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Scholarship Awarded... Tatum Hair, a 2021 graduate of Portland High School, won the 2021 PSC Bill Peterson Memorial Scholarship. Hair is a former member of Portland Soccer Club. She has been involved with the club as a referee over the course of her high school career. At a recent ceremony, Chris Donahue, left, from Portland Soccer Club, presented Hair with her \$500 scholarship award on behalf of the club. This award is based on her accomplishments on and off the field.

Disagreement Leads to Hot Mic Incident

by Sloan Brewster

Hebron selectman John Collins' proposed committee to find an alternate spot for a public works complex in town led to the town manager audibly uttering an obscenity at a selectmen's meeting.

Collins, who in March announced he was going to leave the Board of Selectmen after the town budget passed, said on Tuesday he's staying on until his term ends, at the behest of some residents who asked him to do so. Collins said there were still things he was hoping to get done, including protecting the 89-acre Horton Property, which is behind Colebrook Village and off Kinney Road and is part of the Village Green District, from being developed into a public works complex.

It's this quest to protect the property that led to the town manager's profanity.

At the July 15 virtual Board of Selectmen meeting, Collins proposed creating a committee to search for an alternative spot to put the complex, and asked speakers with concerns about putting it on the Horton property if they would like to be on the committee.

In that conversation, Town Manager Andrew Tierney suggested that Collins was trying to pad the committee and let out a curse.

"He's putting all the f---ing neighbors on the committee to squash [putting the complex there]," he said.

Tierney, in a phone call last week, told the *Rivereast* about the faux pas, which he said "wasn't meant to be heard," as he thought his mic was off. He said he sent an apology out the next morning, which he forwarded to the *Rivereast* Tuesday.

"I would like to apologize for a statement I made toward the end of the meeting last Thursday night," the email read. "It was unprofes-

sional and inappropriate. Although I thought my mic was muted and the comment was not meant to be public, it ended up public."

While Tierney apologized for the curse, he stands by the accusation that Collins was attempting to pad the committee.

"He was doing stuff that's not on the agenda and he was sourcing people out," Tierney said.

Collins, in a phone call Tuesday, denied the accusation.

"I'm not doing anything," he said. "I have no comment except to say I believe in participation."

Council chairman Dan Larsen is with Tierney, however, and said having folks at the meeting who were opposed to the development and then asking them to be on the committee appeared intentional.

"It came across as this whole thing was contrived," Larsen said. "It was kind of organized that's just not how we ever, as a board, ever conducted ourselves."

Larsen pointed out that the curse was not directed at an individual but said the discussion itself was frustrating as the property was purchased with the complex in mind. He said the town's Public Building Committee completed a thorough search for a parcel and chose that one.

"It's sad that it happened. It did not seem to be aimed at one person but it did show a level of frustration - 'Here we go again,'" Larsen said. "I don't know that it was aimed at any one person, I think it was just a level of frustration."

Selectman Marc Rubera concurred, saying "You can't stack the deck."

"One thing I have to say about [Tierney's] comment, he shouldn't have said that on the air, but it's true," Rubera said. "Here again we get

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Colchester Budget Falls by Just Six Votes

by Steve Goode

Colchester's proposed \$15.78 million town operations budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year was defeated by a vote of 879 to 873 Tuesday, according to Town Clerk Gayle Furman.

The budget proposal, which would have increased spending by 4.14% and taxes by 0.85% will be headed back to a third referendum. No date has been scheduled.

Due to the narrow margin, the ballots will be recounted Saturday at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Furman said that if the difference in the vote is less than one-half of one percent - which in the case of the referendum vote was nine - a recount is automatic.

Voters did approve the proposed purchase of several fire apparatus by a vote of 1,143 to 601 Tuesday. The \$4.5 million purchase includes

three engine tanks, one tanker and one tower ladder.

Total voter turnout was 15%, according to Furman.

The Board of Finance is expected to discuss revisions to the spending plan at its next meeting, scheduled for Aug. 4.

Board of Finance Chairman Robert Tarlov did not immediately respond to requests for comment Wednesday.

The original proposed budget called a 4.74% spending hike on the town side and was soundly defeated by voters at a June 15 referendum. The Board of Education budget was approved by four votes at that referendum.

Following that defeat, the Board of Finance voted to increase the revenue side of the budget by \$45,000, taking it from the unassigned fund

balance, also known as the rainy-day fund.

The board also voted to increase expected Educational Cost Sharing revenue by \$364,000 and Payments in Lieu of Taxes - also known as PILOT - by about \$53,000.

The board also voted to reduce the public works department's highway budget by \$30,000 and also reduced the police, insurance and contingency budgets by about \$61,000, including the elimination of one of the two new police officer positions at a savings of about \$57,000.

Bylone to Seek Second Term

Also this week, First Selectwoman Mary Bylone, who had previously declined to say if she was running for re-election until the budget was passed, was chosen to represent the Democratic

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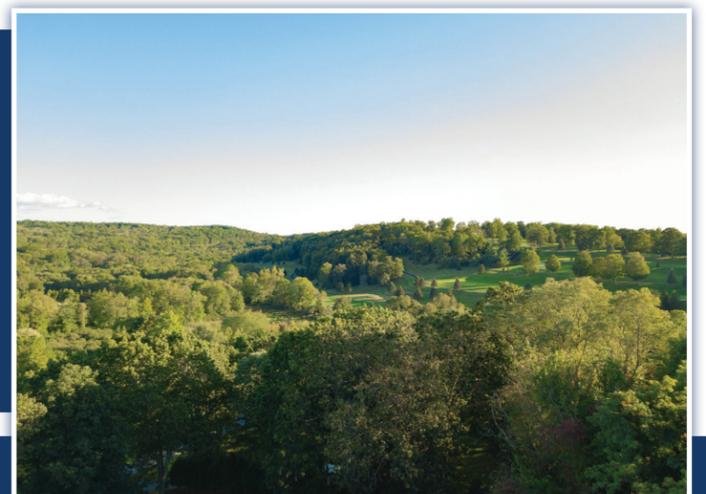


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Rivereast Fixture Moving on After 37 Years

by Mike Thompson

After nearly 40 years, Carole Saucier – the longtime layout chief, advertising manager, tech guru and overall “fixer of problems” for the *Glastonbury Citizen* and *Rivereast News Bulletin* – is moving on.

The year was 1984. Ronald Reagan hadn't quite begun his second term as president. *Dallas* and *The A-Team* ruled the television airwaves. And Saucier – then a shy 16-year-old known as Carole Webster – first began stuffing flyers in copies of the *Citizen* and *Rivereast*.

Over the ensuing four decades, Saucier would move from the back pressroom to the front of the office, gradually adding more and more responsibilities until earlier this year she was formally given the title of “office manager” – though it had been her de facto role for years.

Saucier, 53, gave her notice in late June, and this was her final week on the job. For her, leaving was a difficult choice – but a necessary one.

“It was time to move on,” she said this week. “For the last three and a half years, my mom was sick with vascular dementia and my life sort of got put on hold. I need to get my life back in order.”

A Glastonbury native, Saucier was a student at Glastonbury High School – Class of 1986 – when she began working here. After graduation, she went on to Eastern Connecticut State University, but continued collating in the pressroom – as well as taking on other tasks.

“Anytime any of my supervisors asked me to do something new I said, ‘sure,’” Saucier said.

That included working out front, laying out classifieds and ads – “old school; paste-up,” she recalled with a smile. She spent a lot of time working with Marion Hallas, the wife of the *Citizen's* then-owner and publisher Henry Hallas. “She was my boss and I learned a lot,” Saucier said.

Saucier eventually became the advertising head for both papers. It was a promotion, for sure – but one borne of tragedy.

“In 1992, the advertising manager, Denise Dymont, who was my best friend and matron of honor at my wedding, passed away due to a motorcycle accident,” Saucier said. “Amid my

grief, I took over her role of advertising manager.”

From then on, things largely remained the same – until last year, when both papers switched from manual paste-up to a digital layout. “It's been a big change,” she said.

An even bigger change? Longtime publisher James Hallas – Henry's son – sold both papers to the *Rare Reminder*, another family-owned newspaper, located in Rocky Hill.

Hallas this week looked back fondly on Saucier's time here.

“The rumor is she grew up in the back room and never left. Lucky for us,” he said. “She could do anything: fix computers, adapt software, put together that frustrating jigsaw puzzle of news stories and ads week after week after week, placate politicians of every stripe, deal with the byzantine workings of the Post Office (she knows the postal regulations better than the Post Office itself, and I've seen her prove it time and time again), straighten out problems with subscriptions and addresses, fix the phones – and, not the least, keep us entertained with pets ranging from dogs and chickens to pigs and lizards.”

He added, “‘Chief Cook & Bottle Washer’ doesn't even begin to touch on everything she did and the contributions she made to keep everything here on an even keel and moving along. I don't think a day passed in my many years there without the plaintive wail, ‘Car-ole,’ from some corner of the office as a summons to come fix some problem large or small. Most of the time, the wailer was me.”

Indeed, it's those wailers that Saucier's going to miss the most.

“I'm going to miss my coworkers terribly,” she said. “Some of them I've worked with for 10 to 30 years. We are a family. People say that, but it's really true here.”

She'll also miss the simple act of helping people place advertisements in the newspaper – “especially my politician friends,” she said, singling out former state representatives Pam Sawyer, Sonny Googins and the late Linda Orange, as well as former East Hampton Town Council chair Melissa Engel. “And the list goes on,” she



Carole Saucier – shown here with her beloved dog Riley, the “office pooch” – is leaving the *Rivereast News Bulletin* this week, after 37 years.

Players Sought for Tri-County Legion Fall Baseball

Tri-County's American Legion baseball program is looking for prospective players for its fall season.

Serious players whose parent resides in Andover, Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, Lebanon or Marlborough are eligible. The fall league is primarily designed for players who will be between the ages of 13-19 in 2022, but Tri-County is also considering putting together an instructional program for younger players who are transitioning to the 90-foot diamond. Fall teams will be organized at several age groups, depending on interest.

Go to www.tcleion.com for more details on the fall format, team makeup and fees. Deadline to register is Aug. 7, but some age-group teams are expected to fill up prior to that date.

The fall program will serve as a preliminary tryout for selection to Tri-County's summer 2022 Legion teams, which will be filled through winter tryouts and spring evaluations.

Interested players are encouraged to contact General Manager Len Lampugnale at 860-295-0437 or at Lampugnale@comcast.net with any additional questions.

HAMR Softball Fall Registration

HAMR Softball fall registration is open through Aug. 15. HAMR is a non-profit, fast-pitch Little League softball league for girls ages 5-14 from Hebron, Andover and Marlborough.

HAMR will offer several divisions this fall, open to all girls, including T-Ball, Rookies, Minors, Majors and Juniors. Fee is: \$80 for majors/minors and \$40 for rookies and T-ball.

To learn more about HAMR and to register, visit www.hamrsoftball.org.

added. “I will miss everyone.”

As for the future, Saucier, a longtime animal lover, said she would like to volunteer for organizations like Protectors of Animals in East Hartford. Also, after watching her mother's struggles with dementia, she'd like to work with the elderly or those suffering from memory loss. “I want to give back to the community,” she said.

She also won't be a stranger at the *Citizen* and *Rivereast* offices, as she's made it clear she'll definitely be stopping by for visits. After nearly 40 years, this place is part of her – as Hallas himself observed.

“She is among the few of us in this business who actually still bleed ink – and I have no higher compliment,” he said. “They really don't come any better than Carole Saucier.”

Area UConn Dean's List

The following area students made the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Connecticut:

- Amston:** Marley Forbes, Maya Paprocki.
- Andover:** Aurora Buswell, Blake Gaines, Leah Geiger, Tammy Harrington, Nathan Keeney, Jonathon Rocco, Nicholas Xenophontos.
- Colchester:** Morgan Darling, Cameron Deslaurier, Carrie Epstein, Christopher Floto, Taryn Formanek, Andrew Gannon, Ryan Kannon, Elizabeth Kowalsky, Brady Noniewicz, Jack Reeve, Jessica Savage, Ariana Spearin, Joshua Stanavage, Caroline Stanton, Joan Tremblay, Madison Zuckerman.
- East Hampton:** Ryan Adams, Irisa Burchsted-Glynn, Carter Chase, Lindsay De Brito, Peyton Debowsky, Austin Kelly, Tomas Lopes, Slawomir Piela, Colin Piteo, Talia Porch, Brooke

- Roussel, Julia Smith, Alyssa Talbot, Rylee Thomas, Jacquelyn Yorker.
- Hebron:** Nicholas Albino, Mackenzie An-sich, Rylee Bane, Chloe Beard, Katie Bushey, Adam Cox, Molly Cunningham, Joshua Desjardins, Jacqueline Hart, Jordin Longo, Nick Malgioglio, Katherine Malgioglio, Julia Pearson, Nicole Rogers, Katharine Santella.
- Marlborough:** Evan Alfano, Taylor Baran, Nicole Catarino, Emily Cochefski, Erica Deskus, Sabrina Dibble, Ian Gechas, Jacob Greenwald, Erin Hughes, Melanie Keogh, Mahid Qureshi, Tiffany Sanclemente, Cailin Tennis, Jennifer Vincenzo.
- Portland:** Morgan Geres, Sarah Kohs, Yang Li, John Mosley, Quinn Moynihan, Rebecca Tripp, Reagan Woitowitz.

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School Board Gets New Chair, Looks at Possible Turf Field

by Sloan Brewster

The RHAM Board of Education has a new chair.

At a special meeting last Monday, the board elected Kathleen Goodwin of Hebron as its chair.

In a phone call Tuesday, Goodwin said former chair Stephanie Bancroft of Andover had stepped down “for personal and professional reasons.” She said the board will be looking for a replacement for Bancroft.

Goodwin’s taking over the chairmanship is not the only change to the board.

Last month, Mike Morris of Hebron took the late Vincent Colonna’s seat.

“What Mike told me is he wanted to support the Board of Ed, he has two students at RHAM, one who graduated, and he feels a lot of his beliefs align with Vin’s and he wants to continue the good work Vin started,” Goodwin said.

Colonna, who was known for his generosity, was an advocate for RHAM and a mainstay at

games and athletic events, died unexpectedly in April.

Morris, who was friends with Colonna, said he voted for him, agrees with most of his ideas, and wanted to take over where he left off.

“I felt very strongly that he was a good person and good for the Board of Ed,” Morris said. “I guess I felt very strongly that he was a good friend and I should finish where he started.”

He said he had known Colonna for seven or eight years and had met him through the RHAM Baseball team, on which his son plays.

“It was kind of a tight-knit group,” Morris. “He’s a super unselfish, really good guy and it’s just really sad what happened to him.”

Morris said he put his name in the hat with the Hebron Board of Selectmen, which is responsible for nominating candidates to fill empty RHAM education board slots between elections, and was notified in mid-June that he had been selected.

Possible Turf Field

In other news, at a virtual special meeting Monday, Aug. 2, the board will discuss the idea of holding a public forum on installing a lighted turf field at RHAM.

The board is considering proposing a referendum in November on the proposal, Goodwin said. The field would not only support RHAM students and athletes but would be a community hub.

“I see it bright and safe, where people can come after hours,” she said.

The idea, she said, is to create a place to support local sports and games, watch children as

they develop and for residents to come and walk or run after work.

She said it would be “a beautifully maintained field that highlights our RHAM school, which is already the hub of our community.”

Goodwin said she hopes parents with younger children headed toward RHAM will support the idea, as their kids would likely be the first to enjoy the field.

She said RHAM was the last high school in the area to consider a turf field and hopes folks take part in the forum and process.

“It’s really exciting to be able to do this, I hope it happens,” she said.

Project Graduation Meeting Scheduled

All parents of rising RHAM High School juniors and seniors who would like to learn about the AHM Project Graduation celebration are invited to an information session Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 7:30-8:30 p.m., via Zoom; Meeting ID: 867 8093 9911 Password: 483937.

Five fundraisers are planned for the upcoming academic year to raise money for the end-of-year drug and alcohol-free celebration for RHAM graduates.

Direct questions to Jenn Boehler, Project Graduation coordinator, at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org. For general information, visit www.ahmyouth.org and select “Project Graduation” from the pull-down menu.

‘Getting Your Child Ready for School’

AHM Youth and Family Services’ Family Resource Center will present a Zoom program entitled “Getting Your Child Ready for School” Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 7-8 p.m.

Preschool and kindergarten teachers from Andover and Hebron will facilitate this discussion and will discuss different aspects of getting your child ready for school, including self-help skills, things to practice at home, talking to your child about their first day, school routines, and communication with the school.

This program is open to any interested parents. Contact Becky Murray at 860-573-1260 or beckym@ahmyouth.org for the Zoom Link.

Schools to Provide Summer Meals

The RHAM middle and high schools are working 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 9-10 a.m., until 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.

AHM Wins Grant from Red Sox Foundation IMPACT Award

Among all of the nonprofits in New England that were nominated this year for the Red Sox Foundation’s Impact Award, AHM Youth and Family Services were one of the smallest – and it came in second place, taking home a \$3,000 grant.

For the second year in a row, AHM Youth and Family Services, a regional nonprofit serving Andover, Columbia, Hebron and Marlborough, was nominated for an Impact Award. In the last day, as the competition was at its height, AHM voters helped the regional charity hold onto a second-place finish.

“We came so close last year,” AHM Board Member Sara Tarca shared, noting that AHM placed among the top three vote-getters.

“This year we earned the second most votes and in the process won a \$3,000 grant that will support mental health services for young adults in our communities. I am so proud of our townspeople, businesses, town leaders, friends, and family members near and far who voted for AHM!”

AHM was selected from nominations submitted across the New England states and met all eligibility criteria, including being a 501(c)(3) non-profit in good standing whose work is focused on improving the outcomes for those in their community through mental health services and/or awareness.

To learn more about AHM Youth and Family Services, visit www.ahmyouth.org.

Youth Lacrosse Fall Skills Clinic

RHAM Youth Lacrosse will offer lacrosse skill clinics this fall for kids entering grades 1-8 – and the deadline to register is Aug. 1.

A series of six skill clinics will be offered. Spots are limited. The timing of the clinics is designed so that if your child is playing a fall sport, they will hopefully still be able to attend. Girls’ clinics will be held on Saturday afternoons and boys’ clinics will be held Sunday afternoons.

New players are encouraged to sign up. Equipment will be required to participate.

Visit www.rhamyouthlacrosse.com for additional details and to sign up. Contact Annie Scibek for more information at ascibek@gmail.com. RHAM Youth Lacrosse offers programs for both girls and boys residing in Hebron, Marlborough, Andover and surrounding towns that do not offer a lacrosse program.

Health Matters Workshops Next Week

AHM Youth and Family Services is offering the following two Health Matters workshops next week, both taking place at the AHM building at 25 Pendleton Drive in Hebron.

Introduction to Acrylics: Tuesday, Aug. 3, 6-7:30 p.m., led by Audrey Carroll Prucnal, an award-winning and published watercolor artist. All materials are included and cost is \$5/person.

Liquid Nirvana Smoothie Workshop: Wednesday, Aug. 4, 6-7:30 p.m., led by the owner of Liquid Nirvana (Glastonbury and Avon). Learn how to blend flavors together for optimum taste and nutrition. Samples available and cost is \$5/person.

Residents of Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Columbia of all ages are welcome to register. Direct questions to Health Matters Coordinator Jenn Boehler at 860-228-9488 ext. 31 or jenniferb@ahmyouth.org.

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Party again in the November municipal elections.

In a press release Tuesday, Bylone said she was proud of her administration’s “collaborative work to address the challenges and hardship experienced the past sixteen months due primarily to COVID-19.”

“Despite terrible loss, we should be proud of the response by our residents, local businesses, first responders, and others to maintain our community’s health and safety,” said Bylone, who added that she was confident her leadership team would continue to serve Colchester

residents in a fiscally responsible manner to build a stronger future.

Other Democratic candidates chosen at the party caucus on Monday were: incumbents Rosemary Coyle and Denise Turner for Board of Selectmen; incumbent Bernard Dennler III and challenger Scott Chapman for Board of Finance; incumbent Jennifer Pulse for Treasurer; incumbents Amy Cahill Domeika and Joanne Rose for Board of Education; and incumbent Andrew Cournoyer and challenger Ian Lilly for the Board of Assessment Appeals.

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Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

“Chief Cook & Bottle Washer’ doesn’t even begin to touch on everything she did and the contributions she made to keep everything here on an even keel and moving along.”

Jim Hallas said that this week in our story about Carole Saucier leaving the *Rivereast* and *Glastonbury Citizen* after close to four decades – and that couldn’t be more true.

Carole was one of the first faces I saw when I entered the office here back in 2002, and she immediately stood out to me as just a pleasure to work with. In 2007, when I became editor, she very much became my right hand, handling my email as it came in, laying out the paper every week and making sure all the stories and event listings and everything else got in.

For the vast, vast majority of the time – up until last year, really – she put it all together with scissors and wax. It was old-fashioned paste-up. And Carole did it all superbly well. She was a whiz with the X-Acto knife. I was consistently amazed by her ability to line everything up so evenly; if you looked at the paper after it came out, you’d never guess it was put together largely by hand.

And Carole’s contributions hardly ended there. She was also the de facto “tech support” for both papers. Any problem that arose with anyone’s computer – and there were many over the years – Carole would handle, and would almost always solve. And though she certainly didn’t have to, she’d help out your home electronics too. Just two weeks ago I brought in my home computer which had begun, well, misbehaving. She did some work on it, figured out the problem, and fixed it.

But I’ll miss more than just Carole’s technical skills. She was just very nice to work with. Very thoughtful, and always there to offer support when you were dealing with personal issues. When my mother fell seriously ill in 2014, and spent much time in the hospital, Carole was one of the first to ask me about her, to see how she was doing, and to do whatever she could to help. And that included doing whatever she could to help things go more smoothly here at the paper – to make sure that, with everything else that was weighing on my mind, at least I didn’t have to worry about work. Words can’t describe how much I appreciated that.

On a lighter note, I also appreciated she had a lot of the same pop culture knowledge – particularly when it came to classic TV. Just recently she made a reference to *Laugh-In* that seemed to go over the head of everyone in the office but me. I’m only 42, but I confess to having a love for television from before my time. And with Jim and now Carole gone, the number of people here who would get a spontaneous *Bewitched* or *Happy Days* reference is pretty low. Ah, well; life will go on.

And I know life will go on here at the *Rivereast* and *Citizen* – but it will definitely feel different. From her historical knowledge to her technical skills and of course her friendliness and personality, Carole’s departure will leave a big hole.

Goodbye and good luck, Carole – and thanks for everything.

See you next week.

Bulletin Board

Those of you from the soul-searching ‘60s probably remember Thomas Anthony Harris’ book “I’m Okay, You’re Okay.” The bestseller, which is still in print today by the way, is a practical self-help guide to transactional analysis as a method for solving problems in life.

Transactional analysis, or TA (not to be confused with T&A, a wholly different obsession which has recently brought about the downfall of certain prominent Hollywood deviates), is “a psychoanalytic theory and method of therapy wherein social transactions are analyzed to determine the ego state of the patient (whether parent-like, child-like, or adult-like) as a basis for understanding behavior.”

I have no idea what that means. Had I opted for a degree in psychology I might be more helpful, but I chose to pursue a course of study that was supposed to lead to a real job and somehow ended up here. Perhaps psychology (or better yet, trade school) was actually the way to go, but it’s too late now. Who knew that one plumber certification would one day be worth 10,000 undergraduate degrees?

Anyway, I’m “Okay, You’re Okay” sold something like 15 million copies in two dozen languages, which is marginally more than the circulation of this newspaper. The book’s success indicates to me that there were a lot of people back in the ‘70s who were reluctant to tell their friends that they’d voted for Nixon or felt guilty that they persuaded their little brother that you can get stoned smoking banana peels.

That, of course, is not the case today when nearly everyone seems to have super self-esteem, to the point that ignorant children are comfortable lecturing adults on life’s hard realities; high school dropouts think it’s society’s fault that they lag behind brain surgeons in terms of annual income; and certain folks seem to feel that the more expensive your car, the less attention you need to pay to inconvenient stuff like speed limits and stop signs.

This all did not happen overnight. In fact, I believe self-esteem was actually taught in the schools for at least a generation or two, with teachers assuring their young charges that behavior ranging from eating wallpaper paste to drawing pictures on your desk of Disney dwarves with oversized genitalia actually proved that they were special and unique and would not affect their standing on the Effort Honor Roll or their potential to become the highly compensated CEO of their very own irrelevant nonprofit in the unlikely event that their obvious uniqueness was not appreciated in the conventional job market.

This support was reinforced outside the schools with zillions of Participation Trophies that were made out of real plastic and awarded to anybody talented enough to sign up for youth sports.

And so we arrive at our present condition where our popular self-help guide, if we had one, would probably be titled, “I’m Fantastic & Everything I Do is Fantastic and So Important that I Feel Compelled to Bless Your Pathetic Existence by Sharing My Incredibly Fantastic Life (in Excruciating Detail) with You on Social Media.” (Not as catchy as “I’m Okay, You’re Okay,” but I worked really hard on that title and feel I deserve a participation trophy at the least.)

But, honestly, is there nothing too trivial to post on social media?

Well, enough is enough.

Please, no more photos of the gluten-free pizza you had for lunch, the brand new air freshener in your car, three-minute videos of your cat licking itself, or your homely child sticking Cheerios up its nose. If you really want to earn my good wishes, go set yourself on fire.

If nothing else, the photos should be phenomenal.

And I’m okay with that.

Jim Hallas



Young Irish Dancers... From July 5-10, area Irish dancers competed at the U.S. National Championships in Phoenix, Ariz. From Mulcahy Academy, under the direction of Erin Mulcahy and Tara Deveney, several dancers from *Rivereast* towns danced and received national rankings. Each dancer competed with dancers from around the U.S. Anna Vicino, 11, of Portland, placed 18th overall. Caitlin McClaine, 14, of Hebron, placed 54th overall and third in the Preliminary Champion category. Erin Dalton, 16, of Colchester, danced two rounds. Ciara Franzese, 16, of Hebron, placed 35th overall. Elizabeth Keegan, 18, of East Hampton, placed ninth in the preliminary champion category. Eliza Byrne, 19, of Hebron, placed 41st overall. The dancers are shown here, along with a few folks from out of the *Rivereast* area, in a recent practice before heading to Phoenix. Pictured are McClaine (far left), Dalton (second left), Franzese (third from left), Byrne (center, bottom row), Vicino (second from left, bottom row) and Keegan (far right). Also shown, in the back row, are Kaleigh Aparo of South Windsor, Ailish McKenna of Middletown and Pádraig Deveney of West Hartford.

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Thank You, Fire Departments

To the Editor:

On June 6, lightning struck our large barn. The fire department arrived very quickly but the barn was completely engulfed in flames. They spent hours here, putting the fire out and securing our house. All the siding melted off the back of our house and the windows broke from the intense heat but thank goodness they were able to save our house. My son Eric, myself, and our dogs Yuri, Katy and Sophia are all safe and later that night we were able to get back in our house.

East Hampton, Colchester and Portland fire departments were here and I do not have the words to express how grateful we are. An EMT spent a lot of time with me making sure I had enough oxygen. The East Hampton fire marshal was great. He took the time to explain things to us and really did make us feel better. I would also like to thank my neighbors, especially Donna Valli, who was with me, holding my hand; CC Bevin, who came by to make sure we were ok; and Tina and Tyler Varni. Tina has been an angel especially since Len, my husband, passed away in April. I keep you all in my prayers. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Rose Anderson – East Hampton

Center Services a Godsend

To the Editor:

As a non-driving member of the Colchester Senior Center, its services have been a Godsend to me. I landed in Colchester 15 years ago, just starting to walk, 10 months after a life-altering car accident. Because the senior center provides medical transportation for disabled residents of any age, as well as rides for seniors, I was able to keep all my appointments. Throughout the years, this service has endured. Our medical driver goes to great lengths to assure clients’ needs are met. These days, I’m grateful to say, my primary destination is to the gym!

Our in-town drivers are also dedicated to all clients’ needs. This can include grocery

shopping, Rx, salon and in-town doctor appointments. Once a month we are treated to an out-of-town shopping trip, appreciated by all. Colchester Senior Center also provides numerous in-house activities, ranging from bingo to crafts, which are enjoyed by all members.

Shelley Gartenberg – Colchester

Regionalization Myth

To the Editor:

Elementary school regionalization is a proposed solution to Andover’s budget woes that has been repeated during our epic budget debate this year and in last week’s *Rivereast*. Andover townspeople need look no further for an example of regionalization than their own middle/high school. The RHAM portion of Andover’s budget passed easily in May at an amount of \$5,119,757, ~40% of Andover’s total budget. While per pupil expenditure (PPE) reports put RHAM overall at \$18,577 (2019-2020; source: CT.gov) the individual towns have different individual PPE values. Andover has ~230 students at RHAM, which results in a \$22,259 PPE for Andover students at RHAM. The PPE for Andover Elementary that has so offended some was reported at \$22,935 in their own propaganda. Clearly actual data does not support the regionalization solution myth.

There would be no substantial savings from regionalization to pass onto roads, bridges, and tree work. An empty school building could be repurposed, but at what cost? Currently, AES

Correction

A story entitled “Man Injured After Crash,” that ran on page 10 of last week’s *Rivereast*, misidentified the driver of the Harley-Davidson. His name is Dominick Mitchell, not David Mitchell. David is his middle name.

The *Rivereast* regrets the error.

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budget pays for school building costs and staffing. If the school was repurposed, upkeep and staffing would be an additional cost to our town. AES has been this year's budget scapegoat, but the reality of our situation is much simpler: Andover has historically supported a no-tax-increase platform and now the lack of investment has caught up to us. Advisory questions on a recent budget referendum had a majority of voters respond that a modest town budget increase of \$50K was "too high." I wonder if those same voters are angry about the road repair schedule at Bunker Hill Road. The solution to our budget situation is focusing on smart growth, not "no growth," to attract more taxpayers and business. We need to stop wasting efforts on gutting Andover's assets like AES as these are what make our town great.

Jacob Isleib – Andover

East Hampton Past

To the Editor:

In 1887, the Legislature passed an act that read, "No person shall take any black bass (large mouth bass) from Pocotopaug Lake in the town of Chatham between the fifteenth day of April and the fifteenth day of June in any year." The dates related to the annual spawning season, and were an early attempt to not only assure future of this game fish, but to control other species from causing havoc on the lake's ecosystem.

I found this approach to lake management interesting as I watched the CPTV *NOVA* series on "keystone species" the other evening. Specifically, one scientist had studied the habitat in Oklahoma streams and what happened if a Keystone Species disappeared. The minnows and other creatures left unchecked, would consume all the vegetation and in short order create a wasteland. Basically, a keystone species is one that is the highest order in a habitat. We would probably better recognize wolves or bears in that role. But in a stream, pond or lake, large-mouth bass also occupy that position. Recent efforts to mitigate 40 or more years of deterioration to Lake Pocotopaug had me think that one approach to revitalization might simply be support of keystone species such as large-mouth bass. In the early 2000s the DEEP stocked our lake with Northern Walleye (also a keystone species) after the massive fish kill caused by toxic red algae. The theory being that the Walleye would control the junk fish – perch, sun fish and rock bass – from overpopulating the lake and destroying the habitat. Last summer, our Lake Commission and Town Council implemented an aeration system and application of "Bio Blast" to mitigate phosphorus and nitrogen overloading. We have already witnessed the positive impacts. Could support of keystone species help even further?

Dean Markham – East Hampton

Small Town, Big Heart

To the Editor:

The Clate Family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Andover residents, Andover Elementary, and friends in surrounding communities for the outpour of support and nutritional sustenance during our treatment and recovery from the impact of the Delta variant. Friends and neighbors stepped in to assist with everything from absentee voting, dump runs, grocery and pharmacy runs, emotional support, an organized meal train, facilitating connections with a hospital advocate, and most importantly prayer.

We are so blessed to call Andover home: a small town with the biggest heart.

Special thanks to: Chalfant Family, Patrizz Family, Blake Family, Shannon Loudon, Superintendent of Schools Valerie Bruneau, Heidi Hines, Greenhouse Family, Lopez Family, Gold Family, Marino Family, Allard Family, Hutchinson Family, Samson Family, Gross Family, Calhoun Family, Buchanan Family, Kim Sneller, Elizabeth Pereira.

The Clate Family – Andover

Thank You Colchester!

Dear Colchester Residents:

I am very thankful to everyone who has been supportive of my candidacy for first selectman. The historic turnout and my unanimous endorsement at the Colchester Republican caucus is a vote of confidence that I will never forget. The Republican base has never been more united and energized. The significant level of encouragement coming from unaffiliated and Democratic voters who are looking for a real change has also been very humbling.

I would also like to thank my parents. My parents left Greece 34 years ago with two children to take a chance on the American dream.

Don Denley – Andover

My parents settled in the beautiful town of Colchester, established their successful business here, encouraged our education through the Colchester public school system, and made some amazing friends along the way. Colchester has provided us our American dream.

Now I have an opportunity to write a new chapter in that American dream. An opportunity to give back to the community that has given my family everything. I am committed to being a champion of the people and delivering on the four tenets of my campaign: Affordability, Transparency, Economic Development, and Tradition. The time to put "People Before Government" is upon us.

As an elected official who has 12 years of municipal experience (six years on the Board of Finance and six years on the Economic Development Commission) I am well prepared for the budgetary challenges that our community will face. As an educator for eight years in the Windham public school system, I have developed the interpersonal and communication skills that will be necessary to bring people of diverse backgrounds and experiences together.

I look forward to sharing my vision on a weekly basis and meeting you on the campaign trail.

Sincerely,

Andreas Bisbikos – Colchester

Respectful But Firm

To Colchester Residents:

I'd like to thank you all for your consideration for me as Assessment Appeals. Being a proud Republican in Colchester, it honors me to be able to serve my community. Please don't hesitate to call on me when my services are needed. Teamwork, from all sides is a very important to build a strong community for those who live here today, and to those who come in our future. Being in the eyes of all, I promise to be respectful but also firm on our stances for a better future.

With much thanks,

Robert Durnik – Colchester

Thanks for Support

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the RTC and other Republicans in attendance at the Republican caucus for supporting me for treasurer. I look forward to serving the town again for another two years. My prior experience in the financial services industry and serving the town for 18 years gives me an advantage in the upcoming election. I'm enthusiastic about the election and campaigning in our historic town. I will be honored to serve and earn your support.

**John Ringo – Colchester
Candidate for Treasurer**

Response to Sauyet

To the Editor:

Here are the facts relating to the Jan. 6 incident at our nation's capital:

Ashli Babbit was the only casualty that fateful day. Her killer has yet to be identified although it will end up being an officer on duty from the Capitol Police force assigned to protect the elected officials that were in house that day. Our government, led by our feeble-minded president Joe Biden, knows who the assassin is yet they have chosen non-disclosure. As I have previously stated, can you imagine if this was an BLM protester or any non-white citizen? The left-wing mob would be hysterical.

Ms. Babbit was shot from close range as she was attempting to enter (illegally) the Capitol building – she was unarmed and the video clearly shows that she was not – *not* – ordered to "stop or I'll shoot." You should not as an American citizen get shot to death breaking and entering when you are clearly unarmed.

Scott Sauyet calls me out for calling her a "young Air Force female," asking why gender matters? I was stating facts, like you asked for. We are now six months since this happened and the husband and the rest of the Babbit family have been given no closure. Can you imagine your family member – your wife – goes to DC to protest in a cause she believes in she ends up dead and the file is sealed and kept secret?

Sauyet goes on. When I suggest the protest was infiltrated by members of BLM, his response is "this sounds like have you stopped beating your wife." Sauyet has a very high opinion of himself and thinks he is an articulate and thought-provoking writer when in fact most of his ramblings are just garbage and no one reads his junk mail except the other members of the "foolish five" – Edmund Smith, Ed Gyllenhammer, Joe Stevens and Maureen Heidtmann.

Don Denley – Andover

A Heartfelt Thank You!

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Republican caucus last Tuesday night. I have never in my 20-plus years with the RTC seen the level of both support and excitement going into a November election. I would also like to congratulate Andreas Bisbikos for securing the Republican nomination for first selectman. Those who attended spoke with their vote and the night most certainly turned out an extremely strong slate of nominees. I could not be prouder and happier to move forward with this stellar group of individuals to build a strong team who will be focused on delivering the best to our community.

Humbly,

**Taras W. Rudko, Member
Colchester Board of Selectmen**

The Two Americas

To the Editor:

There are two Americas: one that tends to be rural, white, working-class males with authoritarian beliefs and a limited understanding of government. This patriarchal America subscribes to a Christian mythology, anti-government conspiracies, pseudo-science, and hyper-patriotism. The other America tends to be younger, urban, coastal, better-informed, and secular. In this America they recognize science, government, and business as complementary pillars of a healthy democracy. They remind us that grappling with diversity, inequality, equity, and inclusion has always been in Americas best interest. Unfortunately, in acknowledging these systemic challenges, they are often perceived as unpatriotic and characterized as socialists and intellectual elitists stoking hatred.

The year 2021 has been marked by a violent insurrection incited by the former president of the United States and orchestrated by Republican members of congress. An act so deviant that millions of followers have been easily swayed by the appeal of fascism and persuaded to overthrow their own government. However, we must remember this is not a battle between Democrats and Republicans. This is a battle between those who care and those who don't. This is between an uninformed segment of the population, and those attempting to change the things they cannot accept. Only then can America lead the global battle against the climate crisis, which is already underway, a convoluted and fragmented healthcare system, climate refugees, vaccines, the humanitarian crisis on the Southern border, voter restriction laws, perpetual wars, the proliferation of guns and mass violence in our culture.

We must remember that democracy is more than a form of government; it is a shared experience, with the confidence to acknowledge the transgressions of our past and the determination to leave the world a better place.

Joe Stevens – Hebron

Sustainable Connecticut

To the Editor:

In 2019, Portland achieved Sustainable CT Bronze certification, with a total of 330 points. Points are awarded for such actions as supporting local businesses, redeveloping brownfields, enhancing pollinator pathways and promoting Complete Streets. We are eager to spread the word on Sustainable CT's Local Actions that have Statewide Impacts.

One of the actions we are working on is to Support Arts and Creative Culture, in the area of poetry. The Board of Selectmen recently agreed to establish a Poet Laureate on an annual basis. A Poet Laureate promotes the public enjoyment of poetry for all. The named individual must a resident of Portland, age 18 or older, have a desire to engage with the community in ways that promote poetry and have engaged with poetry throughout the years.

If you or someone you know would be interested in being named, please let me know by August 16. The selectmen will be reviewing the interested applicants before naming one individual.

If you would like more information on Sustainable CT and the many positive actions Portland is taking, we will have a table at each of the Riverfront concerts, on Aug. 3 (Fleetwood Macked) and Aug. 10 (The Great Hill Mountain Band). The concerts start at 6:30 pm and are held at the Riverfront Park, 284 Brownstone Ave., Portland. The summer series is presented through the generosity of many local businesses, Brownstone Quorum and Portland Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,

**Susan Bransfield
Portland First Selectwoman**

Grateful for the Opportunity

Dear Colchester Residents:

I would like to thank all who attended the Colchester Republican caucus for endorsing my candidacy to run for a position on the Board of Education in the upcoming 2021 municipal election. I am excited for the opportunity to represent our greatest gifts, our children. As a mother of four, I wholeheartedly believe in the importance of a solid educational foundation in a safe and productive environment. I am inspired by the possibilities ahead in serving the Town of Colchester's youth and the future that awaits them. I am proud to be part of a wonderful slate of candidates headed to the November elections.

Sincerely,

Margo Gignac – Colchester

Where's the Hate Meter?

To the Editor:

William Oliver's 'Hate Meter' chastised various writers for inflammatory language. His equipment needed serious recalibration as it distinctly favored the anti-science Trumpists. Now, while Don Denley, Sam Prentice and Colin McNamara call me liar, sheep, communist, arrogantly pompous, a know-it-all, Oliver is a no-show. Like other writers that lamented the back-and-forth and who judged both sides of the debates equally guilty. They especially fear angering the Trumpists, only finding the courage when they can broadly chastise negativity. One might as well blame equally the union and confederacy for their deadly disagreement, ignoring causes and facts that clearly demarked right from wrong.

Prentice and McNamara, upset that I dared promote science as humanity's salvation over religion, both spun off into attacks against climate science. Yet as I write this, a mass of smoke sits atop our region as we unhealthily breathe in burned California and Oregon forests and houses – a repeat from earlier this year. Jeff Bezos returns from space stunned by the thinness and fragility of our atmosphere. Mas-

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sive Antarctic icebergs are calving in rapid succession. Medieval German towns are washed away. Chinese subway systems flooded by multiple storms. North American temperature records shattered, not by 1 degree but by as much as 9 degrees, with Canada hitting 121. Droughts killing farmers entire crops. Lake Powell at an all-time low. ‘Situation normal’ for Denley, Prentice and McNamara – but SNA-FU for every credible climate scientist and biologist, unanimous that climate change must be addressed boldly and immediately.

Yet Trumpists among us, in denial, block progress on this our greatest threat. Many are also antivaxxers - until their child or parent dies – or the moment they are being intubated and only then pleading with the doctor, “Can’t you just give me the vaccine now?” No – it’s too late; you missed your chance.

Edmund Smith – Andover

Running for Finance Board

Dear Colchester Residents:

At the Colchester Republican caucus on Tuesday, July 20, I was endorsed by the caucus to run for the Board of Finance in the upcoming 2021 municipal election. I would like to thank all of you who put their faith in me. It will be my honor to be a part of the endorsed slate of candidates led by Andreas Bisbikos as candidate for first selectman.

My wife Carol and I have been married for 34 years and have made Colchester our home since 1996. Our daughter was born and raised here and is a product of the Colchester school system and a graduate of Bacon Academy. She is now a junior in college.

I am a project manager for a fire protection company located in Hartford. I manage our portions of various multimillion-dollar projects to include budgeting, schedule and personnel.

I decided to run because I believe this town is moving in the wrong direction. The tax and spend agenda of the current administration is not working. The lack of transparency is unacceptable. The backroom deals must stop. My candidacy can be summed up simply, “I believe the hard-working people of Colchester deserve to keep more of their money.”

Thank you for your support.

Timothy Vaillancourt – Colchester
Candidate for Board of Finance

The Twilight Zone

To the Editor:

Trump owned all the branches of government except the House of Representatives. When his minions stormed the House (showing a lot of love) they were a click away from stealing the electoral votes. Imagine if you will, a president releases his minions to stop the House from certification. They steal the electoral votes. States have to recertify; it takes weeks, during which Republican-controlled state legislatures overturn election results declaring Trump victorious in enough states to steal the election and our democracy. Sounds like an episode of *The Twilight Zone*.

Fox News knows the attention span we have; put this in the past – we need to move forward! On Jan. 7, Hannity spent more time extolling the virtues of the appetizers at the Olive Garden than he did on the insurrection. His lame-ass try

at stand-up comedy. Pelosi refused to seat two seditious congressmen. Criminals do not head a committee investigating their crimes. Trump says the Capitol Police held the doors open for rioters and they were hugging and kissing. We are still in the Twilight Zone.

Amazingly, Trump still profits on the lie and head the Republican Party. Is the big lie Trump won the election or that Trump lost the election. Wake up, white people, or “Welcome to the Twilight Zone.”

Tim Rinell -- East Hampton

Our Resident Regressives

To the Editor:

Almost weekly, one of our resident regressives proudly displays his/her mental disorder by writing bizarre screeds about Trump and his supporters. He lives freely in their heads and hopefully their worst fears are realized by Trump’s return in 2024. Things would be so much better if he’d rightfully resumed his place as president.

I understand these regressives deflecting conversation away from President Sock-Puppet and VP Cackles. Observing this pathetic administration is like watching a slow-motion train wreck. Every single action they’ve taken is disastrous for our country, but perhaps that’s why America-hating Democrats support them.

If Trump was President, we’d still be energy independent with gasoline below \$2/gallon. Biden shutdown our Keystone Pipeline, but approved Russia’s Nord Stream Pipeline (who’s actually Putin’s puppet?). Now we’re going to be required to buy energy from Russia and the Middle East from where we had extricated ourselves. How does any of this make sense to a rational person?

It’s fascinating that now with most states loosening up on their pandemic restrictions, we’re bombarded with fear-mongering about the new variants. There’s a relentless full-court press for everyone to take the emergency-approved experimental jab, and those who have are still going to be required to mask-up. If this “vaccine” is truly effective, why worry about those who haven’t taken it and why resume wearing masks?

Especially remarkable is why, while Americans are being confronted with likely re-imposition of restrictions, lockdowns, and mandated vaccinations, this administration is encouraging massive illegal trespassing across our southern border and then transporting these non-vaccinated invaders all over our country – mostly to red states. At least 30% of those tested are Covid-positive. Are Democrats concerned about the variant’s spread or encouraging it? Like most mutated-viruses, these variants are more contagious but less virulent.

Sam Prentice – Andover

Honored by Endorsement

Dear Portland Residents:

On Thursday, July 22, I was honored to accept the endorsement of the Portland Democratic Town Committee to run for first selectman. I was proud and thankful to be nominated by Susan Bransfield, to have my nomination seconded by Frank Winiski, and to have the unanimous support of the town committee. I am excited to be running with an outstanding slate of candidates who bring broad experience to the table and collectively have decades of experience in public service.

I look forward to leveraging skills I have developed over 20 years as an active volunteer in the Portland community and a 30-year career in the private sector to address the future challenges our community faces, such as economic development and the redevelopment of the riverfront brownfield site, how we transition our water system to a Portland-owned source to provide relief to water customers, and the ongoing process of addressing our aging elementary school facilities. As I have been out in the community knocking on doors and discussing these issues, I have appreciated the questions, conversation, and support.

I would like to invite you to join me for a Community Conversation this Saturday, July 31, at 10 a.m., at the Riverfront Park. While all questions are welcome, the focus of this conversation is the plan I have outlined for water affordability and infrastructure. For more information, visit www.jimtrippforportland.com/water-affordability.

As your next first selectman, I will work to preserve our unique history and sense of small-town community, to support and strengthen the services that make our town special, and to make Portland an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. I look forward to listening to your thoughts and concerns, sharing my ideas, and earning your support.

Jim Tripp -- Portland
Candidate for First Selectman

Gallery Cinema’s Comeback

To the Editor:

Colchester’s Gallery Cinema is re-opening this Friday, July 30. After 16 months, we can again experience the fun of going out to a good movie, and we are lucky to have this multi-screen theater in Colchester. Gallery Cinemas has been in our town for over 20 years, providing entertainment for generations of Colchester families and friends.

Now, after such a long shutdown, it’s very important to support our local movie theater as it makes its comeback. Along with our restaurants, retail shops and professional services, Galaxy Cinema is valuable asset in Colchester, and I am glad we will be able to enjoy the latest blockbusters here in our own town once again.

H. Jean Smith – Colchester

It’s Official

To the Editor:

Last week I was honored to officially accept the Republican nomination for Portland first selectman. I am thrilled to be running alongside an equally talented group of Portland residents who are all passionate about improving Portland together.

Please join me and the rest of the Republican team at our upcoming open house this Monday, Aug. 2, at our new campaign headquarters located at 252 Main St., second floor. We will be there to introduce ourselves and to answer any questions that you may have. Stop by anytime between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

As I have been out knocking on doors I have been letting residents know that for me, this race is about Portland, not politics. My team and I are committed to being a voice for what you would like to see in this town. This includes increasing efficiency and technology throughout Town Hall, bringing in new business and economic development, and solving our water

and sewer problems.

We are also committed to providing our students with a high quality education and school experience. This includes fixing the track at the high school which is so far beyond repair that it is now unusable for athletic events.

I am looking forward to meeting with you and hearing your thoughts for the town as well and how we can improve it together.

Sincerely,
Ryan Curley – Portland
Candidate for First Selectman

The Bully Named Don

To the Editor:

Donald continues to spout his big lie, abetted in part by the “My Pillow” guy.

Who claims that the 13th of August will show that Trump really won and that Biden must go.

Cultists beware of the bully named Don, who will use and abuse you in his final con.

Know that a bully unchallenged grows stronger.
Fight to expose him; adore him no longer.

Turn out this huckster, this peddler of grift. This father of lies who would set us adrift.
Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland

Touch-A-Truck Thanks

To the Editor:

On July 17, the Marlborough Cooperative Nursery School hosted Touch-A-Truck, with about 20 vehicles for kids to see and explore. Over 100 families joined us for this community event and fundraiser. Thank you to the larger Marlborough community for supporting the Co-Op and for joining us for this great event.

The board of the Co-Op would also like to thank all of the people, businesses, and groups that took time to show off their vehicles, including the Marlborough fire department, the Pettengill ambulance association, and Constable Jay Kehoe. We would like to thank the Marlborough Congregational Church for the use of their parking lot to host the event. Lastly, this event would not have been as successful without the local businesses that donated raffle items, and our corporate sponsors: Symmetry Physical Therapy, Carl Guild and Associates Real Estate, and Wheeler & Taylor Insurance.

Thank you and we look forward to hosting another Touch-A-Truck event next June.

Sincerely,
Jessica Porteous – Marlborough
Hannah Wheeler – Hebron
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To the Editor:

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On Monday, Colchester Democrats endorsed an incumbent-heavy slate for the Nov. 2 municipal election. Pictured from left are, front row, Amy Cahill Domeika, Rosemary Coyle, Jennifer Pulse and Andrew Cournoyer; middle row, Bernard Dennler III, Mary Bylone, Denise Turner, Joanne Rose; back row, Ian Lilly, Scott Chapman.

Democrats Endorse Slate for November Elections

On Monday, July 26, Colchester Democrats unanimously endorsed its candidates for the Nov. 2 municipal election – an incumbent-heavy slate led by First Selectman Mary Bylone.

Elected in November 2019, Bylone was endorsed for a second two-year term. Previously, she was a member of the Colchester Board of Education. Bylone is also a retired small business owner and chief nursing officer.

Upon accepting the nomination, Bylone said, “I am proud of our collaborative work to address the challenges and hardship experienced over the past 16 months due primarily to COVID-19. Despite terrible loss, we should be proud of the response by our residents, local businesses, first responders, and others to maintain our community’s health and safety. We still have big challenges ahead of us, but with this leadership team, I am confident we will continue to serve in a fiscally responsible manner to build a stronger future for Colchester. By working together, we can realize Colchester’s full potential.”

Other candidates endorsed for the 2021 Democratic slate include: for the Board of Selectmen, Rosemary Coyle and Denise Turner; for Board of Finance, Bernard Dennler III and Scott Chapman; for treasurer, Jennifer Pulse; for Board of Education, Amy Cahill Domeika and

Joanne Rose; and for Board of Assessment Appeals, Andrew Cournoyer and Ian Lilly.

Chapman and Lilly are newcomers; the rest of the candidates are incumbents.

All area residents interested in learning more about the Democratic team are welcome to stop by headquarters at 392 South Main St. or visit colchester-democrats.org.

Evening Tours of Senior Center

There will be various opportunities on Wednesday evenings this summer for the community to take a tour of the current facility that houses the Colchester Senior Center at 95 Norwich Ave.

This is a chance to learn about how the senior center uses each space and some of its limitations. At the end of the tour, members of the Senior Center Building Committee will give a brief presentation about the proposed new senior center, share information on how it will benefit Colchester and answer any questions you may have about the project.

Tours will be at 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 18. All are welcome. Call the senior center to register for one of the dates, at 860-537-3911.

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 westchestercongregation.org for login information.

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

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

Setback in September

St. Joseph’s Polish Club’s Setback League will begin Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., in Colchester. Teams of two compete in the league for 28 weeks followed by playoffs and a league banquet where prizes are awarded.

To sign up or for more information, call Deb Crider at 860-204-1555 or Cindy Hardy at 860-537-6140.

Vendors Sought for Snowflake Bazaar

There are three crafter spots available at Westchester Congregational Church’s annual Snowflake Bazaar, which this year will take place Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Markham Meadows Campground in East Hampton.

The 8x10 spots are \$25 each and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Food, music and raffles will be available at the bazaar. For more information, call Melissa Engel at 860-267-9738.

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 Preschool 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.

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Fundraiser for Injured Firefighter

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser, to help with the medical expenses of firefighter Matthew O'Connor, will be held at the Colchester Fire Department, 52 Old Hartford Rd., on Friday, Aug. 13, from 4-7 p.m.

On the afternoon of June 27, O'Connor was injured in a serious motorcycle crash. He will not be able to work for an extended period of time. Also, he and his girlfriend are expecting a son in August. O'Connor has been a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical responder for the last 24 years. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Meals can be take-out or dine-in, and include spaghetti, salad and bread. Raffles will also be featured. All donations from the event and the raffle baskets, will go directly to O'Connor and his family.

Movie in the Park

Colchester Youth and Social Services and Colchester Recreation will offer a family Movie in the Park Friday, Aug. 20, beginning at 8 p.m. (or dusk), at the RecPlex pavilion. *How to Train Your Dragon* will be shown.

Be sure to bring a blanket or chair, bug spray and a flashlight. For more information, call 860-537-7297 or visit www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department.

Christian Life Chapel News

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

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

Ahavath Achim News

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

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

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.

Soccer Club

Registration Underway

Registration is now open for the Colchester Soccer Club Recreation Summer Camp taking place Aug. 16-20, from 9 a.m.-noon. The location is to be determined, but will be a field in town. The camp is open to children in grades two and up. Cost is \$75.

The camp will be run by the club's director of coaching, with the assistance of the Bacon Academy soccer coaches and players. Kids will be split into age-appropriate groups. Log in or create your account at www.colchestersoccer.org. The camp option will show in your account.

Email Bill Beeler for more information at vp.recreation@colchestersoccer.org.

Kids for Causes

Kids for Causes, a local youth charity club, has chosen Colchester Playscape and Colchester Food Bank to benefit from this year's summer fundraising efforts, which run through the end of August.

Kids for Causes will also hold a tag sale Saturday, July 31, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at 188 Norwich Ave. The club will also sell drinks and snacks at the Thursday, Aug. 5, Concert on the Green.

All can bring donations of non-expired, packaged foods and/or personal hygiene products for Colchester Food Bank to any of the Kids for Causes fundraising events. The items will be delivered to the Food Bank for distribution.

Visit www.facebook.com/KidsForCauses for more information about the organization as well as information regarding location, time and date of events.

Police News

7/25: Kayleen Ninteanu, 32, of Middletown, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, using another to bypass ignition interlock device, and improper parking, police said.

Special Ed Records Disposal

The Colchester Board of Education will destroy any and all special education records of students who graduated or would have graduated with the following classes: the Class of 2014 or the Class of 2015. Also, suspension and expulsion records, with the exception of explosions related to deadly weapons and/or firearms, are expunged and destroyed after a student graduates. These records will be destroyed on Aug. 15.

If any student, as described above, would like a copy of their special education records, they must request a copy of the records prior to the destruction of the records on Aug. 15. Forward all requests to Kathleen Perry, 380 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415, or by calling the Department of Pupil Services at 860-537-3103. Upon request, records will be available for pickup at the Department of Pupil Services.

Football Friends Golf Tourney

Friends of Football is sponsoring a golf tournament at Blackledge Country Club on Friday, Aug. 6, to support Bacon Academy athletics.

Groups representing all teams are encouraged to participate. A portion of the proceeds from each registration will be provided to the team each group has chosen to represent.

Fee information and registration are at baconacademyfootball.com. Registration fee includes a box lunch from Illiano's and dinner. Dixon Golf will be present running various on course contests for chances to win prizes. Raffle and silent auction items will also be offered.

Email questions to baconfof@gmail.com.

Info Session on New Orleans Trip

There will be a trip presentation at Colchester Senior Center Friday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m., on the center's April 24-28, 2022, trip to New Orleans, La., offered through Collette Vacations. This five-day trip will feature four breakfasts and two dinners. Cost of the trip is \$1,999/person double occupancy if you sign up by Oct. 24. Members of Colchester Senior Center and adult guests (over the age of 18) are welcome to register for any of the trips by coming into the senior center, located at 95 Norwich Ave. Call 860-537-3911 for more information.

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 showcased, 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.

No Summer Meals

Colchester Public Schools is not serving meals this summer. There are, however, other districts that will be serving summer meals for children 18 and younger.

To find a location nearest you, you can call 211 or visit www.CTSummerMeals.org. You can also visit colchesterct.org, click on 'Breakfast and Lunch Menus,' scroll to the bottom of the page where there is a direct link to summer meals information and locations.

For more information, email district nutrition program coordinator Leanne Ranheim at Iranheim@colchesterct.org.



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Colchester Federated Church News

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

Worship services are 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.

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

Vacation Bible School: Aug. 9-13, from 9 a.m.-noon. This is a free program open to all children ages 5 (by Aug. 9) through fifth grade. Registration will run through July 31. Space is limited; masks are required for all participants. Visit the church website to register.

Fire Calls

From July 18-24, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 48 calls: 38 emergency medical calls and 10 fire/fire-related calls. There were no calls of motor vehicle crashes. Calls included:

Fire: fire alarm, two; service call, three; appliance fire, one; CO call, one; smoke in building, one; trees down, one.

Medical: sick person, six; difficulty breathing, two; fall injury, four; cardiac distress, five; mental disorder, two; lift assist, eight; unconscious, one; injured person, two; back pain, one; stroke, one; seizure, one; abdominal pain, two; medical alarm, two; unconscious, one.

CHFD provided mutual aid five times last week – twice each to East Haddam and Marl-

borough, and once to Hebron – and did not receive any.

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

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

Class of '61 Reunion

Bacon Academy Class of 1961 will hold its 60th class reunion this August.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, the class will visit the Colchester History Museum and the old Bacon Academy building. On Monday, Aug. 23, a reunion luncheon celebration will be held at the Gelston House in East Haddam. An informal gathering is planned at Captain Scott's in New London on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Call Patricia Nardella at 860-537-1092 for attendance information.

Youth Basketball Monthly Meeting

Colchester Youth Basketball will hold its monthly board meeting Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m., in Room 2 of Town Hall. The first 30 minutes of the meeting are open to public participation and comment.

Colchester Youth Basketball board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from August through April beginning at 6 p.m. and held in Room 2 of the Colchester Town Hall building.

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

Monday, Aug. 2: 8:30 a.m., Gardening Club; 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne (Z), Sittercize (Z); 11 a.m., Learn to Sign with Ruth; 12:30 p.m., Mahjongg; 2 p.m., Live Well (Conference Call).

Tuesday, Aug. 3: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Senior Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi (Z); 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 2 p.m., New to Medicare Program (Z or conference call).

Wednesday, Aug. 4: 8:30 a.m., Walking Group; 9 a.m., Making Memories Program (Z); 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 2 p.m., MSP & LIS Program (Z or conference call); 7 p.m., evening tour of Colchester Senior Center.

Thursday, Aug. 5: 9 a.m., Exercise w/ Anne (Z), Sittercize (Z); 10 a.m., Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga (Z); noon, chair massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

Friday, Aug. 6: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, hearing screenings by appointment, Stitch & Fix with Maria, by appointment; 11 a.m., yoga (Z); 12:30 p.m., Reel Friends Movie Club – *The Trial of Chicago 7* (rated R); 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Upcoming Programs: Choral Group Returns: Fridays beginning Aug. 13, 10:30 a.m. Sing along to your favorite tunes as the group prepares for winter concerts at local rehabilitation and nursing centers. Come with a few song

suggestions. All are welcome to join, no musical training is necessary.

New Senior Center Info Session: Monday, Aug. 9, 1:30 p.m. Learn more about the proposed new senior center, with members of the Senior Center Building Committee. See the architect's drawings, the room layout and learn more about the cost for this project. This will be an opportunity to get answers before the Sept. 23 referendum vote.

Wadsworth Festival of Trees & Traditions Planning Meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1 p.m. All are invited to come help discuss and design a tree for the 2021 Festival of Trees & Traditions at the Wadsworth Atheneum. The tree will be crafted through the fall. Those who participate will receive tickets and a daytrip to go see this exhibit in early December.

Financial Fraud Bingo Presentation: Monday, Aug. 16, 1:30 p.m. This twist on Bingo will help you learn about common financial frauds that you need to look out for. Kathleen Titsworth from the state Department of Banking will talk about some of the most common scams. Prizes will be given for each winner. This game is free; register by Aug. 9.

Everything You Didn't Know About Your Senior Center: Thursday, Aug. 19, 1:30 p.m. Learn the role the senior center plays in the community with senior center director Patty Watts. The presentation will include the history of senior centers in the country, all of the missions of a multi-purpose senior center, current trends and the possibility of a new senior center for Colchester in the near future.

Bridge Club: Mondays beginning Aug. 9, 12:30 p.m. If interested in learning the game, lessons can be arranged with one of the club's experienced players. Call the center to register for the first session.

President's List

Colchester residents Bernadette Holmes, Stephanie Plateroti, Ashlee Ringuette, Ashley Varjenski and Izabela Vernali made the spring 2021 President's List at Goodwin University.

Barbecue Dinner

On Saturday, Aug. 7, St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St., will host a barbecue chicken dinner featuring the band The Outriggers. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Dinner will be served from 5-6 p.m., and The Outriggers will perform from 6-10 p.m., outside in the pavilion. Tickets can be purchased at the bar Monday-Friday, 4-10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon-9 p.m.

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The Gull Schoolhouse is one of two town historic sites that will be open this weekend. Pictured are guides at the schoolhouse welcoming visitors. From left are Karen Gomez, Elizabeth Gannon, Carolyn Aubin and Casey Lumb.

Hebron Historic Sites Open to Visit

Two of Hebron's historic sites, the World War II Civilian Aircraft Observation Post and Gull Schoolhouse, both located at the Town Office Building, 15 Gilead St., will be open for visitors Sunday, Aug. 1, from 1-3 p.m. Visitors will see the World War II Civilian Aircraft Observation Post. It was built in 1942 on top of Post Hill, Columbia, just over the Hebron town line. "Spotters" were scheduled from both Hebron and Columbia for 24/7 coverage, and they reported every passing airplane to the Boston filter center. The fear at the time was that both Atlantic and Pacific coastal states could be attacked by the Axis during the war. In addition to homefront activities, you will see information about the Hebron individuals who served our country, as well as an extensive collection

of WWII books, sheet music, photos, and more. Also open to visit will be the Gull Schoolhouse, originally from the Grayville section of Hebron. The first schoolhouse there, located at the intersection of Grayville and Old Colchester roads, burned down and this replacement was built in about 1815. By 1949, when Hebron Elementary School was opened, all of the town's one-room schools were closed. Henrietta Green bought the Gull School, had it moved to her property, and restored it to its appearance when she taught there in the early 1930s. The Hebron Historic Properties Commission encourages all to visit these sites. Guides will be available at the Gull Schoolhouse and the Observation Post.

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: Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Outreach: Food Donations: Items for various local food pantries can be placed in

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.

Concert Series Continues

The Town Center Project is holding its Hebron Concert Series Fridays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at 17 Main St., on the side lawn of Century 21. Picnic dinners welcome. Bring your own lawn chairs. The concert series runs through Sept. 3.

The remaining schedule is: July 30, Horizon Blue; Aug. 6, The Bart Bryant Band; Aug. 13, 60 Cycle; Aug. 20, The Little Big Band; Aug. 27, Famous Jane Band; Sept. 3, Mama Train.

Bios of the bands are at facebook.com/towncenterprojectinc or www.thetowncenterproject.org.

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The 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is no longer livestreamed, and attendance at all Masses is not limited to previous COVID-19 restrictions. Also, masks are no longer required for people who are fully vaccinated.

Visit holyfamilyhebron.org for more information. The church office can be reached at 860-228-0096.

Church Collecting for Homeless Shelter: The church collects items for the Windham Region No Freeze Hospitality Center, which provides assistance to homeless adults. The center is closed for overnight stays during the warmer weather months. Critical needs are: two-person waterproof tents; sleeping bags; men's flip-flops; sunscreen; men's solid-color T-shirts (XL) and boxer shorts (L,XL); 55-gallon trash bags; disposable drinking cups; bottled water; snack bars; first aid supplies; anti-itch cream; Band-Aids and bandages, skin antiseptics, and antibiotic ointment; paper towels (always needed); travel containers for bar soap; concentrated floor cleaners; and disposable vinyl or Latex gloves (L,XL). Place donations of goods in the designated collection box next to the church's Cry Room. Place large quantities of donations in the Cry Room. For more information, call Monica or John McKerracher at 860-228-4211.

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 860-228-3077.

Sunday Worship: Sundays at 9 a.m., outdoors in the Garden of Remembrance. Safety protocols are listed on the church website. Services will continue to be livestreamed, on YouTube at www.bit.ly/GileadChurchUCC and on Facebook at tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC.

Upcoming Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 5, 7 p.m., Deacons.

Bible Study on Zoom: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., via Zoom, led by the Rev. Bob Woodward. All are invited; come when you can. The group is currently continuing discussion about Ephesians.

The Worship Center News & Notes

The Worship Center, a non-denominational Christian church, holds services and programs at 99 Marjorie Circle (unless noted). For more information and full program descriptions, visit theworshipcenterct.org and click on the 'events/calendar' link, or call 860-228-4442.

Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m., indoors. Services are also broadcast on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheWorshipCenterConnecticut and on YouTube; go to tinyurl.com/yby64wph to access.

Pot Luck and Prayer Gatherings: Wednesdays, Aug. 11 and 25, at 6 p.m., on the Gathering Terrace. Deacons will grill up hamburgers and hot dogs and have lemonade and iced tea to share. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. After dinner, there will be a brief time of worship and prayer. All are welcome; attendees should use the sign-up link in the eNews so organizers know how many people to expect.

Donations for Hebron Interfaith Human Services: Place non-perishables, cleaning products and personal care products in the tub that outside the church entrance.

Blood Drive: There will be an American Red Cross blood drive from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the Gilead Church Fellowship Hall. To sign up, go to RedCross.org to locate the October blood drive.

Second Wednesday Overcomers Bible Study: 7 p.m. each week, virtually. Call the church office for details on how to join.

Praise and Prayer Night: Held at the firepit every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Youth Group: For grades 6-12. Meets every other Sunday after the service. Email theworshipcenter.hebron@gmail.com for meeting details.

One-to-One Confidential Christian Care: If in need of help, call the church office.

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Village Center Evening Stroll

All are invited to join the Village Center merchants this Saturday, July 31, from 5-9 p.m., for an Evening Stroll.

Walk historic Main Street and visit the shops and eateries as the sun sets. There will be food, music, shopping and unique activities. Also, the Vintage After Hours food truck will be parked in the lot between Little Fish Gallery and Gift and Eco Coffee House.

Police News

7/18: After an investigation of a one-car motor vehicle crash on Clark Hill Road in which the driver left the scene, Lucas Hinck, 41, of 87 Main St., was issued a summons for evading responsibility, failure to drive right and traveling too fast for conditions, East Hampton police said.

7/24: Bethzaida Davila, 31, of East Hartford, was issued a summons for misuse of plates and operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle, police said.

Also, from July 19-25, officers responded to one motor vehicle crash, 15 medical calls and seven alarms, and made 22 traffic stops, police said.

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. Communion will be served this Sunday.

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.

Bible Study: The Zoom Bible study – held every other Thursday evening – will resume in the fall.

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.

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.

Anchor Lodge Food Booth at Car Show

At Sunday's Vintage Motorcar Meet, the members of Anchor Lodge 112 will cook breakfast sandwiches and burgers from 8 a.m. until the trophies are awarded in the afternoon.

The motorcar meet will be at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds. See the notice elsewhere in this paper for general information on the meet.

Democrats Announce Candidates

The East Hampton Democratic Town Committee met July 22 via Zoom to vote on its slate of candidates for election on Nov. 2. The slate for 2021 includes a mix of seasoned members as well as new members. The candidates are:

For Town Council: James Brown, Derek Johnson, Dean Markham, Barbara Moore and Kevin Reich.

For Board of Finance: Kurt Comisky, Robert Hein and Ted Turner.

For Board of Education: Amanda Amtmantis, Nancy Kohler, Sarah Strange and Paul Wisnewski.

For Board of Assessment Appeals: Jack Solomon and Carol Williams.

For Zoning Board of Appeals: Robert Hines, George Pfaffenbach and Matt Walton.

Town to Improve Village Center for Pedestrians, Cyclists

by Jack Lakowsky

Last week, Jeremy DeCarli, East Hampton's zoning official, said his office received from the state chapter of the American Planning Association a \$1,500 grant to hire an intern from Central Connecticut State University.

DeCarli told the *Rivereast* that the planning intern, who is in the early stages of the work, will oversee a project in the Village Center, focused on improving walkability, biking infrastructure and guiding signs, similar to those directing drivers to public parking lots, as well as the area's overall visibility to commuters.

Residents can make their thoughts known at a Village Center planning project talk on Aug. 3 in the East Hampton Town Hall community room, scheduled for 6 p.m.

East Hampton Town Manager David Cox updated the town council on the project in a Tuesday night meeting. He said the meeting will be accessible via Zoom.

Village Center business owners welcomed the plan, DeCarli said. They told the town to track speeding in the center and to paint in crosswalks.

As a first step, the town is taking inventory of existing infrastructure, down to the last public garbage can.

DeCarli said work the town can do is somewhat limited, as it doesn't own much property in the center. However, there are relatively easy, inexpensive, actionable items the town can put on its work agenda.

"For example, we can control the sidewalks and make it easier for walkers to get to the center from the Air Line Trail," DeCarli said.

DeCarli said improving street lighting and streetscape aesthetics, such as adding plant beds, is also in the town's purview. The town welcomes community input.

"We can make it visually nice, make our center a 'center,'" DeCarli said.

DeCarli said East Hampton is looking to the Town of Chester's downtown area as a model.

"We're lucky in that the center already has good bones," DeCarli said.

The state has a master plan for the Air Line Trail, DeCarli said. State conservation officials want the trail to connect from its start in East Hampton to its end in Thompson, making for a hiking path that crosses half the state.

DeCarli said the Village Center is the sole business area that connects directly to the trail. Improving wayfinding signs and walkability, DeCarli said, will make easier going between the trail and the town's businesses.

DeCarli said he expects the most visible work to take place between Summit Street and Skinner Street.

"I've had this job for about five years," DeCarli said. "We've heard time and again that the town should do more with the Village Center."

DeCarli said the town's other business area, on Route 66, is better able to self-support, as it's on a main corridor.

"Business owners [in the center] have taken the time to keep their properties in good shape, appealing to visitors and residents," DeCarli said. "Improving sidewalks and signages to attract business is good for all in town."

Historical Society Open House

The Chatham Historical Society will have its monthly Open House on Sunday, Aug. 1, from 2-4 p.m. Both museum buildings and the 1840 one-room schoolhouse on Bevin Boulevard will be open to the public.



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Can I get the COVID-19 vaccine if I am pregnant or nursing?
Yes, people who are pregnant or nursing can get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Can I get the COVID-19 vaccine if I have seasonal allergies?
Yes, people with seasonal allergies can get the COVID-19 vaccine.

For any questions, please call 860-338-1865 or email anika.maybin@chathamhealth.org





Civilian Conservation Corps children whose fathers worked in CCC camps during the 1930s are shown raising the flag at the CT CCC Museum in Stafford Springs. It will be the site for a CCC Reunion on Sunday, Aug. 8. All are welcome to attend. Photo by Marty Podskoch.

CCC Alumni, Family Reunion Coming

On Sunday, Aug. 8, a reunion of Civilian Conservation Corps alumni, family and friends will meet at 1 p.m. at the Connecticut CCC Museum at 166 Chestnut Hill Rd. (Rt. 190) in Stafford Springs. They will celebrate the 88th anniversary of the founding of the CCC by sharing their stories and pictures of the CCC camps. All who are interested in the CCC are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began on March 31, 1933 under President Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. The US Army supervised the camps which had approx. 200 men each. The first year 13 camps were set up in these Connecticut towns & state parks & forests: West Cornwall, Housatonic Meadows; Niantic, Military Reservation; Hampton, Natchaug; Haddam, Cockaponset; Union, Nipmuck; New Fairfield, Squantz Pond; Cobalt, Meshomasic; Voluntown, Pachaug; Thomaston, Black Rock; East Hartland, Tunxis; West Goshen, Mohawk; Clinton, Cockaponset; and Burville, Paugnut. The Army Government Dock in New London was the supply depot for all the CT camps.

In the following years these eight camps were added: Riverton, American Legion State Forest; East Hampton, Salmon River; Danbury, Wooster Mountain; Stafford Springs, Shenipsit; Portland, Meshomasic; Windsor/Poquonock,

Experiment Station Land; Kent, Macedonia Brook and Madison, Cockaponset.

Single and unemployed men 18-25 (with fathers on relief) enrolled for six months and worked a 40-hour week for \$30/month. The government sent \$25 a month home to their parents. They received good food, uniforms, shelter, and medical care. During the summer of 1933 they lived in tents; later they moved into wooden buildings.

Workers built trails, roads, campsites and dams, stocked fish, built & maintained fire tower observer's cabins and telephone lines, fought fires and planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in World War II.

The museum is also open every Saturday and Sunday during the summer from noon-3 p.m. until Sept. 12.

Marty Podskoch, author of Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Its History, Memories and Legacy of the CCC will give a brief history of the CCC camps in Connecticut. Then CCC alumni, family and friends will share their stories of their CCC camps both in Connecticut and other states. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Podskoch at 860-267-2442 or podskoch@comcast.net, or visit martinpodskoch.com.

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, Aug. 7, by reservation only. Some outdoor seating is available by reservation.

This is the barbecue chicken the church has sold 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 reservations 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 Aug. 1. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

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.

Quilting Group: Mondays at 9 a.m. New members are welcome. Register online or call the center.

Mexican Train Dominoes: Mondays, 9:30 a.m. New members welcome. Call the center or register online.

Bible Study – Time Change: Tuesdays, 1 p.m. This non-denominational group shares and studies scripture. Call the center or register online.

Bingo – Time Change: Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., in person and via Zoom. Call the center or register online. If Zooming, call the center and let staff know.

Wii Bowling: Tuesdays, Aug. 10 and 17, 10 a.m. Register online.

Mahjongg: Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon. Call or register online. This game is open to trained players. If interested, call the center and leave your name for a possible instruction class. The center will contact you when the class is arranged.

Textile Group: Fridays at 1:30 p.m. This group brings in their own projects, such as knitting or crochet projects. To register, call the center or register online.

Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays throughout the summer, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Meet outside, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, it will be inside, with masks recommended. Register online.

Virtual Lunch Bunch: Every other Monday from 12:30-1 p.m., via Zoom.

Nature's Everywhere Series: Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. In this last event in the series, master naturalist Lynn Kochiss will present part three of "Nature's Room with a View of East Hampton." On this stroll, explore bog, marsh

and the history of the trail. Meet at the kiosk in the parking area next to the bog at 69 Smith St. Insect repellent and sturdy walking shoes are suggested. Masks requested and people should social distance as needed. If you have family members that would like to attend, let the center know. Class size limited to 10 participants. There is some walking involved; short distances. Register online or by calling the center.

Creative Crafts: Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1 p.m.; project to be announced shortly. Register online.

Setback: Thursdays 1:30-3:30 p.m., in person. Pre-register via my MyActiveCenter.com or by calling in advance.

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.

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.

Movie Group, Lunch and Discussion/In Person: Tuesday, Aug. 31, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Movie title to be announced soon. Bring your own lunch. Sign up online or call the center.

Trips: Hudson River Cruise: Thursday, Sept. 23, 8 a.m. Pre-cruise lunch at Shadows on the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on a cliff above the Hudson with views. Select from Mediterranean chicken or penne a la vodka. The Rip Van Winkle narrated cruise offers views of the Hudson River, lighthouses, waterfront mansions and other sights. Cost is \$130 per person. Register at the Colchester Senior Center or call 860-537-3911 for more information.

Van Gogh: Exhibit in Boston: Wednesday, Nov. 17. Explore Van Gogh's life, work, and secrets through digital projections, a virtual reality experience, and an atmospheric light and sound show. Cost is \$112 per person. Pick up flyers at the senior center. Payments accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays or by appointment.

Dining and a Cabaret Show: At the Newport Playhouse Wednesday, Dec. 8. to see the new comedic farce *A Christmas for Carol*. There will be a staff-served buffet with a variety of hot entrees, salads and more. Cost is \$129/person. Payments will be accepted at the center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by a pre-arranged appointment time.

Congregational Church News

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 the fully vaccinated, mask-wearing is not mandatory except when singing. Those who aren't fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

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

For more information, visit cc-eh.org or call 860-267-4959 during summer office hours, which are Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon. In case of pastoral emergencies, the Rev. Jim Latimer can be reached at 610-568-2480.

Epoch Arts Accepting Tag Sale Donations

Epoch Arts will accept tag sale donations from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at Epoch, located at 27 Skinner St.

Items not accepted include: computers and any accessories including monitors, printers, keyboards and mouse, televisions, child car seats, cribs, mattresses, bed frames, couches, encyclopedias, textbooks, large exercise machines, old-style phones and cell phones.

Epoch Arts is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to helping young people communicate, collaborate, create and celebrate through experiencing, hands-on, the arts.

For more information on the tag sale, call Judy Holmquist at 860-918-0784 or visit www.epocharts.org.

Free Summer Meals at EHHS

Summer meals at no charge are being offered at East Hampton High School on Mondays and Thursdays from noon-1 p.m.

The meals are available to all children 18 and younger from any town, regardless of income or what school they go to. No pre-order is needed. Parents can drive up to the side parking lot at EHHS, located at 15 N. Maple St., on Mondays and Thursdays from noon-1 p.m. and pick up breakfasts, lunches and fresh produce for their children for all seven days of the week.

Total meals received may not exceed seven breakfasts and seven lunches per child per week.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the VFW, 20 North Maple St.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially type O, which stands at just a one-day supply as of Tuesday.

All donors will automatically be entered for a chance to win an exclusive VIP trip for two to the sold-out 2021 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival. They will also receive a free four-month subscription offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only). More details are at RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood or platelets, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility.

Family Day at CDHR

A free Family Fun Day will be offered this Sunday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m.-noon, at Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue, 113 Chestnut Hill Rd. Families are invited to the farm for tours and activities. Attendees can:

Meet Mr. Marshmellow, CDHR's spokesperson and mail "horse"; participate in a horse grooming demonstration; and learn about draft horses and horse rescue. Also, there will be tractor rides for kids and coloring activities for kids, and more.

Because it is very hot at the farm in the summer and without shade, CDHR recommends people bring plenty of water, wear sunscreen and wear a hat. Bug repellent is recommended. There are no public restrooms.

Bring your camera/cell phone to take photos only. Do not bring umbrellas, flags, noise-making toys, or any objects that might startle the horses. There are also no open-toe sandals or flip-flops allowed.

For more information, visit CtDraftRescue.org.

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Police News

7/14: Sean Lynch, 34, of Niantic, was arrested and charged with four counts of sixth-degree larceny, East Hampton Police said.

7/16: Richard LaFountain, 39, of East Haddam, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, evading responsibility and following too close, police said.

7/17: William Nelson, 73, of 70 N. Main St., was arrested and charged with failure to drive right and operating under the influence, police said.

7/17: Ryan Stewart, 44, of 24 Country Ln., was arrested and charged with operating under the influence, police said.

Also, from July 12-18, officers responded to four motor vehicle crashes, eight medical calls and 16 alarms, and made 26 traffic stops, police said.

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East Hampton Library News & Notes

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

Library Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 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.

Programming Note: The library is offering in-person programs this summer, both in the library and outdoors. All are asked to keep in mind the following guidelines when participating in a program: Participants should not attend library programs if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have recently been exposed to a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19; participants are encouraged but not required to wear a mask; participants should wash or sanitize their hands before and after attending a library program; to the extent possible, participants should socially distance themselves from others. Contact the library if you test positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of attending a library program.

Children's Programs: Baby Rhyme Time Outside: For ages birth through 18 months. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. through 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. through Aug. 25, at Seamster Park, weather permitting. Siblings welcome. No registration required; just

drop in.
Teacher Read Aloud Series: For ages 5-10. Monday, Aug. 9, 4 p.m., in front of the library, weather permitting. Siblings welcome. No registration required; just drop in.

Lego Saturdays: Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., for all ages. Follow the week's challenge or build your own adventure. All are welcome. No registration required; just drop in.

Creature Feature: Beaks and Mouths: For grades K-5. Wednesday, Aug. 4, 6 p.m., in front of the library, weather permitting. Explore the eating habits of the animal world through interactive activities, including a life-size food web.

Teen Programs: Creature Feature: Beaks and Mouths: For grades 6-12. Thursday, Aug. 5, 3:30 p.m., in front of the library, weather permitting. Explore the eating habits of the animal world through interactive activities, including a life-size food web.

Dungeons & Dragons: For grades 8-12. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m., in front of the library, weather permitting. No experience required. Registration required.

Adult Programs: Plot Twist: Discussing Big Issues through Short Stories: Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m., held outdoors at Dexter's Tunes, Tales and Ales, 91 Main St. Registration required.

Book Club: Tuesday, Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 19, 2 p.m. Meets in person at the library. Emma Straub's *The Vacationers* will be discussed. Copies will be available for checkout at the circulation desk.

EHVFD Fireworks to Return

The East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department has announced its annual fireworks display will return Saturday, Aug. 21, on the grounds of East Hampton High School on North Maple Street. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 22.

This year's celebration will be the town's first large public gathering in 15 months and will honor all those who stepped up to help the community throughout the pandemic. This family-oriented fireworks event will feature food, beverage and ice cream choices, live music beginning at 6 p.m. and other amenities, capped by a fireworks display presented by the Atlas PyroVision Entertainment Group of Jaffrey, N.H., at approximately 9 p.m.

The fire department depends upon the support of residents and the local business community to keep these fireworks events going. Firefight-

ers will again be visible in town for "Fill the Boot for the Fireworks" events. Businesses are being contacted and individual contributions to the "EHVFD Fireworks Fund" can also be sent directly to the headquarters building at 3 Barton Hill Rd., East Hampton, CT 06424.

EHVFD sponsors the fireworks as a community service event for the pleasure and enjoyment of local residents, their families and those from neighboring towns. The fireworks are not a fundraising project for the Fire Department and no town, taxpayer or other community funds are expended in the presentation of this display. All contributions received go directly toward presenting the fireworks show; any additional funds collected are placed in a special account and are utilized as starter funds for the presentation of the following year's event.



Business of the Month... Tavern on 66 owner Bonnie Desso Rau receives "Belltown Business of the Month" plaque from East Hampton EDC member Ted Turner. Tavern on 66 is located at 227 West High St. and serves locally sourced fruits/vegetables, cheeses and smoked meats. They are open seven days a week; for specials and to make a reservation, call 860-267-6569. The restaurant is also online at thetavernon66.com.

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Council Hears of Senior Needs, Algal Blooms

by Jack Lakowsky

Town Manager David Cox, Town Council Chair Pete Brown and Parks and Recreation Director Jeremy Hall joined state Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) in a tour of Lake Pocotopaug to discuss recent algal blooms.

Visible cyanobacteria bursts forced a closure of Sears Park for about a week this month. The park has since reopened. Concentrated, the algae make water look like pea soup.

At a certain level, the algae are toxic to humans, and are an irritant at most levels.

The town's lake commission announced on Facebook the lake's closure July 15, and its reopening on July 23. It was the first closure in a year.

Following the sighting of the green goop, Chatham Health District sent a sample off for testing, and the presence of the algae's toxic element, microcystin, was found to be well below dangerous levels, according to a release from the department.

Chatham went on to say that "conditions favorable to the rapid growth of cyanobacteria are likely to continue for some time" and advised continued vigilance. Avoid any stinky, green, or scummy water.

The bloom that caused the closure has since dissipated, according to Chatham.

Local officials toured the lake with Needleman on Tuesday.

In a statement, Needleman described the visit as "encouraging".

"Our lakes in Middlesex County are some of our greatest resources," Needleman said. "[O]ur communities have leaders and volunteers eager and ready to take action against cyanobacteria and other threats that [could interrupt] summer fun."

Cyanobacteria, otherwise known as blue-green algae, are a species harmful to human and animal health. Common in summer, the bacteria proliferate quickly.

The town has invested in a three-pronged

plan to protect lake health. First is a watershed plan encouraging residents to reduce or eliminate their use of pesticides and fertilizers, as the flux of nutrients into lake water aggravates algal blooms.

The town has introduced an award initiative, called Lake Smart, to incentivize resident participation.

Second, the town is aerating the lake to encourage oxygenation, and is using an organic treatment dubbed "BioBlast," a product that introduces into the water a noninvasive microorganism to outcompete the blue-green.

The third prong is public education. The town has hosted seminars and posted info to town websites.

"I'm grateful such dedication is being shown toward our natural resources," Needleman said in his statement.

In a council meeting Tuesday night, Cox told the council aeration and BioBlast treatments continue.

He said the BioBlast is having the "desired impact." Two successive treatments are currently being completed.

Aging Commission Survey

The council heard from Eric Rosenberg, a member of the town's Commission on Aging (COA), as well as Bob Atherton, chair of the commission. They received from the council unanimous approval to issue a survey gauging the needs of Belltown seniors.

The survey, according to Rosenberg, is a modified version of a survey issued to seniors four years ago. Rosenberg said questions have been modernized, using more recent population data and demographic questions. The first survey used an AARP model as a template.

"We want to learn things to improve the lives of older adults in town," Rosenberg said.

The COA said the survey should launch in mid-September and will be open for six weeks. It will be anonymous and distributed largely online through SurveyMonkey.



State Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) recently listened to updates on algal blooms in Lake Pocotopaug. Pictured from left to right are East Hampton Town Manager David Cox, Parks and Recreation Director Jeremy Hall, Needleman and Town Council Chairman Pete Brown.

Rosenberg told the council hard copies of the 32-question survey will be available for those who'd rather take it that way.

The questionnaire asks about housing, transportation, health care and affordability, as well as demographics.

Rosenberg said more than 2,100 adults older than 65 live in town. The town manager added this number isn't going down.

Rosenberg said the COA took input from the town manager, as well as the senior, planning and housing authority departments.

When the survey is finished, the COA will review the data, and report back to the town council and the public.

Atherton said, other than the physical threat of illness, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has caused an outbreak of loneliness among the town's older adults, a condition he himself experienced.

Atherton said the senior center began a pen pal program to help combat local senior loneliness.

Council member Dean Markham questioned why the survey had no questions regarding COVID-19, or its impact on local seniors, particularly addressing accessibility to getting vaccinated. He said the town should know what obstacles seniors faced and use this information to improve the town's services.

Markham said, if the survey is to gauge fu-

ture needs as well, the COA should anticipate further surges of COVID-19, or other pandemic diseases.

Rosenberg did not explicitly embrace the idea, saying that the COA would be "open" to doing so, and that "the survey is subject to [the council's] amendment and approval, and if it wishes it can include a COVID question."

Cox said in-depth data about the local pandemic situation would likely be learned through a survey from Chatham. If the COA adds more COVID-19 questions, Cox recommended a chat with the health district for recommendations.

In other news for local seniors, the council approved the town's application for a federal grant to replace the senior center's bus.

Cox said the grant is a unique opportunity because normally, such funds require a match from the town. In this instance, and due to the federal government's attempts to renew to a pre-pandemic state the country's economic activity, Cox said there is no match to meet.

The town applied for about \$74,000 from the state's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program.

"Worst case, we get denied," Cox said. "Best case, we get a new bus for free."

Assuming the town wins the grant, Cox said in his written report to the council, a new vehicle could be purchased in mid-2022.

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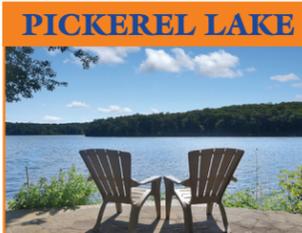


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Lobster Fest Returns in September

East Hampton's Fowler-Dix-Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5095 and its Auxiliary will host the 16th annual Lobster Fest on Saturday, Sept. 25, from noon-5 p.m., on the grounds of the VFW post on North Maple Street. The VFW Lobster Fest raises funds for the upkeep of the post as well as to serve the needs of veterans.

Ocean-fresh live lobsters are trucked in the morning of the fest. There are two options for tickets. A single ticket (white color) entitles you to either two fresh-boiled lobsters with drawn butter or two grilled steaks, or one of each, one boiled lobster and one grilled steak, plus one pound of fresh-steamed clams with drawn butter, one cup of homemade clam chowder and one ear of corn.

A double ticket (red color) entitles you to either two fresh-boiled lobsters with drawn butter

or two grilled steaks, or one of each, one boiled lobster and one grilled steak, plus two pounds of fresh-steamed clams with drawn butter, two cups of homemade chowder and two ears of corn.

Soft drinks will be available, as well as a cash bar. The entire feast is served "in the rough" under shade canopies behind the Post Home with music. Take-out and local delivery is available at no additional cost.

Tickets are limited, and sales will cease Sept. 18. Only a limited number of tickets are available, and sales will cease Saturday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$55 for a single (white) ticket and \$70 for a double (red) ticket. The post will have tickets available after 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, as well as noon to close on Saturday and Sunday. People can also call the post at 860-267-8837.

Belltown Open Golf Tournament

The Congregational Church of East Hampton will hold its 15th annual Belltown Open Golf Tournament 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@gmail.com.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

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

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

VFW Post 5095 and Auxiliary Meeting

VFW Post Commander Roger Anderson and Auxiliary Madame President Kelly Ezold will hold their respective separate meetings on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m., at the Post Home, located at 20 N. Maple St.

Among other topics this meeting will include discussion of Lobsterfest and ticket sales.

All members are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Car Cruise for Wounded Warriors

The annual Markham Meadows Car Cruise will be Saturday, Sept. 18, from 3-7 p.m., at the campground.

The day includes music, food, raffles and trophies for a variety of categories. To date, the event has raised more than \$15,000 to help the East Hampton VFW and several other organizations to support local military in need. Antique autos, hot rods, trucks and vintage bikes welcome.

Call Melissa at 860-267-9738 for more information.

Vintage Motorcar Meet Sunday

The Belltown Antique Car Club will host its 54th annual Vintage Motorcar Meet Sunday, Aug. 1, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine, at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds in Haddam Neck.

Stock, unmodified antique cars and trucks at least 40 years old (up to 1981) will be judged in 24 classes, eligible for "Belltown Bell" trophies. The first 300 show cars will get a dash plaque. There will be everything from Brass-Era cars to 1960s muscle cars, orphan nameplates to luxury marques, and classic sports cars to vintage pick-ups. Judging begins at noon, trophies awarded at 3 p.m. A display-only area will be provided for hot rods, kit cars and modified collector cars (up to 1981) that are not eligible for trophies. All vehicles newer than 40 years old must go to

the spectator parking area.

Also included in the event is a flea market with vendors offering antique car parts, tools and other merchandise of interest to collector car hobbyists.

Show car registration cost is \$10/car, and includes admission to the show for driver and passengers. General admission: \$5/person (children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult); there is free spectator parking. No bicycles or pets allowed.

For more information, visit www.belltown-antiquecarclub.org. Club contacts for exhibitors and vendors: Alan Carlson at 860-267-9894, Peter Christianson at 860-510-3340, Jon Grant at 860-267-7507 or the club email is belltowncarclub@gmail.com.

GOP Auction Coming

Thursday, Aug. 26, is the GOP Autumn Auction at Robert's Lake House in East Hampton. The auction will start at 6 p.m.

Auctioneer Andy Tierney will host the event inside. Items this year include tickets to Limerock Race Track, a kayak, original Elizabeth Sennet artwork, a New Hampshire vacation home plus much, much more. All are welcome.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Senior Center and the Rotary's youth group, Interact. To donate an item or for more information, call Melissa Engel at 860-267-9738.

Middle School Soccer, Cross-Country Registration

Student/athletes who are interested in trying out for boys soccer, girls soccer or boys/girls cross-country teams can register online at www.FamilyID.com.

Athletes must have all the proper paperwork submitted online and have an updated physical in order to try out. Registration should be completed by Monday, Aug. 23.

For more information, call EHMS athletic director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

Chatham Historical Society News

The Chatham Historical Society (CHS) has announced the following two pieces of news. For more information, call 860-267-4732.

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.

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

Volunteers Sought

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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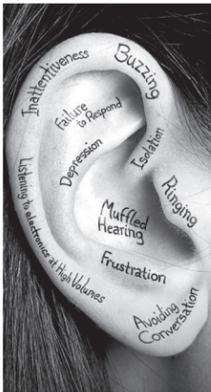


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Following State Title, Starr Heads West for Nationals

by Josh Howard

The East Hampton High School girls' track and field team captured the program's first state championship last month – and then one of the team's stars headed west to compete in a national tournament.

The track and field team won the Class S title on June 3, edging powerhouse Bloomfield (99.10-97.60) in dramatic fashion at Willow Brook Park in New Britain.

Trailing late in the meet, the Bellringers needed to win the 4x400 relay and have Old Saybrook finish second to leapfrog powerhouse Bloomfield.

All the pieces fell into place as East Hampton's foursome of Jessica Starr, Kaylee Gravel, Kyla Norton, and Danielle Adams dominated the relay race, winning by nearly five seconds, and Old Saybrook came in second, followed by Bloomfield.

East Hampton's late heroics ended Bloomfield's incredible streak of 12 consecutive Class S titles, dating back to 2008.

"Right before the 4x4, the announcer said what the scores were and our coach came up to us and told us that we could win the whole thing," recalled Starr. "We started off super strong and then we were cheering on Old Saybrook. Everything happened so fast, we knew we won the 4x4 and then we found out for sure we ran the whole race. We were all jumping up and down, it was a great feeling."

It was the cherry on top on an incredible meet for East Hampton – and a record-breaking day for Starr, who broke the Class S state record in the 300-meter hurdles, besting a mark that had been held since 2016.

"I actually had no clue that I was that close to the meet record," recalled Starr, who was told after crossing the finish line that she broke the record. "Coming into the race, I just wanted to focus on my own race. I was just trying to PR. I couldn't control if I came in first or second, I just want to keep dropping my time like I had been doing all season."



East Hampton High School track and field won the Class S state championship on June 3. The team is shown at left after their win. At right is EHHS junior Jessica Starr who, following her record-breaking 300 hurdles, qualified for the Outdoor Nationals in Oregon, where she placed 25th overall.

Starr followed up her record-breaking feat by again topping her own personal record the next week in the State Open, running a time of 44.35.

Her times qualified the junior for a trip to the Outdoor Nationals at the University of Oregon.

After discussing it with her parents, Starr decided to take the trip west to experience the best-of-the-best in high school track & field.

"It made me fall in love with track even more," Starr said of the experience. "Going to New Britain Stadium, I was always getting so nervous before I ran. I knew going to this and taking this opportunity would not only allow me to get noticed by college coaches, but it would also allow me to assess my nerves at that level. I was able to go into the race and feel the nerves that I should have, but also know in that back of my mind that this is going to help and next year it will make those races feel like just another race."

It was Starr's first time on the West Coast and she was in awe as soon as she landed.

"It was insane," she recalled. "The first day we got into Eugene we went to the campus, and we were walking around Hayward Stadium. It was beautiful. Knowing that the NCAA and Olympic trials were held there made it a great

experience because I was running where the best athletes in the world had just ran.

"As a whole, it was such an amazing opportunity," Starr added. "It made me feel a lot more motivated and feel like this is where I should be."

Along with being a new experience, it was also a new challenge for Starr. She trained all year to run the 300 meters, yet at Nationals they run 400 meters.

Prior to Oregon she had never run the 400m hurdles competitively and had less than two weeks of preparation with her high school coach, William Wilkie, and Frank Quido from Break Out Athlete in North Branford.

"It was definitely a different race," described Starr, who placed 25th overall at the Nationals.

Starr is used to taking on new challenges, however.

She grew up doing gymnastics until the eighth grade before switching to running and track in high school. The work ethic she acquired in gymnastic, combined with a major growth spurt has allowed her to thrive on the track, particularly the hurdles.

"I was always a motivated kid and I always had to be motivated for gymnastics; that really pushed me into who I am today," said Starr, who would train over 25 hours per week in gymnastics. "I can go to the track and stay there for an extra hour because I know I need more work. I'll do extra and I think that all comes from gymnastics."

Starr was part of an amazing group of hurdlers at East Hampton. Even more amazing is



that East Hampton lost their hurdling coach prior to the season.

"We had to learn how to improve our steps and our technique," Starr said. "It really came down to the three of us coaching each other."

The hard work paid off as the Bellringers finished 1-2-3 in the 100m hurdles at the Class S meet. Brylee Montanari finished first, Starr second, and Hannah Barrientos third.

In other events, Gravel won the 800-meter run and Adams finished second in both the 800m and 1600m.

In the field, Jordan Murphy placed second in the high jump, while Amber Murphy (pole vault) and Cassandra Zimmerman (triple jump) placed third.

All told, the Bellringers had four first-place finishes, three second-place finishes, and four third-place finishes to wrap up a well-rounded state championship.

Starr said, "We knew coming into this year that we had a great group of girls that had lots of potential, but we had no clue that we could win it all. We have always been super close friends throughout the years, so in practice it is never about competition. We all want to make sure that everyone has the best race that they can."

Starr, who is part of Student Council and Interact Club, will return for her senior season as East Hampton attempts to repeat as class champions.

But for now, she is relishing being part of the program's historic title.

"This is the closest group of girls that I have ever been on a team with before," Starr said. "Being at such a small school, we all know everything about each other. It creates great relationships; we see each other in the hall every day, we have lunch together, we have study halls together. We have relationships on the track and hang out outside of practice, which helped create such a great bond. I think that is what made the state title win so much better."

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Selectwoman: Town Development Activity ‘Bustling’

by Jack Lakowsky

Portland Development Planner Mary Dickerson this week shared with the Rivereast a memo going over this month’s economic activities.

First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield updated the town and the Board of Selectmen in a July 21 selectmen meeting.

Leading the list was a retailer slated to open on Main Street in September, called Owen’s Emporium. Bransfield said the soon-to-be-new business owner is from town.

According to Dickerson, Owen’s will be eclectic, selling consignment furniture, gifts, high-quality handicraft materials, Portland-themed tchotchkes and will have a candy counter.

Dickerson likened the store to Marlborough Barn on North Main Street in Marlborough.

“It’ll have a little something for everyone,” Dickerson said of Owen’s.

Next mentioned was the incoming Portland Ale House, also on Main Street, in the former Portland Restaurant location.

The ale house opened for business Thursday.

Still completing health and safety inspections by the fire marshal and Chatham Health District – the health board that oversees Portland’s businesses – is Primavera Pizza, which is set to open at 220 Main St.

Bransfield described Portland Dental Care, an inbound dental practice, as a major business. It will also open on Main Street.

Owners were recently issued permits for renovations and a building addition.

The town is waiting on demolition permits, as the business plans on demolishing a garage on the property. Because of the structure’s age, the Portland Historical Society must review it.

According to minutes from the July 13 Portland Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting, all Main Street spaces save one are or will be occupied.

At 352 Marlborough St., Family Dollar’s interior renovations are nearly complete, and also needs building and fire inspections done.

The new Dairy Queen on Portland-Cobalt Road was supposed to open at the end of this month, Bransfield told selectmen, but this isn’t looking to be the case.

Equipment supply issues are plaguing the project, according to Dickerson. Dickerson said work is experiencing delay after delay. DQ’s opening date is unclear at this time.

Also marked for an opening on Portland-Cobalt is a new spa. The spa’s zoning permit has been approved, but fire marshal inspection needs to be finished.

Bransfield and Dickerson detailed an update on the long-languishing Brainerd Place project. The property straddles both Routes 17A and 66 and is the former site of the troubled Elmcrest psychiatric hospital.

Bransfield in a follow-up interview said developers recently paid a \$30,000 foundation fee to the town, money owed for the campus’s first

building, which will house 90 apartments.

The project is in a time-consuming step, Bransfield explained, currently navigating the tangle of red tape builders need to clear to develop on state roads.

Brainerd’s information is awaiting final review by the local offices of the state Department of Transportation (DOT), in Norwich.

DOT has to review planned adjustments to the roadways leading to the property. As the town’s police chief, Bransfield is also the town’s traffic authority, and reviews any proposed road changes, along with town public works officials.

The selectwoman said the turn drivers reach after coming off the bridge and bearing east to East Hampton will be narrowed, a “traffic calming measure.”

A dedicated left turn lane will be added to Main Street’s southbound side, an attempt to ease turning toward Brainerd. Additional traffic signals will be added to the site’s entrance, including a walking signal.

Bransfield said developers are also busy with completing additional title work.

“They’re in an investigation-and-permitting phase,” Bransfield said on Tuesday. “Before shovels can hit the ground, these things need to be done.”

Developers update the EDC at its monthly meetings.

Bransfield said the town can expect to “see some action soon” at the site.

COVID-19 has caused delays to the project. DOT offices, Bransfield said, are still not at 100% staff capacity.

Bransfield did not have an estimated timeline for the work’s completion, saying at this stage, work is unpredictable.

Portland is currently bustling, Bransfield said. She credited the activity to the diligent work of Dickerson, as well as EDC and the town’s planning commission.

Bransfield said the planning department balances supporting the town’s existing business while attracting new ones.

There’s been growth in the residential market as well. Bransfield said houses in Portland aren’t for sale for more than a few days at a time.

Bransfield said the town’s zoning enforcement officer works with the zoning board to regularly review the town’s zoning regulations, ensuring fairness and sustainability, and went on to name the town’s Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) as a helpful tool in guiding mindful growth, and preserving natural resources.

“We’re beginning to see success,” Bransfield said of the town’s pursuit of goals outlined in the POCD.

First Congregational Church News

First Congregational Church of Portland, located at 554 Main St., is now holding indoor summer worship services at 9 a.m. Sundays. The Rev. Eva Cudmore leads worship and is offering pastoral care throughout the summer, while the Rev. Jane Hawken the church’s pastor, is on sabbatical leave. Services are livestreamed on the church’s YouTube channel, First Church of Portland. Services are posted on the YouTube channel for those who wish to worship at a later time.

Cudmore is presenting a series of sermons based on the I Am statements made by Jesus in the Gospel of John. The sermon Aug. 1 will be based on the scripture John 10:11-18, and the sermon is entitled “I Am the Good Shepherd.” Communion will be served. Those who attend in-person worship are encouraged to wear a mask, whether or not they have been vaccinated.

Church member Beau Doherty will lead a

nature walk after the church service on Aug 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the Portland Fairgrounds. The meadow has a profusion of swamp milkweed that brings in Monarch butterflies. Attendees will likely see tree and barn swallows, and butterflies viceroy, American lady, monarch, red admirals and orange sulphur. Dragonflies like eastern pondhawk, halloween pennant, blue corporal and twelve spotted skimmers patrol the area. The group will stay on trails and walk about a mile. Interested persons may email Beau at rdoherty02@snet.

The church is a member of the United Church of Christ, and is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming everyone. To join church mailing lists (both email and regular mail), email first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net or call 860-342-3244. For more info, look for the church on Facebook at The First Congregational Church of Portland, or visit www.firstchurch-portlandet.org.

Registration Open for Town-Wide Tag Sale

The Portland Historical Society’s 25th annual Town-Wide Tag Sale Day will be on Saturday, Aug. 28, rain or shine.

Registration is \$25. The tag sale registration sheet is posted on the society’s website (www.portlandhistsoc.org) and was included in the society’s July newsletter. Registration sheets can also be found in the barrel on the front steps of the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History, located at 492 Main St. Registration and payment can also be done online by clicking on the link at portlandhistsoc.com. Completed paper registration sheets along with payment should be mailed to the

society at P.O. Box 98, Portland, CT 06480.

All tag sales must be registered by Monday, Aug. 16. The sign-up period then closes to allow time for preparation and printing of the map prior to the Aug. 28 sale. Portland residents who sign up will be assigned a spot on the society’s official Tag Sale Map issued for that day which lists the sale locations and types of items featured at each one.

The annual Town-Wide Tag Sale is the society’s main fundraiser and provides funds to maintain the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History. For more information, email portlandcthistory@gmail.com.

Lawn Irrigation Inspections

In August, the town inspector will conduct inspections of irrigation systems on the public water supply. Your system must be activated. If it is not activated, call the office at 860-342-6733 to schedule an appointment for a different time. If the inspector comes out and your system is not activated, you will still be charged the \$75 inspection fee.

Candidate Meet & Greet

The Portland Democratic Town Committee will host a Candidate Meet & Greet Thursday, Aug. 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., outside on the porch at Farrell’s Restaurant, 245 Marlborough St.

All are invited to get to know the Democratic candidates for municipal office. More information is available at www.PortlandCTDTC.com.

Police News

7/20: Shawn Wolak, 55, of 14 Barry Ave., was charged with criminal possession of a firearm, Portland police said.

7/24: Stephen Opuszynski, 66, of 132 Bartlett St., was charged with disorderly conduct, second-degree threatening and third-degree strangulation, police said.

7/24: Michael Jacobson, 34, of 35 Sand Hill Rd., was charged with breach of peace, threatening and possession of large-capacity magazines, police said.

Grace and Mercy Church News

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

PHS ‘30ish Reunion’ Saturday

The Portland High School classes of 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 have combined to host a “30ish Reunion” Saturday, July 31.

When members of the Class of ‘90 heard that ‘91 was going to host a reunion, they asked to join, as their reunion plans were affected last year by the pandemic. Then the classes of ‘92 and ‘93 asked to join in as well. Since the classes were so small, combining the reunions was no problem – and thus, the “30ish Reunion.”

Tickets include pizza, beverages and live music: Class of 1991 alumnus Shawn Byrne, who is a professional musician and producer who now resides in Nashville. He is a singer and award-winning songwriter, and will play with fellow musician Scott Huff (Keith Urban, Jake Owen, The Mavericks).

For costs and more information, email 91highlanders@gmail.com.

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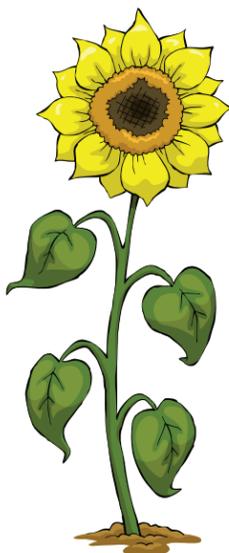


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After Skipped Year, Portland Fair to Return in October

by Jack Lakowsky

Kelly Chester, vice president of the Portland Agricultural Fair, said canceling last year's festivities was devastating and saddening.

"But it was the right thing to do," Chester said, alluding to last year's rampant COVID-19 infections.

This year, though, the fair is on, scheduled for Oct. 1, 2 and 3, to be held at the Portland Fairgrounds. Chester said fair organizers will have a tent at the ongoing summer concert series, whose next dates are Aug. 3 and Aug. 10 and Riverfront Park.

Friday's fun will start at 5 p.m., and run till 10 p.m. Saturday will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday's will start at 10 a.m. and end at 6 p.m.

The fair's concert tent will offer concertgoers a free raffle ticket, giving them a chance to win a wood carving by a local artist.

Many details, including number of vendors, are still being finalized, Chester said.

Musical talent is queued, however. Friday's entertainment will be Hazzard County, a modern country band. Saturday night is Jimmy Kenny and the Pirate Beach Band, a Jimmy Buffet and Zac Brown tribute band.

And on Sunday, untapped talent can take the stage for karaoke – a fair first, Chester said.

A third new addition is the TVs that organizers will put up. Chester said because of the sports season, fairgoers sometimes leave early to catch their game, and this is an attempt to

curb that.

Another unique aspect of this year's event is its remembrance of Richard Basso, who led the fair's horse and oxen pull for years and was a "major presence and longtime volunteer."

Unfortunately, Basso passed away in February 2020.

Chester said the fair is always seeking more volunteer organizers and fair workers. Anyone interested can visit portlandfair.org for more volunteering information.

Chester said it seems to be getting "harder and harder" to solicit volunteers.

Chester said this is the fair's 21st year, and that it has grown "significantly."

Last year was not the first year the event was nixed.

"There was a hiatus for a few years, after the first people who ran it retired," said Chester.

Chester said any safety recommendations from the Chatham Health District and the state will be strictly adhered to. What this will look like is not yet clear, Chester explained, given the pandemic's dynamic nature.

In the past few weeks, COVID-19 cases in Connecticut have risen.

Returning attractions include a wildlife show, as well as racing pigs and a petting zoo.

The fair's truck pull, Chester said, is the "big one," an event patrons look forward to each year. Chester said a wide variety of games and vendors will join in the fair.

Fairgoers can get a thrill on the fair's rides,



Organizers have scheduled the 2021 Portland Agricultural Fair for the first weekend in October.

equipment that's provided by a company out of Middletown.

The AARP has a description of the Portland Fair on its website. According to that information, the history of fairs in Portland began in 1919, when the Portland Hemlock Grange Fair

Association ran what was called the "largest livestock exhibit in Middlesex County."

The Agricultural Fair as it exists today has changed little since it began in the 20th century, always having an agrarian motif.

'Romance of the Rose' Tea

All are invited to join an afternoon tea and the presentation "Romance of the Rose" on Sunday, Sept. 12, at Zion Lutheran Church located at 183 William St.

The Massachusetts tea couple Donna and Ron Lasko will present an educational program with exhibits about America's national flower and the world's oldest known flower, the rose. There will also be special tribute to Grandparents' Day.

The event will include a sale of jewelry items donated by church members and friends, local artisans' crafts, sale of rose bushes from Gotta's Farm, and homemade candies. Free literature from the Connecticut Rose Society on the planting, growing, and caring of roses will be available. Refreshments, consisting of an assortment of sweets, tea and iced tea, will be served. Attendees will be given the opportunity

to participate in a 50/50 raffle as well as a raffle of two special keepsake boxes and several gift baskets.

Guests are encouraged to wear a hat and attire related the rose theme. The jewelry sale will include an array of beautiful vintage costume, designer, and fashion jewelry including signed and unsigned necklaces, bracelets, rings, brooches, pins, and earrings. The boutique opens at 1 p.m. and the tea and program start at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 by calling Zion Lutheran Church office at 860-342-2860 or by calling Sue at 860-685-0593. Seating is limited. Ticket proceeds will benefit the church and community outreach projects including the purchase of a 100-cup coffee maker for the Waverly Senior Center.

Town policy and CDC guidelines will apply.

Democrats Announce Slate of Candidates

Last Thursday evening, the Portland Democratic Town Committee held a special meeting to endorse candidates for municipal office. The DTC unanimously endorsed 12 candidates to run for seats on the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Assessment Appeals, as well as for first selectman.

At the meeting, Jim Tripp was officially endorsed as the Democratic candidate for first selectman. Outgoing First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, who is retiring after 18 years, made the nomination.

"It was my honor to nominate Jim Tripp for first selectman for the Town of Portland," said Bransfield. "I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jim for many years. Jim is first and foremost a wonderful person. He is someone who cares deeply about individuals, about our neighborhoods, and about the policies that affect the quality of life of the residents of our town. I know he will work very hard, because that is all he knows how to do. With his personal integrity, professional qualifications, and years of municipal service, I have great confidence that Jim Tripp is the leader we need as we face future challenges."

Tripp commented, "I am grateful for the support I have received, and I feel the weight of it. When I look at the folks who have stepped up to run, when I look at the issues and ideas we are putting forward, I feel confident this team will be ready on day one to get to work for Portland. Under Susan's excellent leadership, Portland has been on a steady trajectory. I am so proud to be running with a slate of hard workers who are committed to keeping Portland moving forward."

The DTC also formally endorsed John Dillon, April Graves, Laurel Steinhauser, and Ralph Zampano as candidates for the Board of Selectmen. Board of Education candidates

include current school board chair Sharon Peters, as well as Kim Nagy-Marushock, a Pre-K special education teacher, and Barry Rodgers, a longtime volunteer on school PTOs and member of the Task Force on Solidarity. The candidates for the Zoning Board of Appeals are incumbent Michael Lastrina and ZBA Alternate Cynthia Roman. For the Board of Assessment Appeals, the DTC has endorsed former ZBA member Ken Kearns and incumbent Tom Malcecky.

"This slate of candidates reflects the Town of Portland," said Brian O'Connor, Chair of the Portland DTC. "Everyone has an opportunity here within our Party, and I think that is what is demonstrated with the ticket we are putting forward. This group brings an impressive breadth of experience, skill, and backgrounds as well as a lot of energy from both our veteran candidates and our newer faces. I am encouraged by the path we are setting and what these folks will achieve for Portland."

Voters can learn more about candidates at www.portlandctdtc.com/candidates.

Also, community members are invited to join the DTC for a Candidate Meet & Greet event Thursday, Aug. 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., on the porch at Farrell's, 245 Marlborough St. More information can be found at facebook.com/jim-trippforportland.

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Trinity Episcopal News

Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., holds services inside on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are invited. All are welcome to continue to wear masks, and some vaccinated may continue. Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks, while unvaccinated individuals must continue to wear masks. All must wear masks while singing. More information is at trinitychurchportlandct.org.

First Sundays on Main: On Aug. 1 and Sept. 5, all churches in Portland, as well as Holy Trinity in Middletown, are invited to an ecumenical service on the Trinity Episcopal Church lawn. Service is at 9 a.m. Bring your own chair. In case of inclement weather, worship will be inside. Email trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com or call 860-342-0458 for more information.

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

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

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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 Healy 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.

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).

Fife and Drum Corps Accepting New Members

The Marlborough Jr. Ancient Fife and Drum Corps is now recruiting children between the ages of 8-18 to join the ranks.

Members learn to march and play the fife, snare drum or bass drum from instructors, free of charge. Members have opportunities to travel throughout Connecticut, New York and New England while the Corps performs at parades, musters and other events.

The Marlborough Jr. Ancients meet every

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for lessons and marching practice at the Congregational Church in Marlborough during the summer and at Marlborough Elementary School during the school year.

For more information, visit Marlborough Junior Ancient Fife & Drum Corps on Facebook. Questions can also be directed to 860-742-7274 or by visiting www.MarlboroughJrAncients.com.

Senior Center News and Notes

Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Dr., is not only open for activities, but is also a town cooling center. The center also features a bocce ball court. Call 860-295-6209 for the center's hours and more information. The senior center has also announced the following:

Transportation: Offered five days per week, with a 36-hour advance reservation. Rides are available to the senior center, shopping and doctor appointments, as well as other activities. The service is for any senior or disabled person. Advanced notice required for any stops other than the requested reservation. The driver is required to contact the dispatcher before any additional stops or changes to the schedule are made. There are no exceptions.

The **Food Bank** is located at 3 Wilhenger

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

CRT Congregate Meals: If all goes according to plan, the senior center said, Community Renewal Team congregare meals will begin Monday, Aug. 23. The Elderly Nutrition Program meals will be served at the senior center Monday, Wednesday and Friday to ages 60 or older and their spouses. All meals are served with milk, bread and margarine. Suggested donation: \$3 (or whatever can be afforded).

Holiday Closing: On Monday, Sept. 6, the center will be closed for Labor Day.

Police News

7/23: Amjeed Akbarzai, 35, of 63 Emily Rd., was arrested and charged with risk of injury to a child and disorderly conduct, State Police said.

Dean's List

Caitlyn Leahy of Marlborough made the spring 2021 Dean's List at Penn State University. She achieved a 4.0 GPA during the Spring semester.

Dean's List

Jack Burton of Marlborough made the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Maine.

Knights of Columbus Golf Classic

The St. John Fisher Knights of Columbus Council 15734 will hold its eighth annual Golf Classic fundraiser Thursday, Sept. 23, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. Golfers, sponsors and patrons are invited to support the tournament, which benefits local individuals, families and other groups in need.

On tournament day, registration starts at 11:15 a.m., and shotgun start is at 12:30 PM. Cost is \$140/golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, free lunch, on course refreshments, and a banquet. Various contests will be available.

To register as a golfer or sponsor, email KofCdrivefortheFish@outlook.com or call Jim at 860-295-9904. A sign-up will be immediately sent to you for all wishing to participate as: a golfer (or foursome), sponsor, donate a raffle gift or as a patron with instructions.

Parks and Rec Programs

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

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

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball): For ages 4-6. Aug. 2-6, 9 a.m.-noon, at Blish Park. The essentials of each

sport are taught. Fee: \$129/residents, \$134/non-residents.

Dog Obedience - Out and About with Your Best Friend: Saturdays, Aug. 7-Sept. 11, 10:45-11:45 a.m., at the Salmon River Trailhead in Colchester. Fee: \$120/residents, \$125/non-residents.

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

Special Events: Summer Concert at Blish Park: Thursday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m. Nightshift will perform classic rock.

Town Wide Tag Sale: Saturday, Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is donating grant money to Marlborough. The money will be available to nonprofits to use for projects that benefit Marlborough residents. Pictured is the lake, which is one of the iconic gathering places in town.

Grants Available for Nonprofits

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has established \$100,000 community funds for each of the 29 towns in the foundation's region, which includes the town of Marlborough.

The purpose of the community funds is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns, to encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement, and to establish a connection to the Hartford Foundation in each town. In 2020, the Marlborough Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee was selected. The list of current members is available at www.hfpg.org/marlboroughcf

The Advisory Committee is releasing its first open call for project proposals. Up to \$10,000 will be awarded in grant funds to each of one

or more proposals. All projects must benefit the residents of Marlborough. While applicants must be registered 501-c3 organizations, individuals and groups may be sponsored by a registered nonprofit organization.

For more on project guidelines and how to apply, visit: www.hfpg.org/marlboroughcf. Project applications or grant proposals will be accepted until Sept. 17. Email communityfund.marlborough@gmail.com with questions. Organizations that do not have access to a computer or need technical help can call Richmond Memorial Library at 860-295-6210.

For more information about the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, visit www.hfpg.org.

Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday Worship at the Congregational Church of Marlborough, United Church of Christ, 35 South Main St., is at 10 a.m. In August, worship services are held upstairs in the air-conditioned Thienes Lounge.

Sunday, Aug. 1 is a Communion Sunday. The service will be led by Senior Pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber. Holy Communion is open to all, regardless of church affiliation, including children with parental guidance. The bread used is gluten-free.

Mission Support in August will go to the Seminary Fund in support of a local United Church of Christ seminary student. Donations to missions or for any other giving may be sent

to the church at PO Box 57, Marlborough, CT 06447 or placed in an offering box on a Sunday.

Worship services and programs are open to the public. The church is an Open and Affirming faith community. For more information about the church or its programs, contact the church office at 860-295-9050 or office@marlconchurch.org.

Second Blessings Thrift Shop: The shop is closed in August and will reopen Sept. 11. However, appointments to shop during the summer can be made by calling the church office. The shop sells year-round on eBay at bit.ly/MCCebay.

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.

WonderBooks: The library has been expanding its collection of WonderBooks. Not only do these audio-enabled books read to your child but the Learning Mode will continue the experience with interactive questions.

Storytime Bundles: Children ages 2-6 can request a storytime bundle that includes three-four library books, a craft, songs, and activities to do at home. This summer's themes include: Mermaids & Pirates, Road Trip Fun, Color Me Summer, and At the Shore. Call or email the library to find out more.

Friday Fun Storytime: Fridays, July 30 and Aug. 6, beginning at 11:30 a.m. This outdoor storytime program includes stories, crafts and bubbles. Registration required by emailing or calling the library; the program is weather dependent.

Dragon Eyes DIY: Kids (ages 8 and up) can join the library outdoors Friday, July 30, at 3 p.m., for a dragon eyes craft made from modeling clay and glass beads. Registration required;

call or email the library.
Sneaky Art Scavenger Hunt: The library will hide eight colorful sneaky art objects around town for kids to find throughout August. Stop into the library beginning Monday, Aug. 9, for instructions or download the game from our website.

White Noise Machines: Available for a three-week check out period, these new white noise machines play 24 curated sleep sounds, including nine robust white noise options, eight sleep songs, and seven nature sounds. If you're using the white noise machine for sleep, there is an optional sleep timer setting. These machines can be picked up at the circulation desk.

History of the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens: Thursday, Aug. 5, 7 p.m., via Zoom. Learn about the history of this Ohio organization (which spans over 150 years) and discover some of its offerings. To register, email richmondprograms@gmail.com.

Wicked Apothecary: Learn about the history of the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum (located in Alexandria, Va.), with a special spotlight on poisons in the collection. This presentation, held Monday, Aug. 16, at 6:30 p.m., includes a virtual tour of the historic apothecary, whose medicines were often plant-based, with a deeper dive into collection items connected to poisons. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com to register.

Arts Center Concert

Marlborough Arts Center's Summer Concert Series will wrap up Saturday, Aug. 28, at 2 p.m. Nick Cutroneo will perform. The show will take place outside on the grounds of the arts center, or, in case of rain, inside in the Charles W. Hall Art Gallery. The arts center is located at 231 N. Main St.

The concert is free, but a \$10/person donation is suggested.

Republicans Seek Candidates

The Marlborough Republican Town Committee is seeking individuals interested in serving as elected officials for positions on the town's boards and commissions. The committee is currently assembling a slate of candidates for the November elections.

There are also currently some vacancies, which are in need of being filled on various town Boards and Commissions.

If interested, call Republican Town Committee Chairman Liz Gorgogione at 860-966-0050 or Vice Chairman Sue Stolfi at 860-593-4763 to discuss specific vacancies and for openings on the November ballot, or visit www.MarIGOP.com.



SOOP's On... After two rained-out concerts on the lake this summer, local band **Seat Of Our Pants** is hoping for a dry evening next Thursday, Aug. 5, when it is scheduled to perform at 6 p.m. at Blish Park, as part of the town-sponsored concert series. The band includes Michael Frantzen from Hebron, and Marlborough residents Mark Hall, Carolyn Brodinski and Jeff Gorman.

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A certified list of Republican party-endorsed candidates for the Town of East Hampton for election as Town Council, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Term begins 2021, Zoning Board of Appeals Term begins 2022, and Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates is on file in my office at 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, Connecticut, and copies thereof are available for public distribution. The certified list as received includes fewer names of party-endorsed candidates than the party is entitled to nominate for the following offices:

Office	Number of Names Certified	Number Entitled to be Nominated
Board of Assessment Appeals	1	2

A Primary will be held September 14, 2021 if the required primary petition(s) for opposition candidate(s) is filed, pursuant to Sections 9-382 to 9-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes, not later than 4:00 p.m. on August 11, 2021. Petition forms, instructions, and information concerning the procedure for filing of opposing candidacies, including schedules, may be obtained from: Lori Wilcox, Republican Registrar of Voters, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, Connecticut, 06424.
Kelly Bilodeau, East Hampton Town Clerk. 1TB 8/6

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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 for fully vaccinated individuals. Sunday School is provided.

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.

There is no Bible Study during summer.
 Food Pantry: Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. Masks not required for the fully vaccinated. The senior pantry is open every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Aug. 11.

Foodshare Van: Comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Aug. 4.

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.

Senior Movies at Town Hall

Andover Senior Movies will be shown in the Andover Town Hall Community Room on select Wednesdays at 1 p.m. You do not have to be a senior or a Young at Heart member to attend.

Unvaccinated must wear masks; for the vaccinated, masks are optional. Bring your own snacks and drinks. If you need a ride, call Cathy Palazzi two days in advance at 860-916-6122. The schedule is:

Aug. 4, *Charade* (1963), with Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn; Aug. 18, *The Secret: Dare to Dream* (2020).

For more information on the movies, call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057.

Bluegrass Band to Perform

Bluegrass band Redwood Hill will perform a free concert at the Andover Gazebo on Friday, Aug. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

The Andover Gazebo is located between the Andover Town Hall and Andover Elementary School, 35 School Rd. (off of Route 316), Andover. Bring your chair or blanket.

For more on the band, go to www.facebook.com/RedwoodHillBand. For more information on the concert, call the library at 860-742-7428.

Vacancy on School Board

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the Andover Board of Education for a term ending June 30, 2023 should send a letter of interest to: Town of Andover, Attention: Board of Education Vacancy, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232.

Dean's List

Catherine Folsom of Andover made the spring 2021 Dean's List at Goodwin University.

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.

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program at Andover Public Library runs through Aug. 21. For more information, call the library at 860-742-7428 or stop by. The library is located at 355 Route 6.

Grades six through adult are invited to read (or listen to) as many library books as they can, and keep track of the settings. The library will "pin" the location of the story on its maps, and see how many different places are "traveled to" this summer. For each book people read, they'll earn one chance to win an end-of-summer gift basket.

For the younger readers, the library has an "Elephant & Piggie Love to Read!" reading log; kids will earn stickers and prizes for every four library books they read, and they'll get a chance for a kids' end-of-summer gift basket.



Library Auction... Library Friends auctioneer Cathy Campen recently conducted an auction that raised over \$3,000 to support Andover Public Library. Humorous auction jokes, diverse auction items coordinated by chairperson Carol Lee, homemade baked goods, pizza and drinks, and a 50/50 raffle were donated by volunteers and enjoyed by the community.

Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following have been announced for Andover seniors, veterans and disabled. To attend any event, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122 to register. Transportation available for all events, as well as shopping on Tuesdays, Foodshare/food pantry rides on Wednesdays, lunches on Fridays.

On Tuesday mornings, there is a trip to the breakfast place, Walmart and Stop & Shop. Masks are required on bus and in stores.

The next Friday luncheon will be Friday, Aug. 6, and John Kona will make meatloaf. Transportation available by calling Palazzi.

The Recreation Commission will offer a free concert Saturday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. Paula King's band will perform. Bring a chair. Transportation available by calling Palazzi.

Preschool Openings

Andover Elementary School Early Learning Center is accepting applications for preschool students for the 2021-22 school year. Andover's preschool program is full-day. There is also care available for before and after school.

Children who will be age 3 on or before Dec. 31 are eligible to attend. The Andover Elementary School Early Learning Center receives funding for reduced tuition rates from two state grants: The School Readiness Grant and The Smart Start Grant.

For more information or a registration packet, call Principal John Briody at 860-742-7339. Registration packets are also at www.andoverelementaryct.org.

portation available by calling Palazzi.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., the seniors will hold a tag sale at the Old Firehouse parking lot on Center Street to raise money for the senior luncheon program. To donate items for the sale, call Carol Lee at 860-742-0188 ext. 2 or to volunteer to help at the sale, call Palazzi.

Rides to all town events, town meetings, referendums, or board meetings and all medical appointments available by calling Palazzi. All seniors, veterans, disabled are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you. Masks must be worn.

If you need a food delivery, let Palazzi know and it will be delivered.

Andover Seniors River Cruise

Andover seniors who are fully vaccinated can take a one and a half-hour cruise on the Connecticut River Friday, Aug. 20. Participants should bring a jacket, and may also bring cameras, binoculars, and a lap-style lunch, snack and beverage.

Departure from the Old Firehouse on Center Street is at 10 a.m. Return is approximately 2:30 p.m.

Cost is \$13, due Aug. 1. Call Georgia O'Brien at 860 742-9947 to make a reservation.



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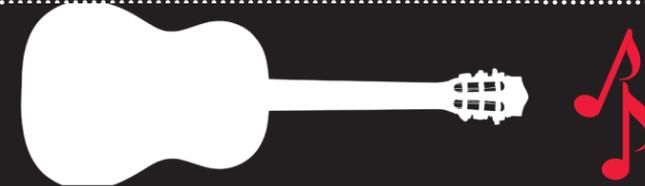
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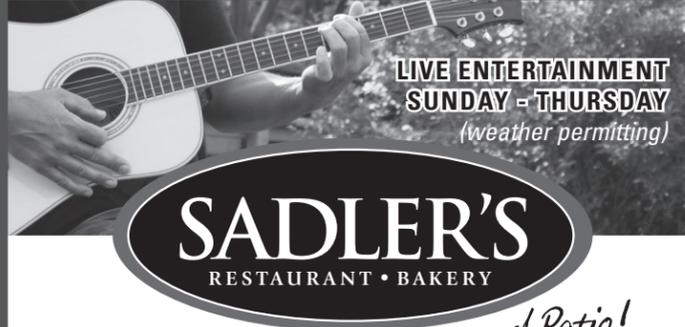
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Obituaries

Marlborough

Linda Susan Corrigan

On Monday, July 19, Linda Susan Corrigan passed away peacefully, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was 73 years old. A lifelong New England native, Linda was well-loved in Wethersfield, where she was born; Marlborough, where she raised her family; and Wilington, Mass., where she spent her final days with her children and grandchildren.



It would be wrong to say that Linda lost her battle because she never stopped fighting. No matter how sick she was, she was always determined. When anyone else would have broken, Linda stayed strong, even in her last days in hospice. Through her, we know what resilience and perseverance truly look like. There was no quit in Linda. Just because she is no longer here, it doesn't mean she lost her fight. It just means that she is now at peace.

Our mother will be remembered for her many gifts, her kindness, her smile and her love of her family. She was always there to provide love and support. There was a light, so bright, in her eyes, when she spoke of her children and grandchildren, as she would proudly boast about all of their accomplishments. We will remember her for her love of education, furthering her own education and that of her community. She was a graduate of Wethersfield High school and she received her architecture degree from Yale University at the age of 45. She was also a member of the Marlborough Board of Education.

We will remember her for her love of art. She was always drawing and painting, self-made murals decorated her own house as well as those of her grandchildren. We will remember her for her love of travel. She developed this love at an early age when she traveled around the world with the Odyssey. As an adult, whether escaping to Ireland, visiting the cheetahs in Africa or enjoying the solace of the Grey Lady of Nantucket, that love continued. We will remember her for her love of animals. She surrounded herself with her beloved Irish setters. They were her constant companions as her children grew into adulthood.

Linda is survived by her three children, Krystn Elliott Forcina of Wilmington, Mass., Robert Elliott of Wilmington, Mass., and Brandt Elliott of Milton, Mass., their spouses Ray Forcina, Jeanne Savoy Elliott and Sara Chamberlain Elliott; her brother, Robert Corrigan of Essex; and her seven grandchildren, Ryan Forcina, Ava Elliott, Corinne Forcina, Robert Elliott, Charlotte Forcina, Caroline Elliott and Evelyn Elliott.

A private celebration of her life will be held in her memory and memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., Wilmington, Mass.; www.nicholsfuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

Charles Ray Mauri

On Thursday, July 15, Charles "Charlie" Ray Mauri, 66, of East Hampton passed away into God's graces surrounded by his family following a battle with cancer at Saint Francis Hospital.

A warrior throughout life, Charlie will be lovingly remembered by many individuals including his loving wife of 40 years Raffaella Mauri;

their three children, Christopher Mauri, Elisabeth and her husband Matthew Zadroga, and Charlie Mauri Jr. He also leaves behind a special cousin, Caren Meyer, his aunt Carole and uncle Frank Mauri. Charlie was especially fond of his two adoring grandchildren, Gianna and Evan Zadroga. His favorite days revolved around sneaking his grandkids candy they weren't supposed to have and spending quality time with them.

Charlie was predeceased by his parents Charles and Patricia Mauri, sister Linda Meelhuesen and brother Nicholas Mauri.

Charlie lived a full life, filled with joy and happiness, his infectious smile will be sorely missed.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Saint Francis Hospital or American Cancer Society.

Hebron

Beatrice Stokes

Beatrice (Bea) Louise (Links) Stokes, 96, of Hebron, passed peacefully Wednesday, July 21, with her family by her side. Born Nov. 9, 1924 in New Haven, she was the daughter of the late Karl and Louise (Tufvander) Links.



She moved to Hebron at the age of 9 months when her father inherited his farm in Gilead. She attended a one room school house at the end of West Street in Gilead until the eighth grade when she attended Windham High School graduating in 1942. From 1942 to 1944, Bea worked at the Connecticut Milk Producers Association on Wethersfield Avenue in Hartford. On July 6, 1944, she went to work with the Red Cross following the Circus Fire in Hartford. From 1949 to 1955 Bea worked at American Fire Insurance Company in Hartford. In October 1955, Bea went to work in the Engineering Department at United Aircraft. While employed there, she received many promotions working her way up to private secretary in 1982 to Harry Grey, CEO of United Technologies Corporation (UTC). She retired from UTC on Oct. 1, 1987, after a long and successful 32-year career there. She then moved to Farmington to work for Harry Grey Associates. She retired from there Jan. 15, 1992.

In her spare time, Bea loved to sing and at different times sang in the choir at East Hampton Congregational Church, Marlborough. She was proud to be related to Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale. Bea loved her two boys and often stated, "You can say anything you want about me but don't say anything bad about my boys."

She will be sadly missed but always remembered with love by her two sons, Bruce Wark and wife Beverly of Oklahoma, Glenn Wark and his wife Jeanie of Texas; her niece Cindy Links-Fagan and husband Patrick and their son, Ian of Connecticut; a sister-in-law Doris Links of Hebron; nephews Rodney Links and Douglas Links and wife Lori of Connecticut, niece Karen Strickland and husband Jack of New York; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and numerous other extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her husband Sidney "Stokie" Stokes in 2001 and her brother, Robert Links.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Gilead Congregational Church Music Fund, 672 Gilead St. Hebron, CT 06248.

Care of private arrangements has been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

Ann Carol Walters

Ann Carol Terp was born June 5, 1937 to the late Carl Terp and Ellen Peterson Terp of East Hampton; loving wife to Joseph Walters and mother of Christine Costa; mother-in-law of Peter Costa and grandmother of Nicholas and Christopher Costa.



Ann passed away at the age of 84 early Sunday, July 25, peacefully in her sleep in her favorite chair with her dog on her lap at home. Ann grew up in East Hampton and graduated in 1955 from East Hampton High School. She briefly attended nursing school before enlisting in the Women's Army Corps and being stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. She returned to Connecticut and East Hampton in 1958. She married Joseph Walters in 1967 and they moved to Meriden where they resided until 1972, when they returned to the family home in East Hampton.

Ann retired from Canberra Industries in Meriden after over 20 years of service in 2001. She joined the Lions Club in 2003. She loved to travel; talk on the phone and upon returning from vacation would begin planning the next one. She loved road trips and the many new people and lifelong friends she met during her travels. She hated to fly but enjoyed the trip of a lifetime to Australia and New Zealand with her husband, Joe. She enjoyed cruises and especially the opportunity to make new friends while enjoying each other's company at dinner for the week.

She was an avid reader, knitter and crocheter. She looked forward to hosting high school class reunion picnics at their home in East Hampton. She loved kids no matter who they belonged to and often became Aunt Ann or Grammy Ann to many wonderful kids who are now grown with their own families who still fondly remember her. She remained lifelong friends with her neighbor, Ellen Nordstrom Pettengill and newer friends like Boris and Carmela Lashenka, Scott and Gina LaRose and so many more people she met through work or in their travels.

In her later years, Alzheimer's began to knock on her door, and we were fortunate to add a kind and gentle caregiver and friend to our family, Charlene Hall. Thanks to everyone tirelessly working together, Joe and Charlene especially, Ann was able to stay in her family home during her aging years and pass peacefully in her favorite chair. The real gift during this process was that she still remembered who her family and friends were and could call them by name when they came to visit.

She was loved and will be missed by her husband, Joseph "Joe" Walters; her daughter and son-in-law Christine and Peter Costa; she was always bragging about her grandsons and their adventures, Nicholas and Christopher Costa; lastly, we will be eternally grateful to Charlene for always being there so Ann was able to stay in her own home no matter what.

Friends called at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Thursday, July 29. Funeral services will be held Friday morning, July 30, in the funeral home at 10 a.m., with burial to follow in Skinnerville Cemetery. A celebration of life picnic will be held at the family home in the near future and all will be invited.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the East Hampton Lions Club or the Alzheimer's Research Foundation. East Hampton Lions Club, PO Box 153, East Hampton, CT 06024 in memory of Ann Walters.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Colchester

Terrance "Terry" L. Dorsey

Terrance "Terry" L. Dorsey, 75, of Colchester, passed away peacefully Thursday, July 22, with his family by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born June 25, 1946 in Ft. Fairfield, Maine, to Philip Dorsey and Rita (Higgins) Sears.

Terrance married his love, Mariette (Emond) Dorsey on July 27, 1968.

Terrance proudly served his country as a U.S. Navy Seabee and served two tours in Vietnam from 1965-67. He worked for many years for Stroehmann Bakery & Ryder Logistics as a shipping and transportation manager. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was an avid sports fan. Being from New England he rooted for the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. After his retirement he enjoyed watching his grandchildren's multiple sporting events and attended their games regularly. He enjoyed getting together with friends on Saturday evenings to play cards. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Besides his beautiful wife of almost 53 years, he leaves behind his sons, David Dorsey and his wife Deborah of Portland, and Derrick Dorsey of Colchester; his daughters, Deborah Grottole and her husband John of Colchester, Danielle ReBant and her husband Thomas of Raleigh, N.C.; his sisters, Donna Mullins and her husband Brian of Bristol, and Cathy Morgan of Florida; his brothers, Steven Bienkowski and his wife MaryAnn of Willington and Daniel Bienkowski and his wife Niki of California; a sister-in-law, Maureen Dorsey of Wallingford; his mother, Rita Higgins Sears of Florida; his grandchildren, Rebecca, Zachary, Jenna, Andrew, Benjamin, Joshua and Julia; his great-granddaughter Paige and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Besides his father, Philip Dorsey, Terrance is predeceased by his stepmother, Rita Dorsey, and his brother, Gary Dorsey.

Calling hours for Terrance will be held today, Friday, July 30, from 4-6 p.m., at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, followed by military honors.

For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Hearing

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on August 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Eaton Smith Council Chambers Room 107 and via ZOOM Virtual Meeting to consider the following:
Application PZC-20-024: Paula Free, 249 West High St., for a special permit per Sec. 8.4 Motor Fuel Filling Station with a proposed convenience store in the Commercial Zone, Section 5.2. Map 06/Block 12/Lot 1B
Updates to Section 8.4.K: Swimming Pools
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LEGALS

TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

At its meeting on July 21, 2021 the Planning and Zoning Commission made the following decisions:
Town of Colchester Planning and Zoning Department - Zoning Regulation Text Amendment (2021-008) - The Commission **APPROVED** the Regulation Amendment to amend Section Nos. 14.5 (Administrative Review Application) & 15.3 (Site Plan Class I) to allow administrative approval of minor site modifications to previously approved plans. The Regulation Amendment will have an effective date of August 9, 2021. A copy of this notice has been filed in the Town Clerk's office. Planning and Zoning Commission
Joseph Mathieu, Chair

1TB 7/30

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 August 9, 2021 via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:
• Application ZBA-21-008, Helena Gatto-Supino, 6 Brook Trail, reduce side setback from 15' to 5' to expand existing deck to the width of the house Map 10A/Block 79/Lot 9
Matthew Walton, Chairman

2TB 7/30, 8/6

TOWN OF COLCHESTER COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

At a special meeting of the Colchester Conservation Commission held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, the following action was taken:
W2021-3064- Cabin Road- Niantic Bay Group, LLC-Applicant, RMD Land Development, LLC- Owner, Assessor's Map 03-00 Lot 001-005, proposed 6-Lot Resubdivision with new road, no direct wetland impacts. **-Approved**
Respectfully Submitted,
Falk von Plachecki, Chairman

1TB 7/30

Town of Portland Wetlands Approval

On 7/21/2021 the Inlands Wetlands Agent for the Portland issued a permit for application #21-01A to construct a single family dwelling within 100' of the upland review area located at 36 Jobs Gate 2 to applicant Larry Whitmore. This Permit may be appealed to the town of Portland Inlands Wetlands Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section 12.2 of the town of Portland Inland Wetlands and watercourse Regulations. 8/2-8/7/21

1TB 7/30

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING Senior Center (17 School Dr.)

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Zoom Public Hearing Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM at 17 School Dr. (Senior Center).
Application #Z-04-21 -Special Permit – Bill G. Jonbalaj (Applicant) 21 Austin – HGB LLC (Property Owner) – South Main Street (Between 11 & 19 South Main Street) & Johnson Road – Village Cluster Residential Planned Development.
Application #Z-11-21-Special Permit – Todd Cohen (applicant/property owner) 16 Rivendell Dr. – Article Six.1.A.3) – Storage of One Commercial Vehicle in Excess of 11,000 pounds.
Application #Z-13-21 – Amendment to Article 3, - Article Three A.38 Establish a 9-month temporary and limited moratorium on cannabis establishments.
The room capacity will be limited due to Social Distancing requirements and masks are mandatory for those who are unvaccinated and 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.Marboroughct.net, under Minutes/Agendas then Agenda 2021 then Zoning Commission.
Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

2TB 7/23, 7/30

ACTION NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Andover Planning and Zoning Commission took the following action at their Regular Meeting held June 21, 2021:
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS:
Request of Christopher Bell, agent for William/Joe Genovese, for the extension of an existing Special Permit to operate a sand/gravel operation at 517 Route 6. Extension was granted so as to allow for the permit to be extended for a period of six months. Details of the aforementioned application(s) are on the Planning and Zoning Commission page of the Town of Andover's web-site (andoverct.org).
Jim Hallisey
Zoning Agent

1TB 7/30

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING Senior Center (17 School Dr.)

The Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday August 2, 2021 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.
The room capacity will be limited due to Social Distancing requirements and masks are mandatory for those who are unvaccinated and 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.Marboroughct.net, under Minutes/Agendas then Agenda 2021 then Conservation Commission.
Yvonne Bolton, CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIR

2TB 7/23, 7/30

ACTION NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Andover Planning and Zoning Commission took the following action at their Regular Meeting held July 19, 2021:
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS: The application(s) of George Correia and Melissa/Erik Lotecka, 26 Old Farms Road; 1) a special permit for one additional rear lot (total of two) in accordance with Section 4.9 of the Andover Zoning Regulations and 2) a two lot Open Space/Cluster Re-subdivision in accordance with Section 5.5 of the Andover Zoning Regulations and the Andover Subdivision Regulations.
DENIED: The application of Adam Delventhal, 128 Wheeling Road for a Site Plan approval to construct an attached accessory apartment in accordance with Section 4.11 of the Andover Zoning Regulations.
Details of the aforementioned application(s) are on the Planning and Zoning Commission page of the Town of Andover's web-site (andoverct.org).
Jim Hallisey
Zoning Agent

1TB 7/30

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MARTHA J WICK

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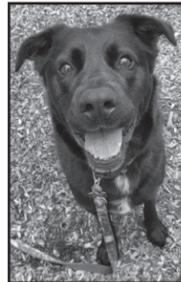
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2TB 7/23, 7/30

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2TB 7/23, 7/30

Andover School District

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