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Do Good, Feel Good... Hebron resident Zoe Leone, 6, and her sister Gianna, 4, with the help of their mom, Brooke, recently set up a lemonade stand outside Ted's Supermarket in Hebron with the hopes of making a tiny bit of difference in the community. In two hours, the sisters raised \$200 – all of which was donated to Camp Cares in Columbia, a not-for-profit therapeutic riding program whose mission is to help children and individuals with special needs.

Masks Required in Most Area Town Facilities

by Jack Lakowsky

In emails and phone calls, town leaders throughout the region told the *Rivereast* that masks will be required in local government buildings.

Most of the town leaders issued their mandates Monday.

Gov. Ned Lamont recently gave to the state's local leaders authority to institute mask mandates in their towns.

Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield on Monday told the *Rivereast* she had issued a mask requirement in all town buildings. Masks are required regardless of vaccination status.

Bransfield said, although Portland's COVID-19 transmission rate is low at the moment, "we live in a small state," and that towns don't exist in a void.

Bransfield has no plans to close buildings.

"I encourage everyone to contact Chatham Health District and get vaccinated," Bransfield said. "The reason the Delta variant has gained ground is because of those who are eligible for a vaccine but aren't getting one."

Bransfield said she's feeling frustrated at the people who refuse vaccines.

"There's a cure on your doorstep," Bransfield said. "Do it for the kids who are vulnerable and still ineligible for a vaccine."

Bransfield said she will soon reach out to Chatham to discuss having more vaccine clinics in town. She said running clinics while the weather is warm is key.

Of the *Rivereast* towns, East Hampton currently has the worst transmission rate, at 19/100,000 as of last week, making it a "red" town in the state's alert system.

In an email, East Hampton Town Manager

David Cox said as of now, there are no universal mask mandates.

Town facilities are asking everyone to wear masks inside, whether inoculated or not.

"Private businesses may make their own choice in the matter," Cox wrote, an approach taken by the other town leaders.

"[E]veryone is safest when we wear masks," Cox said. "People are encouraged to protect themselves and others by wearing masks indoors in public spaces."

In a Tuesday night meeting of the East Hampton Town Council, Cox said in the last three weeks, separate of clusters of 10, 11, and 23 new COVID-19 cases were diagnosed.

Cox added that East Hampton is now experiencing the same level of transmission as April 2020, the pandemic's first surge.

Cox said Middlesex County is now considered to have substantial transmission.

Cox went on to say that on Tuesday morning, the state Department of Education and state Department of Public Health informed school superintendents that masks are to be worn in schools and on school busses at least through Sept. 30, when the governor's executive powers are set to expire.

In a Facebook post, Belltown schools said they plan to be open five days a week with students sitting in their desks.

Several East Hampton residents at Tuesday's meeting said they disagree with having masks in schools, asking the council to not allow it, despite the fact that the council has no power to do so.

The mask order applies to every town in the
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Arrigoni Back to Four Lanes in September

by Jack Lakowsky

At an Aug. 4 meeting, Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield told the town's Board of Selectmen that the Arrigoni Bridge, long under construction, will once again have four traffic lanes starting sometime in September.

In a follow-up call this week, Bransfield said she didn't yet have an exact date, but that she's meeting with project officials on Aug. 26, and expects to get a precise day then.

"Barring unforeseen things, four lanes will soon be open again," Bransfield told selectmen.

State Rep. Christie Carpino (R-32) recently joined state Department of Transportation (DOT) officials and members of the state legislature's Transportation Committee for a tour of the ongoing construction on the Arrigoni Bridge.

The bridge is undergoing extensive rehabilitation and is now in the third stage of work. The

project is scheduled to finish in February 2022, according to a statement from Carpino.

Carpino also toured the Main Street area of Middletown.

"While ongoing construction work is never ideal, DOT has done an excellent job communicating with both officials and [businesses] throughout this project."

Motorists of Portland and of the greater Middletown area have, since February 2020, contended with delays and congestion caused by intensive rehabilitation of the Arrigoni Bridge, considered by many a regional landmark.

According to the state Department of Transportation (DOT), the project costs \$46 million.

The February 2022 deadline may still seem daunting to commuters, but the end is finally in sight; construction activities have reached their third phase, according to Bransfield, who spoke

to the *Rivereast* about the bridge in April.

The third phase is slated to finish in September. At that time, final improvements will begin.

Construction is ahead of schedule, according to DOT information. Last December, the state predicted the contractor, Mohawk Northeast Inc., would finish Phase 2 work on April 21 of this year. Phase 2 finished in early April, and so Phase 3 started early.

For more information, visit arrigonibridge-project.com.

"This is a hugely important project," Bransfield said then. "That bridge is our lifeline, and it's also Middletown's."

Bransfield said upon completion, the project will make for an improved Arrigoni for decades to come.

The project began in those long-gone, oft-
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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

Please get vaccinated.

That's really all I can say at this point. The COVID-19 situation is not improving as we thought it would – and really, as it could be. In Connecticut, the rate of positive cases, and the number of hospitalizations, are at their highest levels since the spring.

New London County on Tuesday officially joined the CDC's "high transmission" category, meaning it has surpassed 100 weekly cases per 100,000 residents. It joins Hartford and New Haven counties, which had already reached that threshold.

As of Tuesday, East Hampton was a "red alert" town – one of just seven municipalities in the state to hit that designation. That means cases in Belltown have exceeded an average of 15 per 100,000 residents.

It's like this across the country as well – and in many places, much, much worse. Just look at Florida, for example.

Perhaps the most upsetting thing about all this is it didn't have to be this way. The COVID-19 vaccine – which has been shown time and time again to be safe and effective – has been available here since the start of the year, and to all Connecticut residents over 18 since April. It's been available to kids over 12 for the past few months as well.

And yet, according to the *Hartford Courant*, as of Tuesday, 64% of all Connecticut residents – and 73.4% of those 12 and older – are fully vaccinated. I realize that rate is among the highest in the country, and a darn sight better than, say, Alabama, which sits at a pathetic 35% and recently had to throw out 65,000 vaccines that had expired. But still, the number could be so much better – and is still a ways from the 80-90% vaccination rate experts say is needed to reach herd immunity.

The rates of those fully vaccinated in each of the *Riverast* towns is in the low- to mid-60s, which is encouraging. But like the rest of a state as a whole, there's still a ways to go.

As I'm sure you've seen on the news, the vast, vast majority of those hospitalized with COVID-19 are now the unvaccinated; that alone should be a giant incentive to roll up your sleeve and get inoculated.

So, if you're among those who haven't yet vaccinated, please, please do so. Do it for yourself, do it for your community – do it so that we can all enjoy the fall and winter activities we were devoid of last year.

Some 15 months ago, when this whole dreadful COVID-19 thing began, I wrote in this space that we're all in this together. That is just as true today as it was then. We can really only end this thing if we do it together.

This is pretty cool: Portland Library is going fine-free.

The town's Board of Selectmen last week unanimously approved a new policy on fines, making Portland one of several municipal libraries in the state to have done away with fines in the last few years – including libraries in the *Riverast* towns of Hebron, East Hampton and Colchester. It's been a success in those towns, and it's easy to see why. It encourages people to visit the library and check out materials. East Hampton, for example, recently had its highest-circulating year ever.

Portland Library had already put fines on hold, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and this decision will make the policy permanent.

According to a press release issued by the library, in early 2019 the American Library Association passed a resolution encouraging libraries to eliminate fines. The association's conclusion, based on the experiences of the many libraries nationwide that have already eliminated fines, is that overdue fines are outdated. There is no evidence suggesting that fines incentivize the on-time return of materials, but there is evidence that they prevent access to library materials and services, and can serve as a deterrent for those who stand to benefit the most from library services, such as low-income families, children, and seniors living on a fixed income, the library association said.

"We have an opportunity to make the Portland Library more accessible to folks with economic challenges," said Portland Library Director Janet Nocek. "Overdue fines can be a significant barrier to access. When overdue fines accumulate on a patron's card, often what happens is they stop using the library altogether. That is, of course, the opposite of what we want. We want all members of the Portland community to have equal access to the library's materials, services, and programs."

Based on what I've seen in other towns, I think this will indeed lead people to using the library more. Just recently I was having breakfast with a friend in Manchester, not far from that town's library. My friend mentioned she should go to the library again – but that she had a chunk of overdue fines that was dissuading her from doing so.

I'm constantly amazed by how much you can find at municipal libraries, and that's particularly true when the library is part of a consortium. Portland Library, just as Manchester Public Library, is a member of Library Connection, Inc. That means that if you can't locate an item you want in Portland, you can search, and borrow from, catalogs of dozens of area libraries in the area, including Glastonbury, South Windsor, Cromwell, West Hartford, Bloomfield, and even fellow *Riverast* town, Marlborough. It's a group of more than 40 in all – and speaking from my own experience using Library Connection, you

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Helpful Herbs... On Aug. 4, Courtney Reardon McInvale, founder of Mystic-based Seaside Shadows Haunted History Tours, met with the members of the Portland Garden Club at Riverfront Park in Portland to present her program on herbal scented water sprays and elixirs. McInvale, a Connecticut native and historian, talked about the healthful properties, beauty, and magical qualities of the herbs, lavender and rosemary. McInvale has written two books, *Haunted Mystic* and *Revolutionary War Ghosts of Connecticut* and her new book *Civil War Ghosts of Connecticut* is to be released in the fall. Portland Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and thrives with endeavors in the civic-beautification, education and conservation to benefit both its membership and community. From left are Janet Nocek, McInvale, Judi Elder and Sue Wesoloski.

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Budget Vote Signs

To the Editor:

Budget vote signs seen: "Vote Yes for Education Colchester."

Well, that explains the Left. They are more than happy to spend your money, regardless of for what it is used, than they are theirs to buy new signs. If they could only come up with cost-saving devices in the budget instead of continually taking money out of our pockets.

Keep voting 'no' to the Colchester budget until they understand that it is our money, not theirs.

Respectfully,

Daniel Backus – Colchester

Why Not Community Center

To the Editor:

During the Colchester Senior Center Building Committee presentations to various groups in town, a question has been asked as to why the new facility is not going to be called "Colchester Senior/Community Center" instead of just Senior Center especially if residents of the

community will be able to utilize the facility whenever the seniors are not there (generally after 4 p.m.).

During the development of the center, it became apparent that there would be opportunities for the community to utilize the space when seniors were not using it. A close look at the proposed design shows the southern third of the building has a large multi-purpose room that can be used for large meetings of civic groups, banquets, meetings, etc.

To be a true "Community Center," the building would have to be larger to accommodate other activities typically found in Community Centers like youth services, health department, etc. Like our schools, they are not called "Bacon Academy/Community Center High School" or "William J. Johnston Middle/Community Center School."

Again, the Board of Selectmen charged the Building Committee with developing a Senior Center only but it became apparent it was going to be more than just a Senior Center, even though the name may not reflect it. Also, a com-

Bulletin Board

Those of you who have been anxiously awaiting an update on the status of my vegetable garden will be disappointed to learn that my garden is no more. It is kaput, finis, mort.

There will be no reports this year on infestations of potato bugs; of squash that inexplicably turn to mush overnight; of alien weeds that defend themselves with thorns; or carrots that reward my loving attention by developing into bizarre corkscrews. Facing reality, I have allowed this weed-infested area to revert to grass (crab grass, like the rest of my lawn, but grass nonetheless).

Depending upon whom you wish to believe, this sad development is the result of "uncaring woman" (my version, based on a careful objective analysis of all available data) or came about through my own surfeit of pride and stubbornness (my wife's ludicrous contention, which I mention here only out of my martyr-like insistence to try to be fair to all sides).

The seed of my garden's demise had its roots in a lack of appreciation (i.e., adoration) on the domestic front for my heroic efforts to wrest nature's bounty from the earth. Again, there seems to be a difference of opinion on the value of these efforts to combat various vegetable-eating worms, flying pests, rabbits, moles, fungi and drought in a never-ending battle to provide sustenance for the people I love.

My view: Trailing dirt and reeking of sweat, I proudly present the fruits of the earth to my wife who proceeds to suggest that the cucumbers would be better if I didn't let them get so large and seedy, the marble-like radishes seem a bit undersized and what is she supposed to do with a half-dozen mutated rutabagas?

Her view: "Coming into the kitchen I find a pile of dirt-encrusted rutabagas (Rutabagas? Who eats rutabagas?) on the kitchen counter and when I don't jump up and down and clap my hands with joy before falling to my knees, overcome with gratitude, I am accused of being unappreciative."

Okay, I'll admit she's right about the rutabagas, but there was nothing wrong with those cukes other than a little woodiness.

It was then pointed out to me that a) The guy with the green thumb down the street puts his excess vegetables out by the street for free; b) considering the time, effort and expense involved in maintaining a garden, it's cheaper to just buy vegetables from stores or people who actually know what they're doing; and c) spending hours waiting with a baseball bat for a woodchuck to venture out to chew on a lettuce plant is probably not a profitable expenditure of time.

There's d, e, f, g and most of the rest of the alphabet as well, but you get the idea. Besides, I stopped listening at about e. (It's a guy thing.)

And so, for now at least, that concludes my noble experiment with home agriculture. I wouldn't tell her this, but I can't say that I really miss it.

Jim Hallas

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mitment was made to the seniors in Colchester that after the Johnston school was completed, the town would then move forward with a new Senior Center. The time has come to honor that commitment to the seniors of Colchester.

If anyone has any questions, they can send an email to seniorcenterbuildingcommittee@colchesterct.gov. We monitor the email and someone will get back with an answer to any questions.

**Anthony Tarnowski, LEED AP
Chairman, Colchester Senior Center
Building Committee**

Step Up to Plate

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed new Senior Center that will be voted via referendum on Sept. 23. As a member of the Senior Center, a recent board member on the Committee on Aging, and a ranking member of the Colchester Honor Guard, I feel qualified in seeking support for the needs of our senior population.

Presently, the Senior Center has impressive programs, staff and volunteers who work to produce quality programs within an aged and antiquated building.

It is time that Colchester “steps up to the plate” and vote “Yes” on the referendum on Sept. 23.

Rosanne Tousignant – Colchester

Show You Care

Dear Colchester Citizens:

I always worked hard to get the budgets passed and thanked the seniors for voting for the education budget when my children were in the schools. I knew it was difficult for the seniors. Never thought I’d be one of them! Now I am asking everyone for support building a new senior center.

I regret I didn’t join the senior center earlier but thought it was only for ‘old’ people. It’s for 55 and older! A new building rather than one older than them will create an environment that can easily fulfill the agenda for all the seniors. It can show that Colchester cares.

I must say this is a real bargain considering it will be \$13 annually per household (estimated \$165,000 assessed home) than what I asked for the other buildings previously. My house is estimated at over \$230,000 so I guess my cost will be \$26 per year. By the way, this includes the fire apparatus. The land is bought and paid for, so now it is the building with the additional square footage needed by all. Like the previous new buildings, our community will be able to use the building when not in use by the named intended.

It’s a real bargain for all concerned Colchester citizens. Please join me Sept. 23 by voting ‘yes.’ Show you care about us and the future of Colchester.

Roberta Avery – Colchester

Note: Avery is a member of the Colchester Commission on Aging but said she is writing as an individual.

More Than a Building

To the Editor:

A senior center is more than a building. During the last year when our building was closed to the public, the remarkable staff of the Colchester Senior Center continued to provide valuable services to our community.

It was services like delivering TVCCA-prepared meals to seniors when the dining room closed for daily lunches, maintaining the meals on wheels program, and continuing to provide transportation for medical appointments and necessary errands. It was reaching out to every member by phone early on to ask if they were ok and then maintaining regular contact with those individuals who seemed most isolated.

It was instructors and volunteers using technology to continue ongoing programs like the fitness classes and Bingo, as well as creating new virtual programs such as Learn to Sign, International Cooking Demonstrations and Step-by-Step Painting with Ruth (first, educating seniors to Zoom!).

It was the initiative of a dedicated staff who found ways that the building COULD be used safely for community services such as the AARP tax preparation program, Medicare enrollment, and the Chatham Health District pop-up COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

And even though many of the in-person programs associated with the Senior Center did not run for much of this past year (Making Memories, crafting, card games, Wii bowling, travel, movies), Senior Center membership is at an all-time high, recently increasing by 100+! More residents than ever want programs that can enrich their life through new activities and friendships, and yes, services if they need them.

I congratulate the staff on their efforts to keep seniors thriving in this recent, challenging year; I also support the funding of the proposed new building because while much good can be done without a building, our senior community can realize even greater benefits from a safer and well-designed place to be together.

Janet Hale – Colchester

New Senior Center

To the Editor:

When I began in my role as director of senior services over eight years ago, there were approximately 550 members involved at the Colchester Senior Center – today, there are over 1,400. The Colchester Plan of Conservation and Development cites that by the year 2030, 40% of the town’s population will be comprised of citizens ages 55 and over.

The building at 95 Norwich Ave. has served as the Colchester Senior Center since 1980, when the total town population according to state census records was 7,635. As the town has grown and the demographics have shifted; the needs of the growing senior community must be addressed. To that end, the Senior Center Building Committee was formed in October 2019 and since then have been working on their charge to design, “a building, related infrastructure, and outdoor space that will provide for a Senior Center, as deemed appropriate by the Commission on Aging and the Board of Selectmen, and in accordance with the best practice specifications for senior services now and in the future for seniors of all ages.”

The proposed new senior center is a facility which addresses concerns regarding our current building and some of its limitations: limited interior and exterior space with no ability for expansion; condition of the 1891-era structure; lack of efficiency for heating/cooling; ADA compliance of an antique building which was not designed to be a senior center; few available spaces for programs; and limited parking.

I invite you to come take a tour of our current building and listen to a presentation about the proposed new senior center, before deciding

how you will be voting at the September Senior Center Referendum. We will be holding a tour on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 70 p.m., 95 Norwich Avenue.

**Patty Watts
Director of Senior Services
Colchester**

Support New Senior Center

To the Editor:

I retired to Colchester three years ago. I am grateful to the Colchester Senior Center for the activities they have provided to my wife and myself during this time. The senior golf league is by far the best activity so far. My wife and I have met so many good friends and have had plenty of laughs on the links every Tuesday morning. What a blessing having this available to us during the summer of COVID-19.

I also have made use of the different experts that are brought in to deal with various topics. One informational session that stands out was the one helping us to setup our Medicare and Social Security benefits.

We have a bus trip booked for the fall to go to Boston and see the Van Gogh exhibit. There are so many other trips available to choose from too. The staff does a great job keeping us informed as to what is available to us each month.

The new senior center will be a welcome addition to the town. The new building will add much needed space and upgrades. I am looking forward to more new programs and activities that will be offered when the new building is complete.

Please support the new senior center and take part in what is being offered.

Tom Grenier – Colchester

Lavoy for BOE

To the Editor:

Hi, I’m excited to be a Republican candidate for re-election to the Portland Board of Education. I’ve proudly served on the BOE for almost six years, helping to assure the best in local education and learning opportunities. My wife Sandie and I have lived in Portland for over 16 years. We have two sons, Raymond, a 2017 PHS graduate and Nathan, a PHS 2020 graduate. We are members of the First Congregational Church, I am a member of the Portland Exchange Club and we have served as volunteers over the years in our church, in Scouting and by coaching recreational sports. Professionally, I had a career managing human service programs in Connecticut serving adults and children with intellectual disabilities. Educationally, I have a BA from CCSU in political science/public ad-

ministration with a minor in business.

The experience I’ve gained on the BOE has made me well-informed and effective. I used these tools to benefit our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. My focus is on effective use of resources to meet or exceed educational standards, continued improvement of student performance outcomes, transparency and responsibility in fiscal operations and developing policies that consistently support these goals. I commit to working as an effective representative of the people.

Over the coming weeks I welcome the opportunity to talk with you about our schools. Please support me and our team for Portland in November.

Tim Lavoy – Portland

In Support of Senior Center

To the Editor:

As a lifelong resident of the Town of Colchester, I strongly urge the residents of Colchester to support the building of a new senior for Colchester. It is time for a brand-new, up-to-date building with all that is needed to support the needs of our seniors now and in the future. The current building has served its purpose and Colchester needs to move into the 21st century with a 21st century senior center. Surrounding towns around Colchester have built new senior centers; why not Colchester, I ask?

Let’s not wait any longer. Please vote for the town budget and the senior center.

Gary Riddell – Colchester

Trumpian Democrat

To the Editor:

It is distressing to see a pattern emerging where our town’s leading Democrat acts so... Trumpian.

When a vote of the BOS or a town referendum is decided in a way that he does not like, Selectman John Collins invariably needs to “re-litigate” the issue. For example, regarding our town manager’s retention and raise, the board voted 4-1 to keep Andy and give him a raise. John was the lone “No” vote. But did he move on? No, he tied up the meeting and wasted everyone’s time as to whether he could hire the Town’s legal counsel to protest that vote and spent considerable time denigrating Andy Tierney’s character, intelligence, and fitness for the post (the source of the ensuing and continuing bad feeling between the two of them).

This week John decided that the 2019 vote by the residents of Hebron to use part of the

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can find almost everything you’re looking for.

Now, “no fines” does not mean patrons are no longer responsible for the items they have checked out. If an item is overdue by more than one loan period, the item will be assumed lost and patrons will be charged the full replacement cost of the item. Card privileges will be suspended until the item is returned or

the replacement cost is paid. Additionally, patrons are still responsible for paying overdue fines to other libraries that charge them.

So next time you’re looking for a book to read or a DVD to watch, I’d encourage you to give Portland Library a try.

See you next week.

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Horton parcel to house a new public works facility should be reexamined. He dismisses the professionalism and competence of previous studies that were done as obviously inadequate. He makes blanket statements of better, cheaper solutions “that have not been considered,” i.e., those he has proposed, and that have been rejected. This was decided in 2019 after a great deal of debate!

We know, because John has told us, that he is the most qualified person to solve all these problems. It smacks of “Only I can fix it.” (Where have we heard that before?)

Hubris and arrogance clearly have no political allegiance. He swears his only interest is, “the good of the town.” He may be the smartest guy in the room, but he lacks humility, common sense, and the power of persuasion. Pretty dumb if you ask me.

Judith Podell – Hebron

Budget, Not Politics

To the Editor:

Unfortunately, the second referendum for the Colchester town budget lost by only four votes, though the bonding question to replace the fire apparatus did pass.

With the Board of Education budget having been previously passed the proposed town budget represented 0.06 mills of the 0.27 mill rate increase requested. The 0.06 mills equated to approximately \$75,000 in expenditures. The previous budget accounted for an influx of federal funding to meet town needs but was set to meet the operational requirements of the town. The Board of Finance is now assessing what services and initiatives to retain in the Colchester town budget and will meet in a Board of Finance meeting on Zoom on Wednesday, Aug. 18, to discuss proposed revisions. Input from all citizens is welcome and vital in the process.

This year, though, the process has become very political. I have been a member of the BOF for four years and previously served on the Board of Education for nine years, and though the debate between funding and services has always been somewhat contentious, this year it is being used as a referendum on the current administration. This should be about the services that the town provides this community, the roads repaired, the fields maintained, the building permits processed, the first responders meeting your needs during a pandemic. But this budget and the process of passing it is being used as a campaign platform by a BOF member who himself is running for first selectman.

There will be time to assess all the candidates for office and determine the path forward for Colchester in November. This next budget referendum should be about those who have worked for us and have served us in Colchester this past year during a pandemic. Let’s move this forward and leave the politics to November.

Michael Egan – Colchester

Note: Egan is a member of the Colchester Board of Finance, but said he is speaking as an individual.

Transparency – Part I

Dear Colchester Residents:

As the next first selectman, I am committed to implementing a historic level of transparency in local government. Government transparency software must be completely integrated so that the public and the Board of Finance have access to all the numbers in real time. Our local government tried transparency software in the past, but it intentionally dragged its feet and then pulled the plug on the product. Communities around the United States have no problem implementing transparency software, but for some reason Colchester became the exception. The public must have faith in the numbers.

If the transparency software was in place, we wouldn’t have had the inconsistencies and false narratives perpetuated this budget season by the first selectman and the Police Commission chair in order to justify additional staffing. Under my administration, all data being presented must be vetted. Departments using inaccurate numbers to sell a product will not be rewarded with requests. Commission members who use inaccurate numbers or deny members of their own commission access to data would be subject to removal.

Numbers are important, but so are their impact. The First Selectman has a responsibility to provide the Board of Finance the impact of completed contract negotiations before the beginning of budget season. The members should never be left in the dark when it comes to tax dollars and their impact. When massive negotiated salary increases were built into this year’s budget, the Board of Finance and public should have had an opportunity to scrutinize their im-

pact ahead of time.

Government should not be allowed to operate in the shadows. There is only one candidate in the race for first selectman who is advocating for greater government transparency and is offering the ideas to make it happen.

**Sincerely,
Andreas Bisbikos – Colchester**

Liberal Hypocrisy

To the Editor:

So, Barry’s birthday party on the Vineyard was a smash! No shirt, no shoes, no mask...no problem. Only principled, sophisticated, vaccinated attendees. Regardless, one can’t help seeing the hypocrisy of rich progressive liberals acting in direct opposition to the COVID-19 hysteria being peddled by the Biden administration. But hypocrisy is one of the most endearing qualities of progressive liberals...

Last week, as I perused the letters to the editor, I thought I was reading transcripts of MSNBC broadcasts (from the usual suspects). Progressive liberals have a lot to say, usually with bitterness and animosity. But it is important to understand what they don’t say. For example, have you noticed the subtle satisfaction expressed by the media when discussing the rise in COVID-19 cases in Texas, Florida, and Louisiana? What they don’t talk about is the rampant flood of COVID-19 positive immigrants coming across the border in Texas, many of whom are bused or flown to... wait for it...Florida and Louisiana.

Suddenly, the big news is COVID-19 cases in Republican states, while last year nursing home deaths in Democrat states were treated as anecdotal casualties of war (see Don Cuomo Corleone). And then there is the faux concern for police officer safety following the Capitol protest. What about police officer safety during the insanity of 2020? No political expedience, that’s what...

The progressive liberal maskaholics don’t understand that they might be taken more seriously if their own Democratic leaders didn’t spend the last 18 months proving how phony they are by defying their own COVID-19 regulations. And liberals wonder why there is hesitancy in believing anything that comes out of Fauci’s mouth. Of course, we don’t believe anything that comes out of Edmund Smith’s mouth...

Remember: When Maureen Heidtmann and Jennifer Aniston say “Mask Up”, you better do it!

**Regards,
Ed Kozlowski – Colchester**

Support the Senior Center

To the Editor:

I have vivid memories of the fall of 1960, crossing the threshold to the building where I would begin first grade, in the Colchester public school system. That building, at 95 Norwich Ave., is the current Colchester Senior Center. On a recent visit to the senior center I noticed that not much has changed about the building in the last 60 years.

I never imagined that the building where I went to first grade would also be the place where I would attend activities in my later years. There’s something wrong with that picture.

Colchester is the town where I grew up, and I’m proud to say that I am a product of this town, its fine public school system, and all things that this growing community has to offer.

As the town has grown, we’ve adapted. We’ve built beautiful schools, expanded our public library, and provided recreational facilities and programs that benefit our residents.

Within the next 10 years, the over-55 population of our town will reach 40% – nearly half of the people who live here. And the senior center is vital to this group for the many needed services that it provides.

Not only will the new facility allow for additional programming for older residents, but there will be much needed community use and event space available that will accommodate up to 300 persons for use by residents when the seniors are not using the building.

Your support for this project is needed to ensure that the Colchester Senior Center can provide programs that promote health, wellness and quality of life for our senior citizens well into the future.

Marilynn S. Turner – Colchester

Note: Marilynn Turner is vice chair of the Colchester Senior Center Building Committee, but said she is writing as an individual.

Jan 6, 2021

To the Editor:

Jan. 6 started early for me. I got a call from an old neighbor friend from the ‘60s. Her son is on the D.C. Capitol Police Force and he had called his mom and told her, “Something’s go-

ing to happen at the Capitol today and we were told use our gun if needed.” I was told to watch CNN. I was going to have the TV on as I was interested in knowing if Senators Cruz and Hawley would get their way with a committee review of the electoral vote. The two senators did not get their way and immediately the TV showed people dressed in black breaking into the Capitol. A similar video played by Rep. Adam Schiff at the second impeachment trial.

So, hours later Ashley gets invited into the Capitol building and perhaps walked around inside until someone shot her in her neck killing her, murdering her. Ashley’s husband has gone to court to find out who shot Ashley, his wife. Really??? It is eight months ago. Have we not read the long article published in *TIME* magazine, February 4, 2021, written by Molly Ball and titled, “The Secret History of the Shadow Campaign that Saved the 2020 Election.” It goes into great detail, even explaining how calling up a riot would or can be helpful. Remember the riots in the summer of 2020. Some said they were peaceful demonstrations.

Tucker Carlson, of FNC, has reported that the FBI arranged the Jan. 6 riot. Perhaps that explains why some arrested on Jan. 6 are still in solitary confinement and not charged with a crime.

Victor Congdon – Portland

Public Works Facility

To the Editor:

It is clear that there is much concern in Hebron over the proposal to place a Public Works Facility in the Village Green District. I understand the urgency to update the Public Works Facility, but I remain convinced this is not the right location.

Did you know that when the town purchased 170 acres of land at Burnt Hill in 2004, 10 acres was “reserved” for a Public Works Facility? This plan soon faced considerable neighborhood opposition. I understand why the residents of East Street rallied against having such a complex in a residential neighborhood. I hope the people of Hebron will once again rally to protect Kinney Road and the Village Green District.

As noted in Hebron’s Plan of Conservation and Development, the Village Green District includes sensitive wetlands and tributaries of Raymond Brook, a Class A watercourse. The Raymond Brook leads directly to the Raymond Brook Marsh, the town’s most important aquifer. Included in the proposed Facility is a 2,000-ton salt shed and large wash stations for vehicles. Oil, fuel, antifreeze and other industrial fluids are washed off the trucks. The risk of contamination to the tributaries, Raymond Brook and the Marsh would be considerable and unacceptable.

I appreciate the words added by Hebron historian John Baron. The Village Green District represents an undisturbed historic landscape. The opportunity to discover and preserve Hebron’s diverse heritage is rare. This area has the potential to become a showcase, celebrating Native, colonial and Black history in a revolutionary new way.

I urge everyone to contact the Board of Selectmen at bos@hebronct.com and attend the Public Building Committee meeting on Aug. 16. Please join the call for a new plan for the Village Green District, one that will protect the environment and celebrate our history.

**Sincerely,
Kevin J. Tulumieri – Amston**

False Equivalency

To the Editor:

Older people often cite their own vaccination against polio as children as a badge of honor. They hold it up as an example of people collectively doing their part as a society to eradicate a feared disease. Despite the fact that they were children and weren’t given a choice in this decision, they like to lay claim to it as if it was their own. Many times they will go on about how they just can’t understand the callousness of younger parents or unconvinced individuals when it comes to vaccinations. “If we did it, you can do it too!” is the sentiment.

Unfortunately, these people seem completely unaware of the false equivalency they are promoting, as anyone born prior to 1962 only received three individual needles from birth till 18 years old. Born in the ‘80s and you received 11. Today’s infants are given over 24 individual needles before the age of 2 and upwards of 55 separate needles if they follow the CDC schedule till age 18. During the first two years of life it’s not unusual for a baby to be given 3-5 separate needles per doctors’ visit, every visit.

Now the topic of medical freedom has taken center stage as adults now want to assert that they alone decide what is injected into their

own body. And yet for some people this idea is an affront to their idea of how society should function. They demand people be vaccinated and gladly support coercive measures to make it happen. I have seen many people applauding the idea of mandates or vaccine passports, as if they are a reasonable tool in our efforts to combat COVID-19. If we can ban people from participating in society because they refuse to be injected with a substance are we the morally righteous? Is discrimination or prejudice acceptable if science, corporations and politicians endorse it?

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

Time for a Fact Check

To the Editor:

It must be election season. Misinformation and distortions are coming through loud and clear. Colchester, it is time for a fact check.

Fact - The veterans, not the town, have always organized the Memorial Day parade. The veterans decided to cancel this year’s Memorial Day parade for public health reasons.

Fact - First selectmen do not give themselves raises. In 2015, a bipartisan committee established a mechanism for raises for non-union employees and elected officials. This policy was amended in 2016. This policy was established as a method for treating employees (and elected officials) in a fair and equitable manner and not make them victims of political decisions.

Fact - In spite of this policy, the first selectman gave up the normal raise in 2021-22 in the budget.

Fact - It is both uninformed and demagogic for an opposing candidate to propose sustaining a 0% budget increase each year without creating fiscal cliffs. While it sounds great, it’s dishonest.

The town always faces cost increases such as health insurance, fuel, electricity, etc. The Board of Education’s budget accounts for more than two-thirds of town spending. The result of years of not funding the town’s needs prior to the current administration has resulted in the need to replace its fire apparatus to the tune of \$4.5 million; its playground equipment is both in disrepair and unsafe. Its athletic fields are not properly maintained. These items have been kicked down the road and now need to be addressed.

Fact - After revaluation is completed, property owners may see a decrease, increase, or no change in their tax bills. Many factors determine a final tax bill: debt service, increases (or decreases) in the town budget, state aide, Grand List growth, and the tax collection rate.

First Selectman Mary Bylone stands by facts and puts the community first. She works tirelessly for the people of Colchester. I’m voting for her reelection.

John F. Malsbenden – Colchester

Tierney Has Served Well

To the Editor:

Our town manager, Andrew Tierney, has served the Town of Hebron and its citizens well. We owe him a great deal of gratitude for all that he has done for us. Whenever I have brought to him a problem or a situation that needed correction, he has done so with dispatch and in a very professional manner. Let us stop criticizing him and give him a little thanks for all his efforts in moving this town along.

Harvey L. Backmender – Amston

Running for Office

To the Editor:

My name is Robert “Bobby” Hetrick Jr. and I’m running as part of the Republican Party for the Board of Selectmen. I am a lifelong resident of Portland. I served on the Inland Wetlands Commission for 12 years, I currently serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Long Range Capital Improvements. We all have watched as most surrounding towns have moved forward with development and we have stayed with what we have. I wouldn’t want to lose our small town feel, but we do need new businesses to generate taxes.

The town needs to address some major infrastructure projects. We need to replace existing water and sewer lines. The sewer treatment plant also needs upgrades. Expansion of water and sewer along Marlborough Street would help attract new businesses for future development. Most importantly we need a new water source. MDC prices have been constantly rising and show no signs of going down.

To meet our needs, we need to bring more industry and commercial taxpayers into our town. We need to take the tax burden off of the residents. The town cannot move forward and afford all the projects we need to complete in

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Grange Makes Donation... Colchester Grange 78 recently donated \$500 in memory of James O'Connell to the Colchester Veterans Honor Guard. The donation will support the organization's efforts to recognize and honor the dedicated service of members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Pictured are Honor Guard commander Robert Kvederas and Grange members Cathy Russi and Eva O'Connell.

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.

Evening Tour of Senior Center

All are invited to call Colchester Senior Center at 860-537-3911 to register for an evening tour of the current facility at 95 Norwich Ave., on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m.

See the building that has been used as the center for the past 40 years and learn more about the proposed new senior center, from members of the Senior Center Building Committee.

Bacon 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.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

Monday, Aug. 16: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne (Z); 10 a.m., Sittercize (Z); 11 a.m., Learn to Sign with Ruth; 12:30 p.m., Mahjongg, Bridge; 1:30 p.m., Financial Fraud Bingo; 2 p.m., Live Well (Conference Call).

Tuesday, Aug. 17: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Senior Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi (Z); 10:30 a.m., Book Club; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Wednesday, Aug. 18: 8:30 a.m., Walking Group; 9 a.m., Making Memories Program; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 7 p.m., Evening Tour of Senior Center; 7 p.m., AARP Wildlife conservation (Z)

Thursday, Aug. 19: 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; 1:30 p.m., Everything You Didn't Know About Your Senior Center.

Friday, Aug. 20: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., yoga (Z); 12:30 p.m., Reel Friends Movie Club – *The Courier* (rated PG-13); 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Upcoming Programs: Choral Group Returns: Fridays beginning Aug. 13, 10:30 a.m. The group will prepare for its winter concerts. All are welcome; no musical training is necessary. Come with a few song suggestions.

Making Waves Island Party: Wednesday, Aug. 25, 11 a.m. Rock your shades and Hawaiian shirts for this summertime Island Party featuring a special Hula show with Tiare Kahana of Kahana Hula. The performance will be followed by a lunch of glazed ham, rice pilaf, green beans almandine, and a tropical dessert. Tickets are \$8 each. Register at the senior center by Aug. 18.

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

Reel Friends Movie Club: Fridays, 10 a.m. Every month features a different theme. Pre-registration is required.

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.

Double Tag Sale Aug. 21

There will be a Back-to-School Kids' Clothing Tag Sale Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Westchester Congregational Church meeting hall (98 Cemetery Rd.) from 8 a.m.-noon. At the same time, across the street at the church parsonage (95 Cemetery Rd.), will be the church's regular monthly Tag Sale.

Donations for both events (clean and in good condition, please) are welcome and may be left on the porch of the parsonage at 95 Cemetery Rd.

Car Wash Saturday

The Bacon Academy football team is holding a car wash to raise funds for the upcoming season Saturday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Advance Auto Parts on Linwood Avenue. Donations will be accepted.



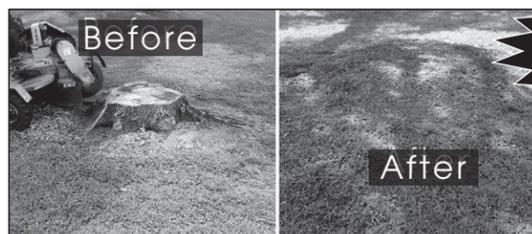
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Colchester Federated Church News

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.

Ahavath Achim News

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

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

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

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.

Lions Carnival to Return

The Colchester Lions Carnival on the Green will be held Wednesday, Aug. 18, through Friday, Aug. 20, from 6-10 p.m. each night, and Saturday, Aug. 21, from 4-9 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets for \$22 are available at Dime Bank in Colchester, Noel's Market and Mel's Downtown Creamery Colchester location while supplies last or until Tuesday Aug. 17. Cash or checks only; no refunds/returns on pre-sale tickets.

Bracelets during carnival will be \$25 and offered during all hours of operations all four days.

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 expulsions 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.

Book Club to Meet

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m. Diane Chamberlain's *Necessary Lies* will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk at the library, 8 Linwood Ave.

Weather permitting, the club will meet at the Colchester Giving Garden, which is located behind the senior center at 95 Norwich Ave. Please bring a chair. In case of inclement weather, the club will meet via Zoom, at tinyurl.com/bkclubaugust.

This program is free, but registration is required. To register, call 860-537-5752.

Christian Life Chapel News

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

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

Ukrainian Catholic Church News

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

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



Scout Troop 72 recently held a Court of Honor, and Year-Round Camper awards were presented to the five kids shown here: 1st year awards went to Jay Wikarska, Luca Corticelli, a 3rd year award was earned Kevin Reas, a 4th year by Brenden Reas, and a 6th year by Thomas Smith. Not pictured is Alex Laspino, who also received a 1st year award.

Troop 72 Holds Court of Honor

Scout Troop 72 of Colchester recently held a Court of Honor at the Polish Club pavilion in Colchester.

The troop is now having meetings in person and the Scouts have been busy earning merit badges and rank advancements.

The rank of 2nd Class was earned by Anthony DePaola, Justin Palmer and Luca Corticelli.

Merit badges were earned from the following Scouts: Luca Corticelli – Animation, Art, Astronomy; Reed Delmastro – Hiking, Personal Fitness; Connor Denecour – Citizenship in the Community; Thomas Russell – Cooking, Family Life, Music, Personal Management; David Wyatt – Emergency Preparedness, Personal Management.

Special awards: Year-Round Camper Award – 1st Year was earned by Luca Corticelli, Alex Laspino, and Jay Wikarska. A 3rd year award was earned Kevin Reas, 4th year by Brenden Reas, and a 6th year by Thomas Smith.

Receiving National Awards are Benjamin Petrosky earned the National Outdoor Achievement for hiking and Thomas Smith earned the National Outdoor Achievement for camping.

The Hutchins Service Award for outstanding

community service Gold Award was Jay Wikarska, Silver to Alex Laspino, and Bronze to Luca Corticelli. The Stula Award was earned by Anthony DePaola.

The Troop has resumed campouts. Boy Scout Summer camp is coming up and the Troop also has a six-day trip on the Allagash River in Maine. The troop also held its annual paper shredding event in May with great success, lots of people came out to securely shred documents. To see highlights of events, check out Troop 72's Facebook page.

Troop 72 had a major loss to its core group with the passing of Kay Anderson. She was the troop's treasurer and advancement coordinator for more than 20 years. Anderson also worked in the Boy Scout council office in East Hartford as an accountant.

Troop 72 will begin holding its regular meetings starting in September at Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., on Mondays at 7 p.m. Meetings will take place through June. Kids age 11-17 are welcome. For more information, email scoutmaster@troop72ct.org, Attention Ben Smith, or stop by one of the troop meetings.

Polish Dinner at St. Joseph's

The St. Joseph's Polish Club at 395 South Main St. will have a dine-in or take-out Polish dinner Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1-2:30 p.m.

Dinner will include pierogies, golumpki, kielbasa, kapusta, rye bread and butter. Polka music will be performed by The Maestro's Men in the pavilion from 1-5 p.m. It is a tribute to Joe Milardo and the Musical Cavaliers, who have been performing for over 60 years.

Advanced ticket sales only. Tickets are \$18 each and on sale at the bar during normal business hours: Monday-Friday, 4-10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon-9 p.m. Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

Watercolor Workshop

The Colchester Senior Center is offering a four-week watercolor workshop entitled "Palette Passport" Mondays, Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 13 and Sept. 20, at 1 p.m.

This course is designed for beginner and intermediate artists wishing to explore and improve their watercolor painting techniques. In this workshop, instructor Erica Treaster, will take you to a different country each week and explore the native art of that region.

Cost for all four classes is \$60, which includes all materials. Register in person by coming into the senior center; space is very limited. Call 860-537-3911 for more information.

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Honoring Veterans... In May, a group of residents took it upon themselves to organize a Memorial Day parade – and in the process raising \$1,200 to go directly to three veterans’ organizations in the community. The money will be divided between the VFW, the American Legion, and the Colchester Honor Guard. Jackie Williams, owner of Tim’s Bistro and a supporter of veterans, hosted a donation ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 5.



Scholarship Awarded... Each year, the Bacon Academy Friends of Football awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior on the football team. This year, Justin Kelsey was the winner. Kelsey was a member of the Bacon Academy football team for four years. He will attend the University of Rhode Island in the fall, where he will study business.

Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

Sunday Services: Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the main service is at 10:30 a.m. The main service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook, and includes a special children’s program. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.

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

Summer Day Camp

Summer Day Camp is held at the RecPlex through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Extended camp hours from 3-5 p.m. are also available for an additional fee. Activities include the splash pad, games, arts and crafts, and more. Grants are available for Colchester children who qualify for free/reduced lunches; call for more information.

Register online at www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department or call Colchester Recreation at 860-537-7297.



Summer Camp... Scout BSA Troop 109 of Colchester recently spent a week at Camp JN Webster in Ashford. The week was shortened by a day due to severe weather damage at the camp, but camp staff worked around the clock to get the camp functioning again for scouts. Scouts took part in many activities and merit badges: swimming, canoeing, other waterfront activities, scout skills, handicraft, plumbing, environmental science, and outdoor adventures. Troop 109 is sponsored by Westchester Congregational Church, located at 98 Cemetery Rd., and has been attending summer camp at JN Webster for over 20 years. For more information about Troop 109, email colchesterTroop109@icloud.com. Pictured are, front row, scouts Rocco Cusano, Cody Friberg, Muneer Idlibi, DJ Rancourt; second row, scouts Theodore Gupta, Marc Nettleton; leaders, Bob Friberg, Jessica Cusano, Alice Csere and Marc Nettleton, scouts Dominic Cusano and Ben Winicki; third row: scouts Nicholas Gupta, Omar Idlibi and Quintin Henley.

CBA Community Marketplace Coming

The 41st annual Colchester Business Association Community Marketplace will take place Sunday, Sept. 19, in conjunction with the Colchester Farmers Market.

This event draws thousands of people looking to buy and features vendors selling new and tag-sale items, crafts, antiques, as well as exhibits and products by local businesses. Vendors are welcome, and can bring tables, a tent or both. Download applications at bit.ly/2021CommMarketplace.

The CBA is also looking for craftspeople and home-based businesses to participate as well; email info@colchesterctbusiness.com for more information on space rental fees.

Since the CBA is working in conjunction with the Colchester Farmers Market, spaces are limited.

The CBA Community Marketplace Committee is closely following all COVID-19 related information from state and local governments, and will regularly post updates on social media.

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Helping Hands... The Colchester Giving Garden recently hosted the Colchester Transition Academy at the garden to help with garden chores and learn about gardening and donating to those folks in need. Students and their advisors worked together to harvest many green beans to be donated to the local food bank and soup kitchens in the area. They also were helpful in feeding the garden its dose of all-natural nutrients, which are applied twice a month. The volunteers are pictured showing off the boxes of beans, harvested and ready to be donated. From left are Jim Dzwonchyk, Ethan Kunst, Ethan Dubiel, Kris Galluci, Kyle Methina, Alex Mancini and Yvonne Baldi.

Vendors Sought for Snowflake Bazaar

There are still 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.

The bazaar will feature food, music and raffles. 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.

Dean's List

Colchester residents Catherine Galan, Rebecca Johnson and Bridget McIntyre made the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of New England in Maine.

Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., has lifted most COVID-19 restrictions for in-person worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The services are also available on Zoom; visit the church website at westchestercongregationalchurch.org for login information.

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

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

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.

Colchester Choir & Orchestra Returns

The Colchester Choir & Orchestra (CCO) will begin rehearsals Sept. 2, for its 20th anniversary season.

Concerts will be held at Bacon Academy auditorium Oct. 17, Dec. 4, March 13 and May 14. Visit www.colchesterchoirorchestra.org for more details, or watch for announcements in the *Riverast*.

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.

Bacon Academy Honor Roll

Bacon Academy High School has announced its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2020-21 school year.

Honors with Distinction

Grade 9: Carolyn Baehr, Kayla Balsler, Allison Bartiss, Abigail Belding, Iliana Blanco, Madison Brown, Ashlee Carmody, Samantha D'Atri, Makayla Gale, Garrett Geleney, Kayla Hall, Taylor Herboldt, Owen Ibey, Sean Jolly, Aisha Kasli, Madelyn Koziol, Emma Liberty, Johannes Liebenberg, Christopher Lusignan, Maya Mancuso, Michael Marino, Melinda McKenzie, Tyler Pulse, Audra Putorti, Kaie Quimby, Chelsea Smith, Kiera Stewart, Shea Sweet, Olivia Tellar, Meghan Walsh, Amanda Waters, Juan Yanez, Amaya Zavistoski.

Grade 10: Noah Auden, Annalia Benitez-Goodale, Megan Braga, Cecelia Carnelli, Olivia Carnelli, Kaylie Couch, Mackenzie Dean, Catherine Field, Grace Galarneau, Grace Gorseck, Camryn Grasso, Neely Hart, Michelle Jolly, Matthew LaRosa, Anna LeGault, Vivian Lubinsky, Meaghan Malone, David Marino, Nico Matteucci, Layla Meekins, Ryan Moores, Gabrielle Papale, Brooke Rodgers, Kaitlyn Romprey, Megan Swanke, Jordyn Tassmer, Joselyn Thomson, Kaitlyn Tracey, Krista Tracey, Connor Tuttle, Mia Voiland, Elisabeth Westefeld, Samantha Wilauer, Isabella Wood.

Grade 11: Adrian Aivaliotis, Leah Balsler, Michael Barnett, Alexandra Brown, Aidan Carroll, Faith Chantres, Samantha Ciaglo, Erin Dalton, Caylin Davids, Connor Denecour, Gianna Duckworth, Kelly Goodwin, Matthew Guerriere, Skylar Gustavsen, Wilson Hathaway, Jade Hostetler, Luke Jenkins, Matthew Kranc, Matthew McCune, Aidan McLoughlin, Sarah Newton, Luke Pennella, Jayson Robitaille, Jordan Rodgers, Zoe Rondeau, Sophie Rose, Jordyn Scutnik, Bethany Steinman, Evelyn Toennes, Caitlin Wargat, Harrison Wells, Aidan Zimmitti.

Grade 12: Kevin Agan, Velda Aldridge, Dan Alexander, Angelina Ambrosia, Abigail Auden, Julia Baehr, Caitlin Bagdasarian, Lucas Baldinger, Cayden Bertrand, Sarah Brigandi, Abigail Burke, Owen Burton, Jayleen Caez, Brandon Cicero, Ashley Clark, Jason Consiglio, Adia Cordova, Alexsea Dean, Kailee Dickinson, Olivia Donahue, Hannah Dornfried, Clare Gillerlane, Joshua Gladding, Sara Grant, Jamie Greene, Hailey Gorene, Jayden Guerra, Nathan Hebert, Shannon Hickey, Avianna Ibrahim, Justin Kelsey, Samantha Lang, Jack LaRosa, Rose Macjauskas, Patrick Mawhiney, Luke Maynard, Jack McIluff, Owen Mocksfield, Russell Pajor, Grace Palmer, Kellen Papparella, Paul Perkins, Julian Prignano, Meghan Purcell, Avery Raber, Braeden Rhodes, Sara Rosenthal, Miniya Russell, Mallory Scherff, Sophie Schroll, Caitlin Shea, Andrew Smith, Elena Smith, Thomas Smith, Harrison Snow, Sean Swanke, David Talbot, Emily Tellar, Julia Terranova, Samantha Uccello, Colton Vas-seur, Sarah Vilardo, Victoria Violette, Brianna Waters, Rexford Welch, Cody Woodcock, Paula Yanez, Kiki Zeng, Olivia Zumpano.

High Honors

Grade 9: Nathaniel Alexander, Angel Bravo Almanza, Jonah Brownson, Sarah Churchill, Kevin Claffey, Jonathan Curry, Allison Deane, Avatar Disher, Olivia Elliott, Grace Eveleigh, Andrew Ferrigno, Emily Ferrigno, Aaron Firdrych, Gracie Gladding, Brady Gould, Xavier Gudelski, Jara Hester, Mariam Kasli, Sana Kasli, Jace King, Theodore Koutsofavas, Shannon Lovegrove, Jack Mallett, Kaylee Marshall, Alexander Mauldin, Sophie Melmed, Caitlyn Neves, Zenovia Panteloukas, Leah Putorti, Sebastian Santini, Dina Sehl, Jazlyn Small-Yu, Shane Strzalka, Brianna Taskey, Luke Torneo.

Grade 10: Olivia Adams, Keegan Appleby, Matthew Ashley, Danielle Benoit, Brianna Berthiaume, Hailey Brault, Leah Brown, Pau-

la Castrillon, Alexander Constant, Madison Crook, Austin Dinsmoor, Jaden Espejo, Sophia Falkowski, Jack Holmes, Olivia Hungerford, Robert June, Samantha Kinsey, Isabella Kress, Steven Laliberte, Chloe Marshall, Heather Martyszczuk, Theresa Mathieu, Marissa Nudd, Ian Sargent, Evan St. Louis, Brooke Vivero.

Grade 11: Caleb Arbuckle, Josiah Banks, Laney Barrett, Austin Brown, Emma Ceruti, Ryan Claffey, Jaianna Dechalus, Brynne Dobek, Annie-Mae England, Kayla Fillion, Matthew Gilman, Connor Gordon, Kevin Guinan, Aiden Gyngell, Brennan Hester, Gracyn Kane, Ashley Lizotte, Jordan Malloy, Emma Mancuso, Vincent May, Sage Muenzner, Andrew Navickas, Kokheta Nguon, Josiah Perkins, Maryanne Ringuette, Elspeth Robertson, Jessica Schuth, Alexandra Skilton, Joely Stella, Christopher Stephenson, Ashton Sullivan, Jennifer Whipple, Ezequiel Zurita.

Grade 12: Naomi Amin, Elijah Blanchard, Brooke Bordeaux, Joshua Braga, Mason Candler, Jack Ciaglo, Kyla Craig, Tianna Croskey, Jack Grimord, Julia Grottole, Kassidy Hambrecht, Erin Holt, Nathaniel Kowinsky, Paige Lawrence, Delaney Lima, Michaela Longo, Catheryn Neudecker, Braeden O'Brien, Nicholas Paggioli, Michael Pmenta, Gillian Pineau, Jason Praisner, Dillon Rakowski, Megan Reading, Alyssa Rubbo, Ava Sanchez, Ty Stanchina, Griffin Sullivan, Alyssa Tracey, Alexander Weddall.

Honors

Grade 9: Logan Brown, Colby Butterfield, McKayleigh Capone, Jonathan Ciarcia, Emyleah Colon, Noah Crowell, Taylor Gerst, Matthew Harasimowitz, Emily Harmon, Jessica-Willow Harris, Quintin Henley, Leah Hochholzer, Grant Johnson, Gabriella Korczak, Logan Lammey, Neil Malloy, Saniyah Otero, Rohan Patel, Eric Prates, Holden Serrambana, Cara Shea, Ethan Siborg, Patrick Walsh, Dylan Ward, Daniel Wozniak.

Grade 10: Jazmin Adams, Alexander Blanchette, Benjamin Burger, Maddox Burton, James Chiaverini, Chloe Coogan, Maya Crowell, Evan Curtis, Andrew Darling, James Ducharme, Jillian Filloramo, Sophia Goodine, Grace Graff, Kaitlyn Graham, Luke Grimord, Allyson Hickey, Lillian Litwinko, Ayden Michael, Ariel Nair, Tyler Pennington, Zachary Perreault, Kallie Purcell, Mitchell Rathbone, Gwyneth Reagan, Mason Romanowski, Kelly Rose, Grace Saldana, Mahra Sehl, Kaitlyn Sierra, Lindsey Smith, Reina Spearin, Drew Tassmer, Julius Totten, Paige Tyrrell, Michael Vilardo, Miranda Waters, Eric Zeng.

Grade 11: Luke Banning, Austin Charland, Tyler Cottrill, Tyler Couture, Emily Farrington, Sean Gannon, Sandra Geis, Cole Harrison, Quinn Johnson, Anastasia Korzhoff, Nicholas Lang, Adam Lesinski, Aine Malone, Marija Manolev, Samuel Miller, Catherine Misbach, Daniel Morytko, Tyler Nguyen, John Novak, Marlon Prates, Isha Rana, Madison Simone, AJ Vechinsky.

Grade 12: Emily Albert, Rose Andrejczyk, Blane Baillargeon, Chase Bonnin, Isabella Carnelli, Tyler Graham, Emma Hajdasz, Amy Jones, Kara Lawley, Logan Miceli, Sydney Mikalonis, Kaitlyn Moody, Lauren Peake, Nicholas Purtorti, Aidan Reeve, John Spaulding, Joshua Witkovic.

Are You Ready for Some Football?

Colchester Cougars youth football is back. The teams have started practicing on the town green and registration remains open for football and cheer. Residents of Colchester, East Had-dam, Salem, Bozrah and Lebanon are eligible.

Cheer and tackle football are for ages 6-13. Flag football is open for 4-5. Visit colchestercougars.org for more information and to register.

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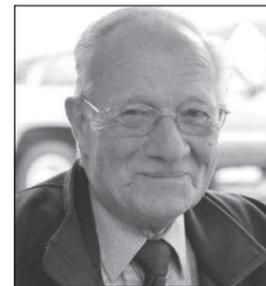
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Senior Trip to Newport Playhouse

Colchester Senior Center is offering a trip to the Newport Playhouse & Cabaret Restaurant Thursday, Dec. 9, to see the new holiday comedy *A Christmas for Carol*.

Lunch will be prior to the show, at the staff-served buffet. There are reserved seats for the play and then back to the dining room for a cabaret show. Cost is \$129/person. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. and is estimated to return to Colchester by 6 p.m. Space is limited; call 860-537-3911 for more information.

Crafters Sought for September Show

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

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

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

Senior Trip to Amish Country

Colchester Senior Center will travel to Pennsylvania Amish Country Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

This three-day tour will start with a meal in the home of an Amish family. There will also be a guided tour of the Amish countryside, and a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village. The trip also includes tickets at the Sights & Sounds Theatre for a new production of *Queen Esther*.

The trip will feature two breakfasts, two dinners, a two-night hotel stay, theatre tickets, deluxe motorcoach, tour escort, and gratuity. Cost is \$599/person, double occupancy.

Call the senior center for more information at 860-537-3911 or stop by the center, 95 Norwich Ave., to register in person.

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.

Senior Trip to Canadian Rockies

Colchester Senior Center members and their guests over the age of 18 are invited to join the Colchester Senior Center and Collette Tours for a trip to the Canadian Rockies in 2022.

Highlights of the trip, which runs June 18-24, 2022, include: Calgary, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Waterton Lakes National Park, Glacier National Park, Going-to-the-Sun Road, Banff, Athabasca Glacier, Chateau Lake Louise and choice on tour of a Glacier Ride or walk the Glacier Skywalk.

Cost is \$3,379/person for double occupancy includes airfare, transportation, nine meals, and admission to all sights on the itinerary, taxes, fees, and gratuities. Passport is required. There is a \$100 discount for anyone who registers before Dec. 18. Space is limited.

Call the senior center at 860-537-3911 for more information or to register online, visit gateway.gocollette.com/link/948344.

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Douglas Library News & Notes

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

Library Hours: Monday and Wednesday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, noon-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All patrons are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing. Curbside pickup requests will continue to be filled in the lobby of the building.

Friday Films: The library is showing 2020 Best Picture nominees Fridays at 1 p.m. in the library community room. The schedule is: Aug. 13, *The Trial of the Chicago 7*; Aug. 20, *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*. Water and individually-wrapped snacks will be provided. Registration is not required. Call the library for more information.

Knit-Wits: This knitting circle meets Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Crochet and needle pointers are welcome as well as all skill levels. No registration required, bring your project or your questions.

Book Discussion: The "In the Spirit" book discussion group will meet Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. behind the American Legion, next door to the library, by the fire pit. Bring your

own chair. In case of inclement weather, the group will meet inside. This month, *The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern will be read. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk.

Summer Reading: The children's program has wrapped; the adult and teen programs run through Aug. 30. The theme this summer is "Tails & Tales."

Take & Make: The teen and adult project for August is a recycled cardboard Owl. Pick these up in the lobby.

Museum Passes: A complete list of available passes can be found on our website under the services tab. The majority are now print from home and can also be reserved online ahead of time.

Hot Spots: The library has two Sprint hot spots available for a one-week checkout to library cardholders who are over 18 years old.

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

Historical Society Planning for 2021-22

Similar to many other organizations affected by the pandemic, the Hebron Historical Society was forced to close its doors this past year. But the society is hoping to actively re-open during 2021-22.

The Board of Directors is busy planning activities for the coming year. The group holds its annual meeting in September each year, along with the election of officers and directors.

All are invited to join. The society has many committees with need of volunteers – such as building, finance, publicity, program,

newsletter, membership, and likely more as needed for special events. Grant writers are also needed.

The society is also in need of officers and directors. The by-laws allow up to eight directors, and officers required are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

If interested in joining the society, assisting on a committee, or being nominated as a director or officer, contact Sue Porter at 860-368-7463 or M.A. Foote at FootehillsFarm@juno.com.

St. Peter's Pulled Pork Dinner

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will hold its next monthly community dinner Saturday, Aug. 21, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. or until sold out. The menu will include pulled pork on a large roll, corn on the cob, baked beans, coleslaw, and assorted desserts. Cost is \$14.

This is a take-out-only dinner. Servers will come to your car, take your order and return to your car to place it in the seat or trunk. You

will not get out of your car. No reservations or tickets are available; the meal is first-come, first-served.

As part of the St. Peter's outreach programs, a portion of each meal sold this month will go to Andover Food Bank. The church is located at 30 Church St. (Route 85) in Hebron.

For more details, call the church at 860-228-3244 or visit www.StPetersHebron.com.

Chicken to Fly

Hebron American Legion Post 95 will hold its eighth annual "Chicken to Fly" chicken barbecue Sunday, Aug. 15, from noon-3 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, and can be reserved by contacting Joe at 203-848-5913 or Ron at ronpark65@gmail.com. Tickets can also be picked up at American Legion Post 95 on Fridays from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

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: 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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A Fine Fellow... Hebron Lions Club President Lion John Flahive (left) is shown here with Melvin Jones Award recipient William Anderson, owner of Blackledge Country Club. Anderson was the 2021 recipient of the Melvin Jones Award for his dedication to the community. Lions Clubs International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones.

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Brownstone Arts to Hold Exhibition and Sale

After a long, involuntary hiatus Brownstone Arts will return to the local art scene with its third annual exhibition and sale at the Hubbard Farmstead Gallery in Portland. The show, titled "Emergence," opens with a reception Friday, Aug. 20, from 5-9 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

The Hubbard Farmstead Gallery is located in the restored banked English barn on the historic 1852 property owned by Elwin Guild and Joan Giesemann at 332 Middle Haddam Rd. The pastoral setting offers a large, open area for visitors to spread out in and converse with each other over lite refreshments and wine, enjoy the music of the duo Deep Ellum,

and wander in and out of the barn to see the art. Precautions will be observed to keep everyone safe: The food and drink table will be outside rather than in the barn as in previous years, and servers will be masked and gloved.

Founded in 2007 and based in Portland, Brownstone Arts consists of members from towns up and down the Connecticut River Valley. The artists work in a variety of mediums including oils and acrylics, watercolors, pottery, pastels, photography, sculpture and printmaking.

The show will continue for two weekends – Saturdays and Sundays, Aug. 21, 22, 28 and 29, from noon-4 p.m.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

Tai Chi for Long Life: At Riverfront Park Wednesdays through Sept. 22 (started Aug. 4), 9:30-10:15 a.m., or Saturdays through Sept. 25 (started Aug. 7), 10:30-11:15 a.m. Contact Parks and Rec. if you are interested in drop-in registration.

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

more, call Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757.

Skyhawks: Registration is still open for Flag Football Camp, for ages 7-12. Camp starts Aug. 16.

Final Fun Run: The final Fun Run of the season will be Wednesday, Aug. 18, 6-7 p.m., at the new Portland Recreational Complex. All ages welcome.

Art Enrichment Program with Abrakadoodle: Parks and Rec. is accepting registrations for a Paws Claws & Hooves Art Camp with Abrakadoodle Aug. 23-26, from 9 a.m.-noon, at Riverfront Park. This program is for ages 5 and up and costs \$135. Aug. 27 is being held as a rain date.

Portland Library News & Notes

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

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Holiday Closing:** The library will be closed Saturday, Sept. 4, through Monday, Sept. 6, for Labor Day weekend.

Museum Passes and Yard Games: Many area museums and attractions are now open and the library offers several passes for free or discounted admission. To reserve a pass, go to the library website and click on 'Museum Passes' or call the library. The library also has available giant-sized yard games, such as Jenga, Connect 4, Yardzee and Yard Farkle.

Youth Programs: Summer Reading Program: The library's 2021 Summer Reading Program, "Tails and Tales," has launched. Visit the library website for more information and upcoming programs for children and teens.

School Supply Bingo: Tuesday, Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m., outdoors on the Town Green. All school-aged kids are invited; prizes are school supplies. Registration is required.

Adult Programs: Knifty Knitters: Saturdays 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is a weekly knit-

ting circle where people gather to knit while sharing ideas and tips. All are welcome – including beginners.

Movie: Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1 p.m. A movie starring Toni Collette and Damian Lewis will be shown. Based on a true story, when a small-town bartender takes in a young horse with no experience on how to raise it, she and her neighbors begin taking on and sharing this responsibility as this unlikely steed will be bred and trained to take on the track. The PG-rated film runs 114 minutes. Registration requested; space is limited as social distancing is required.

In-Person Book Club Meetings: T.A.B. (Talk About Books) will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m., and the **Mystery Lovers Book Club** will discuss *The Witch Elm* by Tana French on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m.

Portland Forum: Is currently on summer hiatus and will be back Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m., at the library. The first title will be the book and film *A Most Beautiful Thing: The True Story of America's First All-Black High School Rowing Team* by Arshay Cooper. Copies of the book are available at the library. The film can be viewed by Amazon Prime members or on NBC's Peacock streaming service.

Throughout July and August, books on diversity-related titles will be on display and available to borrow.

Police News

7/31: Nicole Brean, 34, of 72 Summer St., was charged with misuse of plates, operating a motor vehicle without insurance and operating a motor vehicle without a license, Portland Police said.

Car Show to Return

On Friday, Sept. 17, in the parking lot of St. Mary Church, the Freestone Council Knights of Columbus Memorial Car Show will be held. Proceeds help finance local charitable endeavors.

Methodist Church News

Portland United Methodist Church, located at 381 Main St., holds in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. All are invited. Masks required for those not fully vaccinated.

Drive-Thru Food Truck Event

The Portland Lions Club is sponsoring a two-day Drive-Thru Food Truck Event later this month at Riverfront Park, in the upper lot. Various food vendors will be available Saturday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and then again Sunday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Customers will place their order as they drive in and remain close by to safely pick up orders. Food trucks include J's Crab Shack, El-Bori, and kettle corn and ice cream vendors. One hundred percent of proceeds will be used for community endeavors.

The Portland Lions event has been registered with the Portland Town-Wide Tag Sale and will be included on the tag sale map.

Credit card and digital payments will be accepted; no cash, please. More vendor and procedural details will be forthcoming and on the Lions' Facebook page, @PortlandCTLion. Children are invited to see Leo the Lion.

Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., has returned to offering indoor worship services. All are welcome.

Through the end of August, services will be in the air-conditioned "Promised Land," accessed from the rear parking lot.

Singing during worship has returned. Holy Communion is offered with individual, disposable wine cups.

The church continues to follow CDC guidelines. Masks are required for unvaccinated attendees.

For those who prefer virtual services, a recording of the service will be posted online by 9 a.m. the following Monday. Search "Zion Lutheran Church Portland CT" on YouTube and on Facebook. Bulletins for each service are on the church website.

Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor. The community is welcome to all worship services and special events. Call the church at 860-342-2860 to be added to the weekly email blast.

For more information, or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email zion.lutheran@snet.net or visit zionlutheranportland.org.

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Donna and Ron Lasko will present “Romance of the Rose,” an afternoon program about America’s national flower and the world’s oldest known flower on Sunday, Sept. 12, at Zion Lutheran Church.

‘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.

Massachusetts 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.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell.

The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes Portland. No commercial or business waste allowed. Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste to learn more.

Guests are encouraged to wear a hat and attire related the rose theme. The jewelry sale will include an array of 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 are \$25, and will only be sold in advance, 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.

Drive-Thru Food Bank

Portland Food Bank will hold another Drive-Thru Food Truck visit at 7 Waverly Ave. Monday, Aug. 23, at 1 p.m.

Enter from Freestone Avenue by Portland Library and exit past the Senior Center onto Waverly Avenue.

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



Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is open for weekly daytime activities. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8-11 a.m. Unless noted, the following programs are being offered at the center. To register, call 860-342-6760.

Weekly Programs: **Light Aerobics:** Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Stretch & Flex:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Mahjongg:** Mondays, 12:30 p.m. **Bocce:** Played at the Route 17 Complex on Wednesdays at 10:30, weather permitting, call the center that morning if you intend to play. **Knit & Stitch:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. **Setback:** Thursdays, 1 p.m. **Watercolor Lessons with Bivonne Staiger:** Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Email bivonne@yahoo.com for full details for the six-week session. **Syncozize Exercise:** Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Fee is \$5 per class or you may use the tip jar if you cannot pay the \$5.

Coupons for Troops: Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. Cut manufacturer’s coupons to be donated to military families. Coupons – up to six months past their expiration date – can also be dropped off at the center Monday through Friday, by calling 860-342-6760.

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

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

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

Exchange to Hold ‘Touch-A-Truck’

The Portland Exchange Club will hold its annual “Touch-A-Truck” Sunday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Exchange Fairgrounds. There will be various trucks and vehicles for kids to see and sit in.

All proceeds benefit Help Our Military Heroes, a Connecticut based non-profit that provides handicap accessible vans for injured veterans. Cash donations will be accepted.

Admission \$5 for adults and children \$2 and can be purchased at the gate. Hot dogs, ice cream and refreshments will be available for purchase. Parking is free.

If you have a vehicle of any type for the event, call Jamie Leonard at 860-301-6998.

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

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

Free Hearing Screening: Second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the upstairs Multi-purpose Room. No registration is necessary.

Hair by Alexa: Men’s and women’s haircuts and styling at the senior center. Call the center for an appointment at 860-342-6760.

Therapeutic Massage: Appointments are offered at the center. Call 860-301-6507 for full details.

A Bingo Afternoon: Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1:30-3 p.m., sponsored by Water’s Edge Center for Health & Rehabilitation. There will be snacks and prizes. Call the center to register.

Crafting at the Center: Monday, Aug. 23, 1 p.m. Call ahead to sign up. This month’s project is “A Cup of Cheer” – a bouquet of tea bags in a special birthday mug. Advance registration required.

Trip to Shank’s Restaurant in Clinton: Thursday, Aug. 26. Have lunch on the waterfront. The senior van will depart the center at 11:15 a.m. If you need to be picked up prior to departure, call the center in advance to make arrangements. Transportation fee is \$5.

Tai Chi with Tom Cushing: A new date has not been set for the next eight-week session; to be placed on a wait list, call the center. Fee is \$40.

Final Days to Register for Town-Wide Tag Sale

Registration for the Portland Historical Society’s 25th annual Town-Wide Tag Sale Day ends this weekend. All signups must be completed online by Sunday, Aug. 15, or received in the mail by Monday, Aug. 16.

Registration sheets can be found in the barrel on the front steps of the Ruth Callender House Museum of Portland History, located at 492 Main St. Registration and payment can also be done online by clicking on the link (the yellow tag sale banner) on the society’s website, www.PortlandHistSoc.org. The donation to the society for a spot on the Tag Sale Map is \$25.

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.

For more information, email the society at portlandcthistory@gmail.com.

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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.

Those who attend in-person worship are asked to wear a mask, whether or not they have been vaccinated. Other mitigation strategies

will also be evident, including increased ventilation with open windows and fans, as well as socially distanced seating.

The church's nursery school will reopen in September, with classes for 3- and 4-year-olds. Interested parents may contact Amy Jahnke for information, at 1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com.

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-portlandct.org.

Soccer Club Fall Registration

Portland Soccer Club (PSC) is now accepting registrations for the fall 2021 club soccer season. Registrations will be accepted until Sept. 11, and those received after Aug. 27 will be charged an additional \$25 late fee.

PSC will only accept registrations online, at www.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub.

Pre-K sessions will be \$60, and will play 8:45-9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Dribbler will be \$75, and will be 9:45-10:45 a.m. Saturdays. Kicker sessions will also be \$75, and will have games Saturdays from 10-11 a.m., and practice on Wednesdays.

Full team uniforms for Dribbler and Kicker divisions and shirts and balls for Pre-K are included in the registration fees and will be available for distribution prior to and during the first

day of play. The club-recreational program will run Sept. 11-Oct. 30. All games will take place at the New Portland Recreational Complex.

U4 (born in 2018) and U5 (2017) will be in Pre-K Club Recreational; U6 (2016) will be in Dribbler Club Recreational; and U7 (2015), U8 (2014) and U9 (2013) will be in Kicker-Club Recreational.

For more information, contact PSC president Chad Wilson at nosliw.dahe@gmail.com or 205-999-8842; vice president Chris Donahue at donahuecj@sbcglobal.net or 860-342-3228; or registrar Stephanie Bolstridge at stephaniebolstridge@gmail.com or 860-478-9693.



Republicans Hold Caucus... On July 22, the Portland Republican Town Committee held its candidate caucus, officially endorsing Ryan Curley for first selectman. Also endorsed were: for Board of Selectmen, Mike Hernandez, Bobby Hetrick, Michael Pelton and Shaun Manning; Board of Education, Stacey Benham, Tim Lavoy, David Murphy and Kim Puida; for Board of Assessment Appeals, Peter Castelli and Bill Donahue and on the Zoning Board of Appeals are Bob Casati and Jack Sterry. The candidates are shown here at the Republicans' campaign office grand opening on Aug. 2, at 252 Main St. Pictured from left are, back row, Bob Casati, Bill Donahue, Ryan Curley, Mike Hernandez, Shaun Manning and Tim Lavoy; front, Dave Murphy, Peter Castelli, Stacey Benham, Mike Pelton and Bobby Hetrick. Not pictured are Kim Puida and John Sterry.

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.

Portland Fair to Return

The Portland Fair will return this year; it will be held Oct. 1-3.

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.

St. Mary Church News

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., holds services inside on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are invited.

By direction of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, the church is resuming the use of masks for all, vaccinated and unvaccinated, while inside the church. The church will continue to have doors and windows open for proper ventilation. More information is at trinitychurchportlandct.org.

First Sunday on Main: On 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.

Resident Graduates

Portland resident Caroline Thompson recently graduated from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biochemistry.

Trinity at Tag Sale

Trinity Church, 345 Main St., will have space available for the Town-Wide Tag Sale Saturday, Aug. 28. The spaces will be available for \$25 and will be approximately 20' x 20'.

Email the church your name and address at trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com and a registration form will be sent. For more information, call the church office at 860-342-2417.



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Second-Hand Prose Bookshop

The Friends of the Portland Library group has an assortment of puzzles and DVDs, as well as gardening, fiction, romance, teen and children's used books, for sale in the Second-Hand Prose Bookshop, open at the library, 20 Freestone Ave., during regular library hours. Books are 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books, \$1 for trade paperbacks and \$2 for hardcover. DVDs are 50 cents each disc and puzzles are \$2 unless marked otherwise.

FPL also has "I Love CT Libraries" reusable bags on sale at the library for \$1 each. Samples are available at the front desk.

All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends, such as the library's museum pass program, children and adult programs, and the library's DVD collection.

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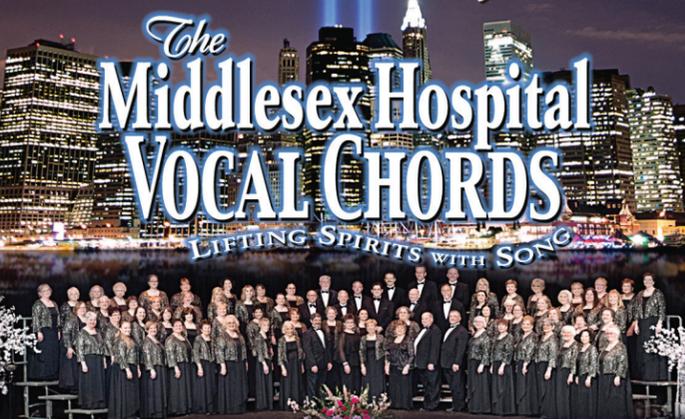
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Resident Scammed Out of Thousands

by Jack Lakowsky

East Hampton police last week issued a release describing a “grandparent” scammer who tricked a town resident into giving them thousands of dollars – money that has yet to be recovered, according to police.

East Hampton Chief of Police Dennis Woessner said this kind of scam has been attempted on several locals, but this was their first alleged success.

As a courtesy to the victim, Woessner did not disclose the exact amount stolen, but said it was a substantial number.

“It’s just so unfortunate,” Woessner told the *Riverhead* last week. “This [type of issue] has been on the news, we’ve posted on Facebook. We really need people to call and verify this kind of information.”

Woessner said determining exact charges to file against the perpetrator would need to wait until the investigation finishes, but that they’re likely to face serious felony charges.

Woessner said nobody should ever give out any sum of money without verifying the other party’s identity, which they can do by calling police.

In this incident, a resident received a call from their “grandchild,” who said they’d been injured in a serious accident, and had been arrested as a result.

The alleged scammer needed bond to pay for these fraudulent emergencies, stating over and over that they were scared, begging the alleged victim to keep quiet about the issue.

The scammer said a bond courier would get the money.

The caller said the accident made it difficult to speak, so their voice sounded different.

At around 1 p.m., the alleged perpetrator, pictured, arrived and is said to have taken the money from the victim, then escaping in a silver Honda or Acura with tinted windows.

Police said the car has Connecticut registration beginning with the letters “AZ”.

The suspect flashed a passport from the Dominican Republic as ID.

The suspect’s picture has been distributed to all state police departments, Woessner said.

Woessner said it’s unclear if the person was acting alone, or if they were part of an organized effort.

“This kind of thing has a lot of work going into it,” Woessner said.

Woessner described two scenarios. In the first, he said the person or group responsible would have to somehow acquire personal information about their target, i.e., the existence of a grandchild. In the second, he said they may just be cold-calling people and waiting till they get lucky.

The state’s warning about this type of grandparent scam dates to 2014.

The state’s online information matches in many ways this scenario.

“The phone rings, and the caller claims to be a relative in some sort of distress,” the state’s website reads. “They’ve been in a car accident, [or were] arrested, and need money right away.

“Once money is sent, it’s gone,” the state said.

The state listed several pieces of advice. “Resist the urge to act immediately, even if the story is dramatic, or you’re scared for a loved one’s safety,” the website reads. “Act with your head, not just your heart.”

Scammers may know names, relationships or other details easily found on social media. Verify the caller’s identity by asking questions a stranger couldn’t possibly know.

Call the supposedly troubled family member or call another family member.

If convinced of sending money, don’t wire it or send it electronically. Send a check or money order by overnight delivery or courier.

“If you do wire the money, know that the likelihood of recovering [it] is almost nonexistent,” the state wrote.

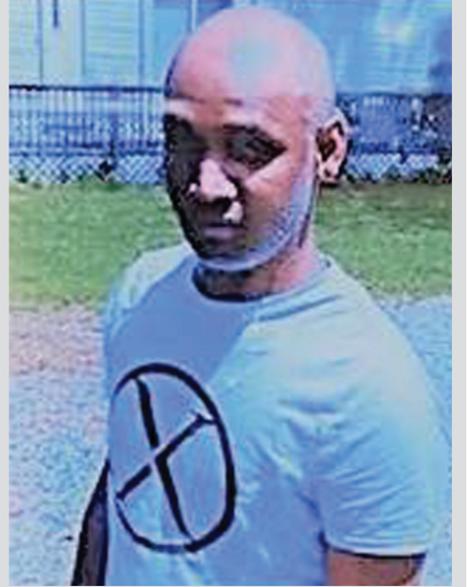
For additional information, call the Office of the Attorney General’s Consumer Assistance Unit at 860-808-5420, or visit the Federal Trade Commission’s website.

These scams can result in the loss of significant amounts of money.

In June 2020, a Danbury couple was swindled out of \$7,500, according to the *Danbury News-Times*.

In March, the Associated Press reported that two Providence men were indicted for a grandparent scam and charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and aggravated identity theft.

The two men sought between \$9,000 and



The person pictured in this photo is alleged to have defrauded a resident out of a sizable amount of money. Those with any information are asked to call East Hampton police at 860-267-9544.

\$14,000 from target, according to the AP. Scammer range can be wide, evidenced by the fact that the pair tried to trick residents of multiple towns in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

The East Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame is accepting nominations through Sept. 15 for its 2021 induction class. The Hall of Fame recognizes people and teams that have “made a significant impact to the athletic landscape of East Hampton.”

The induction banquet will be Friday, Nov. 5, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. For more information or to submit a nomination, email Tom Seidl at seidlt@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Applications are available in the Town Manager’s Office at 1 Community Drive or at www.easthamptonct.gov/home/pages/volunteers-needed.

Resident’s Artwork at Town Hall

An exhibit by local artist Alison Walck will be on display at the East Hampton Town Hall gallery throughout the month of August. Town Hall is located at 1 Community Drive.

All are invited to stop by Town Hall and view the artwork.

Applications for Jim Morris Scholarship

Applications for the sixth annual East Hampton Ambulance Association Jim Morris Scholarship are currently being accepted.

The scholarship is available to East Hampton or Haddam Neck residents who have completed one year of studies in an Allied Health program at a four-year college or community college. In addition, members of the East Hampton Ambulance Association, or their family, who are furthering their education are also eligible.

Applications must be postmarked or delivered by Sept. 30; any received after that date will not be considered. For applications, go to www.ehems.org and click on ‘Scholarship,’ or call 860-267-9679. Completed ones should be sent to: Liz Whitty, Scholarship Chairperson, East Hampton Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 144, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Tax-deductible donations, to help continue these scholarships, are also welcome, and can be made out to: The East Hampton Ambulance Scholarship Fund, earmarked ‘Scholarship,’ and sent to Whitty at the same address.

Police News

8/4: Patrick Munson, 36, of 30 Highland Terrace, Middletown, turned himself in pursuant to an active warrant for his arrest and charged with criminal violation of a protective order and second-degree harassment, East Hampton Police said.

Also, from Aug. 2-8, officers responded to three motor vehicle crashes, 14 medical calls and three alarms, and made 42 traffic stops, police said.

Cut-a-Thon

All are invited to the third annual Cut-a-Thon to benefit the CT Draft Horse Rescue Saturday, Aug. 14, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Scissor Happy Salon, 864 Portland-Cobalt Rd., Portland.

For a \$25 donation you can get your hair cut, styled or braided. No appointments necessary. There will also be a silent auction and CDHR retail items, and a wine-pull sponsored by Tony’s Package Store in Haddam.

Those who cannot come but still want to donate to the CDHR can do so by visiting www.ctdraftrescue.org.

CDHR is a nonprofit organization, located in East Hampton, that is dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses, as well as draft horses heading for slaughter. For more information on this event or on CDHR in general, visit www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue.

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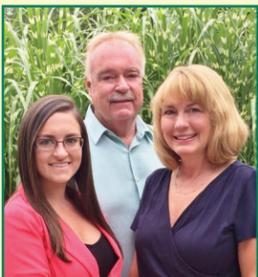
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William O'Neill Would've Been 91 This Week

by Jack Lakowsky

The late William O' Neill, who served as Connecticut's governor for 10 years – and lived in East Hampton for much longer – would have been 91 this past Wednesday, August 11.

O'Neill passed away in November 2007, of emphysema. He was 77. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, he is interred at the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown.

O'Neill was in office from December 1980 to January 1991. Prior to his governorship, he served as the state's lieutenant governor under Ella Grasso, the state's first female leader.

He is the second longest-serving governor in the state's history. In 1990, he announced he would not seek reelection.

William Atchinson O'Neill was born in Hartford in 1930. He graduated from East Hampton High School and attended New Britain Teacher's College – now Central Connecticut State University – and the University of Hartford.

The O'Neill family owned O'Neill's Tavern in East Hampton. It was in Belltown he began his public service career, serving on the town's Zoning Board of Appeals and then as a member of the finance board, according to his obituary on Legacy.com.

In 1966, O'Neill won his first of six terms as a state representative, and went on to serve as majority leader in 1975. He served East Hampton, as well as the *Rivereast* towns of Hebron and Marlborough.

As well as serving under the state's first woman governor, O'Neill appointed the first female state treasurer, attorney general, and state supreme court chief justice, respectively. He also appointed the state's first African American associate supreme court justice.

Natalie "Nikki" O'Neill, who for decades shared life and love with the governor, still lives in town, enjoying her golden years in a home overlooking Lake Pocotopaug, one with an interior like a museum of memorabilia for her late husband, adorned with pictures of the couple rubbing elbows with the Carters, the Reagans, the senior Bushes, the Clintons.

Nikki met with the *Rivereast* on Tuesday. She has owned the home since 1962, when she and "Billy" bought it, retaining ownership through his governorship.

"I wasn't exactly used to living in a 17-room

mansion," Nikki said of her time in the state governor's mansion, a sprawling estate. "It's a beautiful house, but it wasn't mine."

Nikki has maintained an active, if low-key, presence in town. Following her newspaper interview, Nikki was to head to a meeting of the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, her first in over a year.

After leaving office, the O'Neills lived a quiet life of morning coffees on their scenic deck, telling many errant callers that they were no longer the state's First Couple, boat rides, long drives and hosting dinner for friends, many of whom still keep Nikki company.

"Billy loved to drive; he loved the back roads," Nikki said. "He couldn't drive for ten years, we had to have a state trooper do it for us. We'd stop, get a bite to eat or a drink, and we enjoyed just doing that."

The couple, who did not have children, was again able to have each other to themselves. Nikki said they had to reacclimate to a "normal" life.

"I wasn't allowed to answer the phone for 10 years," she said.

Without children, the couple was able to travel together on official trips of state business. Nikki remembers most fondly their trip to Germany, where the governor was attracting businesses to Connecticut. Nikki said the country's scenery, its hospitality-and the resounding success of the trip- are what make it her favorite adventure.

Nikki also visited China, Japan, Ireland and many other nations, mostly joining her husband in drawing foreign development to Connecticut, which was always a focus of the governor's.

State governors and their spouses are regularly invited to summits in Washington, D.C., to meet with the nation's First Couple. The O'Neills shook hands with several generations of presidents.

Nikki recalled former First Lady Barbara Bush as a warm and genial individual. Days before a tour of a presidential retreat, the O'Neills were saddened to learn a person close to them passed away.

Somehow, the Bushes found out about the O'Neills' loss. After offering heartfelt condolences, George H.W. Bush's own mother, Dorothy Walker Bush, led them through the estate on a personal tour, a job normally reserved for the



As a pair of the most influential people in the nation, Gov. O'Neill and his wife, Nikki, met several holders of the land's highest office, from Carter to Clinton.

president's staff.

Dorothy Bush, who lived in Connecticut, pointed to the O'Neills and said to treat the couple especially well.

"She pointed to Billy and said, 'That's my governor,'" Nikki said.

Nikki, as Connecticut's First Lady, decided to act as something of a sales liaison for state artists. She said she had put on the walls of the governor's mansion work by local painters. Visitors to the mansion, after admiring the work, could then call the artist and purchase the work.

Nikki expanded this effort, going on to include work by Connecticut students – a passion project, as she in her pre-gubernatorial life was a teacher.

Another point of pride for her was after visiting a doll accessory manufacturer that employed individuals with special needs, she displayed the factory's work in the residence, resulting in a boom for the company.

Nikki also shelved the books of Connecticut writers in the governor's library.

She said in her years in the governor's man-

sion, more than 100 nonprofits had fundraisers in the estate, at no charge.

Nikki remains humble about her time as first lady. "I didn't do anything earth-shattering; I didn't take up a specific cause."

Much of the workaday of O'Neill's tenure remains a mystery to Nikki, who said considering that her husband was bombarded with stress all day, every day, the last thing he wanted to do at home was talk about work.

The 'Harry Truman' of Connecticut

John Droney, who was the chair of the state's Democratic party during O'Neill's last term, described O'Neill as "honest, [projecting] the image of an ordinary person called upon to do extraordinary things."

Connecticut politicians eulogized O'Neill as Trumanesque – resembling 20th century president Harry Truman, being energetic, candid and/or single-minded, according to the Oxford English Dictionary.

Central Connecticut State University has an online library of documents and writings summarizing his time in office.

According to this source, Grasso resigned for health reasons in December 1980, and would die two months later. O'Neill served as a governor after her resignation. He made few notable moves in this time, waiting until the public could cast ballots with his name in the governor's slot.

He was elected to a full term in 1982 and reelected in 1986. His large election victory in 1986 adrenalized state Democrats, who gained large majorities in the state legislature, eager to expand state government.

The 1990 recession hit the state hard. Real estate, banking, defense-all faltered under losses of jobs and tax revenue. Facing plummeting approval ratings and a deteriorating budget situation – which an unpopular 1989 tax hike did little to solve -- O'Neill opted not to again seek the state's highest office.

O'Neill's tenure started and ended with budget troubles. In 1981, the state stared down the barrel of a \$22 million budget deficit, attributed in large part to the elimination of the federal revenue sharing program.

In addition, President Ronald Reagan proposed cuts to 300 education and employment services, as well as housing and food assistance, shifting more burden to the states.

To offset the Reagan cuts, O'Neill had to increase taxes in 1983 to compensate for services to the poor, the elderly, people experiencing homelessness and individuals with mental illness.

Capitalism's unpredictability held true in the mid-80s, and in Connecticut, there was enough surplus to create a "Rainy Day Fund" to cover future deficits-a resource in use to this day.

Then, in 1988, Reagan's budget proposal

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slashed 21 programs and reduced funding to another 15. Services affected included vocational education, urban development grants and drug abuse programs.

O'Neill's next budget crisis came the following year. Facing another deficit worsened by the Reagan administration and a failing economy, he proposed the unpopular increase in the sales tax, as well the addition of a sales tax on utilities and services like accounting and architectural design.

Despite strong public opposition, O'Neill was firm in his belief in the tax, insisting upon continued social service programs for people who need them.

Included in CCSU's O'Neill collection is a series of legal opinions, suits against the state and reports on court cases.

One noteworthy case contested O'Neill's 1982 election, which he obviously won. A suit his administration lost was against then-Commissioner of Mental Health Gareth Thorne, brought by parents of children with mental and emotional challenges.

Parents argued community care was better than institutionalization, and the courts sided with them.

Although as challenged as any administration, O'Neill oversaw several firsts in the state, and in the country.

Connecticut was the first state to pass "Urban Enterprise Zone" legislation, which became effective July 1982. The purpose of the bill was to develop economic incentives that would stimulate investment in urban centers and economically depressed areas.

In this vein, the state created a jobs program geared toward city residents.

O'Neill also presided over developing foreign trade with Japan, China, Russia and Germany, and monitored the impact of the Free Trade Agreement with Canada.

Locally, O'Neill helped to save from demolition the Bloomfield Farm Implement Museum, attracted technology firms through a Technology Advisory Committee and communicated with and acted on directives from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

In one piece of writing, O'Neill enumerates his own feats in strengthening the state's finances, calling his general approach "pro-business."

O'Neill in 1988 introduced the Financial Capital Act, which made low-cost capital funds available to mom-and-pop manufacturers. The bill passed that same year.

The bill creating Innovations, Inc, a quasi-public firm that invests in developing tech companies, passed in 1989. Now called Connecticut Innovations, the organization has expanded and, according to its website, has helped launch hundreds of companies in its 30-year existence.

Apparently a person of foresight, O'Neill appointed the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission to restructure the state's education and training programs so people could gain the skills needed to work in high tech jobs.

Strides in curbing pollution also occurred under O'Neill's term. In the 1980s, the state's shoreline closed periodically during peak months due to medical waste flotsam. The Long Island Sound Study monitored pollution and advised on how to improve the water.

Connecticut and New York joined forces on preserving the sound. O'Neill nominated the sound as a National Estuary.

O'Neill also offered help to the state's Indigenous communities, appointing a Task Force on Indian Affairs to review all items affecting Connecticut's Native Americans. Through this task force, tribes' sovereignty was officially recognized, and archeological and sacred sites were preserved.

Historians call an issue with the state medical examiner's office the worst scandal to hit O'Neill's administration.

According to a March 1986 story from *The New York Times*, Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Catherine Galvin admitted to allowing her dogs into autopsy rooms. She was subsequently dismissed from her post.

O'Neill in 1983 presented to the statehouse a 10-year plan for infrastructure renewal focusing on state roads, highways and bridges. The 1983 collapse of the Mianus River Bridge in Greenwich catapulted the plan to a top funding priority. Around that time there was also a construction accident in Bridgeport that cost the lives of multiple people.

O'Neill directed Lt. Governor Joseph Fauliso to convene a Task Force on Racial Harmony in 1981, a response to incidents of racial and religious tensions.

The task force was formed after the Ku Klux Klan held two rallies, one to deter the prosecution of a white police officer who shot and killed two Black shoplifters in Meriden, and the other to protest the state not prosecuting people who threw rocks and bottles at the Klan during a rally.

Nikki said of today's divided, hostile political landscape, she wouldn't know what her late husband would say.

"The fights [between parties] are supposedly to help the country, but there's always the factor of 'Well I need this for my state,'" she said. "I don't know what he'd think."

Nikki said her husband could very well have run for a seat in D.C. She said former Connecticut senator Chris Dodd often lobbied him to run.

O'Neill asked Nikki for some input.

Nikki told her husband, "Well you have a mother in town, who's elderly. Someone's gotta be around here. And what am I gonna do? Go to Washington? Sit in a room someplace while you're out meeting people?"

After this stern assertion, O'Neill decided not to run for a Senate seat, instead choosing to stay with his family in the state he'd lived in for his entire life.

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.

Durham Man Killed in Crash

by Jack Lakowsky

Kevin Powell, a 38-year-old Durham man, lost his life in a motorcycle crash on Aug. 7, according to the East Hampton Police Department.

Police said the crash happened near the intersection of Main Street and Route 16 in town.

No one else was involved in the accident.

According to police chief Dennis Woessner, Powell failed to take a roadway curve, and went off the road, struck both the curb and guardrail, and was then ejected from the bike.

Woessner said Powell's body is with the state medical examiner, which will in a few weeks issue a toxicology report and cause of death.

Powell was found dead at the scene, Woessner said.

The chief said there aren't many accidents in that area.

Members of the public, especially any who witnessed the driver's behavior before the crash, or saw the crash itself, are asked to call the police with information at 860-267-9544.

EHVFD Fireworks to Return

East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department's annual fireworks display will return Saturday, Aug. 21, on the grounds of East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St. Rain date: Sunday, Aug. 22.

This year's celebration will honor all those who stepped up to help the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 'gates' to the high school will open at 6 p.m., and all event activities (food and ice cream vendors, live band, etc.) will take place behind the high school building. The pyrotechnics will launch from an area in the far northwest corner of the high school property, beginning promptly at 9 p.m., and residents are encouraged to plan their arrival accordingly. (Note: The venue is school property and no alcohol, pets or personal fireworks are allowed.)

Traffic flow for entry and egress will be monitored and controlled by the East Hampton Police Department, Colchester Fire Police and EHVFD firefighters. Street parking will not be permitted on North Maple Street between Route 66 and Beechcrest Drive, the entire length of Hills Avenue and the upper portion of Sherry Drive. Signs will be posted accordingly.

There is ample space for spectator parking on the high school grounds and there will be a sizable area reserved for appropriately identified vehicles eligible for handicapped parking

access. Once a vehicle enters the high school property, however, that vehicle and its occupants must stay until the conclusion of the show. Residents wishing to drop off spectators should not enter the school property; a drop-off area will be established at the northwest corner of the North Maple/Hills Avenue intersection. The same area will be used for pick-up after the show.

Normal traffic flow in both directions on all local streets will be maintained for the duration of the show, with the exception that North Maple Street will be closed to northbound traffic at 8 p.m. from Route 66 to Hills Avenue. After that, late-comers will be directed to use North Main Street to Hills Avenue to reach the high school.

Vehicles arriving to pick up passengers after the show should approach the high school area via North Main Street to Hills Avenue, turn right onto Fairlawn, left onto Beechcrest, left onto North Maple and stage on North Maple at the pick-up location. Again, signs will be posted to guide motorists to the drop-off/pick-up area.

In the event of inclement weather requiring a schedule change, a notice will be posted on the EHVFD's Facebook page.

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: 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.



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Senior Center News & Notes

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

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

Weekly Activities: To register for any of the following, contact the center. Quilting Group: Mondays, 9 a.m. Mexican Train Dominoes: Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Bingo: Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., in person and via Zoom. Call the center or register online. If Zooming, call the center and let staff know. Mahjongg: Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon. Textile Group: Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

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

Yoga with Kitch: Wednesdays, Aug. 18-Oct. 20, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., both at Town Hall and virtual, via Zoom. Register online. The 10-week session is \$20. Payment may be mailed to the senior center; make check payable to the Town of East Hampton.

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. Next date is Aug. 23.

Creative Crafts: Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1 p.m.; The craft is Punch Needle Embroidery, related to rug hooking. 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.

Movie Group, Lunch and Discussion/In

Person: Tuesday, Aug. 31, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The movie will be *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. Bring your own lunch. Sign up online or call the center.

Trips: Hudson River Cruise: Thursday, Sept. 23, 8 a.m. Includes lunch at Shadows on the Hudson – choose Mediterranean chicken or penne a la vodka – followed by a narrated cruise with views of the Hudson River, lighthouses, waterfront mansions and more. Cost: \$130/person. Register at Colchester Senior Center or call 860-537-3911 for more information.

Van Gogh Exhibit in Boston: Wednesday, Nov. 17. Explore Vincent Van Gogh's life, work, and secrets through digital projections, a virtual reality experience, and an atmospheric light and sound show. Cost: \$112/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.

Haddam Neck Fair to Return

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

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

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

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

Historical Society Walk Along Salmon River

The Chatham Historical Society (CHS) is organizing a walk along the Salmon River on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 1 p.m., as part of its "Explore East Hampton" monthly series of walks. Walkers will learn history of the Air Line Railroad. The walk is sponsored by the East Hampton Parks and Recreation Department.

Sandy Doran, president of the CHS, will lead the walk along the Salmon River. The hike will follow the old River Road to the base of Bull Hill and return back to the parking area. It is a fairly level 2-mile walk. Walkers will meet at the parking lot by the old stone arch of the Air Line Trail. They should wear comfortable shoes and water. No dogs are allowed on the walk.

Directions: Take Route 2 to Exit 16 and travel .8 miles south on Route 149 to River Road and parking area. Turn right and follow River Road for about 1.5 miles to parking lot on the left. From the intersection of routes 16 and 149 in Westchester, travel north on 149 for 2.7 miles and turn left on River Road and follow directions above. From the Marlborough Tavern on Route 66, turn right and travel



The Chatham Historical Society's upcoming "History Walk" on Saturday, Aug. 22, will follow River Road as it travels along the Salmon River. Photo by Podskoch.

on South Main St. for 0.7 miles, then take a right on South Road and travel 3.0 miles. Turn right on River Road. to Airline Trail Salmon River State Park parking area.

Call Doran at 860-267-8953 for more information on the walk.

Faith Formation Registration

The St. John Paul II Parish, which includes St. Patrick Church of East Hampton, will hold registration for Faith Formation Sunday, Aug. 29, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at St. Patrick Parish Center.

Forms, calendars and program information are available on the faith formation website, sspatrickandbridgetehct.org. They can be downloaded or picked up at the registration event. Fees will be collected at the time of registration and are \$50 per child, with a \$100 family cap.

For more information, call Dani Annino in the parish office at 860-267-6644.

Church Offering Meal-to-Go

The Missions Committee of the Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam is offering a \$30 meal-to-go for four on Sunday, Aug. 29. Pick up time is 4-6 p.m. The church is handicapped-accessible and located at 52 Middle Haddam Rd.

The menu, the church said, consists of "colossal shrimp, lemon risotto, summer vegetable mix and sinful saltines."

Call Kathy at 860-510-8102 no later than Aug. 22 to make reservations. A portion of the proceeds is donated to the East Hampton Fuel and Food Bank.

Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to Sunday worship at 9 a.m., online at www.facebook.com/Haddam-Neck-Covenant-Church or in person. Masks are optional. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger.

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

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

Barbecue Chicken at Fair: The church will be at the barbecue pit at the Haddam Neck Fair for barbecue chicken and local fresh corn on the cob. On Sunday at 11 a.m., church will be at the bandstand with music and a puppet show with Digger, his barnyard friends and Farmer M.

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.

'Better Tomorrows' Fundraiser for CDHR

All are invited Sunday, Aug. 22, at The Farm at Carter Hill (86 East Hampton Rd., Marlborough) from 3-7 p.m., to "Better Tomorrows," help raise funds for CT Draft Horse Rescue and its current and future horses.

There will be live music, a cash bar, food, a 50/50 raffle, games and more. The event will take place rain or shine. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/hrr5ar6p>.

CDHR is a nonprofit organization, located in East Hampton, that is dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses, as well as draft horses heading for slaughter. For more information on this event or on CDHR in general, visit www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue.

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.

The Teen Youth Group will next meet Saturday, Aug. 28, from 1-4 p.m., for an end-of-summer activity. Kids in grades 6-12 are welcome.

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.



Bill Naughton Jr. will be the featured artist at a free concert sponsored by the Middle Haddam Library on Thursday, Aug. 19.

Concert on the Lawn

Local singer-songwriter Bill Naughton Jr. will be the featured artist at a free concert sponsored by the Middle Haddam Library on Thursday, Aug. 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket, some snacks and drinks, and listen as Naughton performs some of his original songs from his two albums as well as several well-known songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s. Naughton describes his music as "country-folk-rock and ballads."

The library is located at 2 Knowles Rd., off Route 151 in Middle Haddam. The library is open Monday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., as well as Tuesday and Friday, 3-6 p.m.

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.

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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: The library is open regular operating hours in the summer: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and 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.

End-of-Summer Reading Celebration Concert: Friday, Aug. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jukebox 45, a '50s and '60s show band, will perform. Summer reading raffle winners will be pulled at intermission. The concert is sponsored by East Hampton Rotary Club and East Hampton Public Library.

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.

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.

Adult Programs: Book Talk & Walk: Saturday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m., on the Air Line Trail, beginning at the library. Each attendee will briefly share one or two recent reads they've enjoyed. No 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.

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.

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.

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.

Epoch Arts Accepting Tag Sale Donations

Epoch Arts will accept tag sale donations from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 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.

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. All are welcome. Preview is at 5 p.m.

Auctioneer Andy Tierney will host the event inside. Items this year include tickets to a kayak, original Elizabeth Sennet artwork, a New Hampshire vacation home, and more.

Among the highlights are two tickets to Lime Rock Park's annual Labor Day Festival. It's five days of vintage car parades, swap meets, 38 historic race car competitions, a car show with more than 800 entrants from around the country as well as special guests and displays. East Hampton's own Dr. Richard Brown will be racing his 1964 Mini Cooper.

A portion of auction 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.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell.

The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes East Hampton. No commercial or business waste allowed. Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste to learn more.

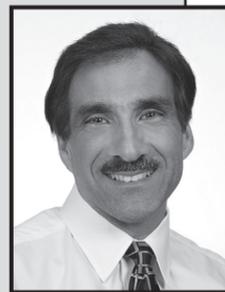


New Signs... The Middle Haddam Historic District within East Hampton has new signage indicating entering and leaving the village. Donna Roberts, a resident of Middle Haddam, facilitated the project with Mark DeTulio and his engineering team at SignLite. The design was recreated from the existing signs that have been in place since 1977 when the historic district was established. From left are Margaret McCutcheon Faber, lifelong resident and member of the Connecticut Historic Preservation Council; Town Manager David Cox; and Roberts.

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Arts Center to Host Concert

The Marlborough Arts Center's Summer Outdoor Concert Series will present Nick Cutroneo, a classical guitarist, on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 2 p.m., on the landscaped grounds at 231 N. Main St.

Marlborough Arts Center is a non-profit regional center for the arts at 231 N. Main St.

Cutroneo has performed throughout the United States and Italy. As a chamber musician, he has been involved with the New England Guitar Quartet, toured with the violin and guitar duo Tempo del Fuoco, and performs regularly with Blackledge Music Inc. and the Northeast New Music Collective. He has also premiered many new works beyond the standard repertoire.

Cutroneo is active in the community and performs regularly at assisted living facilities, public libraries, and has provided master

classes and clinics in public school programs. His professional background includes the Juilliard School of Music, both Bachelors and Masters degrees in Classical Guitar Performance at the Hartt School of Music, and Long Term Suzuki Pedagogy. He serves on the faculty at Central Connecticut State University and in addition maintains an active private teaching studio, the Nick Cutroneo Guitar Studio based out of Manchester.

The concert is free but a \$10 donation/person is suggested. Parking is available and the Arts Center is fully accessible. In the case of rain, the concert will be held inside the arts center, in the Charles W. Hall Art Gallery.

Marlborough Arts Center follows CDC guidelines and suggests that everyone wear a mask for any gathering at the center, even if fully vaccinated.

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: 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). Sign up starting the week of Aug. 16. **Meals-on-Wheels** will

continue for those who are homebound.

Weekly Activities: Not Just Quilting: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; **Quilting (Paper Art):** Friday, 1-4 p.m.; **Parkinson's Disease Exercise with Anne:** Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; **Tap Dancing with Sharon:** Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.; **Tai Chi with Linda:** Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; **8 Ball Pool:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-noon; **Cards:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11 a.m.

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

Grants Available for Nonprofits

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has established a \$100,000 community fund for Marlborough – and the new Marlborough Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee is looking 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.marblor-ough@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.

Resident Graduates

Marlborough resident Lucy Henderschedt recently graduated from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

School Starts Sept. 1

Marlborough Elementary School will open Wednesday, Sept. 1. School hours are: grades K-6, 8:35 a.m.-3:05 p.m.; morning pre-k, 8:45-11:15 a.m.; afternoon pre-k, 12:15-2:45 p.m. The school office can be reached at 860-295-6220, and the school website is at www.marblor-ough.k12.ct.us.

Registration of New Students: New residents with children entering the elementary school are asked to register them before the first day of school. The school office is open from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer. Families registering children for school (grades K-6) are required to provide proof of their child's age, most recent physical, immunization record and proof of residency.

Transportation: Bus schedules will be posted in mid-August on the school website. Families must communicate with the school regarding their children's transportation arrangements. The school arranges transportation to and from the child's home address. If transportation will be different from the home address, call the school as early as possible so adjustments can be made before school starts. This includes children attending MECCA. Families must notify the school office in writing whenever a child will be picked up from school. The note must include the child's full name, the teacher's name, the full name of the person picking up the child, and the full legal signature of the parent/guardian. Anyone picking up a

Mums Sale Sept. 4

The Marlborough Republican Town Committee will hold its annual mums sale Saturday, Sept. 4, at Marlborough Town Hall. These two-gallon mums are available in several colors, including white, yellow, orange, purple and burgundy. Price is \$10 each.

For orders and more information, call Louise Concodello at 860-295-0201 or Barbara Murray at 860-295-0792. The mums will be available for pickup at Town Hall on Saturday, Sept. 4, from 9:30-11 a.m., with a limited number being available for purchase on that day.

Arts Center Concert on Aug. 28

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.

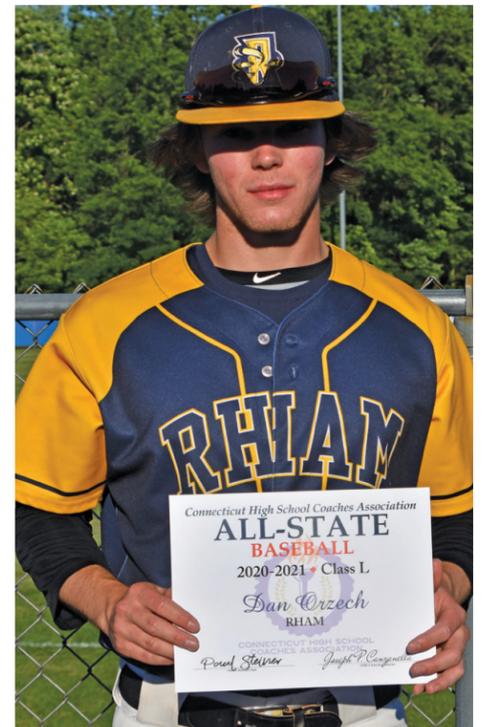
child from school may be asked for a photo ID.

Health Assessments: All students entering the school for the first time (kindergarteners or new students) must have the blue State of Connecticut Health Assessment Record on file with the school nurse before the start of school. Incoming kindergarten children must have all immunizations completed prior to the first day of school. Contact the Health Room at 860-295-6225 with any questions or medical concerns.

School Supplies: Classroom supply lists are available on the school website.

School Cafeteria: School lunches and breakfasts continue to be free for the 2021-22 school year. Money for snacks and bottled water may be sent to the Marlborough School Lunch Program (checks should be made to Marlborough School Lunch Program, with your child's name and ID number on the envelope). Free or reduced-price meal applications completion for Marlborough Elementary School (available at the school office or on the school website) provides Marlborough Public School information to determine eligibility for other programs (such as Season of Sharing in December, field trip assistance). Information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Families can also use MySchoolBucks.com, an online payment system that allows families to deposit funds via a credit card into student meal accounts. Through this online system, families are automatically notified by email when the meal account goes below \$20, to allow time to replenish the account before no funds remain.

For more information on any of the above, call the school office.



Danny Baseball... Daniel Orzech of Marlborough was recently chosen to the Connecticut High School Coaches Association All State Baseball Team in Class L. He was also named to the Central Connecticut Conference All Conference Team. Orzech is a 2021 graduate of RHAM High School in Hebron. He will attend Roger Williams University this fall.

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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 Holly Bangham. The church office can be reached at 860-295-0001; hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. People are asked to call before heading over or connect via the phone.

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

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).

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 p.m.

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.

Dean's List

Erin Marie Hughes of Marlborough made the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Connecticut.

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.

Zumba: Tuesdays through Sept. 14 (started Aug. 10), 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Blish Park pavilion. Fee is \$50/residents, \$55/non-residents, or there is a \$10 drop-in fee each week. Register on the Parks and Rec. website.

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.

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.

Sunday, Aug. 15 worship service will be led by Pastoral Intern Val Seaver, and will be held in the sanctuary.

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 P.O. Box 57, Marlborough, CT 06447 or placed in an offering box on a Sunday.

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, with new items added every week.

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

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.

New Museum Passes: The library has added discounted museum passes to Historic Deerfield, the Mark Twain House and Museum, the New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center, and the New England Carousel Museum, Museum of Fire History, and the Bushnell Park Carousel.

Hoopla Bonus Borrowers: Available until Aug. 31, hundreds of items are accessible at no cost to your borrowing limit. Some of the themes this month's bonus borrows are orga-

nized around include All Things British, Back to School: STEAM, Relaxation, Sci-Fi, and Series You'll Love.

Bring the Hoopla: Celebrate the end of summer and return of the school year with an interactive hula hoop program. This program will take place outside of the library (bring a blanket and water) on Monday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m. Best suited for ages 3 and up.

Heroines at the Helm: Learn about whaling wives in a virtual program held on Zoom with the Whaling Museum and Education Center in New York on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. By the 1850s, one out of six whale-ships carried the captain's wife aboard. Find out how trailblazing women broke boundaries in a male-defined era and sailed the world. Explore what life was like for these women at sea, including where they gave birth, what they ate for dinner, how they looked after their children, how they celebrated holidays, and how they passed the time.

Resident Receives Nurse's Pin

Saint Anselm College senior nursing student Lucy Henderschedt of Marlborough received the Saint Anselm College nurse's pin at the pinning ceremony held on May 15. The annual event celebrates the graduates as they enter the nursing profession.

The ceremony celebrates the seniors' completion of the nursing program for which they were awarded the credential of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Upon completion of a licensing examination the graduates will have earned the credential of Registered Nurses

(RN). In 2019, the pass rate for the licensing exam was 100%.

The pin worn by Saint Anselm nursing graduates features elements of the college seal and the symbol of a lamp referring to Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp of my steps and a light for my path." The ceremony concluded as student nurses took the Nightingale Pledge, an oath to honor and respect their patients and profession.

Saint Anselm College is located in Manchester, N.H.

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Green Appointed to Leadership Position

House Republican Leader Vincent Candelora recently announced he has appointed state Rep. Robin Green (R-55) to a leadership position within the caucus, naming her an Assistant Republican Leader.



Green, first elected in 2016, represents the 55th House District, serving residents of Andover, Bolton, Hebron and Marlborough. Most recently, Green served as Ranking Member of the legislature's Public Safety and Security Committee.

"Robin has distinguished herself within our caucus as someone who is capable of bringing people together, and that's a critical skill when it comes to building consensus on increasingly complex issues under consideration in the legislature," Candelora said. "I'm looking forward to see what Robin will accomplish in this new role, and I know her work will benefit not just our caucus but also her district and the state as a whole."

"As I accept this appointment, I am thankful not only for the faith House Republican Leader Candelora and my colleagues have placed in me, but also for the continuing support from the families and residents in the 55th District," Green said. "I am most proud of the budgetary work House Republicans performed in 2017 that has allowed our state to amass record rainy day savings, as well as our continuing effort to reinvigorate our state's economy. As we saw in 2020, that level of preparedness was critical to us marshalling the necessary resources in response to COVID, a fiscal position we would not have been in without the prudent work of

this caucus every day in service of the taxpayers of this state."

Green has elevated residents' concerns about juvenile crimes and auto thefts in the greater Capitol region in an ongoing debate over the effectiveness of state's juvenile justice policies. She joined members of "Safe Streets Glastonbury" during a recent news conference on the Capitol steps in Hartford, calling for a special session dedicated to addressing out-of-control juvenile auto thefts that have left nearby communities reeling, including a recent attempted car theft in Glastonbury that ended in gunshots.

"We are hearing loud and clear in your state legislature — and especially in the town halls and community forums being led by concerned residents across this state from Wolcott to West Hartford — that things need to change before more innocent people are hurt," Green said. "It is not acceptable for some lawmakers to hear those concerns and simply tell those same residents to lock their cars and wait for help to arrive. That is not a real public safety solution, and we need to come together in Hartford and affect real change on this issue that continues to impact the lives of victims and their families every day in Connecticut."

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.



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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 Wednesday, lunches on Fridays.

Willimantic Shopping: Tuesday, Aug. 17. Masks required on bus and in stores.

Senior Luncheon: Friday, Aug. 20, noon, at the Town Hall gazebo. Call Palazzi for reservations or a ride.

Rides to all town events, town meetings, referendums, or board meetings and all medi-

cal 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.

Donations Sought for Tag Sale

A tag sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the community room at Town Hall. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefiting the Andover Senior Lunch Program.

Donations are sought; call Carol Lee 860-989-6988 if you have items to donate. If interested in volunteering to help at the sale, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122.

Free Gazebo Concert

Crossroads Fusion will perform Saturday, Aug. 14, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the gazebo on School Road. There is picnic table seating available or you can bring your own lawn chairs.

Senior transportation is available by calling senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122.

Kids Carnival

Andover Congregational Church, located at 359 Route 6, will hold a Kids Carnival on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The carnival will feature duck races, a bounce house, prizes, corn hole, ring toss, face-painting and balloons. Food includes There will be hot dogs, soda, chips, cotton candy and popcorn.

Admission is \$10/person or \$25/family.

Annual Steak Dinner

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department's annual steak dinner will be Saturday, Sept. 25, from 5-7 p.m., at the firehouse on School Road. This meal includes sirloin steak, baked potato, salad, fresh-baked bread and dessert. This will be take-out only with drive-thru pick-up.

Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for children 12 and under. Only 200 tickets will be sold and they must be purchased no later than Sept. 16. No tickets will be available at the door or will be held at the door.

Tickets can be purchased from any fire department member Wednesday evenings at the firehouse, or by calling Deputy Chief Mindy Hegener at 860-706-3074 or Chief Ron Mike at 860-335-0264.

Senior Trip to Goodspeed

Andover Seniors will travel to East Haddam Wednesday, Oct. 20, for lunch at the Gelston House, and attendance at the Goodspeed Opera House presentation of *A Grand Night for Singing*. The show features songs from many top musicals, including *Oklahoma!*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *Flower Drum Song* and more.

The Gelston House luncheon includes choice upon arrival of Parmesan-Encrusted Cod, Gelston Chicken, Bistro Steak, or Pasta Cavatappi. All drinks, including coffee and tea, are additional charges. Cost does not include tips for lunch.

Departure from the Old Firehouse on Center Street is at 10:30 a.m. Return is approximately 5-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$50, due Sept. 1. Call trip coordinator Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947 for more information and to make a reservation.

The trip is open to Andover seniors who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

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

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 the 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. 25.

Foodshare Van: Comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Aug. 18.

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

Vacancy on RHAM Board

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the RHAM Board of Education for a term ending June 30, 2023, should send a letter of interest to:

Town of Andover, c/o Region 8 BOE Vacancy, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232.

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.

Happenings

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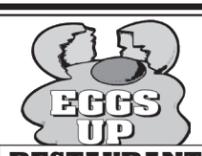


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Obituaries

Hebron

Everett William Yaps

Everett William Yaps of Hebron joined his wife, Wendy, in a better place Sunday, July 11. Everett was very successful in the insurance business.

He was born in New York City March 24, 1927, and often recollected the diverse inhabitants living there. During the Depression even a penny was valuable. He joined the Navy at the age of 17.

He was a "plank owner" of the Destroyer USS Brownson DD- 868. He was proud of his service in the North Atlantic during World War II. He always wore a Navy hat. After his honorable discharge in 1946, he married Wendy Taylor, a marriage that lasted 67 years. He virtually built a house for them in Hebron with his own hands, and named it Windsong. Everett was a great storyteller, loved his animals and nature. He was a lover of classical music.

He was predeceased by his wife, Wendy (Taylor) Yaps, his parents, Gutsaf Henry Yaps and wife Wanda (Pfefferkuch) Yaps; and his brother, Earnest Yaps.

He is survived by his many friends, including Mike Kovacs and his wife Carole, Karen Herrington and her husband Wayne, Kathy Callahan and her husband Jack, Dr. Jerry Beckham, Amalli Beckham and son Adam, Hope Grunauske and Mylene Claire Poitras.

There were no services, per his wishes.

His ashes and those of his wife will be comin-gled and honorably disposed of, per his wishes.



East Hampton

Alfred E. Prince Sr.

Alfred E. Prince Sr., 72, of East Haddam, formerly of East Hampton, passed away Monday, Aug. 2, with his beloved wife Debbie at his side. Born Sept. 26, 1948, he was the son of the late Edgar and Emma Prince and graduated from East Hampton High School.

Al is survived by his wife of 47 years, Debbie; son, Jim of East Haddam and his children Ben and Jenna; and son, Alfred Jr. of Portland and his wife Stacey and their son Logan. Al is also survived by his brother Ed and his wife Donna of Montville; sister Mary Alice Hale of Enfield; brother Robert of East Hampton; sister-in-law Donna Cardini of Middletown; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Al was a skilled carpenter with a love of reading science fiction, backpacking, fly fishing, camping, Vermont and cruises. He proudly worked for more than 35 years as a millwright at Pratt & Whitney. Al also served his country in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.

A private celebration of Al's life will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a donation made in Al's memory to the American Cancer Society or Hartford Hospital Hospice Care.



Hebron

Robert C. Fearon Jr.

Robert C. Fearon Jr., 89, of Hebron, passed away Monday, July 26, in Moodus. Robert was born in Greenfield, Mass., to Robert and Gladys (Parker) on Jan. 12, 1932. He attended school in Colebrook, N.H., in a one-room schoolhouse where his mother was the teacher.

Robert was a Navy veteran, serving on the USS Briareus. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He achieved the rank of ME2. Robert married Phyllis (Elliott) Fearon on June 11, 1955 in Whitefield, NH. Robert graduated from Keene State and earned a master's degree in education from UConn.

Robert worked as an industrial arts teacher for the Town of Glastonbury for 25 years. When he retired, he pursued his love of woodworking with the purchase of Kissmen Woodworking Co. in Marlborough. Robert later sold the business, opened ACE Hardware in Marlborough and then relocated the store to East Hampton.

Robert and Phyllis were avid travelers. They explored the United States by RV with multiple trips to Alaska. Cruise ships were another grand adventure they both enjoyed as they explored Europe and the Caribbean. Name a ship and he has



probably been on it.

Robert is survived by his wife of 66 years, Phyllis; his daughter, Catherine Antonellis and husband Paul; son, Robert C. Fearon III and his wife Kathleen (Zimmermann) Fearon; and daughter Susan Berube and longtime partner Ken Gann. He leaves nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, including Richard Dufour who Robert referred to as his little brother.

In addition to his parents, Robert is preceded in death by his son, Gregory Fearon; brothers, Russell, Ralph and Fred; his sisters, Mary Dufour and Esther Placey.

Burial will be Saturday, Aug. 14, at 1 p.m., at Park Street Cemetery, Whitefield, N.H.

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Sincerely, Robert Hetrick Jr. Candidate for Portland Board of Selectmen

Horton Property Purchase

To the Editor: On Feb. 26, 2019, the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the purchase of the Horton property and concluded that it was consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development Goals and Policies.

The Planning Commission report and recommendation included:

- Purchase of this parcel is consistent with goals and policies in the 2014 Town of Hebron Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), specifically:
• The wetland corridors within the parcel are included within a planned greenway as shown on the Future Open Space map in the POCD;
• In the Municipal Infrastructure Chapter of the POCD, several sections of the POCD encourage the Town to seek land and opportunities for potential future public building needs including replacement for Co. #1 Fire Station, police services, town offices, and Public Works facility;
• Purchase of the property is a large planning vision for Hebron Center; and, it demonstrates good, comprehensive, long-range planning to meet a variety of municipal needs including future municipal buildings and open space.

• The Hebron Public Building Committee unanimously recommended this parcel of land be purchased for municipal uses.

• The purchase is consistent with the report and recommendation of the Hebron's Open Space Land Acquisition Committee.

• Purchase of the property would permit a future coordinated and planned "Municipal Complex", similar to what is envisioned on "Concept Master Plan, Town of Hebron, New Town Complex", with sufficient land to accommodate present and future public building needs, within walking distance of Main Street.

• Located in Village Square Zoning District (formerly Village Green Zoning District) where Municipal facilities, Community centers, and Civic buildings and uses are all currently permitted uses by the Zoning Regulations.

• Concept Plan for Phase II of Village Green District and new Municipal Complex Concept Plan both show a mix of land uses.

Very truly yours, Andrew J. Tierney Hebron Town Manager

Requested Budget Cuts

Dear Citizens of Colchester: I sent a letter to the Board of Finance this week, outlining my requests for further budget cuts based on their request to remove an additional \$75,000. We are facing a third vote on the Town budget and based on the conversations I have had with many of you and also several members of the elected boards, I am in agreement we need to lessen the cost. I knew when I presented the budget, which reflected the true needs of the town, it would be a heavy lift. I think the Board of Finance has worked hard to come up with a plan that preserves services

and addresses the concerns of increased cost to you. Therefore, I am requesting the Board of Finance make the following changes:

- Remove the request for a police officer position to begin in May - \$32,418;
• Decrease the added monies to the Building Reserve by \$10,000;
• Decrease contract settlement monies by \$2,939;
• Delay start of 2 PT clerk positions saving \$5,635;
• Decrease First Selectman department budget by \$2,315;
• Decrease Fire Department operational budget by \$5,000;
• Eliminate request for seasonal Public Works hours \$8,397;
• Reduce contribution to road maintenance by \$5,000;
• Reduction of a few small line items in various areas.

Although some of these are not optimal for meeting the identified needs, not having a budget is impacting daily operations and decreasing efficiencies. I am bringing forward a reasonable solution to achieving the plan of the board to reduce the budget by an additional \$75,000 and keeping several new items, which I feel are genuinely required to address operational needs and meet the expectations of the taxpayers of our community.

Sincerely, Mary Bylone Colchester First Selectman

State of Driving

To the Editor: I am late to the party in thanking Mr. Hallas for his astute and important observations regarding the state of driving out there. I was poised to conclude there must be some new-fangled device that alerts the car behind you when you are moving in front of it going 55 mph and I must get one for my jalopy. We may also want to remember the three-second rule and not follow too closely on our winding roads, let alone highways.

Thank you so much for a spotlight on this privilege and the enormous duty we share to protect one another while we all journey from points A to B. The Connecticut driver's manual is online and a valuable refresher.

A renewed driver, E.G. Waller - Portland

Hit-and-Run

To the Editor: This is an open letter to the person who was in the three-vehicle accident by my house. I jumped when I heard the noise. I knew by the sound what had happened. No brake noise.

I headed to help. Then I heard metal scrape against metal. It was obvious you were in the accident. I first thought you were pulling over to stop. I looked into your eyes and saw you going to run, which you did. I called 911 and you were captured. (You left a headlight in front of my driveway.)

This was probably the worst decision you've made in your life. If you had stayed at the wreck, you might have been able to help. Even if you killed someone, had no insurance, were cheating, etc., no matter what, stop.

If law enforcement never found you, you would have remembered it forever. A 14-year-old was a victim of a hit-and-run in Haddam. If the driver had stopped, they just might have saved her life.

So many hit-and-runs turn themselves in because they can't sleep nights. There is not any real sympathy for hit-and-runs. Too late for you.

Stan J. Valencis - East Hampton

Hate Meter to the Rescue!

To the Editor: A few weeks ago I saw my name in lights! Ed Smith recalled the Hate Meter from a few months ago. How nice of him to remember me. He was a little sour though, as it seems the meter got under his skin and has been festering there for some time. He'll have to go back a number of issues to recall the hateful language used by him and Joe Stevens. Sam Prentice, from the other side, was in this group as well and called out for his language.

Having a life outside of the Bulletin I can't spend a lot of time being Smith's Guardian against those nasties that call him names; I'm not a Cleveland Indians fan. I'll try to be more attentive in the future.

If the Hate Meter fails to respond to the nasty Trumpists, maybe Smith, apparently a teacher, can request his union to come to his aid. Another alternative is to put his big boy pants on and calling out those who offend him and of course not using hate speech in his reply.

William Oliver - Hebron

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1. Petition 2021-10 Application of the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt a new Section 6.D of the Hebron Zoning Regulations to establish a Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments. This application is filed under Section 7.E of the Hebron Zoning Regulations and a copy of this amendment is on file in the office of the Town Clerk Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 4th day of August 2021. Gerald Garfield, Secretary
Planning and Zoning Commission
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Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
The Duly Authorized Agent of the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission APPROVED the following application on August 9th, 2021:
• Application #IWWC 21-13: Hector Rivera, 27 Hendee Road - Demolition and reconstruction of a 17-foot by 17-foot wood-framed shed within the 200-foot Upland Review Area of the Hop River.
The above decisions may be appealed to the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission pursuant to Section 12.2 of the Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, available at www.andoverconnecticut.org. 1TB 8/13

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DISTRICT MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
TOWNS OF HEBRON, ANDOVER AND MARLBOROUGH MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021
The electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Hebron, Andover and Marlborough (the "Member Towns") are hereby warned that a District Meeting of Regional School District No. 8 (the "District") will be held at the RHAM High School Auditorium, 85 Wall Street, Hebron, Connecticut 06248 on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following recommendation of the District Board of Education:
1. That \$3,560,000 be appropriated for the installation of a new turf field, track and lighting at RHAM High School (the "Project"). The appropriation may be expended for design, construction, renovation and installation costs, engineering and professional fees, materials, equipment, purchase costs, legal fees, financing costs, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Project. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Project. The District Board of Education shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the Project as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.
2. That the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes of the District in an amount not to exceed \$3,560,000 be authorized to finance the appropriation. The amount of the bonds authorized shall be reduced by the amount of any grants received by the District for the Project.
3. That the Chairperson and Treasurer of the District Board of Education be authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information.
4. That the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee be authorized to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the District with respect to the Project, to approve design and construction expenditures for the Project, and to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the Project.
5. That the authorization of the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes shall be submitted to referendum vote by the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Member Towns of the District.
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut this 2nd day of August 2021. 1TB 8/13

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF HEBRON
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
Hebron Town Office Building
A written application with the Board of Assessment Appeals must be filed for the purpose of receiving a hearing on an assessment of Motor Vehicles for the October 1, 2020, Grand List. The written appeal must include the following:
1) The property owner's name, the name and position of the person who signs the appeal application;
2) Vehicle; make, model, year & VIN
3) The name and address of the person to whom correspondence is to be sent;
4) The reason for the appeal;
5) The appellant's estimate of value;
6) The property owner's signature and if applicable, the agent's signature with proper owner(s) authorization;
7) The date of which the appeal application is signed.
All written applications to the Board of Assessment Appeals must be RECEIVED in the Assessor's Office no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday September 8, 2021:
Board of Assessment Appeals
Town of Hebron, Assessor's Office
15 Gilead Street
Hebron, Connecticut 06248
Forms are available at the Assessor's Office or on the Town of Hebron web site in the Assessor's department.
Hearing Date: Town Office Building
15 Gilead St.,
Hebron CT
Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Please include a telephone number where the appellant can be contacted concerning the appeal.
Board of Assessment Appeals
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, August 13, 2021 1TB 8/13

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ACTION
The Marlborough Conservation Commission at its meeting of August 2 2021, took the following action:
APPLICATION CONTINUED; PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED: Application #11-21 - Justin Williams, Justin Williams Estates LLC/ Timothy Peer (applicant/property owner) - 125 So. Main - construct new driveway and residence. A site walk is scheduled for August 25 at 6:15 p.m. A public hearing is scheduled for September 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.
Dated at Marlborough, CT this August 11, 2021.
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Yvonne Bolton, Chair 1TB 8/13

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals held a Regular Meeting at 7 pm on August 9, 2021 via Virtual Meeting (Zoom), 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 Approved
Matthew Walton, Chairman 1TB 8/13

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Action
The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission held 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. Approved with conditions.
• Updates to Section 8.4.K.4: Swimming Pools - Approved as presented.
Ray Zatorski, Chairman
Note* any question re: Applications and Maps are on file in the Land Use Office 860-267-7450. 1TB 8/13

LEGAL NOTICE
The RHAM Board of Education has a long history of supporting student academics, athletics and after school programming and clubs. The RHAM Board is proposing a project to address drainage problems on our competition field and to upgrade our athletic facilities. The proposal includes the replacement of our current competition field with a Multi Use Turf Field, the replacement of our track and the installation of lights for the track and field. The RHAM Board has scheduled two remote Public Information sessions at 6:30 p.m. on August 16 and 19.
Meeting Links:
August 16, 6:30 p.m. - Remote Meeting
August 16, 6:30 p.m. Athletics Field Improvement Public Information Meeting
Join by phone: (US) +1 240-356-1187
PIN: 342 982 851#
August 19, 6:30 p.m. - Remote Meeting
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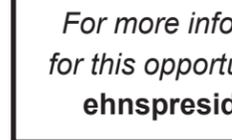
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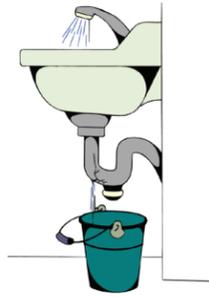
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