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A Somber Ceremony... While COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the standard parade for the second straight year, Hebron residents still turned out on Memorial Day to the center of town to honor all those who made the ultimate sacrifice. See story on page 9.

Military Honored In Portland Ceremony

by Jack Lakowsky

A small but enthusiastic crowd on Sunday joined in on Portland's Memorial Day Parade to honor deceased members of the military at a ceremony in the Brownstone Intermediate School auditorium.

Locals stood through a chilly and steady drizzle to watch the small parade procession, which included Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, the Portland police and fire departments, local military veterans and an impressive tactical vehicle.

The parade's grand marshal, Jack Sterry, is a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Tim Dickerson, a local Coast Guard veteran, served as the ceremony's emcee.

Retired Marine Sgt. Dan Clark, also called the Singing Trooper, delivered rousing performances of the National Anthem, and multiple patriotic songs.

The ConnMen, a University of Connecticut men's a cappella choir, sang jaunty, if a bit incongruous, ragtime love songs.

Clark during his performance acknowledged all military branches, and emphasized that the crowd not forget an often-overlooked part of U.S. forces, the Merchant Marines.

Clark also engaged the crowd in excited shouts of each branch's Latin motto.

For their part, locals showed up in all sorts of regalia, including colonial garb, military uniforms and star-spangled cowboy hats. All generations were present, from toddling young ones to venerable seniors.

Veterans of multiple military branches, including the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines attended.

Bransfield began her address of the crowd by thanking the parade's organizers, Sara Sterry Rutter, chairman of the Parade Committee, and Bill Willinsky, chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

"We can enjoy the togetherness that COVID has delayed," said Bransfield of the parade being among the town's first events since the pandemic struck.

The crowd of a few dozen was largely unmasked, including most town officials present.

"We can pay homage and praise to those who have died in the line of duty," Bransfield said.

In his speech, Dickerson detailed the story of a 19-year-old soldier from Connecticut who served as a medic in the Gulf War and died by a landmine.

In a letter home that Dickerson quoted, the medic wrote that she went overseas not for glory, but because she felt it was her duty, going on to write that should she die in the conflict, her death wouldn't be in vain.

Dickerson acknowledged that war is often unpopular, quoting a well-known phrase by William T. Sherman, who served as a general in the Union Army during the American Civil War.

"War is hell," Dickerson said, citing Sherman.

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Woman Struck in Church Parking Lot

by Sloan Brewster

A woman who was struck by a car while working in the parking lot of Hebron's Church of the Holy Family last Thursday is recovering from injuries.

According to a press release from the state police, the motor vehicle accident occurred on June 27 at approximately 10 a.m. at the church on 185 Church St.

The church parking lot, according to the press release, is adjacent to the Raymond Brook Preserve. Police are asking anyone who was in the area at the time of the accident and may have witnessed something, to call the State Police Eastern District Crime Squad.

Police said they are also seeking assistance in identifying a person of interest regarding the incident. According to the press release, the person of interest was identified as a Hispanic female, approximately 5'5" 135-140 pounds with black shoulder-length hair. She was seen wearing a multi-colored poncho and black pants and may have been operating a black SUV.

In a phone call Wednesday, Dennis Chanski, church communications director said the victim, Lois Roy, had extensive internal injuries, but in the past couple days had been improving.

Chanski also said that Roy's family was asking for audio videos for her. He said they said Roy was responsive when videos were played

for her and had moved her finger and made other small reactions and that the videos were helpful.

"She's reacting to these audio and video files," Chanski said. "I think that's power right there."

He said the family had said that folks who don't know Roy but would like to help could send videos with words of encouragement or strength.

In a phone call Tuesday, church pastor, the Rev. Michael Phillippino, also said Roy appeared to be on the mend.

"What a nightmare, but she seems to be doing very well," he said. "We hope she's doing better."

Phillippino said Roy was the custodian at the church and rectory. He said her duties include mowing the lawn, vacuuming the house and ordering supplies. Also the church sexton, she sets up for funerals and baptisms and gets things ready for Mass, he said.

"Then she's like an angel," the priest added. "She would put little things, healthy things, in the refrigerator for me; little almond yogurts."

Phillippino said Roy knew all the physical and mechanical functions of the buildings, such as the furnace. He said she loved her work and had told him it was her dream job.

"She's amazing," he said.

Around town, folks said they were used to seeing her working around the church grounds.

At the Memorial Day parade on Monday, ladies chattering about the incident said Roy was beloved around town and gave to the community.

Town Manager Andrew Tierney, in a phone call Tuesday, said the unfortunate incident had shaken the community and that he wished "we had more info."

"She was always out there working, just a common figure," he said. "She did a nice job. You could tell it was her passion."

Phillippino said when the accident occurred Roy was digging sand out of a crack in the parking lot with the intention of filling it with tar.

He said someone came to the parish house and started banging on the door and that his secretary heard the commotion and answered. He said a woman who spoke broken English indicated the secretary should come outside.

The secretary went outside, he said, to find "Lois sprawled out in the lot."

The secretary called 911 and Phillippino, who saw Roy at that point too, came out called her husband.

Resident State Trooper Darrell Tetreault, in

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Fire Destroys Historical Property in Colchester

by Karla Santos

A Colchester property that held various hotels and other businesses for nearly 300 years was destroyed by fire on Tuesday.

According to interim Fire Chief Sean Shoemaker the fire – which left no injuries – was at the former home of Lincoln Lake Lodge. The property had been abandoned for decades.

Fire Departments from Marlborough, Hebron, Salem, East Haddam, East Hampton and Yantic provided mutual aid.

Shoemaker explained that the Colchester Hayward Fire Department received a report of a fire at 10:32 a.m. on Tuesday. A second alarm was called about nine minutes later and the majority of the fire was knocked down by 12:20 p.m. There were no injuries, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

According to Colchester Historical Society historian Arthur Liverant, the town of Colchester was founded in 1698 and five years later, on Nov. 29, 1703, one of the first businesses in town was established at 5 Levy Rd. That's the same property that later served as the home to Lincoln Lake Lodge.

Originally, the property was a gristmill and sawmill owned by Israel Wyatt.

Liverant told the *Rivereast* he gathered the information regarding the mill from Gary Walter, who is also a member of the Historical society.

The property was later sold to the oldest son of the first minister of Colchester, Rev. John

Bulkeley. In the 19th century, the property was purchased by the Elgart family, which turned it into a hotel.

The Elgart family had two grandsons, Les and Larry Elgart, who started to play instruments, entertaining the guests of the Elgart Hotel. They later started a band, in the era of Big Band jazz music. Les and Larry became a prominent Big Band during World War II.

"They literally started in Colchester," Liverant said. "They were very big."

Later on, the Elgart family sold the property to Charles and Bertha Levy. At that time, the hotel was called Levy's Grandview Hotel. Liverant said that when the Levy's owned the property, it had the biggest dining room in the area, which was used as an event venue. Liverant said most big receptions in town were held at this property.

Around 1958, the hotel was sold to Lincoln Davis, who had 14 children with his wife. The whole family moved into the hotel and continued the business.

Liverant said the Davises were "terrific" members of the community. He explained most of the children in the family were "incredible" athletes at Bacon Academy, leading the school to win many sports championships.

"They were great people and we all loved them," Liverant said. "We all got to be very friendly with them."

Eventually, Davis passed away and his wife



The former Lincoln Lake Lodge, located at 5 Levy Rd., was destroyed by fire Tuesday. Photo by Connecticut Fire Photographers Association.



Memorial Day... A group of Colchester citizens organized their own Memorial Day parade to honor American military who have lost their lives. Some drove their vehicles – such as Dallas Miller, shown at left – and, shown at right, Jalyn Collins walked the riderless horse to represent those that never made it home. Affordable CDL Training School in Colchester passed out toys to kids along the parade route.

kept the hotel. The children lived there until they started to move out little by little.

The hotel stopped operating around 1958, but around the mid-70s, the property was briefly used for a different purpose.

"They started to bring kids from New York City to experience the country," Liverant said, adding that the property provided entertainment for the children on the weekends. Liverant said

that was a very prosperous business.

Overall, the property contributed to the town for more than 300 years, Liverant said. "It was the party center of Colchester for a long time," he said.

"It's sad to lose a landmark like that," Liverant said. "That's what makes a community – having those kinds of places."

Spring Market

All are invited to the Colchester Federated Church Outdoor Spring Market Saturday, June 5 (rain date June 12), from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the church, 60 S. Main St., in the back parking lot behind the white house.

There will be approximately 40 crafters and merchant vendors, as well as farmstand and rummage sale items. If you would like to be a vendor, contact elizabethringuette@gmail.com.

Lions Announce Scholarship Recipients

The Colchester Lions Club has announced its 2021 Senior Scholarship recipients: Jack LaRosa, Justin Kelsey, Luke Maynard, Russell Pajor, Aida Cordova, Maxwell Bolles, Nicholas Paggioli, Paula Yanez and Sarah Grant.

To learn more about the Lions Club or how to join, visit www.colchesterlions.org.

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*From the Editor's Desk***Observations & Ruminations**

By Mike Thompson

Guess who's back, back again. Pammy's back, tell a friend.

Longtime Andover, Hebron and Marlborough residents will no doubt recognize the name of Pam Sawyer, who spent 22 years representing the three towns, as well as Bolton, in the state House of Representatives. The popular Republican announced in 2014 she wouldn't be seeking re-election, but made clear to the *Rivereast* at the time that she wasn't retiring. Pam told us, "I still have time left to have some more

great adventures and to be able to do some more community service in other ways."

And now, it seems she's found her next "great adventure."

I read in the *Journal Inquirer* recently that Pam is running for Bolton first selectman. Democrat Sandra Pierog has been the town's first selectman since 2017; she ran unopposed for re-election in 2019, and Pam told the *JJ* Republicans expressed a desire to have some challenge this year.

Pam was one of the first legislators I met when I was starting out as a 22-year-old reporter, fresh out of college, back in 2001. I was struck by her warmth and kindness. She made it a point to welcome me to the ranks of Connecticut journalists, and was happy to help in any way possible. Other reporter friends of mine were also quite taken with Pam's friendliness and helpfulness; one told me she felt Pam was the "nicest person in the state legislature."

But Pam was always more than just pleasant to deal with. She got stuff done. She worked to greatly reduce the rate of crashes on deaths along the stretch of Route 6 from Bolton to Columbia that had devastatingly been known as "Suicide 6."

She also pressed for development of the East Coast and Air Line Greenway Trail, and told us in 2014, "It makes me smile every time

I see my dream of the covered bridge in Andover on Route 6 and Route 316."

Pam also, importantly, spearheaded the Safe Havens bill in 2000. The bill allows distressed mothers to leave their babies at hospitals without the risk of arrest.

And definitely, one of Pam's most important pieces of legislation – one which has greatly impacted all of the *Rivereast* towns in the ensuing years – was helping to launch the Small Town Economic Assistance Grant Program in 2001. When the *Rivereast* interviewed Pam in 2014, she rightfully said establishing the program was one of her "greatest joys."

Pam told us in 2014 she was also particularly proud of her ability to work with Democrats; she said remaining bipartisan was something she felt she owed her district.

"I always felt I was elected by my district – and not just one party or the other," Pam said at the time. "I have truly enjoyed reaching across the aisle and creating working relationships because I deeply believe that better legislation is created when everybody has skin in the game."

So I'm thrilled to see Pam is taking her considerable political skills and applying them to a run in Bolton. It'd be great to see her back in the political arena, and I have no doubt she'll do a great job.

Pam told the *JJ* she'll continue to advocate for the small towns she did such a great job representing for two decades.

"I have a great emotional attachment to small towns," she said. "Small towns are a whole different fabric and need a whole lot of leadership to preserve them at the local and state level."

Good luck, Pam! It's great to see you back.

See you next week.



Golden Revolution... Epoch Arts will present a one-act 2021 Mainstage show, *Golden Revolution*, next Friday-Sunday, June 11-13, on Epoch's outdoor stage, located at 27 Skinner St. in East Hampton. This is an original one-act play that takes place at the end of the world. People contend with each other over ruins, purity, and the potential to blossom from the rust, grit, and grime. Masks are encouraged until everyone has taken their seat. Online reservations are required at www.epocharts.org and space is limited. Tickets are \$12. Pictured from left are cast members, front row, Mary Rainville, Madison Willock, Meagan Rose and Evangeline Hale; back row, Sophia Levy, Moira Slater, Mikayla Namen, Timmy Thompson, Jackie Laboy, Alicia Colegrove and Tristan Hale.

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Congrats, Protestors!

To the Editor:

Clearly, the objective of the protestors in front of Portland's Brownstone School with their nonsensical sign was to maximize the attention given to their marginalized view. Congratulations protestors, the *Rivereast* gave you front page, top fold in color!

Steve Kirsche – Portland

Disrespectful Remark

To the Editor:

I recently read in a Hartford newspaper that the Connecticut Sun's basketball coach was fined \$10,000 and has a one-game suspension for his remarks referencing an opponent's size to a basketball referee. He said "c'mon, she's 300 pounds" (she is 6'8" and weighs 235 pounds.) The player he was referencing later said, "If there's one thing about me it's that I will never let a man disrespect me, ever, ever, ever. Especially a little white one." Where was the coach's comment disrespectful? It wasn't, in my opinion. It was descriptive. What about the player's response?

If this kind of thing continues it will be harder to keep good coaches. Whatever happened to "free speech"?

Frank Blume – Colchester

RHAM Lacrosse Thanks

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the following restaurants for their awesome support of the RHAM High School Lacrosse programs: Georgia's, FennAgains, Gina Marie's, Three Fellas, Zina's Cucina, and Marlborough Pizza. We had two very successful fundraisers as our RHAM nation came out to support the restaurants and our programs, while taking a nice break from cooking. In turn, these generous restaurants donated 10% of their sales to our lacrosse programs.

Thank you for the support and we wish you all a busy summer!

Betsy Landers
FORHSL

(Friends of RHAM High School Lacrosse)

Shutoff Spigot

To the Editor:

Under the banner of bad policies and worse ideas, list defunding the police, sanctuary cities, critical race theory, open borders, trillion-dollar deficits, wokeness and illegal immigration as sad examples of what's wrong with America. Though we may be unable to change the shenanigans in Washington, we do have a say in our local budgets. If the town presents a budget with a tax increase we should seriously

Bulletin Board

I've never been good at science. I freely admit it.

Somewhere in the family archive my mother has presumably filed my 7th grade report card with the large D- grade in science—an official document that reconfirmed my father's conviction that some nurse at the hospital must have dropped me on my head multiple times because no son of his could possibly be that stupid without significant outside assistance.

(I told him I preferred to think I was the bastard son of kings, thereby confirming that my obtuseness wasn't limited to science as this pathetic effort to elevate my social standing only brought me another two days of being grounded with only a pickled frog for companionship.)

I mention my checkered science background only because I got to brooding recently about a newspaper article I read a while back claiming that global warming is aggravating something called "Earth Wobble."

Yes, friends. First science informs us that the Earth, which is obviously flat, is actually round and now we are told that it wobbles because of climate change. This sounds to me like a propaganda campaign contrived by polar bears in an effort to scare me into changing to a more eco-friendly deodorant, but I am trying to keep an open mind.

Seriously though, if the Earth wobbled on its axis, don't you think we'd notice it? I mean, it's one thing to be oblivious to the fact that your wife has gone from Brunette to platinum blonde or to find out that the "new" curtains in the living room have been there for eight months, but a wobbling Earth? At the very least it would probably catch your attention by sloshing the beer out of your glass or spoiling your golf putt.

Nevertheless, scientists say that melting ice sheets, especially in Greenland, are changing the distribution of weight on Earth, causing the wobble—this according to a study published some time ago in the journal "Science Advances" (which is apparently the *Playboy* magazine of the science crowd).

With all due respect to these scientists, and with all the prestige conferred upon me by my infamous (if somewhat dated) D-, it seems more likely to me that any weight distribution issues are probably the result of five billion Chinese all getting out of bed at the same time in the morning to go to work. You want to stop Earth wobble? Send them stimulus checks so they just stay home and play video games like good hard-working Americans.

Scientists, of course, prefer to ignore the obvious (i.e., industrious Chinese in their inconsiderate billions) and place the blame on climate change. According to the study, "since 2003, Greenland has lost on average more than 272 trillion kilograms of ice a year, and that affects the way the Earth wobbles in a manner similar to a figure skater lifting one leg while spinning."

If your science is a little rusty, a kilogram is a measurement used by marijuana salesmen because you'd complain about the price if you were able to translate it into pounds.

As for the figure skating analogy, I'm at a complete loss. I do know that if I lift one leg while skating (and sometimes when I'm just trying to put my socks on in the morning), I generally just fall over.

Whether this development bodes ill for the Earth or just for me personally remains to be seen. In the meantime, I think I may change deodorants just to be on the safe side.

Jim Hallas

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question why. With \$6 trillion in federal spending, there's enough pork for everyone and then some. With the price of gas, groceries, lumber and everything else going up, now is not the time to be raising taxes especially coming out of a pandemic recession. We need a break.

Governments at all levels are awash in stimulus money. Someone somewhere has to shut off the spigot.

Josh Piteo – East Hampton

Fear of Trump?

To the Editor:

A motion to proceed to discuss the creation of a committee to investigate the insurrection on Jan. 6 failed to get the required 60 votes. Filibusters require 60 votes in order to conduct the people's business. The vote to proceed was 54 'yea's and 35 'nay's, thus failing. Shamefully, 11 senators failed to vote at all. Fear of Trump, perhaps?

Forty-eight Dems and six Reps voted to proceed. Thirty-five Reps voted no. Eleven were absent: two Dems and nine Reps, four of which are retiring. Fear of Trump even while leaving office is discouraging.

The Big Lie echoed in a Goebbels-like manner threatens both the truth and our democracy. Trump lied; people died.

Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland

Andover Budget

To the Editor:

Selfish – That's how I describe the recent budget coup by the Board of Education who has refused to accept a reduction. The 4.5% increase was rejected by the voters. Andover Elementary has experienced a significant decrease in enrollment, many classes have only 10-15 students and our town has invested more money per student than every town this side of the river – yet our first-year superintendent Valerie Bruneau and BOE mouthpiece Shannon Loudon want more. You may remember that Loudon was the chairman until her vicious verbal attack on our selectman. Now they have refused to negotiate with the Board of Finance, claiming there is nothing they can cut – no explanation – and they are fully supported by the parents, more non-team players.

Towns are judged by many things – quality education is certainly one of them. However, how you treat your "elders" is also an important character. This town scores a zero. It has ignored its seniors for years – currently huddled in a section of the Community Room and prior to that shuttered in a crumbling mold-infested building. Have you seen the new Columbia Senior Center? Well, that's what Andover deserves and the BOE should donate the \$133k to the cause. Show us the same consideration our group has shown when we supported the multimillion-dollar RHAM "Taj Mahal" and the millions in our elementary school.

We had a June 1 budget meeting and we'll see what happens next but our side must rally and get out to vote because you know the BOE will not (not cannot) reduce their budget request

Don Denley – Andover

Memorial Day Parade Thanks

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Sara Sterry Rutter, chair of the Parade Committee, along with all the volunteers who helped organize and run the wonderful Portland Memorial Day Parade on May 30. Thank you also to the Portland Veterans Affairs Committee, Bill Willinsky, Chair who provided invaluable support for the Parade.

The Parade was led this year by Jack Sterry, grand marshal. Dave Kuzminski announced the parade participants and Tim Dickerson was the host of the Ceremonies held at the Brownstone Intermediate School. The Ceremonies included speeches as well as patriotic songs from Trooper Dan Clark and the University of CT ConMen, an award-winning a cappella group.

Thank you to our veterans, and their families, and particularly those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us. God bless.

**Best wishes for peace and health,
Susan Bransfield
Portland First Selectwoman**

Ludicrous Letters

To the Editor:

The letters by Joe Stevens and Ed Gyllenhammer are two of the most ludicrous I've read. Living as a progressive requires believing so many things that just aren't true while purposefully ignoring things that are. One of their rare talents is projecting who they are onto others.

Stevens, for years, has written nearly identical letters demeaning Republicans. But his absurd depictions are much more descriptive of his own Democratic Party. His party has been hijacked by the most left-wing political ideologues in American history.

Democrats are fascist totalitarians who desire to ban anything they don't support, while mandating the imposition on everyone of all the things they do support. They put forward the facade of being the party of choice and science, but they're the antithesis of both. The only "choice" they'll allow is for you to kill your baby, but deny you the choice of where your children attend school.

The "party of science" promotes that genders are fluid and can be reassigned by confused people daily with everyone around them required to endorse their arbitrary pronouncements. They declare that a minuscule molecule in the atmosphere is the thermostat of global temperature and must be controlled by them (to save the planet), and anyone opposing this absurdity is an anti-science denier.

Gyllenhammer's party is the actual cult. He subscribes to group-thinking conformity in accepting, without question, all of the precepts of what acceptable thinking is. That thinking turns on a dime by the day and adherents are expected to dutifully conform to the new thinking.

Democrats seek to destroy all of the traditional institutions that've enabled individuals to determine their own chosen directions, and wish to reorder our society in the collectivist fashion they deem superior, with them deciding what that is.

Sam Prentice – Andover

Thank You, Gotta's!

To the Editor:

On Thursday, May 20, the garden clubs of Portland joined forces for the annual planting of the Veterans Memorial Garden just outside of Town Hall. Once again this year, Gotta's Farm graciously donated all of the flowers for the garden. The clubs are extremely grateful to Dickie and Jackie Gotta for their commitment to town beautification and to Portland's veterans.

Members of the Portland River Valley Garden Club that were on hand for the planting were Jane Klemba, Debbie Hallas, Bonnie Jackson and Ginny Werblow. The Portland Garden Club was represented by Sue Anderson-Woronoff, Sandy Castelli, Sue Ferguson, Alice Guilmettel, Sue Dwyer, Ellen Kisiel, Pam Nordstrom and Sue Wesoloski.

**Kelle Young, President
Portland River Valley Garden Club**

KOCO Reflection

To the Editor:

As I leave KOCO and reflect on my 20 years as teacher and director, I have learned more than I taught, received more than I have given, and been loved more than I have loved. For all the well wishes and donations for my beautiful bench, I am grateful and humbled.

Wishing all KOCO children, past, present and future, days filled with whimsy, wonder and kindness.

**Peace and all good things,
Roxann Bartone, Director
Kids of Chatham Organization**

Congrats, Class of '21!

To the Editor:

The end of winter, signaled by the bright reds and yellows of blooming tulips and daffodils, is nature's way of celebrating the arrival of spring. So too, are the pastel and brilliant jeweled gowns and coordinating tuxedos donned for senior prom, a high school student's way of celebrating the end of four years of hard work. This year, the pandemic made it exceptionally challenging for our high schoolers to connect

and celebrate, exacerbated by being divided into cohorts and the elimination of traditional gatherings for First Day, Homecoming, clubs, concerts and sports.

However, despite the numerous COVID-19 restrictions, Bacon Academy students, embodying our District's mission "to create innovative thinkers for a dynamic world," rallied to design a unique and memorable senior prom so the Class of 2021 could reconnect and celebrate the culmination of their years together. Class officers, along with members of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Interact Club and First Day Committee were led by social studies teacher, Michael Mal. It truly was a team effort and demonstrated the deep sense of community in Colchester. Mr. Mal and the students, in conjunction with the administration, staff and Public Works Dept., also partnered with Colchester's Garden Club. President Katherine Kosiba advised on the "site renovation," sharing design ideas and purchasing plants, then donated and planted the perennials while mentoring students, who ultimately transformed Bacon's courtyard into a beautiful prom venue and respite area for future student and staff use.

This team of students worked diligently and fluidly to deliver a special "hybrid" prom event complete with music, dancing, food, games and water slide to cool off from the record heat. Innovative thinking, collaboration, problem solving, hard work, perseverance and community support all contributed to achieving the goal of giving Bacon's seniors a reason to celebrate! Congratulations Class of 2021!

**Good Luck & Best Wishes!
Sue Hickey, member
Colchester Board of Education**

Silent/Invisible Budget

To the Editor:

By this time of year, the voters are about to make a choice on the town's annual budget. The *Riverast* routinely runs articles about the process and progress of the budget as it winds its way through the necessary boards for the for-

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mation and eventual approval.

This year there has been a total void and silence about “the budget” except for the notice in the Legals section to announce when the voters will be voting on it.

Is this void of information intentional? What are the elected officials trying to hide? Will our tax dollars be spent wisely or is this budget bulging with pork and cringeworthy expenditures?

Many of these questions could be answered in a transparent and open manner if the necessary information was made available to those who make the final decision-the voters.

I am urging the Town Council to provide the necessary facts and information on this year’s budget to the voters. By not doing so, you are hiding from the voters. You can’t blame Covid anymore. Get out the information and face the voters. Your cowardly approach to this important area of governance is both deafening and blinding.

We will remember this performance come Election Day. We don’t forget that quickly anymore.

Sincerely,
Alison Walck – East Hampton

Troop 72 Thanks You

To the Editor:

Boy Scout Troop 72 had a very successful “Financial Records Shredding Project” on May 22. We also had many requests to do another shredding project. We will certainly think about doing it again. Start collecting your financial and personal records for another project in April 2022 or sooner if we learn that there is a demand for another event.

We would like to thank all the people we saw during our event for their support.

Boy Scout Troop 72
Colchester

Rosemarie Smith

To the Editor:

I had the pleasure of working with Rosemarie Smith for almost 30 years. When she began her career with the East Hampton Board of Education Rosemarie was my administrative assistant. She assisted me in overseeing maintenance, transportation, adult education, numerous state and federal grants and curriculum. Even though two days were never the same Rosemarie was able to manage anything that came across her desk. It was not at all surprising when the superintendent’s administrative assistant retired that Rosemarie would assume that role. During her tenure she assisted six superintendents and three interim superintendents.

Rosemarie’s work ethic, confidentiality and the respect she earned from the Board of Education members, staff and the public served her and the district well. If you wanted to know about something from the past there was no one better to ask than Rosemarie.

Even though Rosemarie will be replaced by someone else, she will never be replaced in the hearts and minds of all that she has touched. Rosemarie deserves to move to new challenges and personal enjoyment. We can only hope that the most she wishes for will be the least she gets and may the best times she ever has be the worst she will ever see.

Kevin M. Reich – East Hampton

Note: Reich is the former East Hampton Public Schools Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor (300 words or less) should be emailed to bulletin@glcitizen.com. Please include your full name and town of residence. A phone number must be provided (not for publication).



The Freestone Council Knights of Columbus’ annual Car Show will return Friday, Sept. 17, in the parking lot of St. Mary Church.

Car Show to Return

On Friday, Sept. 17, the parking lot of St. Mary Church will be filled with a variety of show cars, as the Freestone Council Knights of Columbus brings back its Memorial Car Show.

This will be the fifth show the group has sponsored. The first four memorialized David Bordonaro, a longtime teacher in the church’s religious education program and premier car enthusiast in Portland. This year it is in memory of Salvatore “Tooti” Pitruzzello, who passed from complications of COVID-19 in April

2020. Pitruzzello was a leader in the KofC Council, a lifelong member of the parish, and a 60-year member of the Portland Volunteer Fire Department where he served as deputy chief, a training officer, and treasurer (Tooti also lovingly restored a fire truck from the ‘40s).

The Knights of Columbus Memorial Car Show is organized by Portland’s Freestone Council 7 located at St. Mary Church. The proceeds of this event are used to finance local charitable endeavors.

Transfer Station Seasonal Hours

Seasonal hours are being tried out at the transfer station. From June 8-Oct. 1, hours are:

Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The scale closes 30 minutes prior to closing.

Horseshoe League Seeks Members

The Portland Recreational Horseshoe League is welcoming new members of all abilities for the 2021 season. This is a co-ed, low-key, alcohol-free league. Matches are held every Thursday, 6-8 p.m., at the Horseshoe Pits located at Bransford Park at 160 Rose Hill Rd.

Interested players should email Andy Bauer at AndyTBauer@gmail.com.

Singers Wanted for a Special Opportunity

The Portland-based Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords group is looking for singers to participate in a 20th anniversary musical tribute to the heroes of 9/11 at the Bushnell in Hartford on Sept. 11, 2021.

Rehearsals start Tuesday, June 8, from 6:45-9 p.m., at the Rev. Msgr. M. Davitt Fox Parish Center, St. Francis Church, 10 Elm Street in Middletown. No auditions necessary. New members will be accepted through June 22.

For more information, visit vocalchords20.org.

Police News

6/7: Jimmy Stevenson, 43, of Waterbury, was arrested and charged with third-degree larceny, Portland Police said.

Grace and Mercy Church News

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

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Violent ‘Revenge Spree’ Ends in Portland

by Jack Lakowsky

A Southington man is accused of leading police on a multi-town chase – after he allegedly shot a rifle at seven different buildings, including homes, businesses and a church – that ultimately ended on the Arrigoni Bridge in Portland.

Southington police on Monday identified the suspect as 74-year-old Douglas Floyd Gollnick, who as of Monday is in the hospital, according to WFSB-TV.

Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, also the town’s police chief, said the man is undergoing psychological evaluation.

Media reports did not say if Portland police responded, and as of Tuesday Bransfield was unsure if they had.

Police said Gollnick has grievances with the places he shot.

“All the locations, there is some connection to the suspect,” Southington Police Lt. Keith Egan said in the press briefing. “However [this wasn’t] random. He singled out people that he knew.”

Egan went on to say Gollnick’s alleged grievances differ between each location, and that this was a spree to exact revenge.

The locations shot spanned Bristol, Cromwell and Southington.

Egan said officers received a report late Sunday evening from a Southington homeowner who said 16 shots had been fired at their house.

Police in the release said some of the places reportedly shot were fired upon more than a dozen times.

About 30 minutes later, another resident

called about shots being fired at their home.

Then, close to 8 p.m., a Hartford Healthcare in Southington called to report a glass break.

Just before 9 p.m., a church member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on the Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike called police to report another shooting incident, Egan said in the conference.

According to WFSB, police later revealed two more properties that were reportedly shot, one of which was a home. The bullets were shot into a bedroom. At another home, a garage was shot 16 times.

Luckily, Egan said, no citizens or police were physically injured, and the alleged shooter is also physically unharmed.

In a press release, police said both homes shot were occupied.

“I can tell you one was a church,” Egan told reporters.

Police said the first of the Southington shootings was similar to one that had happened earlier that day in Bristol. The suspect was described as a white male in a yellow t-shirt standing outside of a black Chevy Silverado, holding a long rifle.

Egan said while officers began to surround the suspect in Southington, he reportedly fled, getting off the highway in Middlefield, then continued to Washington Street in Middletown, and eventually onto the Arrigoni Bridge.

According to the release, police used Stop Sticks in Middletown. At first, these failed, but the driver lost control and crashed on the Portland side of the Arrigoni.

Egan in the conference said one police cruiser was damaged in the crash.

A .22 caliber rifle was reported to have been seized from Gollnick, as well as a pistol.

The Arrigoni Bridge was briefly closed in both directions. Bransfield was on an errand in Middletown when the bridge was closed and so took a long detour, but the bridge was reopened by the time she got home, estimating it was shut down for about 30 minutes.

WFSB reported that Gollnick is expected to be charged with criminal attempt at first-degree assault, unlawful firearm discharge, reckless endangerment, first-degree criminal mischief and engaging in a police pursuit.

Two of the charges each carry a \$250,000

bond, according to Southington police.

Police told reporters as the investigation continues, they expect to bring more charges.

Egan said one of the reportedly targeted homes has a Ring doorbell camera, which aided police.

Southington police in a Facebook post said their department, as well as police from Meriden, Middletown and the state, engaged in the pursuit.

In a June 1 Facebook update, Southington police released that Gollnick has no criminal history, and in December 2020, police contacted the alleged shooter for wellness checks.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call Southington police at 860-621-0101.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

Tai Chi: At Riverfront Park. Choose Wednesdays, June 9-July 28, 9:30-10:15 a.m., or Saturdays, June 12-July 31, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Fee: \$40 for each eight-week session.

2021-22 Kids Blast: Parks and Rec. is taking applications for this afterschool program for Portland kids in grades K-5. The program is based at Brownstone Intermediate School. Applications are at portland.recdesk.com. For more, call Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757.

Quick Start Tennis: Mondays, June 21-July 26, at the Portland High School tennis courts. Schedule: Grades K-2, 5:30-6:15 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 6:15-7 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 7-7:45 p.m. Fee: \$70 for Portland residents/\$80 for non-residents.

Slamma Jamma: Slamma Jamma basketball is returning the week of July 26. This week-long, half-day basketball camp is for grades 3-9.

CT Trails Day Returns

CT Trails Day returns Saturday, June 5 (rain date June 6), and there will be a guided walk that day from 10 a.m.-noon on the Portland Air Line Trail.

On the walk, information will be provided about the area, the history of the “Air Line,” the “Ghost Train” and plans for the future of the trail. Masks and social distancing are required (families and small groups can remain together). Two groups are planned for the day, with a short distancing separation between them. This is a wide gravel flat trail. Total distance of walk is four miles.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, go to: Ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend.

RTC Cornhole Tournament

The Portland Republican Town Committee will present a Cornhole Tournament and Family Fun Day Saturday, June 12, at Portland’s Riverfront Park. Check-in begins at 1 p.m., and tournament play starts at 2 p.m.

The tournament is single-elimination/bracket format. Players can bring their own standard bags; no double-sided/pro bags are allowed. Cost is \$60 per team. Registration deadline is June 6, though there will also be in-person registration on June 12 if the tournament is not sold out.

Bring your own lawn chairs, lawn games and beverages. There will also be crafts and activities for children, karate lessons provided by Michael Pelton, and a food truck will be on site.

For more information, email [Tim Lavoy at gopportlandct@gmail.com](mailto:TimLavoy@gopportlandct.com) or [Ryan Curley at ryanjcurly@gmail.com](mailto:RyanCurley@gmail.com).

Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., has announced the following. Registration required unless noted. For more info and full program descriptions, visit www.portlandlibraryct.org or call 860-342-6770. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

Library Reopens: The library welcomes visitors; no appointments are needed. Walk-ins are welcome. Masks for those over the age of 2, and social distancing are required. However, there is a limit to the number of visitors at one time and patrons are asked to keep visits brief. Computers and wireless access in the building are available by appointment. “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.

Open Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6

p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; **Curbside Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (extended hours on Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.); Friday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Museum Passes: Many area museums and attractions are now open and the library offers several passes for free or discounted admission. To reserve a pass, go to the library website and click on ‘Museum Passes’ or call the library.

Youth Programs: Online Storytime: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. through June 8, via Zoom. Registration is required for each week; space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance. A Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of each program.

Adult Programs: Held via Zoom. Join through the Zoom link on the Library webpage. The ID is 8603426777 and the Passcode is Portland.

Mystery Lovers Book Club: Tuesday, June 15, 1 p.m. *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides will be discussed.

St. Mary Church News

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

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

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

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

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

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BOE Talks Partnering with Anti-Defamation League

by Jack Lakowsky

The Portland Board of Education in a Tuesday meeting discussed actions to take to address last week's raising of a display depicting the school superintendent and school board chair as Nazis.

Protestors decrying the district's continuation of masking and other COVID-19 mitigation strategies apparently raised the board, officials said last week.

Local and state leaders, including the state attorney general and lieutenant governor, lambasted the sign, which called superintendent Charles Britton and school board chairperson Sharon Peters "a disgrace" to the town.

Britton told the board that one week later, he still hasn't been able to get through all the emails expressing support for and offense on behalf of district leaders.

Britton said the Portland Social Justice Coalition reached out to him suggesting the schools begin a relationship with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

The coalition said the use of swastikas and white supremacist symbols makes it appropriate to reach out to the ADL, which is a non-governmental Jewish organization that fights antisemitism and anti-Jewish hate.

The ADL has served the Jewish community since 1913 and is based in New York.

Britton said the community's reaching out to him shows that the board and the district have fostered an environment appreciative of civil, not inflammatory and defamatory, discourse.

"The [ADL] is outstanding, and I think it's a relationship worth exploring," said Britton.

The board agreed with Britton.

Board member Laurel Steinhauser said she thinks it's a great idea.

Peters, a target of protestors' anger, said the schools have a responsibility to call out hate speech and racism.

"Those things need to be called out for what they are, and not tolerated at all," Peters said.

"We're here twice a month," Peters continued. "We don't expect people to always agree, and we're always open to discussion. That's our job."

Peters said with a laugh that she's happy the opinion that she and Britton are Nazis was never brought up in a meeting.

In a joint statement the school board said that, one year ago, it spoke against the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer, and that now, "as then, the board condemns all acts of bigotry and hatred."

Peters said the ADL could inform the districts' work to enhance social justice and inclusion.

"That sign was not discourse," said board member Chris Darby. "That's vandalism. It's

not productive."

Darby said the use of white supremacist symbolism is especially troubling, as, according to information he read, such racist cells are active in Connecticut.

Darby said the ADL has a great track record.

Continuing on the subject of equity, the district's curriculum director, Eric Martin, said schools are "lucky to have a progressive [state] legislature requiring districts to offer Black and Latinx studies courses."

Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is now open for weekly daytime activities only; registration is required for each program, so center staff can keep track of the number of people in the building. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8-11 a.m. A mask must be worn at all times and social distancing is required. No communal food is currently allowed. The building will be closed from noon-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday for sanitizing.

There is a new "Scan-In" computer system called "MySeniorCenter" which will help the center track attendance and register for programs. The center is holding a naming contest for the new system; it would be called "Mr. _____." Submit your suggested last surname and, if chosen, you will win a gift certificate to a restaurant in town.

Unless noted, the following programs are being offered at the center. To register, call 860-342-6760.

Light Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Route 17 complex (weather permitting).

Bears on a Journey Group: Meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to make teddy bears for cancer patients. The group is in need of a variety of tasks, such as sewers, cutters, stuffers and more. Every few months, the group then travels to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center to deliver the bears.

Watercolor Lessons with Bivenne Staiger: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Email bivenne@yahoo.com for full details for the six-week session.

Free Hearing Screenings: Held the second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m., beginning June 8. No registration necessary.

Coupons for Troops: Tuesdays, 1 p.m. The program revolves around cutting manufacturer's coupons to be donated to military families. The center is also looking for coupons to be donated; they can be up to six months past their expiration date. Drop coupons off at the center Monday-Friday by calling 860-342-6760.

Setback: Thursdays, 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Bocce: Wednesdays, 1 p.m., at the Route 17 complex (weather permitting). Call the center in the morning if you plan on attending.

Tai Chi: Thursdays at 10 a.m., via Zoom. Fee

Martin said the state has yet to release the whole of this curriculum, but that Portland is on track to offer it in the 2022-23 school year.

Martin said until this is introduced, the schools will continue to refer to the state's Social Studies Committee, which he said has developed a "robust framework" for prioritizing inquiry into history and exploring the biases present there.

"That has defined our curriculum for years," Martin said. "We present history as a subject informed by many perspectives, many stories."

is \$40. Call the center to register.

Knit & Stitch: Thursdays at 10 a.m. Knit, crochet or do embroidery work. All are welcome.

Scrabble: Tuesdays at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Social Duplicate Bridge: the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Call the center if interested.

Cans-4-A-Cause: Cans and bottles for this project may be dropped off at the center Monday-Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the side entrance at the top of the steps. For more information, call the center or email Jeff directly at myjakjeff@gmail.com.

Medical Rides: The center is providing seniors and disabled with rides to the doctor. Fee is \$5 per person. Try to give a two-week notice for a ride. Masks are required.

Foot Care: Offered at the center the fourth Tuesday of each month. Appointments are available from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; call the center to make one. Fee is \$35, cash or check.



Resident Graduates... Portland Town Clerk and first selectman candidate Ryan Curley graduated May 12 with a master's degree in public administration from the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy (DPP). Curley maintained a 4.0 GPA and was also inducted into Pi Pi Alpha, the honors society for public policy and administration.

Food Bank Open to Public

As of June 3, Portland Food Bank is now open to Portland residents to obtain food or clothing. Hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon. People must call ahead of time (860-342-6795) if they plan to come in.

Deliveries will no longer be made to Chatham Court or Quarry Heights.

Donations of food or clothing are now accepted at the Food Bank; clothing must be in season and in good condition. People should also call ahead prior to arriving.

The Foodshare truck will visit Portland Food Bank Monday, June 28, at 1 p.m., for a drive-thru food pickup. Enter at Portland Library on Freestone Avenue and exit past the Waverly Center onto Waverly Avenue.

For more information, call the Food Bank at 860-342-6795 or the Waverly Center at 860-342-6760.

Residents Graduate

Portland residents Matthew Leroux and Matthew Wyslick recently graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

Leroux graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration: management, and Wyslick graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication.



Scholarship Winner... Ava Beeler (right) was awarded Portland Exchange Club's 2021 John W. Bransfield Scholarship. Exchange member Kelly Coleman presented her the scholarship the Portland High School's Award Ceremony on May 27. Beeler is planning on attending Manchester Community College in the fall to study culinary arts.

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The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes Portland. No commercial or business waste allowed.

Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste for more information.

Resident Graduates

Lauren George of Portland recently graduated from the University of Alabama.

George received a Master of Science degree in aerospace engineering and mechanics.

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Douglas Library News & Notes

Douglas Library, located at 22 Main St., has announced the following. For more info and full program descriptions, call the library at 860-228-9312 or visit www.douglaslibrary.org.

Library to Reopen: The library building has reopened to the public for computer use, materials browsing and all other services. All patrons are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing. Curbside pick-up requests will continue to be filled in the lobby of the building. Operating hours are: Monday and Wednesday, noon-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Friday, noon-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The library is closed Sundays.

Something Old, Something New: Friday, June 11, 1 p.m. The Connecticut Historical Society will give a virtual presentation about "Weddings through the Ages." This program uses the society's collection of wedding clothing, accessories, photographs and prints to examine weddings from colonial through modern times. Registration with a valid email is required.

Knit-Wits: This knitting circle will start up Monday, June 14, from 6-7:30 p.m., and will meet every Monday thereafter. All skill levels are welcome. No registration is required; just bring your project or your questions.

Green Garden Gang: Hebron's own master

gardeners will discuss pollinator gardens and perennials Tuesday, June 22, at 4 p.m. This program will be held outside behind the library, or in the community room in case of rain. Register online or by calling the library.

Friday Films: Newly-released feature films will be shown in the library community room, on the library's 80-inch 4K TV, starting Friday, June 25, at 1 p.m., when *Nomadland*, which recently won the Oscar for Best Picture, will be shown. The movie is rated R. Water and individually-wrapped snacks will be provided. Registration is not required. Call the library for more information.

Poetry Corner: To have work considered for the Poetry Corner in our monthly newsletter, submit it to info@douglaslibrary.org with the subject line 'Poetry Submission.' All ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate. Poems should be original works written by individuals living in Hebron or Amston, and not subject to any copyright claims that would prevent the work from being published by the library.

Children's Department: In the lobby there are children's activity kits; themed selections are added weekly. First-come, first-served. Summer programs will start Thursday, July 8, at 1 p.m., with Clay Cartooning with Debi Hamuka-Falkenham. Watch for more details coming soon.

Farmers Market Opening Day

The Hebron Farmers and Crafters Market opening day is Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Hebron Elementary school parking lot. Featured vendors this week are:

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Cat White Dog Farm, Camberra Farm Store, Bloom Bake Shop, Keifer's Kettle Korn, The Philling Station food truck and Coffee Street Café food truck. There will be live entertainment from One Part Harmony.

Senior Friends Update

The Senior Friends of Hebron group is getting together in person for the first time after 15 months.

Group members have started their Monday walks of the Amston Air Line Trail. They will leave the Route 85 parking lot kiosk promptly at 10 a.m. Walkers set their own pace and go as long or far as each wants. Non-walkers may sit and visit at the picnic table.

Participants will use their own discretion as to distancing and masks. Carry water, cell phone; wear a hat and comfortable shoes. Children (and pets on short leashes, carry plastic bag), wheelchairs, etc. are welcome. Benches are placed along the trail to allow for resting if it is necessary.

The Senior Friends group will hold its June 10 meeting in person at Burnt Hill Park under the pavilion. The meeting will start at 3 p.m. This will be the first formal in-person meeting since Febru-

ary 2020. Michele Sinkez will speak about "Pollinators and How we can Help Them." Pre-packaged snacks will be provided. This is an outside meeting with plenty of room for social distancing, so use of masks is at members' discretion. Group members will discuss activities for future meetings and looking to fill officer positions.

Visit www.seniorfriendsofhebron.com for information and application for membership if interested. Dues are \$10 per year or \$75 for lifetime membership. The mailing address is P.O. Box 60, Hebron, CT 06248.

For more information, call Barbara at 860-228-3106 or Cile at 860-643-8768.

President's List

Hebron residents Scott Beaulieu and Xander Williams, and Amston resident Evan Lindquist, made the winter 2021 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

More Hebron news on page 25



Make Music Day will return Monday, June 21. Pictured here is a scene from the 2019 event.

Calling All Musicians

The Town Center Project will host a local version of Make Music Day Monday, June 21.

All musicians, and all genres, are welcome. Performers will line Main Street. There are currently more than 20 musicians/musical venues officially signed up. There will be instruments to share, locations to sit and stay a while and restaurants to grab take out from.

To sign up or for more info, visit [facebook.com/towncenterprojectinc](https://www.facebook.com/towncenterprojectinc) or www.thetowncenterproject.org.

Schools to Provide Summer Meals

The RHAM middle and high schools will work with the Hebron elementary schools to provide summer meals to families.

Meals continue to be free to children ages 18 years and younger throughout the summer months. Meals will be distributed at RHAM High School's loading dock on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-9 a.m., starting June 21 and ending Aug. 30. Parents/guardians should check their email for a weekly sign-up form.

For more information, contact Kate Caselli at kathleen.caselli@rhamschools.org or 860-228-9474 ext. 3710.

Church of Hope News & Notes

Hebron Church of Hope, 1 Main St., holds worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Church of Hope is a biblically-driven Christ-centered church.

Worship is in person and via livestream on the church website. For more information, and the guidelines for in-person worship, visit www.hebronchurchofhope.org.

The church office is closed until further notice. Pastor Jordan Brown can meet by appointment; use the church website to set up a time.

For more information about Hebron Church of Hope, visit the website or look for the church on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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Bylone Recommends Suspending Police Commission

by Karla Santos

After complaints, in-fighting and an overall lack of productivity, First Selectman Mary Bylone announced last week she will recommend suspending the town Police Commissioners until further notice.

Bylone made the announcement during the May 24 Police Commission meeting at which Craig Scheel, Colchester Police Union president, also announced the union will not support the commission, until one of its members, Carol Vaillancourt, is removed.

The dilemma started when Vaillancourt filed a complaint that she felt offended by comments made by an officer during the April 26 public meeting.

She said Officer Bryan Kowalsky made a reference about past commissioners having a running joke “that they were going to make decisions for the water department when they didn’t know anything about water.”

Vaillancourt said Kowalsky also mentioned that Police Commission Chairman Jim Stavola was the only chairman with prior police knowledge.

Vaillancourt said she found the comment to be “alarming and offensive,” as she interpreted it as implying that civilians have no business being on the commission.

One of the ways in which Stavola attempted to resolve the complaint was through an executive session that on May 3.

At that meeting, he said the Police Commission, by majority vote, had found that Vaillancourt has violated numerous Police Commission by-laws and state statutes stemming from her complaint against Kowalsky.

The violations were sent to the Board of Selectmen for further review and suggestions were given, but no action was taken.

According to Scheel, one of the reasons the union wants Vaillancourt removed and why the commission filed a complaint against her, is that prior to the investigation’s completion, she made public in the newspaper and social media her complaint against Kowalsky, which is considered a personnel matter.

Scheel said an investigation regarding the complaints found no wrongdoings from Kowalsky to Vaillancourt.

Scheel told the *Rivereast* the union is not going to cooperate with a commission that treats them “unfairly.”

“We are not going to support the commission as long as commissioner Vaillancourt remains

on the commission because we feel that she treated one of our members unfairly,” Scheel said. “We feel that she didn’t exercise good judgement.”

He said the union feels that as long as Vaillancourt is on the commission, officers will be subject to mistreatment.

According to Scheel, the officer Vaillancourt complained about is “a town resident and an employee for an extended period of time, who’s never had a single disciplinary action taken against him and he’s being publicly labeled in the paper and on social media something that he’s not.”

The police union represents the officers of the Colchester Police Department and the commission oversees the hiring, firing, discipline and promotion of all members of the police department, which are all members of the union.

Bylone said she wants the commission suspended because its members are not able to accomplish the goals of the commission. She said at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen, she will recommend the board suspend the commission.

“If it’s not going to be able to accomplish what they are set up to do, then there’s really no purpose in them meeting,” Bylone said.

She said the plan is to figure out if the commission can somehow get back on track, but if unable to, the commission might have to be disbanded.

Bylone said not a lot of work has been done by the current police commission except for work Stavola has done regarding call volume statistics.

“Nothing else has happened,” she said. “They have some subgroups that were supposed to work on goals and when they come together in those meetings they don’t have any report, there’s no update.”

Bylone said the commission had been asked to look at the Police Accountability Bill and “no work has been done on that.”

Another reason Bylone wants the police commission suspended is the “unhealthy conversations” happening amongst its members.

The *Rivereast* has watched virtual police commission meetings and noticed the defensiveness of some of its members, along with oc-

casional aggressive tones of voice.

While some seem to be against Vaillancourt, she is not alone. Selectman Taras Rudko has filed a complaint supporting Vaillancourt, and during the public comment portion of the May 24 meeting, Andrea Migliaccio made comments supporting her.

During her comment, Migliaccio told Stavola he had “no business interjecting yourself into Carol’s complaint by calling an executive meeting the day after she hit send on her complaint.”

Migliaccio said she is confident the executive meeting called by Stavola will be deemed an illegal meeting.

“Your initial reaction to Carol hitting send on an email shows that you cannot handle leadership,” Migliaccio said to Stavola. “You felt Carol was insubordinate but she is not your subordinate and that may be where the confusion was. Carol has shown the work she has put into the Police Commission for several years, yet the work didn’t take form until Mr. Stavola became chairman.”

Migliaccio said that she has read the responses Vaillancourt has received from law enforcement about her concerns and “they can concur that it is desirable to work with someone from their line of work versus a non-police officer.”

“I hope this police commission moves forward recognizing each member’s contribution, respecting a process of gathering data, and discussing topics of public concern [and] spending in police investments so that Colchester can benefit from wise, well-thought out goals and strategies crafted by more than just a few,” Migliaccio said.

Stavola told the *Rivereast* he agrees “in view of the lack of trust within the police commission at the present time, any further meetings would not be advisable or productive.”

Vaillancourt, meanwhile, said she does not agree with the first selectman’s recommendation to suspend the police commission.

“Taxpayers should have a voice and express concerns in regards to the police department,” Vaillancourt said. “By suspending or eliminating the commission, you’re removing the citizen oversight to question data and ask questions formally.”

Vaillancourt said she feels the First Select-

man placed Stavola on the commission to maintain control and to prevent the circulation of information in order to drive a political agenda. “Now that it failed, she suggested pulling the plug on the commission,” Vaillancourt said.

Vaillancourt added the union’s stance on not collaborating with the police commission until her removal, “further substantiates my original statement that they wish to only work with ex-police officers.”

She said the union would like to control the narrative that she is the problem and thinks that the fact they are protecting Stavola is a “troublesome issue.”

Vaillancourt said the Police Commission should consist of five members with no more than three of the same political party. In addition, she said the commission should have a governing document representing its authority “because from year over year the translation has been mixed.”

“Relationships on our commission should be the same as every other board or commission in Colchester,” she said. The membership should be diverse, respected and business should be conducted at the table and not on private phone calls.”

Vaillancourt said it was a bad decision to keep Stavola on the commission.

“His open display of hostility towards me was evident in multiple public forums,” Vaillancourt said. “No one should succumb to a toxic work environment like I have.”

She said the situation has been difficult for her.

“I fear my family and I have been a victim of retaliation,” she added.

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 Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.; masks required. For those wishing to worship from home, the service will be broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday at 9 a.m.

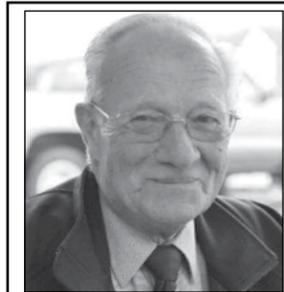
Worship videos are at www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information is also on the church’s Facebook page.

Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., has lifted most COVID-19 restrictions for in-person worship services on 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 the church website at westchestercongregationalchurch.org for login information.

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

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



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Schools Welcome New Assistant Director

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Burt has announced the appointment of Elisa Fabiszak as the next assistant director of pupil services and special education for Colchester Public Schools.

"I am grateful that Mrs. Fabiszak will be joining our team of dedicated administrators," Burt said. "She and director Kathleen Perry will make an outstanding pupil services and special education team, working collaboratively to support instructional staff and provide exceptional programming for all of our students."

Fabiszak has been an educator for more than 13 years, and brings a variety of experiences to Colchester. She began working in Glastonbury Public Schools as a school psychologist in 2008. In her role, she supported teachers in creating inclusive classrooms where students worked collaboratively with their peers in order to problem solve with a growth mindset.

Throughout her career, Fabiszak has supported special education students at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. She

has a background and understanding of special education law and 504 plans, and in-depth knowledge of academic and social/emotional development for students with a wide range of disabilities.

In addition to direct classroom experience, Fabiszak also has experience, in both private practice and hospital inpatient settings, supporting families and students with significant needs.

Fabiszak holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Central Connecticut State University, a Master of Science degree and a 6th Year certificate in school psychology from the University of Hartford, and an 092 certificate in intermediate administration and supervision from Sacred Heart University.

Fabiszak will start as Colchester Public Schools' new assistant director of pupil services and special education on July 1. She will replace Rebecca Lopes, who will begin her role as director of pupil services and special education with Putnam Public Schools.

Cragin Book Club

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, June 28, at 6 p.m. This month, *Real Life* by Brandon Taylor will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk.

If the weather is good, the club will meet at the Colchester Giving Garden, which is located behind the Colchester Senior Center. Bring a chair. If the weather is bad, the club will meet via Zoom. To register for the Zoom link, go to tinyurl.com/48pv49je.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required. For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752.

Ahavath Achim News

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

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

There are daily prayer classes on Facebook Live.

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.



Troop 109 Scouts, family and friends spent the morning of Saturday, May 22, helping to clear the area that will become the Norton Park.

Troop 109 Works on Norton Park Project

BSA Troop 109 of Colchester Scouts, family members and friends spent Saturday morning, May 22, working on the Norton Park project, clearing invasive plants, fallen limbs and trash in the area formerly known as the Norton Paper Mill off of Route 149 in the Westchester section of Colchester.

The final goal of the Norton Park Committee is to transform the area into a park open to the public with walking paths, picnic tables,

benches, fishing areas and more. Norton Park will also be connected to the Air Line Trail by a sidewalk.

Troop 109 is sponsored by the Westchester Congregational Church, which is just a short distance down Route 149 from the future Norton Park. For more information about the Norton Park project, email nortonpark@colchesterct.gov.

Polish Dinner, Polka Music

St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St., will have a special homemade Polish dinner Sunday, June 13, and people can either get the food to go or stay, dine on the club pavilion, and listen to live polka music by The Maestro's Men.

Dinner includes pierogis, golumpkies, kielbasa, and rye bread with butter. Dinner will be available from 1-2:30 p.m. only, but music will be performed from 1-5 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 and must be purchased in advance, at the club, on Monday-Friday after 4 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday after noon. Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

Celebration of Dot Mrowka

All are invited to Hop Culture Farms and Brew Co., 144 Cato Corner Rd., Sunday, June 13, from 3-5 p.m. to honor the late Dot Mrowka and her work for the town, as well as her state and national contributions.

Tickets are \$25 and include a donation to the Dot Mrowka Scholarship fund and one free beverage. Food is available for purchase, or you may bring your own snacks.

Tickets may be purchased online (www.colchesterdemocrats.org), at the event, or by calling Rosemary Coyle at 860-267-8515. Donations to the Dot Mrowka Scholarship may also be made by calling Coyle.

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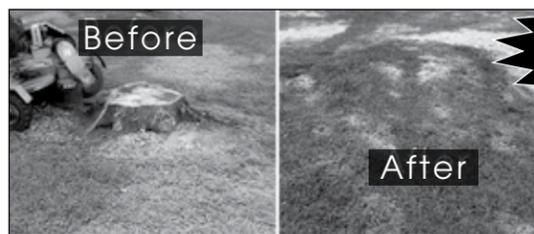
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Summer Children's Theater Auditions

The Colchester Community Theatre (CCT) will hold its Summer Children's Theater Workshop July 12-23 – and auditions will take place Sunday, June 13, from 1-3 p.m., and Monday, June 14, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Oz'N Bones BBQ Restaurant, 43 Hayward Ave.

The workshop is open to all children entering grades 2-12 in the fall.

Every child must audition to attend the program; there are no exceptions. Registration for auditions is required, and can be done at tinyurl.com/xmkhm5m4.

Note: Due to CDC guidelines, the number of children will be reduced from previous years. An exact number will be determined to meet the needs of the casting requirements and space limitations once auditions are completed. Each child is to bring sheet music or an instrumental recording and be prepared to sing. An accompanist will be provided.

After auditions, those chosen to participate will be sent an invoice for the workshop fee of \$135 per child (additional \$15 Town of Colchester processing/administrative fee included.)

CCT will follow all CDC guidelines during auditions and the workshop for the health and safety of performers, patrons and staff.

CCT will produce Disney's *Frozen Jr.* for this workshop. A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, *Frozen Jr.* expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the bond of sisterhood. The musical is based on the blockbuster Disney film *Frozen*.

Contact Wallis Johnson at 860-267-1023 or Laura Brown at RTR1982@aol.com for more information. CCT is sponsored by Colchester Parks and Recreation Department.

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. Programs taking place via Zoom are indicated with a (Z).

Monday, June 7: 8:30 a.m., Gardening (rain date June 14); 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne (Z); 10 a.m., Sittercize (Z); 11 a.m., Learn to Sign with Ruth; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 12:30 p.m., Setback.

Tuesday, June 8: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Senior Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi (Z); 12:30-3:30 p.m., CHOICES Counseling, by appointment; 1 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., Senior Center Building Committee (Z).

Wednesday, June 9: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program; 10 a.m., Walking Group meet-up at Air Line Trail; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10 a.m., adult coloring; 2 p.m., Senior Center staff meeting.

Thursday, June 10: 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne (Z); 10 a.m., Sittercize (Z); 10 a.m., Wii Bowling; 10 a.m., Foot Clinic, by appointment; 10:30 a.m., Shopping Trip to Manchester; 11 a.m., Yoga (Z); noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

Friday, June 11: 9 a.m., Coffee, Tea & SMP; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10 a.m., Reel Friends Movie Club – *A Walk in the Woods*; 11 a.m., Yoga (Z); 12:30 p.m., pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Pet Therapy: Monday, June 14, 10 a.m. All dog-loving senior center members are invited to visit "Stitch," a certified therapy dog, with her owner, Colchester First Selectman Mary Bylone.

Sit & Be Fit Video: Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. Registration requested.

Walking Group: Wednesdays at 10 a.m., weather permitting. The group meets at the Air Line Trail entrance on Route 85 in Amston.

Reel Friends Movie Club: Fridays at 10 a.m. Every month will have a different theme; the theme for June is "The Great Outdoors." Registration required.

Learn to Sign with Ruth: Mondays at 11 a.m. This introductory course requires no previous experience and will teach you the basics of how to communicate using sign language.

Weekly Zoom Programs: Exercise with Anne: Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Senior Yoga: Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.; Sittercize: Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.; Tai Chi: Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.

Colchester Cougars Registration Open

Registration is now open for Colchester Cougars Football and Cheer. Residents of Colchester, East Haddam, Salem, Bozrah and Lebanon are eligible.

Cheer and tackle football for ages 6-13. Flag football is open for youth ages 4-5.

Visit colchestercougars.org for further information and to register.

Car Wash to Support Troop K Project

On Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., the Troop K State Police Cadets Post 028 will host a free car wash at St Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St.

The Troop K Cadets have been raising funds to purchase and replace the State Police Troop K sign, which has been displayed in front of the Troop K Barracks in Colchester since the mid-1930s. If interested in becoming a sponsor, call advisor Mindy Johnston at 860-465-5468.

Crafters Sought for September Show

The 30th annual Festival on the Green Craft Show will be a one-day event this year, on Saturday Sept. 18. Admission for the public is free, and exhibitors are expected to include a variety of arts and crafts, including woodworking, painting, photography, food items, pottery, stained glass and more.

Applications for booths (10' by 10') are still available for at \$60 for a single space, or, \$115 for a double space. All products must be personally crafted; no imports or mass-produced items are allowed.

For more information, call 860-809-0011 or email ColchesterLionsCraftFair@gmail.com.

Dean's List

Alicia Grant of Colchester made the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, R.I. She is a communicative disorders major and entering her junior year in the fall.

Project Grad to Hold Board Elections

Bacon Academy Project Graduation will hold 2021-22 Board of Directors elections during a special meeting Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m., at the St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St., Colchester, under the pavilions behind the clubhouse.

Nominations and actual elections will take place during the meeting. Board positions include: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, marketing and communications. Representation from all classes is encouraged.

Each position and its responsibilities are available on the organization's website. Individuals interested in learning more about and supporting Project Graduation's 30-year tradi-

tion in Colchester are encouraged to join the meeting plans are discussed for the upcoming year. Those interested in learning more or volunteering for a position can contact Melanie Hathaway at mghath425@gmail.com. The goal of the board is to increase awareness of Project Graduation's mission community-wide and promote fundraising opportunities for the Classes of 2022-2025.

For more information and to learn more, go to www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org. Project Graduation is a 501 (c)(3) organization with a mission to enhance drug and alcohol-free awareness by providing safe graduation events for all graduating seniors of Bacon Academy.

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Celebrating 27 Years in Colchester

Colchester Honors Those Who Served

by Karla Santos

Although Memorial Day in Colchester didn't go as planned, members of the community gathered on Sunday to honor the lives and service of those who have fallen in the line of duty.

Danny Henderson, member of the Colchester American Legion, said the event was "great" and noted that about 30 people attended.

The remembrance took place at Fresca Tequila Bar & Grill.

According to Henderson, the original plan was for the event to include a parade, but it was cancelled earlier this year because of the uncertainties of COVID-19, he said.

Then, the community members that planned the event opted to have a service on the Town Green, and that was also canceled because of the rainy and cold temperatures on Sunday.

The event ended up happening at Fresca with lunch and a speech.

Among attendees were veterans, the 1109th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group (TASMG) out of Groton, which provided soldiers, color guards and a guest speaker.

During the event, the names of local individuals who have died while serving the country were read to recognize their life and service.

For Henderson, remembering those members of the community who have fallen in the line of duty, was a significant part of the event, he said.

"We try not to forget the true meaning of the day," Henderson added.

The event was organized by the Colchester American Legion, Colchester VFW Post 6990 and the Colchester Honor Guard. The remembrance was sponsored by the Colchester Lions Club.

"It was great," Henderson said. "Colchester is very lucky to have organizations like the Lions Club of Colchester that help us recognize Memorial Day and the other significant events."

Robert Flinchbaugh was the guest speaker of the event. He started by saying that this is the second year in a row in which Memorial Day looks different than in previous years. He noted, however, that the memories that Memorial Day bring are always the same.

"Too many mothers, fathers, siblings and children feel the immense weight of seeing an empty chair year-round," Flinchbaugh said. "For them, Memorial Day brings to the forefront what is always operating in the background."

Flinchbaugh also shared the story of Army Sergeant 1st Class Alwyn Cashe, who was the first Black service member to receive the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Flinchbaugh explained that Cashe died on Nov. 8, 2005, 22 days after his Bradley Fighting

Vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Iraq.

He said Cashe helped save the life of his six soldiers during the explosion, but more than 70% of his body was covered in second- and third-degree burns.

"Despite all of this, he insisted on being the last person on a medical evacuation helicopter," Flinchbaugh said.

Nicole Reardon, of the Colchester Lions Club, said this year was the first time the group hosted a Memorial Day luncheon for the veterans with the purpose of honoring them for their

service.

"It's all very nice, it's all very moving," she said of the event.

She said learning about Cashe's story was one of the highlights of the event for her.

Reardon said she enjoyed talking with the veterans and the Colchester Honor Guard, which she considers a "wonderful part" of the community.

"I just love speaking with them about their service to the community and to the state," she said.

Children's Programs at Cragin Library

The following programs are offered for children at Cragin Memorial Library. While the library is currently open, it is not hosting any in-person programming. For more information and full program descriptions, call the children's department at 860-537-7201. The library is located at 8 Linwood Ave.

Baby Activity Videos: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Often, activity bags will be available at the children's circulation desk to accompany the videos.

Sharing Stories: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. A craft will be show-

cased, and bags will be available for pick-up.

Milestone Moments: Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Activity bags will be available for many sessions.

Baby Storytime Sign-Ups: Tuesdays through June 29, 10:30 a.m., at Cohen Woodlands. Best for ages birth-2. Registration required and space is limited. Weather cancellations will be listed on Facebook. Physical distancing will be required and masks will need to be worn upon arrival, departure, and any time being socially distant isn't possible.

Don't Forget to License Your Dog

It's time for dog-owners to register their pooch, as per state law. People will need proof of a rabies vaccine with an expiration of July 1, 2021 or later and proof if your dog is neutered or spayed.

Licenses can be obtained at the town clerk's office; by mailing payment and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Town Clerk, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415; or online, at colchesterct.gov on the town clerk page. Online registration does include processing fees.

The license year is July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. A spayed or neutered dog is \$8 and an unspayed or unneutered dog is \$19. Penalty charges are added if licenses are not renewed by June 30. The penalty is \$1 per month, starting July 1.

For more information, email townclerk@colchesterct.gov or call 860-537-7215.

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.

Tag Sale June 19

Westchester Congregational Church will hold a Tag Sale Saturday, June 19, from 8 a.m.-noon, at the parsonage, located at 95 Cemetery Rd., across the street from the church.

Donations of good-quality usable items are welcome to be dropped off on the parsonage porch by Wednesday, June 16. No clothing, large appliances or large furniture can be accepted.

For more information, email westcong-church@gmail.com

Grant-Subsidized Preschool Available

Colchester's School Readiness Program is now offering grant-subsidized preschool for the 2021-22 school year. There are two school day options, at Castle and Colchester Elementary School.

The program is for Colchester residents who want a five-day a week program and may find it difficult to pay for preschool. For the application and more information, go to colchester3.org/school-readiness.

Parks and Rec. Summer Day Camp

Parks and Recreation will hold its Summer Day Camp June 28-Aug. 20 for kids entering grades K-7 in the fall. Hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; extended care is available from 3-5 p.m. for an extra fee. In case of inclement weather, Parks and Rec. will use a school for the day.

For more info and to register, visit www.colchesterct.gov/day-camps or call 860-537-7297.

Car Wash for Park Benches

Boy Scout Troop 72 Eagle Scout candidate Thomas Smith will have a car wash Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Colchester Federated Church parking lot on Main Street.

The purpose of the car wash is to raise funds to help construct five new concrete and wood benches which will be put in various parts of Cohen Woodlands Park on McDonald Road in Colchester.

Student Wins 'Best in State' for Video

William J. Johnston Middle School student Madeline Ives won the Best in State prize for Connecticut for her video, "Save Our Planet: Reduce Our Carbon Footprint."

She was awarded this prize through the World of 7 Billion student video contest. This annual contest, sponsored by Population Education, is open to middle and high school students in grades 6-12.

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Physical Therapy Helps...

by Kirsti Stennett, P.T.



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Despite Majority 'Yes' Vote, Citgo Zone Change Fails

by Jack Lakowsky

In a split 4-3 vote, the East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission voted down a proposed residential-to-commercial zone change at the Food Bag/Citgo gas station near the corner of Route 16 and Main Street.

Although the zone change for the Atlantis Marketing-owned business received a majority vote, it would have needed a supermajority vote to pass.

According to East Hampton Planning and Zoning Official Jeremy DeCarli, the change needed a supermajority vote because a petition opposed to the change was signed by more than 20% of abutters within 500 feet of the property, meaning local resistance paid off for those opposed.

PZC chair Ray Zatorski, vice chair Kevin Kuhr, along with members Rowland Rux and Ted Hintz, voted for the change while members Roy Gauthier, Angelus Tammaro and Meg Wright voted against.

Gauthier and Tammaro both articulated their opposition in the meeting while Wright kept her view quiet. Ultimately, she was the deciding vote.

Through the past few months, hundreds of East Hampton residents have through public comments and letters, media interviews and petitions, opposed the zone change.

Among many others, reasons for opposition included the proposed razing of a historic home neighboring the Food Bag, environmental strain and increased pollution, increased traffic, noise, and litter, spot zoning, and the preservation of the Village Center's character, with many residents calling the spot a "gateway" into town, and that to build a modern, much larger gas station would not conform to the area's "architectural narrative."

The businesses' owners, and a handful of residents, have said the zone change, which would be the first step in expanding the building, would increase the town's tax base, draw customers to the Village Center, and that East Hampton's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) calls for "modest" commercial development of that part of town.

In their statements of support, Zatorski and Kuhr both said the three unoccupied buildings proposed to be taken down are currently unsafe, and that an expanded store would remove this danger from town.

Kuhr said approving the change wouldn't be the last step in the expansion process, adding that the board would have say in the characteristics of the new structure.

Zatorski said in his view, the zone change is a moderate commercial expansion of a site used commercially for the past 70 years.

Zatorski added the zone is only residential because in the 1990s its previous designation, "neighborhood commercial," had to change after the state did away with this zoning category.

"This is a zone change, not a site plan or site approval," Zatorski said.

Rux advised caution, saying that

if the change meets regulation and is not approved, the town could be sued.

Gauthier and Kuhr both said that a potential lawsuit can't be allowed to intimidate the commission.

PZC members were split on whether the site conformed to the town POCD.

Gauthier said the application is an example of spot zoning and so doesn't get his vote, citing the POCD's call for preservation of small-town character, natural resources, and facilitating a diverse local economy.

"We need to look at short- and long-term impacts on the neighborhood," said Gauthier.

Tammaro in his opposition said a recent site walk was "eye-opening", and that if the conservation plan isn't meant to protect "historic"

Main Street, then the POCD could be considered a failure.

Tammaro said a 'yes' vote from him would require more information on traffic safety, and on whether this project would actually lead more customers to Belltown businesses.

"As to the condition of the property," Tammaro continued, "it wasn't in that state when the current owners bought it."

In the past weeks, several residents made the same argument, that the company through neglect demolished the homes neighboring the Food Bag.

Soccer Travel Tryouts

East Hampton Soccer Club (EHSC) is holding tryouts Monday and Tuesday, June 14 and 15, for roster spots on its 2021-22 travel soccer teams. All interested athletes are encouraged to register and attend on one of these evenings.

These tryouts are for new and current travel players, both female and male, and for any athlete born in the calendar years 2008-14. Organizers are looking for athletes who are interested in playing travel soccer both during the fall 2021 and spring 2022 seasons (as well as a possible winter indoor season in between).

Playing at the travel level is a natural progression for many soccer athletes who started in our town recreational program and who are looking for further advancement in their skill development, level of competition and style/pace of play. Athletes must try out in order to be considered for a team.

To register to participate in one of the tryouts, emailing Julie Johnson at johnson7479@yahoo.com to confirm: (a) which night you plan to attend, (b) your child's name, (c) your child's birth year, (d) your child's gender, (e) your best contact information – email and cell phone number, and (f) any other pertinent details about your child that you believe would be helpful for the club to know.

Learn more about the programs at EHSC. website.sportssignup.com.

Volunteers Sought to Serve

The town continues to look for volunteers to serve on various boards, commissions and agencies. Groups with vacancies for either full members or alternates are:

Arts & Culture Commission, Clean Energy Task Force, Conservation-Lake Commission, Design Review Board, Ethics Commission, Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency, Library Advisory Board, Middle Haddam Historic District Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Budget Vote Set for June 8

by Jack Lakowsky

The Town Council at its May 25 meeting unanimously approved a 2021-22 fiscal year budget of about \$49.7 million, which will now head to an in-person June 8 vote.

The budget is an increase of about 4.6% over the current one, according to a release on the vote from East Hampton Town Manager David Cox.

Belltown voters will approve or disapprove a school district budget of about \$33 million, about 3%, or \$953,000, over the current year, as well as a general government budget of \$12 million, an increase of about \$435,000.

The town budget referendum will run from 6 a.m. through 8 p.m. on June 9 at East Hampton Middle School at 19 Childs Road.

Electors not able to vote at the middle school can do so by absentee ballot by visiting the Town Clerk at the East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

Voters can view the budget line by line on the town's website and can pick up a hard copy at the clerk's office.

Major items in the budget include construction at East Hampton High School, as well as debt payments for last year's construction of the

new town hall. Combined, these projects will increase the town's debt service sharply, from about \$419,000 this current year to about \$3.6 million next fiscal year.

Cox wrote that capital improvements were raised to a level more reflective of past years, as the current year's capital project budget was slashed to compensate for revenue lost to the pandemic. This figure rises from \$396,000 to about \$813,000.

Other changes Cox noted in a budget hearing at the end of March included the addition of a part-time deputy fire marshal, as the fire department has trouble meeting routine inspections of commercial and multi-family buildings. The position would be funded for about a 19.5-hour work week.

Changes at the senior center are proposed as well, and future budgets will continue to focus on the growing needs there, and of the growing senior population in East Hampton. Previous budgets have funded a part-time food service assistant, which will no longer be necessary as the social service agency providing meals to the center has agreed to a five-days-per-week service.

The senior center food assistant would be moved to a more flexible assistant's position to better suit the center's staffing needs.

Cox wrote that the anticipated mill rate, which was frozen for the current year, will increase by 1.48 mills for a rate of 34.62 mills. The 2021-22 value of one mill, if approved by voters, will be about \$1.2 million.

In East Hampton the Board of Finance, not the council, has final say in the mill rate.

The council approved the budget after its own extensive discussions. The town's finance board also reviewed and approved the budget, making only minor changes, according to Dean Markham, the council's vice chairman.

Markham in written comments said the budget maintains the town's AAA bond rating, the best possible. A bond rating measures how well

a town meets its financial commitments, having a low risk of default.

"This budget proposal is fiscally responsible, always considering our taxpayers, yet meets the needs of our citizens in dynamic, growing community," Markham wrote.

Markham thanked both his Democratic and Republican council colleagues for helping craft the spending plan.

"It is important to understand that the budget is not just [a] page of numbers," Markham said, going on to say the budget is a guiding document at the core of the town's framework.

Although this year's budget has been finalized, locals can still send their thoughts on this, or even next year's budget to budget@easthamptonct.gov

Goff House Concert Lineup

The Goff House Gazebo Concert Series will be held Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., from June 24-July 29.

There will be no rain location or bathrooms available during the concerts. Listeners should wear masks when arriving and leaving the shows and maintain six feet apart from other audience members. Picnics are welcome. Admission is free.

The band lineup is: June 24: T Ray, performing acoustic country, rock, folk and pop music from the 1940s to today; July 1: Centerline Band, performing a mix of rock and roll, country and blues; July 8, Mick and Vic Acoustic Duo, performing hits from the 1950s to present; July 15, Flamingo Big Band, a 15-piece,

all-female group of experienced professional musicians performing music from the swing era, with a sprinkling of rock, pop, rhythm and blues; July 22, 3 Gals 3, a vocal trio of three female Connecticut musicians who have been performing three decades of musical genres together for 15 years; July 29, Leaf Jumpers, performing rock hits of the 1990s through today, along with their own modern originals.

Reminder: Tax-deductible donations to help pay for the bands are being accepted from \$250, \$150, \$75, \$50 and \$25 levels (or any amount) and can be mailed to the Joseph N. Goff House, P.O. Box 337, East Hampton, CT 06424. Visit goffhousehct.blogspot.com for more information.

Nominees Sought for Lake Smart Award

Owners of lake or watershed property are invited to have their property evaluated for a Lake Smart Award.

The East Hampton Conservation & Lake Commission (C&LC) started the "Lake-Smart Award Program" for property owners living on Lake Pocotopaug or in the surrounding watershed. Those that achieve seven requirements will receive a Lake Smart Award sign they can display on their property.

For more information or to be evaluated for the award, contact: Jeremy Hall of the Parks

& Recreation Department (860-267-7300 or jhall@easthamptonct.gov) or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning & Zoning Dept. (860-267-7450 or jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov) or any members of the C&LC. An appointment will be arranged for a C&LC member to visit the owners and help them evaluate their property. If there is a deficiency, owners will be given suggestions on improving their property. If they achieve all the goals, they will receive a Lake Smart Award.

Haddam Neck Fair to Return

The Haddam Neck Fair will take place over Labor Day weekend, opening Friday, Sept. 3.

Traditional events will include cattle and beef shows, oxen and tractor pulls, a baby show and even a dog agility competition. There will also be favorites like the skillet-throwing, redneck strongman and beard contests, as well as more traditional contests like baking and quilting.

There will also be a variety of events for chil-

dren, live music Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and a 5K road race Sunday morning. Rides, concessions, fair food, and a general store featuring items made by Haddam Neckers, will also be featured.

The fair will abide by any COVID-19 regulations in effect at the time. Additional information is available at haddamneckfair.com.

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To register for one or more of our classes, call

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These in-person events follow strict social distancing guidelines. All participants will be screened for symptoms before being allowed to enter and masks are required.

Sessions are free but registration is required. Space is limited.

All community education sessions will be held at:

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Hartford HealthCare
Windham Hospital

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Summer Reading Program for All Ages

For the first time, East Hampton Public Library is offering summer reading programs for all ages – including adults.

Sign up online or in person at the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party Friday, June 25. Visit EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org/Summer for more information.

Children's Summer Reading: For birth to grade 5. Set a weekly reading goal with your child. You can choose to read a certain number of books or to read for a certain amount of minutes. Children can read independently or can be read to. Once your child has met their goal, visit the library for an animal sticker and raffle tickets to win great prizes.

Teen Summer Reading: For grades 6-12. Each week, complete different challenges like reading for an hour, going for a walk, or giving someone a compliment.

Then check in at the library to receive raffle tickets to win prizes like art supplies, piñatas or *Dungeons & Dragons* books. One participant will win a new bike donated by AirLine Cycles.

Adult Summer Reading: For ages 18 and up. Each week, complete different challenges like reading for an hour, taking a hike, or attending a library program. Then check in at the library to receive raffle tickets for prizes like book baskets, craft kits and more.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party: Friday, June 25, 3-5 p.m., outside in front of the library. This all-ages party will feature live farm animals, a balloon artist and more. People can also sign up for the Summer Reading programs in person.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions or to register, call 860-267-7300 or visit easthamptonrec.com.

Morning and Afternoon Adventure: This before and after school program at Memorial School has availability.

Running Camp for Middle Schoolers: Wednesdays, June 16-Aug. 11, 6-7:30 p.m., at the EHHS track, for grades 6-9. Fee: \$80.

Nerf Blaster and Fairy Garden Camps: June 21-25 at Memorial School, for grades K-3. Nerf Blaster meets 9-11 a.m. and is \$100; Fairy Garden meets 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and is \$110.

STEAM Camp: June 21-25, 9-11 a.m., at Memorial School, for grades 2-3. Fee: \$110.

Track and Field Clinic/Camp: June 21-25 at the EHHS track. Fee for 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. is \$250, and fee for 8:30-11:30 a.m. is \$150.

Sears Park Summer Camp: June 21-Aug. 3, at Sears Park. Fee: \$165. Breakfast and lunch will be offered free of charge for Sears Park campers; must pre-order lunch through a link on the Parks and Rec. website.

Golf Tourney Save the Date: The Seamster Park Golf Tournament will take place Thursday, Sept. 2, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start, at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower Connecticut River Council of Governments will hold a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, June 19, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the East Hampton WPCA, 20 Gildersleeve Drive.

The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes East Hampton. No commercial or business waste allowed.

Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste for more information.

From the State Representative's Desk...

Last week, I voted no on the so-called "Clean Slate" bill (SB 1019), which sought to erase all criminal records for those who have been convicted of misdemeanors after seven years and all class D or E felonies after ten years. This would have included the erasure of heinous crimes such as assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant or intellectually disabled person, possession of child pornography, criminal use of a firearm, and others.

Fortunately, another bill (SB 1093) was passed to remove these crimes from the bill. However, dangerous crimes such as possession of a firearm on school grounds, certain hate crimes, and criminal violations of civil protection and restraining orders remained. Several amendments to remove these crimes were called but failed to pass.

I believe in second chances for those who do their time, and there is a process for to them to achieve erasure if they submit an application to the Board of Pardons and Paroles; 80% of applications were granted last year. It must be demonstrated that they are not a threat to society and that they have taken steps to better themselves following conviction. Automatic erasure does not require for any of these steps to be taken, and leaves potential for offenders to commit repeat offenses at the risk of others.

In the end, I took pause mainly out of concern for the victims of these crimes. The bill doesn't include automatic protective orders or allow victims to appeal their offender's erasure. We would effectively be silencing victims who may still feel their safety is at risk or deal with the ramifications of the crimes committed against them. I couldn't support this bill, for their safety and peace of mind as well as the scope of crimes included.

On a positive note, SB 1093 also included additional provisions that I was proud to support. Namely, there were several provisions that made adjustments to the Police Accountability Bill passed last summer. One establishes a process by which an officer can perform a consent search on a pedestrian. This practice, which will increase our officers' ability to safely assess a situation and do their job more effectively, was banned in last year's bill.

At the time of writing, both bills have passed the House and Senate and are awaiting action from the governor. You can read more about them at www.cga.ct.gov.

State Rep. Irene Haines
R-34

East Hampton, East Haddam and part of Colchester

Community Garden Created

The Parks and Recreation, Rotary Club and Belltown Garden Club of East Hampton have collaboratively created a community garden near Cranberry Bog, for the residents in town. Any interested person can sign up for one or more plots to grow food or annual flowers.

To inquire, visit www.easthamptoncommunitygarden.com or call Parks and Rec. at 860-267-7300. There will be a choice of growing produce for your own family with the option to donate surplus harvest to the East Hampton Food Bank, or growing a garden dedicated to supplying fresh vegetables to the food bank. Volunteers for working in the dedicated food bank plots are always welcome.

Yarners Meet Weekly

Each Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-noon, the East Hampton Yarners are gathering at the Congregational Church of East Hampton, 59 Main St., outside on the lawn of the church. Bring a folding chair, beverage and project.

All knitters and crocheters are welcome. In case of inclement weather, the Yarners will meet in the Fellowship Hall with masks. For more information, email Judy Hoffhine at jhoffhine@gmail.com.

Historical Society Open House

The Chatham Historical Society will have its monthly Open House Sunday, June 6, from 2-4 p.m. Both museum buildings and the one-room schoolhouse on Bevin Boulevard will be open to the public.

New to the East Hampton Fife and Drum display will be a uniform, a fife, a drum and many photos of the corps as it has progressed through the years.

Resident Graduates

Isabella E. Iorio of East Hampton of East Hampton recently graduated from the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

Dean's List

Gyanna Russell of East Hampton made the winter 2021 Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

Hootenanny for Horses

There will be a Hootenanny for Horses at Autumn Ridge, the CT Draft Horse Rescue (113 Chestnut Hill Rd.), Saturday, June 5, from 6-9 p.m.

There will be farm tours from 6-7 p.m. and live music from 7-9 p.m., with acoustic singer/songwriters Mary Ellen Cowles, Ken Stroebal, Joe Gilbert, and Karen Stein and Lance Grandahl.

Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are allowed. Tickets are limited, and are \$25 per person (free for kids 10 and under) and must be purchased online at www.ctdraftrescue.org/hootenannyforhorses. More information and COVID-19 protocols are also on the website.

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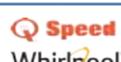


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Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., has opened for those registered for programs. Most programs will be held outside unless there is inclement weather. Masks are recommended for participants who are not vaccinated or are not comfortable without a mask.

Register online through myactivecenter.com or by contacting the center at 860-267-4426 or seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov. Normal business hours: Monday- Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center for more information.

Weekly Events: Bingo Hybrid: Tuesday, June 8, 1-2 p.m. Folks who have been Zooming are asked to continue to do so. There will be 10 seats reserved at the center for those without computer access; the first 10 to sign up will be able to play in person. The center said if it needs to re-evaluate the virtual component, it will do so June 15. Call or register online.

Mahjongg: Will meet and play outside for June, weather permitting, on Fridays, from 10 a.m.-noon. Call or register online.

Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursday, June 10, 10:30-11:30 a.m. The group will meet in-person, outside, weather permitting; otherwise, it will meet indoors and masks will be recommended. This is a chance to do some creative writing. Register online.

Virtual Lunch Bunch: Every other Monday from 12:30-1 p.m., via Zoom; next date is June 14, and there will be a Flag Day discussion. Register online.

Nature's Everywhere Series: Wednesdays,

June 16, July 14 and Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. Take a walk in the senior center yard and learn about plants, birds and trees you may not have known existed. The June 16 walk will meet in the upper parking lot. Attendees should wear masks and socially distance as needed. If you have family members that would like to join, let the center know. Class limited to 10 participants. There is some walking involved; short distances. Register online or call the center.

Lunch on the Patio with Staff: Monthly, the center will draw two names to join two staff members for a free lunch outside. Call to submit your name or register online.

Creative Crafts/Acrylic Pour Pots Part 2: Wednesday, June 16, 1 p.m., outside at the senior center. Plant cuttings from the senior center plants into pour pots made the previous month. Space is limited; register online.

Juneteenth, Celebrate Freedom: Virtual event, June 25, 1-2:30pm, via Zoom. Sponsored by Connecticut Healthy Living Collective and AARP. Call the Senior Center to receive the link.

Movie Group, Lunch and Discussion/In Person: A group of movie buffs meet in-person the last Tuesday of each month, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., to discuss film. On June 29, *Audrey: More Than An Icon*. Bring your own lunch. Register online or call the center.

Volunteer Shopping: If interested in having a volunteer shop for you, call 860-267-4426 or email [jewling@easthampton.gov](mailto:jewing@easthampton.gov) for more information.

East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., has announced the following. For more information and full program descriptions, call 860-267-6621 or visit easthamptonpubliclibrary.org or [facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary).

Library Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. If you're fully vaccinated, you can choose whether to wear a mask in the library – but the library encourages people to wear them, out of respect for children in the community who use the library and cannot yet be vaccinated.

Children's Programs: Baby Rhyme Time Outside: For ages birth through 18 months. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., June 24-Aug. 26, at the Center School gazebo on Main Street, weather permitting. No registration required; just drop in.

Stories and Songs Outside: For 18 months-5 years. Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., June 30-Aug. 25, at Seamster Park, weather permitting. Siblings welcome. No registration required; just drop in.

Teacher Read Aloud Series: For ages 5-10. Mondays at 4 p.m., June 28, July 12 and 26, and Aug. 9, in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting. Siblings welcome. No registration required; just drop in.

Teen Programs: Mini Comic Con: For

grades 6-12. Monday, June 28, at 2:30 p.m., in front of the library, weather permitting. Register at easthamptonpubliclibrary.org or call the library.

Dungeons & Dragons: For grades 8-12. Wednesdays at 2 p.m., June 30, July 14 and 28, and Aug. 11, in front of the library, weather permitting. No experience required. Register at easthamptonpubliclibrary.org or call the library.

Adult Programs: Camp Crafts – Adults: Mondays at 6 p.m., June 30-Aug. 9 (no program July 5), in front of the library, weather permitting. Register at easthamptonpubliclibrary.org or call the library.

Plot Twist: Discussing Big Issues through Short Stories: Wednesdays, June 30, July 28 and Aug. 25, at 7 p.m., held outdoors at Dexter's Tunes, Tales and Ales, 91 Main St. Register at easthamptonpubliclibrary.org or call the library.

Book Club: Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and third Thursday of every month at 2 p.m., in front of the library, weather permitting. Copies available for checkout at the circulation desk. June's title is *Friends and Strangers* by J. Courtney Sullivan, July's title is *Twenty-One Truths About Love* by Matthew Dicks; and August's title is *The Vacationers* by Emma Straub. Register at easthamptonpubliclibrary.org or call the library.

Class of '67 Reunion

East Hampton High School's class of 1967 will celebrate its 54th class reunion Saturday, June 12, at 5 p.m., in the Piano Room at The Dublin, 42 E. High St. Cost will be "pay as you go," with ordering off the menu.

If attending, call Rita at 860-797-1092, Laurelei at 860-424-2284 or GERALYN at 860-682-2067.

Five Spots Left for YPCCA Musical

The Young People's Center for Creative Arts has five spots left for its 2021 summer theater camp, to take place at East Hampton High School during July. This summer's play is the Broadway hit *Mamma Mia!*, based on the music of the band ABBA.

Auditions for the musical will take place at EHHS in June. It is not mandatory to audition to participate in the camp; everyone is in the show whether they audition or not. Students will be asked to sing, dance and read at the auditions.

YPCCA will take place June 28-July 25, and is open to students entering grades six through freshman year of college. Tuition is \$650 per student. Two full and two partial scholarships are also offered each summer.

For more information, call 860-754-6145, email info@ypcca.org or visit www.yppcca.org.

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Barbecue Chicken Takeout Event

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., will host a barbecue chicken dinner drive-thru takeout event Saturday, June 12, by reservation only. Some outdoor seating is available by reservation.

This is the same barbecue chicken recipe the church has used at the Haddam Neck Fair for over 40 years. The dinner includes a barbecue thigh/leg chicken quarter, baked beans, coleslaw and corn bread for \$10. Cash only, please.

Call in your reservation to the HNCC office at 860-267-2336 and indicate your pick-up time: noon-1 p.m., 1-2 p.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. Reserve a table if you would like outdoor seating. Order deadline is June 5. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Cemetery Cleanup Rescheduled

The restoration of Hog Hill Cemetery has been rescheduled, due to last Saturday's rain. The Rediscovering History Inc. team will work Sundays, June 6 and 13, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Hog Hill Cemetery in East Hampton.

Volunteers will work on cleaning historic gravestones, in addition to locating and standing up stones that have fallen. Picnic cookout to follow. All are invited to attend.

For more details, visit rediscovering-history.com.

Rototillers Wanted!

The East Hampton Community Garden committee is in the process of preparing the garden land. There was a clean-up day May 8, attended by many, and landowner Kevin Kiely harrowed the property – and now the property is ready to be rototilled.

All are invited to come this Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or until the work is done. The area that needs attention is 50' x 100'.

The plan for Sunday is:

Start with the garden templates, space them for walkway and insert four numbered stakes for each plot. Continue across the field. Rototillers follow behind, and till up each of the plots. They then begin laying cardboard or newspaper on pathways. Use a wheelbarrow, or provided tarps or buckets, to spread mulch on paths.

Bring a rototiller (or borrow one), wheelbarrows, shovels, box cutters and as much cardboard and newspaper that you can, organizers said. Email pjoslyngreenwald@gmail.com for more information.

The majority of the produce grown in the garden will be donated to the Food Bank.

Boy Scout Tag Sale

Boy Scout Troop 8 is hosting a Tag Sale, Saturday, June 5, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the East Hampton VFW Post 5095 Fowler-Dix-Park, 20 North Maple St. Proceeds support troop activities.

Masks need to be worn in the VFW hall, and all current social distancing guidelines apply (per BSA). Hand sanitizer stations will be provided.

Tag sale donations will be accepted Friday, June 4, from 3:30-7:30 p.m., at the East Hampton VFW. The Scouts request that items donated be clean and in good working condition. The Scouts cannot accept TVs, computers, printers, textbooks, encyclopedias, couches, cribs, car seats or mattresses. For more information, email EHTroop8@gmail.com.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church holds weekly services at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday, with fellowship following. Communion blessings are held; participation only requires a piece of bread. All are welcome; log-in information is at www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH.

Chatham Historical Society News

The Chatham Historical Society (CHS) has announced the following pieces of news:

Town-Wide Tag Sale: Saturday, June 19. Spaces are \$15. Applications are now available in the town clerk's office at Town Hall, and at East Hampton Public Library. Applications must be received by June 11, and make checks out to CHS. Locations will be shown on 300 maps handed out free to shoppers on June 19.

Historic House Tour: Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Six residences will be included.

Museum: Also, the historical society museum opens the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m. or by appointment; call 860-267-8953.

For more information about any of the above items, call 860-267-4732.

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Birth Announced... Chelsea (Lee) and Christopher Armstrong of Tolland have announced the birth of their daughter, Jenna Lee Armstrong, on May 4 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. She weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Judi and David Lee of East Hampton, and paternal grandparents are Tina and Brian Armstrong of Pittsfield, Mass.

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

The East Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame is accepting nominations through Sept. 15 for its 2021 induction class. The Hall of Fame recognizes people and teams that have "made a significant impact to the athletic landscape of East Hampton." The induction banquet will be Friday, Nov. 5, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. For more information or to submit a nomination, email Tom Seidl at seidl@sbcglobel.net.

Congregational Church News

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., holds in-person services at 10 a.m. each week. All are welcome. For those who are fully vaccinated, mask-wearing is not mandatory except when singing. Those who aren't fully vaccinated are asked to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Services are still available via Zoom; visit cc-eh.org to access.

Sunday school classes have also resumed in person.

The Teen Youth Group will next meet Friday, June 25, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 6-12 are welcome.

For more information, visit cc-eh.org or call 860-267-4959; office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. In case of pastoral emergencies, the Rev. Jim Latimer can be reached at 610-568-2480.

Belltown Open Golf Tournament

The Congregational Church of East Hampton is seeking sponsors and golfers for the 15th annual Belltown Open Golf Tournament.

The tournament will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. Proceeds will benefit the East Hampton Food & Fuel Bank. Cost is \$125/golfer for the four-person scramble event that includes cart, breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

To register, contact John Tuttle at tuttlekahn@gamil.com.

Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds Sunday services via Zoom each week at 10 a.m. Sunday school is on pause until the fall. Bible study, followed by Compline, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m., also via Zoom.

The Rev. Ann Perrott is Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard oversees Children's Ministry, and Martha Alimi is the music director. For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call the church at 860-267-0287 or visit www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com.

Dean's List

Victoria Kelpen of East Hampton made the spring 2021 Dean's List at Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y.

Kelpen is studying music education.

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. Masks are optional. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger.

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.

Communion: Will be served this Sunday.

Bible Study: Every other Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m., via Zoom. All are welcome. Contact the church office for a Zoom invitation.

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.

Golf and Yoga Outing

The East Hampton High School Sports Boosters Club will hold its annual golf and yoga outing Thursday, June 24, at Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam.

Various options for participation in the golf tournament and yoga session are available. Registration and sponsorship information is available at ehhsboosters.com or by calling Chris at 860-227-9941.

Epoch Arts Summer Sessions

Epoch Arts is bringing back its in-person summer session in July; this year there will be two weeks of offerings, based on ages: July 19-23 for grades pre-K-5, and July 26-30 for grades 6-10.

Both sessions will feature breaks in outdoor classrooms. Class sizes will be small, social distancing regulations will be followed and masks are required. Classes are held at 27 Skinner St.

Space is limited. For full details and to register, visit www.epocharts.org/classes-registration.

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Several local high school students recently won scholarship awards from The Rotary Club of East Hampton and Marlborough.

Rotary Scholarship Winners Announced

The Rotary Club of East Hampton and Marlborough has announced the scholarship winners of 2021. Recently the club made presentations to many graduating seniors, and also bestowed two special community awards.

Tyler Robinson received the Turnkey Compliance Scholarship. Robinson attends East Hampton High School and achieved high honors for four years with a class ranking of 13 and a GPA of 4.12. He was also the recipient of the JV Coaches Award and the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award. He will attend Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, pursuing studies in mechanical engineering.

The Community Service Scholarship was presented to Emma Field. Field ranks fifth in her class at East Hampton High School and plans to attend Salve Regina University in Rhode Island to pursue a degree in nursing. She participated in the Interact Club, Spanish Club, Special Olympics, volleyball, and track and field.

Alanna Baker was presented with the Rotary Club Community Service Scholarship and will graduate from RHAM High School. As an honor student she also participated in the Peer Helpers Club, the Drama United Club and the Best Buddies program. As a member of the choir, she participated in the Charter Oak Music Festival and was selected to the Connecticut All-State Choir. She will attend Endicott College in Massachusetts, with an interest in the field of hospitality.

Benjamin Morton received the Frederick Hansen Memorial Achievement Scholarship and will attend the Heavy Construction Academy in New Hampshire. He said he believes that learning "hands-on" life skills, such as car maintenance and woodworking, has exposed him to a path that will improve his self-esteem and dedication to his future.

Emily Leahy was selected to receive the Craig Williams Achievement Scholarship and is a senior at RHAM. She is a member of the Peer Helpers Group that promotes kindness and is also a member of the National Honor Society at RHAM High School. She will attend the University of Connecticut.

Julia Nevico attended East Hampton High School and also the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts. She was awarded the Bruce Shepard Achievement Scholarship and will attend Marist College in New York, pursuing a degree in communication. She belongs to the High School Voices Club, the Public Safety Club, Relay of Life, Night to Shine, St. John Fisher Soup Kitchen, and is a choir member at St. Patrick Church.

Angela Mercaldi ranks third in her class at East Hampton High School. She was awarded the RIT Computing Medal and Scholarship. In addition, she plays basketball, volleyball and track and field. The Ken and Jason Rittman Memorial Scholarship will assist her as she attends the University of New Haven majoring in mechanical engineering.

The President's Scholarship is given to a se-

nior who is pursuing a career in a field of study similar to the club's current president. Kaitlin Tassmer will pursue a career as a nurse practitioner at Southern Connecticut State University. Tassmer is a member of the varsity soccer team, track team, Student Council, and volunteers for Special Olympics.

The Brendan Flannery Memorial Scholarship was presented to Cody Voelker. He is a senior at East Hampton High School and is active in Boy Scouts and the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department, where he serves as lieutenant. Voelker will pursue a career in aviation at Kent State University in Ohio, focusing on aeronautics with a professional pilot concentration.

This year's recipient of the Anthony and Winifred Flannery Memorial Scholarship is Luke Rempe. He began volunteering with the Middletown Police Explorers where he became sergeant. Rempe will attend Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts, and will pursue a career as an airline pilot.

Samuel Gibson was presented the Service Above Self award. He was inducted into the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Honor Society. He also received the 2020 East Hampton Friends of Education Award, the 2019 CT Association of Schools Challenge to Educational Citizenship and the Rensselaer Medal. He will attend Nichols College in Massachusetts and major in accounting.

The Gail Hamm Leadership and Development Scholarship was presented to Danielle Adams because of her independent thinking, dedication and self-reliance. She is a class leader as well as the recipient of the CABA Student Leadership Award, the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, Gettysburg College Book Prize, and Future Choices Art Exhibition Award. She will attend the University of Connecticut pursuing a career in physical therapy.

The Eaton Smith Scholarship was awarded to Sage Lynch. Lynch is a member of the National Honor Society and received the Swimming Team Spirit Award in 2019 and serves this year as the East Hampton High School senior class president. She will attend the University of Connecticut, majoring in biology/pre-med.

Brendan Owen received the four-year Red McKinney Scholarship and will attend Rhodes College in Tennessee, majoring in biochemistry. His awards include National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, class vice president and is captain of the track and field team.

The Rotary Club made two additional presentations. The Adult Education Scholarship was presented to Rachel Morin. This scholarship provides financial support to adults furthering their education and studies in their field. Morin will pursue a career in social work at the McMaster University in Canada.

Also, the East Hampton Rotary Veterans Scholarship was presented to Jackie Mickiewicz, in recognition of her experience as the coordinator of the Horse Feather Veterans Program.



Watercolor paintings by Marlborough artist Mary Horrigan are on display throughout June at East Hampton Town Hall.

Artwork on Display at Town Hall

Watercolor paintings by Marlborough artist Mary Horrigan are on display throughout June at East Hampton Town Hall.

An elected member of the Connecticut Watercolor Society and the Connecticut Academy of Fine Artists, Horrigan holds associate memberships in the New England Watercolor and American Watercolor societies. She is also a member of the Connecticut Plein Air Painters' Society, the Marlborough Arts Center (currently serving on the Board of Directors as Membership Chairperson), Essex Art Guild, and the East Hampton Art Association.

Over the past 30 years, Horrigan has had exhibits throughout Connecticut and Massachu-

setts and has won many awards. A member of the continuing education faculty of Manchester Community College for 20 years, she has also taught watercolor classes at Middletown Adult Education, the Guilford Art Center, the Glastonbury Art Guild and still teaches at the Marlborough Arts Center.

While in high school, she attended high school classes on scholarship at the Cleveland Art Institute. Her painting background includes watercolor workshops with nationally recognized watercolorists Edgar Whitney, Marilyn Phillis, Frank Webb, Janet Walsh, Janet Rogers and Charles Reid.

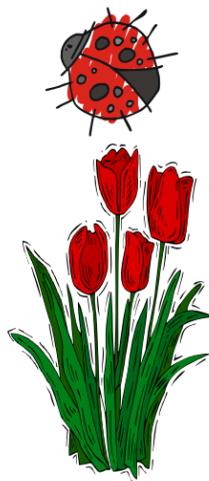
President's List

East Hampton residents Britney Clark, Tracy Heath and Ashley Dupre made the winter 2021 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

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St. Patrick Tag Sale Coming

St. Patrick Church, located at 47 W. High St., will hold an outside tag sale Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Organizers are not taking donations this year; do not drop any items for sale.



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Memorial Day Marked by Somber Remembrance

by Karla Santos

Sunday at noon was cold and rainy, but that did not stop Marlborough residents from honoring and mourning the life of those who have died while serving the country.

The Memorial Day remembrance and wreath laying ceremony took place at the Marlborough Veterans Memorial on the Town Green and attendees were then invited to Post 197 to dry off and enjoy a Memorial Day barbecue provided by American Legion members Ralph Braun and Ed Culbert.

The event was organized by the Marlborough American Legion and town officials. Among the event attendees were American Legion Post 197 Commander Nickolos Daniolos, CFO Raymond Theobald, Chaplain Peter Max Mueller, Women's Auxiliary President Kathy Fuller Stein, Marlborough's First Selectman Greg Lowrey and Senator Cathy Osten along with special guests, commanders Paul and Sandra Spedaliere of Post 180 in Lebanon.

Charles "Chip" Seagrave III, son of the American Legion (SAL) commander, Post 197, told the *Riverast* that despite the rain and cold temperatures, the event was "great." He said there were about 25 people in attendance.

For Seagrave, the pinnacle moment of the ceremony was when the wreaths were laid.

"I thought it was very heartfelt and patriotic," Seagrave said of the event.

The ceremony also included some speeches. Seagrave said he enjoyed Osten's speech, which highlighted the importance of Memorial Day. He said she also mentioned how proud she

was of the Marlborough community for gathering to honor those who died while serving the country.

Theobald also gave a speech and explained that Memorial Day is not a day to commemorate war.

"It is a day to celebrate valor and patriotism, to decorate the graves as a reminder of the costs of war, and to commemorate the lives sacrificed by men and women, and it is also a day to grieve with those left behind," he said.

Theobald encouraged attendees to continue to participate in the local Memorial Day events. He also urged the small crowd to observe the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m., and pause for one minute to remember and reflect.

"Yes, Memorial Day does mark the beginning of summer, a summer that could potentially be a turning point in our history," he said. "But do not forget, Memorial Day is so much more than barbecues and picnics; it is the day we remember the sacrifices that have paved the way for the freedoms we hold dear, and the future we will have together as a nation."

Theobald ended his remarks by asking the audience to remember to say "thank you" when they see a veteran, a police officer, a fireman or a first line health care worker.

Max Mueller and Nickolos Daniolos also spoke during the event.

Organizing the Memorial Day event in the middle of a pandemic was different than in previous years. Lowrey said the American Legion inquired about a vehicle parade. He said



The Memorial Day remembrance and wreath laying ceremony took place at the Marlborough Veterans Memorial on Sunday. From left are Ed Culbert, Sons of the American Legion Commander Chip Seagrave, Historian David Whitehill, Chaplain Peter Max Mueller, Past Commander Bernard Hoyland, Commander Nick Daniolos, Auxiliary President Kathy Fuller Stein, Past Commander Gary York, state Sen. Cathy Osten, Past Commander Post 180 Sandra Spedaliere, Adjutant Ralph Braun, CFO Raymond Theobald, Past National Vice Commander Paul Spedaliere and First Selectman Gregory Lowrey.

legion members looked at options and conferred with Chatham Health but decided not to do the parade because of the possible gathering of crowds.

"Although the meaning behind today's gathering is somber, I have been looking forward to meeting in person as we emerge from quarantine," Lowrey said at the event.

He explained that one reality of military service is that not all service members will make it home.

"Let us honor the memory of those that made the ultimate sacrifice and recognize the loss suffered by their families," Lowrey said. "We can also strive to put our country before ourselves each and every day."

Meatball Madness

All are invited to the second annual Meatball Madness on Monday, June 28, from 4-8:30 p.m., at Marlborough Pizza & Restaurant (7 Independence Drive) to help raise funds for the CT Draft Horse Rescue, a nonprofit organization in Haddam Neck dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses as well as draft horses headed to slaughter.

There will be live music and outdoor dining. Ten percent of the proceeds will benefit CDHR. There will be a 50/50 raffle as well.

The mission of the CDHR is to vet, quarantine, rehabilitate, train and re-home rescued horses. Since its inception, the CDHR has rescued more than 80 horses with the majority placed in forever homes. For more information on this event, to make a donation, or to find out more about CDHR, visit www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue or www.ctdraftrescue.com.

Scholarship Winners

The recipients of the fifth annual Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary are Rachel Antonelli, Elise Filosa, Rachel Lord and Carissa Lord.

Art Exhibit, Sale

A special exhibit and studio sale of works by award-winning Jim Grabowski will be held the weekend of June 5 and 6 at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St. The sale is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Grabowski's paintings will be on exhibit both inside the art gallery and outside on the grounds. CDC standards of safety will be maintained for all attending. The facility is fully accessible and there is onsite parking.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Marlborough American Legion Post 197 will host a drive-thru pasta dinner fundraiser Saturday, June 12, from 4-6 p.m., at the post, 128 East Hampton Rd.

Cost is \$10 per dinner or \$30 for the family deal of four. No reservations are required.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Tri-County American Legion baseball program, which this summer will sponsor four age-group teams that draw players from Andover, Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, Lebanon and Marlborough.

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.-6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The book drop is open for returns. Overdue fines are not accruing at this time.

Restoring a Beauty: The Molly Brown House Museum: Monday, June 7, at 6:30 pm. Staff of the Denver, Colo., museum will lead this virtual program about historic restoration. Molly Brown was a philanthropist, activist, and survivor of the RMS Titanic.

String Art Sunflower Fundraiser: Thursday, June 24, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Participants will receive a 10" by 10" unfinished cedar wood board with a sunflower design already nailed into the board and enough string to complete the craft. Cost is \$45, with all proceeds benefiting the library. Registration required by June 9, and supplies must be picked up at the library.

Lotus Flower Lantern Workshop: The library will kick off its Reading Colors Your World Summer Reading Program with this adult and teen virtual lotus flower lantern craft program, held on Zoom, at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 28. Participants will create a lantern with colored paper and wire frame and watch a short documentary film. Registration is required by Saturday, June 12. Supplies must be picked up at the library prior to the workshop.

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Parks and Rec Programs

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Youth Programs: Netto Summer Day Camp: June 21-Aug. 13 at Blish Park, for grades K-7. All campers are supervised by counselors and lifeguards trained in CPR/first aid. Registration is \$175/residents, \$185/non-residents.

Skyhawks Basketball Camp: June 28-July 2 at Blish Park, for boys and girls ages 5-12. Ages 5 and 6 meet 9 a.m.-noon, and ages 7-12 meet 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fee for ages 5 and 6: \$129/residents, \$139/non-residents. Fee for ages 5-12: \$155/residents, \$160/non-residents.

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball): July 6-9, 9 a.m.-noon, at Blish Park, for ages 4-10. Children are broken into two age groups – one, Mini-Hawk, for ages 4-6, and one for ages 7-10. Fee: \$109/residents, \$114/non-residents. There will also be a session Aug. 2-6, 9 a.m.-noon at Blish Park, for ages 4-6. Fee for that camp is \$129/residents, \$134/non-residents.

Skyhawks Sand Volleyball Camp: July 12-16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Blish Park, for ages 10-14. Fee: \$140/residents, \$145/non-residents.

Skyhawks Flag Football Camp: July 19-23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., for ages 6-10. Fee: \$140/residents, \$145/non-residents.

Horseback Riding Lessons: For ages 5 and up. Days and times are flexible. Fee: four lessons for \$175/residents, \$180/non-residents.

Republicans' Greeting Card Sale

The Marlborough Republicans are selling boxes of greeting cards. Each 30-card box costs \$30.

There are five different boxes available in a variety of assortments – covering such events as weddings, retirements, holidays, birthdays and more. The fundraiser ends June 4, and delivery will be 2-3 weeks after that date.

Checks should be made payable to the Marlborough Republican Town Committee. For an order form, visit www.MarlGOP.com under "Fundraisers." Boxes can also be ordered online for \$32.50 each, at <https://daycampaign.com/event/cardsforcause>.

For more information, contact Sue Stolfi at 860-593-4763 or ssolfi73@gmail.com.

Congregational Church News

Marlborough Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, and the Rev. Bob Faulhaber invite the community to attend an in-person worship service in the pavilion at Lake Terramuggus on Sunday, June 6. This service will highlight confirmation, when six youth will be confirmed and become a member of the church. If attending, bring a chair.

Mission-giving in June goes to the AHM Mental Health Fund; send checks made payable to MCC, with "Second Quarter Mis-

sions" in the note line, to: P.O. Box 57, Marlborough, CT 06447.

All students in grades 5-7 are invited to the twice-monthly Junior Youth Group. For more information, contact Gwen Lawson at gwendolynn78@yahoo.com.

Phone messages are checked at church pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber's direct line at 860-295-0432 and at the church office at 860-295-9050.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

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

Weekend Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday. All are welcome. Masks are required, and there is an area for those who prefer to continue to be socially distant. Call the office for more information. Also, through June, each weekend's Mass will continue to be available on the parish website, www.stjfisher.org, starting at 4 p.m. Saturdays.

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

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

Community Outreach and Service: Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank; you may

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

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

Second Blessings Thrift Shop

Second Blessings Thrift Shop is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon at Marlborough Congregational Church, 35 S. Main St.

The shop sells name-brand jewelry, handbags, seasonal items, houseware, giftware, glassware, china, houseware, limited-edition signed artwork, small furniture, antiques, and more.

New merchandise is added every week. Donations are accepted during shop hours. People are asked to wear a mask.

Outdoor Summer Concerts

Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., has outdoor summer concerts planned for June, July and August.

Concerts will be Saturdays at 2 p.m., with rain date the next day if needed. Bring your own seating, and plan for masks and social distancing. Concerts are free, but a donation of \$10/person is suggested. The schedule is: June 19, Deep Ellum; July 10, Handler and Levesque; July 24, Sal Basile; Aug. 28, Nick Catroneo.

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Vehicles and Taps Honor Fallen Heroes

by Sloan Brewster

With the traditional parade canceled due to COVID-19, Andover residents honored their fallen heroes via a vehicle procession on Memorial Day.

As cars, trucks, motorcycles, firetrucks and ambulances lined up on Long Hill Road in front of Veterans Memorial Field on Monday morning, an emergency call came in and an ambulance had to break from the procession. Town Administrator Eric Anderson bemoaned the timing while the remaining vehicles set out on the route through town.

From a family with a long multi-generational history of service members, Anderson said he makes a point of going to Memorial Day parades.

Meanwhile, Nicole Newman and her sons Logan, 5, and Hunter, 3, waved at the passing caravan.

"I think it's great to come out and show our support for those who have fought for our country," Nicole said.

Logan, though, had an entirely different reason for coming. It was all about the firetrucks, "because they're my favorite color," he exclaimed.

Once the snazzy red engines at the end of the line passed, Anderson took to picking up litter scattered in the underbrush at the edge of the park and in the parking lot. It's a task he said he constantly repeats to keep the area tidy. He said he has a tough time keeping up with the mess

it as trash mysteriously reappears shortly after each bout of cleaning.

Folks just keep littering, he said with notable frustration as he continued filling a large green garbage bag.

Selectman Scott Person, who was also there to watch the vehicle parade, said the convoy would eventually head to Townsend Cemetery where the drivers would stop to observe a rendition of Taps.

En route to the cemetery, the *Rivereast* drove past Veterans Memorial Park where a colorful flowered wreath, laid earlier that morning, hung gracefully over a pole in front of the monuments.

A few residents, awaiting the motorcade, gathered in the cemetery as a quiet mist filled the cool air.

While not the same as "a real parade," Melanie Snedley said coming out was a way to observe Memorial Day and "just to give respect for those who served our country and paid the price."

Phil Hovey said that, as a veteran who lives around the corner from the cemetery, he felt he should come.

While cleaning up the stone wall separating the back of the property from the woods, John Hanfield, who said he had put the wall in years ago, decried war.

When he was 18, he was worried he would be drafted, but fortunately was passed over, he said.



While COVID-19 forced the scrapping of the traditional Memorial Day parade, cars, trucks, motorcycles, firetrucks and ambulances took part in a special vehicle procession Monday to honor the town's fallen heroes.

"We are so smart, how come we haven't obliterated war?" he said, fitting a loose rock into the wall. "When are they going to stop?"

A musical beat tickled on the air as Frank Tamburro, standing near the front gate began to play Taps. His son Dan Tamburro played Echo from the woods.

From the outside the stonewall along the road,

their trucks parked behind them, firefighters and emergency personnel silently held their hands and hats over their hearts, solemnly watching the performance and then, when it ended, holding silent a moment longer.

Slowly, the drivers and passengers got back into their vehicles and the cavalcade continued.

Andover Library News & Notes

Andover Public Library has returned to its pre-COVID schedule. New hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, noon-8 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Patrons are asked to wear a mask inside the library. Curbside service is still available, as well. Call the library for more information at 860-742-7428.

Also, on Tuesday, June 8, at 7 p.m., Andover Public Library invites people to a Zoom program, entitled "The Evolution of the Wedding Gown." During this presentation, people will learn about what brides from the past wore during their wedding day. The program will cover celebrity and royal weddings, as well as those of the less-famous. Karen Antonowicz, a former educator on the history of fashion at

the Rhode Island School of Design who has a passion for historic costumes. An RSVP is not necessary, but to attend, visit Zoom.com, and click on "Join a Meeting." Meeting ID: 880 0896 2363 and Passcode: 063407.

Lastly, all ages are making fairy houses at the library this month. Two fairy house crafting sessions will be held: one on Tuesday, June 22, for adults and kids in grade six and older, and one on Thursday, June 24, for kids age 5 to grade five. Both sessions start at 6 p.m. and will be held at the library. All materials and instruction will be provided. There is no fee for this program, but you must register by Wednesday, June 16.

To register, contact the library at 860-742-7428 or andoverctpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Items Sought for Library Auction

The Andover Friends of the Library group will hold its annual auction in July, on a date yet to be determined. Organizers are currently looking for donations of gift certificates or items that can be added to gift baskets.

Call Carol Lee 860-989-6988 to arrange for pick-up of items or bring them to the Town Office Building.

Residents Sought for Town-Wide Tag Sale

The annual Town-Wide Tag Sale will be held Saturday, June 26 (rain date June 27), from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – and participants are sought.

Residents who would like to be included and have their address listed on the tag sale map should send a check for \$10 payable to Town of Andover and mail it or bring it to: Town Clerk, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232. Residents should include a list of items they will have for sale.

Information and payment are due June 21. Proceeds benefit the Andover Senior Luncheon Program.

Anyone who would like to have a tag sale but doesn't want to have it at their home can call Andover Congregational Church at 860-742-7696, to rent a space on the church lot.

Garden Tour and Plant Sale

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Garden Tour and Plant Sale Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Four Andover area gardens will be open to the public.

Ticket price of \$15 includes the guided tour as well as coffee and breakfast pastries at the church prior to the tour. The plant sale, featuring perennials, will be held from 9 a.m.-noon at the church.

Leave a message for Donna at the church office, 860-742-7696, for tickets and any questions. A boxed lunch will also be available for \$6. Reservations are required for lunch.

Craft Fair Participants Sought

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, invited local artisans to participate in the church Craft Fair Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

High-visibility 10x10 spaces are available on the lawn. Spaces are \$20; fee is non-refundable.

Call the church at 860-742-7696 and leave your contact information for an application.

Young at Heart to Meet

Andover Young at Heart will meet Wednesday, June 16, at noon, at the Town Hall community room. Bingo will be played.

Dog Licensing

All dogs 6 months and older must be licensed. Current licenses expire June 30.

People can renew licenses by mail by sending an updated rabies certificate (if the one on file has expired), a check payable to Town of Andover – \$8 if the dog is spayed or neutered or \$19 if unaltered – and a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the license to: Town Clerk's Office, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232.

People may also renew or license in person at the town clerk's office.

For more information, call 860-742-0188 ext. 218

Congregational Church News

Andover Congregational Church, UCC, located at 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Enter through the Narthex. Social distancing and masks are no longer required if you have been fully vaccinated.

The service also streams live on the church's Facebook page (First Congregational Church, Andover, CT). For more information, call the church office at 860-742-7696, email andoverctchurch@gmail.com or visit www.andoverctchurch.org.

Bible Study: Tuesday mornings via Zoom and at the church (observing CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and masks). To

attend via Zoom, call the church and leave a message and church pastor the Rev. Rose Nilsson will you the meeting link.

Food Pantry: Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. CDC guidelines are observed and masks are required. The senior pantry is open every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is June 16.

Foodshare Van: Comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is June 9.

Sonshine Stampers: This group meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church to make greeting cards. All are invited. Masks and social distancing required.

OFF MY WAVE.

Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER 2021 - 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING Tuesday, June 8, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

The Electors and Citizens qualified to vote in town meetings in the Town of Andover are hereby notified that the Annual Budget Meeting for the Town of Andover will be held at the Andover Elementary School in the Gymnasium – 35 School Road on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. For the following purposes:

1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting
2. To receive the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as prepared by the Board of Finance
3. To approve a budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
4. Adjourn

Copies of the Budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Voting by absentee ballot is not permitted for this meeting. Dated at Andover, CT this 1st day of June, 2021. Andover Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTION

The Andover Planning & Zoning Commission took the following actions at their Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 17, 2021:

APPROVED:

Application of Joseph Mott, 142 Wales Road. Application for a Site Plan approval to construct an attached accessory apartment in accordance with Section 4.11 of the Andover Zoning Regulations. Approved with conditions.

DENIED:

Application of 57 Hendee Road, LLC. Application for a Special Permit so as to allow for the deposition of material and construction of a single-family home in a Flood Zone in accordance with Section 10.5 of the Andover Zoning Regulations. Details of the above-referenced applications can be found on the Town of Andover's web-site (andoverct.org) under Boards and Commission/Elected/Documents.

Jim Hallisey
Zoning Agent

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Third Time Not the Charm for Andover Budget

by Sloan Brewster

Another attempt at bringing a budget – this time with a \$12.53 million total – to referendum went down at town meeting in Andover this week.

The total budget proposal, which Finance Board Chair Marc Brinker presented at the third budget town meeting of the year Wednesday, came in with a \$4,338 or .03% decrease from current year's spending plan.

The plan was matched with a 36.41 mill rate, a 2.24% increase over the current year's 35.61 mills.

The \$3.31 million spending proposal for the town marked a 93,476 or 2.82% increase over the current year.

The Board of Education side, which has been the sticking point in the three town meetings and the failed May 18 referendum, was \$3.98 million, a \$75,608 or 1.94% increase over the current year and a \$143,922 decrease from the board's original request.

It was not, however, the number put forth by the education board last week, Finance Board Chairman Marc Brinker said.

"They came back with a compromise figure slightly higher than this," he said.

When Brinker opened the floor to speakers, Shannon Loudon, former Board of Education chair, was the first to rise to the mic.

Loudon blasted the town in her speech, saying the education board has not allowed the school to fall into disrepair as the town has down with failing infrastructure, including roads and bridges.

"The Board of Education has properly maintained our building and property, thereby saving you taxpayer dollars in the present and the future," she said, receiving copious applause.

She next pointed to the town's rainy day fund, which for the last couple years has been higher than recommended and said the pool of money had prevented the town from taking in grants.

"The Board of Education pursues every grant it can, therefore saving more," Loudon said.

The Board of Finance has worked over the past few budget cycles to knock the total in the savings account down to approximately 10% of the overall budget and this year has proposed

taking a \$250,000 chunk to offset an increase to taxes.

Brinker has repeatedly said it would be the last time those funds can be tapped.

Loudon said the education board had proposed a \$97,000 increase to the finance board last week, "less than half of the increase" initially proposed by Superintendent of Schools Valerie Bruneau in February.

"Here we are on June 1. We've been at this for four months and we're all tired of it," Loudon said, pointing out that each town meeting ran at an \$800 cost. "We can keep coming back here if you like."

She then called for a vote on the budget, but her proposal to close the debate was out voted after some members of the audience began shouting.

"It's all about you people, right?" said resident Don Denley.

The vote to close debate was taken by a standing count and moderator Wally Barton determined more people were opposed than in favor of the motion.

After a failed motion to reduce the education budget by an additional \$250,000 and more shouting, a second motion to end debate passed and the question of bringing the budget to referendum was put to a vote.

It failed 128 to 58.

Members of the audience gave a round of applause when Barton delivered the news.

Conflict of Interest

In other finance board news, at a meeting last Wednesday, Brinker, who has abstained from votes on the education board's budget throughout the budget season, announced he would continue to do so.

"I am going to abstain from these votes as I have done on each school line item vote because of a potential personal conflict of interest due to a personal connection with the school district," he told the board.

He did not give any more details.

According to state statute, "a 'potential' conflict of interest exists if a public official 'is required to take an action that would affect his or her financial interest, or the financial interest of

his or her spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, spouse of the child, or a business with which the official or employee is associated."

In such a situation, officials "must" excuse themselves from taking action on the matter, or prepare a written statement describing the nature of the conflict, and explaining why they can "vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively, and in the public interest."

Later in the meeting, Adrian Mandeville, vice first selectman, cut in and requested that Brinker cease running the meeting during discussions on the education budget. Mandeville said a town policy forbids officials from heading discussions surrounding subject matter where there's a potential conflict of interest.

Mandeville asked Brinker to turn last week's finance board meeting over to board vice chair Diane Choquette, which he did.

Brinker did not, however, turn Tuesday's town meeting over to Choquette, nor was he publicly asked to do so.

Mandeville, in a phone call Wednesday, said, relative to conflicts of interest, he did not see a difference between regular finance board meetings and town meetings, and that he was given the impression before the town meeting that Choquette would be running that as well.

"I was not aware [Brinker] was going to be running the meeting," he said.

Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following news items have been announced for Andover seniors. If you want to attend any event, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122 to register.

Senior Lunches: Fridays at noon. To attend any of them, call Palazzi. On June 4, lunch will be outside at the gazebo area. Cost is \$5 per person. On June 11, seniors will travel to Maine Moose in Columbia; call Palazzi as reservations are required. On June 18, lunch is at Andover Pizza, outside at their picnic tables, with umbrellas to provide protection from the sun. Cost is \$5. Reservations are required; call Palazzi. On June 25, the seniors will go to Elizabeth Park to see the roses at peak season. Transportation will leave Andover at around 10:30 a.m. Following the park visit, there will be a stop at Jimmie's Pizza in West Hartford for lunch. Call Palazzi for details and reservations.

Agent Orange Presentation: A bus is available to take people to the Agent Orange presentation at Veterans Monument Park Saturday, June 5, at 6 p.m. Call Palazzi for a ride.

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St. Peter's News & Notes

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, located at 30 Church St., holds Sunday services inside the church at 8 and 10 a.m.; COVID-19 protocols are followed. The 10 a.m. service is also broadcast online. Recorded services are available on stpetershebron.com, on the church's Facebook page, or on the church YouTube channel, accessible at tinyurl.com/ydy6s4dn.

Meetings and Events: Vestry meetings held in person the third Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m.; Buildings and Grounds Committee: first Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Virtual Coffee Hours: Ev-

ery Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Outreach: Food Donations: Items for various local food pantries can be placed in the brown donation box outside Phelps Hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: This knitting group provides shawls to those parishioners suffering bereavement or illness. Contact the church for more info.

For more information, visit stpetershebron.com, search for St. Peter's Hebron on Facebook, or contact the church office at 860-228-3244 or office@stpetershebron.com.

Foodshare/Food Pantry: Municipal Agent Roberta Dougherty calls seniors on Fridays to see if they would like Foodshare or the food pantry delivered. All deliveries will be made by senior transportation drivers. Food will be placed outside the senior's door.

Shopping: Transportation is available for shopping in Manchester on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken by driver before clients can access the bus. Call Palazzi for a ride.

Rides to Medical Appointments: Call Palazzi to reserve a ride. All seniors, veterans, and ADA individuals are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you. Temperatures will be taken by the driver. Masks must be worn in the van.

COVID-19 Vaccinations: All are eligible. If you need a ride, call Palazzi.

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CPR Class

There will be a CPR class Monday, June 14, from 7-9 p.m., at the Andover Fire Department on School Road. Masks are required.

Cost is \$20 and includes use of training materials, CPR for Adult, Child and Infant, AED training, choking and two-year certification from the American Heart Association.

Registration is required; to do so, call Deputy Chief Mindy Hegener at 860-706-3074.

CHOREs Program for Local Teens

AHM Youth and Family Services is accepting applications from Andover teens ages 14-18 to participate in the CHOREs Program.

Teens will earn \$12/hour and work up to two hours per job at a senior citizen's residence; due to COVID-19, only jobs outside the home will be scheduled until further notice.

For information, application and guidelines visit ahmyouth.org, click on "Menu" and select "CHOREs Program." Direct questions to Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext.31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org.

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Gilead Congregational Church News

Gilead Congregational Church, an Open and Affirming Congregation located at 672 Gilead St., has announced the following. For more info, visit gileadchurchucc.org, email gcc@gileadchurch.net, or call Pastor Denise Esslinger at 860-228-3077.

Sunday Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m., outdoors in the Garden of Remembrance. Safety protocols are listed on the church website. Attendees should sign up by emailing the church office. Services will continue to be livestreamed, on YouTube at www.bit.ly/GileadChurchUCC and on Facebook at tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC.

Bible Study on Zoom: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., via Zoom, led by the Rev. Bob Woodward. All are invited. The group is discussing 1st Kings 16 (Elisha) and 2nd Kings 13 (Elijah). For more info, contact the church office.

Wednesday Morning Book Discussion Group: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Fel-

lowship Hall. To join or for more information, call Sandy Hooker at 860-228-9856.

Willing Weeders: The church is seeking people to weed church grounds and the Garden of Remembrance, from May through September. It generally takes about an hour to do both the garden and the grounds. To volunteer, contact the church office.

Silver Lake Summer Camp: Registration forms and more details are at www.silverlakect.org. The church's Women's Fellowship will pay the \$150 deposit for any young person from the congregation wishing to attend; call Margaret Gibbs (860-384-4327) if interested.

Gilead Church Lending Library: The church is highlighting and reviewing one of its children's books each week. Books are located in the Lending Library. There still remains a tub for books when they are returned; they are then sanitized and put back into the library. There are also sanitizing wipes for people to use.

Farmers Markets Held Monthly

The Andover Farmers Market is held the first Wednesday of each month through October, from 4-7 p.m. each week, outside at First Congregational Church on Route 6. The market includes farmers, bakers, a food truck and music. Face masks required.

The final market will be Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dean's List

Alex Consadene of Andover made the spring 2021 Dean's List at The Pennsylvania State University

A member of the RHAM High School Class of 2019, Consadene is majoring in aerospace engineering at Penn State.

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Obituaries

East Hampton

Robert Walter Peterson

Robert "Bob" Walter Peterson, 73, of East Hampton and Ormond Beach, Fla., passed away unexpectedly Friday, Sept. 25, 2020, with his son and best friend Steven at his side. Born Oct. 17, 1947, in Middletown, he was the son of the late Walter and Amelia "Millie" Peterson.



Bob is survived by his son, Steven Peterson of Ormond Beach, Fla.; his daughter, Kamey (Thomas) Cavanaugh of East Hampton; two grandchildren, Bailee and Emilee Ahrens of East Hampton; sister, Ruth Cooke of East Hampton; nephew, Ron Cooke of East Hampton; niece, Robin Karrey of Kennebunk, Maine; aunts, uncles, cousins, and two very special friends, Jay Livingston and Scott Guinazu, both of East Hampton, who were more like sons to him.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Joan Eleanor Peterson.

Friends are invited to join the family Sunday, June 20, at 9 a.m., at Lakeview Cemetery to share a memory. "There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart."

Andover

Gary R. Calve

Gary R. Calve, 51, born May 15, 1969, in Manchester, passed away at his home Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, from COVID-19.



He was a member of the Andover Fire Department for 19 years. He worked at Foxwoods Resort and Casino for 24 years before transferring to MGM Springfield for the last three years. Gary had a love of snowmobiling, the ocean, and his beloved Dallas Cowboys.

Gary was an honorable man and lived by his father's words, "You don't steal, don't cheat and don't lie." Gary will always be remembered by his full laugh, and big heart. Always helping someone in need.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Geri-Lin Calve; his two sons, Michael and Nicholas Calve; daughter-in-law, Rachel Calve; his mother, Christina Calve; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Doreen and Michael Dickerson; sister and brother-in-law, Dawn and Kevin Gould; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Stacie and Christopher Adams; his three nephews and niece, Andrew and Tyler Gould, Liam and Kensleigh Adams; along with his extended family of many cousins, close friends and fire department family.

Gary was predeceased by his father, Andrew Calve.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 19, at 2 p.m., at the Townsend Cemetery, Townsend Road, Andover.

If you wish to send flowers, they can be sent to 39 Townsend Rd., Andover, CT 06232 or in lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to the Andover Fire Department, 11 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232.

East Hampton

Barbara Banning

Our family sadly lost a pillar of the community on Saturday, May 8, when Barbara (Ackley) Banning, also known as Mrs. B., passed away peacefully in her sleep. Born in Queens, N.Y., on July 23, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Harvey and Rita Ackley and the widow of Joseph B. Banning III.



Barbara grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and moved to East Hampton for her senior year, where she met, fell in love and eventually married Joe. She graduated from East Hampton High School in 1947 and then moved back to Brooklyn. Joe liked to tell how he had to hitchhike from East Hampton to Brooklyn, N.Y., until he finally convinced her to marry him in May 1951. They settled in East Hampton, where they raised their six children.

Barbara was a very dedicated mother and grandmother and could always be found volunteering in her community. She was also known to be the biggest cheerleader at both her children's and grandchildren's events. Barbara was a lifelong member of the St. Patrick's Guild, and also a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 5095. She also volunteered at Middlesex Memorial Hospital only stopping at age 87.

Besides her husband of over 50 years, Barbara was predeceased by three of her sons, Stephen, Richard (Dickie) and Dennis and her grandson, Andrew. Barbara is survived by three of her children, her son, JB Banning of Tolland, daughters Laura (Ron) Landry, Karen (Rob) Ennen and daughter-in-law Patricia (Dickie) Banning, all of East Hampton. She is also survived by her 17 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers and their spouses and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Friends may call on Friday, June 11, from 5-7 p.m., at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, June 12, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, East Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made out to Sandy Peszynski Breast Cancer Foundation, 93 East High St., East Hampton CT 06424.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

East Hampton

Dawn Elizabeth Planeta

Dawn Elizabeth Planeta, 56, of East Hampton, beloved wife of Thomas Planeta, died peacefully Tuesday, May 25, at Middlesex Hospital, after a brave 15-month battle with cancer. Born Oct. 7, 1964 in Queens, N.Y., she was the daughter of Ardys (Brown) Schufer and the late Everett Hubbard.

Dawn was raised in East Hampton and had worked for over 30 years for the Nichols Bus Service as a school bus driver. While being a bus driver, she also worked in the cafeteria at Center School and then at the high school. She then worked in the deli department at Stop and Shop. With her love of cooking she was always able to bring family together. She was the go-to person when something needed to get done.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her mother, Ardys Schufer of East Hampton; two sons, Thomas Planeta III of East Hampton, Benjamin Planeta and wife Emma Dacosta of Texas; a daughter, Samantha Planeta of East Hartford; and her sister, Carrie Lamarr of East Hampton.

Friends called at Spencer Funeral Home, 112

Main St., East Hampton, Wednesday, June 2.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Sandy Peszynski Breast Cancer Foundation, 93 East High St., East Hampton, CT 06424.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Hebron

Jacob Yopp

Jacob Yopp, 85, of Hebron, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, Tuesday, June 1. He was born in New Britain Aug. 10, 1935. He grew up in Berlin and New Britain, moving to Hebron in 1965, where he lived and raised his family for the past 56 years.



Jacob was predeceased by his parents, the late Carlton Yopp and Eva (Troupe) Yopp. He was also predeceased by brothers Charles Yopp, Carlton Yopp Jr., Arthur Yopp, Irvin Yopp and Aline Yopp; and sisters, Ruby Mae-Hurst Chapel, Mattie Dupree, Exelee (Yopp) Caldwell, Mamie Hall, the Rev. Thelma Bell, Delilah Yopp, Eva Yopp-West and Cassie Allen. Jacob was the youngest and last surviving of all the children.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Crandall and Lisa Yopp of Hebron; daughter and son-in-law David and Tracy (Yopp) Bellomo of Plainville; son, Courtney Yopp of Williamsburg, Va.; son, Eric Yopp of Hebron; daughter and son-in-law, Eddie and Dawn (Yopp) Clements III of New Britain; grandchildren, Alisha Goode, Anastasia Yopp, Xavier Yopp and Crandall (CJ) Yopp Jr. Step-Grandchildren: Suzanne Stula and Robert Stula III; great-grandchildren, Dajaughn Crosley, William Wooten, Maliyah Wooten, Sheeham Watkins; and several nieces and nephews.

A New Britain High School graduate, he was a track-field and football star along with his cousin, Adam Yopp. After high school, he lived briefly in Fairbanks, Alaska, as a forest firefighter before serving four years in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Langley Air Force base in Hampton, Va. In 1965 he moved to the beautiful and peaceful town of Hebron, where he built his house and resided.

Jacob worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft (United Technologies Corp) in East Hartford for 26 years, lastly as a manager in semi-production before his retirement in 1988. He had a passion for listening to jazz, his favorite artist was Miles Davis. He also was a painter, and an avid reader, enjoying books about Black history and Native American history.

In September 2019, Jacob gave a seminar at the New Britain Public Library called "A Family Looking Back." The event brought together multiple generations of the Yopp Family to listen to the stories he was able to compile throughout his extensive researching over the years. Jacob was the family historian and genealogist, tracing back the Yopp family lineage for more than 7 generations on both African and the Native American side, Central Africa (Congo) and the Baka Tribe.

He loved and appreciated photography, being able to what he called "capture time." He was very active through the years in Hebron with the Boy Scouts Troop 28 as a Scout leader. His most memorable time was taking 10 scouts on an 87-mile canoe trip in the Adirondacks Forest Preserve from Old Forge, N.Y., to Tupper Lake, N.Y., with Scout leader Milton Shaw. He was also very active with the Hebron Youth Baseball and was both commissioner of the league and coach of the Bears, taking them to

become league champions. Later in life he became known as the (sometimes outspoken) "#1 Fan" at RHAM High School and Hebron Rec Baseball and Basketball games, watching his grandson CJ play.

Jacob loved the outdoors, spending time hunting, fishing, bike riding and taking long hikes in the woods with his dog Chad, his beloved Basenji. A favorite and most special time for him was our Annual 4th of July Yopp Family picnic at Harkness Memorial Park in Waterford, CT to enjoy and connect with his much-loved extended family and friends.

For many years throughout his life, summers and early fall were spent at Cape Cod spending time by the ocean in Wellfleet. He was a collector of treasures he found along the way like books, artwork, music, seashells and sea glass.

Jacob spent his days with the mindset of "Every day you should learn something new." He always brought emphasis to the fact that there is no limit to anyone's potential as individuals. His diverse array of knowledge and unparalleled "will-power" helped him maintain the mentality to be able to turn nothing into something, no matter the situation.

The family would like to give a special thank you the hospital staff at the Newington, New London, and West Haven Connecticut Veterans Hospital along with Matt, Michelle, Adrienne and all the staff from VITAS Hospice Healthcare Glastonbury and Waterbury offices for the special care given during his illness.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date. "Sleep on Dad and take your rest, we love you but God Loves You Best."

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Douglas Library of Hebron, 22 Main St., Hebron, CT 06248. The library can also be reached at 860-228-9312 or www.douglaslibrary.org.

An online guestbook is with the *Hartford Courant* at www.courant.com/obituaries.

Hebron

Ruth Crosby

Ruth Crosby, 85, of Hebron, passed away peacefully Friday, May 28, at Riverside Health and Rehab in East Hartford.



Ruth is survived by her son, Raymond Crosby and his wife Michelle of Palm Coast, Fla.; daughter, Regina and her husband Leonard Larson of Hebron; and daughter, Robin and her husband Kevin Kilton of Lebanon. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and their spouses, Leonard Larson Jr. and his partner Stephanie Bendza; Erin Crosby and her partner Aderito Amado; Corey Larson and his wife Lauren; Kelly Larson and her partner Matt Bartkowski; Raymond Crosby and his partner Meg Kelley; Amanda Kilton and her husband Jon Bakos; and Kayla Crosby. Also left behind are seven great-grandchildren, Cameron Crosby, Jordan Morales, Jonah Larson, Lucas Amado, Amari Amado, Oliver Bakos, and a baby boy due to arrive in September. She is also survived by many dear nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Ruth was born in Manchester March 6, 1936. She was the youngest daughter of seven children of the late Wilfred and Celia (Lundergan) Johnston. She married Roger Crosby Oct. 28, 1955. The couple made their home and raised their family in Hebron, where they enjoyed 61 years of marriage together until Roger's passing July 22, 2016.

Ruth worked various jobs throughout her life, including Cheney Mills, driving a school bus for the town of Hebron, and working at family-owned Crosby's Texaco. She also spent many years working for the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier before her retirement. She enjoyed bowling, weekly card games with friends, and playing Yahtzee with friends and grandchildren. Most importantly, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt, forever devoted to her family.

Funeral services will be private per Ruth's wishes. Burial will also be private in the Gilead Cemetery in Hebron.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 279 New Britain Ave., Suite 5, Kensington, CT 06037, or at www.alz.org.

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

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Colchester

Kay Elizabeth Anderson

Kay Elizabeth Anderson, née Kloster, passed away surrounded by loved ones at her home in Colchester Saturday, May 30. She was 65.



Kay was born in Moline, Ill., on Oct. 5, 1955, to Per and Nancy Kloster and grew up in Iowa, North Dakota, Illinois, Wisconsin and Florida. She was a graduate of Jupiter High School in Florida. Kay took on a variety of jobs after graduation, such as being an accounting specialist for Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Rivers Council, where she worked with many friends. She was also a volunteer treasurer for Boy Scouts Troop 72 in Colchester, where she dedicated over 20 years of her life experience and passion.

She got married June 16, 1979 to Larry John Anderson, who preceded his wife in death, and focused her energy on her two children, Rebecca Berta and Chris Anderson, and their upbringing. While raising a growing family, Kay also found time to participate in a number of community activities. She loved camping with Happy Wanderers FCRV, making gingerbread houses with her grandchildren, and watching sappy movies on the Hallmark Channel. Crafting became a huge part of her life, to the point where the list of supplies she needed was never-ending.

Kay also loved doing puzzles and playing games while spending time with her family and beloved pets, Kimi the dog and Moo the cat.

Family and friends remember Kay as kind, confident, quick-witted, and sometimes stubborn. She was also sassy, honest, hard-working and a problem-solver who was dedicated to helping people and being there for others. What people loved best about Kay was her friendly personality and how quick she was to make a joke. She gave the best warm hugs to her grandkids, and she was always ready for a new adventure.

Kay is survived by daughter Rebecca Berta and her husband Aaron Berta of Colchester, be-

loved grandson Bryce Berta and granddaughter Delaney Berta, and son Chris Anderson and his wife Shelby Anderson of New Britain. She also leaves her brother, David Kloster and family of Virginia, and sister, Tora Allred and family of Florida.

Memorial services will be held at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. Visiting hours will be from 4-6 p.m. today, June 4.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boy Scout Troop 72, c/o Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester, CT 06415.

To send a condolence, please visit: www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

Walter A. Olsen Jr.

Walter Albin Olsen Jr. passed away after a brief illness Thursday, May 27, at Middlesex Hospital.

Born Nov. 25, 1936, to Walter A. Olsen Sr. and Irene Torkleson Olsen in East Hampton, he graduated from East Hampton High School in 1954.

A lover of music, he played several instruments, most notably the saxophone and clarinet. He was an accomplished tool and die maker, spending most of his career at Bevin Brothers Bell Manufacturing Company.

After dating throughout high school, he married Harriet (Sue) Smith Olsen in 1958. Together they built their house in Haddam Neck. Walt did much of the site preparation, electricity and plumbing himself.

Walt enjoyed photography, inspired by his father, and created a dark room in the basement. During the 1980s he took many wedding photographs for area couples. He was also an avid bowler and an occasional golfer. He played both the drums and the fife with the Moodus Drum and Fife Corp. In more recent years he became interested in woodworking. He created many intricate wooden puzzles, boxes, Christmas ornaments and replicated trucks, heavy machinery and trains. He volunteered at the



Portland Historical Society and Chatham Historical Society where his lifelong knowledge was shared and recorded. He also spent many hours restoring photographs that his father and others took of East Hampton so that the history of the town would be preserved.

He leaves to mourn him his wife of 63 years, Sue; his children, Deborah (Bradley), Paul (Ellen), Barbara, and David (Sandy). His grandchildren: Michael (Jennifer), Jared (Emily), Cassie, Sarah, MacKenzie (Mark), Connor, Cameron (Sara), Ian, Jessica, Angelina; and two great-granddaughters, Mikayla and Mia. He also leaves a nephew, Kristopher Olsen; cousins, Dorothy Haines, Charles, David and Bruce Strong, and their families.

He was predeceased by his parents, Walter and Irene; daughter, Mary; and brother, Richard.

A service will be held at the Haddam Neck Congregational Church on Wednesday, June 9, at 10 a.m. Please follow COVID-19 protocols and wear a mask. Following the service, commitment of his ashes will take place at the Haddam Neck Cemetery. Please join the family at the reception at the church. Walter was a longtime member of the church and sang in the choir.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Haddam Neck Congregational Church, Chatham Historical Society or East Hampton Ambulance Association.

Portland

Margaret A. Kirsche

Margaret (Peggy) A. Kirsche of Portland passed away Tuesday, May 25, following a brief illness. She was born Margaret Amelia Anderson Aug. 14, 1922, to Hilda A. Anderson (Hanson) and Arvid S. Anderson.



She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 72.5 years, Richard W. Kirsche Jr.; her children, Karen L. Miller and Peter R. Kirsche; her parents; siblings, Charles D. (Bud) and Louise M. Anderson; as well as several in-laws, nieces and nephews.

She leaves her daughter, Paula A. Brown, and her husband Craig; as well as her treasured grandchildren Garrett A. Miller and his wife

Lindsey, Megan A. Forrest and her husband Kyle, and Rachel A. Brown; and great-grandchildren, Jacoby A. and Reagan G. Miller and Annika A. Forrest. In addition, she leaves sister-in-law Nancy Lenihan (Sean) and son-in-law Ronald A. Miller (Sue), as well as many nieces and nephews, all dear to her.

Margaret was a lifelong resident of Portland, with a part-time residence in Melbourne Beach, Fla., for many years. She was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church of Portland, and also active in Grace (now Advent) Lutheran Church (beachside) in Melbourne, Fla.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 2, at the Swedish Cemetery, Portland.

Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, is in charge of arrangements.

Marlborough

Trevor Michael Foster

Trevor Michael Foster of Marlborough, formerly of Lebanon and Colchester, passed away at home Friday, May 28. He was 26 years old. Born Oct. 10, 1994, in Middletown, he was the beloved son of Jennifer Marcaurel and Trevor A. Foster.



Trevor grew up in Lebanon and graduated from Lyman Memorial High School. He was currently working with Sean Dimmock doing power washing. Trevor was an avid Yankees and Cowboys fan. He enjoyed music, the beach at Misquamicut with family, hanging out with friends, being his mother's sidekick on adventures to Salmon River, working in the yard with his dad, and he loved hanging with his good friend Tara and her two children. He also enjoyed fishing with his papa in his younger years.

Trevor will be remembered fondly for the love he had for his family and for his wonderful smile that brightened the room.

Trevor will be sadly missed but always remembered with love by his mother, Jennifer Marcaurel and her partner Jeff Zimmermann of Marlborough; his father, Trevor A. Foster and his wife Lisa of Lebanon; a daughter, Caydence Foster White of Quinlan, Texas; a sister, Tayler Foster of Manchester; stepsister, Myra Cham-

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paign of Colchester; grandparents, Ginger and Ernie Boughton of Colchester, Linda Lyon of Massachusetts, Betty Townley of Florida; aunts, Melanie Marcaurel, Janet Lawley, Karen Foster and Charlene Winston; uncles, Arthur Foster, Danny Keefe, Ricky Keefe, Jeff Keefe, James Keefe, Josh Winston, William Winston, Tommy Winston and Jonny Abel; cousins, Lucas, Quincy, Kara, Chloe, Kaytee, Rachael, Dylan; and many extended family members and friends.

With hope for others who struggled with addiction as Trevor did, his family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to benefit addiction services, at www.apromiseto-jordan.org/in-ct.

Visiting hours will be held Friday, June 11, from 4-6 p.m., at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A memorial service will follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Middle Haddam

William S. Bailey

William S. Bailey ("Bill"), 88, of Middle Haddam, beloved husband of Betty (Randolph) Bailey, passed away peacefully Monday, May 31, at Hartford Hospital. Born April 29, 1933, in Schenectady, N.Y., he was the son of the late Edward and Lena (Sheldon) Bailey.



Bill was a graduate of Morrisville College class of 1953, and proudly served in the U.S. Air Force until October of 1955. Bill had a 45-year career as a regional manager in mechanical controls retiring from Landis and Gyr Powers. Bill loved dogs, and he and Betty raised several German Shepherd dogs together. He was a member of the Marlborough American Legion, and an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics and the New England Patriots.

For over 30 years, Bill and Betty lived on Martha's Vineyard, where he enjoyed golfing, fishing, and especially taking visiting relatives and friends on clamming trips.

Besides his wife, Betty he is survived by his sons David W. Bailey and wife Beth of Coventry, John S. Bailey and wife Deborah of Columbia; son-in-law, Ed Weir of Glastonbury; stepson, Lyle Zweigle and wife Chris of Farmington; stepdaughter, Starla McQuade and husband Rob of Lakewood Colo.; brother, Edward Bailey of New York; sister, Betty Smith and husband Phil of New York; grandchildren, Robin, Heidi, Mike, Robert, Kate, Ann, Kristin, Bobby, Lex, Tracy Kip, Misty, and Patrick; and many great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Lee Ann Weir, and grandsons, Michael and David.

Friends may call at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, Sunday,

June 6, from noon-2 p.m. Funeral services will be held Monday, June 7, at 11 a.m., in the Second Congregational Church, 52 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam.

Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery in East Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Second Congregational Church, P.O. Box 206, Middle Haddam, CT 06456.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

East Hampton

Albert Joseph Stürm

Albert Joseph Stürm, 94, of East Hampton, formerly of Danbury, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 30, at Middlesex Hospice. Born Sept. 16, 1926, in Bronx, N.Y., he was the son of German immigrants, the late Rose and Joseph Stürm.



He was predeceased by his beloved daughter, Heidi Edith Stürm. He is survived by his daughters, Lisa Taylor and Linda Stürm-Ribeiro; his son-in-law, Leo Ribeiro; his grandchildren, Crystal and Kayleigh Taylor, and Sasha and Scott Ribeiro. He is also survived by his first cousin, Paul Jahn, in Kentucky, who he considered his brother.

Albert's parents emigrated from Germany to the U.S., hoping for a better life for their family. As the Great Depression began, however, such a life became nearly impossible, and Albert was sent to Germany to live with his grandparents. Although he returned to New York City when he was 8 years old, he always considered himself German as well as American, and was always proud to celebrate his German heritage.

Albert was a vivacious teenager and young adult, who always enjoyed athletics and social activities with his many friends. He was especially passionate about soccer, and continued to play into his adulthood. Albert remained active in his community until his late 80s, attending every event on the calendar at his American-German singing club. He loved camping and canoeing, taking photographs, and dancing with his longtime love, the late Lillian Stigell.

Professionally, Albert worked as an electronic engineer as well as an electrician. He was most proud, perhaps, as a part of the team at IBM that created early memory for computers called "Bubbles." He was always proud to say that some of the technology he worked on at IBM actually landed on the moon! A veteran, Albert served in the U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge in 1946.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Sunday, June 6, from noon-3 p.m., at Danbury Memorial Funeral Home, 117 South St., Danbury. Albert will be laid to rest beside his beloved daughter Heidi at the Long Island National Cemetery on Monday, June 7.

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Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield said the National Guard provided the town with above tactical military truck to be part of Sunday's Memorial Day Parade, joined by sleek Cadillacs that carried the day's grand marshal, as well as local emergency vehicles.

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Although this quote highlights the negative effects of warfare, Dickerson said the rights and freedoms we enjoy today would not be possible without the sacrifices of troops.

"It is the veteran, not the politician, who gave us the right to vote," Dickerson said.

The Armed Forces, Dickerson said, fought for the ability to exercise rights, and have also fought to safeguard those rights.

Dickerson listed the names of the veterans added to the monument at Veterans Memorial Park, as well as the names of those who have died in the past year.

The names of the veterans memorialized this year are Tyler T. Ghent, Paul Ghent, Justin E. Brown and Connor D. Reinsch.

Dickerson named the 16 local veterans who have died since last Memorial Day. They are: James Orr, Ernest Peterson, John Gilbert, Donald Flenke, Timothy Johnson, Victor Favara Sr., Michael Kowalik, Harold Larson, Christopher O'Brien, Wayne Simmons, George LaMarsh, Joseph Clausi, Thomas Coughlin Sr., Eugene Sullivan, Chester Balinski Jr. and Michael Lombardo.

The 2021 parade was Bransfield's last as the town's chief.

"I'm so proud to be a part of the parade; I'm grateful to our coordinators," Bransfield told the *Rivereast* in a follow-up call Tuesday.

Bransfield also thanked the state's National Guard who, she said, supported the parade by sending a contingent to join and bolster the parade's participation. This year, they sent along an impressive tactical truck, the parade's most prominent vehicle.

Bransfield said the camaraderie of a non-virtual, in-person ceremony would not have been possible without Portland's highly successful vaccine campaign.

"Portland has the highest [vaccination] percentage in the Chatham Health District," she said.

"This means Town Hall is open, our library and senior centers have additional programming, we're having our concert series," Bransfield continued. "It feels like we certainly have weathered this terrible storm."

As a fully immunized person, Bransfield said it feels very good to be around other fully immunized people, without that gnawing worry over COVID-19.

"The vaccines just open up the ability to get close again," Bransfield said, adding that locals deserve praise for their own work against the spread of COVID-19.

The Rev. John Antonelle, who is pastor of St. Mary Church as well as the town chaplain, prayed in his ending sermon for an end to all war, and for world unity and peace.

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a phone call Tuesday, echoed that Roy's condition was improving.

"She's with us," he said Tuesday. "She took a turn in a good manner."

Tetreault said Roy was on her hands and knees doing the crack repair when she was struck by the car.

He said it was unclear when the woman who alerted the church secretary that Roy was laying on the pavement had left the scene.

He said that initially, the secretary thought the woman was pointing toward the pond in the preserve next door and referencing someone drowning.

"At that time it wasn't made clear that [Roy] was run over by a vehicle," he said.

It was medical personnel who concluded, based on the injuries Roy sustained, that she had been struck by a vehicle.

Tetreault said police don't know if the woman on the scene was the one who struck Roy or if she witnessed the accident or just saw Roy lying on the ground.

"[She is] just a person of interest at this time," he said.

Tetreault said police are looking for public assistance and checking surveillance from Hebron Elementary School at 92 Church St. and from residences in the area. He said if anyone living in the vicinity has camera footage to please call police.

As of Wednesday, a GoFundMe for Roy had raised \$19,635.

"The Roys will give you the shirt off their backs to help you," a message on the page states. "Lois is an amazing and strong woman. Any help for this wonderful family in a terrible time would be greatly appreciated. Prayers are always welcome."

Anyone with information can contact Detective Mark Gorra at 860-848-6530 or Sgt. Robert Scavello at 860-848-6529.

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All are invited to join Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave., on Thursday, June 24, at 6 p.m., via Zoom, as Gary Walter from the Colchester Historical Society delves into the history of Merchants' Row in Colchester.

Walter will present a series of photos and events from 1873 to 1949. This program is in partnership with the Colchester Historical Society and the Colchester Senior Center.

Registration is required. To sign up, go to tinyurl.com/rdsmr48w. The library does not record virtual programs.

For more information, call 860-537-5752.

Grab-and-Go Meals Offered

Through the end of the school year in June, Colchester Public Schools will offer free breakfast and lunch to all students and children 18 and younger; meals include entrée, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Pick-up is at Bacon Academy, in front of the auditorium doors, on Mondays and Thursdays from 10-10:30 a.m. For more information, contact nutrition coordinator Leanne Ranheim at 860-537-9421 ext. 381 or lrnheim@colchesterct.org.

Renter's Rebate

This year, Colchester Youth and Social Services has two options for people to complete their applications for the income-based Renter's Rebate program: people may schedule a time and wait outside or in the lobby while CYSS completes their application, or they can drop off, mail or email the paperwork.

Appointments are Monday through Wednesday and can be made by calling the office at 860-537-7255. If mailing or dropping off, the address is at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415. To email, send to: socialservices@colchesterct.gov. After CYSS completes the paperwork, it will contact people for a signature and to return any documents.

For more information – and a list of necessary paperwork – call 860-537-7255.

New StoryWalk Book

A new book, *My Happy Year* by E. Bluebird, has been posted at the StoryWalk at Ruby & Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands, 96 MacDonald Rd.

A StoryWalk combines physical activity with reading as the pages of the book are transformed into signs on a trail inviting children and their caregivers to read as they move along the path. The StoryWalk is free and open to all.

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. Social distancing guidelines are followed. Call the church to attend. The service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook, and includes a special children's program. 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.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for 2021-22 is open to children who turn 5 by Jan. 1, 2022.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/d7t8hvxx. Once forms are completed, parents/guardians will need to schedule an appointment with the Board of Education office by calling 860-537-7267.

Local Student Graduates

Chelsea Gordon of Colchester, residing in Minamifurano, Japan, has graduated from the University of Michigan with her master's degree in foreign language teaching. Once she returns home to the states next year, she plans on applying for her doctorate in linguistics.

Ahavath Achim Chicken Barbecue

Congregation Ahavath Achim, located at 84 Lebanon Ave., will hold its annual chicken barbecue Sunday, July 11, from 3:30-6 p.m. Dinner includes half a kosher chicken, a baked potato, coleslaw, a roll and a dessert. Cost is \$16.

People can use either the drive-thru in the rear of the building, or have their dinner delivered free (in Colchester only). Call 860-537-2809 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on July 11 to arrange time for delivery.

Dean's List

Connor Groene of Colchester made the spring 2021 Dean's List at Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y.

Groene is studying music education.



Colchester Giving Garden volunteers were recently surprised with donated tulip bouquets from the Wicked Tulip Farm of Preston. From left are Beth Pepin, Flora Drapeau, Sue Haas, Sarah Sastrick, Laura Grenon, Peg Filloramo and Susan F. Choma.

Giving Garden Up and Running

The Colchester Giving Garden is up and running weekly, as volunteers prepare and plant the garden for the 2021 season. Volunteers meet at the garden on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. to work together. Already this year, the garden has yielded over 35 pounds of fresh asparagus, which were donated to the town food bank, the Meals-on-Wheels program through the Colchester Senior Center, and to area soup kitchens.

Volunteers were recently surprised with do-

ated tulip bouquets from the Wicked Tulip Farm of Preston. The tulip farm opened earlier this month and donates many tulips to convalescent homes, homebound people and nonprofit organizations.

To join the Colchester Giving Garden or for more information, email colchestergivinggarden@gmail.com. All are welcome; no gardening experience needed.



The fifth annual "Cross Country 5K to Outrace Hunger" will take place Saturday, June 19. Pictured is a scene from last year's event. From left are Michael Bear, Tom Praisner and Aidan Pepin.

Cross Country 5K to Outrace Hunger

The fifth annual "Cross Country 5K to Outrace Hunger" will take place Saturday, June 19, at Zagray Farm, 544 Amston Rd. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m. Online registration and more information are at

www.5thOutraceHunger.racewire.com.

This walk/run is a fundraiser to cover the cost of meals packaged at a local hunger relief event through the nonprofit Feed My Starving Children.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via teleconference.
Teleconference Number 877 – 304 – 9269 / Access Code 423694#
APPLICATION #ZBA-3-21 – Lea Georgiades (applicant)/Diana Lucek (property owner) 19 Edstrom Road - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Six D. 2 a Front Yard Setback, in order to construct a porch on a single family house with a Front Yard Setback of 26 feet where 50 feet is required.
Interested parties can review the application materials on the Town of Marlborough Website marlboroughct.net then go to meetings & agendas click on Agendas then go to Zoning Board of Appeals. Written testimony should be sent at least 24 hours ahead of the public hearing date to building@marlboroughct.net, and oral testimony may be given during the public hearing.

2TB 5/28, 6/4

TOWN OF PORTLAND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at a meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following:
Application #20-08: Request for Text Amendment to Zoning Regulations Table 7.4.4 "Permitted Uses in Flood Plain Zone & Special Flood Hazard Areas" to allow dwellings in Special Flood Hazard Area by Special Permit and to modify Footnote 2 of Table 7.4.4 to include, "Dwelling types in Table 5.1 and Table 6.1 allowed by SP." Application of Frank Magnotta.
Application #20-14: 311 Brownstone Avenue. Request for a Special Permit Modification (Application #19-23) to add camping as an allowed use. Application of Dean Soucy. Property of Dean Soucy and Darlene Rice. Assessor's Map 28, Lot 54. Zone B3/ Riverfront Overlay.
At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for public review in the Portland Land Use Department or on the Town of Portland Website: www.portlandct.org.
Dated at Portland, CT, this 1st day of June 2021
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman

2TB 6/4, 6/11

Colchester Conservation Commission Wetlands Agent Approval

Pursuant to CGS Section 22a-42a(c)(2) the following application has been approved by the duly authorized agent of the Conservation Commission of the Town of Colchester.
Number: WA2021-370
Applicant: Scott & Kristy Harrington
Location: 199 Park Ave.
Activity: AG Pool w/in URA

Jay Gigliotti
Authorized Agent

1TB 6/4

Legal Notice Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of the Town of Andover at their Special meeting held on May 27th, 2021 **APPROVED** the following application:
IWWC 20-36: Eric Loteczka and George Correia, 26 Old Farms Rd (Andover, CT), Application to construct a wetland crossing for a proposed driveway and new house construction. The Duly Authorized Agent of the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission **APPROVED** the following application on June 1st, 2021:
Application #IWWC 21-08 – Evan Harbinson, 84 Route 6 (Scott Electrocrafts)- Replacement of a septic system within the 100-foot Upland Review Area of an unnamed tributary of the Hop River.
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.

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Town of Portland Inland Wetland Agent Approval

On 5/25/2021 the Inland Wetlands Agent of the Town of Portland issued a permit for Application #20-06A to build a new 50' x 40' garage with a home office within 100 ft of the upland review area located at 2 Murphy Road to applicant Jozef Niemczyk. This Permit may be appealed to the Town of Portland Inland Wetlands Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section 12.2 of the Town of Portland Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

1TB 6/4

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING Senior Center (17 School Dr.)

The Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, June 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM. at the Senior Center (17 School Dr.)
Application #16-20 – Bill G. Jonbalaj (applicant) 21 Austin – HGB LLC (Property Owner) South Main Street (Between 11 & 19 South Main Street) & Johnson Road – Special Permit – Village Cluster Residential Planned Development.
Application #03-21 – Town of Marlborough (Applicant) – Park Rd – Reconstruction of boat launch.
The room capacity will be limited due to Social Distancing requirements and masks are mandatory for those who attend in person. Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building/Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. All testimony and application materials will be available to the public on the Town Website, www.Marlboroughct.net, under Minutes/Agendas then Agenda 2021 then Conservation Commission.
Yvonne Bolton, CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIR

2TB 5/28, 6/4

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Marlborough Town Center/Lake Terramuggus Sewer DISTRICT 2021 – 2022 budget public hearing
The Marlborough Water Pollution Control Authority on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, 26 North Main Street, will hold a public hearing for the following:
2021 – 2022 Operation, Maintenance, & Repair Budget
2021 – 2022 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) Allocation
2021 – 2022 Fee Schedule
All of the above documents are on file for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk, and Building/Land Use Office. At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communication will be received, if you are unable to attend written communication can be submitted to the Building/Land Use Office, in Town Hall, 26 North Main Street.
John A. Murray
Chair, Marlborough WPCA

1TB 6/4

Legal Notice Town Of Hebron Connecticut Water Pollution Control Authority Public Hearing June 8, 2021 7:30 PM WPCA Public Hearing - June 8, 2021 Tue, June 8, 2021 7:30 PM (EDT)

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Notice is hereby given that the Water Pollution Control Authority for the Town of Hebron shall hold a Public Hearing on June 8, 2021 Virtual Location at 7:30PM. This hearing will be to adopt the budget for year 2021-2022 and to propose the annual sewer use charge at \$510 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). The payment schedule is as follows: Use charges equal to one (1) EDU or less will be payable in full on October 1st, of each fiscal year; use charges greater than (1) EDU will be payable in two equal installments, the first payment due on October 1st, the second payment due on April 1st of each fiscal year.
A copy of the Sewer Use Charge System; Sewer Connection Fees and EDU Schedule is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT.
Clara O'Brien, Chairperson
Water Pollution Control Authority
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut this 25nd day of May, 2021

1TB 6/4

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 COUNCIL 2021 to 2022

	Actual 2019-2020	Revised 2020-2021	COUNCIL APPROVED 2021-2022	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	2021 TO 2022 Percent Change From Revised Bud.
EXPENDITURES					
EDUCATION	\$31,176,193	\$32,132,300	\$33,085,395	\$953,095	2.97%
TOWN OPERATIONS					
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	\$4,213,304	\$4,460,648	\$4,667,908	\$207,260	4.65%
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$2,548,537	\$2,881,558	\$2,982,208	\$100,650	3.49%
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$417,175	\$506,346	\$500,698	\$(5,648)	-1.12%
CULTURE & RECREATION	\$1,017,563	\$1,134,682	\$1,195,979	\$61,297	5.40%
REGULATORY	\$408,543	\$425,075	\$457,269	\$32,194	7.57%
PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,130,373	\$2,227,349	\$2,266,585	\$39,236	1.76%
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS					
OTHER FUNDS	\$40,000	\$42,500	\$42,500	-	0.00%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$1,499,681	\$416,931	\$812,725	\$395,794	94.93%
DEBT SERVICE	\$3,223,384	\$3,229,776	\$3,648,612	\$418,836	12.97%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$46,674,753	\$47,457,165	\$49,659,879	\$2,202,714	4.64%
REVENUES					
FEDERAL REVENUES	\$5,298	\$19,368	-	\$(19,368)	-100.00%
GRANTS - STATE OF CT (EDUCATION)	\$7,066,380	\$6,922,366	\$6,922,849	\$483	0.01%
GRANTS - STATE OF CT (OTHER)	\$556,601	\$527,923	\$528,110	\$187	0.04%
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES	\$537,561	\$469,900	\$515,800	\$45,900	9.77%
OTHER REVENUE	\$109,977	\$75,750	\$78,750	\$3,000	3.96%
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$96,090	\$75,000	\$20,000	\$(55,000)	-73.33%
PROPERTY TAX REVENUE (PRIOR YEARS)	\$939,057	\$802,500	\$802,500	-	0.00%
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$127,082	\$26,517	\$27,315	\$798	3.01%
TOTAL REVENUES (Before taxes & fund balance)	\$9,438,046	\$8,919,324	\$8,895,324	\$(24,000)	-0.27%
USE OF FUND BALANCE		\$738,000		\$(738,000)	
PROPERTY TAXES (CURRENT)	\$37,364,030	\$37,799,841	\$40,764,555		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$46,802,076	\$47,457,165	\$49,659,879	\$2,202,714	4.64%
NET GRAND LIST	\$1,149,470,916	\$1,157,829,579	\$1,195,291,091	\$37,461,512	
VALUE OF MILL	\$1,132,229	\$1,140,462	\$1,177,362		
ESTIMATED COLLECTION RATE	98.50%	98.50%	98.50%		
ADOPTED MILL RATE	33.14	33.14	34.62	1.48	4.47%

EAST HAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL
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Tim Feegel
Derek Johnson
Barbara Moore
Mark Philhower
Kevin Reich

1TB 6/4

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Regular Meeting at 7 pm on June 14, 2021 via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:
Application ZBA-21-006, Michael Epright, Esq., 145 Main St., to reduce the side setback from 25' to 10' and to increase the lot coverage from 10% to 12.64% to construct a 24' x 36' accessory building with detached garage Map 6A/Block 56/Lot 27.
Application ZBA-21-007, Philip Healey, 63 Skyline Drive, to increase the lot coverage from 10% to 12% for a 420 SF pool and 592 SF deck Map 18/Block 44/Lot 48
Matthew Walton, Chairman

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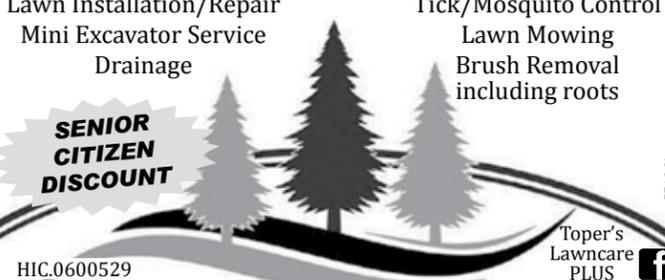
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