sperry, and Luke Clark.

You might notice that some of these men were obviously chosen since the 3rd district was in their section of town. The home they met in was that of Chauncey Lum, a name we have not seen before. In reading the notes in the journal, an interesting fact emerged. It looks like there was a school house somewhere in the Dogburn area since in November of 1830, the committee voted to sell "the old school house in Dogburn (so called) at a public auction", with Andrew Hine, auctioneer. Henry Alling bought the school house for \$5.00.

Let's go to the Tyler City district (5th) where we find a journal entry dated November 10th 1873, "For the purpose of 'taking into consideration the expediency of erecting a school house for said district, locating the site and to make such appropriation as may be deemed best.'" This meeting was held in the New Haven & Derby Railroad Depot...yes there was a railroad station on New Haven Ave. They agreed to accept the land offered them by Halliwell and Ferry known as lots 1634 and 1635 on the map of Tyler City and for a cost not to exceed \$1000.

At the next meeting, on the 20th of November Messrs. Ferry and Halliwell were thanked for their generous donation of two building lots for the purpose of erecting the school with the acceptance of the deed for the property, the thank you to be published in the

New Haven Courier. The building was to be completed by April of 1874 and in the interim, classes were held in the depot, just up the road.

These journal entries are very detailed, specific to the letter it seems and in March of '74 a notice went out to the legal voters of the town to meet at the depot for the "purpose of adopting some plan for the provision of seats and desks for the school house, now in the course of construction, also to adopt some plan for the construction of suitable out houses on the lot on which the school house stands." The details, as outlined in the journal are: a double outhouse, 4 by 8 feet and 6 feet high, in the clear with two roofs to be built of good sound sheathing of pine or spruce with cornice, suitable frame floor, trimmings and doors. The shingles to be the best of pine...and painted...all of this to the lowest responsible bidder. This school had a cupola or bell tower not to exceed \$40.00.

One interesting item found in the research center of the Orange Historical Society are listings of students between the ages of 7 and 16 living in the districts on the first day of August, each year. In the 2nd district, in 1841 there were 61 "persons" with familiar names Grant, Baldwin, Riggs, Merwin, Treat, Stone, Hine, Gilbert, Woodruff, all names found in the same area as seen in the map of Orange in 1868... families stayed where they were. Both of Dennis Stone's oldest children were in attendance and we speak of LeGrand growing up and taking families from New Haven to Kansas as home-steaders, but in 1859, he lost Ellen to diphtheria along with his youngest son Collin. Clark and Fred Stone also listed became correspondents with Dennis when he accompanied his son to Kansas and we refer to those letters in our tours of the Stone-Otis house.

So much history in the schools of North Milford (Orange) that it almost could fill a book. Hmm.



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Rylee the Dog Wins Basket of Treats in Dog License Contest

All residents who obtained a dog license during the month of June were automatically entered to win a basket full of dog treats and toys free of charge. The Clerk’s office issued just about 600 tags this past June. The staff certainly enjoys this time of year and the interaction they get to have with our residents when it comes to their most faithful and loyal family members.

Rylee, the tan dog on the right, was

the winner when his name was drawn on July 3rd. If you look close enough to this picture, we are pretty certain he is smiling.

His sister, Haylee, the black dog on the left, came along for the ride to collect the winnings. We have a good feeling Rylee will be sharing his prize with her. Both of these dogs were escorted to Town Hall by their owner Tony Ruggiero of Orange.



Orange Youth Services Scholarship

Three Orange high school seniors have been chosen to receive the Orange Youth Services Scholarship of \$1,000 each. These students were chosen based on their academic achievement, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement and future endeavors. (From left to right) Jessica Simone-Youth Services Coordinator, Chevintha Edirisinghe will be attending the University of Connecticut to pursue

a medical degree, Jenna Chizmadia will be attending the University of South Florida to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering, Ana DeBassio will be attending the University of Connecticut to pursue a double major in psychology and Spanish, and Marie Gull- Youth Services Advisory Board Chair.

Congratulations and good luck to all the recipients!

Students Urged to Register to Vote for Upcoming Election

Mary Shaw, Orange Town Clerk, is urging all students to register to vote prior to leaving for school or college and to apply online for an absentee ballot. “One of the greatest ways we can demonstrate our commitment to our democracy is to exercise our right to a free and secret vote,” Shaw stated, “when you look at other countries you immediately recognize it is not something we should take for granted.”

Any U.S. citizen, 17 years of age, may apply for admission as an elector by pre-registering and will become an elector on the day of their 18th birthday.

The voter registration application and all related details can be found on the Town of Orange website: www.orange-ct.gov. Once on the website, visit the Registrar of Voters page.

Voters can find information regarding absentee ballots by visiting the Town Clerk’s department page on the Town of Orange website: www.orange-ct.gov. Once there, click the Voting and Election Information link which will lead directly to the Secretary of the State Election and Voting home page.

The Town Clerk strongly suggests utilizing the “Requesting an Absentee Ballot Online” option. This new online option helps simplify the application process and eliminates the need to fill out a paper application form that would be either mailed or dropped off at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Please contact the Town Clerk via email: mshaw@orange-ct.gov if you have any questions.

Income Guidelines for Child Nutrition Programs: July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024*										
Free meals						Reduced-price meals				
Household size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income	Household Size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income
1	18,954	1,580	790	729	365	1	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038
2	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493	2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404
3	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622	3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769
4	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750	4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135
5	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879	5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501
6	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007	6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867
7	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136	7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232
8	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264	8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598
Each additional family member	+ 6,682	+ 557	+ 279	+ 257	+ 129	Each additional family member	+ 9,509	+ 793	+ 397	+ 366

National School Lunch Program Guidelines

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

Note: For SY 2023-24, all students eligible for reduced-price school meals enrolled in schools participating in the NSLP will be able to receive a lunch meal free of charge.

Local school officials have adopted the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income cri-

teria for determining eligibility. The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, for determining participant's eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP).

The income calculations above are based on the following formulas:

- › monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12;
- › twice monthly income is com-

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Honk For Helen... 107!

Helen Koziel of Indian River Road in Orange is celebrating her 107th birthday! Helen is a voracious reader and enjoys playing games on her computer. She is a member of the town of Orange Senior Center where she especially enjoys chair exercise classes. She is also often found spending time “getting her steps in” walking at the High Plains Senior Center while visiting the gracious and supportive management and personnel staff, as well as many of her friends.

Helen has also enjoyed exercise classes at the Milford/Orange YMCA. Although physical constraints have

limited some of her participation at “The Y,” she has stated she would like to always be a member there. Helen admires the administration, staff, and its members who, by her own declaration, have always treated her with utmost kindness. She always has fun visiting with her friends from the Woodruff YMCA.

Helen believes it is her strong faith, her loving family and her loyal friends who have helped her achieve her longevity with such happiness. Those who know Helen find her an inspiration in striving for positive and healthy lives. Happy 107th, Helen!



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Orange Little League

ANNUAL ELECTION

Orange Little League, Inc., a non profit organization providing baseball and softball to Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge youth, will be holding an election for the positions listed below. Interested candidates may apply to be nominated as officers/directors of the organization. The election will take place 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25 at the High Plains Community Center, Orange, CT. In order to be eligible, the deadline to enter your name for a position is September 27. The terms of office are one year. Candidates must submit to and pass a criminal background check.

If you are interested in running for any position, please contact **Eric Jadach**, President at **orangeCTLLpres@outlook.com**. Subject Line: OLL Elections

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

The positions are:

• President	• Communications Director	• Coaching Coordinator
• Treasurer	• VP Hardball	• VP Softball
• Secretary	• Player Agent Hardball	• Player Agent Softball
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Pictured, from left, are Greyson Beck (9); Alexander Beck; Wyatt Beck (4) and Dylan Beck (6)

Big Brothers Big Sisters Thanks Orange Resident for Support

Orange resident Alex Beck, his three sons, and more than 200 other attendees were guests at the recent Farewell to Summer 2023 Picnic – hosted at Riverside Park in Portland by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut. Beck is a veteran member of the Board of Directors at Big Brothers Big Sisters.

He was a Big Brother (mentor) with the statewide youth mentoring organization for ten years. His former mentee in the organization’s program, Mekhi from New Haven, was named the organization’s Youth of the Year this past April. Beck is an attorney with the New Haven State’s Attorney’s Office.

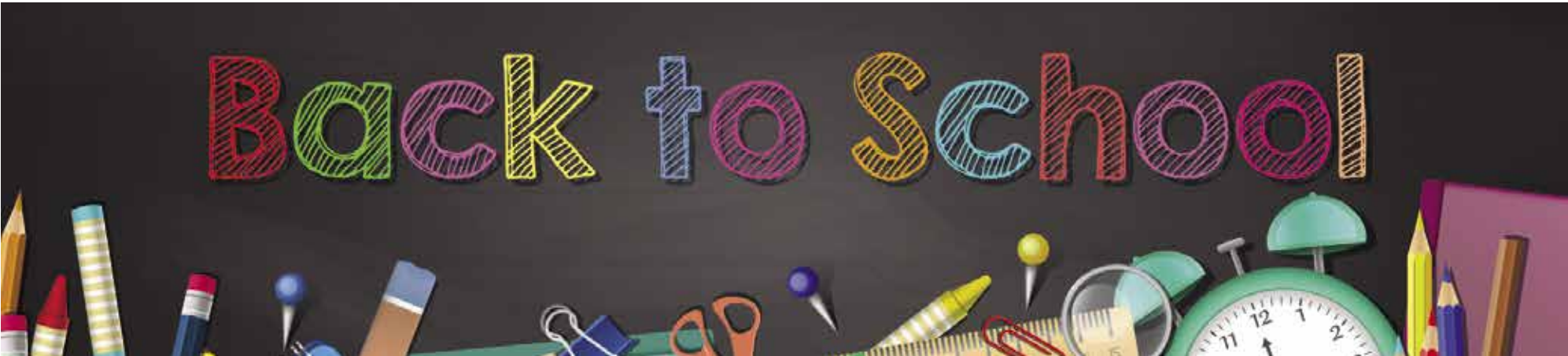
Garden Club of Orange September Meeting

The Garden Club of Orange will kick off the new year on September 12 at High Plains Community Center, Rooms 4-6 with “Arts and Flowers”.

Club member Lana Ho will create several floral designs inspired by contemporary art. The program begins at 1 PM and is open to the public.



During the weekend of July 15-16 at Wepawaug Conservation area, we had a group of scouts all working together to clean up and spread new mulch at the entrance: Girl Scout Troop 60274, Girl Scout Troop 60162, Boy Scout troop 41, Boy Scout Troop 907, and Cub Scout Den 5 pack 922



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Hours

The Library’s hours are as follows:
› Monday, Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
› Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holiday Closings

The Library will be closed on Saturday, September 2 and Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day and on Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

Program Fees

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

Registration

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

Friends Of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Storytimes

Preschool Storytime

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Music, movement, and literacy for our preschool friends! Join us as we get ready for the school years. There will be a craft after the storytime session. Registration is required. No storytime on September 4 or October 9.

Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Little ones and their caregivers are invited to explore books, sing songs, and practice interactive nursery rhymes with Ms. Angela! Registration is required.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Get the wiggles out with Ms. Angela! Stories, music, dancing, and more fill this high-energy storytime for toddlers and their grownups. Registration is required.

Events For Children

Take and Make:

Constellation Lamps

Pick up dates: September 11-16

For children in grades 1-6

Make your own constellation lamp and turn your room into the night sky! Take and makes are available while supplies last; no registration required.

Preschool Playtime

Saturday, September 23, 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 2-5

Come enjoy our mini obstacle course for a morning of fun and peer

socialization! Registration is required.

Take and Make: Owl Puppets

Pick up dates: September 25-30

For children ages 1-5

Practice your shapes and colors with this paper bag owl puppet! Take and makes are available while supplies last; no registration required.

Preschool Playtime

Saturday, October 7, 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 2-5

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

Family Take and Make:

Oreo Mummies

Pick up dates: October 9-14

For children and families

Make a tasty and spooky treat using Oreos and white chocolate! Take and makes are available while supplies last; no registration required.

Spooky Slime

Thursday, October 12, 4 p.m.

For children in grades 1-6

Make spooky slime that glows in the dark! Registration is required.

Tween D&D: Tournament of Champions

Monday, October 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For children in grades 3-6

Players will come together to test their wit and might as they battle foes and solve puzzles! Registration is required.

Makerspace: Spooky 3D Doodler Art

Thursday, October 19, 4 p.m.

For children in grades 1-6

Make some haunting accessories with our 3D doodlers! Registration is required.

Chess Club

Saturday, October 21, 11 a.m.

For children in grades 1-6

Come play chess with Paul Nunez, a member of the Chess Federation for over 30 years! All skill levels are welcome. Registration is required.

Room on the Broom Screening and Craft

Saturday, October 21, 3 p.m.

For children and families

Join us for a child-friendly screening of this classic Halloween film. Make your own wand while supplies last. Registration is required.

Halloween Storytime

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

For children and families

Put on your costume and come down to the library for a special nighttime edition of storytime! Registration is required.

Events For Teens & Adults

Quilting Club

Wednesdays, September

6, October 4, 1 p.m.

For adults

The Quilting Club is a monthly meetup of quilters. Please bring your own supplies. No registration is necessary.

Crochet Club

Saturdays, September

9, October 7, 10 a.m.

For adults

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

Ban This Book! Club

Monday, September 11, 7 p.m.

Join Librarian Rebecca Harlow and co-leader Elizabeth Ewen for a discussion of A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas. The ACOTAR series was one of the most frequently challenged series in 2022, with 36 recorded challenges. The second book in the series, A Court of Mist and Fury is on the 2022 Top 10 Most Frequently Challenged Books list by ALA. A Court of Thorns and Roses is banned in at least one library in Florida, South Carolina, North Dakota, Texas, and Utah. Join us as we discuss this book as a work of literature and an object of censorship.

Bookcase Discussion

Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase discussion leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister. This discussion will be held in person at the Library. Registration is recommended, drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

Book Boxes

September pickup dates:

September 28-23

October pickup dates: October 23-28

For adults and students in grades 7-12

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

2023 Fall Film: Till

Wednesday, September 20, 1 p.m.

In 1955, after Emmett Till is murdered in a brutal lynching, his mother vows to expose the racism behind the

attack while working to have those involved brought to justice. 2 hr. 10 min. PG-13. Registration is recommended, drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

Concert: Sea Chanteys with Littlefield and Morneault

Saturday, September 23, 2 p.m.

A concert of sea chanteys with performers David Littlefield and Joseph Morneault. Registration is recommended, drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

Hot Ones Challenge To Go

Pickup dates: September 25-30

For adults and students in grades 7-12

Challenge your friends and family to the Hot Ones Challenge at home! This kit will consist of increasingly spicy hot sauces from the official Hot Ones Challenge. This program is not recommended for participants with food allergies. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required.

Block Printing Workshop

Monday, October 2, 7 p.m.

For adults and students in grades 9-12

Learn to make a basic lino print on paper in this small, hands-on workshop led by Librarian Rebecca Harlow. We'll come up with a design, carve a linoleum block, and print our designs on paper. Registration is recommended; drop-ins are welcome if space permits. Space is limited.

2023 Fall Film: The Woman King

Wednesday, October 4, 1 p.m.

A historical epic inspired by true events that took place in the Kingdom of Dahomey, one of the most powerful states of Africa in the 18th and 19th centuries. 2 hr. 15 min. PG-13. Registration is recommended, drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

Mystery Book

Discussion Group

Thursday, October 5, 1 p.m.

Join Librarian Samantha Jasulavic for a discussion of Velvet Was the Night by Silvia Morena-Garcia.

Teen Craft: Halloween Spell Books

Thursday, October 5, 5:30 p.m.

For students in grades 7-12

Get spooky with us in October and make a creepy Halloween spell tome craft out of an old book! All materials will be provided. Registration is recommended; drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, October 7, 2:30 p.m.

For students in grades 7-12

Dungeons & Dragons is a coopera-

Orange Soccer Association (OSA)

In-house Program FALL 2023

REGISTER ON WEBSITE ONLY

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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 2023 season will run September 24th through November 12th.
Please help us spread the word and share with those families especially with children entering Pre-K and Kindergarten.

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.

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, Own Ball with your child's name on it, and Shin Guards. Players must wear sneakers (soccer cleats are optional).

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, 2023.

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.

	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 Spring 2023 season is:

- \$100 when paid by September 4th
- \$110 if paid between September 6th through September 24th
- \$125 if paid after September 25th

Register and Pay early to avoid the late fees!

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 first 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.

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tive, storytelling tabletop roleplaying game where you and other players take on the roles of different characters within a fantasy story. Registration is recommended; drop-ins are welcome if space permits. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

2023 Fall Film: The Quiet Girl
Wednesday, October 18, 1 p.m.

Rural Ireland 1981. A quiet, neglected girl is sent away from her dysfunctional family to live with foster parents for the summer. She blossoms in their care, but in this house where there are meant to be no secrets, she discovers one. 1 hr. 38 min. PG-13. Registration is recommended; drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

Adult Murder Mystery Party
Monday, October 23, 7 p.m.

There's been a murder at the roller rink! Who could have done such a terrible thing to a guy who just wanted to

dance...or is that really all he wanted? Who knows? Maybe YOU killed him! Light refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended; drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

Teen Murder Mystery and Pizza Party
Saturday, October 28, 12 p.m.
For rising 7th-12th graders

There's been a murder at the roller rink! Who could have done such a terrible thing to a guy who just wanted to dance...or is that really all he wanted? Who knows? Maybe YOU killed him! Pizza will be served. Registration is recommended; drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

2023 Fall Film: Glass Onion
Wednesday, November 1, 1 p.m.

Tech billionaire Miles Bron invites his friends for a getaway on his private Greek island. When someone turns up dead, Detective Benoit Blanc is put on the case. 2 hr. 19 min. Registration is recommended; drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

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Houlihan Lawrence Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate proudly welcomes Realtors Jared Krinsky and Holly Pietrunti-Vogel to the team.

Jared Krinsky holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and his previous work experience included work as a software engineer at Sikorski Aircraft. With over 25 years of experience supporting the local community, many may recognize Jared as a gym business owner, where he helped people achieve their desired objectives. Jared's positive outgoing attitude, local expertise and community involvement has inspired him to provide outstanding real estate service to our clients.

A native of New Haven, Jared lives in Woodbridge with his wife and three children. Jared will work from the Woodbridge office. Contact him at 203-676-1825 or jkrinsky@houlihanlawrence.com.

Holly Pietrunti Vogel has been involved in her family's construction

and real estate business for 20+ years so she is very familiar with residential sales and new home construction. An expert in real estate negotiation where relationships and trust is a must, Holly's goal is to communicate so efficiently with her clients that the entire process of selling or buying a home is as stress free as possible for them.

Born in Wolcott, Holly is married with one child. She will work from the Milford office. Contact Holly at 203-980-8401 or hpietruntivogel@houlihanlawrence.com.

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 Jared and Holly joined our team," said John Wareck, Managing broker/owner. "We are delighted to welcome them to Houlihan Lawrence Wareck D'Ostilio and look forward to a great future together."



Amity PT and Amity Pop Warner Partner on Concussion Program

Amity Physical Therapy has recently teamed up with the Amity Pop Warner football and cheerleading teams to launch a new comprehensive concussion program.

Michael Dow MSPT and CEO/Clinical Director of Amity Physical Therapy commented, "A few years ago, I had the opportunity to be an assistant coach on my son's football team for two years. Although there is an increased awareness and education for safety and preventing head injury, I noticed that there were some gaps in communication and coordination of medical management when post-injury concussions occur. There was also no clear screening for pre-injury baseline levels for these kids.

"When someone got hurt in practice or during a game, many people could identify the potential signs of concussion – but there was no concrete plan for the athlete or parents to follow. The parents were instructed to see their medical providers – and that's where the communication ended. The athlete then needed to be cleared to return, oftentimes taking many weeks as well as not receiving treatment that could expedite recovery. After seeing it firsthand on the sidelines, I felt we could do better.

"Prior to the season, Amity PT will work with approximately 125 Pop Warner athletes between 5 and 13 years of age and conduct a complimentary pre-injury screen, which includes a baseline ImPact test (an FDA approved computerized testing that will help assess cognitive things like memory recall, reaction time, and coordinated eye movement). This data will be saved and compared to retests post injury, should they occur. The free baseline ImPact test is good for an entire year, and good across all sports.

"Upon any injury, Amity PT will assign the athlete to its in-house concussion coordinator. The coordinator will be in charge of assisting all logistics of medical visits, as well as evaluation and treatment from our concussion



Michael Dow

certified physical therapists within our five greater New Haven County locations. Examinations for cervical spine, vestibular system, and visual systems will be combined with repeat ImPact tests, as well as the physical exertion return to play testing. The coordinator will continue to be an integral part to ensure the most efficient, safe, and comprehensive return."

Dow concluded, "The key to ensure safe, effective, and efficient management is to provide quick access to quantitative medical personnel, and minimize the wait lag time to getting treatment. By tackling this problem directly, we will be helping a lot of kids, parents, and ensure quality and safe return to play. My staff and I are all excited to be a part of this process"

Michael Dow MSPT, and CEO/Clinical Director of Amity Physical Therapy, founded the practice 19 years ago, and now has five offices in Woodbridge, Hamden, Branford, Milford and Wallingford. He received his degree from Sacred Heart University and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for his work with the national Multiple Sclerosis Society. He works with patients of all ages, pediatrics to geriatrics, as well as local high school and college athletes. Michael can be reached at 203-389-4593 or visit amitypt.com.

Punching Out Cancer!

Kara Lightowler is one of 32 brave women that will be participating in a cancer fundraising event called Belles of the Brawl. Haymakers for Hope sponsors this national event that takes place in six cities throughout the United States.

Kara will be in an amateur boxing fight on October 12th raising money to "fight" cancer. She will be fighting in

memory of Maria and Robert Reynolds, former Orange residents that lost their fight against cancer.

She will also be fighting in honor of Abbie Strichman Marshall who grew up in Orange and is now in her cancer fight! You may not be able to get in the boxing ring to fight like Kara, but you can donate in her name at <https://sqr.co/haymakersforhope>.

LOCAL BUSINESS



Dr. Jeannie Kenkare and CEO Lynne Rosen, alongside members of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, other state representatives and the Orange PhysicianOne Urgent Care team celebrate the opening of the new Orange center

PhysicianOne Holds Ribbon Cutting at New Location

PhysicianOne’s ribbon-cutting event took place on June 27, 2023. Its new location is at 236 Boston Post Road in Orange, CT. Attendees of the event included PhysicianOne CEO Lynne Rosen, chief

medical officer, Dr. Jeannie Kenkare, members of the Orange P1UC team, members of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, State Representative Kathy Kennedy (R-119) and other state representatives.

Easy Ways To Support Small Businesses

It’s easy to overlook how integral small businesses are to local, national and even global economies. The Small Business Administration and the U.S Census Bureau indicate small businesses account for 99.7 percent of all American businesses, employing 56.8 million people. Similarly, according to Statistics Canada, local businesses classified as micro or small businesses made up 98.1 percent of all the employers in Canada in 2021. Since mall businesses are the economic engine of many neighborhoods and communities, it’s in everyone’s best interest to pitch in and ensure such firms’ success. Thankfully, it’s easy for anyone to support the small businesses that make their communities unique.

- › Shop locally and online from small businesses as much as possible. If you cannot shop right away, consider purchasing gift cards to the retailer or service provider and share them as gifts to others.
- › Before you immediately go with a

well-known chain or e-commerce giant, find out if a local retailer offers the same items you need and shop there.

- › Actively discover new brands, check them out, and then spread the word about your findings to others.
- › Share posts from small businesses on social media. It’s good exposure for them and can help to widen their customer base.
- › Attend special events or promotions hosted by local businesses. Well-attended events may spark others’ curiosity.
- › Share a quick photo of something you bought at a small business or of a service they provided. For example, if a local landscaping company did a wonderful job putting in a new patio or pavers, share the before and after with those you know.

Communities can embrace various strategies to support the small businesses that make Main Street unique.

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LOCAL SPORTS



Orange Students Won Medals at Kung Fu Championships

The 4th Pan American Kung Fu Championships was held in Markham, Ontario, Canada, at the Markham Pan Am Center on August 3 through August 6. The PAKFC is the Pan American version of the world Kung Fu championships. This exciting event was from 8/3-8/6, which involved nearly 800 athletes from all over the world. Among them, there are over 300 competitors from the US. Wu Dang Kung Fu Academy students from Orange Angela He (rising senior at ARHS), Elsie Guo (8th

Grade student at AMSO), Elaine Guo (7th Grade student at AMSO), David Ke (rising senior at ARHS) participated in the event. Angela got first place in Spear, second place in Snake fist form and Straight sword. Elsie got second place in Staff, and third place in Long Fist and Broadsword. Elaine also got third place in Long Fist and Broadsword. David got third place in Broadsword. Congratulations to the students who made the achievements at such a competitive international competition!

Movie Night on the Field

Come out to Old Tavern on September 8th to watch The Sandlot on Roche Field! All proceeds will help support the 2024 CT Crushers team go to Cooperstown! Sign up here: <https://sqr.co/movienightonthefield/>

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



Pop Tab Donation Supports Yale Families

Congregation Or Shalom member, Lauren Sepowitz drops off 17 lbs. of pop tab/tops for the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven, associated with the Yale New Haven Hospital. Many, many people have been collecting beverage pop-tops, cat and dog food can pop tabs, beans and soup can tabs, etc.

“Keep collecting those tabs” her friend Sherry said. “They go to a wonderful cause, to help the families of pediatric patients stay close to their children when they’re in Yale”. If you collect tabs, you can drop them to Congregation Or Shalom and we will get them to the Ronald McDonald house.

Annual Family BBQ and Shabbat Under the Stars

Please join us on Friday, September 8 at 5:00 pm for the Annual Temple Emanuel Family BBQ and Shabbat Under the Stars. This event is FREE for those who pre-register on the TE website – www.tegnh.org – and is open to both current and prospective members. Registration at the door is \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

The evening begins at 4:30 with fun for kids of all ages. At 5:00 we will have a kosher barbecue including hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, salads and more. Rabbi Michael Farbman will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat service on the

patio starting at 6:00, followed by our traditional tasty TE oneg.

Not a member of TE? Come check us out. Bring a comfortable chair or blanket, and don’t forget the bug spray!

For more information about services and celebrations at Temple Emanuel including our High Holy Day schedule, and to register or purchase tickets for special events requiring tickets, please go to the TE website, www.tegnh.org or call the office at 203-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue in Orange.

Holy Infant Church Guild Tea

The Holy Infant Church Women’s Guild is having their annual membership tea on Sunday, September 10th from 2 - 4 pm. It will be held in the Women’s Guild Hall at 450 Racebrook Road. Membership for the Guild is \$15.00. To RSVP for the tea, call (203)430-5253 by September 5th. Again, this year we are hoping that

you’ll bring your favorite tea cup and saucer or mug with you to the tea. Last year it was fun to see the wide variety of beautiful cups. We are also, as in the past, asking members who enjoy baking to please bring a plate of goodies to this event. If you are able to bake, please contact Karen Barrett at (203)799-2240 to let her know.

The First Church of Christ, Woodbridge

The First Church of Christ welcomes you to our Worship Service every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse. Kid’s Church every Sunday morning at 10:10.

Interim Minister

The Rev. Susan Murtha is the Interim Minister at FCCW and has made quite an impact. Plan a visit to see what is “happening.” You can also read about her on our website. We are honored to have such an extraordinary individual here with us at First Church!

Kid’s Church at First Church!

Families meet at the church at 10:00 and at 10:10 the children are walked over to the Parish House for Kid’s Church by Forest Vandeflor, our project leader for children’s ministries, along with an adult volunteer. This is a great time for the children while their parents are at the worship service! We’ve also added a fabulous new program: Picture the Bible which will be launching September 10th at Kids Church!

Weekly Bible Study

Bible Study meets at the Parish House each Wednesday, 10:30 am. All are invited!

Boy Scout Troop 907

Woodbridge First Church chartered Scout Troop 907 attended summer camp with Troop 600 from Hamden at Camp Sequassen July 31 through August 5. Scouts worked on various merit badges ranging from welding to lifesaving. Two scouts completed the mile swim, a huge accomplishment.

The theme at camp this year was the Roman Empire, Troop 907 camps at the Jerome Site. This year the boys went with a Greek theme dressing in togas, so they renamed the site the Jeromian Empire and each scout wore a roman helmet all week. The capstone event of the week was the Thursday night friendship fire in which our unit held an epic 21st century toga party with Italian subs, sweets, olives, grapes and, of course, watermelon. Over 70 scouts, adult leaders and staff enjoyed the evening of fun, skits, song and, of course, larger than life fire.

After the epic friendship fire, our troop completed our annual flag retirement ceremony where older US flags and the flags removed from the veterans’ graves were put to rest. Flags from the local Woodbridge cemeteries and community members who drop off in our flag drop box next to Woodbridge town hall were appropriately retired. Scouts also attempted a fourth win of

super troop for week but even with lots of effort and doing their best in camp-wide competitions and endless scout spirit, the troop came in second in a very close competition.

Soon the fall kickoff of scouting with troop meetings and monthly campouts will be upon us. Scouts are planning trips to Philadelphia and New Hampshire this fall as well as our annual family holiday event in November. First troop meeting is September 7, 7:00-8:30pm at First Church of Christ, Woodbridge. Scouts are planning open house events in both September and October. Anyone can contact Troop Senior Leaders though the troop907.org website or join us at any upcoming meeting.

Apples + Art Playdate

Join us September 16th @ 3:00-4:30 PM on the Parish House Lawn for Apple Stamping making abstract chalk street art, facepainting and a sing-a-long with Michele Urban.

Zoom Option

The option to attend Sunday Service via Zoom continues to be available. To receive an invite, please email the office or log on to our website and add your name to our church email list. All people in the community are welcome in person or via Zoom.

**If you would like assistance gaining access to Sunday Services, please call us by Friday morning, at 203-389-2119, or email us at office@uccw.org.*

Office Hours

The Church office in the Parish House is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Join the FCCW Choir!

New members are always welcome. Join us for rehearsals each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-school space is available

Pre-school/day care space is available in the Parish House at 5 Meetinghouse Lane. Three rooms, 1,200 sq. ft., and an outside fenced playground.

For More Information

Visit our website at www.uccw.org for resources such as our calendar of events, monthly newsletter, ministry and volunteer opportunities, photo galleries, scout info, and much more! Follow us on Facebook and stay up to date with parish happenings, including memorials and baptism announcements. Feel free to email us or call the office with all your questions. We are happy to hear from you!

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Congregation Or Shalom Happenings

Staying Connected

Attend religious services and most other events in person or by Zoom. To register for a Zoom link, please see the information below.

Join Us For Weekly Services Morning Minyan

- › Sunday 9:00 AM – In person and Zoom'd
- › Monday 8:30 AM – Zoom'd
- › Thursday 8:30 AM – Zoom'd

Shabbat Services

- › Friday 7:30 PM – In person and Zoom'd
- › Saturday 9:30 AM – In person and Zoom'd

Please call the synagogue office at 203-799-2341 or email coshalom@sbcglobal.net for more information).

Virtual Learning This Month JOIN A NEW BOOK GROUP IN 2023!

Thursday October 19th at 7:00 pm
Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
Discussion led by Caryl Winter

New York Times Bestseller • Oprah's Book Club Pick • From the author of Dear Edward comes a "powerfully affecting" (People) family story that asks: Can love make a broken person whole? William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him—so when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him. With Julia comes her family, as she and her three sisters are inseparable: Sylvie, the family's dreamer, is happiest with her nose in

a book; Cecelia is a free-spirited artist; and Emeline patiently takes care of them all. With the Padavanos, William experiences a newfound contentment; every moment in their house is filled with loving chaos.

But then darkness from William's past surfaces, jeopardizing not only Julia's carefully orchestrated plans for their future, but the sisters' unshakeable devotion to one another. The result is a catastrophic family rift that changes their lives for generations. Will the loyalty that once rooted them be strong enough

to draw them back together when it matters most? An exquisite homage to Louisa May Alcott's timeless classic, Little Women, Hello Beautiful is a profoundly moving portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it.

All are welcome. Please call the office @ 203-799-2341 for Zoom Link

Special Services

Friday, September 1, 7:00pm: Join us as we hold our annual outdoor Shabbat Service under the Gazebo at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange. The Rabbi will bring his guitar and lead us in a joyful "sing-along" service. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Feel free to bring dinner to eat before the service. An Oneg will follow the service.



YAHAD HEBREW SCHOOL

Yahad is a community Hebrew school, a joint project of Congregations Or Shalom and B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge. At Yahad, meaning "together," students form their Jewish identities through amazing experiential programming, while building foundational skills in prayer, Hebrew, Bible and much more. Together, as students, parents, teachers, and as a community, we will create our Jewish future! Please call Rachel @ Or Shalom if you are interested

203.799.2341.

High Holidays

We welcome non-members to the following services. Please call our office in order to attend.

Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 15th @ 7:30 pm;

Kol Nidre, September 24th @ 6:30 pm.

Community Yizkor

Congregation Or Shalom, the only Conservative synagogue in Orange, is offering all non-members an opportunity to come to a free community-wide Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur Day (October 5, 2023) at 4:00 PM. We will also offer this service over Zoom. Please call the office. This service, which will last under an hour, is open to the public without any

membership obligation. The Service will be led by our congregants, Robert Spaulding and his wife Tova Clayman.

Sukkot Services

- › Friday, September 29th, Erev Sukkot 7:00 pm;
- › Saturday, September 30th 1st Day of Sukkot 9:30 am & 7:00 pm;
- › Sunday, October 1st, Second Day of Sukkot 9:30 am;
- › Friday, October 6th, Erev Shemini Atzeret, 7:00 pm;
- › Saturday, October 7th, Shemini Atzeret, 9:30 am (Yizkor @approx 10:30 am);
- › Saturday, October 7th, Simchat Torah, 7:00 pm;
- › Sunday, October 8th, Simchat Torah, 9:30 am.

Community Pull Tabs

Our Social Action Committee collects pull tabs from soda cans for the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven. The house hosts families of children who are being cared for at Yale New Haven Hospital and allows families to stay close to their children during hospitalization. The pull tabs can come from cans of soda, beer, cat or dog food, sardines, soup, beans, fruit, etc. - any size tabs, any color, any metal. You can drop them at the Synagogue M-Th from 10-4 and Friday 10-3. Collect them from family and friends, too!

Entertainment

Save the Date- Are you a Fanilow? "Can't Smile Without You", A musical tribute to Barry Manilow. (Vocal impressionist Anthony Singer) November 4th doors open at 7:15 pm, show starts at 8:00pm. Call the office for ticket information. 2032.799.2341

5 Advantages Local Business Have Over The Competition

Small businesses on Main Street and big box chains have been competing for consumers' attention for decades. Historians say that big box stores were born in the early 1960s when Wal-Mart, Target and Kmart entered the retail landscape. It's been more than 60 years since these chains arrived and they certainly have garnered their share of devotees. Big box businesses have size, inventory and often price on their side. However, when consumers look beyond those factors, it's easy to see all of the benefits small businesses offer that behemoths cannot.

1. Passionate owners and operators
Walk into a big box store or other business and you may find a handful of dedicated employees, but not quite at the level of small businesses. Small business owners prioritize the customer

experience because they know they need to work hard to retain customers. This translates into knowing the products well, and sharing as much knowledge as possible with customers. Big box businesses vulnerable to heavy staff turnover often do not have a vested interest in the brand.

2. Work the local niche
What makes big box retailers so familiar to shoppers is one can stop in a store in the middle of Nebraska and likely find the same items as a store in Hawaii, with only a few subtle differences between the locations. Big box companies work with the same suppliers and ship the same products all over the world. Customers seeking personalized items and services for their particular regions are better off utilizing local small businesses that can

bring in regional vendors more readily.
3. Better shopping experience

Big box stores draw customers during peak times when they're home from school or off from work. That often translates to long lines both at checkout and at customer service or return counters. By contrast, there may be no apparent rhyme or reason to when shoppers visit small businesses, meaning there likely will not be crowds. It's much more pleasant to browse wares without having to contend with shopping cart traffic and people blocking aisles.

4. Advanced technology
Big box companies have invested millions of dollars into their point-of-service systems and other technologies, which means it can be a very slow transition to new options as times change. Small

businesses generally can shift to newer, better technology more readily because they do not have to do so on the same scale as their larger competitors.

5. General agility
Changing technology on a dime is not the only ways small businesses excel. They can experiment in other ways, such as a home contractor offering a special price deal for a certain period of time, or a clothing store experimenting with new in-store decor. Big chains cannot pivot that quickly, and any changes must be approved by corporate and implemented across all centers.
Although small businesses may have a tough time beating big box retailers on overall price, there are many other advantages such enterprises have over the competition.

DEATH NOTICES



Jean Marie Lewis

Jean Marie Lewis, 87, of Orange passed away with her family at her side on July 14, 2023, at Maplewood of Orange. For 67 years, she was the loving wife of Donald Jackson Lewis, Sr. Jean was born in Philadelphia, PA, daughter of the late Edward and Margaret Malaby. She is survived by her children, Debra Corey and her husband Craig of CO, Donald Lewis Jr. and his wife Bonnye, and Karen McDermott and her husband Douglas, all of Orange; her 7 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; as well as her sister Shirley MacDonald of MD. She was predeceased by her siblings, Margaret Gibson and Marion Kelly.

Jean was a travel agent at Racebook Travel Agency for many years and enjoyed visiting numerous countries, her favorites including Ireland, Greece, and the Caribbean islands. Jean, known as “Jean the Dancing Queen,” and her husband loved to entertain their family and friends. She lived a full life as a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Jean will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts. Funeral services were held in July at the Orange Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to St. Jude’s Hospital.

Arthur D. Decko

Arthur “Art” D. Decko, 82, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 28,

2023 after a long battle with cancer. Art was born on February 25, 1941 in New Haven, CT to the late Charles and Frances (Cesarek) Decko. Early on, he lived in West Haven and then Orange, CT. He graduated from Amity Regional High School in 1958 and was captain of the golf team.

Art is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Becky (Pandiscio), son Randy Decko and wife Dallas of Austin, TX; daughters: Tracy (Decko) Weiss of San Luis Obispo, CA and Tara (Decko) Bauer and husband Jon of Medfield, MA; grandchildren: Hannah and Peyton Weiss, Finn and Wyatt Bauer, and Harrison and Harper Decko; brothers: Gary Decko and wife Carolyn of Wethersfield, CT and Kenneth Decko and wife Marilyn of Sonoma, CA; and many loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Charles Decko of McLean, VA.

Art grew up caddying with his brothers at Race Brook Country Club in Orange, CT. Members counted on their services as they caddied in rain, shine or holidays – even Christmas if no snow was on the ground.

Art graduated from the University of Houston in 1962 with a degree in communications, and worked as a television cameraman at KTRK TV/13 in Houston. In 1965, Art became the First Assistant Golf Professional at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, MA, working for mentor and PGA Tour Player, Paul Harney. During their tenure, the club hosted PGA Tour Events and the LPGA Championship.

Art returned to his hometown roots of Orange, CT and served as Head PGA Professional at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield, CT, from 1974 – 1988. In 1981, he received the Club Professional of the Year Award from the CT Section PGA for his status as a Board Member and commitment to the development of Junior Golf events. Art was very proud to become a 50-year life member of the PGA of America. One of his fondest memories was play-

ing a round of golf with the late Gene Sarazen, the internationally known golf champion who had worked at Brooklawn many years prior.

In 1988, Art started his own company to create corporate and charity golf events, one of which included military veteran color guard ceremonies and parachute jumpers landing on the golf course. Many of his events were covered by the media.

Arrangements were in the capable hands of the Alexander F. Thomas & Sons Funeral Home, 45 Common Street, Walpole, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Blessed Sacrament Church, 10 Diamond St, Walpole, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Art’s name to the PGA Junior League - <https://www.pgajrleague.com/donate>.



Anne Rapini

Anne (Martone) Rapini, 101, passed peacefully on July 12, 2023, with her children by her side. Born in New Haven on February 25, 1922, daughter of the late Rose (Trotta) and Thomas Martone. Predeceased by her husband of 77 years, Albert; and her loving son, Dennis Joseph Rapini.

Anne will be remembered always as a caring and dedicated mother to Janice DeVyllder, Dennis and Linda Rapini, Albert and Marla Rapini, as well as Darryl Rapini and Audrey Chung; grandmother to Michelle DeVyllder and Seth

Abbott; Peter J. DeVyllder, Matthew Rapini, as well as Sandra Yost; and great-grandmother to Rhett Abbott.

Anne was a resident of Orange for 60 years, and was actively involved in her community, including membership of the Orange Garden Club and Holy Infant Women’s Guild. She was a woman of faith, and a devout Catholic who participated in daily Mass on television. Anne was an avid fan of UConn Women’s Basketball, spent hours listening to music, and enjoyed her hobby of needlework. Her fondest joy was supporting all of her children’s endeavors.

Arrangements were entrusted to West Haven Funeral Home at the Green. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, July 15th, from 9 to 10:30am. Her formal procession will then depart for a Mass of Christian Burial, to be celebrated at 11 o’clock in Holy Infant Church, Orange. Interment will follow in Orange Center Cemetery. To share an online condolence, visit www.westhavenfuneral.com.

Roberta Hurlburt

Roberta (Sloatman) Hurlburt, 94, longtime former resident of Orange, passed away peacefully at her home in Windsor, Vermont on July 18, 2023. While living in Orange, she was an active member of the Orange Congregational Church, and the Orange Arts and Crafts Guild. Roberta was a well-loved substitute teacher in the Orange elementary schools throughout the 1970s, ‘80s and ‘90s. Roberta is survived by her husband, Thomas Hurlburt of Windsor, Vermont; children Cynthia Hurlburt Hale (David) of Hartland, Vermont, Jeffrey Hurlburt of Plymouth, Vermont and Russell Hurlburt (Abigail) of Plymouth; grandchildren, Cal and Silvia Hale; and her siblings, Charles Sloatman, of South Portland, Maine, and Esther (Sloatman) Barto, of Clinton, Connecticut, as well as several nieces and nephews. A full obituary may be found at www.knightfuneralhomes.com.

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puted by dividing annual income by 24;

- › income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and
- › weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52.

All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

Students residing in households with income at or below the levels shown in the chart above are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Information on how to apply will be included in the eBlast Welcome Letter emailed to each student household in August. To apply for free or re-

duced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school.

Applications are available online at www.oess.org under the Food Services page. Households can also request an application be mailed or emailed by contacting Tina Fox, (203) 891-8020 x1208, tfox@orange-ed.org. Only one application is required per

--household and an application for free-or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for adminis-

tration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast, and milk programs. Additionally, all school-aged students in income-eligible households can receive school meal benefits regardless of a student’s immigration status, and the district/school does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the CNPs. Note that the district may share your eligibility information with education, health, social service, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the

school year by school or other program officials.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a student based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All students in these households are eligible for free school meals. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and students residing in the household will be provided free benefits unless the

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household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any students were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to those students. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by September 30, 2023.

Some students may be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals based on Medicaid (HUSKY A). No application is required if the district directly certifies a student based on Medicaid (HUSKY A). All students

in these households are eligible for free or reduced-priced meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under Medicaid (HUSKY A) will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free or reduced-price benefits accordingly, unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any students were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free or reduced-price meal benefits extended to those students.

If a student is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced-price meal application form. The application for the SNAP or TFA households require the SNAP or

TFA case number and the households may be asked to provide proof of the SNAP or TFA case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required.

Students in households participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application or contact the determining official for more information.

When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any student's eligibility for free meals if the individual student is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the student is categorized as either: Homeless; run-away as defined by law and determined

by the district's or school's homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. Households with students who are categorically eligible under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs should complete an application and check off the relevant box. Questions should be directed to the determining official. For any student not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the school or determining official about any student also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the other students.

Households notified of their children's eligibility should contact the determining official about any student also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the other students.
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ARTS & LEISURE

Wonderful Crazy Night – The New Elton John Tribute

A dynamic musical revue of hit songs — headlines the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation’s 21st Annual Evening for the Arts Gala Benefit on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Fairfield University’s Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. The Evening for the Arts reception and raffle preview begins at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door and can be purchased through the Quick Center Box Office: (203) 254-4010 & online at quickcenter.fairfield.edu.

WONDERFUL CRAZY NIGHT is a celebration of all things “Rocket Man” capturing the very essence of the iconic Sir Elton John. This high-energy concert features Las Vegas performer and pianist Colte Julian who brings all the hits you know and love to life with electrifying precision. Complete with elaborate costumes, authentic stories inspired by Elton’s incredible 5+ decade career, and a set list of Elton’s greatest hits including “Tiny Dancer,” “Bennie and the Jets,” “Your Song,” “Crocodile Rock,” “Candle in the Wind,” and so many more, WONDER-

FUL CRAZY NIGHT is the perfect show for the true Elton John fan!

The event benefits the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the educational enrichment and professional development of young artists and early career professionals. It was founded to celebrate the life of Jamie Elaine Hulley. All proceeds from the Gala are dedicated to scholarships, educational programs and community project sponsorships throughout Connecticut, especially in the greater New Haven and Fairfield counties. Since the foundation’s creation in 2002, over \$1 million has been awarded, impacting the lives of thousands of area youth each year.

The Gala also showcases the talents of performers involved in the foundation’s programs at Square Foot Theatre in Wallingford, CT, Amity High School’s Creative Theatre, Black Rock Theater in Fairfield, CT, and Center Stage Theatre in Shelton, CT.

For information on the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation, visit www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org, call (203) 891-8869, or email: info@jamiehulleyartsfund.org.



The Lure of The Sea

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is presenting the Littlefield and Morneault Duo, singing sea chanteys and songs celebrating Connecticut’s seafaring traditions and businesses on Saturday, September 23rd at 2:00pm in the Library Program Room.

The ballads represent the duos’ personal interest in Connecticut’s maritime lore and history. David Littlefield is a lifelong resident of Old Lyme and has worked for many years at Mystic Seaport. He is known for his scholarship on whaling, especially the history of “the Morgan”, a

whaling vessel. His repertoire also includes songs about local shipping trades. John Morneault is president of the Maritime Music and Tradition Society which hosts the annual Connecticut Sea Music Festival in Essex. John is a social historian focusing on late 18th century maritime history. He performs sea chanteys with The Jovial Crew every Monday night at the Griswold Inn in Essex.

This musical program is free and open to the public. Reservations are required via www.casememorallibrary.org or by phone 203-891-2170.

Orange Historical Society Events

The Orange Historical Society has several events scheduled for the coming weeks.

September 2nd Tag Sale at The Academy, 605 Orange Center Road, 10am-3pm

September 16th & 17th Orange Country Fair – HPCC Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road

September 30th Doll Sale at The Academy, 605 Orange Center

Road, 10am-3pm
October 7th Tag Sale, weather permitting, at The Academy, 605 Orange Center Road
The Academy Gift Shop is open Saturdays from 10am-3pm.

The Bryan-Andrew House, 131 Old Tavern Road, is open Sundays from 1-3pm.

We hope we see you at one or all of them!

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dren’s eligibility must contact the determining official or school if it chooses to decline the free meal benefits. If households/students are not notified by the district/school of their free meal benefits and they receive benefits under qualifying public assistance programs or under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs, the parent/ guardian should contact the determining official or their school.

Foster children that are under the

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

free school meals. Note however, that a foster child’s eligibility for free school meals does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

Application forms for all other households require a statement of total household income, household size and names of all household members. Tue last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member must be included or a

• statement that the household member-does not have one. The adult household member must also sign the

application certifying that the information provided is correct.

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, the Determining Official, Tina Fox,

(203) 891-8020 x1208, tfox@orange-ed.org will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the

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determining official on an informal basis. If they wish to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to Dr. Vince Scarpetti, Superintendent of Schools, 637 Orange Center Road, Orange CT 06477, (203) 891-8020 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

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

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

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

This is the Public Release we will send on August 18, 2023 to the following news media outlets, the local unemployment office, major employers contemplating layoffs, etc.

- 1. Orange Town News
- 2. Department of Labor - CT
- 3. www.oess.org - District Website

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