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We Are the Champions, My Friends... RHAM volleyball seniors (pictured from left) Leah Bahamonde, Zoe Parkinson and Grace Nieszczewski were all smiles – under their masks – following RHAM’s state championship victory over Simsbury on Nov. 20. For more on the girls’ run to the state title, see page 7.

Portland PZC Approves Gun Range Facility

by Jack Lakowsky

Before its unanimous approval in a Zoom meeting of the Portland Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC), a 52,000-sq. ft. multi-use indoor shooting sports facility received nearly 40 letters of support, as well as lengthy spoken opposition.

The PZC approved the application on Dec. 2, after adding numerous conditions.

The building, to be run by Central CT Arms owner Rob Pizzi Jr., will offer gun retail, a shooting range, along with archery and axe-throwing. It will also be called Central CT Arms.

Plans also include a cigar lounge. On Monday, Portland Development Planner Mary Dickerson said it is one of the most notable projects the town has had in decades.

According to Pizzi, there will be a food court and snack bar run by a local restaurant, though he did not specify which one.

Pizzi said as of now, it will be open every day of the week. Hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It will be built at 1390 Main Street, in the northwest corner of routes 17 and 17A, about an 11-acre lot.

There is still some soft work to accomplish, like approvals from the state Department of Transportation, according to the transcript of the motion to approve.

Dozens of residents took part in the meeting,

through both letters and testimony.

Portland Zoning Enforcement Officer John Herring first read opposition letters.

The first was from Debra and Paul Pazzetti, who also wrote to First Selectman Ryan Curley, questioning if, in light of the 2012 Sandy Hook massacre and other mass shootings, use of firearms should be encouraged.

“The applicant is a well-respected business owner,” they wrote, adding Pizzi will doubtless meet requirements. “We have a larger choice, how we as a town want to be viewed by Connecticut.”

Resident Laura Bonham-Duval said she thinks new construction in Portland should be attractive, not a steel “fortress,” and added she would prefer to see more social, more inclusive activities.

Donna Rini said she wanted more information on the range’s rules, and what weapons would be restricted, as well as a minimum wage.

Rini went on to say the site normalizes weapon use and is located within three miles of Gildersleeve and Brownstone schools.

“Increased weapon accessibility may lead to their misuse,” said Rini.

The application’s first public hearing in early November received three opposition letters, according to meeting minutes.

Around 30 of the letters Herring read supported the plan.

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Hebron Rings in the Holiday Season

by Sloan Brewster

The holidays were officially kicked off in Hebron with a tree lighting and celebration Saturday.

The annual Hebron Holiday Celebration took place between the Douglas Library and Old Town Hall.

Outside in the parking lot festivities included games for children, carol singling, a sing-along led by the RHAM Carolers and seasonal music performances by Andrey Stolyarov, director of the new Hebron Community Chorus.

“He played his piano for basically 45 minutes,” M.A. Foote said, town historian, who was on the committee who organized the event, said.

Local Scouts were on hand to give out hot chocolate. Made with milk, it was “perfect” and “terrific,” according to Foote.

All the while folks awaited the arrival of Santa Claus. When he and the missus showed up at about 4:15 – their sleigh towed by a firetruck –

children flocked to see him, tell him what they wanted for Christmas and pose for pictures, nestled beside his sleigh.

Meanwhile, inside Old Town Hall, the Mohegan Pequot Model Railroad Club had train sets on display.

Rich Neff, of Mystic, the club’s vice president, showed off a set featuring a gas distribution area that he built based on a sign in the display that read “White Fuel.”

The sign, he said, gave him the idea to incorporate the gas distribution center.

His “COVID project,” Neff said he worked on the train set during lockdown and throughout the past year and a half. The completed set was put to the test a week before the celebration and was put on display for the first time for the festivities.

Getting it to Hebron required taking it apart. Once in the Old Town Hall the pieces were put back together and a transformer was put in to

power it up, Neff said.

He said a lot of folks were stopping by to talk to him and club president Tom Snyder of Canterbury about the trains and the club’s activities.

Finn Berube, 3, was mesmerized by a train set across from Neff’s.

“He’s in awe,” Linda Flavell said as she lifted the child to show him the train. His brother, Cullen Berube, 5, peered up at the moving engine with a smile.

Mary-Ellen Gonci, president of the Hebron Historical Society, manned a table with brochures for the society. She said the society was keeping busy of late by doing research and “finding good people in Hebron’s history.”

Across the parking lot, in the library, children worked on crafts, including making creatures out of pine cones. Library Director Kevin Sullivan said the children were being guided and given instruction by four teenagers, who volun-

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It was a holly jolly scene in Hebron Saturday, as the town kicked off the holiday season with a tree lighting and celebration. In the photo above, Linda Flavell of Lebanon lifts Finn Berube, 3, to give him a view of a train set at the Old Town Hall. Beside them, Cullen Berube, 5, peers up to see the train too. At right is the newly-lit town Christmas tree, with Mrs. Claus riding by in the background. The tree was donated by Baldi Stone & Gravel, of Colchester, and decorated by Picture Perfect Landscape of Hebron.



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teered to participate in the event.

Aidan Dowling, 5, of Andover and Samuel Jaworski, 5, of Hebron worked side-by-side on pine cone mice, listening carefully to instructions from volunteer Ben Calcellaro, of Hebron. Back outside, a small crowd listened to carolers. Foote said the event went well.

“The crafts were great, the music was good,” she said. “The trains were wonderful.”

Jeremy Jankowski, of Hebron, was with his family awaiting Santa.

“We just love to be a community and support all the efforts of the people that have come out,” he said.

Harper Jankowski, 7, said she was looking forward to the arrival of the Clauses.

Town Manager Andrew Tierney said the event was well-attended.

“We’re very happy,” he said.

During the event, the town was accepting canned goods for and new winter hats, mittens or scarves for the Hebron Interfaith Food Pantry. According to Sullivan, there were a plenty of donations, including “a significant amount of hats and scarves.”

Sullivan said he too was pleased with how the event went and the turnout.

“It seemed like everybody was in a good holiday mood,” he said. “From my point of view, it was a success.”

The celebration culminated with the lighting of the tree in front of Old Town Hall at 5 p.m. The tree, according to a press release about the event was donated by Baldi Stone & Gravel, of Colchester, and decorated by Picture Perfect Landscape of Hebron.

Things to consider when visiting an elderly loved one this holiday season.

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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

It's getting rough out there again, folks. The COVID-19 positivity rate is rising – and, perhaps more troublingly, so is the number of COVID-related hospitalizations.

As Jack Lakowsky reports this week, over the two-week reporting period from Nov. 14-27, nearly all of the *Rivereast* towns saw their cases climb; the only one that didn't was Marlborough. Still, all the *Rivereast* towns are clearly in the red.

And statewide, the numbers are pretty brutal. NBC Connecticut reported Tuesday the state positivity rate that day was at 8.3% – a marked rise from the rate the day before and the highest the state positivity rate had been since early January. According to Gov. Ned Lamont, the “overwhelming majority” of those infected are unvaccinated.

More troubling, hospitalizations are also up – way up. As of Tuesday, 525 people statewide were hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID, according to NBC Connecticut. Of those, 400 – or 76% – weren't fully vaccinated.

The moral of the story? Vaccinate, vaccinate, vaccinate. Does it guarantee you won't contract COVID, or stay out of the hospital? No; we were never promised that anyway. But it's pretty clear your chances of winding up in the hospital are far, far greater if you don't have the vaccine.

And if you got vaccinated in the spring? Get boosted. I don't understand the opposition to the boosters. COVID-19 is still a new disease; there's a lot we're finding out as we

go along – and that includes how long the initial vaccination lasts. The doctors and scientists are recommending getting a booster now, so that's what I did. And that's what I think you should do too.

You can find a vaccine near you, going to www.vaccines.gov. But, in the *Rivereast* coverage area, the Chatham Health District is offering a vaccination clinic next Friday, Dec. 17, from 4-6 p.m., at RHAM High School, 85 Wall St., Hebron. Both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available. This is a walk-in clinic; no appointments necessary.

There are also a few clinics for kids coming up in the next week too, so that children ages 5-11 can receive the Pfizer vaccine. They're second-dose clinics, but limited first doses will be available. Like the clinic at RHAM, these are walk-in. The clinics will be:

Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Jack Jacker Intermediate School, 215 Halls Hill Rd., Colchester;

Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 5-8 p.m., at Portland Housing Authority, 9 Chatham Court, Portland; and

Saturday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at East Hampton Middle School, 19 Childs Rd., East Hampton.

There are testing events coming up in the area too, including:

Saturday, Dec. 11, from 8 a.m.-noon, at RHAM High School, 85 Wall St., Hebron;

Friday, Dec. 17, from 3-7 p.m., at Colches-

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Bulletin Board

Just when you thought the folks intent upon spoiling Christmas would content themselves with ruining the holiday for children by forbidding Santa to deliver fun stuff like BB guns (shoot your eye out), lead-painted panda toys from China (poisoning hazard), scooters (head injuries from falls), Legos (choking hazard), Zippo lighters (promote cigarette smoking) and anything pink that's supposed to be specifically for girls (psychologically damaging), along comes the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

Yes, friends, the NLM came out this year with yet another reason to fear the holidays. Christmas music.

I kid you not. Apparently not satisfied with the fallout from Covid, these highly educated killjoys say that listening to holiday music on the car radio can increase dangerous driving—and even listed the top 10 songs to avoid if you want to arrive at Grandma's house in one piece.

Now my original assumption was that certain extremely annoying holiday songs (Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer comes immediately to mind) might persuade an agonized motorist to put a permanent stop to the pain by driving his car into a bridge abutment at high speed, but it seems it's not that simple.

It's less about annoying and more to do with a song's “beats per minute.”

Apparently, any song with more than 120 beats per minute (BPMs) can turn even your grandma (who is probably dangerous enough behind the wheel as it is) into a highway terror, speeding and mindlessly weaving in and out of traffic to the heated beat of Feliz Navidad or some other Svengalian holiday classic. Lists of the most lethal songs seem to vary a bit, but among the more iconic musical threats to holiday drivers (in order of the danger level) are:

#1 *Frosty the Snowman* with a BPM of 172; #2 *All I Want for Christmas is You* by Mariah Carey with a BPM of 150; #3 *Feliz Navidad* with a BPM of 149; #4 *Santa Claus is Coming to Town* with a BPM of 147; #5 *Happy Xmas (War is Over)* by John Lennon and Yoko Ono with a BPM of 146; #6 *Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!* by Frank Sinatra with a BPM of 143; #7 *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* with a BPM of 142...

[Seriously, cute little Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer? Doesn't he take enough crap from all the other reindeer?]

#8 *I Wish it Could be Christmas Every Day* with a BPM of 140; #9 *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* by Judy Garland with a BPM of 137; and, last but not least, #10 *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus* with a BPM of 129.

The analysts, who, in my humble opinion might have spent their time more profitably calculating holiday toilet paper consumption, say that to compile the danger level they “used the tempo and energy of a song to determine how fast, loud and noisy a song feels. For safer driving, it's suggested that you should listen to music that mimics the human heartbeat, with a BPM between 60-100. High BPM and energy songs were ranked as less safe, because studies have shown music with a BPM higher than 120 can result in speeding and other traffic violations.”

Hopefully, no one will think to apply this guideline to non-holiday radio music, lest the government (intent on “following the science”) pass a law banning radios and musical devices from automobiles in general...all in the name of public safety, of course.

Just for ha-ha's, I looked up the BPM for various Rolling Stones songs. *Mother's Little Helper* has a BPM of 204; *Time is on My Side* clocks in at 197; *You Can't Always Get What You Want* has a BPM of 166. If you're a Garth Brooks fan, *Papa Loved Mama* has a BPM of 162 and *American Honky-Tonk Bar Association* is 152, all extremely dangerous for susceptible drivers under the Medical Library rule of thumb.

By the way, my research also indicates that the classic Jingle Bells has a BPM of 178, so apparently the Medical Library listing of dangerous holiday songs is far from complete.

With that in mind, I guess your safest bet this holiday season would be to turn off the car radio and simply hum tonelessly to yourself on your way to Grandma's house while your screaming kids claw each other's eyes out in the back seat. On the other hand, if that doesn't make you want to drive into the nearest tree, I doubt if you'd be in much danger from a rousing rendition of Frosty the Snowman.

Yes, Virginia, the world is full of idiots.

Jim Hallas

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Playscape Refurbished... The town's popular Blish Park Playscape recently saw a major refurbishment, thanks to Aidan McDonald's Eagle Scout project. Supported by the Marlborough Parks and Recreation Department, McDonald, a member of local Boy Scout Troop 39, led a team of volunteers in cleaning, sanding and staining the playscape. This project took many months of planning and several workdays to execute and complete. McDonald said he would like to thank everyone that supported him and his project, including all contributions from the community, family and friends.

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Community Thank You

To the Editor:

In these extraordinary times, the community of Colchester has remained committed to the National Make-A-Difference Day project Saint Andrew's Ladies Guild conducts. This was the 14th year the project was conducted to help our neighbors in Haiti. We would like to thank the community for their incredible generosity. Our community and the Haitian people are confronting so many challenges at this time.

We would like to thank the many people who donated so many items. We collected over 2,331 items; some of the many items collected included flip-flops, comfort dolls, Hot Wheels cars, hygiene products, hygiene kits, socks and hats for the elderly in the mountain areas, baby blankets, mask, school supplies, food, sundresses, shorts, sunglasses, underwear for children. A total of 12 people donated \$150 each (\$1,800) to purchase 12 goats. A pregnant goat is given to a family in need thus given them a chance to be self-sufficient. Recipients breed the goat and develop a herd using some of the offspring to pay for food, education or help support other needs. We learned that the ladies in Haiti are making mask by hand or using a treadle sewing machine we sent last year.

People in Haiti are struggling in the after-

maths of the recent earthquake, and from existing political turmoil and severe inflation. H.H.F continues to meet the urgent needs, such as medical care, food, hygiene products, and protection from the elements. H.H.F staff continue to provide routine healthcare services, including Covid-19 vaccinations.

Once again, we thank everyone for taken the time to purchase items and sharing their resources and talents. We continue to support the Haitian Health Foundation and lead by example as an organization that values and respects all people.

With appreciation and thanks,
Cathy Russi, Celina Tourjee, Sue Haas
Project Coordinators

That's the Problem

To the Editor:

It's not always easy shrugging off the clatter of the *Rivereast* wrecking crew, who have no idea just how offensive and appalling their views are to the rest of the world. However, there are those few who manage to rise above the sophomoric contradictions and extremist rhetoric of the MAGA crowd. Last week Marcie Miner reminded us that we should take better care of the most vulnerable among us specifically the elderly, the sick, the poor and children.

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I suspect she might number the environment, the climate, healthcare and protecting democracy among these. She advocated for campaign finance reform, namely removing dark money from our elections. She recognized the manufactured paranoia of race, religion and gender are distractions designed to divide us. Ms. Miner also echoed the maxim of progressives: "it takes a village to raise a child" and understands that when the least among us suffer, we all share that experience.

The truth is this has never been a struggle between Democrats or Republicans. It's not even a fight between progressive and conservatives. This is a battle between those who care and those who don't. Ms. Miner is correct; we must wrestle the nation back from those who believe teachers should carry handguns, and kids wearing bullet-proof backpacks is the price of freedom but wearing a mask in Walmart for 10 minutes is tyranny. These are the same people that suggest we should raise children to be tough, to face a cruel and heartless world. Rather than raise children who will make the world a less cruel and heartless place.

This is not to say all Republicans are racists, homophobic, religious extremists willing to enlist in a violent insurrection to overthrow their own democracy, but these things are also not deal-breakers for Republicans, and that's the problem.

Joe Stevens – Hebron

We Can Do Better

To the Editor:

I read the article in last week's edition about our Douglas Library roof needing to be replaced. "While the plans called for vents, 'Obviously it was missed by the contractor, the architect, the inspector, everybody.'"

This seems to echo the reason we were asked, and rejected, to replace the RHAM High School playing field. Again. Not built to plans, nobody caught it and town wanted \$13 million to fix.

Who is in charge? Seems to me might the same individual who was in charge of the Miami Surfside Condo inspections.

Time to bring this kind of non-performance by elected and appointed officials to light and expect some kind of professionalism rather than throwing taxpayer money at problems after the fact.

Where is the oversight, I ask? We can and need to do better.

Wallace Shayer – Hebron

Keep Arguing

To the Editor:

A debate rages in *Riverast* letters. Marcie Miner suggests we stop arguing about politics, offering alternative suggestions. Her agenda is unquestionably progressive: supporting seniors, children, the poor, the hungry, the addicted, and removing money from politics. That pure progressivism is what one side of this debate promotes.

This debate is important. When the other side wins the debate, the Supreme Court selects Bush over Gore, we get Roberts and Alito on

the Supreme Court, and its Citizens United decision ends campaign finance reform. Progressives seek to change this; conservatives like it when the rich dominate our system.

This debate is crucial. When the other side wins the debate, it is captured by Donald Trump and his attempt to tear down democratic institutions, leading to our country's greatest crisis since the Civil War. I remember when conservatives discussed spreading freedom and democracy around the world. Now they claim the U.S. has never been a democracy. Their idea of freedom is the right for their children to hear no history that makes them uncomfortable and the right to bring guns wherever they choose, even if we sacrifice some innocent high-schoolers.

This debate is a matter of life and death. When the other side wins the debate, we drop any attempt to curb global warming. We're burning down the world we should be tending for our children. To appease its fossil-fuel donors, conservatives would sacrifice the health and safety of coming generations.

This does not describe all conservatives – hello Georgette! – but it has become the dominant ideology of the husk of conservatism and the remains of the Republican party. To defeat it, progressives must win the debate and change minds. So no, don't stop arguing. It's a necessary first step to our safety, to our survival.

Sincerely,
Scott Sauyet – Andover

Generous Support

To the Editor:

The East Hampton Food & Fuel Bank would like to thank the following community departments and service organizations for their generous support on Nov. 13 and 14:

East Hampton Rotary Club for sponsoring the Turkey Plunge on Nov. 13, raising much-needed funds to help with fuel and food cost for our patrons;

The East Hampton Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Association, Interact Club and CERT organization for a very large food collection drive on Nov. 14;

The churches of East Hampton that routinely donate food each week;

The East Hampton Schools for their huge donation of much-needed items.

A huge thank you to all the citizens of East Hampton that helped make this weekend a tremendous success by donating food and giving monetary donations to these groups.

East Hampton Volunteer Food & Fuel Bank

Huge Success

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Portland Garden Club, I would like to thank everyone who supported our outdoor sale of a variety of holiday crafted items on Saturday, Dec. 4, in the parking lot next to the Town Green. It was a huge success,

with all items selling out by 10 a.m. I would also like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their donations to the activity: all the club members, Phil Olson, Richard Lane, Judy Pogmore, and the Swedish, Center, and Indian Hill cemeteries. A very special thank you to the very generous person who gave us an \$85 tip! Your kindness is very much appreciated.

It was a great fundraiser and I would also like to thank the Town of Portland for granting us permission to hold the sale and to the *Riverast News Bulletin* for advertising the event. All the proceeds raised will benefit our club's community projects.

Susanne Anderson-Woronoff, President
Portland Garden Club

Direction of East Hampton

To the Editor:

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission is again facing a proposal to alter the future of East Hampton. Atlantis Marketing has resubmitted their request for a zone change on Main Street to change residential zoning to commercial.

East Hampton has spent a large amount of time and effort in development of their Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). This document is intended to be our guide for conserving our towns resources and controlled

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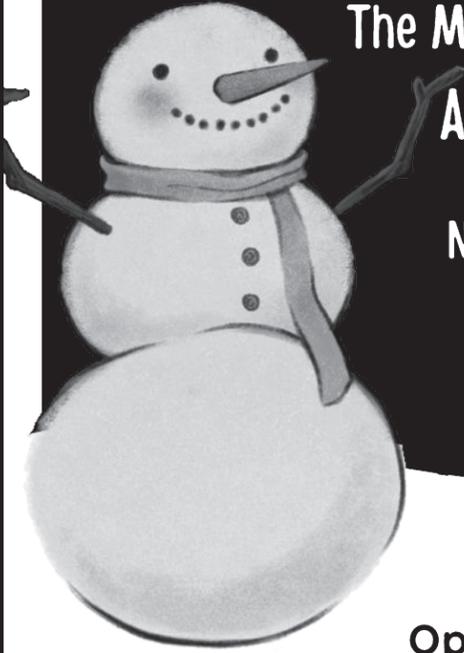
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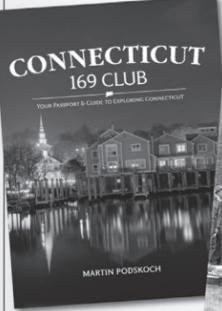
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growth of business. Numerous public hearings were held to get the communities input and ensure that the document reflected the desires of the community.

When reading this document, the reader will quickly realize the overriding theme is maintaining the small-town character of East Hampton. The very first sentence in this document starts with "Preservation of East Hamptons small town character with abundant open spaces and natural resources is essential." To achieve this desired outcome zoning was mapped with areas of commercial development and areas to remain residential

The proposal before the P&Z Commission is in direct opposition to the towns POCD and all principals of town planning. This proposal puts a two-acre high traffic volume fueling station/restaurant facility in the middle of a historic neighborhood zoned residential. This is the very definition of spot zoning. This proposal not only destroys small town charm but ruins the historic residential neighborhood where it's proposed.

Tell the P&Z Commission to listen to their community and adhere to the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. Maintain the Main Street zoning as residential.

Kenneth Dodson – East Hampton

Our Only Defense

To the Editor:

Pandemic fatigue is evident in this country and abroad. As a result, in November of 2021, in spite of dire news, people are trying to return to some form of normalcy by traveling more, going to concerts, socializing more and looking forward to the holidays. However, the facts are that as cold weather comes the virus becomes more virulent. Connecticut and many New England states have been recently designated red states.

Twenty four hours after Thanksgiving, breaking news announces that in addition to a surge in the Delta virus across the globe a new more infectious variant, Omicron, is found in South Africa. The future of this deadly variant is uncertain but since we are a global society it is likely to spread.

The reality is that these deadly viruses have no barriers. What happens in South Africa affects the rest of the globe. Closing borders are only partially effective. Ideally we need a universal approach by vigorously providing and administering vaccines for all the world populace, not just the wealthy countries. Hopefully we can control this viral invasion but it is unlikely that it can be totally eliminated; the 1919 influenza (the flu) is still with us.

At the moment, our only defense against this aggressive germ warfare is to still wear a mask, get vaccinated and practice social distancing. It all sounds like science fiction that is fast becoming a reality.

Ronald W. McCutcheon – Middle Haddam

Times Three

To the Editor:

Public speakers and advertisers often say the same thing. If you want people to hear your point of view, you must repeat yourself three times.

In 1999, officials from the state of Connecticut paid a visit to a Hebron landowner. The state wished to purchase two important parcels of privately owned land on the west side of Church Street. Land believed, by the state, to be a vital source of clean drinking water, and that this water should be protected for future use. But the state's bid was declined. Fortunately, four years later, the town of Hebron purchased these two unique plots instead. These plots of land sit well within the aquifer protection zone and below the Village Square DPW building site in question.

Given the fact that chemicals and salts float in, and combine with, water, and given the fact that water still runs downhill, is it really okay to dismantle the watershed between CVS and Kinney Road? Constructing a DPW garage with a 2,000-ton salt pile and truck washing bays, even a zero-carbon facility, requires digging and driveways which disturb the flow of ground waters in any watershed.

Based on the laws of gravity, is it wise to disturb and then develop a pristine and successful watershed, that sits within one mile and upstream from your town's important source of drinking water?

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

No Main St Zone Change

To the Editor:

Main Street in East Hampton is the rural and historic heart of East Hampton. It leads to the wonderful village center and is no place for spot zoning.

Atlantis Marketing has resubmitted their plan to change the zoning of the Food Bag property from residential to commercial and expand the gas station to include a drive-thru. This will negatively impact Main Street, the Village Center and the town of East Hampton. There will be increased light pollution, noise pollution and trash in a residential neighborhood if this zone change is approved. It will also set a precedent for spot zoning in other neighborhoods of our town.

There is no need to change the zoning of

this property. The current Food Bag more than serves the needs of East Hampton residents and fits with the small-town character of East Hampton. Please help us protect our town from commercial creep by asking our Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) to follow their own Plan of Conservation and Development and oppose this zone change again. You can do this by writing letters to the PZC and/or by speaking at the Wednesday, Jan. 5, 7 p.m., PZC meeting during public comment. Attend the meeting in person or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86814013959>.

**Thank you,
Heidi Bothamley – East Hampton**

Senior Center Moving Forward

To the Editor:

The Colchester Senior Center Building Committee would like to thank all the residents who voted in the Nov. 16th referendum. The support for this project was overwhelming and the Building Committee appreciates the support of the community.

At the Nov. 23 meeting of the Building Committee, the public information subcommittee was tasked with keeping the residents of Colchester informed of what is happening with the new center. They will do that by updating the Town of Colchester website with information periodically as the project moves forward. There is a link to the Building Committee on the town web-site at www.colchesterct.gov. Press releases and letters to the editor will also occur periodically to keep everyone updated.

The Building Committee also has an email where residents can send questions. It is monitored periodically and someone will answer any questions sent that address. The email is: seniorcenterbuildingcommittee@colchesterct.gov.

Currently, the Building Committee and Board of Selectmen are in the process of moving into Phase II of the contracts with the architect and project managers. This will bring the project to complete the detailed design of the project and

move it to the bidding and award stage. If all goes well and there are no unexpected delays, ground may be broken and construction started by late spring or early summer next year.

The committee meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings will be in person or via Zoom. Agendas are posted with the town clerk and next year's meeting calendar is also posted in Town Hall. All are invited to attend the meetings. The committee welcomes your input.

Again, thank you to the residents of Colchester for your support.

**Anthony J. Tarnowski, LEED A.P.
Chairman, Senior Center
Building Committee
Colchester**

Portland Gun Range

Dear Residents of Portland:

Are you aware that a large indoor gun store and shooting range is going to be built at the Four Corners intersection of routes 17 and 17A? This is a residential and commercial neighborhood on an evacuation route to Glastonbury; a prime location for potential terrorism. Is everyone in favor of a shooting range/gun store there? Do you want more guns in our town?

Portland has spent thousands of taxpayer dollars on anti-terrorism and school protection from gun violence. Last week, there were more school shootings and shots on the streets in Connecticut. Will Portland be next?

At the very least, this indoor range should be moved away from a populated area and off the evacuation route. Better would be to learn how to debate and settle our arguments without violence. Guns increase anxiety, fear and rage. The imbalance of power means issues are less likely to come to mutually agreeable terms and conditions. Without guns, opponents would live to fight another day and suicides could be prevented.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of

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ter Federated Church – enter at 63 Linwood Ave., Colchester; and

Saturday, Dec. 18, from 8 a.m.-noon, at RHAM High School, 85 Wall St., Hebron.

These are all PCR (molecular) tests; they're not rapid result tests.

However you go, I encourage you to vaccinate if you haven't already. We need to stay healthy.

* * *

As I wrote last week, there's been some shuffling around of the state assembly districts. I quoted state Rep. Brian Smith of Colchester in my column last week, offering his thoughts on his new-look 48th District. I didn't hear from state Rep. Robin Green by my deadline last week, but she has some thoughts of her own on her 55th District being tweaked to add in a portion of Glastonbury.

Green said that while she's sad to be losing a part of Bolton, she's "excited to have a part of Glastonbury in the 55th District."

"I am very familiar with Glastonbury," Green said. "I live in Marlborough, the side closest to Glastonbury so I am in Glastonbury often – many times a week."

Green said she thinks "one of the biggest concerns for the new 55th will be the car theft issues coming into our small towns." Green specifically mentioned an incident in Glastonbury over the summer in which a 17-year-old allegedly shot at a woman when she shouted at him while he approached her car in her driveway in Glastonbury. The woman wasn't hit, thankfully, but it was definitely a very scary moment.

Green said she knows Glastonbury's current state representatives – Democrats Jason Doucette and Jill Barry – and has "worked very well with both of them." She said she's excited the three will now be "working together for the good of Glastonbury."

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RHAM Volleyball Avenges Loss, Wins State Title

by Josh Howard

Girls volleyball at RHAM High School defeated Simsbury in the Class L state championship on Nov. 20, avenging an earlier loss and capturing the program's eighth title since 2007.

The championship triumph was the cherry on top of a memorable season for the Raptors, who won 23 total matches.

Leah Bahamonde, Zoe Parkinson and Grace Nieszczyewski were the only three seniors on a roster loaded with talented youth and depth.

Bahamonde, who captained the team with Parkinson, said the beauty of the team was that everyone was looked at as an equal.

"We didn't pay attention to age. Everyone was treated the same," said Bahamonde. "It was our bond that made us special. We had freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors playing. We were all such close friends that it worked."

It was an early-season trip to play a tournament in New York that matured the team.

"When you play teams that are really good you learn a lot about your own team. You see where you struggle or where you excel and in New York we found some weaknesses on both offense and defense," stated Bahamonde. "New York was a really great experience for us to

learn about ourselves."

Upon returning from New York, the team dropped a game at Southington before reeling off 18 straight wins spanning from Sept. 15 to Nov. 1.

"We came together. In the Southington game we were a team physically, but emotionally we weren't as connected as we should have been. It was more just six players playing individually," added Bahamonde. "After that we connected and built friendships and we kept winning."

Juniors Sarah West and Ally Hadley controlled the front of the net for the Raptors.

West teamed with Parkinson to form a strong middle. West led the team in kills with 276 and finished second in blocks (64). Parkinson finished with a team-high 76 blocks and added 176 kills.

Hadley and sophomore Lani Fecho played as outside hitters, finishing with 276 and 159 kills, respectively. Hadley also served up a team-high 88 aces this fall.

Junior Lauren Feige set up the powerful front line, dishing up 721 assists as the team's steady setter.

Following 18 consecutive wins, the team suf-

fered a loss for the first time in 46 days in the second round of the Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) tournament when #9 Simsbury upset the top-seeded Raptors in five sets on Nov. 2.

The loss derailed the winning streak, yet re-focused a team that set their sights on a bigger prize.

"Our coach talked about how that loss might have been necessary. He talked about how you have to lose to know how to win," Bahamonde said of head coach Tim Guernsey's message following the conference loss.

Thanks to an 18-1 regular season record, RHAM earned a first-round bye in the Class L tournament. They proceeded to beat New Milford in three sets in round two, eliminated South Windsor in four sets in the quarterfinals, and ousted North Haven in three sets in the semifinals, serendipitously setting up a rematch against Simsbury in the championship match.

"As soon as we won our semifinals game we got on the bus and all anybody could talk about was playing Simsbury," Bahamonde said of the rematch. "We had no fear. You would think since we lost we might be scared but everyone

was so excited and pumped up. I actually have never seen our team so calm and it was pretty ironic that it was before the most important game. I think that came from the fact that we knew we could beat them."

Not only did the team avenge the conference loss, they destroyed Simsbury, winning in straight sets (25-21, 25-16, 25-20).

Hadley was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, starring in the championship match with a team-high six aces, seven kills, and adding 14 digs.

Bahamonde, who started at libero all season, also added 14 digs in the championship match, upping her team-high total to 453 digs this season. It was her first year in the defensive position, moving over from outside hitter to fill a team need.

"It's a really amazing feeling because as a freshman I remember all I wanted to do was help this program have success. I feel like I've done that in my final year," said Bahamonde, who reflected on what the championship meant to her and the fellow seniors. "We'll always be a part of it. It's something that can't be taken away."

Mentors Sought for Lanterns Program

AHM Youth and Family Services is seeking adults to participate in its Lanterns Mentoring Program. The goal of the program is to match dedicated community members with children who would benefit from a relationship with a trusted adult.

The mentoring relationship will take place within a local school during school hours, or at AHM's offices in Hebron during afterschool hours, for one hour per week. Visits will continue for a minimum of one academic year.

All COVID-19 safety measures will be taken. Mentors must be at least 18 years of age, and a background check and two-hour training are required. If interested in becoming a mentor, contact Laura Beeler, Lanterns facilitator, at 860-228-0871 or LauraB@ahmyouth.org.

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New Quarry Ridge Owners to Focus on Innovation, Inclusivity

by Jack Lakowsky

Since the spring Patti Vale, owner and general manager of Quarry Ridge Golf Course and Restaurant at 9 Rose Hill Rd., has worked diligently and tirelessly to open the course's restaurant and bar.

Starting next week, all that work will come to fruition, a first step in, as Vale told the *Rivereast* on Monday, "fixing the game of golf," by growing a business friendlier to women and young people than other golf courses.

The much-anticipated grand opening will occur Friday, Dec. 17. Reservations are open now.

In fact, Vale said, they were going to open this week. However, head chef Paul Landau and manager Anthony Bonanno insisted the opening be held off just a bit longer, again to cement their operation.

Vale described the place's menu as "modern American," familiar fare with twists or influences from the cuisine of other cultures, with a particular focus on presentation.

One appetizing appetizer was the pulled pork nachos. They also offer enticing cocktails, like the indulgent Godiva white chocolate martini.

Vale said the restaurant wants to appeal to younger generations who, when they dine out, are fond of shared plates, like the charcuterie boards customers can order. To this end, Vale stressed affordability in their menu.

To craft a delicious menu, Vale brought on Chef Landau. Landau wowed when, during the interview process, he presented Vale and a group of taste testers with 21 entrées, along with soups and appetizers, all made from scratch.

"At every dish, we couldn't stop saying, 'This is the best fish, the best pasta, the best sauce I've ever had,'" said Vale.

Landau's career accolades are impressive –

he cooked in New York's highly competitive food scene. He told the *Rivereast* he's cooked for presidents, dignitaries and celebrities like Shakira.

Landau said the menu focuses on high-end quality that will leave customers thinking about their next visit.

Landau creates hearty, filling dishes that don't leave the customer sluggish, or "feeling like there's a brick in their stomach."

An array of wines, far too many to list, stand on a shelf overlooking the Ridge's modern, cool palletted bar and dining area. Vale updated the aesthetic from its very-'90s yellow pine and green paisley wallpaper.

The design scheme, it felt, would make the room feel dark and cool in summer, a relief from putting the course in summer heat, or a comforting respite from the cold of winter, a place to warm up with a hot meal.

Vale isn't stopping at interior renovations; she plans to build a 2,000-sq. ft. patio that would enwrap much the building's exterior.

In the restaurant, there are large windows looking out on the vista of the Quarry Ridge property. From their seats, diners can see the Hartford skyline and when weather cooperates, the Connecticut River.

"No one else was solving the game of golf, so we decided to do it ourselves," said Vale, adding the image of golf clubs as old boys' clubs discourages people from playing, particularly women and young people.

"We're not replacing the game of golf. We're trying to accommodate more people, like those who may not have five or six hours to dedicate to a game," said Vale. "We want them to be able to do it in three hours."

Vale said, of the 16,000 golf courses in the



The bar and dining room at the Quarry Ridge Restaurant, under new management since April, await hungry customers. Owner Patti Vale has worked to design a facility welcoming to golfers – and foodies – new and experienced.

U.S., women own a negligible number. According to Golf Spy, an industry outlet, "less than 1,000 of the PGA of America's 29,000 members are women.

"Since most golf courses and clubs require a [professional] be certified by [the PGA, it means] there are considerably fewer women in [management or directorial] positions," Golf Spy reports.

Vale said she's been playing for decades, ever since she met her husband.

If customers want to play a truncated game, Quarry Ridge offers virtual golf simulators. Vale envisages customers full-but not overfull-of expertly prepared meals getting up to play a few digital holes.

Slated for 2022, Quarry Ridge will offer players experienced and nubile a hybrid golf experience, a technology Vale has patented.

The tech, called Nexus Hybrid Golf, is in line with the business's ethos of inclusivity and accessibility. Players are not obligated to play a full 18-hole course.

The simulator matches golfers to a game

based on a given player's skill level. All golfers hit their tee shots inside a simulator shed, and there's no travelling between multiple tee boxes.

The software then shows the golfer where the ball landed virtually, going on to instruct where to place their ball on the physical course.

This is a transition from virtual to physical, as a projector screen slides out of the way to open up to the real course. The player exits the shed and a few short steps away, drops their ball and takes their second shot.

For now, Vale and the team are focusing on perfecting where they are. Once this is accomplished, the crew is going to set its sights on finishing up its banquet hall, and one day, plans to host weddings and other celebrations, and more low-key gatherings like wine tastings.

Starting the 17th, the Quarry Ridge restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day but Thursday – when they're open till 9 p.m.

For more information or to make a reservation, visit quarryridge.com or call 860-788-2845.

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 those who prefer virtual services, a recording of the service is posted on YouTube by 9 a.m. the following Monday morning.

Sunday School classes are held the first and third Sundays of each month, from 10:15-11 a.m., in person or, if circumstances necessitate, online via email. To register your child, call Sylvia LeShane, Sunday School director, at 860-342-0658.

Adult Bible Study will continue on the second and fourth Sundays in 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?*

Advent and Christmas News: Compline services, also called "Night Prayer," will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays during Advent, in person and streamed simultaneously on Zion's Facebook page. Sunday School students will film the Christmas pageant Dec. 5, following worship; the film will be presented to the congregation during worship on Dec. 19. Deadline for the purchase of memorial and honorarium poinsettias is Dec. 14. Christmas Eve service will be offered at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24. Zion will participate in the ecumenical Lessons and Carols service offered at Trinity Episcopal Church, 9:30 a.m., on Dec. 26. There will be no service at Zion that day.

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.

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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. 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.

Holiday Closings: The library will close Thursday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m., and remain closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Saturday, Dec. 25. The library will also close Thursday, Dec. 30, at 1 p.m., and remain closed Friday, Dec. 31, and Saturday, Jan. 1.

Consumer Reports: Holiday shopping? Looking for reviews on the latest items? Check out the library's Consumer Reports.org service. On the library webpage, click on the link for 'more' and choose 'Online Resources.' This *Consumer Reports* service offers more information than the magazine and includes many

ratings and articles on how to purchase items and services.

Youth Programs: Winter Online Storytimes: 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. **Toddlers and Tots**, for ages 0-2, will be Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. through Dec. 22.

Christmas Family Storytime: Wednesday, Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m. Ring in the holidays with stories, songs and more. At the end of the program, all will work together on a craft. Craft kits will be available for pickup before the program and a Zoom link will be sent within 24 hours of the event. Registration is required and space is limited.

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

Family Craft Night: Snowman Scene: Wednesday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. Create a winter snowman scene using felt and glue instead of a needle and thread. This activity has steps appropriate for all ages, but a parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. Supplies may be 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.

Adult Programs: Book Clubs: Mystery Lovers Book Club: *The Twelve Clues of Christmas* by Rhys Bowen will be discussed Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m.; **First Thursday Night Book Club:** Jan. 6, 6 p.m. *Imagine Me Gone* by Adam Haslett will be discussed.

Portland Forum: Next meeting: Thursday, Jan. 27. Watch for more information.

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.

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Cromwell/Portland Football is Championship-Bound

by Josh Howard

Junior quarterback Cole Brisson took to the skies and delivered a championship-worthy performance during Cromwell/Portland's 46-7 victory over Ansonia in the Class S semifinals on Dec. 5.

Playing inside the friendly, picturesque confines of Pierson Park, Brisson threw for a career-high six touchdown passes, five going to Teddy 'TD' Williams, who hauled in a mind boggling 332 receiving yards.

"We saw they were playing a lot of man defense on film and we knew as a team we could beat man," said Brisson. "Our receivers were awesome today. They got open and I just had to get them the ball."

Brisson found Williams for three scores and added a fourth to Emeka Yearwood in the first half as the Panthers took a commanding 26-0 lead into the break. The lefty field general continued to slice and dice the Chargers secondary in the second half, finishing with a 502 passing yards, also a career-high.

"Anytime we saw man-to-man this year, we've had really good days," said C/P head

coach Randell Bennett. "[Ansonia] stayed in that man all year long and we knew that would be the game plan. Our guys just had to make plays."

Williams was the main benefactor of the single coverage, hauling in touchdown passes of 90, 21, 58, 26, and 64 yards. He also had a 72-yarder negated because of a holding penalty. William's 332 receiving yards is the fourth highest single game total in the history of Connecticut high school football.

Interior lineman Ethan Philbrick powered a defense that limited a Chargers offense that entered the semifinals averaging 30 points per game.

"We had full confidence. We knew we had to play with more aggression than them. We needed that swagger that we had against Coginchaug and Morgan," Philbrick said. "We played like we wanted to win and we did."

The playoff wins set up a Class S championship game against Bloomfield. The title tilt will feature teams with identical records (12-0), who have each been thoroughly dominant on both sides of the ball. The Panthers have outscored

their first dozen opponents by 377 points while the Warhawks from Bloomfield have outscored their dozen opponents by 408 points.

It will be the first game between the schools since the 2016 Class S quarterfinals when Bloomfield defeated a short-handed Panthers team 28-14.

Bennett knows it will be a challenge going up against the Warhawks, who will be playing in the Class S championship game for the third straight season. This year's Warhawks feature a dynamic offensive backfield led by the prolific running back duo of Dallas Rose and Cornelius Patrick.

"I'm confident in our coaches to come up with a game plan to stop the things they want to do and we'll see what we can do on offense on the other side. We'll be ready," stated Bennett.

Brisson added, "We just have to prepare like we did this week and we have to bring energy. I think we can beat anybody in the state no matter who it is."

The championship bout is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11 at Trumbull High School. Kick-off is 11 a.m.

Ten years ago, the Panthers fell to Holy Cross in the 2011 title game. They are looking to capture their first football state championship since they beat Ansonia, 14-12, in 2008.

Philbrick believes the team has the talent and the desire to bring a trophy back from Trumbull.

"It's two undefeated teams in the state championship. It's all about who wants it more," said the 6'5" defensive tackle. "And I think we want it more."



Defensive standout Ethan Philbrick runs off field after the Panthers stopped an Ansonia drive during a 46-7 win at Pierson Park on Dec. 5

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 performing 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.

Portland Holiday Happenings

The holiday season is here, and there are a couple activities taking place in town in coming weeks residents might be interested in.

Parks & Recreation Holiday Light Trail: Light up and decorate your house the week-ends of Dec. 17, 24 and 31. To participate, email Andy (adionne@portlandct.org) or Jesse (jrevicki@portlandct.org).

Chatham Children's Connection "Photos with Santa": Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Gazebo. Email agraves@chathamcc.org for more information

Also this month, the Portland Food Bank and Portland Fire Department are collecting unwrapped new toys for children.

If you need some help to make the holidays bright or know of someone in need, call YFS at 860-342-6758. Residents wanting to donate can find information at www.portlandct.org/yfs-holiday.

Christmas Sweets and Treats Holiday Sale

The First Congregational Church of Portland, U.C.C., invites everyone to its annual cookie sale with a new name. The Christmas Sweets and Treats Holiday Sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in the fellowship hall of the church, located at 554 Main St. Masks are required.

Christmas cookies will be packaged by the half dozen and there will be a variety to choose from. Other sweets including gingerbread men lollipops, candy-covered pretzels, and candy will also be available.

Besides cookies and candy items, there will be small, inexpensive gifts and gift baskets for sale. Also available will be several of the church's 300th anniversary items including: *History of the First Congregational Church* book, pewter ornament, Bevin bell and Avery Soda with a custom-made anniversary label.

For more information, call the church at 860-342-3244.

Little League Registration Open

Portland Little League has announced registration for the spring 2022 season and Winter Clinics is now open. PLL offers baseball and softball programs for players ages 5-14.

Visit www.portlandctlittleleague.com to register. Registration for the spring season ends March 1, 2022, and ends Feb. 12, 2022.

Holiday Book Store

The Friends of the Portland Library Holiday Book Store is open for the month of December in the Second-Hand Prose Book sale area at the library, 20 Freestone Ave., during regular library hours.

The sale features a variety of used books and a large selection of puzzles, children's board books, holiday books, coffee table books, games, CDs and DVDs. Many items are like new.

All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends, including the Library's DVD collection, Museum Pass Program and a variety of children's, family and adult programs held throughout the year.

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

Food and Toy Drive

The local State Farm Insurance office is holding a food and toy drive through Saturday, Dec. 11, to benefit Portland Food Bank.

The donation box will be located at the office, at 201 Marlborough St. Donations will be accepted Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Items in need: baby wipes, diapers size 4-5, toiletries, canned items/non-perishables, and new unwrapped toys.

Christmas Calm Service

The annual Christmas Calm Service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at First Congregational Church of Portland, 554 Main Street. It will be held in the sanctuary (masks are required), as well as livestreamed on YouTube.

This simple service features a quiet observance of Christmas and focuses on seeking God's comfort and peace. Readings, prayers, music, and a remembrance of loved ones will be included.

The church is affiliated with the United Church of Christ. For more information, see firstchurchportlandct.org.

Refugee Resettlement Update

The transportation committee of the Portland Refugee Resettlement group wants to know if anyone can spare a few hours a week to drive members of the resettled family to appointments in the area.

The group said the resettled refugees will have various appointments scheduled, including medical care, social services, job interviews and meetings at local schools.

Another area needing volunteers is that of family finance. This would include teaching

the family about American finances, banks, credit cards and taxes. It would also involve teaching budgeting, working with the family to develop financial goals, and helping with applications for state entitlements.

The group said it is busy making preparations, and doesn't expect to welcome the refugee family until after the start of the new year.

For more information, contact Beth at egouldruitto@aol.com.

Preschool Screening

Connecticut public schools are responsible for identifying children who are eligible to receive special education services. Valley View School will conduct a preschool screening Friday, Dec. 17, for children ages 3-4. The screening is designed to answer any questions or concerns about a child's development as well as identify children who may be eligible for the preschool selection process.

During the screening, children will meet with members from the preschool team and participate in a variety of activities. These activities assess different developmental areas including cognition, communication, fine and gross mo-

tor skills and social interaction. Meanwhile, 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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Annual Holiday Tree Lighting, Caroling Returns

by Jack Lakowsky

A modest but enthusiastic crowd gathered on Sunday to see the annual lighting of the large pine tree and listen to students sing Christmas songs on the lawn of Brownstone Intermediate School on Main Street.

Many of the people to whom the *Rivereast* spoke were attending the event for the first time, such as resident Rosalyn Beatty. She said she's no fan of the cold, so Sunday's mild weather got her to come down to Brownstone.

Beatty, who's been in Portland 16 years, said she was excited to attend.

The event was organized by the town, especially Youth and Family Services Department Administrator Jesse Revicki and department employee Meg Scata.

Revicki, who succeeded long time social services director Mary Pont just a few months ago, said organizing was difficult, but fun.

"We're really hoping people are excited to come after being cooped up," Revicki told the *Rivereast*.

Because it was his first time planning the event, and because the pandemic continues, there was no parade, a feature of previous lightings.

There was an homage to the parade, however. Santa made his entrance in an antique firetruck, several of which usually appear in the parade.

Along with Mr. Kringle, poet laureate Naji Chester-Payne attended and addressed the crowd.

The mainstay that did return was the Portland High School chorus. Students performed familiar holiday favorites.

According to Scata, the large evergreen draped with lights was first planted between 25 and 30 years ago. At the time, a Brownstone seventh grader had the bright idea to

light it up for the holidays.

"It's been a tradition ever since," said Scata. Orsi Korman, who attended the lighting along with her husband and two young kids, was a first-time eventgoer.

Korman said she wanted to give the kids a sense of the "wonder and joy" of Christmas. Korman's kids get a double dose of holidays—her husband is of Jewish faith.

Korman and the family will be heading to her native Hungary for the holiday, and the kids are crossing their fingers Santa will get the memo.

Korman said in Hungary, the holiday markets—and the mulled wine—are superb.

The Korman kids were among a flock of youngsters, all of them brimming with cheer and accruing hearty dirt stains parents could look forward to washing clean when they finished frolicking.

Laurel Steinhauser, who serves on the local school board and attended with her husband, kids and dog, said she missed seeing locals gathered to share an experience.

"Seeing all these families is so special," said Steinhauser.

Dan Harding, a resident who recently published a book about the ins and outs of youth wrestling, went to see the lighting and music with his wife and their baby.

It was the Hardings' first tree lighting.

They'll be staying local for Christmas. They said the kid has been "not great" by Santa's high standards but should still pass the goodness test, included on the side of that twice-checked list on which all should aspire to be.

As is tradition, parents entered their kids' names into a raffle. This year, the lucky winner was Elliot Scheer, a local child.

It's Flamingo Fundraising Season!

All are invited to help support Portland High School Class of 2022 Project Graduation at its Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser.

The fundraiser will run through Dec. 18. For a suggested donation of \$25, people can send a "Flock of Flamingos" to their friends and neighbors (must live in Portland). To order a flocking, email Alissa Brunk at Alissa.brunk@gmail.com, provide the name and address of the person you want flocked, along with the suggested donation of \$25 payable via Venmo (@PHSCT-ProjectGrad). Payment can also be made via check, made out to "PHS Project Graduation 2022," and sent to: Project Gradu-

ation 2022, ATTN: Nicki Crawford, Portland High School, 95 High St., Portland, CT 06480.

The recipient will then have the opportunity to choose the next house (by paying the suggested donation of \$25). The recipient is not required to make a donation. The flock will be moved to the next house after two days, regardless of donation.

Proceeds benefit Project Graduation, an all-night drug- and alcohol-free party for PHS seniors the night of their graduation.

For more information, email Alissa Brunk at Alissa.brunk@gmail.com.

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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 the Buck-Foreman Community Center. Wednesdays through Jan. 19 (started Dec. 1), 9:30-10:15 a.m., or Saturdays, Dec. 4-Feb. 5 (no class Dec. 25 or Jan. 1), 10:30-11:15 a.m. Fee is \$40 for each eight-week session or \$7 per week to drop in. Contact Parks and Rec. if interested in drop-in registration. 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.

Art Enrichment Programs with Abrakadoodle: Order some festive DoodleKits from the Parks and Rec. website.

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: Registration for the K-2 basketball program is opening soon.

Adult Drop-In Volleyball: Wednesdays 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, 6-7 p.m., at Valley View School gym. Fee: \$64 for the eight-week session/\$10 drop-in.

Holiday Trail of Lights: All participants will be requested to illuminate their holiday lights and displays on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings during December for spectators to follow the trail of lights, enjoy your decorations, and vote on their favorite displays. Register through RecDesk.

GGLeagues: Esports in Portland is back for the winter season. There will be *Madden*, *Mario Kart 8*, *Fortnite*, *Rocket League* and *Super Smash Brothers* leagues for three different age groups. Compete against other gamers in Connecticut for a chance to be crowned state champion and win a champion shirt and medal! Check the Parks and Rec. website for instructions on how to register.

Personal Euphoria: Registration is underway. There will be Pilates, barre, core strength, meditation, and tighten & tone classes. There will also be a Lunch and Learn Workshop Series as well.

Inner Circle: Check back soon for information about the youth martial art programs with Inner Circle.

Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. For more information or to register, call 860-342-6760.

Collections Sought: If you have a small collection you'd like to display in the secured showcase at the center, call the office to be placed on the list.

Wii Bowling: Check the monthly calendar for specific days and time.

Movie and Popcorn: Monday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. *It's a Wonderful Life* will be shown.

Free Live Music – Jam Session: Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

Third Thursdays: Every third Thursday of the month will be an "open" performance for any artist who would like to play a tune, share poetry or a dance routine. There will be a Thankful Light Dinner option for \$5. If you choose not to eat, the music fee is \$2 to listen to the artists. Pre-registration is appreciated.

Zoom Tai Chi with Tom Cushing: A new 8-week session begins Tuesday, Jan. 4, from 10:30-11 a.m. Registrations now being accepted. Fee is \$40, payable to Portland Senior Center.

Stamping with Sybil: Wednesday, Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. Make handmade cards. Supplies provided by the center. Pre-registration requested.

Crafting with Tracy: Monday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m. Learn how to make a snowman that doesn't melt. Registration required.

Thursday Lunch: Dec. 16 – Soup and sandwiches from Melilli Caffe & Grill. People must pre-register and pay (\$5) by Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Wills Trusts, Probate & Estate – Free Info Session: Friday, Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m., with attorney Amanda Gilbert-Largent. Registration required.

New Year's Eve Early Celebration: Monday, Dec. 27, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Have a free light lunch and then listen to music by Jim Harkins to ring in the New Year a tad bit early. Seating is limited. Call the center to register.

Van Trip: Wednesday, Jan. 12, departing at 11:30 a.m. for Joey Garlic's for lunch. Transportation fee is \$5. If you need to be picked up at home, contact the center in advance.

Weekly Schedule: Mondays: Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Bingo, 1-3 p.m.; **Tuesdays:** Bears on a Journey, 9:30-11 a.m. – making fleece teddy bears for cancer patients; Watercolor Lessons: 9:30 a.m.-noon – email bivenne@yahoo.com to register; Coupons for Troops, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. – cutting coupons for local military families; Stretch & Flex: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – seated exercise using small hand weights; setback, 1-3 p.m.; **Wednesdays:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:15-11 a.m.; line and ballroom dance lessons, 10:30 a.m.; Social Duplicate Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month; Setback, 1 p.m.; **Thursdays:** Line & Ballroom Dance, 10 a.m.; Knit & Stitch, 10 a.m.; Mahjongg, 12:30-4 p.m.; **Fridays:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Medical Rides: The center provides seniors and disabled with rides to the doctor. Cost is \$5/person round trip. Two-week notice requested. Masks required.

Free Hearing Screening: Tuesday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m., with Virginia Duclos of All Ears in Portland. No registration necessary.

Cans-4-A-Cause: Drop off washed cans and bottles in a bin in the rear parking lot of the center. For details or to volunteer, email Jeff Myjak at myjakjeff@gmail.com.

Little League Registration Open

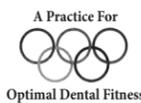
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by George M. Mantikas, DMD



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Rudko Suing Over Recount ‘Discrepancies’

by Diane Church

Taras Rudko, a Republican who last month lost his bid for reelection to the Board of Selectmen and subsequently demanded a recount, is now suing, claiming there were “discrepancies” and violations of state statutes before and during that recount.

Rudko’s lawsuit is against election moderator Betty Wagner; former Republican registrar of voters Sheila Tortorigi; Town Clerk Gayle Furman; Board of Selectmen member Rosemary Coyle, a Democrat; and Board of Selectmen member Jason LaChapelle, a Republican. Coyle and LaChapelle were listed as “interested parties.”

Results from the Nov. 2 election had Rudko and LaChapelle separated by 22 votes. A total of 4,352 votes were cast. State statutes say that if the difference between two candidates is half of one percent of the total votes, a recount must be held. Half of one percent of 4,352 is 21.75. The recount was held Nov. 10. It found that Rudko had 2,532 votes and LaChapelle had 2,572, a difference of 40.

LaChapelle and Coyle were separated by only six votes, but Coyle was guaranteed a seat on the board, along with fellow incumbent Democrat Denise Turner, because, according to town charter and state statutes, there must be at least two

members of each party on the board.

Rudko’s lawsuit claims that, even though he demanded the recount, he was not given advance notice as required by state statutes. It cites Section 9-311, which says the moderator has to give a written notice of the time and place of the recount to each candidate who qualifies for an automatic recount.

The lawsuit also identifies seven voters that “allegedly” voted in the election although they are deceased. Exhibits in the lawsuit include the death notice for one and obituaries for two others. But sometimes people share the same name, such as a father and son. One of the men named in Rudko’s list is Alexander Lilly, a 30-year-old who grew up in Colchester, then moved with his mother to Washington, where he died in an accident. According to his obituary Lilly’s father, who is also named Alexander Lilly, still lives in Colchester.

In the lawsuit, Rudko also claims that the PCMA card in one or more tabulators switched positions on the ballot, although he did not explain how he knew that. He also claims “evidence relating to discrepancies has been spoliated.” According to Black’s Law Dictionary, spoliation is “the intentional destruction, mutilation, alteration or concealment of evidence.” What the evidence

is and how it became spoliated is not explained.

Rudko is asking for a court order “for a proper canvass for both a hand ballot recount and an electronic audit for the tabulators where evidence of discrepancies may be presented.” He also wants the registrar, moderator and town clerk to immediately secure all ballots, tabulators and cards or turn them over to the secretary of state to prevent further tampering or spoliation.

In addition, Rudko wants to be reimbursed for legal costs and fees.

Rudko’s lawsuit names as defendants a moderator, Betty Wagner; former Republican Registrar of Voters Sheila Tortorigi and Town Clerk Gayle Furman. Gregg LaPage, the head moderator who was at the recount, is not named, nor is Demo-

cratic Registrar Karen Romero. Tortorigi was not at the recount either. She had decided to retire but stayed on until the election was over, then promptly retired and moved to Florida.

Rudko did not return a phone call asking if he would like to give more input for this article. Tortorigi could not be reached for comment and Furman was unavailable for comment.

First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos declined to comment on the litigation. The special counsel he hired to represent the defendants, Luis Medina, did not return a phone call. Rudko’s lawyer, Edward Bona, also did not respond to a request for comment.

Wagner declined to comment, except to say that she “was not involved in any of it.”

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.

Half Day Hooray: For children in grades K-5. On professional development-shortened days, Half Day Hooray takes place right at the child’s school and includes STEAM-related performances, hands-on activities, take-home crafts

and more. Each session is \$10. Register online. Schedule is: Dec. 10: Holiday Hooplah; Jan. 14: Winter Wonderland; Feb. 18: Funky February; March 24: March Madness; May 27: Last Blast.

Youth Center Activities – Drop-In: 2-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, for grades 6-8. During Drop-In, kids can have a snack, read/do homework, play pool, air hockey, video games or basketball, work on crafts, and more. Students will receive instructions for online registration at their first visit; they must be registered online to attend again.

After School Adventures: Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m., through the end of the school year. Grades 6-8 are invited to the Youth Center after school for fun activities and even some trips.

Upcoming Senior Center Trips

The Colchester Senior Center is planning the following trips for 2022. Reservations should be made in person at the senior center, 95 Norwich Ave. Trips are available to senior center members and an adult guest, and are on a first-come, first-served basis; space is limited. Call the senior center at 860-537-3911 for more information.

Chicken Restaurant, Casino: Thursday, March 24, departing at 10:15 a.m. This is a trip to Wright’s Chicken Farm in Rhode Island for lunch, followed by a stop at Twin River Casino. Cost is \$92/person.

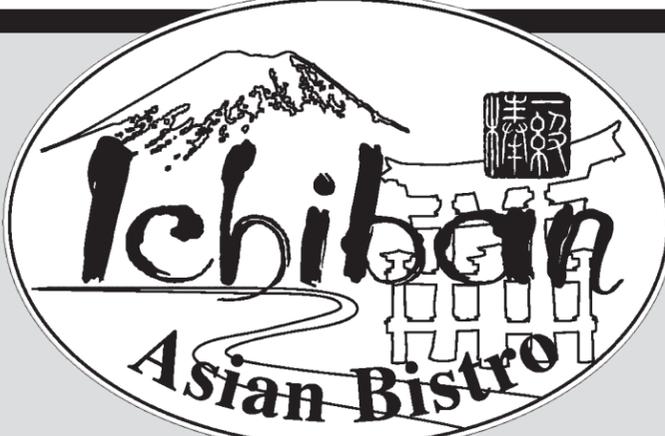
Trip to See Jesus Christ Superstar: Sunday, April 3, at the Thomaston Opera House Sunday, April 3, 2022. There will be a pre-show lunch at the Black Rock Tavern and a reserved orchestra seat for the show. Cost is \$107/person, payable by cash or check.

New York Botanical Gardens: Wednesday, April 20. 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.

New York City Day Trip: Monday, May 9. 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. Ascend to the top of the World Trade Center. Return in Colchester will be approximately 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$130/person, payable by cash or check.

Foster’s Downeast Clambake: Wednesday, May 25. Bus departs at 8 a.m. for Foster’s, located in York, Maine. The menu will consist of award-winning clam chowder, steamed clams and mussels, Maine lobster, sweet corn on the cob, red bliss potatoes, rolls and butter, and Foster’s own blueberry crumb cake. Alternative meal choices are barbecue chicken and a vegetarian option. There will be a stop at Portsmouth, N.H., on the way home for some shopping. Return to Colchester at 7 p.m. Cost is \$119/person, payable by cash or check.



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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

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.

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 westchestercongregationalchurch.org for login information.

Christmas Services: On Sunday, Dec. 19, at the 10 a.m. service, the choir will present a cantata entitled "Love Came Down," with narration and music. Also during the service, Sunday School will present its Nativity Play. On Dec. 24 at 6 p.m., the church will hold its traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service.

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 westconchurch@gmail.com, visit the church website, or look for the church on Facebook.

information is also on the church's Facebook page.

Advent Worship Schedule: Week 3, Joy: Sunday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m.; Week 4: Love: Sunday, Dec. 19, 9 a.m., Christmas Pageant.

Christmas Eve Services: Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Family Service; 9 p.m., Lessons & Carols.

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.

Wreaths Across America Plans Underway

Locally, volunteers supporting Wreaths Across America at Westchester Cemetery have been working to ensure the 55 service members buried there will be honored again this year with the placement of live, balsam veterans' wreaths in the local celebration of National Wreaths Across America Day Saturday, Dec. 18.

Ceremonies are held across the country at more than 2,200 participating locations. In Colchester, the ceremony will be outdoors at the Westchester Cemetery off Route 16. The program will start at noon.

Donations are welcome in the form of purchasing a wreath for a soldier and laying wreaths at gravestones. Each individual \$15 sponsors a fresh balsam veteran's wreath that will be placed on the headstone of a veteran. To sponsor a wreath and stay informed about event details, visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/CTWCCC. You can also send your contribution to Wreaths, c/o Linda Pasternak, 636 Westchester Rd., Colchester, CT 06415.

Parks and Recreation News

Colchester Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For more information or full program descriptions, and to register, call 860-537-7297 or visit www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department.

2021 Holiday Ornaments: Ornaments are \$6 each and can be purchased at Town Hall Monday-Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Gingerbread House Contest: Residents' homemade gingerbread houses are currently on display at Town Hall, and all are encouraged to vote for their favorite. Gingerbread houses will be displayed through Dec. 22. Each gingerbread house will be awarded a superlative award ribbon. The "Community Favorite" will

be awarded to the gingerbread house with the most community votes.

Pickleball: Wednesdays, Jan. 5-March 30, 2022, from 7-9 p.m. each week, at the Jack Jacter Intermediate School gym. One court will be reserved for beginners to learn the sport from 7-8 p.m. with the help of more advanced players. The remaining courts will be open for use by intermediate to advanced players. Depending on the number of people registered and their skill level, this could change from week to week. The program is open to anyone ages 16 and older. There is a minimum of 10 players required and a maximum of 40. Cost is \$99 for residents and \$104 for non-residents. Register online.

Young Resident Cast as Tiny Tim

Colchester resident Parker Nelson, 9, is performing as Tiny Tim in the East Haddam Stage Company's production of *A Christmas Carol*, taking place in December at the Wadsworth Mansion in Middletown.

This 90-minute immersive theater experience will take the audience on a journey with Ebenezer Scrooge. Walk into his bedroom and follow along as three ethereal spirits teach him about his past, present and future. Recommended for ages 8 and up, the performance involves moderate walking, including being outside for short periods of time. Admission includes a cup of hot cocoa. There will be wine and beer available for purchase.

For the safety of the attendees and actors, guests are required to wear masks while indoors regardless of vaccination status.

The show runs Sundays, Dec. 12 and 19, at 1 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. To purchase, visit wadsworthmansion.com/public-events/a-christmas-carol.

Fire Calls

From Nov. 28-Dec. 4, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 37 calls: 33 emergency medical calls and four fire/fire-related calls. Calls included:

Fire: fire alarm, three; CO call, one. Medical: sick person, three; fall injury, four; cardiac distress, two; medical alarm, one; difficulty breathing, four; overdose, one; lift assist, five; bleeding emergency, one; back pain, one; abdominal pain, seven; seizure, one; injured person, two.

CHFD neither provided nor received any mutual aid last week.

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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Sing with a Children's Choir for Christmas

The St. Andrew Young People's Choir and Orchestra invites young people of the community to sing or play an instrument with them on Christmas Eve at the 4 p.m. Mass. Children in grades K-12 are invited, regardless of whether they are members of St Andrew Church.

All rehearsals will be held in the St Andrew Parish Hall, 128 Norwich Ave. Rehearsals are from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 22.

For more information, please contact Colleen Puscas at colleenpuscas@gmail.com or Kerry Filloramo Hochdorfer at jkflloramo@sbcglobal.net.

Pet Food Drive

Presents for Paws is hosting its 14th annual Holiday Shelter Food Drive Saturday, Dec. 11, to collect items for local animal shelters. There is a local drop-off location at John Gagnon's Pet Resort, 227 Upton Rd., Colchester, and Shagbark Lumber - 21 Mt. Parnassus Rd, East Haddam.

Items needed: Purina dog food (wet/dry, unopened), cat/kitten food (wet/dry, any brand, unopened), cat/dog treats (no rawhide), and cat litter. Monetary donations are also welcome; they are tax-deductible and 100% of donations go to help shelter animals. The event will take place rain or shine.

Presents for Paws is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in East Haddam that collects and distributes supplies to area shelters, rescues, and municipal pounds. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/presentsforpaws501c or www.presentsforpaws.org.

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.



CT Lyme Riders is presenting the following great article for anyone who has a loved one, friend or family member that suffers from chronic Lyme disease, or just wants to understand more about this disease and the stress of holidays.

Facing the Holidays with Chronic Lyme

Author: Paula Jackson Jones • Orig Pub: 11/25/2017

Nothing reminds you of your illness more than when you're limited by the things that you can no longer do and the places that you can no longer go. And nothing highlights those limitations more than the holidays. Grieving the loss of holiday traditions, or feeling like you're letting your friends and family down by staying home or cutting outings short, can elicit so many difficult emotions that no one should have to deal with around the holidays.

No one ever thinks that something as tiny as a tick bite can change their life in so many ways, until it happens to them. I sit with people in person and on the phone who are struggling to understand this disease, struggling to make sense of their new normal, struggling to keep it together for their families. Struggling. It's something that chronically ill people do constantly. Everything is a struggle. Getting up in the morning, even getting through the day. Trying to plan events. Even something like going to the grocery store is taken for granted. I remember getting out and going to the store and running into people who would say things like "Oh, you look so good. You must be doing better" without realize just how much effort it took for me to pass for "good". How much energy it took just to get dressed and put on a good face and be seen in public.

While chronically ill people want to be a part of the holiday celebrations, they realize just how impacted they are by it all ~ sights, sounds, smells and overall exertion, that often exacerbates their symptoms, that they feel the only choice they have is to stay home. I recall attending church services to sing carols and being overstimulated by the sounds, smells and lighting that I had to leave and go back home before a seizure was triggered. Holding a conversation was physically and mentally exhausting. Trying to focus on who was speaking to me, what they were asking and by the time I figured out my response, they were on to another topic. I often wondered what they thought, standing there in front of me ~ did I look as disconnected as I was feeling on the inside?

The holiday season is, and always has been, my favorite time of year and as I regained my health, I tried to re-engage with all my favorite holiday activities, but found that foods and over-stimulation were, and continued to be, a sensory trigger.

Something that I would ask of you all this holiday season ~ be kind and give grace to those suffering from chronic illness. Whether you understand their illness or not, understand this ~ they are doing their very best and that is all that can be asked of them. If they come, don't over quiz about what's been going on. Instead, welcome them into the group and make them feel as comfortable as you can. For one night, let them feel normal. Let them forget that they are ill. Understand that as the group chatter volume rises, that they may need to find a quiet reprieve to tamper down any rising symptoms. Don't be offended if they can't eat what you're serving. As much as we all love holiday goodies, chronic illness sometimes demands a change in diet to reduce symptoms during treatment. Maybe ask in advance what they can eat. Sugars and gluten are a no-no when putting together treats to give to them. Along with sounds, lighting can be a sensory issue for those suffering from neurological Lyme. Don't stare if your guest appears wearing sunglasses. I had someone approach me saying "What are you stoned? You must be to wear sunglasses at night" and I was so taken back and offended. Never judge what you don't understand.

Holidays are meant to be celebrated by families and friends, so I would ask that you please don't forget those who are chronically ill. They want to be a part of the celebration, but they know and understand all too well their limitations and they don't want to be a burden to their families, so they think staying home is the answer. Isolation is never the answer and causes more harm and damage mentally. Reach out in love, send cards, call before you visit but do visit. And if you bring a gift, leave out the sweets and gluten. Limit your use of perfume and keep the setting quiet. Limited the over-stimulation, keep the conversation light. Share what's going on with you and make them feel included. This will ensure a heartfelt and thankful visit and it will serve the one who is ill in ways that you may never understand.

This holiday season, remember those who are ill and not able to attend functions. Do your part, however small or grand, to make them feel remembered, missed and loved. This feeds their spirit and spirit is something that no disease can ever touch.

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Town Meeting Next Week on Tax Abatement

by Diane Church

A local business is seeking a tax abatement to expand and consolidate its operations in town and the question will be put to voters at a town meeting next Thursday

International Cordage East, also known as InCord, wants to construct a new 29,000 square foot building at 76 and 96 Upton Rd. in the town's industrial park. When the two-year, \$5 million project is finished, InCord would relocate approximately 20 full-time employees from its current facility in Oakdale and expects to add three to five production jobs and one administrative job annually, depending on its growth rate.

InCord is applying for the abatement under the Colchester Property Tax Incentive Program (C-TIP), which was created to encourage businesses and commercial interests to develop by offering partial relief from local property taxes.

The company received a C-TIP Incentive in 2017 for a 12,000 square-foot building addition at 181 Upton Rd and a new 30,000 square foot production facility at 151 Upton Road. The 12,000 square foot building addition was finished and occupied in 2019, but the plans for the new production facility have pivoted to the current proposal. InCord currently employs over 100 people in Colchester.

"InCord has been a friendly and wonderful business here for 20 years," Bruce Goldstein, Chairman of the Colchester Economic Development Commission, told the Board of Selectmen at its meeting Dec. 2. "They will be moving \$250,000 of taxable personal property here and 20 employees. Those people will be buying

lunch here, shopping here and getting their gas here [at local businesses]."

The proposed abatement would take place over a five-year period. The first year InCord would receive a 100 percent property tax abatement of the realized assessment increase in property value. The second year it would drop to 90 percent. Then the following year 80, then 70. In the fifth year, the abatement would be down to 50 percent. In the sixth year, InCord would pay its full taxes and the abatement would end.

But Jeff Duigou, who ran as a write-in candidate for the first selectman seat last month, is not convinced. He believes the abatement plan should have been negotiated with the company.

"Every business is different," he said after the meeting. "We need to negotiate."

He is also unsure that tax abatement is the right course for the town, even though companies now expect tax abatements or other incentives for moving into a town or expanding in town, as InCord is doing.

"In a few years they could go out of business and leave us holding the bag," Duigou said. "The economy is cyclical. There are now problems with the supply chain. And twenty more people working in town is not a big difference."

Selectmen approved the abatement, which will now go to a town meeting for final approval by residents. The board voted to hold the meeting on Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in town hall, immediately before the regular board of selectmen meeting.

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.

Ukrainian Catholic Church News

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.

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.



Turkey Drive Thanks... The Colchester Rotary Foundation thanked Noel's and Westchester markets, along with their teams, for selling turkey legs and preparing a total of 150+ Thanksgiving boxes that were given to members of the Colchester community. The Rotary also thanked Liberty Bank for its match. Pictured from left are Evan Evans (foundation director), Caleb Evans (helper), Stephanie Turbes (Colchester Youth and Social Services coordinator), Terry Congdon (Rotary) and Sandi Churchill (manager of Liberty Bank's Colchester branch).

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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, Dec. 12: 8:30 a.m., Commission on Aging meeting; 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Pet Therapy, Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mah-jongg; 1 p.m., Bridge in Hebron; 1 p.m., Paper Quilling.

Tuesday, Dec. 14: 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 12:30-3:30 p.m., CHOICES; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Special Holiday Bingo; 7 p.m., SCBC Meeting (Z).

Wednesday, Dec. 15: 9 a.m., Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 9 a.m., Making Memories Program; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 11 a.m., Holly Jolly Luncheon; 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing, Foot Clinic.

Thursday, Dec. 16: 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m.,

yoga; noon, chair massage; 12:30 p.m., dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet; 6 p.m., AARP: Event for Family Caregivers (Z).

Friday, Dec. 17: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 11 a.m., yoga; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 2 p.m., Senior Moments performs at Harrington Court.

Upcoming Programs: Paper Quilling Workshop: Mondays, Dec. 20 and 27, 1 p.m. Paper quilling is the craft of rolling strips of paper and gluing them onto a surface to create a three-dimensional piece of artwork. Classes are \$20 each, and include all materials. Attend one or both workshops.

Book Club Discussion: Tuesday, Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner will be discussed. Copies are on reserve at Cragin Memorial Library. Come having read the book.

Stitch & Fix: Monday, Dec. 27, by appointment, beginning at 10 a.m. Bring your items that need hemming, slight mending, buttons replaced, etc., and Maria will take care of it and return it within 2 weeks. By appointment only; sign up in the office.

In the Know: Tuesday, Dec. 28, 12:30 p.m. Patty Watts will discuss issues about the senior center, as well as upcoming events and trips.

Senior Moments' Community Performance: Friday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m. The senior center choral group is hitting the road with a performance at Harrington Court in Colchester.

New Year's Brunch and Bash: Thursday, Dec. 30, 10 a.m. Ring in 2022 with some breakfast fare and musical entertainment by Kate Stone, singing hits of yesterday and today. Join the countdown to 12 – noon! Tickets are \$8 each and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Zentangle Workshop: Fridays, Jan. 7-28, 10 a.m. Instructor Jamilah Zebarth will lead this four-week workshop. Cost is \$25 and includes materials. Registration is limited.

Local Real Estate Agent Honored

Nick Long, a real estate agent with Boyden Real Estate in Colchester, has earned the Realtors Commitment to Excellence Endorsement from the National Association of Realtors.



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Birth Announced... Trevor and Becky (Johnston) Reid of Colchester have announced the birth of their third son, Jacob Thomas Reid. Jacob was born Sept. 17 at Middlesex Hospital, weighing 5 pounds and 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Brian and Mindy Johnston of Hebron and Bill and Linda Reid of Colchester. Jacob joins his two older brothers – Luke, age 7 1/2, and Carson, age 5.

Project Grad Calendar Fundraiser

Bacon Academy Project Graduation is selling raffle tickets for its December Calendar fundraiser, with prizes being awarded each day.

Total donated items value over \$1,000 and include gift cards to local businesses, gift baskets, cash prizes, golf outings, holiday items and local artisan creations. Due to the response to this fundraiser, some days include more than one winner, so that raffle ticket holders have more than 31 chances to win.

Raffle tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased by cash or check. Tickets can be purchased online using PayPal at www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org on the "Current Fundraisers page," or through Venmo @mghath425. Purchases must include raffle ticket holder's name, address, email, and phone. Checks can also be mailed to: BAPG, P.O. Box 393, Colchester, CT 06415; include the buyer's name, email and phone.

The calendar with a list of available prizes can be viewed at the Project Graduation website.

All proceeds go to Project Graduation, an all-night drug- and alcohol-free party for seniors the night of their graduation. For more information, visit www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org.

Girl Scouts Collecting Non-Food Items

Colchester Girl Scout Troop 63152 is collecting personal care items to donate to Colchester Food Bank.

The collection of the items will run through Saturday, Dec. 11. Items may be dropped off at 398 Cabin Rd. or 59 Park Ave. Collection bins will be available near the driveways for donations.

Suggested new items include toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste/brushes, shampoo/conditioner, facial tissue, hand sanitizers, hand soap, deodorant, body wash, disinfecting wipes, disposable razors, moisturizing lotion, feminine hygiene products, and any additional non-food items.

For more information, contact Troop co-leader Terry Phillips at 860-608-0130.

Christmas Dinner Dance

St. Joseph Polish Club, located at 395 South Main St., will hold its annual Polka Christmas Dinner Dance Sunday, Dec. 19, from 1-6 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 1 p.m. with piano and accordion Christmas music by Johnny Valerio. A full ham dinner with homemade pierogi will be served before dancing to Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men.

Tickets are \$30/person and must be purchased in advance; call the club at 860-537-2550 for questions about reservations after 4 p.m. weekdays and after noon Saturdays and Sundays.

Christmas Tag Sale

All are invited to the Christmas Tag Sale at the Westchester Congregational Church parsonage on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 8 a.m.-noon. There will be a selection of holiday items to choose from. The church parsonage is located at 95 Cemetery Rd. in the Westchester section of town.

East Catholic Honor Roll

Colchester resident Matthew DiBenedetto made the East Catholic High School honor roll for the first marking period of the 2021-22 school year.

A member of the Class of 2024, DiBenedetto earned Honors with Distinction.



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Frustrations Persist Over Proposed Lake Regulations

by Diane Church

The Friends of Lake Terramuggus say they are still not getting adequate attention from town officials about proposed regulations for the lake district, which their attorney has said are unconstitutional.

They claim the latest request from town doesn't help.

Resident David Porteous said that at the Dec. 2 public hearing, which was attended by over 55 people, Zoning Commission Chairman Kevin Asklar asked the group to put together a set of regulations they can live with and that achieve the goal of preserving the quality of Lake Terramuggus.

While the Friends are now preparing a draft of a set of regulations they consider to be reasonable, member Cheryl Morgan, does not think Asklar's request was appropriate.

"We don't want to rewrite them in a vacuum," she said. "We want to work with the lake commission and the conservation commission and do one section at a time. Zoning has refused to work with us."

The group is working on its proposed regulations, which members say are based on those in other Connecticut towns, as well as in nearby states.

The zoning department's current proposed regulations contain numerous and complicated rules about landscaping, vegetation, building additions and accessory structures and lawn and property maintenance.

"The rules are difficult to understand and are unenforceable," Morgan said. "They need to be easy to understand and enforce."

As one example, she pointed to a grid system that governs where new trees may be planted.

"The grid requires someone like me to hire an expert to make a land map if I want to

remove a tree," she said. "And the proposed rules also require landowners to replace a tree that is removed with something of the same age and type. Some of the trees are old and it would be difficult to replace them."

According to the minutes of the November Zoning Commission meeting, Town Planner Peter Hughes read an email from certified ecologist and wetland scientist Tom Ryder from Landtech Consultants.

Ryder is in support of the proposed regulations, according to Hughes.

Hughes also said he met with Jeff Jacobson of Jacobson and Associates, the town's engineering contractor. He read comments from him regarding the proposed regulations, with his final comment a statement on the necessity of the regulations.

"These regulations are what is necessary today so people can continue to enjoy swimming, boating and fishing in unfettered water versus trying to do the same through algae or heavy weeds like a lot of Connecticut lakes and ponds today," Hughes said.

At the same meeting Kari Olson, an attorney representing the Friends of Lake Terramuggus, went over some points in a memorandum she presented to the commission at the start of the meeting.

Olson said the Zoning Commission does not have the authority to regulate landscaping activities to protect a watercourse, regulations as proposed lack expert science to back them up and are too onerous.

She also said there is no scientific evidence to support and explain the lines of definition in the watershed district, the proposed regulations are unconstitutional and include unenforceable provisions and are ambiguous and will negatively impact property values.



Tonight, Dec. 10, Marlborough's own Bruce Phelps (right) will perform pop and jazz music at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St. He's pictured with vocalist and flutist Teresa Hooker (left), a RHAM High School senior, who will be performing with Phelps tonight.

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.-4 p.m.

Financial Wellness Wednesday: Rebecca Miller will provide a program entitled "Introduction to Taxation Basics" on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. This session will introduce people to tax reporting, choosing the right filing status and how to calculate the taxes you owe. Learn how different investments are taxed and a

few methods to reduce taxation.

Meet Polly the Penguin: Polly the Penguin is new to Marlborough and has been visiting the library. She gets a little curious at night when staff go home and goes exploring, often-times getting lost. This winter, from December through February, kids are invited to help find Polly. Each Monday she will move to a new location. If you find her, you'll earn a prize.

Young Chefs Holiday Edition: Tuesday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m., via Zoon. Kids ages 8 and up will work with Food Explorers to learn how to make chocolate peppermint cupcakes. Email the library to register and you'll be sent the link and a list of ingredients you will need to have on hand.

Friday @ the Arts Café

On Friday, Dec. 10, Marlborough's own Bruce Phelps will perform a variety of contemporary pop and jazz music at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St.

Phelps is known for his saxophone, along with vocals, flute and clarinet. In addition, he has been a mentor for young musicians, organizing several musical groups over the years, most recently The Modern Riffs, which he intends to reactivate in 2022.

His guest on Dec. 10 will be Teresa Hooker, a RHAM High School senior, also from Marlborough, who is a vocalist and flutist.

Doors open at 7 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door. Following safety regulations, masks will be required and social distancing maintained in seating. The Arts Center is handicapped-accessible and has on-site parking.

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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: Netto Indoor Soccer: For grades 5-6. Games will begin week of Jan. 10. Games will be played after school Mondays and Wednesdays at Marlborough Elementary School. Fee is \$75 and participants will receive a T-shirt.

Adult Programs: Zumba: Tuesdays through Dec. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at MES. There is a \$10 drop-in fee each week.

Yoga: Mondays through Dec. 27, 6-7 p.m.,

or Tuesdays through Dec. 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class instruction is virtual or in person and provided by Janice Flanagan. There is a \$15 drop-in fee each week.

Barre/Pilates: Mondays through Dec. 27, 5-5:45 p.m., or Wednesdays through Dec. 29, 5-5:45 p.m. Class instruction is virtual or in person and provided by Janice Flanagan. There is a \$15 drop-in fee each week.

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

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.

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.

Sunday, Dec. 12: Toys for Tots - Fill a Cruiser toy drive, 1-3 p.m., at Marlborough Health & Rehabilitation Center, 85 Stage Harbor Rd. Contact Amy Foreman with any questions.

Monday, Dec. 13: 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Not Just Quilting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Con-

gregate Meal, noon. Menu: orange juice, fish sticks/tartar sauce, seasoned potato wedges, peas and carrots, oatnut bread, cookie; Meals-on-Wheels, 12:30 p.m.; Bingo, 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14: Socializing, 9 a.m.-noon; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Meals-on-Wheels, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15: Grocery Shopping, 9 a.m.-noon; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: CRT Holiday Meal: cran-apple juice, chicken cordon bleu, red bliss mashed/veggie blend, wheat dinner roll, NY cheesecake.

Thursday, Dec. 16: 8-Ball Pool, 9-11 a.m.; Tai Chi with Linda, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Parkinson's Disease Exercise with Anne, 3 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17: Not Just Quilting, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 9:30 a.m.-noon; set-back or card game of choice; Meals-on-Wheels, noon. Congregate meal, noon. Menu: cheese ravioli with sauce, California-blend veggies, wholegrain white bread, fresh fruit.

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.marlconchurch.org for those unable to attend in person.

Sunday, Dec. 12 is a musical Sunday at MCC. The 10 a.m. worship will feature the Chancel Choir's annual Christmas Cantata. Instead of a single cantata, the choir will sing pieces selected from several cantatas sung by the choir in past years and were chosen as some of their favorites.

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

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

Christmas Programs: Christmas Pageant: Sunday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m. The pageant will include a live nativity, angels, and shepherds and familiar Christmas carols. All children attending will be invited to participate. After the pageant Santa will be in the lounge enjoying milk and cookies with the children, posing for pictures, and will read "A Christmas Story".

Christmas Eve: Candlelight service with Holy Communion will be in person in the sanctuary at 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 26: The celebration will be

a traditional Moravian Love Feast at 10 a.m., which has been celebrated almost every year at MCC since 2003. This service will include traditional Christmas carols, familiar Christmas scriptures, and the serving of hot cocoa and cookies with time set aside during the service to visit and greet other parishioners.

Mission Support in December 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.

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

Second Blessings Thrift Shop is open for sales and donations Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. During December, the shop will feature many new and vintage treasures for holiday decorating, gift-giving and entertaining. Name-brand jewelry and handbags are also featured. Shoppers are asked to wear a mask. Second Blessings also sells through eBay at bit.ly/MCCebay.

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 Faulhaber's direct line at 860-295-0432.

19th Christmas Music Festival

The public is invited to attend the 19th Christmas Music Festival to be held Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in the meetinghouse of the Marlborough Congregational Church, 35 S. Main St. The festival will feature Jason Castonguay on piano, organ, and possibly even the harp.

Castonguay is a concert pianist and vocalist and a jazz specialist, who performs classics, oldies, and more. In 2004, he competed and won, becoming the first FOX-TV *Connecticut Idol* and went on to compete in Las Vegas for

American Idol. He has been featured in many Connecticut newspapers and has been referred to as the most talented pianist/vocalist "this side of the Hudson River!" He has performed at the Bushnell with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, as a cruise ship performer, at mayoral inaugurations, the governor's mansion, universities, benefit concerts, and other social events.

A suggested \$10 free-will donation will go to the National Federation of the Blind - Connecticut and to Castonguay. Facemasks required.

New Year's Eve at Arts Center

There will be a New Year's Eve gathering at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., on Friday, Dec. 31, from 6-9 p.m., weather permitting. Bring your own snack and drink.

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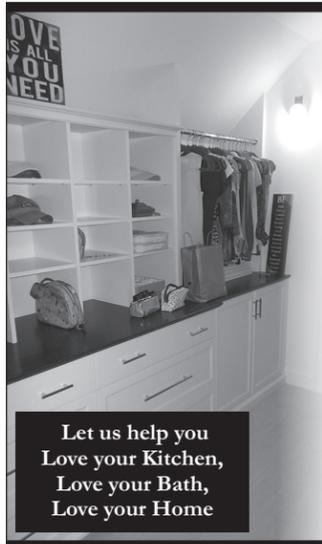


Fill-a-Cruiser Toy Drive

There will be a fill-a-cruiser toy drive, to benefit Toys for Tots, Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1-3 p.m., at Marlborough Health & Rehabilitation Center, 85 Stage Harbor Rd.

Santa and his elves will be on site to collect new and unwrapped toy donations, to help fill a police cruiser. Take home some cookies, cocoa and a craft kit.

For more information, contact Amy Foreman at 860-331-0470.

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St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

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COVID-19 Protocol: For the fully vaccinated, masks are optional. For the unvaccinated, masks are required. Call the office for more information.

Weekend Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome.

Weekday Mass: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

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

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. Seasonal outreach to include the Community Garden to benefit the Marlborough Food Bank and various giving programs to support area organizations continue. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website, www.stjfisher.org.

Other Programs and Offerings: For more information on such programs as faith formation for children, youth and adults, 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).

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East Catholic Honor Roll

The following Marlborough residents made the East Catholic High School honor roll for the first marking period of the 2021-22 school year:

Honors with Distinction: Logan Schierholz, Class of '22; Andrew DeCorleto and Emma Kindl, '23; Luke Veltri, '24.

First Honors: Jake Muldoon, '22; Christopher Richard, '24.

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All letters should be deposited by the close of business Friday, Dec. 17.

Historical Society Calendars Available

The Marlborough Historical Society has announced 2022 calendars are now available. This year's theme is "Historic Homes - Past and Present."

Calendars are \$19 and can be purchased online at www.marlboroughhistory.org/store, or by mailing a check to: MHS, P.O. Box 351, Marlborough, CT 06447.

All proceeds go to support preservation initiatives and upcoming events by the Marlborough Historical Society.

Legal Notice Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

At their regular meeting, the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission **APPROVED** the following applications on December 6th, 2021:
Application #IWWC 21-21: James and Abby Cole, 83 School Rd- Rebuilding existing stone stairway into Andover Lake.
Application #IWWC 21-22: Jeff Miner (Applicant), Ellen Gallnot (Owner), 326 Lake Rd- Rebuilding existing 75-foot long by 3.5-foot high lake wall using existing stone and new stone on shoreline of Andover Lake.
Application #IWWC 21-23: Eric Anderson (Town of Andover), Corner of Lake Rd and Route 6 (M33/B34-35/L3&4) Improvement of existing roadside parking areas and construction of picnic areas for Hop River State Park Trail.
The above decisions may be appealed to the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission pursuant to Section 12.2 of the Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, available at www.andoverconnecticut.org. 1TB 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at a Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., to be held virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, on the following:
Petition 2021-15 - Resubdivision Application of Elmer and Diane Young requesting to subdivide a 17-acre parcel of land to create one new building lot, property located at 269 Millstream Road (Assessor's Map #04, Lot #1X), application is filed under the provisions of the Hebron Subdivision Regulations, R-1 District. Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 29th day of November 2021. Gerald Garfield, Secretary
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TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Andover Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a virtual Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 20, 2021 to solicit comment and entertain questions on an application for the property known as 580 Lake Road, aka Assessor's Map 33/Block 34/Lot 2. Applicant: Garrett Homes, LLC., Gary Eucallito, Owner: Lake Road, LLC. Applicant is seeking a 2 lot subdivision in an Industrial Zone in accordance with the Andover Subdivision Regulations.
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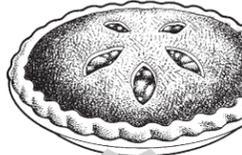
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Community Christmas Party... Haddam Neck Covenant Church will host the annual Community Christmas Party with its puppet friends Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. Digger the dog and his barnyard friends (pictured here with "Farmer M") have invited Santa and his elves to join in the fun. The children can put on their elf helper hats and join in the singing, tree decorating, games, and crafts. Homemade Christmas cookies will be provided as a take-home treat. The event is free and open to the community. The church is located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd. in East Hampton (the road to the fairgrounds).

Stuff-a-Cruiser Event

For the second year, Bethlehem Lutheran Church will host a Stuff-A-Cruiser event with the East Hampton Police Department on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to a child in need this holiday season. The church is located at 1 East High St., at the intersection with Liberty Bank.

Drop off Letters to Santa

A Letters to Santa display has been set up by the Sergi family at 35 Smith St. Leave a return address if your child wants a letter back from Santa. The East Hampton Lions will assist Santa in writing back to all the children. Letters can be dropped off anytime by Dec. 24. There will also be a bin for the East Hampton Food Pantry; all are asked to drop off a non-perishable food item.



Winter Classes at Epoch Arts... There will be a variety of artistic classes this winter at Epoch Arts, for students in preschool-12th grade in an eight-week session. There will be classes in ceramics, improv comedy, art, shadow puppetry, original theater productions and so much more. Classes begin Jan. 4 and are held at 27 Skinner St. To register and see full class descriptions, visit www.epocharts.org. Pictured here is Makayla Mikulski from Epoch's spring printmaking class.

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Holiday Closing

The town Transfer Station will be closed Saturdays, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, in celebration of the holidays.

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. 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.

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Volunteer Fire Department Santa Runs

Once again, members of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department have made arrangements for their annual "Santa Run" visits to various neighborhoods in town, beginning Saturday, Dec. 11. Firefighters will escort Santa Claus around town atop Engine 3-12.

Each evening, Santa will begin his tour at approximately 5 p.m., in accordance with the scheduled dates shown below and in the approximate order in which the streets are listed. Note: inclement weather or emergency calls could potentially result in curtailment or cancellation of a particular evening's activities and cannot be rescheduled. Any changes or updates to the established schedule will be posted on the EHVFD Facebook page as soon as possible.

Dec. 11: Colchester Avenue, Dziok, Dale, Tallwood, Waterhole, Salmon Run, Comstock Trail, Brookside, Flatbrook, Olde Flatbrook, Tartia, Jacobson Farm, Harlan Place.

Dec. 12: Hog Hill, Charles Mary, William, Terp, Hog Hill to Rte. 151. Alden's Crossing, Long Crossing, Chestnut Hill, Michael, Old Middletown, Old Coach.

Dec. 13: Skinner, Young, Old Skinner, Old Chestnut Hill (lower), Carriage, Lena, Emily, Old Young, Taylor, Wildwood, Daniel Street, Wopowog, Brook Hill, South Main, Main Street to finish at library.

Dec. 14: Main Street, Hills Avenue, Fairlawn, Melburn, Laurel Glen, Sherry Drive, North Maple, Maplewood, Beechcrest, Spice Hill, Tarragon (upper), Nutmeg, Tarragon (lower), Curry, Saffron, Arden, Champion Hill, Abbey, Anderson, Flannery, Cone, Childs Road (Route 66 to East Hampton Middle School).

Dec. 15: Lakeview, Bishop Hill, Summit,

Bevin Blvd, Walnut, Viola, Crescent, Barton Hill, Steepleview, Oak Knoll, Maple, Gov. Bill O'Neill, Forest Glen, Forest, Hyde Farm, Mary Ann Drive, Hayes, East Hayes, Childs Road (off Forest), Forest to end at Skinner.

Dec. 16: Edgerton, Chatham Fields, Huckleberry, Sunset, Cedar Ridge, Holly, Smith, Dogwood, Royal Oaks area, Arch, Flanders, Daly, Pecauset, Portage, Bear Swamp, Peach Farm, Whispering Woods, Town Line Drive, Orchard View, Flanders to end at Route 196.

Dec. 17: North Main, Christopher, West Drive, Bellwood Court, Edgemere Condos, Clark Hill, Waterview, Mountainview, Hilltop, Sunrise, Skyline, Highland Terrace, Tiffany, Midwood Farm, Stonegate, North Cone.

Dec. 18: Note: Run begins at 6 p.m.: Old Middletown Road, Depot Hill (lower), Oakum Dock, Grist Mill, Depot Hill (upper), Middle Haddam Road, Bates, High Point, Schoolhouse, Route 151 to Hurd Park Road, Long Hill, Keighley Pond.

Dec. 19: Start at Company 3: White Birch Road (upper), Country Lane, Tammie Ann Dr., Berskshire, Chapman, Elmwood, Birchwood, Crestwood, Fernwood, Mott Hill, Brack Farm, Mott Hill to Lake Dr. Candlewood, Raymond, Pocotopaug Dr, Auburn Knoll, Island View, Blue Heron, Eastham Bridge, Seven Hills Crossing.

Dec. 20: Old Marlborough Road, Poets area, Lake Vista Drive, Edgewater Hill, Laurel Ridge, Indigenous Peoples' area (Wangonk, etc.), Lake Drive, Staeth, Aaron's Way, White Birch (lower), Ridgeview, White Birch (middle) to end at Company 3.

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 Program: DIY Days: Snowglobes! Saturday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Children and families in grades 2-8 are welcome to come up-cycle baby food jars into miniature snowglobes.

Teen Programs: Teen Friday: Friday, Dec. 10, 3:30 p.m., in person at the library. For grades 6-12.

Teen Advisory Board: Wednesday, Dec. 15, 6 p.m. Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to provide input to expand the library's YA/Teen collection and offer other tips on events and programs. Teen Advisory Board requires a monthly commitment and participation.

PreTeen Advisory Board: Tuesday, Dec. 28, 5:30 p.m. This is a group of teens who come together to plan and create events and programs they want at the library. All students in 6-8 are welcome to join.

Adult Program: Book Club: Tuesday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m., or Thursday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m. The club will read and discuss Juliet Grames' *The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna*. Register for Tuesday evening or Thursday afternoon.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

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.

Resident on Basketball Team

Eastern Connecticut State University's men's basketball team began its 2021 season on Nov. 9. Among the student athletes on the team is Thomas Close, number 10, a junior from East Hampton.

Close plays point guard and majors in sport and leisure management.

Driver Shortage Causes Cut of Two School Bus Routes

by Jack Lakowsky

Starting this week, East Hampton school buses have two fewer routes, making for more students on rides and changes in times for pick-ups and drop-offs, according to district superintendent Paul Smith.

"Because of staffing shortages we knew weren't able to overcome, we redid our routes," Smith told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday.

Smith said two of the district's smaller routes were consolidated into others, resulting in a whole rerouting.

Previously, Smith told the *Rivereast* the town hadn't experienced driver shortages. Smith said this changed in October.

Smith said rather than scramble the rest of the school year, the administration felt it was better to solidify and make consistent redone routes.

"We're finding two factors that impacted our choice," said Smith, going on to explain that the lengthy bus driver certification process discourages people. Also, the district had two drivers in their hiring pipeline, but they decided to take positions elsewhere.

The district notified parents through emails and hard copy mailings.

Ultimately, the routes are not drastically

different, Smith said.

Smith said unavoidably, buses will be more crowded.

The school chief anticipated the two routes to be reinstated next fall. He said there could be some relief come spring, but that rerouting at such a late stage in the year would sew unneeded chaos.

The district is keeping fingers crossed that the both the economy and labor supply get better.

"A lot of people are still leery about going back to work," said Smith. He went on to say Dattco, the district's bus contractor, has reported it's easier to fill positions in urban areas than it is in suburban towns like East Hampton.

Smith said any parents experiencing issues should get in touch with their student's principal, or their school's main office.

Along with drivers, the district is short substitute teachers, a statewide issue. In addition, the district is looking for paraeducators and interventionists.

All certified full-time teaching positions are filled, Smith said.

EHACC Accepting Capstone Grant Applications

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission is accepting applications from East Hampton High School seniors for two \$250 grants to support an annual East Hampton High School capstone project.

The grant will help support two student's proposed capstone project, a multifaceted assignment that serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students. Capstone projects may take a wide variety of forms including a long-term investigative project that

culminates in a final product, presentation or performance.

Applicants for the grant will be invited to present their capstone project idea to commission members at an agreed-upon commission meeting. Deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

Applications are available at www.arts-foreasthamptonct.org and can be submitted to arts@easthamptonct.org, or can be mailed/dropped off at the town manager's office at the East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

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Tim's Winter Care Car Tips

Tim Feegel, Service Manager

Get Prepared Early While many people truly start to prepare for the rigors of winter in December, it is ideal to make sure your car(s) are prepared for the winter in the early fall. By doing so, you give yourself time to make sure everything is ready – before it's too late.

Consider Getting Snow Tires Snow tires are made of a softer rubber than all-season tires which allows them to retain flexibility, even in the coldest of cold. Tread patterns on these tires also allow for exceptional grip in the snow and ice.

Check Your Fluid Levels Working windshield wipers and a solid supply of wiper fluid will ensure that you and your customers have visibility in the worst of snowstorms. Wiper fluid will get used up quickly if a car is being driven during a snowstorm, for obvious reasons.

Change Your Oil and Find the Proper Viscosity Again, this winter car care tip seems rather simple, however it's another tip that is easy to miss. The cold weather negatively effects oil's effectiveness. The cold climates will make your oil thicker, reducing engine circulation.



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Support Local Artisans at Sweet Jean's This Saturday

by Jack Lakowsky

The pandemic has ravaged businesses enormous and modest. Jack Matthews, co-organizer of an upcoming holiday fair at Sweet Jean's Café, said independent artisans and craftspeople, who depend on customers gathered in a market, are especially hard-hit.

"We decided to give the locals a chance," Matthews told the *Rivereast* last week. Matthews, also a newly published novelist, put the fair together with local craftsperson Jenny Pionzio. "It gives a venue for crafters to sell for the holidays."

The fair will run tomorrow, Saturday, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the café, 13 N. Main Street.

Matthews said 20 vendors are slated to attend, selling knitwear, trinkets, glass art, jewelry, custom wreaths, books and tons of goodies in time for holiday giving.

As an extra boon to vendors, Matthews and Pionzio strove to find a host who'd open their space for free.

"Lots of places charge \$25-\$30 a table," said Matthews. "Some people don't end up making that, and all their profits go to the venue."

Originally, Matthews arranged with the short-lived Robert's Lakehouse.

"They said okay, but then they went out of business," Matthews said, adding he received

no notice from the restaurant's owners.

This could have lost vendors a chance to make some money before the holiday season.

"Sweet Jean's Café stepped up and offered to let us use their space," Matthews said, adding the restaurant will have gift cards for sale. "It was really great; they saved the event for us."

Matthews said they focused on bringing in a variety of artisans, wanting a wide range of creativity.

Hopefully, this won't be the last East Hampton Holiday Fair.

"We're very interested in making this a 'first annual,'" said Matthews.

Matthews has experience running organized events. When he was a professor at Goodwin College in East Hartford, he helped put together a "Kiss a Pig" event, a fundraiser to raise money for student scholarships.

Participants voted from a group of local officials, choosing the principal of East Hartford High School to give the porcine prize a peck. The event raised \$15,000.

"Small businesses have been struggling, it's in the news repeatedly," said Matthews. "Craftspeople are no different, they haven't been able to get out and sell. Come down to support locals and pick up unique items."



A holiday market fair will be held Dec. 11 at Sweet Jean's Café, 13 N. Main St. Organizers wanted to give local artisans – such as Jenny Pionzio – an opportunity to sell the goods they've worked so hard to create.

Epoch Arts Kids' Christmas Party

The Epoch Arts Kids' Christmas Party is back. Parents can drop off their kids ages 5-11 for this festival Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1-4 p.m., at Epoch, 27 Skinner St.

There will be food, cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus, a visit from Santa, stories, crafts and more. Each child will bring home a homemade present that is wrapped to put under the tree. Cost is \$20; ask about a family discount. Register at www.epocharts.org. Pictured here is a scene from a previous year's Kids' Christmas Party.

Greenleaf Stoneware Open Studio

Greenleaf Stoneware by John Macomber, formerly Greenleaf Pottery, is holding its 46th annual Open Studio at Macomber's new home studio, 1 Aarons Way, East Hampton, the next two weekends.

The Open Studio will be Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Masks required. The studio is also open other times by appointment, by calling or texting 860-528-6090.

For more information, visit www.greenleaf-stoneware.com or email john@greenleaf-stoneware.com.

Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. All participants should register programs ahead of time, online at myactivecenter.com or by calling 860-267-4426 or emailing seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov. 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. Visit the senior center online at www.easthamptonct.gov/easthampton-senior-center.

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. **Game Day:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon – space will be available and open to Mahjongg, cribbage, Mexican Train and setback players. Registration required. **Textile Group:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date Dec. 22), at 9:30 a.m. Meet outside, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, it will be inside, with masks recommended. Register online.

Micro Holiday Parties at Po's Rice and Spice: Dec. 12 or 20. Limited seating available. Cost is a \$5 donation. The senior center is sponsoring these parties. Call 860-267-4426 for more information.

Holiday Craft Show: Runs through Dec. 22. Browse holiday homemade crafts, scarves and hats. Shopping hours are Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m.

Book Club: Monday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Evergreen Tidings from Baumgartner by Gretchen Anthony will be discussed. The book is available at the library. Register online to receive the Zoom link. The book club is open to new members; call the senior center for more information.

Holiday Crafting Extravaganza: Wednesday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Make crafts such as holiday mesh wreaths, clay gift tags, macramé, etc. Register online at MyActiveCenter.com or at the senior center.

Movie Theater at the Senior Center: Monday, Dec. 27, 1 p.m. The holiday romantic comedy *Love Actually* will be shown. Snacks provided. Pre-registration required.

Lunch and a Movie Discussion: Tuesday, Dec. 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in person or via Zoom. Bring your own lunch. Discussed this month will be *Love Actually*. Pre-registration required.

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@easthampton.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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at St. Patrick Church, 47 West High St.

All who donate will automatically be entered for the chance to win a private screening for the winner and 50 of their guests of the new film *The Matrix Resurrections*. Donors will also receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card via email.

CT Draft Horse Rescue Capital Campaign

CT Draft Horse Rescue (CDHR) is asking folks to join the effort to 'Raise the Barn' at its East Hampton farm, Autumn Ridge.

A 10,080-sq. ft. barn has been donated and funds are needed to bring the barn to Autumn Ridge and begin construction. The barn plans include: 42 stalls modified to a floor plan to suit farm needs, a medical stall, a vet/farrier treatment area, a feed room, meeting/classroom area, wash stalls, and bathrooms.

The Kaman Family Foundation has pledged \$100,000 when CDHR reaches the challenge amount of \$100,000 between now and the end of February 2022. Over \$30,000 has already been raised.

Currently, the CDHR has taken in all of the horses it can safely accommodate; however, more horses are in need of care and are currently on a waiting list. Donations toward this Capital Campaign will help CDHR build a versatile barn. To donate, go to www.ctdraftrescue.org/raisethebarn.

CDHR is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in East Hampton, CT that is dedicated to saving the lives of draft horses that were bound for slaughter, in addition to victims of starvation, neglect or abuse.

Cowbells for Sale

The Chatham Historical Society now has its 2022 cowbells for sale. This year, the cowbell pictures the giant bell that stands in front of the Chatham Historical Society museum building on Bevin Boulevard. This is the first year that the bell is in color.

The bells can be purchased at the East Hampton Town Hall, in the town clerk's office, and East Hampton Public Library, for \$10 each. They are also available at the museum during monthly Open Houses, which occur on the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Haddam Neck Congregational Church will hold a candlelight Christmas Eve Service with traditional carols and Bible readings at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, in the church sanctuary, 401 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck. All are welcome.

For more information, visit www.haddamneckcongregationalchurch.org.



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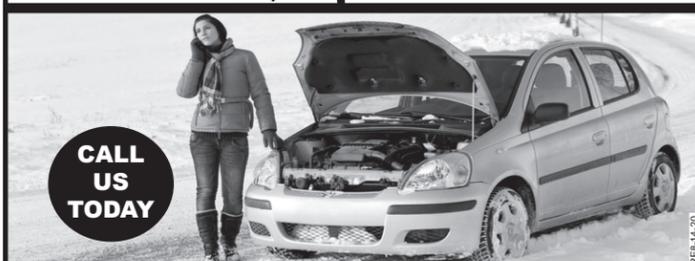
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Salem Man Arrested for Restraining Order Violation

by Jack Lakowsky

On Dec. 1 the East Hampton Police Department arrested 26-year-old Richard Stewart, of Salem, pursuant to four warrants for his arrest.

Stewart is charged with four counts of second-degree harassment, along with two counts of violating a restraining order.

Unable to post the \$135,000 court-set bonds, Stewart was held in police custody till his arraignment on Dec. 2.

He is due in court Jan. 6. According to the state's judicial website, he has been released from custody with a promise to appear.

Stewart is accused of domestic abuse by

way of a text messages sent and phone calls made to the alleged victim. These were violations of a restraining order against the accused, said police.

Stewart was to have no contact with the person who filed the order against him.

East Hampton Police Chief Dennis Woessner did not have information on why the restraining order was issued immediately available.

Along with local law enforcement, help is available 24/7 from the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.



Scouting for Food... East Hampton's Cub Scout Pack 57 recently collected canned goods for the annual "Scouting for Food" food drive. Items collected benefited the East Hampton Food Bank to help community members in need. Pack 57 is open to boys and girls in grades K-5. For more information, visit www.pack57easthampton.com.

Podium Players to Perform Wedding Singer

Podium Players Community Theater will present the musical *The Wedding Singer* Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. All shows will be held at East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St.

Based on the hit Adam Sandler movie, the play is set in 1985, and rock star wannabe Robbie Hart (Ethan Valencia) is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party until his fiancée leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. Enter Julia (Cecilia Stallone), a winsome waitress who wins

his affection. As luck would have it, Julia is about to be married to a Wall Street shark (Peter Doheny), and unless Robbie can pull off the performance of a decade, the girl of his dreams will be gone forever.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors, and \$30 for VIP seating (reserved seats at the front of the auditorium). Tickets can be purchased online at podiumplayers.org, and will be held at 'Will Call' on the date of the performance. Limited tickets will be sold to provide COVID-friendly seating. Masks will be required for all audience members.

Wreaths Across America on Dec. 18

East Hampton's Wreath Across America ceremony, to take place at the Book of Names Memorial, located across the street from the East Hampton VFW Post 5095 at 20 N. Maple St. on Saturday, Dec. 18, at noon, will see an expansion of its program this year. After a private placing of wreaths last year due to the COVID pandemic, this year's ceremony is once again open to the public and an open invitation is extended to all.

Recently, at the State's Veterans' Cemetery in Middletown, another eight soldiers were laid to rest. These soldiers had been forgotten as no family or friend came forward to claim their ashes for burial. At the Dec. 17 East Hampton ceremony, VFW Post 5095 along with the Auxiliary will also honor those eight soldiers. They will receive individual wreaths in honor of their service, and their names will be spoken aloud.

In East Hampton, in addition to the 17 wreaths that will be laid during the ceremony on Dec. 18, the VFW Auxiliary is asking the

public to sponsor additional wreaths to be placed at various soldiers' gravesites in all 12 cemeteries in town. Sponsors are asked to donate \$15 per wreath to help provide as many wreaths as possible. As volunteers place a wreath on a soldier's grave, they repeat the soldier's name aloud.

One can sponsor a wreath by sending a sponsorship form to VFW Post 5095, 20 N. Maple St., East Hampton, CT 06424, c/o Linda Wallace, WAA East Hampton Leader. Checks should be made out to "VFW Auxiliary" with "WAA" on the memo line. Forms can be found at the Post, East Hampton Public Library and at Town Hall. In lieu of a form, send name, address, phone, email, the number of sponsored wreaths at \$15 each with a check to the above address. Donations are also being accepted for the Veterans WAA Fund to help defray the costs of the Auxiliary's monthly Bingo at the Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital sponsored by the Post 5095 Auxiliary and for educational materials.

Send Those Letters to Santa

A special box for all mail addressed to Santa Claus at the North Pole has been placed inside the East Hampton Post Office lobby by Santa's elves. All good little boys and girls from East Hampton are invited to deposit their letters into this mailbox.

The postmaster reminds everyone to be sure to include a return name and address on the envelope or in the letter to Santa. Why? Because Santa plans to answer each and every one of his letters – with the help of his special elves from Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 67813 and the local Post Office.

All letters should be deposited by the close of business Friday, Dec. 17.

Afternoon of Belltown Trivia

The Chatham Historical Society (CHS) and East Hampton Public Library are co-sponsoring an East Hampton Trivia Afternoon Saturday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m., at the East Hampton Public Library community room at 105 Main St.

CHS members Debbie Day and Carol Morris are organizing and moderating the program. All ages are welcome. Prizes will be given and light refreshments will be available.

The event is free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend should register by visiting tinyurl.com/5y4ef6c7 or calling 860-267-6621. Refreshments will be served and good-will donations are accepted.

For more information, call Debbie Day at 860-267-4732, email podskoch@comcast.net, or visit www.chathamhistoricalct.org.

'Belltown Winter Wonderland' Underway

The Belltown Garden Club's 11th annual Winter Wonderland Silent Auction is underway at East Hampton Public Library. The auction will run through Dec. 18.

A number of local and area businesses have been solicited to supplement the gifts donated by club members. Gift baskets, gift cards, decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, centerpieces, artwork, jewelry and other holiday-themed items will be on display in the library for bidding. Proceeds from this community-wide fundraiser will benefit the East Hampton Food and Fuel Banks and projects that serve the needs of East Hampton citizens and the beautification of the town. At the last auction, over \$3,000 was raised.

The public is invited to leave bids during regular library hours. The event culminates at the close of library hours on Saturday, Dec. 18. Due to COVID-19, winning bidders will be contacted by phone to arrange a pick-up time.

For more information, call JoAnn Hewett at 860-267-4129 or Sue LePage at 860-267-8780.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Boy Scout Troop 8 will offer a Christmas tree pick-up, for East Hampton, Middle Haddam and Cobalt residents only, on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022. Suggested donation is \$10 per tree.

Reserve a pick-up at www.troop8.net. Register online and place the tree at the end of your driveway by 7 a.m. Jan. 8. If you are using either check or cash for your donation, place in envelope and tape to your front door. Checks should be made out to Boy Scout Troop 8.

If for some reason you cannot register on the website, you can register by emailing a message with your name, street address and phone number to trees@troop8.net.

No wreaths or garland, please. Trees will be recycled into mulch.

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. Church school is now meeting in the parish hall. Children attending will prepare for participation in the Christmas pageant.

Noon Eucharist will be conducted in the church on Wednesdays during Advent (Dec. 15 and 22).

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.



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Artwork on Display... The December show at the Chatham Gallery at East Hampton Town Hall features the work of Elizabeth Sennett. There are florals and landscapes in both oils and watercolors.

CERT Classes Coming in January

East Hampton residents looking for an opportunity to support the town's first responders as well as their fellow citizens are invited to apply for membership in the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT).

CERT members are trained to provide local, immediate support to emergency responders during a disaster. They perform duties such as shelter support, crowd control, and assistance in evacuations. They also help year-round with preparedness outreach, drills, and fire safety education.

During this past year, East Hampton CERT members assisted with several vaccine clinics, shopped for vulnerable seniors, and directed parking at the Turkey Plunge. Volunteers do not need any particular knowledge, or training prior to enrolling, and there are jobs for all skills, ages, and fitness levels.

A new class is being offered by the East Haddam CERT, and East Hampton residents are invited to participate. Four virtual classes will

be offered Thursday evenings in January, and one in-person, all-day class will be held at Fire Company 1 in East Haddam Saturday, Jan. 29. Deadline for registration is Dec. 30.

Topics covered include disaster preparedness, fire safety, first aid and medical operations, and search and rescue methods. Volunteers must attend all classes or make special arrangements with the instructor.

Following training, members are provided with all needed supplies including safety vests, identifying clothing, hard hats, safety gloves, etc. Members meet once a month for additional training and activity updates.

For more information about CERT, or to register for the upcoming training, contact Rich Klotzbier, emergency management director, at 860-267-0088 or firemarshal@easthamptonct.gov, or Karen Olson at 860-301-6486 or kayo4321@hotmail.com. Leave a message with your contact information.

EHACC Accepting Grant Applications

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission is accepting grant applications from East Hampton organizations and individuals with programs and/or projects designed to enrich the lives of town residents through the arts. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2022, to arts@easthamptonct.org

There are two \$500 grants available to be awarded to individuals or organizations residing in East Hampton. The commission reserves the right to award a grant to an individual or organization it determines will have the most potential impact of arts and/or culture on the town. Incomplete forms will be denied; applicants can resubmit.

Criteria for awarding grants: The artistic and

organizational quality of the organization and/or project and its likelihood of continuing viability or success; and the organization's or project's accessibility and service to the East Hampton community. Grant recipients must credit the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission on all press releases, posters, print advertising and programs.

An interview may be requested of the candidate prior to awarding the grant. An update of your progress will be required six months post-award date and a final report will be required one year post award date.

Applications are available at www.artsforeasthamptonct.org.

Ambulance Volunteers Sought

The East Hampton Ambulance Association is looking for additional members to help provide emergency medical services to the residents of East Hampton and Haddam Neck.

Certified EMTs should be 18 years old. Training is available for those without certification, with a \$600 scholarship toward training costs. There are stipends for additional hours and a town sponsored Stipend for full members. You do not need to live in East Hampton, but you must be in town during your scheduled shifts. Flexible shifts are available.

The ambulance association has a modern building with internet/cable, kitchen, sleeping quarters, showers, washer/dryer and more. Members range from college students to retired individuals. 911 emergency calls only; no inter-facility transfers.

EHAA is a private, non-fire-based organization that relies on insurance billing, and is not town-funded. Contact the association for more information, at info@ehems.org or 860-267-9679.

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. Refreshments are served after the service.

Third Sunday in Advent: The message is "Loves Joy."

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.

Community Christmas Party: Saturday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m.

Bible Study: The Zoom Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 7-8:15 p.m. The next study will be Dec. 16. This is an interactive study of compassion as seen in Jesus.

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.



And the Winner Is... Lions District 23C Governor Michelle Wyatt (left) and East Hampton Lions Scholarship Chairman Tom Denman hold the winning ticket from the East Hampton Lions' annual Scholarship Raffle. The ticket was drawn Nov. 21 at Lions Pavilion at Sears Park and resident Gary Bailey was the big winner, taking home the \$2,021 grand prize.

Parks and Rec. Selling Hockey Tix

Parks and Recreation is selling tickets to the Saturday, Feb. 26, Hartford Wolfpack game at the XL Center. Face-off is at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 each. To purchase, call 860-267-7300 or visit easthamptonrec.com.



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★ Gun Range Facility cont. from page 1

Many of the letters used remarkably similar terminology, saying the "archery, axe-throwing and eatery" will benefit the town's coffers, and that customers will be under the "watchful eye" of NRA-certified instructors.

Several supporters said the facility will mitigate the din of gunfire. Earlier this year, the town received multiple complaints about prolonged volleys of gunfire, going off at all hours of the day. The town attempted to push a new noise ordinance that was ultimately retracted.

Patrick Esposito, a 78-year Portland resident, said the facility would encourage and teach safe handling of firearms.

Other benefits several named included new jobs and revenue to town, and the improvement of "eyesore" property.

The parcel that will hold Pizzi's building has been unoccupied for nearly 40 years, since 1983. It was previously a drive-in movie theater.

Daniel and Denise Sullivan wrote to say the business will be among the many positive changes occurring in town, a "safe facility, operated and overseen by experts."

Jennifer Agosta said she thinks the facility will help reduce the negative stigma guns have.

Richard Agosta said Pizzi's business is state of the art, a vast improvement over the outdated ranges throughout the state.

Two representatives of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League, a lobbying group that "protects Second Amendment rights," submitted a letter to the meeting.

They said firearm users must have already passed background checks, and that it will be a safe space for law enforcement to practice shooting. They added it "in no way encourages violence."

The group said the business will not promote a vigilante mentality, and that claims to the con-

trary are "unfounded."

Mat Pegold, of PegArch Architecture in Portland, described the building's security measures.

To start, Pegold said the lower portion of the structure will have no windows. The first floor of the building will be reinforced concrete. Bollards will be built at all entrances, to prevent vehicles from ramming through.

Pegold said retail guns will be in secure lockboxes. To enter the range, customers must check in with a safety officer.

If all goes according to plan, a prominent, freestanding sign will be built, measuring about 22 square feet, Pegold said. Pegold said the building's color is still to be determined.

Pegold also said the building will be sound-proofed, and that extensive acoustics studies have been done.

Pizzi said people cannot simply walk in, and that the operation is controlled tightly.

Pizzi said, for safety, he did not want to further detail the store's security protocols. He said when pistols were stolen from his store earlier this year, Portland police arrived in under 40 seconds.

Employees will be trained in stabilizing severe wounds or other emergencies.

Pizzi said an incident of an active shooter on a gun range is "nearly unheard of."

Christine Randazzo, the project's landscape designer, said right now, the empty lot is overrun with invasive species. Designers will add native, pollinator-friendly plants to the site.

Judy Schuler, project engineer, and president and cofounder of East-West Engineering in West Hartford, said the site's design "preserves and promotes" the town's "character."

"It's a state-of-the-art [gun range] facility, a rarity for this area," Schuler said.

Holiday Barn Sale at Historic Home

by Sloan Brewster

A blazing fire crackled in the large old fireplace in the barn at the corner of Hebron and Gilead Roads last Friday and Saturday as artisans sold handmade items and spent time with good friends.

A Holiday Barn Sale, it was the third barn sale homeowners Mark and Darlene Risle have had this year, according to Darlene Risle.

When they moved in in August after spending a year and a half on various updates and restorations, Risle, who owns She Shed Creations in the Shops at Marlborough Barn on North Main Street in Marlborough, thought the barn would be a nice setting to expand her own business and for vendors to sell wares. For each of the three barn sales, Risle said she has partnered with different vendors.

The idea is to open the barn to various sellers and give them some exposure, she said, adding, "it's a great outlet to expand my own business and to drive people into my shop."

The first two sales included myriad vintage items.

This time Risle, who specializes in vintage items including sleighs, buggy seats, carriage jacks, old refrigerator window boxes and also does some repurposing and painting, reached out to her fellow artisans.

Warmed by the cozy fire, the barn was filled with tables of trinkets and unique finds from local shops, including Over AndOver, on Route 6 in Andover, which according to Risle works "strictly with super local people."

Artisan sellers with no "brick-and-mortar" shops, such as elainthesun, and Dandy Fly Studios, were also featured.

Elainthesun owner, Elaine Duchaineau of Middletown, upcycles vintage and used fabrics,

adding embroidery and preventing an unglamorous fate from befalling the textiles.

"She saves fabric from the landfill, which has become a huge problem in this country," Risle said. "It is humongous."

"It's really scary when we think about the amount of stuff we throw away," Duchaineau echoed.

In the barn, several used jean jackets hung on an armoire, on each Duchaineau had stitched a different design. There was a tree of life on the back of one, a dragonfly on another and a pink rose on a third. The back of one jacket was adorned with Duchaineau's logo – a sun with the words "I'll follow the sun" sewn above it.

Duchaineau also personalizes jean jackets already loved by someone, Risle said.

"Elaine loves it when you give her your jean jacket (to embroider) because we all have a personal preference how our jean jacket fits," Risle said.

There were also flannel shirts embellished with various designs and a wool blanket Duchaineau salvaged found new life as a pillow cover.

Dandy Fly Studios owner, Wendy Magnifico of Glasonbury, works with vintage items and, according to Magnifico, transforms them "into something cool for your house."

Inside, on a table with Magnifico's wares were decorative trees atop antique doorknobs. Her best seller, Magnifico said she had sold 40 during the two-day sale.

"I love it," she said of the event. "It's great atmosphere. Darlene does a great job setting everything up here."

Other vendors had other items, including discarded books altered by folding the pages into various shapes. Vintage silverware and candy



This restored historic barn on the corner of Hebron and Gilead Roads is the site of barn sales a few times a year. The most recent one – last Friday and Saturday – was rife with artisans selling unique handmade items.

dishes were metamorphosed into jewelry.

A bowl of antique buttons worked into magnets were creations of Risle, who said she's always on the hunt for more old buttons.

Pam Schlegel of Marlborough showed off sculptures made from driftwood, stones and gems. A sailboat she carved from a piece of wood she found at the beach was decorated with a real fishing net.

There was also a fundraiser.

A Christmas tree decorated with ornaments made by all the artisans was raffled, Risle said. The proceeds will be used to make new baby clothes for the Keep Baby Warm Program for

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford.

Michelle Quincy of Marlborough, whose wares included the aforementioned altered books, said she was having a good sale day while spending time with "a bunch of good friends."

"Everybody helps each other out," Magnifico added.

Risle said she is not sure when her next barn sale will take place but that she plans on holding them on occasion throughout the year. A story on the restoration project of Risle's 18th century home also appears below.

For the Love of Home

by Sloan Brewster

The Well Sweep in Andover is being lovingly restored.

The home on the corner of Hebron and Gilead roads has sat there since 1742, according to current owner Darlene Risle. The ell off the back of the larger colonial house in front may be the original structure, possibly there since about 1713, but land records don't go back that far, so Risle said she doesn't know for sure.

A large oak tree in front has been growing since the colonial portion of the house was built and a stone well in front was the source of water for the home's inhabitants until 1939, Risle said. Neighbors who have stopped by since she and her husband Mark Risle purchased the home a year and a half ago have said the original well sweep that was used to draw water up from the well was still affixed until about 10 years ago.

That is how the home got its name, she said.

A window and pump room were installed in the basement in 1939, which is when Risle said she thinks running water was brought to the home.

The Risles moved into the home in August. Initially planning on downsizing to a ranch with an in-ground swimming pool, they found themselves looking at historic homes instead and almost purchased one in Amston before Mark Risle, found the Well Sweep.

"As soon as I walked through I was like oh my God, I love the house," Risle said.

Her husband, however, wasn't quite sure about it, so they sat on the notion of buying it for the weekend and decided to go for it early the following week.

Since buying the home they have been restoring it, though Risle said they are "not purists"

"We do have no intension of living like someone did in 1742," she said.

Rather, she said, they are working to retain some of the home's "bone structure." Darlene said a resounding fact about everyone who has ever lived in the house, is that they have cared for it and she and her husband are following suit.

"It's the first house that I have ever lived in that I don't feel like it's my house," she said. "It's kind of like we're taking care of it and we're really committed to getting the structural stuff firmed up."

Mark Risle, a carpenter by trade, took on the big carpentry jobs, such as repointing the chimney and Darlene Risle was tasked with getting the flooring, which was original and seemingly in rough shape, up to snuff.

She said the quest to restore the flooring kept her up at night on the internet searching "long and hard" for answers about how to do it.

"Once you get past like 140 years or something, it just goes dark," she said.

Unable to find answers online, she turned to

a professional that salvages antique wood and asked him to come out and take a walk-thru the house and give her a consultation to help her get started and send her in "the right direction."

The man told them the floors -- a mix of chestnut and white oak -- were actually in good shape. He talked to the Risles about details, such as the shape of the boards and why they were wider at one end and narrower at the other, a takeaway from the home's builders using entire trees.

"They literally used everything," Risle said.

They were also coated in paint.

"You're going to have to learn to live with paint," Darlene said the pro advised. "Because if you remove the paint, start sanding this wood, putting strippers on it, you're going to remove all the history of the house."

So the Risles have been pulling the boards up one-by-one and using less harsh methods to restore them. Darlene Risle said she has been able to scrape off some paint with Krud Kutter and a scrub brush and added Howards Restor-A-Finish to the boards and buffed them with a car buffer.

She laughed when this reporter commented that she had said they weren't purists.

"It's things like that, though, that were like it's so much part of the house," she replied. "It's kind of the biggest part of the house that speaks to you."

Now that that part is done, the Risles are laying the boards back down, board-by-board as they move through the rooms.

The floor that was in the worst condition was in the ell, where it had sunk, leaving a deep hole. The Risles had to raise it back up to level it and realign the doorway with the floor, Risle said.

They also moved the staircase to the opposite side of the house and widened the narrow steep stairs, bringing it up to code.

The Risles have also restored their bedroom and modernized and enlarged the home's two bathrooms. Risle said the first floor bathroom was a tiny space with a toilet and small shower that was "ready to fall through." They removed a hallway and closet, incorporating the space into the bathroom and put in a large shower that their daughter, who is in a wheelchair, can access.

They followed the same footprint in the upstairs bathroom but used different tiles, Risle said.

Every room in the house has a working fireplace and the Risles have had a new screen made for them.

They have also replaced the furnace, and done a lot of cleaning and planning, Darlene said. The last owner started a replacement project on the home's exterior, putting in new siding by hand with hand cut nails and the Risles will be putting on a new roof in the next couple weeks.

"So we've got stuff happening," Risle said.



Darlene Risle, of She Shed Creations in Marlborough, stands with some of the items she had for sale during a barn sale last Saturday at her historic home on the corner of Hebron and Gilead Roads in Andover. The house, which is behind Risle, is an 18th century home she and her husband are restoring.

Restoring the Barn

The Risles spent the first nine months after buying the property "keeping the barn standing," Risle said.

It had a cedar shingle roof with holes and a lean-to portion in the back was covered with a tattered tarp. The floor boards were missing, all the windows were broken and the sill around the foundation was rotted.

Mark Risle stripped the roof out, installed a new one and repointed and recapped the chimney. He replaced rotted beams inside the barn with new ones and had barn boards cut for new siding and installed that. He also fixed the foundation sill by jacking up sections of the structure and pouring a new foundation with custom made cement.

Mark Risle replaced the broken windows with windows from a historic house on Route 44 in Avon and installed lighting he got from a job he did on a retail space.

"The barn really took a lot of time," Darlene Risle said.

On Saturday, during a Holiday Barn Sale, folks sat in comfortable chairs around the large fireplace, the blazing fire keeping them and the entire barn cozy and warm.

History

History of the property is sparse, according to Darlene, but she said a large track of land around it, consisting of hundreds of acres was originally owned by a captain named Joseph Svetland, whose family name "somewhere along the line" was changed to Sweetland.

Svetland had five sons and gifted each one

100 acres of land. One of the men received the acreage around the Risle's property and built the house, though Darlene said she does not know his name.

She said she was able to find more information about the home's history during the late eighteenth century.

"No one famous [lived there]," she said. "It just seemed like the house was always in the hands of people who loved it."

She said the home's owners always maintained the bones of the house and that it was a working farm at one point, was Tinkers Teahouse at another and was also a restaurant.

"It was rumored to have been a prohibition bar in the barn at one time. I don't know that to be true," she said. "A lot of folklore I think comes with houses like this."

The Risles have connected with former owners of the home on Facebook and Instagram, including a family that owned it 40 years ago, Risle said.

"For us, it's been great, they really cheer us on," she said. "They're just rooting for the house."

She said her favorite part of being in the home and being a part of its history is being part of something that will be around in another hundred years.

"We're really looking forward to the time when we can kind of live in it every day, day-to-day without a huge project on the radar," she said. "We're just looking forward to getting a point where it's hey we just live here. We're going to come home, sit in the barn, have a cocktail, light a fire pit or do a little bit of gardening. We're not there yet, we're in total work mode."

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COVID-19 Likely to Spread Throughout the Holidays

by Jack Lakowsky

Chatham Health District Director Russel Melmed told the *Rivereast* that in the most recent reporting period, the district had the exact same amount of new COVID-19 infections – 270 – as it did at the same time last year.

“Over the next six, seven weeks, cases are going to go up,” Melmed said on Monday.

“I think it’s going to be very similar to last year.”

The Chatham Health District acts as the municipal health department for Colchester, East Hampton, East Haddam, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland.

On Tuesday, Gov. Ned Lamont’s office reported more than an 8% positivity rate, the highest since January.

Melmed said he expects a peak around the start of the new year, followed by a decline, a mirror of late 2020 and early 2021.

Melmed said this year, there are two key differences. The first is that last year, people were more cautious about keeping gatherings small.

The second, and foremost, is vaccines. Chiefly, vaccinations will reduce the strain

on hospitals. Melmed said at this time last year, COVID-19 hospitalized 1,200. This year, that number is 414.

The latter number is according to the state’s in-depth pandemic update, dated Dec. 2, the latest available.

According to a Dec. 6 report from Lamont’s office, about 77% of patients hospitalized by COVID-19 are not fully vaccinated.

Since the start of the pandemic, almost 9,000 Connecticut residents have died of the virus. Since the end of November, there have been 44.

Around 300 of the dead are from Middlesex County, with another 100 likely.

All of Chatham’s towns are listed as “red” or having high transmission rates.

In a Tuesday meeting of the Portland Board of Education, Portland school’s superintendent Charles Britton said the region is moving in the wrong direction.

Overall, Britton said, Chatham district’s case rate is almost 32 per 100,000 residents, the highest since the start of the year. Portland’s is 28.5/100,000, as high as it was in February.

Portland’s vaccination rate, Britton said, is the highest in Chatham, with 72% of adults fully vaccinated, above the Chatham average of about 69%.

Like many schools in the district, Portland Middle School held a second dose and booster clinic last Friday.

A pediatric vaccine clinic for ages 5-11 will run at Jack Jackter Intermediate School Intermediate School, 215 Halls Hill Road, Colchester.

According to Chatham’s website, there will be a clinic on Dec. 17 at RHAM High School, 85 Wall St., Hebron, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Colchester has been hit hardest, according to state data, with 100 new cases between mid-November and Dec. 2. The rest, East Hampton, Portland, Marlborough, Hebron and East Haddam, are seeing new cases in the dozens.

The state says unvaccinated people are 5 times more susceptible to COVID-19, 31 times more likely to die, and 11 times more likely to be hospitalized.

“Vaccines work,” said Melmed. “They’re here and they’re available.”

Melmed said about 30% of Connecticut is unvaccinated. He said this number is slowly improving.

The health director said up until recently, Chatham’s booster clinics were slow. Following the onset of the Omicron variant – whose presence in the state was just discovered – the clinics suddenly got slammed.

Clinics don’t ask why a person is getting a

shot, so whether the Omicron was the main reason people rolled up their sleeves, or one among many, remains unclear, Melmed said, adding there isn’t enough data on Omicron to decide whether it’s more or equally worrisome to prior variants.

“It’s been a really interesting shift,” said Melmed.

He said at a recent booster clinic at Marlborough Elementary School, 80 people got their booster, a four-fold increase over what Chatham had been considering a good day.

In fact, they ran out of doses, and several people had to be turned away.

Melmed himself went to get his booster at that clinic. He said, as he doesn’t pull rank, he waited in line with the other vaccinees. When he learned there was shortage, he gave up his spot in line.

“Something changed,” said Melmed. “We need to plan for vaccinators and more shots at clinics.”

Melmed said now is a great time to get a booster, finish getting vaccinated or getting their first jab.

Melmed said at the very least, the vaccine resistant should get a test before seeing groups of friends and family.

For the most up-to-date information from the State of Connecticut on COVID-19, residents are encouraged to visit ct.gov/coronavirus. Subscribe to text message alerts from the state by texting the keyword COVIDCT to 888-777.

High School Winter Sports Guidelines Released

by Josh Howard

On Nov. 29, the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) released updated guidelines for the winter high school sports season.

The CIAC collaborated closely with the state Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Connecticut State Medical Society Sports Medicine Committee (CSMS) to develop a revised set of guidelines, which includes permitting vaccinated student-athletes to participate in all competition without a mask.

In a joint statement, between the CIAC, CT DPH, and the CSMS, the organizations stated, “Vaccination of all eligible athletes, coaches, and officials is currently the most important mitigation strategy we have available for preventing COVID-19 and flu outbreaks on youth sports teams, and in the surrounding communities that support them.”

Additionally, one of the major perks for getting vaccinated is that individuals who are vaccinated and symptom-free do not need to quarantine if exposed to a COVID-19 case.

Vaccinated individuals with symptoms must quarantine for 14 days or a minimum of 10 days with a negative test on the eighth day.

Unvaccinated athletes, with or without symptoms, must quarantine for 14 days or a minimum of 10 days with a negative test on the eighth day.

The new guidelines will go into effect Dec. 23, when schools are released for winter break.

As of now, all winter sports will play a full schedule, including multi-team events and interstate competition, and culminate in CIAC State Championships.

Basketball, ice hockey, indoor track, and cheerleading/dance will not require masks for fully vaccinated participants when competing, but masks must be worn in all other settings (practice, sidelines, bench, locker rooms, etc.). Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated participants must wear a mask at all times.

For wrestling, swimming/diving, and gymnastics, masks should not be worn during competition, but must be worn in all other settings, regardless of vaccination status.

During the 2020-21 winter sports season, all student-athletes were required to wear masks both in and out of competition, with the exception of swimming/diving. Each sport had an abbreviated schedule with limited postseason play and state tournaments were not held. Wrestling was considered a high-risk/close contact sport and was limited to practice/conditioning only.

The CIAC added that, until the winter break, schools should use the existing fall guidelines in place, which includes masking indoors. After Dec. 23, schools can implement the new masking guidelines at their discretion.

Schools can also continue to determine the spectator/fan attendance policy on a case-by-case basis.

Currently, all winter sports have begun practicing with regular season games/meets slated to begin on Dec. 13.

As they have done since modified guidelines were introduced, the CIAC emphasized that “the current plan is fluid and in a perpetual state of evaluation.”

For more information or to read the CICA’s full guidelines, visit ciacsports.com.

National Audubon Society’s Christmas Bird Count

The 47th annual Salmon River Christmas Bird Count will be held Sunday, Dec. 19.

This is part of The National Audubon Society’s Christmas Bird Count, which is the longest-running community science bird project in the country. The data obtained provides information about the condition of birds, and hence the environment, the society said.

The count circle touches several towns, including parts of Marlborough, Colchester, East Hampton and Portland.

The society’s 10 team captains will lead their groups into the field to count as many birds and

bird species that they see. New counters are always welcome. The society asks those unable to get out that day, and whose homes lie within a 7.5-mile radius centered around the Comstock River Covered Bridge in Colchester, to keep an eye on their backyards and birdfeeders throughout the day and night of Dec. 19 so that their data can be included in the final tally.

If you’re interested in participating, visit the Mattabesock Audubon Society’s website at www.audubon-mas.org or send an email to co-compilers Sharon Dellinger at rsdell@comcast.net or Doreen Jezek at dajeze@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Prevention Partner Drawing

The Chatham Health District is announcing a “COVID-19 Prevention Partner Drawing”. Licensed restaurants and hair or nail salons are invited to enter into a drawing to have their 2022 annual license fee waived or refunded. All a business has to do to enter the drawing is adopt a new policy or practice aimed at reducing the burden of COVID-19 on the community, the health district said.

The Chatham Health District covers Colchester, East Hampton, East Haddam, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland.

“I appreciate everything our licensed businesses have done to keep their staff, patrons, and our community safe from COVID-19 over the past two years,” said Russell Melmed, direc-

tor of the Chatham Health District. “We look at this program as a way to encourage these businesses to continue playing an important role as trusted public health messengers in our community, while giving them a chance for a modicum of regulatory financial relief.”

All submissions will be evaluated by Chatham Health District for their potential impact on COVID-19 transmission, and if determined to generally meet the intent of the program, will be entered into the drawing. Up to 30 restaurants and 10 salons will be randomly drawn as winners. Winners will be distributed proportionately based on their license category and the number of entries received.



East Hampton residents Amarylla Ingala, left, and Maya Dobson, right, will perform as Spanish Dancer and Flower, respectively, in this weekend’s production of *The Nutcracker*, taking place at Manchester High School this weekend.

Area Residents in *Nutcracker*

Local students from area towns will perform in Connecticut Concert Ballet’s 2021 *Nutcracker* production, being performed at Manchester High School’s Bailey Auditorium this weekend, Dec. 11 and 12, at noon and 4 p.m. both days.

Professionally staged with full costumes and lighting, this production will highlight 160 of Connecticut Concert Ballet’s local students alongside professional guest artists. Local dancers performing include:

Amston: Isabelle Kreamer, dancing the lead role of Young Clara;

Andover: Gianna DeSimone, a graduating senior this year, who will be dancing the lead roles of Ballerina Doll, Lead Snowflake, Chinese Dance Soloist, and Rosebud.

East Hampton: Abigail Chrin, dancing the lead role of Archangel and Marzipan Demi-Soloist, as well as Rat, Snowflake, and Flower; Maya Dobson, dancing the lead role of Archangel and Arabian Dance Demi-Soloist, as well as Rate, Snowflake, and Flower; Amarylla Ingala, dancing featured roles as Lieutenant, Snowflake, Angel, and Spanish Dancer.

Colchester: Oakley Adams, performing the roles of Queen Mouse Attendant and Chinese Corps de ballet; Lauren Emmons, performing the roles of Clara’s Friend and Chinese Corps de ballet; Charles Mauldin, performing the roles of Toyshop Nutcracker Doll, Queen Mouse Attendant, Ribbon Candy.

Marlborough: Emmeline Trinh, performing the role of Gingerbread Girl.

Proper mask usage for all audience members, staff and volunteers, regardless of age or vaccination status, will be required.

Also, there will be a 50% reduction in audience capacity. Only 600 tickets per performance will be available. There will be one empty seat between each block of tickets purchased. Tickets are available online only.

For Zone 1, tickets are 45 for adults and \$35 for children 12 and under. For Zone 2, tickets are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at CTConcertBallet.org.

Call 860-418-7294 for show information.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Richard Lee Livingston

Richard Lee "Catfish" Livingston, 65, of Had-dam, formerly of East Hampton, passed away Friday, Dec. 3, at his home. Born May 12, 1956, in Germany, he was the son of the late Norman and Ellen (Smith) Livingston.



Richard graduated from Manchester High School and had retired from Pratt & Whitney where he had worked as a jet engine mechanic for 45 years. He was a life member of the NRA, a member of the Middletown Moose Club, and enjoyed riding motorcycles, boating, camping and flying model airplanes. Catfish also enjoyed raising his pet racoons.

He is survived by his son, Jason Livingst- on and his girlfriend Rachel McCann of East Hampton; two daughters, Stacy Erlandson of Portland, Tory Reilly and companion John McKittrick of Branford; his three grandchild- ren, Alyssa, Christopher and Cassie.

He was predeceased by his brother, Norman Livingston, and his sister, Ellen McGuinness.

Friends may call at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, today, Fri- day, Dec. 10, from 5-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Marlborough

Richard Fernley Banbury

Richard Fernley Ban- bury, born Aug. 20, 1938, in Hartford, and longtime resident of the Lake Ter- ramuggus community in Marlborough, passed away Thursday, Dec. 2. He was the son of Richard Hope Banbury and Geraldine Foley Banbury of Hart- ford.



He leaves his wife of 27 years, Nicolette Banbury; six adult children whom he lovingly raised, and 12 engaging and wonderful grand- children – son Michael Banbury and his wife Jillian, grandchildren Jackson and Colby; son Anthony Banbury and his wife Wendy, grand- children Sara, Eliza, James, and Sawyer; daughter Andrea Banbury and her husband Alex Cox, grandchildren Quincy and Emilia; daughter Jennifer Banbury and her husband Adam Davidson, grandson Asher; daughter Samantha Shusterman and her husband Carl Nil- son, grandchildren Rosalie and Richard; and son Thomas Shusterman and wife Amy, grand- son Nathan.

Richard graduated from Yale University in 1960, with a B.A. in economics. He went on to Yale Law School and graduated in 1963. He was chair of the Jerome Frank Legal Aid Soci- ety in 1963, and a Guggenheim Fellow at Yale Law School in 1976-77. Richard served as a law clerk to Associate Justice John P. Cotter of the Connecticut Supreme Court, and later, as state's attorney and then chief assistant attorney

for Hartford County, for a total of eight years. In 1978, he joined the firm of Rome McGuigan, P.C. and its predecessors, working principally as a civil litigator, often in defense of profes- sional liability cases, as an arbitrator, and de- fense counsel for the Mohegan Tribe of Indians and the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, de- fending claims in the Mohegan Gaming Dis- putes Court and Appellate Court. He served for over 25 years on the Connecticut Bar Examin- ing Committee, and 30 years as the executive director and counsel to the Council on Probate Judicial Conduct in Connecticut.

Aside from the professional accomplish- ments, Richard was a kind and compassionate man who strived to be respectful in all his re- lationships. He loved family life, his colleagues at Rome McGuigan, friends, the Yale com- munity, the study of law, all sports, swimming in Lake Terramuggus, tennis, writing, reading, mentoring, and teaching. There was a special love and kinship he shared with his Yale class- mates, and he authored their 1960 class notes for 18 years, until he no longer could because of declining health. Yale football was a passion of his, and he looked forward all year to the fall season and reading about preseason skirmishes at the Yale Bowl with his college roommate Bob Walsh!

He would occasionally write opinion articles that the *Hartford Courant* published and was an active participant on numerous Marlborough town committees and the Democratic Party throughout his life.

Services will be held privately by the family. All are welcome to share memories and/or con- dolences online at www.mulryanfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to either The Richmond Memorial Li- brary Association, at 15 School Drive, Marlbor- ough, CT 06447, or to the Yale Class of 1960 in Memory of Richard Banbury, attention: Yale Alumni Association, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010.

Colchester

Doris Marie Green

Doris Marie (Hall) Green, 95, wife of the late Edward N. Green, died surrounded by her lov- ing family on Monday, Dec. 6. Daughter of the late Clara (McKeever) and John Hall, she was born April 10, 1926, in Norwalk.

Doris found her passion in her family and loved ones, always offering her care, concern, and a friendly hug. She was known for her hu- mor and lighthearted demeanor. She also had a great love of music and playing the organ.

Doris is survived by her loving family: a son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Karen Green of Ottsville, Pa.; daughter, Patricia Green of Mid- dletown; and daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Larry Bachman of Stevens, Pa. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren, Amber Clark of Colorado, Luke Clark of Pennsylvania, Tara Salvadori of Berlin, Stacey Czepiel of Colches- ter, Miranda Bashjian of Pennsylvania, Krista Lastrina of Middletown, and Tiffany Poirrier of Pennsylvania; as well as 17 beloved great- grandchildren, Kristina, Nickolas, Mia, Jaeden, Kayden, Lena, Ava, Cheyan, Jesse, Alessan- dra, Naomi, Joel, Liana, Cecilia, Ryan, Michael and Astrid; as well as a great-great granddaugh- ter, Vera. She also leaves behind her sister, Shir- ley Erickson of Delaware and brother-in-law, James Green of New Jersey.

She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Hall.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m., from the Coughlin-Lastrina Fu- neral Home, 491 High St., Middletown. Burial will be in the family plot in the Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown. Friends may call at the funeral home today, Friday, Dec. 10, from 5-7 p.m.

Colchester

Frances Woods LaVigne

Frances (Fran) Woods LaVigne, 78, formerly of Colchester and Manches- ter, passed away Sunday, Nov. 28, in Naples, Fla. Wife of Joseph LaVigne, Fran was born in Stafford Springs July 27, 1943, to Francis and Fanny Barret Woods.



She graduated from Champlain College, University of Connecticut and Southern Con- necticut State University, earning an associ- ate's, bachelor's and two master's degrees. She enjoyed a 28-year career as a home econom- ics teacher at RHAM Middle School. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and teacher.

Fran enjoyed her family, good friends, flow- ers, and traveling. She filled her time with cook- ing, entertaining, gardening, reading, knitting, quilting and sunsets on the beach. Her recent passion was growing orchids and enjoying the Florida sunshine. Fran was fascinated by fam- ily history and did extensive research into the family tree of immediate and extended family members.

Fran is survived by her husband of 57 years and two children: Stephanie (LaVigne) Ban- croft and her husband Paul from Andover, Christopher LaVigne and his wife Deborah Reelitz of Granby. She also leaves behind five grandchildren: Colin Bancroft of Utica, N.Y., Austin LaVigne of Mechanicsville, Md., Alex- andra LaVigne of Dallas, Ga., Ethan LaVigne of Hulbert Field, Fla., and Benjamin LaVigne of Granby.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 4-7 p.m., at Tierney Funeral Home in Manchester.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Harry Chapin Food Band, harrychapinfood- band.org.

Andover

Faye M. Hoisington

Faye M. Hoisington – Andover – May 1, 1930- Dec. 5, 2021.

Faye would just like to let everyone know her work around here is over. She was called to a new job and says the benefits cannot be refused. Af- ter an amazing career of some 91+ years she has decided to retire to paradise. Faye said she felt blessed to be a part of so many peoples' lives and the memories will last forever. She had so many great things to say about her community in Andover and all those who crossed her path.

Faye stated that her newest venture would take her away from her greatest accomplish- ment, her pride and joy, her family, whom she will miss with all her heart. Her oldest son Tim- othy, middle son Gregory and youngest Terry were her proudest achievements. Gregory's wife Janet and Terry's wife Judy were family from day one and mentored by Faye's strong matriarchal spirit. Then came the grandchildren – Kera, Ryan (wife Katie), Georgia (husband Brian) and Annie whom all kept her busy and entertained (these kids were very spoiled...per- sonal grocery lists were a real thing). Last but not least, Grandma Faye got to spend quality time with seven great-grandchildren as well. She bragged and boasted about all her children.

With Faye embarking on this new adventure she realized she would be seeing her late hus-



band Stewart. Together they would be able to look upon their family from afar and just like the old days the two could reminisce about their incredible journey they had: vacations on the Cape with the family, visits with lifelong friends, and most of all...Christmas. Faye em- bodies the spirit of Christmas and wants every- one to know that she will miss the joy of that day/season with her family and friends.

The family would like to add that their mother, grandmother, great-grandmother was an amazing woman. We were all blessed and better people to have had her in our lives. Faye was a strong, independent, and generous loving person. Dignified and tough as nails...always tending to her family's needs. We love you so much!!!

A special thanks to Faye's companions and caregivers, Marcia and Vera, for being there for her every need as retirement approached.

The family will be having a celebration of life service with a date to be determined.

Anyone who wishes to honor Faye can make a donation to the First Congregational Church in Andover and/or the Andover Volunteer Fire Department .

Portland

Mary Ann Leclerc

Mary Ann Leclerc, 61 of 150 Peters Lane, Mid- dlefield, passed suddenly but peacefully on Nov. 26. She was born Feb. 8, 1960.

Mary Ann was support- ed in the community by Aspiree Day Program and MARC Recreation Pro- gram. She was a multi-medaled Special Olym- pian and enjoyed bowling. She had a passion for making beaded necklaces and loved playing Bingo. She also liked to color and make latch hook rugs.

Mary Ann is survived by her parents, Henry and Nancy Leclerc of Portland; and her siblings: Kathy and her husband Rick Granata of Col- chester, Ricky and his wife Margaret Leclerc of East Haddam, and Michael and his wife Eliza- beth Leclerc of North Carolina; as well as her nieces and nephews, Christopher, Evin, Sarah, Thomas, Ally, Riley, Sophia and Bailey.

Her friends and family will miss her beau- tiful soul.

Memorial donations made be made to MARC, 25 Industrial Park Rd., Middletown, CT 06457 Att: Lisa, Rec Program.



Colchester

Mark Brian St. John

Mark Brian St. John, 64, of Colchester, passed away Monday, Dec. 6, in Groton, where he had recently been residing. Born Oct. 11, 1957, in Caribou, Maine, he was a son of the late Lionel and Dolores (Nadeau) St. John.

Mark was retired after having worked as an automotive mechanic for Monaco Ford in Glastonbury. His job was a la- bor of love, as he was an automotive enthusiast and loved living in the fast lane. In his spare time, Mark enjoyed fishing. Most importantly, he loved his children and grandchildren.

He will be sadly missed but always remem- bered with love by his daughter, Ashley and her husband Zachary Jascowski of Colchester; his son, Bryan and his wife Megan St. John of Severn, Md.; his former spouse and friend, Debbie St. John of Clinton; his cat, "Baby"; two brothers, Thomas and Antoni St. John, both of Florida; two sisters, Deborah Torres of East Hartford and Katherine St. John of Colchester; two grandchildren, Everleigh and Tatum St. John; and numerous extended family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased

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cure.” – Ben Franklin

After a tragedy, we all review what could have been done to prevent it. Who is responsible? We all are if we don't stop it! Do something to prevent the next tragedy! Put the guns down and lock them away! Use your voice and the power of your pen or email, phone or Twitter to protest!

Please prepare and deliver your protest ASAP before Dec. 16, to the Portland Planning and Zoning Commission and/or First Selectman Ryan Curley.

The final Zoom meeting on this issue of the Portland Planning and Zoning Commission is to be held on Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. Find online access by going to portlandct.org and pushing the Zoom Meeting A button.

Laurel Bonham-Duvall – Portland

Many Thanks

To the Editor:

Many thanks to our Superintendent Bruneau, Principal Briody, sixth-grade teacher, Ms. Weber and the sixth-graders who helped with the outreach intergenerational program with our Andover seniors, Jack, Summer, Ava, Braeilyn and Kyle.

To our surprise, there was no heat in the community room Friday, Dec. 3. Our superintendent and principal quickly jumped in to save the day so our seniors could hold their Friday luncheon. We are truly grateful that Principal Briody provided us with a safe warm place to enjoy our lunch, and for the sixth-graders who served the food. This was greatly appreciated. Lots of laughs and fun for all.

**Cathy Palazzi
Andover Senior Coordinator**

What a Turnout!

To the Portland Community:

What a turnout from the town! There is a lot of things in life that can push us apart, and it was great to see everyone come together for a night of song and holiday cheer. I would like to thank everyone that attended and helped out with last weekend's "Tree Lighting and Carol Sing." We collected over 200 entries for lighting the tree! The finale was drawing the ticket and our lucky child was Elliott Scheer, who with Mom and his siblings watching, pulled the switch to light our town tree.

I also want to thank all of the people that helped plan the event, including Nate Foley at Parks & Recreation and Meg Scata at Youth & Family Services. Kristen Novak and Sam Tucker provided the musical and choral entertainment with a variety of holiday songs from the PHS acapella chorus and honors band. A big thanks to Public Works crew for decorating the tree and the downtown area; Dave Kazminski, sound system and emcee; Naji Chester-Payne, Portland poet laureate, for a wonderful poem full of reminders of the spirit of the holidays; Andy Dionne at Parks & Recreation and the Parks & Recreation Commission, who were our elves behind the scenes; First Selectman Ryan Curley; Company 2 Fire Department that provided transportation; and the big man himself, Santa!

Thanks again, Portland! Wishing all of you good health, happiness and peace during these winter holidays.

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

Stop Littering

To the Editor:

Littering is a dirty, vile crime that people need to stop doing. Littering has zero benefit to our society and the environment that we live in, and only acts to worsen our already weak environment. Littering is discarding anything into the environment that does not belong there. It is estimated that there are roughly 51.2 billion pieces of trash littered on the nation's roadways in 2021. All the trash does is move away from the roads into the natural environment, with the vast majority of this trash being something that's non-biodegradable or takes an incredible amount of time to decompose.

If anyone's ever walked along a road, or even a trail in the woods, it's not uncommon to see trash strewn about the place – trash that everyone can agree doesn't look good and is bad to have around. Here in places like Connecticut we don't need this. We work so hard to keep our forests and communities clean, with some of the highest-forested land amounts (as percent of size) in the nation and a very-high 247 trees per person. For such a small area with so many people, that it is truly amazing. We have wonderful places where people and nature exist together, without destroying nature to make room for people like so many others do.

To help to stop this issue people need to get out and pick up trash. And the small portion of people who litter and spoil it for the rest of us must stop. It's estimated that if each American went out and picked up 152 pieces of litter right now then there'd be no litter left in the US. So if everyone were to pick up the trash they see and properly dispose of it, rather than ignore it, we could start to put a dent in this issue with minimal effort.

William Girard – Colchester

The Public Speaks

To the Editor:

I would like to compliment those who spoke at the recent Marlborough Zoning Commission meeting regarding proposed changes to regulations affecting those living in the lake area. About 60 residents showed up to express their concerns about new regulations that would impact lake area property owners. Those who spoke did so in a professional and courteous manner. It was also obvious that they were very well prepared.

There are a lot of changes happening in our town and those who spoke before the Zoning Commission set a great example for those who wish to effectively and positively influence our community.

Together, we can all make a difference in how our municipal government operates. Your input is always appreciated and will make a difference going forward by informing elected and appointed town officials of your concerns and desires.

Thank you again to those who came forward and spoke on behalf or yourselves, your neighbors and our community.

Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough

Note: Hjulstrom is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance, but said he is speaking as an individual.

Access for All

To the Editor:

Colchester Republicans ran on transparency and said they cared about citizens and our participation. However, as soon as the new administration took office, it was announced that meetings for the boards of selectmen, finance and education would move to in-person with no remote access for neither board members nor the audience.

The decision was hasty, irresponsible and unsafe. Colchester had 103 new cases of COVID-19 reported in the last two weeks, higher than ever at any point during this pandemic. Now there's a new variant. Some Republican candidates were openly against COVID-19 safety guidelines and it is known that new town hall employees, including those who may clerk meetings, may not be vaccinated.

Republicans on the BOF were maskless during a 2+ hour meeting on Dec. 1. When one member expressed concern to the new chair, he was told that he didn't need to attend meetings. This is our new leadership.

Concerns were expressed to the BOS at their meeting the next night. The uninformed first selectman was told that the Connecticut law requires that members of boards be given electronic meeting access. The BOS then decided to hold their next meeting via Zoom. Other board chairs will determine how their meetings will work and may choose an in-person option with access for members only.

Any decision to meet in-person endangers residents who would like to attend. The result will be that fewer residents will attend public meetings. Fewer will know what's going on. Fewer will ask questions. This is not by accident.

Clearly, Colchester's new regime is working towards anything but transparency. If Republicans had their way, they'd meet alone, behind closed doors, without board members from the other party or public present. Please speak up and tell board chairs we want electronic public access to meetings for all.

**Sincerely,
Monica Swyden – Colchester**

Roads

To the Editor:

Though the municipal elections saw Republicans gain seats and control of the BOS, BOF and BOE in the Town of Colchester, Democratic selectman candidates Denise Turner and Rosemary Coyle come in second and third of the five candidates running for the BOS. The top four are elected but due to minority representation requirements in state statutes the minority party has to have at least two of these seats. So, it was a little surprising when the former selectman, Taras Rudko, who was in fifth place and lost his seat, challenged the vote, and asked for a

recount. All he would accomplish is ousting Jason LaChapelle, a fellow Republican, from his seat, as well as costing the Town of Colchester the costs associated with a recount. Not surprisingly, the recount did not change the outcome; Jason still had a 20-vote lead over Taras when the recount was completed.

But apparently Mr. Rudko is not done with this issue. He is now he is filing a lawsuit claiming that there was fraud, cheating and dead people voting in an election that saw Republicans do quite well. The former selectman is claiming there is no other way he could lose. Maybe his two years on the BOS performing stunts like this is the reason people did not vote for him. Now the Town of Colchester will spend thousands of dollars in legal fees defending a baseless lawsuit. What does this look to accomplish? And does anyone think that the First Selectman, Andreas Bisbikos, who hired Taras's wife as his assistant, does not endorse this action? Why does this all sound so familiar?

It is time to move on. The election is over. There are no Democratic or Republican potholes, only roads to fix and problems to solve on behalf of all the citizens of Colchester.

Michael Egan – Colchester

White Privilege

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was actually submitted by Edmund Smith for the Nov. 26 edition and, due to an editorial oversight, it was never published. It should be noted Smith wrote and submitted this letter before a verdict was reached in the Ahmaud Arbery case. Also, as this letter was technically for that Nov. 26 issue and just slipped through the cracks, we've decided to allow Smith an extra letter for this week.

To the Editor:

Andover has very few businesses catering to public service. A few gas stations, garage, landscaping company, package store, mini-mart, couple of restaurants, roadside lunch stop, etc. Likely in most cases the owners have tight margins. Employees are often owners or family members working long, hard, low-wage jobs to try and make ends meet. The epic tale of small American businesses, worthy of our admiration and support. Unfortunately, one Andover business is under attack. Oriental Wok has now had their large plate glass window smashed several times. What kind of a coward would do such a thing? Likely Trump's "Chinese virus" or "Kung fu" incitements sparked our MAGA vigilante vandal. How will our community respond? Is it even possible for this Asian family and business to ever feel welcome again?

Nationally, I expectantly await the Ahmaud Arbery case outcome. Ahmaud ran from rednecks in trucks chasing and even bumping him for some distance. Finally cornered, with clear historical reasons to believe he was about to be killed, he tried to save his life by wrestling the pointed rifle away. Ah yes, some will say he trespassed into a building under construction. But the building cameras showed he was only curious, looked around each time, didn't touch anything, then went on his way. Ahmaud's bright future has been erased.

I, on the other hand, have lived my future, have wonderful stories, three children and near retirement. Several times, on my bicycle adventures across America, as dark descended, I unrolled my sleeping bag inside buildings under construction. The smell of fresh wood kept the mosquitos at bay. The roof meant I didn't have to pitch my tent or dry it in the morning before packing up. A few times construction workers arrived early. No problems. White privilege.

Edmund Smith – Andover

Disheartening

To the Editor:

In last week's letter "Sick of the Arguing," Marcie Miner admonished both progressive Democrats and conservative Republicans, saying she was sick of their arguing back and forth. "Stop it!" she scolded the "guys" who regularly write in to *Rivereast*. She then stated the issues that everyone should instead focus on.

Strangely, every one of her concerns were solid progressive Democratic ideals. Helping our freezing seniors, our hungry children, the poor, supporting the substance addicted and getting money out of politics via campaign finance reform. Did Marcie even realize she was parroting progressive ideals found in past Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren campaigns? That Biden's initiatives address many of her concerns, but conservatives are blocking or undercutting them?

It is very disheartening to keep encountering Americans unable or unwilling to comprehend that the Republican Party cares not a whit for

them and their needs. Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, TANF, Affordable Care Act, drug rehab and so many more government aid programs all exist through progressive efforts. The GOP has hoodwinked average Americans into believing a 'Black welfare queen' myth. Welfare, a conglomerate of multiple government programs and laws, has whites 'feeding at the trough' in vastly greater numbers.

Fence-sitters and Independents need to better engage in our democracy with their full mental capacities. Politics is messy, a constant "debate or conflict among individuals and parties having or hoping to achieve power" states one definition. Conservatives are winning, ruling the Supreme Court and looking to take control of Congress in 2022.

Conservatives Don Denley, Sam Prentice, Ed Kozlowski and Doug Sargent owned last week's 'Readers Forum,' as not one progressive writer was featured. Thus, in a way, Marcie Miner got her wish. Unfortunately, connecting political dots requires more cognition than being a child with a restaurant placemat and pencil in hand.

Edmund Smith – Andover

VFW Post 5095 Thanks

To the Editor:

VFW Post 5095 East Hampton expresses a very special thanks to Paul from Portland Ale House for providing the turkeys for our recent Senior Thanksgiving Dinner.

We were pleased to prepare 100 dinners for our seniors complete with turkey, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, rolls and gravy with pumpkin pie for dessert.

It is our sincere pleasure to do this every year and our post officers enjoy being the waitstaff for the event. We are grateful to all the volunteers that made this possible.

**Thank you!
Roger W Anderson
Commander VFW Post 5095
East Hampton**

Festival of Wreaths Thanks

To the Editor:

On Dec. 4 and 5, the Portland Historical Society held its 10th annual Festival of Wreaths – "Jingle & Mingle" – showcasing 45 uniquely decorated holiday wreaths, sprays and tabletop decorations, each demonstrating the wonderful ideas of individuals, businesses, families, classrooms and organizations of Portland. On behalf of the society, I would like to thank the following for their support of this year's festival:

Jarvis Airfoil, Portland River Valley Garden Club, EverGreen Landscaping, Amy Knous, Munkitrick Associates, Rhea DeBari, Adams Hometown Market, Jim & Martha McCabe, Nancy Zemina, Friends of the Portland Library, Mallory and Sarah Perruccio, Elwin Guild & Joan Giesemann, Tricia Ackerman, Chris Sullivan, Patty Pizzichemi, Martha Lutecki, Julie Macksoud, Portland Garden Club, Alexia Belperron, Gotta's Farm, John Levay, St. Mary's Ladies Guild, Girl Scout Troop 60463, Jane Kl- emba, Tall Tale Antiques, Renee Tribert, Room 13 at Gildersleeve School, Carrie & Bernd Frost, Frank & Carol Winiski, Debbie Freitag, Claire Frisbie, Eileen Marino, Samantha Houska, Chris & Katie Wilson, Katrina Renner and Joyce Murphy.

We also thank the people who came to see the decorated wreaths and bought raffle tickets – many were lucky enough to go home with beautiful and fun holiday decorations. We had wreaths to please everyone – from beautiful greens to sparkling lights and birdseed pinecones for our feathered friends. Many thanks to our volunteers and to Jim McCabe for the use of his carriage house. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the "worker bees" who make this weekend possible.

The profits from this fundraiser will help the society preserve Portland's history at the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History and provide educational programs for the public. On behalf of the society, I wish you a special holiday season.

**The Portland Historical Society, Inc.
Deborah Ellsworth, Ways & Means**

Thrilled with Biden

To the Editor:

So how thrilled are we?? In the upcoming summit with Vladimir Putin so do we think that our frail, weak-minded President will be able to persuade the Russian president not to invade and conquer Ukraine?

Will Biden and Lord Fauci be able to convince the American public that vaccine mandates are not a violation of our constitution and our freedom of choice?

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LEGALS

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by a granddaughter, Autumn St. John, and a sister, Jacqueline Laferriere.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, from 2-4 p.m., at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. Burial will be private.

For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Marlborough

Rinette L. Fauchon

Rinette L. Fauchon, 91, of Marlborough and Hebron, formerly of East Hartford, passed away peacefully Monday, Nov. 29, at Colebrook Village in Hebron, with her daughter by her side. Born Oct. 4, 1930, in Fort Kent, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Victorie and Dora (Vail-lancourt) Charette.

Rinette had retired from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, where she had worked for many years. She was a former member of Good Sam's

Camping Club.

Rinette was predeceased by her husband, Raymond J. Fauchon, in 2004. She is survived by her daughter, Joyce (Fauchon) Bailey and her husband Richard Bailey Sr. of Marlborough; her sons, Michael Fauchon and wife Nancy of Colchester, Gary Fauchon and wife Arlene of Wallingford; brother, Maurice Charette of Glastonbury; sister, Noella Audet of Manchester; her five grandchildren, Richard Bailey II, Tamara Bailey, Shauna (Fauchon) Edel, Christina (Fauchon) Baldwin, Lauren Fauchon; eight great-grandchildren; and 21 nieces and nephews of Maine.

Rinette was predeceased by her three brothers and four sisters, all of Maine.

There are no services at this time. A graveside service will be held at a later date in St. Patrick Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm on December 13, 2021 at the East Hampton Town Hall - 1 Community Drive and via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:

- Application ZBA-21-023: Donna & Ed Wells, 13 Navajo Trail for a Variance to reduce the east side yard setback from 15' to 5' to construct an addition to the existing dwelling. Map 09A/ Block 74/ Lot 174

2TB 12/3, 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON IWWA ACTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held a Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 29, 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

1TB 12/10

TOWN OF PORTLAND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION

At the December 2, 2021 meeting, the following action was taken: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS PZC APPLICATION #21-04: 1390 Main Street (northwest corner of Rte. 17 and Rte. 17A). Request for a Site Plan, Special Permit and Subdivision Review to construct a new 51,902 sq. ft. steel framed building. This all-inclusive facility will include a gun retail business, indoor range, gun smithing, archery sales, service and range, etc. Application of Let Freedom Ring, LLC. Property of Gil Isle LLC. Assessor's Map 76, Lot 1. Zone RI. Western portion of site is located in Flood Plain Zone AE. Dated at Portland, CT. this 6th day of December 2021

Robert Ellsworth, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission

1TB 12/10

Marlborough Republican Town Committee Caucus

Notice is hereby given that the Marlborough Republican Town Committee will hold a Caucus on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM at 350 North Main Street in Marlborough, Connecticut. The purpose of the Caucus is to elect members to the Marlborough Republican Town Committee and to transact such business as may properly come before the Caucus.

All enrolled members of the Republican Party of Marlborough are welcomed to attend the Caucus. For further information contact Marlborough RTC Chairperson, Liz Gorgoglione at (860) 966-0050.

Ken Hjulstrom
Secretary,
Marlborough Republican
Town Committee
860-490-9116

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How about the illegals swarming into our country – undocumented and untested – into our southern borders with our Border Patrol unmanned? Is there any other country in our world that allows this kind of mayhem?

Gas prices – \$2.14 under President Trump; \$3.49 under Joe Biden. When Joe took over 11 months ago, we the United States were self-sufficient for the first time in decades under President Trump – and we were actually exporting oil – but along came Joe Biden and he shut down our pipeline and put 2,500 people out of work. Now Joe releases 500 million barrels of oil from our reserves – sounds impressive but it will only increase our supply chain by about 30 days and maybe bring the price down 2 cents a gallon.

China is about to invade Taiwan and, according to their Communist president dictator, to bring the country back together. We have the worst generals since the Vietnam War – and the worst commander-in-chief, eclipsing Herbert Hoover (Depression President) and Jimmy Carter (Oil Embargo/Hostages).

Somehow, 36% of Americans polled think that Sleepy Joe is doing a good job – lowest approval rating ever!!

In 2018, 70% of Americans felt safe and had confidence that our Military could successfully defend us against foreign aggressors – China, Russia, Iran. Now under Joe Biden, it's a whopping 45% and with soft generals like Miley and Austin at the top we as a country are no longer feared by our enemies

Don Denley – Andover

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Town of Colchester Special Town Meeting C-TIP Application 76/96 Upton Road (InCord) New Construction

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Colchester, CT will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, for the following purpose:

1. To discuss and vote upon the C-TIP (Colchester Tax Incentive Program) Application for the site 76/96 Upton Road; applicant is 76/96 Upton Road LLC, as recommended by the Colchester Economic Development Commission. See Connecticut General Statute Sec. 12-65b.
2. Adjournment.

The full Colchester Tax Incentive Application from International Cordage East, LTD (a.k.a. InCord) are available in the Town Clerks office for viewing.
Dated at Colchester, Connecticut this 3rd day of December, 2021.
Gayle Furman, Town Clerk
Andreas Bisbikos, 1st Selectman
Rosemary Coyle, Selectman
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Jason LaChapelle, Selectman
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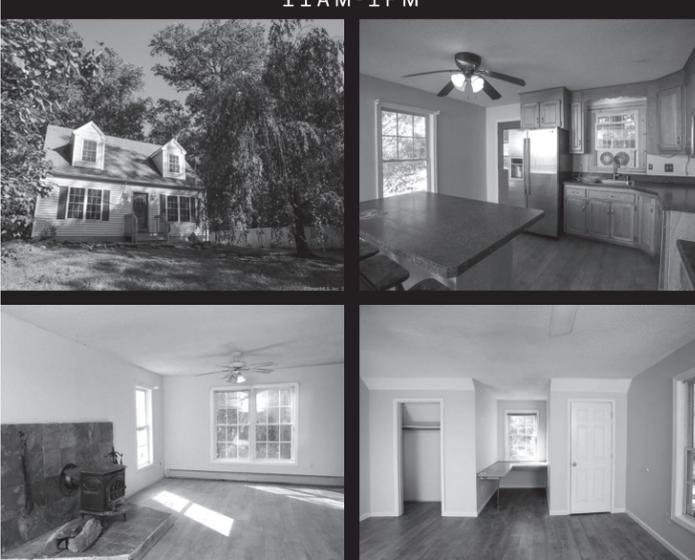
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