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Blue-Ribbon Boneyard... Portland Youth and Family Services recently held a Haunted Light Trail, wherein decorated homes and businesses in town were voted on by others in town. YFS received over 500 votes altogether, and pictured here is the grand prize winner Day's Bone Yard, which, YFS said, "buried the competition."

Bisbikos Bests Bylone in Colchester

by Diane Church

In Colchester Tuesday, Republican Andreas Bisbikos defeated incumbent Democrat Mary Bylone to become the town's first selectman. It was just one of many victories for the GOP on Tuesday, as Republicans swept the local elections, claiming victory for nearly every candidate on their slate.

"It's a very overwhelming feeling to be chosen to represent the town you grew up in," said Bisbikos. He and the rest of the Republican candidates and some supporters had gathered at Gung Ho Chinese restaurant to celebrate after the election results were announced. Bisbikos defeated Bylone by a tally of 2,783 to 2,466.

Bisbikos thanked the Republican Town Committee for their support, along with all who encouraged him, especially his family. "I will do my best to represent Colchester," he said. "I love this town."

Bylone served as first selectman for two years. Before that, she was on the Board of Education.

"The people have spoken," she said at Fresca Tequila Bar & Grill, where the Democrats congregated after the election. "We ran a clean campaign that was positive, but at the end of the day the other guy got the votes."

The rest of the Board of Selectmen was also up for reelection, with five candidates vying for four positions. Democrats Rosemary Coyle and Denise Turner maintained their seats, with 2579 and 2629 votes respectively. They will be joined by new Republicans Deborah Bates with 2,813 votes and Jason LaChapelle with 2,573. Republican incumbent Taras Rudko lost his seat with 2,551 votes, but one Republican had to lose to maintain party balance on the board.

"Tonight I have lost the election but won the battle," Rudko said, referring to the Republican victory. "If the price is me losing so we win, that's okay."

Coyle has been on the Board of Selectmen since 2007.

"I focus on the town and making the best decisions for Colchester," she said. "For me, that's what public service is all about."

Turnout was high for a local election. "It's very good," said Gregg LaPage, the moderator at town hall, shortly before the polls closed. "It's close to 50 percent. Two years ago it was 41 percent."

Victories continued for Republicans on the board of education. Republican newcomers Margo Gignac received 2,839 votes and her 19-year-old daughter Rosemary Gignac got 2,825. The two, along with Republican candidates Alex Oliphant with 2,705 votes and Donna Antonacci with 2,755, unseated Democrat incumbents Joanne Rose with 2,546 votes and Amy Domeika with 2,584.

"I'm ecstatic," said Rosemary Gignac. "I'm looking forward to the future."

Older party members were happy for her as well.

"This kid offers us a better future," said Republican John Sawchuk. "She's part of the group."

The Board of Finance winners were all Republicans. Art Shilosky, running unopposed to fill a two-year vacancy, got more votes than any other candidate at 3,419. Tim Vaillancourt got 2,672 votes, followed by John Thomas with 2,541 votes, edging out Democrats Scott Chap-

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RHAM Turf Field Soundly Rejected

by Sloan Brewster

The proposed \$3.56 million artificial turf field at RHAM High School was overwhelmingly shot down at referendum Tuesday.

The proposal failed, by massive margins, in all three of the RHAM towns Tuesday. In Hebron, it was rejected by a 1,761-981 tally; in Andover, 654 'no' votes strongly outweighed the 147 'yes' ones; and in Marlborough, the proposal failed by a 1,208-652 vote.

Overall, the proposal fell 3,623-1,780 – a resounding rejection of a proposal the RHAM Board of Education had unanimously voted in favor of

The defeat came despite a pro-turf rally on Friday in the center of Hebron.

According to local parent Carol Connolly, whose son was there, hundreds of people and lots of RHAM students came out to show their

support for the project. In a video Connolly forwarded to the *Rivereast*, RHAM students are seen chanting, shouting and jiggling noise makers at passing cars.

"RHAM for turf! RHAM for turf!" they repeated over and over again.

On Wednesday, Connolly, who has two sons at RHAM, one at the high school and one at the middle school next year, expressed disappointment in the defeat.

"It should have passed," she said.

Andover Vice First Selectman Adrian Mandeville said that while Andover residents support field improvements, turf was not the answer and "was not palatable."

"Kids health and safety comes first and installing a field that is injury prone and a literal chemical cocktail to make athletic scheduling

easier at four times the cost of real grass was never going to fly," he said.

In a phone call Wednesday, RHAM board member Joseph O'Connor said his children have been playing on turf for 10 years and have never had an injury from it. He listed injuries he said they had sustained on the grass field, however, and said while there was a time when turf was not as safe, that is no longer the case.

Artificial turf surfaces have "so evolved," he said. "They are engineered differently now."

Mandeville said a sensible alternative would be to have grass fields installed correctly with lighting and bleachers.

Built more than 29 years ago, the competition field at RHAM was the victim of "improper construction," O'Connor, whose term ends

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at the end of the month, said. Drainage issues plague the field and have caused game cancellations and relocations.

Last Tuesday, RHAM Board of Education Chair Kathleen Goodwin, whose terms also ends at the end of the month, and O'Connor said a soccer game scheduled that day had been axed due to the rain and senior night, which was also to take place that night, was rescheduled to Nov. 4.

In addition to replacing the grass field with turf, the project would have included a new eight-lane track, lighting and the potential for future expansion, O'Connor said.

The current track, has reached its expected lifespan and, like the field also gets flooded, O'Connor said at an info session in August. Ponds of water sit on the surface after rain and freeze in cold weather, leading to heaving.

One of the concerns Goodwin and O'Connor had when talking to the *Rivereast* last week was that some people seemed to be under the impression that tax increases would have been very high had the project been approved, they said. Some thought reported estimates depicted monthly cost to taxpayers versus yearly.

Had the project passed and come in at the \$3.56 million estimate, Andover taxpayers with a home assessed at the town's \$250,000 median would have paid \$65 more in taxes per year; Hebron's taxpayers, with a home assessed at \$210,510, would have paid \$52 more; and Marlborough taxpayers, with a home assessed at \$250,000 would have seen a \$71 increase on their yearly bills, RHAM Board of Education member Joseph O'Connor has said.

"It seems like people believe that we just want to spend money," O'Connor said Wednesday.

day. "Fifty-two bucks for Hebron, it's not a lot of money."

O'Connor said he was disappointed in the results. He said he believes people were misinformed about the project and pointed out that only 50 people attended two informational sessions the board held on it.

"It sends a clear message to the children that they really don't care about the safety of the kids. That's what that vote showed me like last night," he said. "For 3,500 people to vote 'no' when [they] didn't even attend the meeting, I'm a little upset here."

O'Connor expressed dismay that the three towns in the district don't work together and said he wonders what the next steps will be and that he thinks the question is also on other peoples' minds.

"This was a project to move us together, to involve our community and our school and we failed to do that," he said. "Are you going to fix the field or leave it the way it is?"

O'Connor did, though, express gratitude to all who cast ballots Tuesday.

"Thank you to all the taxpayers who voted," he said. "I want to thank the people who came out and voted."

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Supporters of the proposed turf field at RHAM High School held a rally Friday in Hebron's town center. The referendum question on the estimated \$3.56 million project failed in all three towns in Tuesday's election.



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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

Before I get started, some quick house-keeping news to pass along: Veterans Day this year falls on a Thursday – next Thursday, to be precise. Which means there will be some schedule adjustments next week you all need to know about.

The *Rivereast*, which normally publishes on Thursday, will publish a day early. As a result, that means deadlines for submitted copy will be a day early too.

So all letters to the editor, event notices, church listings, senior center news, and other items of that nature **must** be submitted by **noon Monday, Nov. 7** in order to be included in next week's issue. I know, after the elections this week, many of you may have a lot to write about, and that's fine; I encourage it. Just make sure you get it to me by noon on Monday. **No exceptions will be made.**

The early deadline will also apply the week of Thanksgiving, but we can talk about that more when the time comes. In the meantime, enjoy your weekend, and be sure to send off whatever you need to send off to me – email is the preferred mode of transport; my email address is bulletin@glcitizen.com – because once the deadline passes, it passes.

This seems kind of fun. As some of you may recall, the town of Portland recently installed a poet laureate. And now neighboring East Hampton is set to do the same.

The town and the East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission are currently accepting applications from folks interested in the position.

Information sheets are available at the East Hampton Public Library, the town manager's office at Town Hall, and at Dexter's Tunes, Tales and Ales in the East Hampton Village

Center.

Details on how to apply and what is required of the position are on the info sheets. Deadline to apply is Nov. 18 to arts@easthamptonct.org or to the town manager's office.

I enjoy reading poetry, but I'm not that great at writing it, so if you need to offer any samples of your poetry, I unfortunately can't offer any tips. But I'd recommend not starting off with "There once was a man from Nantucket"...

Now, if poetry's not your thing, but instead you love to sing (hmm, maybe I can write some rhyme after all), this sounds pretty cool – particularly if you're a frontline worker.

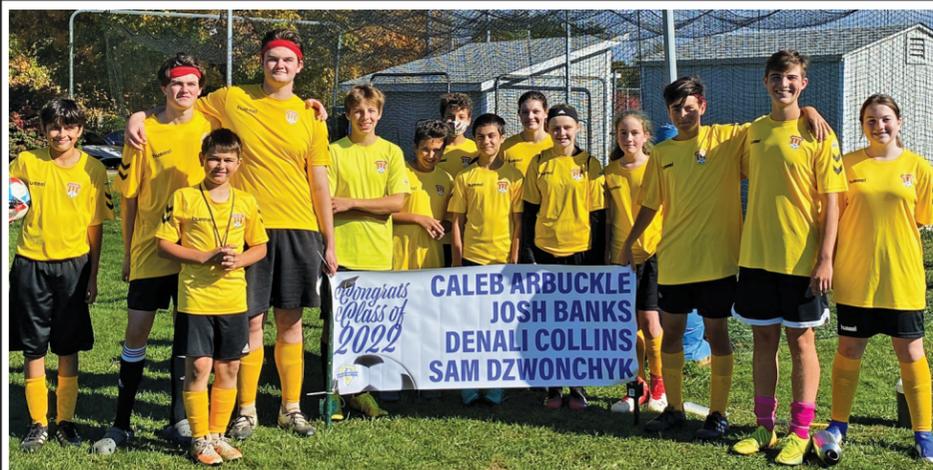
The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra (ECSO) is inviting any interested frontline workers to participate in the orchestra's "Heroic Celebrations" concert on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Past performance experience is not necessary.

The orchestra, along with volunteer singers, will perform an absolutely fantastic song: "You Raise Me Up," which many of you might know from Josh Groban's popular – and beautiful – 2003 cover version.

Music will be distributed in advance, along with an audio example that demonstrates the version the orchestra we will perform. Any frontline workers who wish to join will be invited to rehearse with ECSO on the day of the concert, from 2:30-3 p.m. The rehearsal and the concert will each occur at the Garde Arts Center in New London.

Volunteer singers who join the ECSO will also be allowed a limited number of complimentary tickets to invite others to experience

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Barcelona Wraps Up... Colchester Soccer Club's Recreation League recently wrapped up its fall season with a day of round-robin division games, food trucks and celebrations, including recognizing the outgoing seniors playing in their final year of CSC soccer. Pictured here is Team Barcelona from the 7Up Division.

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Turkey Dinner Thanks

To the Editor:

The members of the Ladies Aid of Haddam Neck Congregational Church, "The Little Church in the Wildwood," would like to thank everyone who supported the church's annual Fall Turkey Dinner. Held on a very rainy Oct. 30, this year's meal was take-out style with more than 100 meals pre-ordered!

Thank you to all and God bless.

**Ladies Aid Society
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Get Involved Locally

To the Editor:

Another election has passed. We are told that voting is our "sacred duty." Politicians promote voting as the most meaningful thing you can do in the democracy we live in (willfully steering people away from the fact that it's actually a constitutional republic). They distribute stickers at the polls to all the good boys and girls that make the effort and people love posting a picture of themselves wearing it on social media with captions like "Rock the Vote!," "Doing my Duty," and "Get out the Vote!" – one of our culture's oldest virtue signals.

What I rarely see is politicians telling their constituents to actively get involved in a day-to-day basis with the politics of their town or schools. Recently, in response to a growing backlash at school board meetings over children being masked and isolated, the National Association of School Boards is asking for the help of the FBI in investigating parents who make waves too big for cowardly board members to handle. There is even talk of labeling people who disagree with these practices or the teaching of critical race theory, the promotion of transsexualism, or the exposing of children to mature, adult topics (sex-related) in the class-

room as "domestic terrorists." The party in office is quick to remind all of us that "words matter" and that your language has consequences, yet they don't mind calling parents terrorists for having an impassioned position against such policies or curriculum. I don't know exactly what country I'm living in but as of the last 20 months it sure feels a lot more like the USSR than the United States of America.

If you really want to make a change, stop waiting for the opportunity to do so once a year. Get involved locally and bring up uncomfortable topics. If you don't do it who will? Will those individuals really have you and your children's best interests at heart?

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

Inequalities

To the Editor:

Warning: To avoid offending trolls, whether politically correct liberals or far right conservatives, racial groups are not named as I present some inequalities in education and sports.

Academics: New York City's elite high schools have so many students of one race scoring highest on the specialized high school entrance exam, that politicians and educational leaders claim the test is discriminatory and racist. One racial group, comprising only 18% of NYC's total school population, makes up over

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Bulletin Board

I feel compelled this week to speak up on behalf of man's best friend.

I refer, of course, to the dog.

My apologies to wives, girlfriends, significant others and boys and girls of all identifications and genders, but I feel reasonably confident that this old adage (i.e. "a dog is man's best friend") was originally intended to refer to those of us who were born biological males—what is listed on modern-day college applications toward the bottom of a seemingly interminable roster of gender options as "cisgender male"—that is to say, individuals who were born biological males and continue to identify as males.

Whether or not this interpretation of "man's best friend" is fair and just in our present reevaluation of all we once accepted as a matter of course, I will leave to those who can apparently hear tones I am oblivious to. I can only say that in my experience, when a muddy dog jumps up on the couch or chews the legs off the coffee table, it is the wife (in my particular case a cisgender woman) that gets all exercised about it and starts ranting and raving about bad behavior and saying nice things about cultures that view dogs primarily as a food source.

The dog's best friend, by contrast, typically says something like "Bad dog!" and moves on.

Be that as it may, my concern today is a phrase that seems to have become very popular among various politicians and activists these days, that being referring to statements or comments they disapprove of or find inconvenient as "a dog whistle." Since dog whistles are "silent"—I mean, the dogs can hear them, but people can't—this is a way to allege that the comment or statement of opposing candidates or critics, while possibly innocuous on the face of it, actually carries a hidden message intended to appeal to the Scum of the Earth, or SOC, if you will.

In short, were it not for the finely tuned hearing of the individual pointing out the "dog whistle," the average person might be completely oblivious to the hidden message. But to the SOC, it is a rallying cry—a signal to come hither for "I am one of you."

Incidentally, in most cases, the alleged hidden message referred to by politicians and activists seems to be racist in nature, but I suppose in practice it could pertain to anything from a disdain for the inflated egos of certain college students to a hatred of one-eyed kittens. Indeed, those who credit themselves with especially acute hearing would probably consider my previous observations on gender to be some sort of dog whistle, though I assure you I couldn't give a tinker's damn about how anybody self-identifies. If I don't want to associate with you, it's because I think you're a jerk, not because you wish to be referred to as "they."

As it happens, I actually know a little something about dog whistles—I mean real dog whistles. In fact, I've probably still got one around here somewhere. I purchased the thing some years ago with the idea that Maggie the Wonder Dog could be trained via silent whistle to actually listen to her best friend (that would be me) as a matter of our mutual survival.

This misconception followed an advertisement I saw on some sportsman's TV channel that showed an extremely well-trained and obedient dog stopping in its tracks at one unheard blast of the whistle, returning on two blasts and performing back flips and triple axels on three blasts. It occurred to me that since nobody but the dog could hear the whistle, I would be able use it to call the Wonder Dog away from unauthorized excavations in my wife's garden or when she (the dog, I mean) was relieving herself on my neighbor's lawn, without alerting anyone that something might be amiss.

Anyway, I got the thing and blew on it. The Wonder Dog picked up her head, looked at me and yawned, put her head down again and went back to sleep. A week or two later the whistle ended up in my junk drawer and as far as I know, it's still there. I'm not even sure it actually whistles.

Whatever the case, it just doesn't seem fair to me that people are now dragging dogs—even peripherally—into the rancorous social and political upheaval of our times. A lot of us could use a best friend right about now, no matter how we prefer to identify. Who better than a dog?

Jim Hallas

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half these elite high schools (ex: Stuyvesant). Here in Connecticut, some urban district school leaders claim we can't have students looking into AP classrooms and not seeing members of their own race in those advanced classes – so we might have to get rid of AP classes altogether.

Athletics: The most elite, highest-paying American professional sports league, the NBA, has players making double the salaries of NFL and MLB players. The NBA is a one-race majority. The most minority membership race, the one now dominating New York City's elite high schools, is a mere 0.4%.

Questions:

1. Are NBA tryouts racist since the league is dominated by one group, while another racial group is less than 1%.

2. What racial group is most likely to be seen filling most seats in New York City's libraries, after school lets out?

3. What racial group dominates America's urban basketball courts, after school?

4. What racial group is least likely to participate in organized team sports, and most likely to participate in academic competitions like Science Bowl and MATHCOUNTS?

5. Last summer/winter Olympics, America won 136 medals. 10 other countries, their total population less than the US, won 491 medals. Additionally, American students score poorly compared to other countries on the international academic PISA tests (ex: 36th in Mathematics). Is something wrong in America's schools, both athletically and academically?

Edmund Smith – Andover

Veterans Flags

To the Editor:

The St. Patrick Church Guild of East Hampton has placed American flags at the gravesites of veterans buried in our cemetery. We gratefully acknowledge their service to our country as we honor their memory.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped in this endeavor.

**St. Patrick Guild
East Hampton**

Thank You!

To the Editor:

To everyone that come out to our Howl-o-ween dog costume parade and Portland's Little Pumpkins youth costume parade and crafts, thank you! All of us had a great time a week ago. We want to thank all of our local sponsors: Gotta's Farm, Mellili's, Dunkin', and Adams, who helped to provide the pumpkins, snacks, cider, and coffee. And big thank you to all of the volunteers, and to Senior Services, the Library, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Economic Development, and the first selectwoman's office, who all helped make the day!

Voting for the Haunted Light Trail was outstanding!! We received over 500 votes for the different houses and businesses around Portland. The two bone yards were clear favorites! Congratulations to Day's Bone Yard, who buried the competition. Hunter's Bone Yard got second place, and Feeling Frightful on Fairview was third place.

Keep an eye on our website and a planned Facebook page for upcoming events.

**Jesse Revicki, Administrator
Youth & Family Services**

Water vs. Water

To the Editor:

During the March 7, 2019, Hebron town meeting, we were shown a development master plan including a large salt shed. One resident reminded us that road salts are bad for ground water. And salt is showing up, more and more, in private wells causing big health issues, but the bigger concern is the truck washing bays. While salt is destructive, the chemicals that are washed off our trucks are worse. She cited a list of toxic chemicals found in vehicle wash water, chemicals we are all too familiar with.

The town quieted our concerns, explaining that the wash bays and street run off would be contained in storage tanks underground and then pumped up to Route 66 to the town septic lines. Nothing would spill into our ground waters.

Several months earlier I had attended a small-town meeting that briefly discussed the corro-

sive nature of our hard ground waters. While safe to drink, our ground water wreaks havoc on pipes, pumps and hose fixtures. In light of Hebron's recent water scares I have to really wonder about burying storage tanks filled with toxic water, won't these tanks corrode too? I think about how our gas station tanks leaked into the fire station's well and the car wash pipes leaked, draining the town's water reserves.

Residents have concerns about the safety of the ground water downstream from this new proposed complex. How can we be sure this new development won't leak too? Secondly, how can we be sure that the new storm drains and storage tanks can safely handle the massive amounts of rain we have been getting in single storms? Spilling toxic waters would be a terrible shame and cost more than a pretty penny in the long run.

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

Defending Fauci – Not

To the Editor:

A top NIH official has finally admitted in a letter that they indeed funded "gain-of-function" (GoF) research in Wuhan, China. Eco-Health Alliance conducted the study, headed by the questionable Peter Daszak, who they now confirm "failed to report" that they had created a coronavirus from bats in order to infect humans."

It is hard to believe the top paid government official, Fauci, as his story changes often. No wonder so many people refuse to take the "shot."

<https://tinyurl.com/fauci-non-truth> and <https://tinyurl.com/fauci-lies-again>.

When a person is so blind with fear that he/she refuses to admit that just maybe she/he was misinformed and will not even consider looking at other viewpoints, then it is no use to attempt to present that person with other information that goes against his/her beliefs.

Dr. Mercola can defend himself by you reading his articles for one week. He even provides sources for his information.

Climate change – a short video which some people would find humorous, while others will see it as a conspiracy theory: <https://tinyurl.com/changes-in-the-air>

Leader of the not so free world: two short videos of scary things [not for the squeamish]: <https://tinyurl.com/scary-world-leader> and <https://tinyurl.com/leader-of-the-free--world>.

After 9-11-2001 we "gladly" gave up some of our freedoms for our security. In 2020 we gave up more freedoms by keeping 6 feet or more distance (a number pulled out of thin air) and to wear one or more masks to feel safe. In 2021 we are now "willing" to give up even more freedoms by submitting to be vaccinated by chemicals never proven to be safe just so we can keep our job and to be able to go out in public without, hopefully, being arrested.

What freedoms will we give up in 2022

Gary Gile – Andover

Colchester Senior Center

To the Editor:

I, Ida Nicholson, would like to tell you about my senior center in Colchester. The coordinator and all the employees are magnificent. Whenever we need help they are there to aid us. Whenever we have a problem there is always someone there to help us. They make our lives easier and really got us through these troubling times of the pandemic. We are so blessed with the senior center. We are able to go to doctors' appointments, shopping, to pick up our prescriptions at the pharmacy – all due to the transportation they provide us. We also have the luxury of movie nights, Meals-on-Wheels, exercise classes, and we are able to gather and share stories which allow us to know each other better.

I am truly blessed with my senior center and I pray they will be here in the years to come. Please support the senior center by voting "yes!" at the upcoming referendum on Nov. 16, so our senior center can continue to grow and help seniors like me.

**Sincerely yours,
Ida Nicholson – Colchester**

The Time has Come

Hello All Taxpayers of Colchester:

The time has finally arrived to vote on our new senior center. We waited for the State Bonding Commission meeting. It got canceled! However, it is going to happen.

In the meantime, we still have to vote for our \$9.5 million center. When the bonding comes through it will mean less money out of our pocket for the center. This can only happen if we approve the building.

This new center will enhance our Colchester community through adequate space for senior programs and meeting places for local organizations.

Please vote on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Town Hall, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thank you for reading this far.

**Sincerely,
Roberta Avery – Colchester**

Note: Avery serves on the Commission on Aging, but said she is writing as an individual.

Critical Race Theory

To the Editor:

The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) is an explicitly right-wing seniors' group. A letter from Bob DeMarchi cited a poll from AMAC (link.sauyet.com/33) describing current issues. All he did was to quote their options, changing a few words. Codswallop, balderdash, poppycock, tommyrot. This was not even the result of the self-selected, non-scientific poll; it was the list of ridiculously biased questions it asked.

Let's look at one issue raised. It mentions Critical Race Theory, calling it indoctrination. It's an excellent bet that you had never heard of

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the entire concert. Also, ECSO will offer a special discount to any other frontline or essential workers who would like to attend the concert.

If interested in joining ECSO on stage – and to be honest, it sounds like it should be a pretty amazing experience – email caleb@ectsymphony.com or call 860-443-2876.

In closing, here are a few particularly thought-provoking quotes from famous novelist and journalist Joyce Maynard, born on this day in 1953:

"It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it myself."

"To share our stories is not only a worthwhile endeavor for the storyteller, but for those who hear our stories and feel less alone because of it."

"A good home must be made, not bought.

In the end, it's not track lighting or a sun room that brings light into a kitchen."

"The painter who feels obligated to depict his subjects as uniformly beautiful or handsome and without flaws will fall short of making art."

"Imagine if you succeeded in making the world perfect for your children. What a shock the rest of life would be for them."

"Those who rhapsodize about the ease and joy of childhood have perhaps forgotten what it's like to be 12 years old."

And lastly, this quote:

"In the event of an oxygen shortage on airplanes, mothers of young children are always reminded to put on their own oxygen mask first, to better assist the children with theirs. The same tactic is necessary on terra firma. There's no way of sustaining our children if we don't first rescue ourselves. I don't call that selfish behavior. I call it love."

See you next week.

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CRT two years ago. It entered our consciousness when Fox News made it famous by talking incessantly about it. The usual right-wing suspects followed along.

No, they're not teaching it to your fourth-graders. No, it's not taking over the school system. No, it's not undermining our republic.

Critical Race Theory is a 50-year-old academic discussion seen mostly in graduate school. It's the simple notion that racism is structural, not merely individual. This is so obvious that only the most ideologically blinded reactionaries could deny it. Have you heard of slavery? Of Jim Crow? Of lynchings? Of red-lining? Of racial sentencing disparities? To deny CRT is to deny these had to do with race.

Certain brain-dead state legislatures are reacting to Fox's propaganda, restricting what may be taught, going as far as prohibiting lessons that might make students "feel discomfort, guilt, or anguish" because of their race or sex. Talk about cancel culture! Conservatives are trying to cancel knowledge, trying to coddle the fragile children by denying them their history. The irony is exquisite.

"We must see now that the evils of racism, economic exploitation, and militarism are all tied together," said Martin Luther King. Those attempting to deny it are simply demonstrating how right-wing ideology warps the minds of its adherents.

Sincerely,
Scott Sauyet – Andover

Mr. Larson's Proposal

To the Editor:

Every election, our former history teacher and insurance agency manager claims he defended your Social Security. Now, he states Social Security hasn't been changed in 50 years and proposes changes.

Strangely, even when the pandemic killed 750,000+ Americans (especially minorities and poor), Mr. Larson ignores that Social Security's group funeral benefit pays \$255 and has not changed in 85 years. Mr. Larson doesn't mention this fact, publicize the benefit's \$255 checks, or propose an update. Further, he omits the Biden Administration's supplemental FEMA emergency funeral payments. As \$255 is meaningless, Mr. Larson's claim to defend your Social Security appears deficient and his proposal fails to resolve this demonstrated Social Security inadequacy.

Since his proposal revised other definitions, it seems fair to retitle this benefit Social Security's group life insurance because: 1. The 2008 Congress found group life insurance is good for all participants., 2. The standard \$50,000 group benefit is a significant improvement., and 3. A recent survey found 58% of Americans want a small portion of their Social Security taxes invested in the stock market. Preliminary computations indicate about \$120 per month (shared 50/50 with employer) or \$1,440 per year would

suffice.

Applying combined Medicare Advantage and 529 design solutions to satisfy voters' desires, this life insurance tax reallocation could also achieve: A national debt solution, starting retirement at birth, reducing Medicare and Medicaid entitlement costs, increased medical research funding, all Americans investment participation, increased Social Security retirement payments, provide economic stimulus to the states/municipalities during pandemic(s), increased financial services diversity and compliance, and decrease the Black Lives Matter wealth gap.

If Congress (Mr. Manchin) desires to raise taxes that benefits all Americans, this would be a good starting point.

The full proposal was filed 2-3-2020 at SEC REG. S7-25-19. For more, see tinyurl.com/48mce4ur.

Respectfully,
Ted Earl – East Hampton

Board, Commission Members Sought

Hello Hebron Residents:

Now that the election is over, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated and welcome all those who were elected to office.

We have many new projects on the horizon that will mold our community over the next few years. The time for residents to step up to fill vacancies on various boards and commissions is upon us. Please consider joining a board or commission so that we may continue our vibrancy. I have witnessed many new faces moving into town and would like to tap into the wealth of skills, experience and interest within our community, the Board of Selectmen and town staff utilize several appointed boards and commissions to advise and make recommendations on a wide variety of issues that are crucial to our quality of life.

For a current list of vacancies please refer to the town's website at www.hebronct.com. Thank you and enjoy all that Hebron has to offer.

Very truly yours,
Andrew J. Tierney
Hebron Town Manager

New Senior Center Needed

To the Editor:

The current location of the senior center at 95 Norwich Ave. was built in 1891, with some additions made to the building in the 1950s. Our seniors have been using the facility for over 40 years. The building lacks capacity to provide increased programming, activities, social interaction and growth of the senior population of Colchester. The building is in disrepair, badly needing so many updates and renovations. A new facility will meet the current and future programming needs of seniors and provide a

positive experience for seniors and all residents of Colchester. Colchester seniors and the community deserve more.

Absentee ballots will be available in the town clerk's office beginning Nov. 5, and the date of the referendum is Nov. 16 at the Town Hall, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Marge Mlodzinski – Colchester

Note: Mlodzinski is chair of the Colchester Commission on Aging and a member of the Senior Center Building Committee, but said she is speaking as an individual.

A Grateful Thanks

To the Editor:

The Hebron American Legion Post 95 commander, senior vice commander, the executive committee and the entire contingent of Hebron Post 95, wish to extend their thanks, for participating in the purchase of our "Famous Legion

Burgers."

The proceeds are slated for the Hebron-area food bank and/or the Hebron-area scholarship fund.

Please note: Donations are accepted throughout the year for the scholarship fund, and/or the Hebron-area food bank. Checks are accepted, made out to: Hebron, American Legion, Post 95 Scholarship Fund, and addressed to Hebron American Legion, Post 95, Hebron, CT 06248-0095.

Again, thanks for recognizing Hebron-area veterans and supporting the scholarship fund and/or the Hebron-area food bank. It is very much appreciated.

God bless Hebron and God bless the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. Mangillo, Adjutant
Hebron American Legion Post 95

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Republican Andreas Bisbikos, left, defeated First Selectman Mary Bylone at the polls on Tuesday. Bisbikos defeated Bylone by a tally of 2,783 to 2,466.



man with 2,450 votes and Bernard Dennler III with 2,455.

The Board of Assessment Appeals race was also dominated by Republicans.

Newcomers Karen Godbout got 2,631 votes and Robert Durnik got 2,596. Andrew Cournoyer, a Democrat, kept his seat with 2,436 votes, but candidate Susan Thomas was defeated with 2,404.

Treasurer Jennifer Pulse, a Democrat, lost to Republican candidate John Ringo, as she collected 2,449 votes to Ringo's 2,780.

"I was treasurer four years ago and was also on the Board of Finance for 16 years," said Ringo. "This is my seventh time running and I was elected four times. I'm thankful for all who worked on the campaign."

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Ghosts and Goblins on Parade at Trick or Trunk

by Diane Church

Dozens of ghosts, goblins, witches, princesses and more descended on the Colchester RecPlex Sunday night for the town's annual Trick or Trunk.

The event was originally scheduled for Saturday, but the inclement weather made the shift to the rain date necessary.

Trick or Trunk was designed as a safe alternative to traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating. Instead of walking from house to house, children and their parents visited a series of cars and SUVs lined up in the front parking lot at the RecPlex. The parents were asked to donate two bags of Halloween candy purchased at a store for each child they brought. Many other towns have similar events either on Halloween night or beforehand.

The owners of the vehicles volunteered and decorated their trunk or back of their vehicle with an appropriate Halloween theme. They could bring their own candy or use the candy that is donated. The youngsters and their parents walk from one trunk to another, collecting candy at each. Other volunteers roam the area supplying candy to anyone who was running low.

Carmello Anderson stood near her vehicle dressed like a chicken, handing candy out to the costumed tykes.

"There's a nice turnout this year," she said. "We've been doing this for the past four years. It's a lot of fun. It's a nice family activity."

Carmello was proud of the decorations in their trunk, which her daughter put together. Her husband Dennis Anderson stood beside her wearing a white suit. His matching hair and beard made him resemble Colonel Sanders, the businessman who started Kentucky Fried Chicken and became its mascot.

Ada Hathaway and Cody Freeman were also handing out candy. They were dressed as what Hathaway called "vampire pirates."

"This is my first time here," said Hathaway. "It's very fun. There are a lot of people. It's also safer than trick or treating. But the little kids can go trick or treating before the event and the older ones can go out after."

By 6 p.m. there was a long line of parents and children waiting their turn. Parents joined the fun wearing costumes of their own. There was plenty of donated candy to go around.

"We're having a blast," said Mark Prenita, who was there with his wife and kids. "This is



Audrie Babineau, assistant chief of Colchester Emergency Medical Services, was one of many who handed out candy to local kids at the town's annual Trick or Trunk, held last weekend.

better than going house to house."

Audrie Babineau, assistant chief of Colchester Emergency Medical Services, was standing at the fire department's booth, wearing a cape with a matching witch (or wizard) hat.

"This is a wonderful community event," she said. "People need some happiness right now."

After collecting their candy, some children went up to the playground to play or just hang out. An ice cream vendor had set up a trailer.

The event concluded at 7 p.m. with fireworks. Then the parents and their children, with bags full of Halloween candy, headed home.

Colchester Federated Church News

Colchester Federated Church is an Open and Affirming church located at 60 Main St. Pastor is the Rev. Lauren Lorincz. The church office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The office can be reached at 860-537-5189 or cfc06415@gmail.com.

Worship services are Sundays at 9 a.m.; masks required. For those wishing to worship from home, the service will be broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship videos are at www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information is also on the church's Facebook page.

Sunday School: Sunday School is held during worship from September through June. Children in grades pre-K through 8 are welcome.

The nursery is located just off the sanctuary. Visit the church website to register youth for Sunday School.

Twelve-Step Meetings: AA meets in the church library Monday-Wednesday and Friday at noon and Thursday at 10 a.m., and at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. On Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Al-Anon meets in the Jerusalem Room and AA meets in the Stage Room.

Boy Scout Troop 72: Meetings are held in the Stage Room every Monday at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Fundraiser: The church will have its annual Holly Fair Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All are invited to shop at the variety of booths and get lunch to-go from the Holly Café.

Senior Center News & Notes

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following. For full descriptions, call 860-537-3911, email csc@colchesterct.gov, or visit www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center. Items marked with a (Z) are held via Zoom.

Monday, Nov. 8: 8:30 a.m., Commission on Aging meeting; 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Pet Therapy; 10:30 a.m., Community Conversations with the First Selectman; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 1 p.m., Bridge in Hebron; 6 p.m., Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Series Part 2 (Z).

Tuesday, Nov. 9: 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 11 a.m., Veterans Day Apple Pie Social; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 12:30-3:30 p.m., CHOICES Counseling by Appointment Only; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., SCBC meeting (Z).

Wednesday, Nov. 10: 9 a.m., Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 9 a.m., Making Memories Program; 9:30 a.m., AARP Safe Driver (Z); 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 12:30 p.m., Reel Friends Movie Club - *In the Heights*; 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing; 2 p.m., CSC staff meeting; 7 p.m., AARP - Find the Right Financial Professional (Z).

Thursday, Nov. 11: Senior center closed for Veterans Day.

Friday, Nov. 12: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Open Enrollment by appointment only; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 11 a.m., yoga; 1:30 p.m., Choral Group, Bingo.

Upcoming Programs: Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Zoom Series: Mondays, Nov. 8 and 15, 6 p.m., via Zoom. November is National Family Caregivers Month, and the Colchester Commission on Aging invites all to a series entitled "Living with Alzheimer's: for Caregivers: Early Stages." Kristopher Sortwell, the Eastern Region director of education and outreach with the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chap-

ter will be guest speaker. Call the center for the Zoom links for these presentations.

Reel Friends Movie Club: Wednesday, Nov. 10, 12:30 p.m. *In the Heights* (2021, PG-13) will be shown. From the creator of *Hamilton*, this musical tells the story of a bodega owner who hopes for a better life.

A Thankful Thanksgiving Celebration: Wednesday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m. Ralph Sacco will provide entertainment followed by a Thanksgiving feast of roast turkey with gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, a dinner roll with margarine, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and grape juice. Tickets for this event are \$8 each. Register by Nov. 10.

Holiday Card-Making Workshop: Friday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m., led by senior center member Barbara Gozzo. There is a material fee of \$5 per person. Registration deadline is Nov. 12.

Take Home a Gnome Craft: Monday, Nov. 22, 1 p.m. Materials fee for this class is \$15. Please register by Nov. 15.

Step By Step Painting: Thanksgiving Pumpkins: Tuesday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m. Materials fee for this class is \$15, or bring your own paint and canvas and join for free. Registration is required.

Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The services are also available on Zoom; visit westchestercongregation.org for login information.

The church has a small white wooden Blessings Box in its lower parking lot, with non-perishable food items and other items. All are welcome to give or take a few items.

For more information, email westcongregation@gmail.com, visit the church website, or call 860-267-6711.

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Boy Scout Troop 13 recently held a Court of Honor to recognize Scouts who earned rank advancement, merit badges and other awards. Pictured behind the table are senior patrol leader Carson Brown (center) and assistant senior patrol leaders John Paul Peck and Sebby Santini.

Troop 13 Holds Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 13 recently held a Court of Honor to recognize Scouts who earned rank advancement, merit badges and other awards.

During the summer, Scouts participated in several merit badge opportunities, numerous campouts, multiple summer camps sponsored by both Connecticut and Rhode Island Scout camps, and completed several hikes. The highlight of the troop's outdoor program was an extended weekend camping trip to Cape Cod. Scouts completed a bike ride to the beach, went swimming with seals, and had a campfire on the beach with Dutch oven-cooked peach cobbler.

Aiden Raulukaitis earned Life Scout. In addition, several Scouts made progress on or completed their community service project which is part of the requirements needed to earn the Eagle Scout rank. Other significant accomplishments during the summer included three Scouts attending National Youth Leadership Training: Garrett Schuth, Carson Brown and John Paul Peck. Two Scouts were elected into the Order of the Arrow and completed their induction ordeal: John Dalton and Garrett Schuth.

Scouts earned a total of 62 merit badges during the summer. Cody Blanda earned Rifle Shooting, Forestry, and Orienteering; Daniel Blanda earned Climbing, Kayaking, Leatherworking, Mammal Study, Oceanography and Art; Jacob Blanda completed Rifle Shooting, Swimming and Wilderness Survival; Austin Brown completed Climbing, Kayaking, Mammal Study and Oceanography; Carson Brown completed Art, Emergency Preparedness, Cooking, Mammal Study and Oceanography; Miller Brown completed Rifle Shooting and Swimming; T.J. Crowell completed Woodcarving, Environmental Science and Pioneering; John Dalton completed Farm Mechanics, Rifle Shooting, Plumbing and Woodcarving; Jordon

Darvas completed Rifle Shooting and Archery;

Logan East completed Art, Emergency Preparedness, Cooking, Mammal Study and Oceanography; William Girard completed Climbing, Kayaking, Camping, Personal Fitness, Mammal Study, Oceanography and Art; Ben Graham completed Cooking and Mammal Study; Wyatt Nowakowski completed Forestry, Leatherworking, Mammal Study and Oceanography; John Paul Peck completed Art, Oceanography, Mammal Study and Cooking; Aiden Raulukaitis completed Farm Mechanics, Plumbing, Small Boat Sailing, Kayaking, Metalworking and Geology; Sebby Santini completed Art, Environmental Science, Cooking, Mammal Study and Oceanography; and Joey Whitney completed Swimming, Rifle Shooting and Mammal Study.

Boys age 11-17 who like the outdoors, are interested in STEM activities, and enjoy camping are invited to join Troop 13. The troop meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at the St. Andrew Church hall, 128 Norwich Ave. The troop follows BSA and Connecticut COVID-19 precautions. If interested, stop by at any meeting (wear a mask) or contact Scoutmaster Brian Marburger at brian.marburger@comscast.net or 860-917-5896.

Christian Life Chapel News

Christian Life Chapel, located at 392 S. Main St., holds worship in-person at 10 a.m. Sundays. Follow the church on Facebook for the livestream.

For more information, call Pastor Don Rivers – the church's bi-vocational pastor, who also serves as president for "Racing with Jesus Inc." – at 860-398-9119 or visit christianlifechapel.org.

Auditions Coming for Cabaret

The Colchester Community Theatre has scheduled auditions for its February 2022 musical production. At the time of this press release, CCT is planning on producing *Cabaret* (the 1998 version) and is waiting for approval from Concord Theatricals for the rights to do so. *Cabaret* explores the dark and heady life of Bohemian Berlin as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich.

Auditions will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 14, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., at Congregation Aha-vath Achim (Colchester Synagogue) Hall, 84 Lebanon Ave. No appointment is required for either date. Everyone must bring sheet music in the appropriate key and be prepared to sing. Prepare 12-16 measures of a song that showcases your voice. No prerecorded music or a cappella singing will be permitted. An accompanist will be provided. Everyone will be asked to learn a short, choreographed routine

so please bring appropriate shoe wear. Roles are available for adults and teens (Grade 9 and above).

For more information, contact Wallis Johnson at 860-267-1023 or Laura Brown at 860-305-8605, or email backstage@colchestercommunitytheatre.com. Driving and rehearsal location directions and additional information regarding the musical may be found on the "Directions" page.

CCT will follow all CDC guidelines during auditions and a proof of vaccination will be required as in alignment with many theater companies. All staff will be vaccinated and masks will be required.

Show dates for this production are Feb. 18, 19 and 20, 2022. Anyone who is unable to attend the auditions on the above dates must contact CCT before Nov. 8 to make other arrangements.

Dean's Fellow for Racial Equity

Shruti Rajkumar of Colchester was named a Dean's Fellow for Racial Equity this academic year at Emerson College in Boston. Rajkumar is a majoring in journalism and is a member of the Class of 2022.

The college's Office of Academic Affairs and the Dean's Council launched an inaugural

Dean's Fellowship Program that embraces racial equity as a key standard for assessing the quality of the college's programs, practices and activities. The program aims to support the personal and professional development of students who are committed to advancing equity on campus. Each of the college's schools are collaborating to offer a holistic experience that underscores how the intersectional identities of the Fellows will inform their work throughout the Fellowship.

Created this year in order to advance equity initiatives across the college, fellows will work closely with the dean's leadership team, faculty, BIPOC student groups, and others on campus to facilitate communication and actions that promote racial justice, equity, healing, and inclusion in each school's academic environment.

Senior Trip to Chicken Restaurant, Casino

Colchester Senior Center is organizing a trip to Wright's Chicken Farm in Rhode Island, followed by a stop at Twin River Casino, on Thursday, March 24, 2022, departing at 10:15 a.m.

Cost is \$92 per person, and space is limited. Reservations should be made in person at the senior center, 95 Norwich Ave., and are available to members of the Colchester Senior Center on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call the senior center at 860-537-3911 for more information.



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Snowflake Bazaar... Three Creative Sisters and their reindeer will join 17 other vendors (including Julianna Design, Jenn Judd, Wood by Kerry and Sew Many Creations) at the annual Snowflake Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Markham Meadows Campground, 9 Markham Rd., East Hampton. Sponsored by the Westchester Congregational Church, the bazaar will also feature Cookies by the Pound, valuable raffle items and our famous luncheon. All are welcome. Call Melissa at 860-267-9738 for more information.

Youth Football Recap

The Colchester Cougars A, B and D youth football squads played in East Hampton on Oct. 24. The C Squad had a bye. Here is how the Cougars fared:

D Squad: Won, 39-14. Out of respect for East Hampton, who could only field 7 players, the game was played 7v7. This necessitated adaptability by the Cougars' players and coaches to ensure all 21 players received plenty of snaps. Eight players ran the ball Sunday for the D Squad.

A Squad: Lost, 30-28. The team was unable to maintain the early lead. Joey Gignac and Riddick Burroughs had strong touchdown runs. Skip Coogan and Julian Dean led the way in blocking at guards. Harrison Billiot had a fumble recovery that was initiated by Michael Krol.

B Squad: Won, 33-6. The Cougars scored on the first play of the game when Edward Gignac had a 70-yard kick return for a touchdown. The Cougars scored on pass play from Vinny Arrigoni to Dominic Helm and hard runs by Edward

Gignac, Dominic Helm, Arrigoni and Adam "The Mullet" Bigelow had his first touchdown of the season. Noah Garvie and Vinny Arrigoni also scored extra points. All the running plays were behind the offensive line play of James Wissler, Carmine "The Boss" Rossi, Eric Daley and Marcus Cahill. The defense was led by two fumble recoveries by Ryan "Ryno" Browning and big tackles by Blake Allard, Sam Collozo and Gavin King.

Youth Basketball Registration Closes Soon

Time is running out for students in grades 1 through high school to register for the Recreation program offered by Colchester Youth Basketball.

Registration closes Nov. 13, and can be done at www.colchesterbasketball.org. Registration for the Travel program has already ended.

Ahavath Achim News

Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Ave., has announced the following schedule:

Friday night service, 6:30 p.m.; Zoom; Shabbat morning hybrid service, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Talmud class, 6:30 p.m., and Kabbalah class, 8 p.m. on Zoom.

For more information, call 860-537-2809. Office hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday; 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday; and 9 a.m.-noon Friday.

Turkey Table Crafts at Cragin

There will be Turkey Table Crafts at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave., on Monday, Nov. 15. All ages are invited to drop in at any time that day to make autumnal place cards and decorations.

For more information about current library services, visit www.craginlibrary.org, or call the library at 860-537-5752.



The parish family at Saint Andrew Church collected items last month to help those people in Haiti. Pictured are Lori Barbaresi, Linda Blakita and Nola Weston, members of the church quilting group, holding pillowcase dresses being donated to the program. They also make shorts for the boys and quilts for children to sleep on.

Colchester Makes a Difference

For 14 years, the parish family at Saint Andrew Church and the community have participated in National Make-A-Difference Day to help people in Haiti. Again, the church set aside October to collect items that will help those people in Haiti.

Recently, a 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti and devastated the city of Jeremie and many surrounding villages. The church is working with the Haitian Health Foundation, whose clinic is in Jeremie.

People in the area can help by donating the following items: Soap and other hygiene items,

flop flops, children's new underwear, socks and hats for the elderly in the mountain areas, sunglasses, comfort dolls, Hot Wheels cars, food items such as peanut butter and tuna packed in oil (no glass items), and first aid items.

One may purchase a goat for \$150, that goat will be given to a family in need. You will receive a picture of the goat that you named as it is gifted to a family in Haiti. Donations may be placed in the boxes located at the entrances of Saint Andrew Church or call for a pickup by contacting Sue Haas at 860-537-5742 or Cathy Russi 860-887-9621 crussi45@sbcglobal.net.

CYSS News and Notes

Colchester Youth and Social Services has announced the following. For full program descriptions or more information, contact CYSS at 860-537-7255 or youthservices@colchesterct.gov. Register for programs online at www.colchesterct.gov/youth-social-services.

Youth Action Council: Thursdays, 2:15-4 p.m., for grades 7-12. As a member of the council, students will have the opportunity to engage with town leaders, travel to regional conferences, create activities for teens, and more. Register online.

Dinner & A Movie: Friday, Nov. 12, 4-9:30 p.m., for grades 7-12. Fee: \$25. Join CYSS for dinner at Ruby Tuesday and then a private showing of *Eternals* at the Lisbon movie theater. Dinner is included in the fee. Extra money for movie snacks is optional.

Urban Air: Wednesday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., for grades 6-10. Fee: \$37. Spend the day at Urban Air in Orange, featuring bumper-cars, laser tag, a trampoline park and more. Pizza lunch and jump socks are included in the fee.

Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Location

Christian Life Chapel has announced it is one of the drop-off locations for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) this year. Boxes will be collected Nov. 15-22 at 392 S. Main St. Go to samaritanspurse.org/occ to check for hours.

Christmas Fair

The Angels and Snowflakes Christmas Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Andrew Church 128 Norwich Ave.

There will be baked goods, handmade items, quilts, Christmas items, gently-used religious items, a raffle, and works by local crafters.

For more information, call Barbara Gozzo at 860-208-4121.

Ukrainian Catholic

All are invited to worship each week at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 178 Linwood Ave. The church offers Eastern Rite Divine services. Church doors are open for Divine Liturgy on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.; the Sunday service is bilingual.

For more information, call the church at 860-537-2069.



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Conservation District Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

All are invited to join the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District for its 74th annual meeting at Cold Spring Farm, 46 Town Rd., on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 1-3 p.m.

The meeting will include a look back on the district's 2020-21 accomplishments; a ceremony to honor its conservation award winners; and a talk and tour about cooperative projects with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, sustainability initiatives, impacts of climate change, and farming through the pandemic.

A brief business meeting will precede the program. After the tour, there will be time for refreshments and conversation, as well as to visit the farm's market, which features products from the farm and other local businesses.

This event is free and open to the public. If interested in attending, RSVP to Sandy Weiss at 860-346-3282 or sweiss@conservect.org.

The awards to be presented at the meeting include: Tom O'Dell Outstanding District Service to Jeff Folger, formerly with North Central Conservation District; Farm Cooperator to Cold Spring Farm, Jess Stone; Organization to New Britain Roots, Joey Listro; Special Merit to Janet Brooks, Land Use Attorney; and Certificates of Appreciation to Chester Agricultural & Mechanical Society, Nancy McGee and Joe Santaniello, Information Technology Consultant.

The Middletown-based Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District works to conserve natural resources through technical assistance and education in several area towns, including Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland. Visit www.conservect.org/ctivercoastal for more information about its programs and services.

Fire Calls

From Oct. 24-30, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 55 calls: 39 emergency medical calls, 13 fire/fire-related calls, and three motor vehicle crashes. Calls included:

Fire: outside brush fire, one; smoke investigation, one; fire alarm, six; trees down, three; service call, one.

Crashes: two single-car rollovers and one single-car with fire.

Medical: sick person, six; fall injury, four; cardiac distress, four; mental disorder, four; difficulty breathing, four; lift assist, two; diabetic emergency, one; injured person, three; unconscious, three; stroke, three; abdominal pain, one; medical alarm, one; overdose, one; bleeding, one; alcohol disorder, one.

CHFD didn't provide any mutual aid last week, but received it twice – once each from Bozrah and Gardner Lake.

CHFD also offers free CO checks, and car seat safety checks and installations by appointment only; call the department at 860-537-2512 to schedule one. Reflective address marker signs are also available to order in blue or green, vertical or horizontal; cost is \$12. Forms are available at the firehouse, 52 Old Hartford Rd., or online; go to colchesterct.gov, click on 'departments' and select 'fire department.'

Note: The Department of Emergency Management conducts tests of the emergency sirens throughout town, on the first Saturday of every month between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. These are just tests.

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East Hampton resident Jason Gardiner recently expanded his Eagle Scout service project into Colchester. Pictured with the sign installed at the Lyman Viaduct in Colchester are, from left, Noah St. Germain (park ranger of the state parks division), Wil Netsch-Herr of Middletown, and Jason and Kyle Gardiner of East Hampton.

Belltown Resident Expands Sign Project

When Jason Gardiner, 17, completed his Eagle Scout project last year by researching, producing and installing historical signs along the Air Line Trail in East Hampton, he decided to expand his service project with one more sign for his neighboring town.

Last weekend, Oct. 30, he worked in the rain with his father, Kyle Gardiner, and friend, Wil Netsch-Herr from Middletown, to install a fourth historical sign on the Lyman Viaduct in Colchester.

Gardiner, from Troop 57 in East Hampton, started his Eagle project in 2019 to produce three historical signs in his hometown. Last year, he installed one sign at the Cobalt trail-head parking lot off Depot Hill Road and another sign at Bishop's Cut, located on the Air Line Trail halfway between Watrous Road and Smith Street in East Hampton. The installation of the third sign, meant for the Rapallo Viaduct portion of the trail in East Hampton, is on hold due to ongoing construction work to fix a sewer main break.

So in the meantime, Gardiner decided to continue fundraising for a fourth sign for the Lyman Viaduct, a mile down the trail from the Rapallo Viaduct and just over the border into Colchester.

The sign details the history of the Lyman Viaduct with pictures from the construction of it, and even features a QR code that, when scanned, opens up the entry for the Lyman Viaduct in the National Register of Historic Places website.

Gardiner received funds from the Colchester Land Trust to help pay for this sign. For his other signs, he received donations from the Rotary Club of East Hampton, the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission, the East Hampton Parks and Recreation Department, the Flannery family of Belltown Motors, Air Line Cycles and Ace Hardware, all of East Hampton. Gardiner also worked at his troop's bottle and can drives to earn money that he put toward his project.

Cheryl Gioielli of Gioielli Design of East Hampton worked with Gardiner to design the signs with pictures and information found at the Chatham Historical Society, East Hampton town library and the University of Connecticut Library's online Archives and Special Collections. Gioielli's past work producing signage in East Hampton and Portland gave continuity to the graphical depictions.

Gardiner earned his Eagle rank on Sept. 23, becoming the 25th Scout from Troop 57 (dating back to 1974) to have achieved the highest rank in Scouting.

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Car Wash to Help Replace Shed

Boy Scout Troop 72 Eagle Scout candidate Conner Denecour will have a car wash Saturday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St.

The purpose of the car wash is to raise funds to restore the Colchester Giving Garden's storage shed, located behind the senior center on Norwich Avenue. The shed is frequently used by the Colchester Giving Garden volunteers throughout the year. The shed will get a new roof, new gutters and new siding. Other repairs will also be done. Denecour will also accept returnable bottles and cans during the car wash. They may be dropped off at the front of the church.

Cash donations to the project fund are also appreciated. Donations can be sent to: Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., made out to "Troop 72 BSA" with the note "For Colchester Giving Gardens Shed."

Abundant Life Church News & Notes

Abundant Life Church, a Christ-follower church that believes salvation through Jesus Christ, is located at 85 Skinner Rd. For more information, call 860-537-3082 or visit AbundantL.com.

Sunday Services: Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the main service is at 10:30 a.m. There is also Children's Church available for ages 4-11. All are welcome. The main service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.

Power of Prayer: If in need of prayer, call the church to be placed on the prayer list. You may also ask about the various days and times the prayer groups meet and come at that time.

Bacon Welcomes Eighth Grade Students

Bacon Academy welcomes all current eighth-grade students and their families to visit and tour the high school on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. The annual showcase is open for all eighth-grade students who will be transitioning into high school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Principal Matthew Peel will include an introduction and an overview of Bacon Academy at 6 p.m. in the Bacon Academy Franklin S "Doc" Gross Auditorium. Following the introduction, students and families are invited to tour the academic departments and meet the staff to learn about the different programs and courses that are offered at Bacon Academy.

Open Enrollment for Medicare

Colchester Senior Center invites all to meet with a Certified CHOICES Counselor who is specially trained in Medicare who will help screen you for the best and most affordable coverage. Open Enrollment runs until Dec. 7, and it's your opportunity to make changes to Medicare, especially Medicare C (Medicare Advantage plans) or Medicare D (prescription drug coverage plans).

Call the senior center office at 860-537-3911 to schedule an appointment on Friday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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Republicans Sweep Belton Election

by Jack Lakowsky

According to results sent to the *Rivereast* by the East Hampton Registrar of Voters, Republicans on Tuesday claimed majorities on the Town Council, Board of Education And Board of Finance.

Town Manager David Cox said this reflects many local elections statewide.

Elected to the town council were incumbents Mark Philhower and Tim Feegel – with Philhower being the election’s top vote-getter overall – along with new arrivals Brandon Goff, Eric Peterson and Alison Walck.

Democrats are now the minority on the council, represented by former chair Pete Brown and Kevin Reich.

Republicans Christina Tammaro-Dzagan, Mike Buck, Josh Piteo and Sal Nucifora will be seated on the school board, making a GOP majority. The only Democrat to win their race

was Nancy Kohler.

Republicans Alannah Coshow, Bridget McLennan, Richard Brown and Russell Bonacorso won for Board of Finance, making a 5-2 Republican supermajority.

According to the town registrar, about 35.5% of the electorate showed up. Republican registrar Lori Wilcox said this is normal of East Hampton’s turnout.

An actual tally of ballots was still being counted after this story’s deadline.

Although the official council organizational meeting took place after deadline for this story, Cox anticipated Philhower will become the council’s new chair, a prediction Philhower himself also made to the *Rivereast*.

Cox said Tim Feegel is expected to be vice chair.

“I’m humbled and surprised,” Philhower

told the *Rivereast* Wednesday. “To be honest, I didn’t expect this. I’m honored people think we should lead.”

Philhower said his first order of business will be to meet with the town manager and find some fat to trim off the town’s budget.

“We were spanked in 2019,” said Philhower, referring to the election wherein Democrats claimed the council. He added this was a result of displeasure with the performance of former president Donald Trump.

Philhower said Democrats experienced a mirrored referendum this year.

“Although I don’t feel any of my [Democratic] colleagues did anything wrong, those at the state and federal level have,” Philhower said, adding voters were tired of Democrats at these higher levels of government.

The *Rivereast* visited the polling station at East Hampton Middle School.

Wilcox, at about 1:30 p.m., said the flow had been nonstop.

“We’ve had lines out the door,” said Wilcox. “It feels really good.”

Dean Markham, who lost his bid and formerly served as council vice chair, said he was very appreciative and thankful to his team’s supporters.

“I think we’ve done what’s in the town’s best interest for the last two years,” Markham said. “I think what we’ve done has been remarkable and outstanding, and that we put the town in the right direction. I wish those who are taking seats well.”

Markham said he hasn’t quite thought of his next moves. He said he thought he’d retired from politics after leaving the state legislature 30 years ago.

As to his party’s local defeat, Markham attributed it to national issues over which local officials have little to no control over – vaccine mandates for example.

Brown and Reich did not return request for comment on this story.



Drive-Thru Lunch... The East Hampton Democratic Town Committee recently sponsored a drive-thru lunch for more than 90 older adults in the community. From left are Kevin Reich, Brian Corvo, Pete Brown, Barbara Moore, Nancy Kohler, Ted Turner and Audrey Stein.

Lions Club Scholarship Raffle

The East Hampton Lions Club is conducting a raffle to support its annual scholarship program. The club offers four \$1,000 awards to East Hampton graduating students.

The raffle offers a \$2,021 grand prize. There are also two first prizes of \$221, two second prizes of \$121 and two third prizes of \$51. Also, the first-, second- and third-prize winners are re-entered for grand prize drawing.

The drawing will be at the Lions Club picnic pavilion, 62 North Main St., at 2:21 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. Winners need not be present.

For information or tickets call Lion Tom Denman 860-519-4951 or 860-267-4512.

Belltown Native Joins Carl Guild & Associates

Carl Guild & Associates recently announced real estate sales professional Kristy Paquette has joined the brokerage.

Carl Guild & Associates is a full-service, independent real estate brokerage based in East Hampton, Colchester and Glastonbury that services clients throughout the central Connecticut region. Paquette is an East Hampton local with extensive background in human services as a case manager.

“We’re so happy to welcome Kristy to Carl Guild & Associates,” said Carl Guild, broker/owner of Carl Guild & Associates. “She has the spirit and drive to help people embedded in her and we know she will be successful in doing so with her clients.”

Additionally, Paquette has a deep passion for animals and plans to create an affiliation with local animal rescues. She said she hopes to integrate her real estate business with her community work and ultimately provide donations to rescue groups through her real estate transactions.



EHHS Cornhole Tournament

The East Hampton High School baseball team will host a Cornhole Tournament Saturday, Nov. 6; rain date is Sunday, Nov. 7. The event will be held at Seamster Park (Little League fields) on Smith Street.

Check-in time will be at 10 a.m. with the tournament beginning at 11 a.m. This is a team event with the cost being \$60 per team. There will be raffles, a long toss competition, a bake sale and concessions. The event will be capped at 60 teams.

To receive the registration link with fees requiring payment thru the link, please email seidlts@sbglobal.net or ccascio2000@gmail.com. While registering, you can identify if you can loan a set of official size boards for the competition. There will be a large need initially to keep the flow of the tournament moving.

All proceeds will go to the East Hampton High School baseball team.

Applications Sought for Poet Laureate

The Town of East Hampton and the East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission are accepting applicants for the position of East Hampton’s Poet Laureate.

Information sheets are available at the East Hampton Public Library, the town manager’s office at Town Hall and Dexter’s Tunes, Tales and Ales in the East Hampton Village Center.

Details on how to apply and what is required of the position are on the info sheets. Deadline to apply is Nov. 18 to arts@easthamptonct.org or to the town manager’s office.

EHACC Accepting Capstone Grant Applications

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission (EHACC) is accepting applications from East Hampton High School juniors and seniors for a \$200 grant to support an annual East Hampton High School Capstone Project.

Applicants will be invited to present their Capstone project idea to commission members during an agreed upon commission meeting.

Deadline to apply is Feb. 1. Applications are available at www.artsforeasthamptonct.org and can be submitted to arts@easthamptonct.org or can be mailed/dropped off at the town manager’s office at East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

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Efficacy of Lake Treatments in Doubt

by Jack Lakowsky

At a recent Town Council meeting, Hillary Kenyon, a certified lake manager with Northeast Aquatic Research – the town’s contractor studying Lake Pocotopaug – cast doubt on the town’s efforts at restoring lake clarity and health.

Multiple blooms of toxic cyanobacteria, or blue-green algae, which appears as a green algal scum, plagued the lake this year, resulting in closures to swimming and recreation.

At the Oct. 26 meeting, Kenyon told the council there was a severe bloom earlier in October, the worst in seven years.

Kenyon said conditions this summer were unideal with heavy rainfall and stormy weather, but that regardless of this, the scum carpets indicate momentum that will lead to blooms in the next few years.

Weather may have been a factor in the bad blooms, but runoff pollutants, like fertilizers, are a major culprit.

“I don’t know what 2022 will look like, but 2021 was subpar,” Kenyon said. “We need to deal with the watershed first.”

Kenyon said she’s been in touch with people in town about their fertilizing practices. Paul’s and Sandy’s Too, for example, uses fertilizer in their work and as a farming business, has a right to do so, with the goal of making sure fertilizer use isn’t hurting the lake.

The *Rivereast* reached out to Paul’s and San-

dy’s for comment last Wednesday morning. The business did not offer comment, saying they’d not had an immediate chance to see the meeting.

Kenyon is also reviewing the town’s multiple projects in the watershed, like those on the property of Christopher Brook, which the town bought to mitigate runoff.

Kenyon said runoff pollution is worsening the large layer of muck at the lake’s bottom, a favorite habitat of cyanobacteria.

Last year, the town commissioned a two-pronged treatment. Aeration to stir the water column and prevent phosphorous – which the algae loves – from releasing. In addition, the town employed a relatively new treatment called BioBlast, a natural product of microorganisms that are supposed to outcompete the cyanobacteria.

According to Town Manager David Cox, the aeration costs close to \$99,000, and the BioBlast is about \$49,000, both done by a Michigan-based firm, Everblue Lakes.

Kenyon said the circulation system is supposed to prevent phosphorous release and so preventing surface accumulation of algae, but that did not happen this season, and that levels of the element have skyrocketed beyond safe limits.

Kenyon said a 30-foot area around the aerators had no scum.

Kenyon mentioned that Pocotopaug was not the only lake burdened with algal blooms, saying it was an issue across the state.

The town’s Lake Commission and EverBlue both consult with Kenyon. Kenyon said, after “challenging” discussions, the parties now see eye-to-eye. She did, however, say the nuances of BioBlast are still unclear to her.

Kenyon said she understand why the community is invested in using a natural, non-pesticidal product.

“It’s an ongoing cost,” Kenyon said, adding were she to develop a five-year plan, it would differ from the current one EverBlue devised.

A decade or two ago, Kenyon said there was a botched treatment of the lake that resulted in a disrupted pH balance, leading to a fish die-off, and is likely why residents hesitate to use chemical products.

Kenyon made suggestions to the council. She suggested an algaecide but added this would be a

band-aid fix and likely unpopular with the town.

She suggested adding another aerator or applying phosphate binder in the lake or watershed.

Kenyon said holding public seminars about the lake would also be a benefit to the project, informing the public on lake science and on what it can do to help.

Dean Markham, who was council vice chair at the time of the meeting, asked, because the lake’s health is a longstanding issue, wouldn’t it also take years to fix?

Kenyon replied saying aeration to reoxygenate organic lake bottom material and therefore discouraging phosphorous release should actually be a relatively fast process.

Kevin Reich, council member, asked if the work had actually done harm to the lake.

Kenyon said she didn’t know.

Youth Football Recaps

The East Hampton Hawks youth football squads were in action Oct. 17 against Ellington, and Oct. 24 against Colchester. Here’s how they fared those two weeks:

A Squad: Lost to Ellington, 38-12. The Hawks (2-3) tried to upend the undefeated Roadrunners (5-0) team, but fell short. Quarterback John Haley had two rushing touchdowns. Caleb Wagner intercepted an Ellington pass, and Davion Smith, Tyler Crumb, Lucas Richards, Garrett Sharpe, Jimmy Harris, and Bryson Milton defended well against the run, but Ellington was well prepared and able to adjust.

The following week, the squad topped Colchester, 30-28. Colchester was up 22-6 at the half. Two rushing touchdowns by John Haley and two receiving touchdowns by Caleb Wagner helped the Hawks keep pace. With the score tied 28-28 and two minutes left, the Hawks defense, led by Davion Smith, Noah Mokrzycki, Tyler Crumb, Garrett Sharpe, Victor Bryant, Danny Green, Gunnar Green, Evan Wagner and Walker Hebler, got a rare 2-point safety that proved to be the difference in the game. Bryson Milton earned some yards on the ground and added strong PAT kicks and deep kick-offs that helped the Hawks on special teams.

B Squad: Lost to Ellington, 36-0. Axl Rostovsky led the defense with several tackles. Connor Hill, Joey Guiliano, Essio Giovanelli, Logan Supinski, and Danielle Riley all played well on defense. The defense blocked every extra point attempt by the Roadrunners. The Hawks had several good runs by Essio Giovanelli, Connor Hill, Joey Guiliano, and Logan Supinski. With 11 seconds on the clock the Hawks tried one last attempt to get on the scoreboard with quarterback Logan Supinski throwing a long pass to Connor Hill, but came up short of the end zone.

The following week, the squad lost to Colchester, 33-6. Axl Rostovsky led the defense along with Essio Giovanelli, Logan Supinski, Joey Guiliano, Danielle Riley, Julian Faden, Derek Guiliano, Mathias Bueno, Jordan Hinton, Kayleigh Philbrick, Nathan Philbrick, Trevor Philbrick and Colton Burgin. The offense had many good runs by Joey Guiliano, Essio Giovanelli and Logan Supinski. Quarterback Logan Supinski threw a 25-yard reception to Joey Guiliano but came up short by a few yards of a touchdown before halftime. In the second half, the Hawks got on the board with a short pass to Joey Guiliano who ran 40 yards for the score thanks to two keys blocks from Danielle Riley.

D Squad: Against Ellington, the squad had a slow start, but late in the first half got 70-yard touchdown runs from Blake Hebler and Brody Pinney. In the second half they got another one-yard touchdown run from Hebler. David Johnson and Wyatt Tomkus did a great job playing center and blocking up the middle while Peter Romero had some key blocks on the outside. The defense played hard as Cam LeGrant and Kaoas Ames took on some tough blockers to help assist with defensive stops. As the D squad is instructional, no score is kept.

The following week, against Colchester, Brody Pinney scored on a 65-yard touchdown run and a 50-yard catch and run on a pass from Peter Romero. The defense showed huge improvement with several sacks and tackles in the backfield led by Peter Romero, David Johnson and Wyatt Tomkus. Blake Hebler also had some long runs and big tackles. Kaoas Ames and Cam LeGrant were also disruptive on the defensive side of the ball.

TANGO2 Disease Auction and Banquet

Tickets are still available for the TANGO2 Research Foundation’s third auction and banquet at St. Clements Castle in Portland on Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets for the banquet are \$85, and include a three-course meal and live music.

New this year: folks can bid for auction items online. Online auction bidding opens Sunday, Nov. 7, at 5 p.m. Some of the auction items include an electric bike, travel (African Safari, getaways to New England, Caribbean, Mexico, Charleston), boat and train rides, themed baskets, sports and theater tickets, dozens of gift cards, and more.

For banquet tickets or to bid on auction items, visit www.biddingforgood.com/TANGO2Research. Registration is required for bidding.

Proceeds from the Nov. 14 event will be used to help increase research, spread awareness of the disease, and provide information and support to families.

The TANGO2 Research Foundation is funding six research projects in four countries, has a membership of over 100 families across 16 countries, is coordinating a virtual research symposium to share the latest research infor-

mation, is planning the second Family and Researchers conference for next June, and more.

TANGO2 is a rare genetic disorder that was only discovered in 2016. Symptoms first appear as children reach 12 months and they face many health challenges including life-threatening abnormal heart rhythms, metabolic crises, issues with intellectual and developmental delays, loss of motor and cognitive skills, seizures, and more. It is progressive and there currently is no treatment or cure.

For more information, to get involved, or to make a donation, visit www.tango2research.org.

Turkey Shoots

Beltown Sportsman’s Club will hold Turkey Shoots Sundays, Nov. 7 and 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day, on the club grounds off of Tartia Road, which is off of Route 16. (Follow the signs.)

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Ambulance Association Denied Stimulus Funds

by Jack Lakowsky

Since springtime, the volunteer East Hampton Ambulance Association (EHAA) has beseeched the Town Council for funds from the federal American Rescue Plan package, which will bring \$3.7 million to town.

Ambulance association chief Don Scranton has said volunteer membership is declining, while calls have increased.

Scranton, in an attempt to alleviate this issue, has been asking for \$300,000 in stimulus dollars to fund a pair of part-time, 24/7 positions to make up for the volunteer shortfall for two years, making for a total of \$600,000.

In several meetings of the council, Scranton has said despite several months having passed since his request, he had not heard back.

Last week, Scranton told the *Rivereast* he'd received a call from the council saying the EHAA will not be receiving stimulus dollars.

Scranton in a call Monday said he had since met with a few members of the town council and the town manager. He said this meeting was encouraging, as councilors committed to helping the association with its problems, which Scranton has described as significant.

However, a concrete plan on how to help fulfill the EHAA's needs is still to be determined and for now, Scranton said, things have gone back to the drawing board.

"We're going to keep doing what we've been doing," said the chief. "We're going to handle as much as we can."

The chief said the EHAA is still meeting its obligations and responding to calls. However, there are staffing gaps. On Halloween, Scranton said, no volunteers were on shift between noon and midnight.

Scranton has previously tried opening with nearby ambulance associations discussions of

regionalization that didn't pan out. The EHAA has also tried incentives like paying for peoples' EMS courses.

Recently, Scranton said, the EHAA tried paying \$600 of the course's cost up front, to be reimbursed if a given candidate signed up to volunteer as a driver in Belltown.

"We had zero applications come [for the reimbursement]," Scranton said.

Barbara Moore, president of the EHAA and a now-former Town Council member, pointed out the council had denied using the money for personnel, not equipment.

Moore said the town will do what it can to help the EHAA. Moore said, in her role as president, she can "urge ambulance members to come up with alternatives."

Moore said she expects conversations going forward to be positive.

Scranton said the EHAA can already handle its equipment and capital needs and replaces vehicles every 10 years.

"My question is; 'What good is [an ambulance] without people?'" Scranton said.

Scranton said the town is obligated to provide emergency services. He said in the worst scenario, the ambulance goes bankrupt, and the town has to contract with a private service or fund its own department.

Scranton said he had started a petition asking the surveyed if stimulus funds should be used for the EHAA. Nearly 300 signed it in support of the association.

Scranton used Ellington as an example for comparison. The town paid about \$344,000 for its ambulance group in the 2020-21 budget year, according to Ellington budget documents. Ellington uses a mix of volunteer and paid positions.

Scranton said "on paper," the EHAA has about 45 members, though about 24 of these are considered "active." Scranton said another 20-25 volunteers would help fill staffing gaps.

Scranton said staffing in the summer and winter tends to be a bit better. College students home from school are able to volunteer, though temporarily.

Calls to the EHAA are up this year over last, according to Scranton. Last year, calls totaled 1001 by Dec. 31. As of Monday, the EHAA has received 941.

Scranton said although he is encouraged the

town council has committed to somehow helping the EHAA, he also said he's disappointed in the decision.

The chief said ambulance groups all over the state are having a similar problem. He went on to say that prior to this year's plummet in numbers, the EHAA had had good luck with staffing.

Scranton also said he may retry talking to other ambulances in the region, focusing more on East Hampton's immediate neighbors rather than on the whole of the area. For now, though, he said he only keep his fingers crossed.

East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., has announced the following. To register, or for full program descriptions, call 860-267-6621 or visit easthamptonpubliclibrary.org.

Library Hours: The library is open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Masks are required at town facilities – including the library – for people ages 3 and up.

Children's Programs: Stories and Songs Outside: For ages 18 months-5 years, and their caregivers. Held at Sears Park Wednesdays, Nov. 10 and 17, at 10:15 a.m. There will be stories, songs and interaction with other families in the community. Siblings welcome. No registration required; just drop in.

Teen Programs: Dungeons and Dragons: For grades 8-12. Wednesdays, Nov. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and Nov. 24, 2:30-4:30 p.m., at the library. No previous playing experience required and all supplies will be provided.

Take and Make November: For grades 6-12. Scheduled pickup: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 10

a.m. This month, make miniature notebooks. Supplies are limited.

Teen Advisory Board: Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m. This is a group of teens who come together to plan and create events and programs they want to see at the library. All students in grades 9-12 are welcome. Teen Advisory Board requires a monthly commitment and participation.

Middle School Advisory Board: Tuesday, Nov. 30, 5 p.m. Just like the Teen Advisory Board, only for grades 6-8. Requires a monthly commitment and participation.

Adult Programs: Take and Make November – Adult: Scheduled pickup: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. This month, make miniature notebooks. Supplies are limited.

Fall Author Series: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Deborah Copaken, the *New York Times* best-selling author, will talk about her newest book, *Ladyparts*. Books will be on sale for cash or check to benefit the Friends of the East Hampton Public Library. The November meeting of the **Book Club** will be on *Ladyparts*; the club will meet Thursday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m., and Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

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EHMS Cross Country Teams Win Championships

by Josh Howard

The East Hampton Middle School cross country teams hosted and won the Rich LaFave Mid-State Middle School League Meet on Oct. 20. Both the boys' and girls' teams finished first as a team, each wrapping up the 2021 season undefeated.

"They are such dedicated, hard-working, fun-loving kids," said head coach Joanna Mercaldi, who coaches both teams. "Every meet that we had they always wanted to improve and challenge themselves, whether it was challenging themselves or each other. They had that internal drive and that internal motivation. You could see them blossoming as the season went on, it was awesome."

On the boys' side, Declan Russell was the first East Hampton runner to cross the finish line at the league meet, placing second overall. Russell was joined by Holden Hines, Nico Borrelli, Andrew Hawk and Brett Gustavson as the boys finished first overall as a team.

On the girls' side, Jocelyn Gustavson was the school's first runner to cross, also finishing second overall. Joining Gustavson for the team win

were Maddie Daniels, Brianna Gustavson, Abigail Hambidge, and Maddie McMillian for the overall girls win.

East Hampton Middle School hosted the event for the first time after the normal host school was unable to accommodate the league meet.

The other schools who participated were: McGee Middle School (Berlin), Beman Middle School (Middletown), RHAM Middle School, and Griswold Middle School (Rocky Hill).

Last year, the middle school teams were unable to have a league meet during a modified season featuring enhanced COVID-19 protocols.

"We were lucky enough with the support of our athletic director, administration and our superintendent last season. We still had a season, it was just abbreviated. Not all of our teams in our league ran last year so we were running against other teams outside our league. This year we were excited to be back to normal, running against the teams we typically run against," added Mercaldi, who has been teaching at the middle school for 22 years and coaching the cross country teams for over 10 years.

The league meet was the cherry on top of a



Both the boys' and girls' cross country teams at East Hampton Middle School won the Rich LaFave Mid-State Middle School League Meet on Oct. 20

fantastic year for a group of over 60 runners that Mercaldi called her "dream team."

"It was exciting, especially for the eighth graders, to have that league meet. They remember it as sixth-graders and they wanted to have it again," Mercaldi said, "It was their last hurrah and I was going to make sure that we, the coaches, do everything we could for them. They've worked so hard all season, they were having a great season, and they all got along. They were really focused during practices and meets, and they challenged themselves. It wasn't just ath-

letically; it was their character and sportsmanship as well."

Mercaldi coaches both teams with the help of assistant coaches Ken Landry and Carl Pastor. The three released a joint statement, saying, "The coaches would like to thank all the parents and EHMS staff who volunteered for this meet as well as for the regular season races. Coaches would also like to thank the EHMS Athletic Director, Mr. Mercaldi, for agreeing to host and set up for our league meet. Lastly, thanks to our administration for supporting the teams with this event, as well as the regular season."

Book Signing at Willow

East Hampton resident Jack Matthews will sign copies of his debut novel, *Arte Perdida*, at Willow, 95 Main St., Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This saga of art, love, greed, revenge and murder begins in Berlin during World War II, then moves through the Azores and Newfoundland before arriving in Mattapoisett, a small harbor town on Buzzards Bay, Mass.

During the course of writing the novel, Mat-

thews traveled to Germany, Spain, Azores, and Newfoundland researching material for his book, learning local customs, and meeting numerous people who later became characters in his book. During the signing, he will have some informal conversations about his travels and writing

For more information, email belltownpress@gmail.com or call Willow at 860-716-9576.

St. Patrick Guild Holiday Bazaar Saturday

The St. Patrick Guild Holiday Bazaar will take place Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the St. Patrick Church Parish Center, 47 W. High St.

There will be new or gently-used Christmas/holiday décor, jewelry, crystal, glassware, linens, toys and children's books.

Snowflake Bazaar

The Westchester Congregational Church will host their annual Snowflake Bazaar at Markham Meadows Campground at 9 Markham Road in East Hampton from 9-2 p.m. on Nov. 6. The popular "Cookies by the Pound" table will be back as will the luncheon menu with full safety precautions in place. A variety of creative vendors will be there as well as many, many raffles to take a chance on. For more information call Melissa Engel at 860-267-9738.

EHMS B-Ball, Cheerleading Tryouts

East Hampton Middle School student/athletes interested in trying out for the boys' basketball, girls' basketball or cheerleading teams can register online through FamilyID.com. Athletes must have had a physical within a 13-month period in order to try out.

Deadline for registration is Monday, Nov. 8. For more information, call EHMS athletic director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

Historical Society Open House

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Bellringers Volleyball: A Family Affair

by Josh Howard

East Hampton's girls' volleyball team is state tournament-bound after winning 12 regular season games.

The young Bellringers, featuring only four seniors, have created a family environment in more ways than one.

"A lot of the girls played last year. We've seen tremendous growth and I kind of expected that after last season. It's been really nice to see," said fourth-year head coach Molly Grabowski. "It was hard last year because we only had 10 games and I don't think they got the reps that they needed to get going. It was a tough season. This year it is a different story. They have really come together nicely."

Senior captain Julia Borrelli changed positions this season to fill a need. Borrelli was an outside hitter during 2020's shortened season and is now focusing on the defensive side, handling the libero duties.

Grabowski said, "It was a position that she had to learn and has continued to learn. I've been really impressed with her overall."

"I definitely feel more comfortable this season. I feel libero is a position I was meant to play," said Borrelli, who finished with a team-high 260 digs in 17 regular season games.

The captain added that she's learned from previous captains, "I've had great role models in the past. I've had some great examples going back all the way to my freshman year. The volleyball team has always been very close with each other, we've always been a tight-knit family."

The Bellringers have created a family-like atmosphere on the court and three of the players are literally related.

Twin sisters Jordan and Jenna Murphy, along with younger sister Amber Murphy are leading a powerful line upfront that is both producing points and protecting the net.

Jordan and Jenna are juniors and Amber is a sophomore. The trio has combined for 60% of the team's kills and 63% of the team's blocks this fall.

"I love playing with them. It's nice because I hope to be just as good as them and be able to hit just as hard and be as confident as both of them," Amber said of her older siblings. "I've always looked up to them in every way and I feel like they are great role models for the entire team. I've looked up to all the players on the team, especially the seniors."

She joked that her older sisters sometimes have "twin telepathy" on the court.

Jordan registered a team-high 177 kills in the regular season, saying, "I love playing with them, it's been a dream to play together. I feel like we have a lot of trust on the court. I can trust everyone on the court and I've learned something from everyone. It allows me to play better knowing I have people that I can trust."

Jenna, who led the team in blocks, added "It's pretty great. I feel more comfortable. I like it a lot better this year because last year it was such a mess with COVID."

The sisters all agreed they have a competitive nature that drives them to be better and Grabowski described the sisters as "supportive of each other".

Helping the three sisters upfront are senior Paige Botsacos, sophomores Mackenzie Player and Delaney Russell, and freshman Sonja Venetianer.

Distributing the ball is sophomore setter Chel-



Amber Murphy, Jenna Murphy, Julia Borrelli and Jordan Murphy (pictured from left) are leading East Hampton volleyball this fall. Jenna and Jordan are twins and Amber is the twin's younger sister. Borrelli is the Bellringers senior captain.

sea Woods, who racked up team-highs in assists (375) and aces (40) this year.

Grabowski said Woods has been "outstanding," adding, "She is self-motivated, she asks the right questions, and she's always trying to do the right thing. She takes feedback well and she's always trying to make herself better, which is big for a sophomore."

Together the team creates a force on the court and a family off of it.

"These girls really support each other," said Grabowski. "Being young, we have room for growth everywhere. We're targeting a variety of things to improve all the time. Day to day, game to game they are improving. Our youth shows

sometimes but each day it shows less and less."

Borrelli said they are a "giggly group" that jokes around, which has allowed them to loosen up, but added they are all business when it comes to competing. "We have always been a super hard-working team that sees an opportunity and goes for it. We've never taken a single game for granted, not even a single set. We just work hard all the time."

The Shoreline Conference wraps up this week and next week is the state tournament, starting Monday, Nov 8. The Bellringers finished the regular season with second best winning percentage in the SLC and eighth-best winning percentage in Class S.

History Walk on Air Line Trail

The Chatham Historical Society (CHS) is organizing a history walking tour on the Air Line Trail on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 1 p.m., as part of its "Explore East Hampton" monthly series of walks. The walks are sponsored by the East Hampton Parks and Recreation Department.

Carol Morris, a member of the CHS, will lead the walk. The walk will begin at the new East Hampton parking lot near Main Street Pizza at the new entrance to the Air Line Trail at South Main Street (Route 196). The walk will proceed on the trail, where walkers will learn about the history of the railroad that began in New Haven, traveled through East Hampton and stopped in Boston. The walk will continue to the Cranberry Bog and return to the Main

Street parking lot.

The tour will take approximately one hour. Heavy rain or snow will cancel.

For more information on upcoming walks or the Chatham Historical Society, contact Marty Podskoch, coordinator of the walks, at 860-267-2442 or podskoch@comcast.net, or visit www.facebook.com/chathamhistoricalsocietyCT.

Town Hall Featured Artist

The artwork of Joyce Senesac will be featured at the East Hampton Town Hall during November.

Senesac works primarily in watercolors. She has taught classes in the medium and is a past president of the Art Guild of Middletown.



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Rossini's Honored... State Rep. Irene Haines (R-34), owner Emilio Simoni and state Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) pose for a photo at Rossini's in East Hampton on Oct. 15. The delegation presented Simoni with a legislative citation commemorating the restaurant's 30th anniversary in the town.



Donation to VFW... VFW Post 5095 Commander Roger Anderson recently received a donation from Melissa Engel of Markham Meadows Campground's Cruise Night Event that was held in September. These funds will be utilized immediately to support our local "wounded warriors" and those in need.

Local Artist's Work on Display

Local artist Rita Gibbons currently has her work on display at Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd. Her work will be on display until Nov. 6.

Bethlehem Lutheran

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church holds live in-person services Sundays at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. Enter via the front door and ushers will assist you.

For those not ready to attend in person, the livestream link will be at the church's Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH.

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Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. Before entering the center, all should register for a program online at myactivecenter.com. For full program descriptions or more information, call 860-267-4426, email senior-center@easthamptonct.gov, or visit www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center. Senior center hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Masks are required for all, regardless of vaccination status.

Lunches: Served at the center to ages 60 and up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call the center to reserve a meal or sign up online. Reservations for the next day's meal are due by 11 a.m. the day before. Masks are required; however, once you have your meal and are seated you can take off your mask. Meals are free, though a \$3 donation is requested.

Weekly Activities: Registration is required for all of the following; to do so, contact the center. **Quilting Group:** Mondays, 9 a.m. **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m. **Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. **Bingo:** Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., in person and via Zoom. **Setback:** Thursdays 1:15-3:15 p.m. **Mahjongg:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon. **Textile Group:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

Wii Bowling: Tuesdays, Nov. 16 and Nov. 30, 10 a.m. Register online.

Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date Nov. 10), at 9:30 a.m. Meet outside, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, it will be inside, with masks recommended. Register online.

Open Enrollment Medicare: Monday, Nov. 8, and Friday, Nov. 19; appointments available from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be CHOICES volunteers available to review and compare Medicare plans. Call the senior center for more information and to make an appointment.

Book Club: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m., via Zoom. *A Fatal Grace* by Louise Penny will be discussed. Copies of the book are available at the library. Register online. New members welcome; just call the center.

ConnectiCare Presentation: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Beverly Goodrich will present the program options. Pre-registration required.

Getting to Know Trees: Wednesday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m., with Master Naturalist Lynn Kochiss. Study the trees in winter at the senior center upper parking lot. Pre-registration required.

iPad Training with Elizabeth: Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1 p.m. The center will have the iPads. Bring all your questions. Pre-registration required.

Art with Karen: Sunday, Nov. 14, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will take people through beginner steps of creating an acrylic painting. Cost is \$5 for supplies. Call to register. Pay instructor the day of the event.

Yoga with Kitch: Wednesdays, Nov. 17-Jan. 10, 11:40 a.m.-12:40 p.m., in person at Town Hall and also virtual via Zoom. Register online. The 10-week session is \$20. Payment may be mailed or dropped off at the senior center; make check payable to the Town of East Hampton.

Volunteer Shopping: The center has a program where a volunteer will shop for you. Call in your list to 860-267-4426 or email it to Jewing@easthamptonct.gov. The shopper will call you before the drop-off to let you know the cost of the groceries. You can write out a check for the amount, payable to the Town of East Hampton. The volunteer will drop off the groceries at your door and pick up the check in a pre-arranged designated spot.

Trip: Dining and a Cabaret Show: At the Newport Playhouse Wednesday, Dec. 8. Now partnering with Johnny's Restaurant to present the world premiere of *The Newport Playhouse Holiday Cabaret Spectacular*. This extended cabaret will feature show and holiday tunes, glitz, glamour and more, along with a freshly-prepared buffet. There are a few seats left for purchase. Cost is \$129/person. Payments will be accepted at the center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by a pre-arranged appointment time.

Congregational Church News & Notes

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., holds in-person services every Sunday at 10 a.m. For the fully vaccinated, mask-wearing is not mandatory; those not fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. All are encouraged to wear a mask when indoors at the church. All services can be accessed via Zoom by going to the website at cc-eh.org.

Nursery care is available during Sunday services for children under 3 years old.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, the church will have a drive-up, take-out dinner.

For more information about CCEH and its activities, visit cc-eh.org or call the church office at 860-267-4959 during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. In case of pastoral emergencies, Rev. Jim Latimer can be reached at 610-568-2480.

Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to Sunday worship at 9 a.m., online at www.facebook.com/Haddam-Neck-Covenant-Church or in person. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger. The message series is based on Philippians. Communion will be served. Refreshments are served after the service.

Puppet Ministry: Each Sunday, the church's Puppet Ministry features Digger the Dog and friends from Farmer M's Red Barn to help Cowger explain the message topic.

Operation Christmas Child: This mission project of Samaritan's Purse delivers shoeboxes filled with school supplies, toys and hygiene

items to children around the world who live in difficult circumstances. The church is seeking community participation. Boxes are available in the church office and need to be returned by Nov. 14.

Bible Study: The Zoom Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 7-8:15 p.m. The next Study will be Nov. 18. This is an interactive study of compassion as seen in Jesus. Contact the church office for the study guide and Zoom link.

Office Info: The office can be reached at 860-267-2336; hours are Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. The church website is at www.hncovenantchurch.org.

Police News

10/7: Barbara Bolton, 71, of 7 Candlewood Drive, was issued a summons for unsafe passing, evading responsibility and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, East Hampton Police said.

10/9: Claire Pawlewitz, 23, of 24 Tarragon Drive, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle under suspension, police said.

10/11: Maximus Meyers, 20, of East Haddam, was arrested and charged with improper marker plates and second-degree failure to appear, police said.

10/13: Tajierre Rudolph, 20, of 204 Main St., was issued a summons for operating under suspension, police said.

Also, from Oct. 11-17, officers responded to three motor vehicle crashes, 24 medical calls and seven alarms, and made 26 traffic stops, police said.

10/14: After an investigation into a car vs. motorcycle crash with injuries on East High Street, Christian Gould, 29, of Middletown, was issued a summons for operating an unregistered

motor vehicle, operating without insurance and following too close, East Hampton Police said.

10/19: After an investigation into a car vs. motorcycle crash on East High Street with no serious injuries, Kathleen Stein, 64, of 30 Cone Rd., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and passing on the right, police said.

10/20: Tiana Atwood, 25, of Willimantic, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, police said.

10/22: After an investigation into a car vs. utility pole motor vehicle crash with no injuries, Anthony Delgado, 24, of Middletown, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and failure to drive right, police said.

10/27: Edward Dijer, 41, of 6 Sunset Drive, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with a 911 call, police said.

Also, from Oct. 18-31, officers responded to seven motor vehicle crashes, 22 medical calls and nine alarms, and made 29 traffic stops, police said.



An early 1900s photo of the Air Line Railroad bridge that crossed over South Main Street in East Hampton. The railroad was busy during the first half of the 1900s shipping toys and bells that were made in the many factories in town. During the summer the railroad also brought thousands of tourists who vacationed at Lake Pocotopaug. The large building on the right was the Opera House, now the Willow gift shop, and to the right was a bakery and is Po's Rice & Spice Restaurant. In the distance is the Congregational Church. Photo by Chatham Historical Society.

Beginner Bellringer Preschool

East Hampton High School's Beginner Bellringer Preschool Program is taking applications for the 2021-22 school year. Parents can access the preschool application by visiting tinyurl.com/beginnerbellringer or by contacting Kasey Tortora at 860-365-4030 ext. 1300 or ktortora@easthamptonct.org

All applications must be received by Nov. 30. Sessions will have 12 students three afternoons per week: Wednesdays, noon-2 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sessions are open to 3- to 5-year-olds; in some cases, older 2-year-old children will be accepted.

The preschool program will begin in January and end in May. Cost is \$200 per student. Enrollment is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. All children must be toilet-trained. Preschoolers must present completed documentation of a current physical and adequate immunizations before the start of the program. A religious exemption form is available upon request.

Lions Seeking Nominations

For the past 12 years, the Lions of eastern Connecticut have hosted the Humanitarian Banquet, where local Lions clubs honor residents of their town. The heroes are honored at a banquet at Saint Clements Castle with some family, friends and their Lions club that nominated them.

The East Hampton Lions are asking the public to submit one-page nomination letters on whom they would like the Lions to consider for this year's honor. The nominee has to be a non-Lion, must either live or work in East Hampton and be available to attend the banquet on Jan. 22, 2022. The letters should be sent to East Hampton Lions, P.O. Box 153, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Nominations should be submitted by Nov. 30.

For more information, contact Lions President Mary Krogh at 860-977-5760 or govmary23c@aol.com.

Helping Hands Re-Opens

Helping Hands is open the first and third Saturdays of each month, offering free clothing, household items, toys, books etc. to anyone in need. Anyone wishing to shop must sign up via email or phone for one of the three half-hour time slots: 9-9:30 a.m., 9:45-10:15 a.m., or 10:30-11 a.m. Walk-ins will only be accepted if there is room.

Each person will be allowed two shopping bags which they must bring with them. Masks are recommended but not required at this time except for children 12 and under. Children will be allowed; however, they must remain with their parents at all times while inside Helping Hands.

If you wish to shop, call 860-918-0784 or email jholm225@sbcglobal.net starting the Sunday before Helping Hands is open. Donations are only accepted on the Saturday Helping Hands is open, from 9-11 a.m., and on the Thursday before it is open, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Helping Hands is located at 27 Skinner St.

Fall Author Series Lineup

Cragin Memorial Library of Colchester, East Hampton Public Library, Richmond Memorial Library of Marlborough and Welles-Turner Memorial Library of Glastonbury are jointly holding a virtual Fall Author Series lineup.

New York Times best-selling author Deborah Copaken will speak live on Zoom on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Copaken is the author of *Shutterbabe*, *The Red Book* and the recently-released *Ladyparts*.

Native Connecticut author Juliet Grames will speak live on Zoom Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Grames is the author of *The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna*, her first novel.

Register on the East Hampton Public Library website, at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org, or by calling the library at 860-267-6621.

Epoch Arts to Hold 'Artopia'

On Sunday, Nov. 14, from 1-4 p.m., Epoch Arts, located at 27 Skinner St., will host its annual "Artopia."

This is a free community event for the entire family that includes a student art show, an adult art show, live music, art demonstrations, kids' crafts, adult hands-on art, vendors, food and more.

If you are interested in entering your artwork, visit www.epocharts.org/artopia.

Christ Episcopal Church Info

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds Sunday services at 10 a.m. each week, both in person and via Zoom. Sunday school is currently on pause.

The Rev. Ann Perrott is priest-in-charge, the Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard oversees the children's ministry, and Stuart Duncan is the music director. For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-267-0287 or visit www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com.

Plunge or Pledge to Support Food Bank

On Saturday, Nov. 13, the East Hampton/Marlborough Rotary Club will sponsor the 12th annual Turkey Plunge at Sears Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by plunging at 10 a.m. This is an annual tradition in East Hampton where folks of all ages come together to take a "dip" into the chilly November waters of Lake Pocotopaug, to help support the food bank. As always, costumes are encouraged.

Liberty Bank will match 25% of all donations collected on the day of the plunge. This is part of the annual Liberty Bank Turkey Drive.

This year the plungers will have the option of plunging in person or doing a virtual "dip" and sending their plunge video to the Turkey Plunge. All unvaccinated attendees are encouraged to wear facemasks and practice social distancing. Supporters are welcome to watch the plunge in person or view on the East Hampton Turkey Plunge Facebook page.

For more information or to donate online, visit tiny.cc/turkeyplunge or call/text the Turkey Plunge Hotline at 860-670-1143.

Portland • Portland

Curley Tops Tripp, Republicans Win BOS

by Jack Lakowsky

For nearly 20 years, a Democrat has been at the helm of the Town of Portland. Outgoing First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield was first elected in 2003 and has won each election since.

This era has come to a close.

In two weeks, Republican Ryan Curley will be seated as Portland's new first selectman, having won solidly over Democrat Jim Tripp at the polls on Tuesday.

The Republican ticket swept the Board of Selectmen. New Republicans Shaun Manning and Bobby Hetrick, along with incumbents Mike Pelton and Mike Hernandez, will take the board's majority.

John Dillon and Ralph Zampano, the former a newcomer and the latter an incumbent, will be the minority Democrats for at least the next two years.

Democrats maintained a 4-3 majority on the Board of Education. Current chair Sharon Peters won, with the other three Democrats losing.

Republicans Tim Lavoy, Stacey Benham and Dave Murphy will serve as the board's minority.

Officials both new and returning will be sworn in Nov. 16, according to Bransfield.

Curley, who currently serves as Portland's town clerk, said a bit more than half of the local electorate showed up to cast ballots. About



Ryan Curley

3,700 ballots were cast, according to information from the secretary of state's office.

"That's a great turnout for a municipal election," said Curley, adding it's the highest turnout he's seen since he began running in local races in 2011.

Curley won with 2,110 votes, while Tripp received 1,545. Third party candidate Lambros Lambrinides received 11.

Bransfield in a Wednesday conversation with the *Rivereast* congratulated all the winners.

"I want to thank each person who put their name forward," said Bransfield. "I wish the winners all the luck in the world. The voters have spoken. Our democratic process works."

"I feel great and excited," Curley told the *Rivereast* Wednesday morning. "I promised during my campaign to work with everyone regardless of party and will work together to move Portland forward."

"I'm coming in with an open mind," he added.

Curley said his first undertaking as town leader will be to solicit from town department heads what they need to better serve the town, and to be more efficient.

Curley said he intends to resolve all the issues he said he would, including helping repair the high school track.

"We won't solve water and sewer in the first 100 days, but I'll work on that right away," said Curley.

Curley attributed his victory to the town's desire for change. He said voters reviewed positively Bransfield's performance, but that after 18 years, they were ready for something new.

"We resonated with voters," Curley said of his team.

Lavoy, who is also chair of the local Republican committee, said the election's results are exciting for Portland.

"The town was ready for a new set of leaders," Lavoy said, adding Tripp was a continuation of the current administration.

To voters who may be disappointed by Tuesday's results, Lavoy said, "We're there for you, all of the town, not just the people who voted for us."

Lavoy said he looks forward to continuing the school board's pursuit of equity and inclusivity, as well as the district's significant facilities' needs.

Earlier in the day on Tuesday, the *Rivereast* visited the polling station at Portland Middle School.

Athena Neville, Portland's Democratic registrar of voters, was overjoyed at voter turnout.

"This is so good, people are pouring in," Neville said.

At about 12:30 p.m., around 1,300 votes had been cast.

Neville said ample turnout necessitated adding a ballot box. Neville has served as registrar

for 10 years.

Voter Cathy Ramcke said she was casting her vote for the Republican ticket, saying the town needed change.

"No more Democrats," she told the *Rivereast*.

Resident Doris Sherrow-Hedenis voted the other way, saying Democrats are the better choice, and that on the whole, the Republican party has gone "downhill."

Curley expressed thanks to Lavoy, his team, and especially to his campaign treasurer, Zoe Schwartz who, he said, worked hardest of everyone.

Tripp told the *Rivereast* though he had hoped for victory Tuesday, he looks forward to continuing serving Portland through volunteerism and civic efforts.

"I'm very fortunate to live in a town where there is such a high level of community service," Tripp said.

Tripp wished Tuesday's victors success, as their success is also the town's.

Tripp said he's grateful for the hard work of his ticket, and of all those involved with helping his campaign.

"I love what I do, love volunteering and being involved. That's work I'll continue," Tripp said.

Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., is open, with no appointments needed. Wireless is available. Registration required for the following programs unless noted. Masks required for those over the age of 2. For more info and full program descriptions, visit www.portlandlibraryct.org or call 860-342-6770. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The library is closed Thursday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. The library is closing for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 5 p.m., and it will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26. The library will reopen on Saturday, Nov. 27, for normal hours.

Curbside Delivery of requested items continues; call the library, or reserve items online and you will receive a notice or call when your materials are available.

Youth Programs: Winter Online Storytimes: Weekly storytimes will move to Zoom for the winter session. A take-home craft will be available each week for anyone interested. Registration required. A Zoom link will be sent each week in advance of the program. **Preschool Storytime**, for ages 3-5, will be Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. through Dec. 21; no session Nov. 23. **Toddlers and Tots**, for ages 0-2, will be Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. through Dec. 22; no session Nov. 24.

Happy Di-November: Kids are welcome to visit the library or tune into the library website and social media channels throughout the month to see what mischief and mayhem the library's newly-hatched dinosaurs have been up to each week. Also throughout the month, there will be prehistoric crafts, activities and a scavenger hunt. Ask at the reference desk for information on the local dinosaur fossils that can be found at the library and get your picture taken with some life-size dinosaur cutouts.

Homemade Holidays: Thursdays at 3:30 p.m., Nov. 18 and Dec. 2-16, via Zoom, for grades K-5. Registration required for each program and space is limited.

Family Craft Night: Straw Hat Turkey: Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, but a parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. Supplies may

Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 345 Main St., invites the community to celebrate each week. Worship is indoors at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is back in session and is held during each Sunday's church service.

Children ages 4-12, baptized and unbaptized, are welcome to attend Church School. Lessons and activities are aimed at encouraging the children to think outside of themselves and about the community at large.

Masks are required for all, vaccinated and unvaccinated, while inside the church. More information is at trinitychurchportlandct.org.

The church is open for prayer and meditation on Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment with the Rev. Darryl Burke, email trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com or call 860-342-0458.

Little League Recap

The Portland Little League teams were in action recently. Here's how they fared the week of Oct. 11:

10U Baseball: The 10U Portland Bombers went 1-1, losing a tough game to H-K on Oct. 14 and winning against Deep River on Oct. 16. On Oct. 14, the Bombers lost, 7-2. Timmy Bolstridge started and surrendered two runs. Abel Wells pitched 3 and a third innings for Portland, striking out 7 and giving up 2 earned runs. Andrew Fischer closed out the game for the Bombers, striking out 3 and walking 1. Declan Kelley and Abel Wells each had a hit for Portland. Jaxon Figueroa made a strong catch in right field, doubling up the runner at first who did not tag up on the play.

On Oct. 16, Portland had 17 hits and scored 15 runs, beating Deep River 15-9. Jackson Hungerford started, and was relieved in the second inning by Aaryn Cole. Portland kept the game close, tied at 8 through the middle of the third inning with hits from multiple players. Timmy Bolstridge came into pitch the last three innings, only giving up one run across three full innings. He struck out eight batters and only walked two, while allowing no hits and putting a stop to Deep River's offense. Bolstridge also went 4-for-4 on the day, earning the most hits for Portland. Aaryn Cole had three hits for Portland, while Evan Warner, Abel Wells, Patrick Reilly, and Ben Martinez all had two hits. Jackson Hungerford, Jaxon Figueroa, and Aaron Bailey all had one hit for Portland. Portland had multiple hits to the outfield including a triple from Abel Wells and doubles from Timmy Bolstridge, Jackson Hungerford and Evan Warner.

12U Gray Baseball: The 12U Gray team had one tie and one loss. On Oct. 13, Portland tied H-K 5-5. Lucas Bolstridge started, giving up one earned run over two innings. James McMicken came in to pitch the third and fourth innings, while Mason Walsh closed the game out in the last inning, striking out two. Lucas Bolstridge, Cody Binezewski and Jack Hallinean all had one hit for Portland. Cody's hit was a double and he led the team with two RBIs.

On Oct. 16, Portland traveled to Westbrook and lost 4-3 in extra innings. Cody Binezewski started on the mound for Portland, striking out 11 and walking three across four innings. Mason Walsh pitched one inning for Portland, surrendering one run. Lucas Bolstridge closed out the game, giving up one run to Westbrook. At the plate, Lucas Bolstridge, Zephyrus Stone and Cody Binezewski all had hits for Portland. Lucas and Cody both had doubles, and Zephyrus's single drove in an RBI. Peyton Mazzullo made excellent plays at second and in right field. Owen Pandolfo did well behind the plate, throwing a laser beam to get a runner out attempting to steal second base.

And here is how Portland fared the week of Oct. 18:

10U Bombers: Went 1-1, winning 19-5 on

Oct. 19 against Deep River and losing 8-6 on Oct. 21 to Guilford White. On Oct. 19, the team rallied for 16 hits. Aaryn Cole and Timmy Bolstridge led the team with 3 hits apiece, while Abel Wells, Patrick Reilly and Aaron Bailey also tallied 2 hits each for Portland. Evan Warner, Jaxon Figueroa, Andrew Fischer and Declan Kelley also had a hit for Portland. Aaron Bailey started on the mound for the Bombers and pitched 2 full innings, giving up 3 earned runs while striking out 4. Abel Wells came in as relief in the 3rd and 4th innings, striking out 6, and Andrew Fischer closed out the game for the Bombers, giving up 1 earned run and striking out 2.

On Oct. 21, the Bombers had the lead until the last inning against Guilford White but could not hold on. Timmy Bolstridge had the most hits for Portland with 3, while Patrick Reilly also tallied multiple hits with 2 hits and drove in 3 runs. Abel Wells started on the mound and pitched a great game for Portland, lasting 3 and a third innings while only allowing 3 earned runs and striking out 9 for the Bombers. Timmy Bolstridge threw one inning for Portland and Andrew Fischer closed out the game on the mound.

12U Gray Team: Went 2-0, with victories over Madison and Deep River. On Oct. 20, Portland had 8 hits; Cody Binezewski led the team with 3 hits and Jack Hallinean also had 2 hits for Portland. Zephyrus Stone, James McMicken and Owen Pandolfo also had hits on the night. Jack Hallinean started on the mound, striking out 4 and giving up 1 earned run over 2 innings. James McMicken came in to pitch 2 innings, striking out 6 and giving up no runs. Mason Walsh and Lucas Bolstridge came in for the last two innings, giving up no runs to close out the win for Portland.

Then, Portland beat Deep River 16-5, tallying 20 hits in an offensive attack. Lucas Bolstridge and Zephyrus Stone led the team with 5 hits apiece, while Mason Walsh had 4. Owen Pandolfo and Timmy Bolstridge also tallied multiple hits, with 2 each. Rounding out the offense, Peyton Mazzullo and Alex Brown also had hits for Portland. On the mound, Alex Brown started for Portland, striking out 3 and giving up 3 earned runs. Zephyrus pitched two innings for Portland, striking out 6 and giving up 2 earned runs. Lucas Bolstridge closed out the game for Portland, pitching two shutout innings with 4 strikeouts.

Turkey Shoots

Portland Fish and Game Club will hold its annual Turkey Shoots Sundays, Nov. 7-21, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., right across from the Exchange Club Fairgrounds.

There is a Super bird every week. The cost is \$3 for one shot or two for \$5. Food and drink will be available.

was picked up in advance of the program and a Zoom link for instruction will be sent within 24 hours of the event. Registration is required and space is limited.

Teen Events: November is NaNoWriMo Month: For teens in grades 7-12, on Thursday, Nov. 18, 5:30-7 p.m.; other dates to be determined. NaNoWriMo is an acronym that stands for National Novel Writing Month, a creative-writing challenge that takes place every year throughout November. There will be a meet-up at the library on Nov. 18 where teens can snack, write, and discuss their writing with one another.

Teen Advisory Guild: Monday, Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m., at the library, for grades 6 and up. Brainstorm ideas for new programs, talk about books and have some snacks. Teens earn community service hours for each meeting you attend. Registration required.

Jurassic Teens: Monday, Nov. 15, at 3:30 p.m. Grades 6 and up are invited to an afternoon of dinosaur crafts. Registration required.

Adult Programs: Tech Talk: Internet Safety - Avoid the Scammers: Friday, Nov. 19, 10:15 a.m., at the senior center. Kevin Armstrong will present.

Book Clubs: Mystery Lovers Book Club: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1 p.m. *Murder in Old Bombay* will be discussed. The **First Thursday Night Book Club** will start up again in 2022, on Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. Call the library for details.

Portland Forum Book Discussion: Thursday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m. *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett will be discussed.

Knifty Knitters: Saturdays 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is a weekly knitting circle where people gather to knit while sharing ideas and tips. All are welcome - including beginners.

Zoom Forum on Marijuana

State Rep. Christie Carpino (R-32) will co-host a forum via Zoom regarding children and marijuana Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 7-8 p.m.

The 32nd District covers Portland and Cromwell.

Carpino and state Rep. Vincent Candelora (R-86), the House Republican leader, will host medical experts to educate parents and caretakers about accidental ingestion, overdoses in children, and what to watch for if you are concerned your child is using marijuana.

Guest speakers include experts from the CT Poison Control Center and Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

The Zoom link is bit.ly/2XHqfhN. Meeting ID is 816 5771 7770. Call in at 646-558-8656.

Participants will be able to submit questions using the chat function during the meeting, or you can email questions ahead of time to Christie.Carpino@housegop.ct.gov. Those who can't attend can watch the video following the event at www.RepCarpino.com, and on Facebook @RepCarpino.

Grace and Mercy Church News

Grace and Mercy Family Ministries Church, 13 Waverly Ave., has announced a modified Sunday worship service schedule. Through August, the Sunday morning worship service will begin at 10 a.m.

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State Short 87,000 Affordable Homes

by Jack Lakowsky

Executive Director for the Middlesex Habitat for Humanity Sarah Bird, in a talk on fair housing hosted by several Portland town entities, said the state is short 87,000 units of affordable housing units.

Bird spoke over Zoom as a panelist for the second part of the town's discussions of affordable housing "Fair Housing Matters: Affordable Homeownership", sponsored by the Portland Social Justice Coalition, the Portland Library, and the Town of Portland, held in mid-October.

"There's persistent unaffordability, racial disparities, widespread housing insecurity and homeownership obstacles," Bird said of Connecticut's shortage of affordable housing, particularly in suburban and rural towns.

Bird said that at Connecticut's current minimum wage, an individual would need to work 91 hours per week to afford a two-bedroom home.

Bird said in Connecticut, one of every six spends half or more of their income on housing – which she said is unsustainable. Pandemic fallout, she said, comes with a huge risk of eviction and displacement.

Nationwide, 37 million residents are considered as burdened by their housing costs, according to Bird.

Bird said decent, affordable housing heightens civic participation, generates tax revenue, creates jobs, addresses income and housing inequality.

Middlesex Habitat for Humanity is an independent affiliate of the national nonprofit. They, along with the volunteered labor of those they

help, build affordable housing for low-income individuals, offering affordable mortgages and financial education.

To date, Middlesex Habitat has built multiple homes, including 10 in Middletown, as well as two each in East Hampton and Portland.

Homes are sold at no profit. Bird urged towns to communicate with Habitat about any homes they acquired through tax liens.

Bird estimated Habitat builds about one home a year. She said this isn't much, and said more affordable housing options are available at chfa.org.

A Portland Habitat homeowner, Denise Leavy, spoke to the panel about her experience in finding a home for her family.

"I share a story with a lot of people," Leavy told listeners. "I want to live in a small town, was renting here, but couldn't afford it, and would have had to move."

Leavy said in 2015, she came across a *Rivereast* article reporting on Habitat's efforts, saying he felt in her gut the home they were building would be hers.

Leavy said she moved to town almost 10 years ago, just before the birth of her oldest son. She was living in an apartment that was centrally located and allowed her to take part in local activities, but wasn't ideal for long term living.

"I was dealing with landlords who only felt it necessary to do repairs or maintenance when actual safety was threatened," Leavy said.

She said she wasn't able to build savings due to high rent and cost of living, compounded by her being her family's sole provider.

"Becoming a homeowner through Habitat has been a very empowering experience," Leavy said. "The process has allowed me to be independent."

Leavy said she enjoyed helping to build her home, putting up sheetrock and siding. She said if not for her home, she may not live in the town she loves.

Leavy said she works in town as well, and very often goes days without leaving Portland. She said she her child is enrolled in local schools and plays sports.

Ron Marsh, representative of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and event moderator, said Leavy's story shows how affordable housing availability keeps productive, engaged citizens in their towns.

However, not all have had Leavy's fortune. Naji Chester-Payne, the town's first poet laureate, submitted video testimony to the discussion, and said despite two jobs, he still struggles to find an affordable home to own. He currently rents an apartment at Chatham Court, with his daughter.

Chester-Payne said he'd hate to move out of Portland, as it's the town he's lived in his whole life.

Kevin Kurian, partnership coordinator for

DesegregateCT, the group that pushed the state legislature to pass last session's affordable housing bill, said Portland has good footing to increase its affordable housing stock, already allowing the accessory dwelling units (ADUs, or in-law apartments) the bill fully legalized.

However, Portland caps ADU size at 800 square feet.

"This doesn't have to be a partisan issue," Kurian said. "We can all see how lack of housing hurts us and the people in our towns."

Kurian said next session DesegregateCT is going to advocate for checks on what he called "egregious practices," including on minimum requirements of 2 or 3 acre lots for residences, which discourage multifamily or affordable developments.

Zoning reform would also be a proposal, Kurian said. He said regulations should be based more on form or architecture, adhering to height and style requirements, rather than on use.

According to Desegregate's online zoning atlas, about a quarter of Portland residents are burdened by their housing costs. According to the same source, no residential zones in town allow 3 or 4 family homes by right and are required to go through public hearing.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation is offering the following. To register or for full program descriptions, visit portland.recdesk.com. For more information, call 860-342-6757 or email nfoley@portlandct.org or adionne@portlandct.org.

Tai Chi for Long Life with Ken Zaborowski: At Riverfront Park. Wednesday class meets through Nov. 17, from 9:30-10:15 a.m., and Saturday class meets through Nov. 20, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Call Parks and Rec. if interested in drop-in registration on either day. Both classes may transition to virtual classes using Zoom if the weather gets too cold.

Kids Blast: Parks and Rec. is taking applications for this afterschool program for Portland kids in grades K-6. The program is based at Brownstone Intermediate School. Applications are at portland.recdesk.com. For more, call Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757.

Virtual Paint Night: Thursday, Nov. 11, 7-9 p.m. Register online. Fee is \$25; all supplies included.

Art Enrichment Programs with Abrakadoodle: The next wave of programs begin the

week of Nov. 22. Check the Parks and Rec. website for details. There will be programs for three different age groups: 20-36 months, Ages 3-5, and ages 5-14.

Volunteer Coaches Needed: Parks and Rec. is currently looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming basketball season. Contact the Parks and Rec. office if interested, by emailing nfoley@portlandct.org, adionne@portlandct.org or calling 860-342-6757.

Recreation Basketball: Check the Parks and Rec. website for information on the upcoming Rec. Basketball program.

Adult Drop-In Volleyball: Wednesday evenings at Gildersleeve School, 565 Main St. Competitive Play is 5-6:30 p.m., and Non-Competitive Play is 6:30-8 p.m. Participants may enter the building through the side doors nearest to the gym; a sign should be posted. Create an account at portland.recdesk.com to receive program information via email blast. Note: All participants are required to wear masks during play.

Zumba: Wednesdays through Dec. 22 (started Oct. 27; no class Nov. 24), 6-7 p.m., at Valley View School gym. Fee: \$64 for the eight-week session/\$10 drop-in.



The Portland/Cromwell Panthers have had an exciting season so far. Photo by: Hannah Brunk.

High School Football Midseason Update

It has been an exciting football season so far for the Portland/Cromwell Panthers. With four games in the books and five to go, the Panthers are undefeated. The team showcases a high scoring offense and impressive defense. Led by junior quarterback Cole Brisson, and Portland seniors Teddy Williams and Owen Brunk, as well as captain linebacker Ryan Rozich, the Panthers have dominated the Shoreline Conference thus far outscoring their opponents 147 to 17.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, the Panthers crushed the North Branford Thunderbirds, 49-0. Brisson threw four touchdowns. Hair had two rushing touchdowns, including a 75-yard touchdown run. Teddy Williams and Cromwell juniors Ben Fagan and Ryan Rozich scored on recep-

tions from Brisson. The defense, lead by Brunk, Teddy Williams, as well as sophomore Jack Williams and junior Allen Cohen, shutout North Branford and forced two interceptions, something the Panthers have excelled at all season.

"We've been preparing all year for this," said Brunk after the win against Morgan earlier in the season.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, in the Gametime CT Game of the Week, the Panthers defeated the Valley Regional/Old Lyme Warriors 21-6. On Friday, Oct. 2, the Panthers rolled to a 41-3 victory over the Haddam-Killingworth Cougars. The season started with a win over the Morgan Huskies 36-8 at Clinton.

Veterans Day News

Portland Town Hall will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, in observation of Veterans Day.

Also, there will be a wreath-laying ceremony Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., at the Veterans Memorial Wall behind Town Hall. All are welcome to join.

Valley View Preschool Screening

Valley View School in Portland will conduct a preschool screening Friday, Nov. 19, to identify children ages 3-4 years who are eligible to receive special education services.

During the screening, children will meet with members of Valley View's preschool team and participate in a variety of activities. These activities assess different developmental areas including cognition, communication, fine and gross motor skills and social interaction. During this time, the parent/caregiver will meet with another member of the team to discuss the child's adaptive and personal social skills. Following the screening, parents/caregivers will receive a letter stating the child's results.

In order for a child to attend Valley View's preschool program, they must participate in the screening process. Peer role models are determined on a year-to-year basis.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Valley View at 860-342-3131.

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Soccer Stars... The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge state finals were held Oct. 23 at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park in Wallingford. There were three St Mary's Portland Freestone Council 7-sponsored top finishers: Jude Matteredis, Chad Gatto and Ryan McGrew all won the Knights of Columbus state titles in their age groups. The scoring is based on 25 kicks from 30 feet away at roped targets within the soccer goal. Pictured from left are program director John Bruni; Jude Matteredis, age 9; Chad Gatto, age 11; and Ryan McGrew, age 13.

First Congregational Church News

First Congregational Church of Portland, located at 554 Main St., is open for in-person worship and church school Sundays at 10 a.m. Masks are required.

In addition, the Sunday worship service is livestreamed on the church's YouTube channel, First Church of Portland CT, and a recording is also available for those who wish to worship at a later time.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, the 10 a.m. worship service will include the sacrament of Communion, and a remembrance of church members who have died during the past year. The scriptures are 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146, and Rev. Jane Hawken's sermon is titled, "A Little Cake." Musical selections will include a piece by the Handbell Choir, and the Choir will sing the anthem, "Brethren, We Have Come to Worship" by Randolph Currie.

Town to Hold Leaf Pick-Up

The Town of Portland Department of Public Works will conduct its annual leaf pickup beginning Monday, Nov. 29.

Leaves must be placed in paper bags at the curb so as not to cause a sightline problem. Leaves must be out no later than Nov. 28. Plastic bags will not be picked up. Residents who do not place their leaves at the curb can bring them to the Transfer Station. Leaves not in paper bags must be emptied by the resident in an area at the transfer station designated by the attendant.

Public Works requests that homeowners refrain from blowing or raking leaves into the roadway as blocking the storm drain inlets may cause flooding and create safety hazards.

For more information, call Public Works at 860-342-6733.

Second-Hand Prose Book Shop

The Friends of the Portland Library group has a large assortment of puzzles, DVDs and cookbooks, as well as fiction, romance, teen and children's used books, in the Second-Hand Prose Bookshop at the Portland Library during regular library hours. Books are 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books, \$1 for trade paperbacks and \$2 for hardcover. DVDs are 50 cents each disc and puzzles are \$2 unless marked otherwise.

FPL also has "I Love CT Libraries" reusable bags on sale for \$1 each. See a sample at the front desk and purchase them from the library staff.

All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends, such as the library's Museum Pass Program, children and adult programs, and the library's DVD collection.

Based on the COVID-19 safety guidelines provided to the library by the Chatham Health District, the FPL Executive Board has canceled the 2021 Fall Book Sale previously scheduled for October.

Visit www.friendsofportlandlibraryct.org for more information or email questions to friendsoftheportlandlibrary@gmail.com.

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Vocal Chords Holiday Concert

The Portland-based Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords will present its annual holiday concert, "Joy to the World," on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m., at Portland High School, 95 High St.

The 80-member chorus and six-piece band will perform such holiday classics as "The Little Drummer Boy," "O Holy Night" and, of course, "Joy to the World." For the classical lovers in the audience, the Vocal Chords will sing selections from Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." This year, the Chords will be joined by Portland High School's Advanced Choir, under the direction of Samuel Tucker.

Tickets \$20 and can be purchased from any member or by calling Joyce at 860-342-3120 or Diane at 860-347-2787. For more information, go to vocalchords20.org or look for the group on Facebook.

Concert to Benefit Food Bank

Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 345 Main St., will host a "Vital Connections Through Music" concert Sunday, Nov. 21, at 4 p.m., to benefit Portland Food Bank.

New York singer-songwriter Sarah Browne will perform. Browne uses her music to spread awareness about Friedreich's Ataxia, a rare genetic disease that took the life of her cousin.

Suggested donation is \$15. The church is handicapped-accessible. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. Call 860-342-0458 for more information, or email trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com.



Coach Pitch Baseball... Portland's Coach Pitch baseball season ended recently, with a skills competition under the lights at Nolan Field. The kids competed in fielding, throwing, hitting and baserunning. The players are looking forward to coming back in the spring. From left are, back row, Russell Kaczynski, Donovan Reilly, Dominic Senna, Evan Davis, Callum Moss, Keegan Buckley, Lily Wilson, Annie Rosario, Grace Reilly and Emily Bolstridge; front row, Benjamin Cohn, James Lejune, Bentley Brown, Wesley Lejune, William Cacopardo, Isaiah Morales, Sadie Ely, Emelia Moss and Ruby Wilson. Not present: Jackson Coiteux, Leo Bernardino and James Prince.

Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., invites all to worship. Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor.

Sunday worship services with Holy Communion are held in-person at 9 a.m. The church continues to follow CDC recommendations with masks required for all throughout the church. Vaccinated participants may remove their masks once they are seated. For those who prefer virtual services, a recording of the service is posted on YouTube by 9 a.m. the following Monday morning.

Sunday School and confirmation classes are back in session, on the first and third Sundays of each month, from 10:15-11 a.m. in person or, if circumstances necessitate, online via email. Confirmation classes might take place at alternate times during the month to best accommodate the schedules of older students as well as the pastor. To register your child, call the church at 860-342-2860, or for more information, call Sylvia LeShane, Sunday School director, at 860-342-0658.

Adult Bible Study is also underway and will continue on the second and fourth Sundays in November, January and February. The focus of this study will be season one of the series *The Chosen*, using the book *What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?* The book will be used as a guide for biblical study, reflection and conversation about

faith. Participants will be asked to view the episode at home prior to the day of study. The cost for the study guide is \$15.

The community is welcome to participate in all worship services and special events. For more information about any church activities, or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email zion.lutheran@snet.net or visit zionlutheranportland.org.

St. Mary Church News

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church is located at 45 Freestone Ave. The church office can be reached at 860-342-2328. Office hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, visit www.stmaryportlandct.org. Pastor is the Rev. John Antonelle.

Weekend Masses: 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed each week; visit the parish website for more information.

Weekday Mass: Monday and Tuesday at 8 a.m., and Friday at 12:10 p.m.

Confession: Saturday at 4-4:45 p.m., or call Antonelle for an appointment.

Other Programs: For information on faith formation programs, baptisms, blessings of marriages, Knights of Columbus, the St. Mary Ladies Guild and more, call the church office.

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Self-Defense Empowers Local Women

by Diane Church

Over 100 local women feel safer when going out alone now that they have taken a self-defense class called WAVE, or Women Against Violence Everywhere.

The class was held twice, on Oct. 20 and 27, and more sessions have been scheduled.

“The response was phenomenal,” said local resident Allison Mahon, who organized the class. “About 60 women showed up for each session. Some older women were concerned that they wouldn’t be able to do it, but they did.”

Mahon organized the class out of concern after an incident in the Big Y parking lot on Sept. 11 that shocked and frightened the community.

State police said a local woman was approached at her vehicle around 7 p.m. by two men who demanded money. The suspects threw the woman into the backseat, showed a handgun, put a bag over her head and hit her in the face multiple times. The suspects then drove with the woman to a convenience store in East Hartford and used her card to get money out of an ATM. Police said the men then drove the victim to Berlin where she was later released. The vehicle was found later and had been burned. The State Police Public Information Office said the investigation is active and ongoing and no new information has been released.

Money for the victim was raised on a GoFundMe page and at a lemonade stand, but, according to Mahon, she decided to use the

money to help other women, so she paid for the class as well as personal alarm key fobs.

Mahon said she asked her co-worker Dominick Violante, who co-owns Avon Kempo and Aikido, if he would conduct the class. The two work at Hartford Health Care.

“It was one of my best classes,” said Violante, who has been involved in martial arts for 45 years and has been teaching it for 21 years. “Everyone was engaged and willing to learn. It helped them with confidence and empowerment.”

He said that in Avon he saw a surge of interest in the self-defense class three years ago when a female jogger was assaulted while jogging on the Rail Trail. His 15-year old daughter has also taken the class.

The women who took the class expressed their enthusiasm on a local online forum.

“It’s amazing what you can do with these moves no matter your size, shape, weight or fitness level,” said Ashley Murray, posting on a local Facebook group chat after taking the class. “They really put us in some situations that are super uncomfortable, but being attacked is not comfortable,” she added. She described how, in one instance, a woman got down on all fours and the instructor grabbed her by the hair and the top of her pants, pretending to be an attacker, then showed the class how to escape the situation.

Two more classes have been scheduled.



Instructor Dominick Violante demonstrates a self-defense technique at the WAVE (women against violence everywhere) class in Marlborough. Photo submitted by Allison Mahon.

The first, a class for women ages 18 and up, is scheduled for Nov. 10. A junior class, for girls ages 10 to 17, is scheduled for Nov. 17. Both classes will start at 6 p.m. in the Marlborough

Elementary School cafeteria. To register email Mark Merritt at markmerritt0@icloud.com or Allison Mahon at allisonhoodmahon@gmail.com

Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday in-person worship at the Congregational Church of Marlborough, United Church of Christ, 35 South Main St., is at 10 a.m. Churchgoers are asked to wear a mask. The worship service is also livestreamed at mcc.marlborgcongregational.org for those unable to attend in person.

Sunday, Nov. 7 is All Saints Sunday, where church members and others who have passed during the year are recognized by the tolling of the church bell. The service will be led by Senior Pastor Bob Faulhaber. Holy Communion will be served. At the Marlborough Congregational Church, Holy Communion is open to all, regardless of church affiliation, including children, with parental guidance.

Sunday School is in-person for children ages 3 to grade 8 and all are welcome.

Faith Formation Study Group: Meets Thursdays, upstairs in the lounge, at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Mission Support in November will go to the York Correctional Resettlement Program. Donations to missions or for any other giving may be sent to the church at P.O. Box 57, Marlborough, CT 06447 or placed in an offering box on a Sunday.

Second Blessings Thrift Shop is open Fri-

days from noon-3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. The fall season is now featured along with name brand jewelry and handbags, infants and children, cookware and more. Second Blessings accepts donations during shopping hours. The shop also sells through eBay at <https://bit.ly/MCCebay>.

AA: Meets downstairs in the Great Hall Wednesdays with two meetings, noon and 7:30 p.m.

General Info: Worship services and programs are open to all. The church is an Open and Affirming faith community. For more information about the church or its programs, call the church office at 860-295-9050 or Pastor Bob Faulhaber’s direct line at 860-295-0432.

Hot Flashes to Perform at Arts Center

The musical group The Hot Flashes will perform at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

This trio of three female vocalists feature vocal harmonies and jazzy acoustic stylings. The Flashes are: Amy Gallatin, who has performed throughout North America and overseas; award-winning singer-songwriter-guitarist Gail Wade; and multi-instrumentalist Peggy Harvey, founding member of the legendary bluegrass group Traver Hollow.

Backed by mandolinist JD Williams, Dobro veteran Roger Williams, both from Gallatin’s band Stillwaters, and bassist John Urbanik, the instrumentalization also includes the occasional clawhammer banjo.

Admission at the door is \$15 per person. All are welcome, but for this performance masks and a proof of vaccination are required, as one of the performers is immuno-compromised. Chairs will be set up for social distancing. There will be no food or drink. The Arts Center is handicapped-accessible and there is ample parking.

Senior Center News and Notes

Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Dr., is open for activities. Call 860-295-6209 for the center’s hours and more information. The senior center has announced the following:

Transportation: Transportation to the senior center, shopping, medical and non-medical appointments will be offered each day from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with a 36-hour advance reservation. Masks are required as well as appropriate distancing. **Assistance** is offered each day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The **Food Bank** is located at 3 Wilhenger Drive (860-295-6008) and is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon and 3:30-5:30 p.m. It is open to qualified residents in need of food. Transportation for seniors and/or physically challenged individuals is available; call the senior center if needed.

Monday, Nov. 8: 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Not Just Quilting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: apple juice, American beef chop suey, vegetable medley, 12-grain bread, fresh fruit; Meals-on-Wheels, 12:30 p.m.; Bingo, 1-3 p.m.; Parks and Rec-

reation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 9: 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; setback or cards of your choice, 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 10: Grocery Shopping, 9 a.m.-noon; Not Just Quilting, 9 a.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: stuffed pepper with tomato sauce, pasta, Italian-blend vegetables, Italian bread, fresh fruit; Sophisticated Ladies (Tap Dancing), 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day – no activities except for a Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 5: Not Just Quilting, 10 a.m.; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: oven-baked fried chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, 12-grain bread, fresh fruit.

Grab-N-Go Meal for First Responders: Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Marlborough Health & Rehabilitation Center, 85 Stage Harbor Rd. RSVP by Nov. 8 to Amy Foreman, at 860-331-0470.

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Charter Changes Approved; Town Manager Coming

by Diane Church

Marlborough is going to have a town manager.

As part of seven of nine proposed charter changes that were approved in the election Tuesday, the town is switching from leadership by a first selectman to a town manager.

It is the first time the charter has been revised in 35 years.

The first proposal – to change the form of government – was approved by a vote of 1,055 to 754.

Based on the approval, the three-member Board of Selectmen will jump to five members. The board will then appoint a town manager.

First Selectman Gregory Lowrey said he approves of the change. “We will hold another election in May to bring on two additional selectmen and launch a search for our first town manager thereafter,” he said.

The two new selectmen will serve two-year terms. The board will elect a chairperson and vice chairperson each year. The first selectman’s office and its salary will be eliminated, but Lowrey will stay on as a selectman equal to the others.

The second proposal, to establish a local board of ethics, passed by a vote of 1,360 to 468.

It allows selectmen to appoint a voluntary two-member investigatory-advisory Office of Ethics and establish a Code of Ethics for elected officials, employees, board members and commission members in the conduct of their public

responsibilities.

The third proposal sailed through with a vote of 1,429 for and 375 against.

This one replaces the annual town meeting with a public hearing to review the final proposed annual town budget before going to a referendum in May. This simplifies the annual budget process by setting established dates for presenting and approving the proposed budget and allows people to comment on the budget proposal. The annual budget referendum would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May.

Proposal Four passed but by a narrower margin of 933 to 882. This replaces the \$10,000 limit on emergency expenditures allowed without a town vote with 2% of the town operations budget. Proponents say this allows for average inflation and for the higher cost of doing business during periods of high inflation, rather than setting a fixed amount. Opponents have said it is too much of an increase in the limit too quickly.

The next proposal failed by a vote of 845 to 911. It would have similarly changed the authorized amount for public bids from the current range of \$1,000 to \$10,000 to between .5% and 1% of the town operations budget. Items with estimated cost of more than one percent of the town operations budget would require a formal bid.

Voters also opposed proposed revision six, which asked if the town clerk and the tax collector positions should be changed from elected to appointed by the board of selectmen, with no residency requirement. Like other employees,

candidates would have to fill out an application and be interviewed, as well as be subject to performance reviews. It failed by a vote of 648 for and 1,194 against.

The seventh question was approved by a vote of 980 for and 833 against. It reduces the number of members of the Board of Finance from six to five and the Board of Education from nine to seven, while increasing the number of members on the Board of Assessment Appeals from three to five.

The Board of Finance would still have its three alternates with four-year terms. Lowrey said it’s sometimes difficult to find qualified people to volunteer to serve on the boards of finance and education, so he did not mind reducing the number of board members. But he said the Board of Assessment Appeals needs a couple more people because of the volume of work it does.

The eighth proposed revision restructures the Board of Fire Commissioners, increasing its membership from three to five, but three would need to have fire service experience. It would also change the fire marshal and depu-

ty fire marshal from lifetime appointments to four-year terms. They would be appointed by the board of selectmen and be town employees. It passed with 1,052 votes for and 833 against.

The final charter revision proposal contains a number of small revisions. They are defined by the Charter Revision Commission as “removing outdated references to state statutes, correcting grammatical and spelling errors, correcting improper references to other charter sections, deleting specific charter sections that are obsolete or no longer needed, expanding on specific charter sections to improve the clarity of section content and updating or adding specific charter sections where appropriate to reflect current and best practices.”

It passed with 1,405 for and 374 against.

Lowrey thanked the commission for all its work and congratulated members on a successful product.

“Marlborough is well positioned to continue to adapt as it has since 1803,” he said.

While changes had been proposed since the last charter revision 35 years ago, they were voted down by residents.

Parks and Rec Programs

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full descriptions or to register, visit marlboroughct.recdesk.com and click on “programs,” stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203.

Youth Programs: Acrylic Landscape Painting: For grades 4-6. Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m., Dec. 1-22, at Marlborough Elementary School. Students will be guided through the techniques of landscape painting. Students can bring a photo of a landscape, or choose one. All materials provided. Students are encouraged to bring a snack. Fee: \$90/residents, \$95/non-residents.

Netto Indoor Soccer: For grades 5-6. Games will begin week of Jan. 10. Games will be played after school Mondays and

Wednesdays in the MES gym. Fee is \$75 and participants will receive a T-shirt.

Horseback Riding Lessons: For ages 5 and up, English- or Western-style instruction. Lessons are private and one hour. Lesson days and times are flexible. Fee is four lessons for \$175/residents, \$180/non-residents.

Adult Volleyball: Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., at MES. Cost is \$5 per week; drop in.

Pilates/Barre: Tuesdays through Nov. 30, 6-6:45 p.m. There is a \$15/week fee to drop in. Class instruction is virtual or in person and provided by Janice Flanagan.

Driveway Reflective Number Signs: Signs cost \$35. Each vertical sign is double-sided 8”x24” with 4” numbers on blue highway reflective metal. Order forms are online and at Town Hall.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans

American Legion Post 197 will accept orders for takeout-only Thanksgiving dinner for all veterans/seniors. Date for pick-up is Sunday, Nov. 21, from 1-3 p.m. People can pick up their dinner at the Legion post, 128 East Hampton Rd. (Route 66) in Marlborough.

Due to COVID-19, all dinners are takeout-only. Reservations are required; call 860-295-7810 to place an order. Order deadline is Thursday, Nov. 18.

Book Discussion to Raise Afghani Awareness

Marlborough Outreach, a volunteer, non-partisan civic group, is hosting a book discussion via Zoom Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., to raise awareness for Afghan refugees. IRIS.org (Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services), headquartered in New Haven, is now welcoming evacuated Afghan families to nearby towns in Connecticut.

The selected book, *The Lightless Sky* by Gulwali Passarlay, is a memoir of fortitude and survival of a 12-year-old boy’s traumatic flight from Afghanistan to the West. Passarlay is now an activist and advocate for refugee children in Europe.

All are invited to read this book and join this discussion. The eBook and audiobook can be found for free on the Hoopla app. For a link to the Zoom meeting, or for more information, email Andrea at Marlboroughoutreach@gmail.com.

Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

The annual cemetery fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6, at Marlboro Cemetery. Volunteers are invited to participate and are asked to meet at 9 a.m.

Residents are asked to remove any personal items and decorations prior to the clean-up. Any items found to be in violation of cemetery rules and regulations or a hindrance to maintenance will be removed. These items include shepherd hooks, glass objects, items hanging from trees and pots. For a complete listing, go to tinyurl.com/3eyze3xj.

Holiday Closings

The offices of Marlborough Town Hall, Senior Center and Public Works Department will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

Food Bank to Benefit in Big Y Bag Program

Marlborough Food Bank has been selected by local Big Y store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Community Bag Program for the month of November. For every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag purchased at the store in November, Big Y will send a \$1 donation to the food bank.

Marlborough Food Bank is an all-volunteer organization that provides food assistance and clothing to individuals in need in the local community. Learn more at foodbankofmarlborough.wordpress.com.



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Republicans Win Big in Marlborough

By Diane Church

Republicans had a successful day in Marlborough Tuesday, as nearly every GOP candidate got a seat on their chosen board or commission.

On the Board of Finance, the two former alternates, Jeff Plourde and Michael Nastri, both Republicans, received 1,041 and 1,003 votes, respectively, while Democrats Anne Majocha Steinbrecher and Robert Mirabal trailed with 833 and 773.

The departure of Plourde and Nastri left both alternate seats open, so both candidates, Republican Christopher Barella with 1045 votes and Democrat John Fidler, with 944 got right in.

Things were a little murkier on the local Board of Education, however, as two candidates were so close that they a recount was automatically triggered. Republican Susan Stolfi appeared to have won with 896 votes, but Democrat Anna Holden collected 878 votes, leading to the recount.

The recount hadn't been scheduled as of press time, but its outcome is crucial. Four seats are open on the board. Incumbent Democrat Wesley Skorski led the field with 964 votes, followed closely by Republican Liz Cavanna-Giannelli with 960, then Democrat Angela Colantonio with 915.

So, if Tuesday's count is upheld, the four open seats would be split 2-2, but if enough votes change for Holden to be declared the

victor, 3 of the 4 open seats Tuesday will have gone to Democrats.

Republican Kerri Barella collected 835 votes, failing to land a seat on the school board. She was – again, depending on the outcome of the recount – the only Republican on Tuesday's ballot who did not win a seat on a board.

On the Board of Assessment appeals, incumbent Republicans David Morganson and Jennifer Wood kept their seats with 967 and 1,074 votes, respectively, while Democratic challenger Korean Ryan was unsuccessful with 944 votes.

Republican Board of Finance member Ken Hjulstrom, who was not up for reelection this year, offered some opinions as to why his party was so successful.

"The Republican candidates provided a consistent and strong message regarding fiscal responsibility coupled with maintaining quality educational services in our schools, both of which are critical issues for taxpayers and parents," he said.

"Our candidates were focused on getting their message out and informing the voters about their qualifications, while avoiding any mudslinging," he added. "Voters do not respond well to nasty campaigns. Therefore, we always try to take the high road during the campaign season."

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Thomas J. Sas, Pastor, John McKaig is deacon emeritus and the pastoral assistant is Holly Bangham. The church office can be reached at 860-295-0001; hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. People are asked to call before heading over or connect via the phone.

Weekend Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome. Masks are required, and there is an area for those who prefer to be socially distant. Call the office for more information. **Weekday Mass:** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Masks required.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Sundays, 4-4:45 p.m. Masks required.

Community Outreach and Service: Food drives are held the second full weekend of each

month for Marlborough Food Bank; you may also bring food or household donations directly to the Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. Also, the Community Garden to benefit Marlborough Food Bank is underway. Other service opportunities are scheduled monthly; see the church website for details.

Other Programs and Offerings: For more information on such programs as adult or child faith formation, youth group, RCIA or Knights of Columbus, call the office, visit the church website, or look for the church on Facebook (Saint John Fisher Roman Catholic Church) or Twitter (@StJohnFisher_CT).

Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has reopened its building to the public, but curbside pickup is still being offered. For more information and full program descriptions – and to inquire about available curbside printing services – call the library at 860-295-6210 or visit richmondlibrary.info.

Building and Curbside Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The **book drop** is open for returns. Overdue fines are not accruing at this time.

Meeting Room: The library meeting room has reopened to the public. Stop by the library to check availability and fill out a preregistration user agreement form.

Fall Author Series: The library has teamed

up with the Cragin, East Hampton, and Welles-Turner libraries for a virtual author talk series. Deborah Copaken (author of *Ladyparts*, *Shutterbabe* and *The Red Book*) will talk over Zoom Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Email the library to register.

Henry Chapman Mercer: A Legacy Built in Concrete: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa., the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle are two historic castles that celebrate the life and legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), an American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramist and scholar. The Zoom program features film clips, historic archives and modern-day images. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

Last Call for Wreath Orders!

Boy Scout Troop 39 is wrapping up its annual wreath sale, with free, contactless deliveries planned for Nov. 20-30. The last day to order is Nov. 9. Cost is \$25 for a 22-inch wreath, and \$30 for a 28-inch wreath, decorated by a local Scout with berries, pine cones and a red velvet bow.

Call or text 860-295-3060 or go to www.troop39wreaths.com to order online; credit cards accepted. As is the case from last year, the Scouts are unable to go door to door due to COVID-19.

Winter Clothes Drive

Knights of Columbus Marlborough Council 15734 is holding its Marlborough winter clothes drive. Donations of any new or gently-used coats, jackets, gloves, mittens or blankets are sought.

Clothes will be collected through Saturday, Nov. 6, and can be dropped off in drop box in the basement at St. John Fisher Church, 30 Jones Hollow Rd. There will also be a collection on the Marlborough town green Nov. 6, starting at 9 a.m.

Veterans Day Pasta Dinner

The Sons of the American Legion of Marlborough American Legion Post 197 will hold its second annual Veterans Day drive-thru pasta dinner Thursday, Nov. 11, at the post home, 128 East Hampton Rd. (Route 66) in Marlborough. Dinner will be served from 4-6 p.m.

Tickets will be priced at \$12 per dinner or \$35 for a family four-pack. No reservations required.

Proceeds will benefit the SAL Scholarship program. For more information, call the post at 860-295-7810.

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October's Elite: *Rivereast* Athletes of the Month

by Josh Howard

This week marks the first of a new regular feature: *Rivereast* Standout Athletes of the Week. The feature profiles various athletes from the four *Rivereast* public high schools – RHAM, Bacon Academy, East Hampton High School and Portland High School – who had particularly strong games the week before. This first entry looks at athletes for the entire month of October.

Week of Oct. 4-10

Alex Hair – Portland (Football): Hair played well on both sides of the ball as the Cromwell/Portland Panthers earned a hard-fought 21-6 victory over Valley Regional/Old Lyme on Oct. 9. The Portland High junior running back ran for 75 yards on 16 carries on offense, also racking up four tackles, a sack, and a fumble recovery on the defensive end.

Bri Miller – East Hampton (Soccer): Miller scored three goals as the Bellringers downed Hale-Ray 4-2 on Oct. 7. The junior's hat-trick, combined with a goal from younger sister Abbie Miller, led the way as East Hampton won their third game of the year.

Ryan McLaughlin – RHAM (Football): McLaughlin threw for a season-high 220 yards and a pair of touchdowns as RHAM defeated East Catholic 21-12 on Oct. 9. The senior signal caller connected with Max Nysten and Ben Weers on scoring strikes of 27 and 55 yards, respectively. It was McLaughlin's second game this season with multiple touchdown passes, also throwing a pair of scores in a 42-21 victory over Farmington in the season opener.

Birch Collins – Bacon Academy (Soccer): Collins scored the game's only goal in a driving rain as the Bobcats defeated rival RHAM 1-0 on Oct. 4 at Bacon Academy. The freshman's game-winner was assisted by junior Steven Laliberte as the team improved to 6-2.

Week of Oct. 11-17

Simon Kandeke – Portland (Soccer): Kandeke scored twice and dished out an assist in a 5-0 win over Coginchaug on Senior Night on Oct. 12. The senior has battled nagging injuries all season, but has been able to return to the lineup and provide more firepower to a Highlanders team that qualified for the state tournament following a 3-1 victory over Cromwell on Oct. 14.

Kandeke is grateful that he has been able to contribute this season. "It felt great," he said. "I was able to contribute to the win and my team was excited for me to join them again. The best part of it all was definitely making my mom and school proud on our stage. It's a different feeling."

Sydney Weimer and Liam Calhoun – RHAM (Cross Country): Weimer and Calhoun, both seniors, celebrated RHAM's cross country Senior Night by winning their respective races in a meet versus Enfield on Oct. 12. Weimer ran a 22:38 to finish first in the girls' field and Calhoun ran a 16:54 to win the boys' race, each leading the way as the Raptors defeated the Eagles of Enfield. Calhoun went on to place 11th and Weimer ran a team-best (22:26) at the CCC finals at Wickham Park on Oct. 19.

Jordan Murphy – East Hampton (Volleyball): Murphy had terrific back-to-back matches, combining for 19 kills and 27 digs in a straight set win over Cromwell on Oct. 11 and a five-set loss to Haddam-Killingworth on Oct. 15. The junior leads the team in kills and has the second most aces and digs this season for a Bellringers team that won 12 of 17 matches in the regular season.

Sam Blumberger – Bacon Academy (Soccer): Blumberger scored seven goals over a four-game span for the Bobcats. The senior cap-



Portland High School junior Alex Hair was a stud, both offensively and defensively, as the Cromwell/Portland co-op football defeated Valley Regional/Old Lyme 21-6 on Oct. 9. Photo credit: Hannah Brunk.

tain scored three goals in an 8-0 win over Haddam-Killingworth on Oct. 11 and then scored the lone goal on a header after receiving a cross from junior Steven Laliberte on Oct. 13. Blumberger then had a two goal, one assist performance in a 6-0 win over Windham on Oct. 15 and scored a goal in the team's regular season home finale, a 4-3 win over Ledyard on Oct. 22.

Week of Oct. 18-24

Kendra Schoeps – Portland (Soccer): Schoeps scored two goals and dished out an assist as PHS girls soccer celebrated Senior Night by defeating East Hampton 4-0 on Oct. 18. Head coach Joseph Santavenere said, "She did an outstanding job both scoring and setting her teammates up throughout the game."

Schoeps was one of five seniors recognized during the special night. Hanna Brunk, Giuliana Dicenza, Allison Scott, and Kendall Prince are the Highlanders four other seniors.

Ally Hadley – RHAM (Volleyball): Hadley has played tremendously all season for a RHAM team that, as of press time, hasn't lost since Sept. 13. The junior combined for 36 digs, 26 kills, and 8 aces as the Raptors beat Avon (Oct. 20), Newington (Oct. 22) and Enfield (Oct. 25), to extend the team's winning streak to 16 straight matches.

Brennan Johnson – East Hampton (Soccer): Johnson scored two goals as the East Hampton boys' soccer won their home finale, defeating Lyman Memorial 4-0. Tommy Morton and Ethan Marshall scored the other two goals for a Bellringers team that finished 4-2-1 at EHHS this fall.

Jordan Malloy – Bacon Academy (Cross Country): Malloy was the runner-up at the ECC Girls' Cross Country Championship, running a 20:46 at the 5k course in Norwich on Oct. 21. The senior finished behind only the meet's winner, Linsley Arends from Woodstock Academy, and ran a faster time than 48 other runners. Malloy, who had won the event twice before, helped Bacon Academy place 7th out of 11 teams at the meet.

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Max Nysten – RHAM (Football): Nysten exploded for a career-high four touchdowns as RHAM football upset Plainville 25-21 on Oct. 30. The junior running back ran for 162 yards, including long scoring runs of 50, 20, 60 and 30 yards. His final two scoring runs came in the fourth quarter as the Raptors overcame a fourth-quarter deficit to improve to 3-4 and hand the visiting Blue Devils their second loss this season.

"It was a great feeling coming from behind to win with the team," stated Nysten. "The o-line did a fantastic job blocking too which really helped my performance."

Teddy Williams – Portland (Football): Williams scored three more touchdowns, two receiving and one on a fumble return, as the Cromwell/Portland Panthers improved to 6-0 with a 48-6 demolition of Granby/Canton last Friday, Oct. 29. The Portland High senior has been a frequent endzone explorer this fall, totaling 13 touchdowns, including eight over the last two games.

Paul Pignatella – East Hampton (Soccer): Pignatella scored a goal during his final regular season game with the Bellringers as East Hampton defeated Canton 2-0 to close the regular season with a victory. The senior captain has been an offensive force in his final season in Blue & White. Sophomore Ethan Marshall scored the team's other goal as the Bellringers finished the regular season 7-5-2.

Audrey Palmer – Bacon Academy (Soccer): Palmer scored two goals in Bacon Academy's final regular season home game as the Bobcats upended Stonington 3-2 on Oct. 27. The freshman's multi-goal performance, along with a goal from sophomore Kayla Hall, helped the team register win #8, qualifying them for the state tournament.

To nominate someone for an Athlete of the Week or with any questions or comments on sports-related topics, email Josh Howard at joshhowardsports@gmail.com.



Second Place!... Tri-County American Legion's 13U baseball team captured second place in the league's fall tournament, falling 7-6 to NorthEast (Tolland) in the championship game on Oct. 23. Team members are from left, front row, Rowan Vitali, Anthony LaPila, Caleb Wagner, Jacob Woods, Dillan Coats, Evan Wagner, Roger Pryor and Daniel Mitchell; back row, Kade Karpiej, Colton Campagna, Matt Ricard, Jaxon Hanson, Justin Tyrol, Ben Kohler, Hunter Straub, Bryce Gagne and Jonah Klancko. Not pictured: Bryce Lumbra and Michael Saintil. The T-C Legion program draws players from Andover, Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, Lebanon and Marlborough and sponsored teams at four age levels during the fall, also finishing as league runner-up at 19U. T-C Legion, which won zone championships at 15U and 17U last summer, will begin indoor winter workouts in December, with tryouts for its 2022 summer teams in February. Go to www.tcleion.com or contact General Manager Len Lampugnale (860-295-0437 or lampugnale@comcast.net) for more information.

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And the Winner Is... The winning ticket in the Andover Friends of the Library quilt raffle, drawn during the Fall Book and Bake Sale, went to Mary Rio, who is shown here with the quilt. The queen-sized quilt was made and donated by Andover resident and talented Library Friend Jean Mamonas. Over \$1,700 was raised to benefit the library. Library Friend and Andover resident Ellen Repay also conducted a children's puppet-making workshop and reading during the sale. *Photo by library director Amy Orlomoski.*

Library News

Andover Public Library, located at 355 Route 6, has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, call 860-742-7428.

New Hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. If there are programs in the evening beginning at 7 p.m., the library will still be closed, but the programming space will remain open.

Medicare Workshop: The library will hold a workshops providing Medicare updates for 2022 on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m., at the library. Mark Macrina, a licensed agent at Senior Health and Retirement Service in Clinton, will discuss of the difference between original Medicare, Medicare supplements, Medicare Advantage, and prescription drug plans. This session is free and open to the public. Masks are required. For planning purposes, RSVP is requested, but walk-ins are welcome too.

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Clinic

A town-wide COVID-19 booster shot clinic will take place Monday, Nov. 29, from 2-5 p.m., at the Andover Elementary School gym. Both Moderna and Pfizer booster shots will be available.

All those 65 and older or those with underlying medical issues, who have had their previous vaccination shots, may make an appointment by going to tinyurl.com/4mvvbkcy.

If unable to register and need help, call Cathy Palazzi, senior coordinator, at 860-916-6122, or Roberta Dougherty, municipal agent, at 860-742-7305.

Call Palazzi for a ride. Registrations are mandatory.

Community Fund Advisory Committee Looks to Fill Vacancy

The Andover Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee is accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the nine-member board. The new members will fill the remaining two-year term that will expire in October 2022. Any elected official is not eligible to serve on this committee.

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving created funds in 29 Hartford area towns with a \$100,000 grant to each community. Half of the money, \$50,000, is in the form of an endowed fund while the other half, \$50,000, is available for immediate use. The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established an all-volunteer Selection Committee in 2019, which was made up of Andover residents who would form a nine-member Advisory Committee of

volunteer town residents to administer the grant process and consider applications for grant funding from local nonprofits for projects that serve and benefit Andover residents.

The Andover Greater Together Advisory Committee is responsible for selecting and distributing the \$100,000 funds awarded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to local non-profits to assist in projects that will help enhance and benefit the residents of Andover. In September, the community awarded five grants ranging from \$250 to \$6,000 to local organizations.

The Advisory Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m., via Zoom.

Applications to join the committee, and more information about the fund itself, are at www.hfpg.org/andovercf. Applications are also available by emailing committee co-chair Dianne Grenier at deardianne@comcast.net. Completed applications are due Dec. 1.

Calling All Veterans

The Andover Elementary School Veterans Day Committee is calling all veterans and active-duty servicemen and women to come and be honored at a special ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the school, located at 35 School Rd.

Veterans are asked to arrive at 9:45 a.m. for coffee and refreshments. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and will include a variety of activities.

RSVP by calling the school at 860-742-7339.

Autumn Afternoon Tea

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold an Autumn Afternoon Tea Saturday, Nov. 13, from 1-3 p.m. The tea will include an assortment of teas, a basket raffle and homemade treats.

Admission is \$10. Reservations required. Leave a message at the church office, 860-742-7696, to reserve seats.

Reservations Due for Senior Christmas Party

The Andover Seniors Christmas Party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 1, from noon-4 p.m., at Georgina's Restaurant in Bolton. There will be door prizes, and also a raffle to benefit local charities.

Attendees are asked to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle table. Tony Susi will provide entertainment. The lunch menu begins with a fresh garden salad, with Italian or ranch dressing. Entrees are your choice of Chicken Francaise, sliced sirloin topped with mushroom demi glaze, or baked salmon topped with creamy dill sauce. Entrees include green beans, rice pilaf, assorted rolls, coffee or tea, and cake for dessert.

Cost is \$12 for any Andover senior, due by Nov. 5. Call Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947 with your reservation and entree choice. Andover seniors needing a ride should call Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122. This event is open to any Andover senior who is fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Last Farmers Market of Season

The last farmers market for 2021 is this Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Historic Meeting House Field at the First Congregational Church in Andover on Route 6.

There will be a food truck, live music, farmers, vendors, fundraisers, games and more. Roberta Dougherty will sell packages of dips and soups with all money made going to the senior luncheon program. Seniors/disabled in need of a ride to the market should call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122.

Men's Basketball

Adult men's basketball takes place at the Andover Elementary School gym every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in playing is welcome.

Early Deadline Next Week

Due to the Veterans Day holiday next Thursday, the *Rivereast* will be publishing a day early – on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Therefore, all submitted copy – letters to the editor, event notices, church listings, etc. – **must** be submitted by **noon Monday, Nov. 8**. No exceptions will be made.

Library Friends Free Plant Swap

On Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., the Library Friends Garden Club is hosting a free plant swap and perennial take-away at Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6.

Bring your house plants and/or any extra cuttings, and see what your neighbors have to swap with you. Remember: This is an exchange, so if you bring something, be prepared to bring something else home. The Garden Club is also thinning out the library's perennial garden, so bring your trowel, and take some perennials home. A table will be set up outside the library.

For more information, call the library at 860-742-7428.

Senior Movie at Community Center

The next Senior Movie will be Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. *The Truth About Charlie* (2002) will be shown.

In the film, a woman returns from holiday to find her husband has been murdered, and several groups of people are pressuring her to unravel the mystery of his true identity and activities during his final days. Rated PG-13, the movie runs one hour and 44 minutes.

All are welcome. COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Attendees must wear a mask, and bring their own snacks and drinks. For a ride, call Cathy Palazzi two days in advance at 860-916-6122.

Annual Lowering of Andover Lake

This week, the Andover Lake Management Association (ALMA) began lowering the level of the lake to its winter level. This is done each year to maintain the quality of the water and of the plants and fish that inhabit it, the association said.

It may take two weeks or more for the lake to reach the winter level of 30" below the summer level. Anyone who wishes to make repairs to their dock or sea wall should plan on doing so now, the association said, rather than wait until spring – when ALMA will fill the lake to its summer level, starting in mid-March or as soon as the ice melts, whichever is later.

Vendors Sought for Christmas Fair

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6 in Andover, is taking applications for craft vendors who wish to have a booth at its Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Each booth consists of one table and two chairs, which are provided. Booths are \$20, payable in advance. Leave a message at the church office, 860-742-7696 for an application. First consideration will be given to handmade crafts.

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Agent Orange Highway Named

by Sloan Brewster

A tiny stretch of Route 316 in Andover has officially been named the Agent Orange Memorial Highway.

Last month, the Department of Transportation (DOT) installed a sign designating the approximately 150-foot section of 316 from below the covered bridge overlooking Veteran's Monument Park to the intersection with Route 6.

"Another one for the record books. More to follow," Vietnam War Veteran Gerry Wright wrote in an email announcing the sign's arrival.

In a recent phone call, Wright said on Veterans Day there will be a sign unveiling, during which state Rep. Robin Green (R-55) will speak.

Wright said the unveiling would be held during the town's Veterans Day Ceremony, which is scheduled for Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. While the ceremony normally takes place at Veterans Monument Park, Wright said the area was just seeded with grass seed, and depending on the seed's condition, the affair may be moved to Andover Elementary School.

The portion of road now serves as a reminder of what Agent Orange did, and continues to do, to soldiers who served in Vietnam, Wright said.

Getting the designation was important to Wright, who is among millions of Vietnam veterans who were exposed to, and are ill from Agent Orange, a contaminant that was sprayed by the U.S. government over Vietnam during the war.

Wright first announced he had learned the DOT had agreed to the naming during the un-

veiling of the Agent Orange monument. While sharing the news, Wright it was "very emotional" for him, and fellow Vietnam veterans.

Not everyone fully grasps the reason Wright went out of his way to get the road named for the contaminant, he said, recalling a message he received on Facebook from a woman whose husband had died from exposure to Agent Orange, who, he said, asked why he was celebrating the toxin.

"We're not," Wright, who did not respond to the query, said. "All we're doing is reminding people that people have died as a result of Agent Orange and people are still sick and dying of Agent Orange."

Wright said he plans to sit down with Green in January and draw up a proposal to extend the name to the Hebron town line and suggest naming the remainder of the road from the Hebron line to its intersection with Route 66 for Camp Lejeune Toxic Water, which also sickened members of the U.S. military.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, from the 1950s through the 1980s inhabitants and people working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina were potentially exposed to contaminated drinking water.

Wright is also working on getting new flagpoles and solar lighting for the park. Last month, Veterans Affairs was awarded \$3,000 from the Together Andover Community Fund of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to support the purchase of new flagpoles for the park.

Wright, who raised funds for an Agent Or-



Last month, the Department of Transportation installed this sign designating the stretch of Route 316 from the intersection of Route 6 to the covered bridge in Andover as the Agent Orange Memorial Highway.

From the Superintendent's Desk...

Andover Elementary School welcomed back our AES family and we have had a wonderful reopening. Our classrooms are already deeply focused on our grade level curricula and our new students have settled in. The three kindergarten classes are enjoying the new addition of American Sign Language (ASL). Grades 3-6 students are welcoming a new Spanish teacher, Ana Glowacki, and the whole school welcomed new music teacher, Julie Gourdet. Staff and students came back ready to face the school year and committed to learning.

The amazing partnership and commitment to student learning was exhibited for all to see on Sept. 22 when we held our Back-to-School Night, attended by over 300 attendees. Each classroom shared academics and student products with families at set times throughout the evening. In addition to visiting the classrooms, families interacted outside while eating and having some fun. In the gym, we welcomed community partners like the Norton Commission, Andover Library, Boy Scouts, our trooper Sebastian Nesci, the Andover Board of Education, AES PTA, the Fire Dept., AHM Services, and our own team of AES Support Services. We were very grateful to be able to share this evening safely with our school community. This evening was designed to target one of our BOE goals this year of being able to embrace the community and our families and promote engaging activities.

The goals for this school year were thoughtfully designed based on school feedback from surveys, as well as professional development reflection from the board. The goals are available on the website. Together, we have established a strategic plan to continue to bring AES forward through these difficult COVID times. Things are improving and getting more "normalized" every day, but we are so grateful to the cooperation and assistance we have had from the whole school community, families, and most importantly our children. Our children have been superstars!

Valerie Bruneau
Andover Superintendent of Schools

ange monument and designed and had it built and installed, is also working on getting two more monuments built and installed at the park, a battlefield cross and a Prisoner of War, Missing in Action and Killed in Action (POW MIA KIA) monument. The cross is being made in Minnesota and the other monument is being made in Vermont and is expected to be delivered to town in December, Wright said.

Granite shortages are hindering the construction of the battlefield cross and causing price increases, according to Wright, who said the price had doubled.

Bricks for a third walkway at the park are also delayed, Wright said.

Wright said he is also planning to apply for a grant to put more benches at the park.

In the meantime, he said the Board of Select-

men asked him to draw up plans for what he's doing.

At the Oct. 12 meeting, the board said it wanted a better understanding of the plans for the park to assure it would look right and everything would fit.

Selectman Scott Person said that while "I love what he is doing down there," the board needs to look at the plans more closely.

"Gerry's doing a great job down there but we need to approve all these things," he said. "Pull back on the reins a little bit and see what's going on."

To donate towards the battlefield cross monument, write a check to American Legion Post 95 with 'Battlefield Cross Monument' in the memo, and send to PO Box 95, Hebron, CT 06248 Attn: Gerry Wright.

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Obituaries

Hebron

Rodger David Grano

Rodger David Grano, 63, of Hebron, passed unexpectedly Sunday, Oct. 24. He was born in Hartford June 21, 1958, son of the late Joseph and Joan (Phelps) Grano.

Rodger was an avid outdoorsman; he especially loved fishing and hunting and his days were often spent by the river enjoying nature. He was full of life and had a great sense of humor. His infectious laugh filled the room and could put a smile on anyone's face. Above all things, Rodger loved his family and was most happy when he was with them. He was inseparable from his grandson, Michael, and will always hold the title "World's Best Papa." His stories and laughter will be missed and he will always share a special place in the hearts of those that knew and loved him.

Rodger is survived by his daughter, Vanessa Grano and her husband Michael McDermott Sr. of Hebron; two sons, Johnathan Grano and his fiancée Catrina Christensen of Lebanon and Daniel Grano and his wife Kristina Grano of Colchester; a grandson, Michael McDermott Jr.; five brothers, Joseph Grano Jr. and his wife Kathleen, Nicholas Grano and his wife Linda, William Grano and his wife Angela, Chris Grano, and Clint Grano and his wife Tina; along with many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family received relatives and friends Friday, Oct. 29, at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. A prayer service took place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in the funeral chapel. Burial followed at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



East Hampton

Kevin Edward Wall

Kevin Edward Wall, 55, of East Hampton, beloved husband of Alea (Lamson) Wall, passed away Saturday, Oct. 30, at his home. Born Dec. 2, 1965, he was the youngest son of the late Philip and Sheila (Connell) Wall.

Kevin grew up showing cows in 4-H, working on the farm, and at Wall's Dairy. Kevin was a graduate of Three Rivers College in Norwich and was an electrical engineer. He was presently working in sales for Intelligent Motion Systems of Marlborough.

Kevin loved riding dirt bikes, snowmobiling (Ski-Doo), and mountain biking with his dog. He was a town league soccer coach. He enjoyed taking his dogs for rides in his duct-taped truck. He just fulfilled his dream of driving cross-country, stopping along the way to ride dirt bikes in South Dakota and Idaho with his son and go white water rafting and complete a high ropes course with his daughter and wife in Glacier Park, Mont.

Besides his wife Alea, he is survived by his daughter, Brianna Chase Wall, of East Hampton; his son, Cpl. Dalton E. Wall (Army) of Wash.; three brothers, Michael Wall (MaryJean) of East Hampton, Stephen Wall (Betsy) of Colchester, Peter Wall (Robin) of East Hampton; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends called at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Thursday, Nov. 4. A graveside service will be held privately in St. Patrick Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to tadsaw.org or New England Trail Rider Association (NETRA), P.O. Box 1235, Derry, NH 03038.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.



East Hampton

Dorothy C. Haines

Dorothy C. Haines, 85, of East Hampton, wife of the late Warren Haines, passed away peacefully at Middlesex Hospital Wednesday Oct. 27. Born July 9, 1936, in Manchester, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Doris (Olsen) Clayton.

After raising her children, Dorothy worked as a nurse until her retirement. She was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton for most of her life. She was a member of the East Hampton Historical Society, East Hampton Garden Club and Dorcas Circle.

She is survived by her son, Robert Haines and wife Michelle of Rockfall; daughters, Cher-



yl Kissinger of East Hampton, Karen Haines of Moodus; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Elizabeth Haines; her nieces, Laurie and Susan; her three grandchildren, Stephanie Schwartz, Joshua Kissinger, Michael Haines; and her five great-grandchildren, Emery Schwartz, Audrey Schwartz, Bennet Kissinger, Luna Haines and Lily Haines.

Dorothy's family would like to thank the caregivers that helped Dorothy immensely, and the exceptional staff at By the River in Marlborough.

A private service will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton and burial will be in the family plot in Rose Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1 East High St., P.O. Box 31, East Hampton, CT 06424.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

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Town Has ARPA Funds Available

Colchester has \$4.68 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds available – and the money is open to the Colchester community at large.

Those eligible include but are not limited to: local businesses, non-profits, youth services, senior services, mental health agencies, town services, recreational staff, public safety officials, religious organizations, community-based programs, agencies providing support for health disparities, programs addressing capacity building efforts and town departments. If the request falls within the ARPA guidelines, the request will be considered. Recipients must demonstrate that funding use directly addresses

a negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency, including funds used for economic or workforce development.

To submit a request for ARPA funding, download an application from tinyurl.com/4mejjhx6 or pick one up from the first selectman's office at Town Hall. Once completed, return it to the office or email it to ARPA@ColchesterCT.gov. You will be contacted when your application is received and you may be invited to join the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee meeting when your application is being reviewed.

For more information, email arpa@colchesterct.gov.

Senior Center Trip to Botanical Gardens

The Colchester Senior Center is offering a trip to the New York Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

The day will start in Little Italy, featuring lunch at Ann & Tony's Restaurant (choose from Chicken Marsala, Veal Parmigiana or Eggplant Parmigiana, with salad, dessert and coffee or tea), then a trip to the gardens, to explore over 50 collections that are located throughout the 250 acres.

Bus will depart at 7 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$129/person and space is limited. Reservations must be made in person and are available to members of the Colchester Senior Center on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 860-537-3911 for more information.

Senior Center Trip to NYC

All can join the Colchester Senior Center Monday, May 9, 2022, for a day trip to New York City.

Bus departs at 7 a.m. Start your day at the 9/11 Museum, which serves as the country's principal institution concerned with the events of Sept. 11, 2001. You will have time to view both the museum and the twin reflecting pools. Spend some time in the afternoon at Chelsea Market (for lunch on your own) which is part of the High-Line Infrastructure. Ascend to the top of the World Trade Center.

Return in Colchester will be approximately 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$130/person. Call the senior center office at 860-537-3911 for more information.

Poetry Contest for Children

The Colchester Garden Club invites area students in grades K-9 to create an original poem for the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poetry Contest. The theme is "Sing with the Song Birds – Exploring the Glory of Nature."

Flyers and entry forms may be picked up at the Cragin Memorial Library children's circulation desk or requested by email from colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com. Contest deadline is Dec. 1, with awards and recognition being made in spring 2022.

For rules and more information, contact the Colchester Garden Club at colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com or call 860-267-4471.

Ladies Guild 2022 Trips

Saint Andrew's Ladies Guild is planning several trips for the group and has opened the reservations to the community. Trips for 2022 are:

May 11-13: See Sight and Sounds Theatre's new show, *David*. Trip includes transportation, two nights' hotel, two breakfasts, two dinners, sightseeing and admissions per itinerary, including a ride on the Strasburg Railroad and visiting an actual Amish home. Cost is \$585/person double.

Aug. 14-15: See and hear the Boston Pops on Old Cape Cod, cruise Hyannis Harbor and visit the JFK Museum. Cost is \$409/person double, and includes transportation, hotel, one breakfast, one dinner, sightseeing and admissions.

Sept. 3-18: Trans-Atlantic Cruise, visiting Copenhagen, Norway, Iceland, Greenland. Price starts at \$2,999, and includes air transportation to Copenhagen. Travelers must follow the protocols set-in-place by the travel company.

For more information, call Barbara Gozzo at 860-537-0179 or Cathy Russi at 860-887-9621.

Trip to See Jesus Christ Superstar

Colchester Senior Center members and their adult guests will see the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Thomaston Opera House Sunday, April 3, 2022. There will be a pre-show lunch at the Black Rock Tavern and a reserved orchestra seat for the show.

Cost is \$107/person, payable by cash or check to the Colchester Senior Center on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is required and can be done by visiting the senior center.

Call 860-537-3911 for more information.

Marlborough

Brian Michael Walter

Brian Michael Walter, 52, of Marlborough, passed away at home Thursday, Oct. 21. Born July 7, 1969, in Meriden, he was the son of Howard W. Walter and the late Edith M. (Rich) Walter.

Brian was a graduate of Windham Technical High School and was a former supervisor for FedEx. He was currently employed by Eagle Fence Company. Brian loved motorcycles, especially restoring older models.

Besides his father, Brian is survived by his brother, Tim Walter (Kim) of Tolland; his sister, Nancy Grous (Alan) of Vernon; his nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Charlie.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Portland

Donald L. Mooers Jr.

Donald L. Mooers Jr., 77, of Portland, husband of the late Holly (Brotherton) Daigle-Mooers, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Hartford Hospital. Born in, Houlton, Maine, he was a former Rockville and Colchester resident, moving to Portland in 2018.

A 20-year member of the Connecticut Army National Guard, Donald served during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a shipping and receiving clerk at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford, retiring in 2004. Don was a member of the East Hartford American Legion and the Good Time Motoring Club in Colchester.

Surviving is a sister, Bethany Dufour and her husband Edward of East Hartford; his best friend, Kenneth Callender of Colchester; his girlfriend, Millie Day of Portland; as well as Millie's daughter, Arleen Milardo and granddaughter, Melissa. He also leaves a friend, Bob Eaton of Windsor, who assisted Don during his illness.

Funeral services are Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m. at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, followed by burial with military honors at Fairview Cemetery. Calling hours are Tuesday morning from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Good Times Motoring Club, P.O. Box 852, Colchester, CT 06415.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.

Early Deadline Next Week

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Three of the Colchester Cougars youth football squads took on East Hampton on Oct. 24. Here, the A Squad's Joey Gignac runs for the Cougars.

LEGALS

**TOWN OF PORTLAND
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at a special meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following:
Application #21-02: 36 Jobs Gate 2. Request to appeal a Zoning Permit #21-33 denied by the Zoning Enforcement Officer to construct a single family dwelling. Application and property of Larry Whitmore. Assessor's Map 24, Lot 3. Zone RR.
At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for public review in the Portland Land Use Department or on the Town of Portland Website: www.portlandct.org.
Dated at Portland, CT this 25th day of October 2021.
Rose Aletta, Chairwoman

2TB 10/29, 11/5

Town of Portland

Legal notice is hereby given to the water and/or sewer usage customers of the Town of Portland that quarterly bills are due and payable October 15, 2021. Payments not made in full on or before November 15, 2021 will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month from the due date.
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**TOWN OF PORTLAND
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at a meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following:
PZC #21-08: 264 Freestone Avenue. Request for a Special Permit for shop for automotive vehicle customization and automotive vehicle resale. Application of John Ferruolo. Property of Global Freestone, LLC. Assessor's Map 20, Lot 179. Zone I.
At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for public review in the Portland Land Use Department or on the Town of Portland Website: www.portlandct.org.
Dated at Portland, CT. this 3rd day of November 2021
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ANDOVER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF ACTION**

The Andover Zoning Board of Appeals took the following action at their October 20, 2021 Regular Meeting:
Approval of the application of Nick Clark and Braeden Duncan, 33 Lake Road (Owners/applicants), aka Assessor's Map 32/Block 48/Lot 1-9 for relief of Section 11.2 of the Andover Zoning Regulations. More specifically, the board approved the reduction of the side-yard setback to 3' so as to allow for the construction of an accessory structure as depicted on the application/plan on file in the Building and Land-use Office of the Andover Town Hall, 17 School Road.
For further information please contact the Zoning Agent at 860.742.4036, ext. 3 or zoning@andoverct.org.
William Desrosiers
Chairperson – Zoning Board of Appeals

1TB 11/5

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
November 18, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

Please use the link below to join the webinar:
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1. To consider revisions to Chapter 92 of the Colchester Code of Ordinances, as prepared by Shipman & Goodwin dated May 24, 2021, revised by Planning Director September 29, 2021, to provide for increased flexibility of the use of the Open Space Preservation Fund for open space purposes. The Board of Selectman at their October 21, 2021 meeting recommended sending the revisions to a Public Hearing on November 18, 2021, at 6:30pm via Zoom for public comment and subsequent approval by the Board of Selectmen.
2. To adjourn said meeting.
A copy of the proposed ordinance may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.
Dated at Colchester, CT this 28th day of October, 2021. Gayle Furman, Town Clerk

Mary Bylone, 1st Selectman
Rosemary Coyle, Selectman
Taras Rudko, Selectman
Denise Mizla, Selectman
Denise Turner, Selectman

1TB 11/5

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Senior Center.
APPLICATION #ZBA-5-21 – David C. Gates (applicant/property owner) 76 Keirstead Circle Assessor/ Map 6 Block 26 Lot 64 - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Six D. 1 a Front Yard Setback, Article Six D.1.b Side Yard Setback, Article Six D.1.c Rear Yard Setback, & Article Six D.4 Maximum Building Coverage in order to construct a single family house with a Front Yard Setback of 48 feet and a Rear Yard Setback of 25 feet where 50 feet is required, and a shed with a 7.5 foot Side Yard Setback where 15 feet is required and a 7.5 foot Rear Yard Setback where 50 feet is required, and a driveway turnaround area with an 8 foot Side Yard Setback where 15 feet is required, and a driveway lead-in with a 10 foot Side Yard Setback where 15 feet is required.
Interested parties can review the application materials on the Town of Marlborough Website marlboroughct.net then go to meetings & agendas click on Agendas then go to Zoning Board of Appeals. Written testimony should be sent at least 24 hours ahead of the public hearing date to building@marlboroughct.net, and oral testimony may be given during the public hearing.

2TB 10/29, 11/5

LEGALS

**Legal Notice
Town of Hebron
RHAM Education Association**

The agreement between the Regional School District No. 8 Board of Education and the RHAM Education Association for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's office. The Clerk's office is open Monday through Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dated at Hebron, Connecticut this 3rd day of November 2021.
Carla A. Pomproicz, Town Clerk

1TB 11/5

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

Notice is hereby given that the Inland Wetlands and Water-courses Agency held a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 27, 2021 at the East Hampton Town Hall and via ZOOM to consider the following:
A. IW-21-022: Global 66, LLC. 265 West High Street – Site Plan Modification including new drive aisle and parking area, installation of culvert to carry existing drainage, installation of a retaining wall, and new drainage facilities within the Upland Review Area. Map 06/ Block 12/ Lot 9 – Approved with Conditions
B. IW-21-023: Christine Weidemer, 33 Bay Road – Repairs to Existing Seawall on Lake Pocotopaug and Installation of new drywell. Map 9A/ Block 70/ Lot 27 – Approved with Conditions
Jeffrey M. Foran, Chairman
Please publish on November 5, 2021

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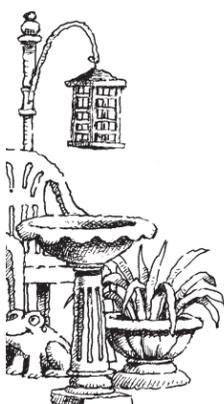


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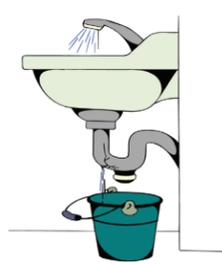
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