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'Historic' Visit by Bishop Curry

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, preached at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Hebron on Sunday, spreading a message of love during a remarkable visit for a small parish.

Curry was elected to his position in 2015 and is the first African American to serve as presiding bishop. Internationally distinguished, he is perhaps most recognizable for delivering the sermon at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in 2018.

Curry's famous charisma was on full display, earning several ovations from the congregation and generating laughter throughout his remarks. "We have to close the gap between God's dream and our reality," he said during his sermon. "Thank you to this community and this congregation for working to close the gap."

St. Peter's was selected for the visit out of over 150 parishes in the state in part due to its consistent work in the community and commitment to equality.

The Rev. Ron Kolanowski, pastor of St. Peter's, told the Rivereast he was "honored" and "humbled" to host the presiding bishop. He was initially stunned to find out that his church had been handpicked.

"It's historical for us to have this happen," he said.

Kolanowski pointed to the effort his parish has made to address affordable housing and anti-racism training as just some of its accomplishments. The mission of the church is to look outwards, which also involves donating portions of its funds to different charities.

Following the message from Curry - whose religious influence Kolanowski compared to the pope combined with the social impact of Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. - the church will extend its community outreach.

"He fed us to continue and inspired us to not stop but just keep going," Kolanowski expressed.

Curry was in Hartford on Saturday for the consecration of the Rev. Jeffrey Mello as the Episcopal bishop of Connecticut. He succeeds Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, who held the position since 2010.

Ahead of Curry's visit to Hebron, Douglas explained to the Rivereast that the presiding bishop typically enjoys stopping by a local parish when possible and outlined the reasons St. Peter's was chosen.

Douglas highlighted the work the church has done to dismantle racist systems and praised the leadership of Kolanowski, who he said created a "parish that is healthy and welcoming."

"Most of all, it was how wonderful and engaged in God's mission the people of St. Peter's are," Douglas said.

Douglas expressed that when all the factors and community work were put together, it was an easy decision.

"Out of 155 churches, it sure made sense to go to Hebron," he said. "What's better than being in Hebron on a sunny day in October?"

After a national tragedy or event, Curry's perspective is often sought after. Last month, he was in at the Washington National Cathedral to honor the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

Like Kolanowski, many parishioners were shocked to find out that Curry would be preaching to them. Catherine Litwin, a devoted member of St. Peter's, was "thrilled" when she heard

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The Most Rev. Michael Curry, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, discussed closing the gap between love and hate in a sermon to a packed house at St. Peter's in Hebron last weekend.

Skorski, Weir Battle for Open House Seat

By Jack Lakowsky

The race for the 55th State House District's open seat, soon to be vacated by Marlborough resident Robin Green, began in earnest in the spring - but Green's fellow Republican, Steve Weir of Hebron, started his campaign in January.

On Monday, Weir told the Rivereast since then, it's been "kind of a marathon."

Weir's opponent in the quest to succeed Green is Wes Skorski, a self-described "moderate Democrat" and chair of the Marlborough school board. Skorski is running on issues like medical affordability and education funding, and said it's time for the 55th to "have a voice" in Hartford after 30 years of minority party representation.

Due to recent redistricting, the 55th District is now made up of Marlborough, Andover and

Hebron, as well as parts of Glastonbury and Bolton.

In separate interviews, Skorski and Weir each claimed little knowledge about their opponent.

"I haven't run into him specifically," Skorski told the Rivereast last week.

Skorski said people call Weir "pretty conservative," whereas he's in the middle.

"I think I can more effectively represent our district," said Skorski. "Our small towns need a voice, which they haven't had in something like 30 years."

Weir, meanwhile, said Skorski "doesn't register much" with him.

In 2020, Weir unsuccessfully ran against state Sen. Cathy Osten (D-19). During that race, he said, he put a lot of focus on Osten - that he was "certainly paying attention to what the

incumbent was doing."

This time around, there is no incumbent seeking reelection, so Weir said he's "more focused on my own race" with his own agenda and ideas to promote.

Weir and Skorski each said that, in talks, many voters told them Connecticut's high tax rate, a perpetual issue, is a major concern.

Cost of living is rising fast, said Weir, especially considering inflation, rising grocery and energy prices.

Weir said that a few weeks ago he met a Marlborough resident, a "young man" working on his car, with a family playing outside. The man told him he was struggling to pay for gas, and after speaking with Weir, told his son Weir was going to help lower gas prices.

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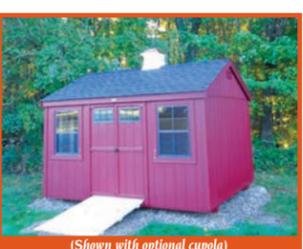
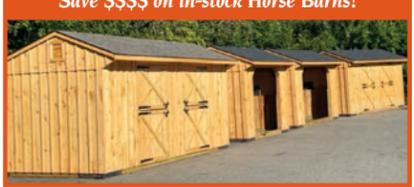
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★ *'Historic' Visit cont. from page 1*  
the news.

"We were all blown away," she said, adding that Curry "is someone you admire and look up to."

However, Douglas expressed that the visit was well-deserved and emblematic of the work they do; he enjoyed making that announcement to Kolanowski.

"It never occurred to them how blessed and wonderful they are," he said.

Curry began his sermon by acknowledging the choir and thanking Kolanowski – who first met him 16 years ago – for organizing the event. He spoke to a packed church, which holds roughly 150 people.

"We're in New England," Curry exclaimed. "It's just beautiful."

Curry told the congregation that its dedication was reverberating not just in the community, but on a larger scale.

He said the congregation was "working to make this world something closer to God's dream and not a human nightmare."

The message Curry communicated was largely centered on closing the gap between love and hate. He emphasized that "love is the way," which is also the title of a book he published.

"It's the way to the heart of God. It's the way to each other," he said.

To expand on his point, Curry pointed to a survey where respondents stated that followers of Jesus are mainly the ones behind racism in America.

He explained that identifying those gaps and flaws was a natural and necessary step in making progress. For those experiencing their own challenges, he said, they should think of ways to "overcome" them.

"Pay attention to the gap," Curry said. "Don't be afraid, and step across the gap."

He also gave St. Peter's accolades for its service to the community.

"I know you've been doing some work with racial justice and reconciliation. I know about your Juneteenth celebration. I know you're bringing together the sons and daughters, the grandchildren of former slaves and former slave owners," he said. "That's how you close

the gap."

At the climax of his sermon, Curry brought attention to migrants being sent to Massachusetts and being taken care of by a small Episcopal church, which evoked strong feelings.

Curry said that community "rallied to make sure people were cared for" and urged everyone "not to give up."

Litwin expressed that Curry lived up to his reputation and that the experience was "tremendously inspiring."

"I mean he lights the fire under your feet," she said. "Bishop Curry always looks so strong in his faith and it appears that it makes him look full of joy. I'm not sure you could put that much passion into it unless you really believe it."

Maggie Breen, the northeast region missionary, told the *Rivereast* that the level of community outreach in Hebron is astounding.

"There aren't many other Episcopal parishes in this area doing the spectrum of work that St. Peter's is doing," she said. "What's happening here is really special. There's really not this level of engagement with the rest of the parishes I serve."

The success of St. Peter's can be attributed to many things, but one of the common explanations is Kolanowski himself. Even when the pandemic began, the parish was able to quickly pivot while other churches were unable to do so.

"He's very dynamic and he's very interested in building a relationship with the community, not just the people of St. Peter's but the larger

community," Breen said. "I think this congregation was ripe for a project, that they were ready to sink their teeth into something. All Ron did was amplify something that was already percolating but hadn't come up to the front yet."

For his part, Kolanowski said that while he is responsible for motivating his parish, the people involved are the ones making the real impact.

"That's my job; I'm supposed to lead the charge but the people who really make it happen are these folks," he said. "What they do in the community is amazing."

John Ostrout, a vestry member, viewed

Curry's visit as a significant moment for the community and neighboring towns. He hopes people will take notice of the work that is being done by St. Peter's and serve to motivate them.

"From a religious point of view, it shows that Hebron is on the cutting edge," he said, adding that this "isn't something that we're flirting with or daydreaming about – we are doing it."

While it's a major moment for St. Peter's in particular, everyone should take notice.

"It should uplift the whole area, not just Hebron," Ostrout said. "There is very vital activity going on."

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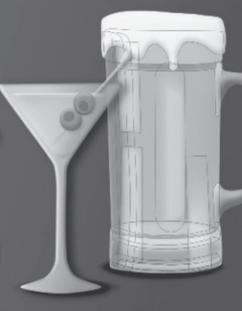
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From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

Election Day is fast approaching, and with it, there is some very important news all readers should pay attention to.

For the next two issues – the Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 installments – the deadline for all letters to the editor will be **noon Mondays**. This is due to the increase in letters I've been seeing lately and expect to continue to see.

Deadline for all other copy – such as event listings and press releases – will remain Tuesday at noon. It's just the letters deadline that's changing.

Unfortunately, it would just be impractical for me to make exceptions. So, if you want to see your letter in the paper, have it in to me no later than noon Monday.

Also, next week will be the last week for any letters to the editor criticizing local candidates. This is to allow the candidates, or their supporters, a chance to respond before Election Day.

And along those same lines, any political letters sent for the Nov. 4 issue should be positive in nature, or endorsements only.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

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This sounds like whimsical fun: The Connecticut State Button Society – yes, I didn't know there was such a thing either – is celebrating its 80th anniversary with a special club luncheon and anniversary button presentation on Saturday, Oct. 29.

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The Connecticut State Button Society says its button members come from all areas of the state. The society also tells me Connecticut's button history dates back to the early 1700s. Who knew? Button factories were found throughout our state, and some are still in business today, the society says.

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I visited Ireland for the first time in 2018 and Paris for the first time in early 2020 – literally days before COVID shut everything down – and I've been jonesing to go back to either place ever since.

On both of those above trips, I flew Aer Lingus out of Bradley. It was so cool, I thought, for little ol' Bradley Airport to have flights to Europe.

Alas, the pandemic brought an end to Aer Lingus service out of Bradley. The airline promised it would return, but, even as life started to return to normal, Aer Lingus stayed out of the Nutmeg State.

Well, I am *delighted* to say this won't be the

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**Walking for a Cause...** Gilead Congregational Church's small but mighty team was able to raise over \$6,800 (and still growing!) at last weekend's Walk to End Alzheimer's. "We are grateful for everyone's support and look forward to next year's event!" the team said. Pictured from left are team members Shoshonah Wolf, Tonya Maurer, Ginny Grabowski, Katie Goff, Chris Goff, Riley Goff, Deb Meincke and team captain Laurie Larsen.

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## Bulletin Board

My dear old friend Suds McSpatz took me aside the other day for a confidential chat. "Listen," he said. "It appears to me that your campaign to become Emperor of the Universe doesn't seem to be going particularly well."

"No," I admitted. "It's definitely lost momentum. Frankly, I'm baffled since I don't even have a specific opponent beyond complete and total public disinterest."

"That's the problem," observed Suds. "What you need is an opponent that we can vilify to rouse the masses in support of your candidacy. As your oldest if not dearest friend, I have taken the liberty to draw up a campaign strategy to revitalize your bid to become Emperor of the known universe."

"Also the unknown universe," I corrected him. "I want the whole ball of wax."

"Right. So first, we need an opponent to focus our venom on."

"How do we do that?"

"No worries, pal. I have found the perfect opponent. Mortimer G. Schpungledast."

"Who in hell is Mortimer G. Schpungledast?"

"He's nobody. I made him up. But the public doesn't need to know that. I've already written a few TV spots calculated to make voters hate Mortimer so much that they'll vote for you even if they think you're kind of a jerk too."

"Hey..."

"How's this for an ad?: Not only does Mortimer G. Schpungledast leave the water running on the rare occasions he brushes his teeth, he supports price gouging on baby formula sales and he killed Jesus."

"I don't know, Suds. That sounds a little extreme."

"What, that he rarely brushes his teeth?"

"No, the Jesus thing. I mean, the Romans killed Jesus like two thousand years ago. How old is this Schpungledast guy supposed to be?"

"None of that matters, buddy. This is political advertising. You can say anything you want. The TV people don't care as long as you have the money to pay for the ad."

"That doesn't seem to be very ethical."

"Geez, no wonder your campaign isn't going anywhere. What, did you just fall off the turnip truck or something?"

"I'd just like something a little more positive maybe?"

"I got that covered, too. Here's the other TV spot. We get a close-up of you looking friendly and sincere but determined and steely eyed. Looking directly into the camera, you say, I've spent my whole life battling for truth, justice and the American way. As your Emperor of the known..."

"And unknown."

"And unknown universe. I will fight for you even if villains like Mortimer G. Schpungledast pull out my toenails and say mean things about my mother. Using your money, I will fight on even if I am bleeding from the eyes and ears and I'm in a coma hooked up to an IV. I will..."

"Gee, I don't know, Suds. All I want is to be able to tell everyone else what to do without having to do it myself. I don't particularly want to do it with no toenails and bleeding from the eyes and ears. I mean, that would kind of take the fun out of it, you know?"

"You don't have to bleed. It's all bull. You think any of these candidates in their TV ads actually mean to follow through on what they say? Do you think they've actually accomplished a fraction of what they claim to have done?"

"I know, but the endless lying just infuriates me. I just don't want to be a part of it."

"So I suppose you won't approve of my TV spot that tells people they'll get cancer if they don't vote for you?"

"Yeah, no. I couldn't do that. Maybe hair loss or something, but not cancer."

"Meaning you refuse to say or promise whatever it takes to become Emperor of the Universe."

"I guess so."

"You, my friend, are no politician."

"Not the kind of politician we're seeing these days, no."

[I'm Jim Hallas and I approve this message.]

**Jim Hallas**

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### Correction

In a story last week entitled "Belltown Council Trims Guard Funding," East Hampton Board of Education Chair Christina Tammaro Dzagan was identified as a Republican. While she was a Republican when elected last fall, she has since changed her party affiliation to Independent.

Also, the story indicated there will be a town meeting on Oct. 26; that meeting will actually be Oct. 25.

The *Rivereast* regrets the errors.

### Education

To the Editor:

Fred Swaniker, Ghanaian entrepreneur: "The greatest equalizer in life is education."

"If you learn something new every day, you can teach something new every day." – Martha Stewart.

Maybe what I saw on a T-shirt: "Get Informed, Not Inflamed." Or part of a quote from the movie *Braveheart*, "First, learn how to use this..." Uncle Argyle pointing to the head of William Wallace. There are some "interesting" definitions on UrbanDictionary.

Is it education or indoctrination? To teach (someone) to fully accept the ideas, opinions, and beliefs of a particular group and to not consider other ideas, opinions, and beliefs. Using this definition, I think a discussion could be had that there is little difference between the two.

You hear it said, taught how to think, not what to think. My thought is, it's not what's taught, it's how

it's taught. Are you that "concerned" with what is being taught that you'll deny another's opportunity to learn? You're that "concerned" with what's being taught that you'll harass and threaten teachers and school board members? But, but, free speech, just don't.

Cliché time: this is a teachable moment. Therein lies the problem, if you/I/we fear/are afraid what is being learned in that moment? What is being taught in that moment? Ban this, ban that, after all, banned books are the best books. Maybe all we'll be allowed to read are ingredient labels, maybe.

The rest of the quote, "before you learn how to use this" as Uncle Argyle holds up a sword. The point is this, we didn't learn how to use our head (or our heart for that matter) we went straight for the sword and have been damaging things ever since.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Eric Manning – Andover**

### DeCaprio for State Representative

Dear Colchester Residents:

I had the opportunity to watch Mark DeCaprio discuss the importance of affordability at a recent debate in Colchester. He was quick to point out the grim realities of Connecticut's current economic climate as he mentioned the scores of friends that he had seen leave the state for a more affordable place to live and retire. In a 2022 study, financial website Bankrate calculated each state's affordability using the Community and Economic Research's cost of living index and the Tax Foundation's rankings for property and sales tax rates. Their analysis concluded that Connecticut was the third least affordable state

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to retire in.  
Like Mark, I believe that Connecticut should be an affordable state for everyone to live and retire in. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) found that Connecticut had the second-largest decrease in real GDP in the second quarter of 2022 and that its resident's income grew the second slowest nationwide. Mark DeCaprio believes that limited government, free-market policies, and low taxes will help cure an economic malaise that has characterized our state.

How can Connecticut continue to elect progressive politicians to represent us, when in the last decade they have delivered on bad economic and labor policies repeatedly? Recently, the American Legislative Exchange Council reported that Connecticut has the third-highest electricity prices in the entire nation. With conditions like these, it is no wonder that there is a population exodus from the state.

Mark has served in the Navy, the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, and in Lebanon's municipal government. Now he is committed to serving us in Hartford. Please join me in supporting a fiscally conservative candidate who is aiming to make Connecticut affordable for everyone.

**Sincerely,  
Andreas Bisbikos  
First Selectman of Colchester**

**Salt Kills**

To the Editor:  
The January 2000 CBD ERT report, concerning The Raymond Brook Watershed, deals primarily with water. Gravity, pollution and water may seem too complex to discuss with the public, but they should be discussed. Gravity, pollution and water are the basic problems with Hebron's plans for development on Kinney Road. "Gravity, physics, the force that attracts a body toward the center of the earth, or toward any other physical body having mass."

The RBWatershed is awesome, high functioning, and full of GA water. The watershed's perfect slope allows groundwater to perform its only job, follow gravity, and by doing so deliver healthy or unhealthy water to life downstream.

Water is vital to staying alive. Parents all over America are pushing back and fighting for clean water. Interestingly enough, trees, known as Mother Trees, do the same. They collect, store and even hoard extra water to feed the younger trees around their root systems. Is this the case in 17 Kinney's first stonewall laneway up from the road? This laneway contains a good amount of groundwater which has visibly increased over the past twenty years. This laneway is also home to the Wolf Tree known as Moonracer. Could it be that Moonracer is also a Mother Tree? Nevertheless, more water is collecting and proliferate water problems both here and abroad, means this is excellent news!

Road salts dissolves 100% in water and soil, taking nearly a thousand years to dissipate. Road salt kills plants, renders water useless and destroys the soil. Is any of this worthwhile? Previous generations have re-

spected this valuable property, shouldn't we be doing the same? Our water is clean and being stored and even Mother Trees know the value of that. Perhaps it is time we listened to the wisdom of our Mothers. #Save17

**Jean Tulimieri – Amston**

**The More Impressed I Am**

To the Editor:  
Over the last several weeks, many people have written letters to the editor favoring various candidates for different officers. I wrote one some time ago asking readers to vote for Chris Rivers for state representative (48th District – Colchester, Lebanon, Bozrah, Franklin). Since I wrote that letter, I have been to several candidate forums where candidates have discussed the issue facing our state. The more I have seen Chris Rivers, the more impressed I have become.

Chris Rivers is both knowledgeable and flexible while never losing sight of what is best for the people of our district. His ability to work with different people who have both different ideas and various perspectives is almost unique in this candidate field. His background in science, engineering, and diplomacy gives him a wide understanding of the challenges which face our state and region. It also gives him a unique opportunity to propose solutions that will benefit Colchester and eastern Connecticut.

Please join me in voting for Chris Rivers for state representative (48th District) on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

**John F. Malsbenden – Colchester**

**All the Way with Norm**

To the Editor:  
We, the constituents of the 33rd Senatorial District, have been most fortunate to have had the stewardship of Norm Needleman for the last four years. As a result of his work in the legislature, Norm has received endorsements from several organizations, including the Independent Party, Uniformed Firefighters and the American Federation of Teachers.

In deciding which candidate is worthy of your vote, I firmly believe that the individual's track record, in addition to party affiliation, must be examined. During the course of my long career, the hiring of staff at multiple levels was my responsibility, one that I took most seriously. For this reason, I would carefully review each candidate's resume in order to get an accurate picture of the accomplishments and what qualities he or she would bring to the organization.

A review of Norm Needleman's resume will show a highly successful business started from scratch in 1979 that now employs over 200 people, service to the town of Essex in various capacities including first selectman since 2011, major contributions to the arts community through involvement with the Ivoryton Playhouse, as well as his legislative accomplishments since election to the state senate. This resume has been built by the hard work of a highly intelligent man of integrity. Norm's accomplishments in the political arena have been realized by his ability to work

collaboratively with representatives of each political party, both in Essex and Hartford.

While every voter is entitled to his or her opinion, I can only say, take a good look at the qualifications and accomplishments of each candidate. If the answer is not obvious, you and I have not been watching the same game.

**David May – East Hampton**

**Vote for Brandon Goff**

To the Editor:  
Brandon Goff is not a career politician. He is patriotic young man who is focused on fighting for the people of Connecticut. It's time for new blood in the state Senate – 33rd District!!!

Vote for Brandon Goff.

**Melody Philhower – East Hampton**

**Defend America**

To the Editor:  
More than half the country has an election denier running to oversee statewide elections. Voters can't afford to sit elections out, but must show up in force to overwhelmingly display the will of the people. I believe that such a demonstration will make any attempts at denial look totally ludicrous, and show that America can be righted from its dangerous path toward autocracy. Please vote in the upcoming election! Apathy is not an option. Election results at the local and state levels can bolster American democracy or undermine it. Vote Democrat. The Republican party is riddled with half truths and disinformation (with apologies to those Republicans and Conservatives who are not part of the far-right cult of Trump).

Vote for Chris Rivers and Joe Courtney, Norm Needleman and Stephanie Thomas. Get out and vote. We can't control what may happen nationally, but we can retain Connecticut as a bastion of democracy.

**John Barnowski – Colchester**

**Needleman Makes Sense**

To the Editor:  
An outstanding state senator, Norm Needleman has represented all people in the 33rd District with intelligence and dignity, securing funding for economic development, public water, manufacturing, and town improvements to name a few. Senator Needleman is recognized by his peers for his leadership and management skills and his ability to build consensus across party lines.

Norm's background and experience give him a decided advantage dealing with the complex problems and issues our district and State face. An entrepreneur, Norm founded and built a pharmaceutical man-

ufacturing company in Essex, now with over 150 employees. Elected first selectman of Essex since 2011, along with being the civilian chief of police in Essex, he is a two-term state senator since 2018.

Sen. Needleman has directly assisted East Hampton in securing \$1.5 million funding to support a town-wide water system and a \$500,000 S.T.E.A.P. grant to upgrade our Village Center. He has been equally committed to the other 11 towns in the 33rd District. For example, he provided instrumental support to locate the Birdon manufacturing facility in Portland, which will refurbish the 47-foot motor lifeboat rescue vessels for the U.S. Coast Guard. Refurbishing will extend the service life of the boats and reduce costs for the military and taxpayers.

Join me to re-elect Norm Needleman state senator. His approach to representation makes sense. He has earned your vote.

**Dean Markham – East Hampton**

**Choices are Difficult**

To the Editor:  
Yes. We are in favor of an armed security officer in each of the four public schools.

Yes. We want you to send your students off to school knowing they will be protected and safer by the use of a trained, competent officer.

Yes. We are also fiscally concerned about how this decision will affect your taxes. Diligently, we are working to make an ACO in each school a priority with compromises sought as to not increase the overall tax rate sharply.

We are asking for all boards to prioritize and compromise. That means a give and take, not just a one-sided discussion.

Choices are difficult. Decisions can be harder. One thing is sure. We are looking out for the East Hampton students' safety and protection whilst being prudent when it comes to spending and taxes.

**Sincerely,**

**Alison Walck – East Hampton**

*Note: Walck is a member of the East Hampton Town Council, but is speaking as an individual.*

**Supports Aletta**

To the Editor:  
I have known Rose Aletta for nearly 25 years, and during that time I have come to admire Rose for her ethics, hard work, and strong convictions. That's why I will be voting for Rose for state representative. You may not see Rose at the farmers market or posing for a photo at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, instead Rose will be the one working behind the scenes to get the job done or anonymously donating when someone

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case much longer.  
NBC Connecticut reported earlier this month that Aer Lingus will return to Bradley next spring, with nonstop flights to Dublin, Ireland.

The flights will begin March 26, 2023, and will operate daily through October.

According to NBC CT, travelers will be able to connect to 28 UK and European airports, including London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Vienna, Madrid, Barcelona, Rome, Prague and more.

The service is expected to operate annually on a seasonal basis, at least for now. NBC CT says year-round service will resume only when demand is realized from the return of business travel.

"The resumption of the Aer Lingus route

has been a major priority in our recovery strategy," NBC CT reported Kevin A. Dillon, executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority, as saying in a statement. "We look forward to rebuilding the service, continuing the strong momentum it had prior to the onset of the pandemic, and bringing back easy and quick transatlantic access with an award-winning airline."

And it was indeed easy. Both of my round-trip flights on Aer Lingus were smooth as silk. They were a delightful way to begin two delightful vacations. If you've never been to Europe, and you can afford it, I highly recommend the experience.

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unable to participate in an event due to financial hardship.

Rose is not interested in the public attention many politicians thrive on; she is concerned with ensuring policies and statutes support the values of the constituents she will represent which will benefit and protect the citizens of those communities.

I expect an elected representative to, at minimum, respond in acknowledgement of receiving a constituent's voicemail or email, even if she doesn't agree

with or support the sender's position. I want a representative who will work hard for her constituents in Hartford, not just show up to local events with a smiling face. Rose will be responsive, accessible, and knowledgeable. She will take the time to learn the details regarding the issues facing Portland and Cromwell and will vote in support of bills which will benefit the residents of those communities. Rose will stand by her word, voting in favor of her campaign pledges. I urge you to take time to learn about Rose's campaign pledges and review her opponent's voting

record. Which candidate will best represent you?

For those of you feeling frustrated with our current national political landscape, please remember that local elections matter. Your vote can make a difference. Please exercise your right to vote in this important election. Please join me on November 8 in supporting Rose Aletta for State Representative.

**Kim Nagy-Marushock – Portland**

*Note: Nagy-Marushock is a member of the Portland Board of Education, but said she is speaking as an individual.*

**Norm is an Advocate**

To the Editor:

Sen. Norm Needleman has been an advocate for Colchester seniors for many years. Norm put his leadership skills along with his "get it done" attitude to good work. He, along with Rep. Brian Smith, were instrumental in Colchester securing a \$2.5 million state bond. This amount will greatly reduce the impact on taxpayers as well as reduce the amount that Colchester will have to borrow. Norm understood the need for a new facility that will benefit our seniors as well as our community. Norm makes things happen in a fair and equitable way. I applaud his public service and his continued dedication to residents of Colchester and surrounding towns.

Please join me in reelecting Sen. Norm Needleman on Nov. 8.

**Marge Mlodzinski – Colchester**

*Note: Mlodzinski is a member of the Colchester Senior Center Building Committee, but said she is speaking as an individual.*

**Why I'm Running**

To the Editor:

In Connecticut, Registrar of Voters is a partisan position. By state statute, each town must have a registrar of voters representing each major party (Democrat & Republican); however, unaffiliated voters and those belonging to a minor party (Green, Libertarian, Independent and Working Families) have no such guarantee of representation. That's despite the fact that as of October 2021, the plurality of Connecticut voters (42%) were either unaffiliated or registered with a minor party – more than were registered with either the Democrats (37%) or the Republicans (20%). That's unfair.

I believe unaffiliated and minor party voters deserve a seat at the table. That's why I'm running for registrar of voters. If elected, I promise to work collaboratively with the Democratic and Republican registrars to ensure that partisan politics does not negatively impact the integrity of our local elections. My professional skill set as a quality assurance professional would enable me to identify issues with our current election process as well as to offer solutions while seeking input from community members on how to make improvements. I'm committed to taking whatever practical steps can be taken to make our local elections more secure, accessible and transparent so that all voters – regardless of political affiliation – have greater faith in our electoral system.

I appreciate your consideration and invite you to contact me at [brian@greenregistrar.us](mailto:brian@greenregistrar.us) with any questions or ideas you have for how to improve the quality of our local elections. Thank you.

**Brian Gay – East Hampton**

**Filling MS Daisy**

To the Editor:

The Middlesex United Way, in conjunction with the East Hampton Rotary Club's Turkey Plunge which is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5, will hold a food drive to support the East Hampton Food Bank on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon, in front of both entrances of the East Hampton Stop & Shop. Non-perishable food as well as monetary donations will gladly be accepted to support the needs of those less fortunate in East Hampton. Liberty Bank Foundation will provide matching donations, 25 cents for every dollar raised during this event. Thanks to a very generous donor we will be filling a unique Hoda Acty mini truck named MS Daisy with non-perishable food donations.

This event will also be in partnership with the Liberty Bank Foundation, the Middlesex Community Foundation and the East Hampton Rotary Club, one of 39 Rotary Clubs that will be participating in the 19th Annual Liberty Bank – Rotary Club Thanksgiving Drive.

Middlesex United Way, which has been active for decades in Middlesex County is very pleased to be joining forces with Liberty Bank Foundation, the Middlesex Community Foundation, the East Hampton Rotary Club and the East Hampton Food Bank to supply holiday meals to families and support the East Hampton Food Bank. Thank you in advance for

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**Kevin Reich, member Middlesex United Way Board**

**Insanity**

To the Editor:  
People constantly complain about Connecticut's high taxes, high cost of living including the highest electricity costs in the U.S., and friends and family leaving because they cannot afford to live here.

The cause of the problem is the Democratic Party's control of the House and the Senate for over forty years and their apparent belief that they can do whatever they want. With \$6 billion in federal funds and bragging about a \$4 billion surplus, the Democratic majority raised taxes. This at a time when inflation is at a forty-year high and we have sky high food, fuel, home heating oil and electricity costs.

The definition of insanity is to continue to do the same thing and expect a different result. You will not get a different result if you continue to vote for a Democrat who does not even acknowledge that Connecticut has a tax and spend problem.

Irene Haines supported the Republican alternative \$1.2 billion tax relief package, which included reducing the income tax from 5% to 4% for middle-and-low-income filers, reducing the sales tax to 5.99% and eliminating the 1% meals tax, extending the gas tax holiday and adding diesel, repealing the highway use tax for trucks, restoring the property tax credit and replenishing the unemployment insurance trust fund, among other changes. The tax relief amendment failed with no Democratic support.

Irene is committed to working on issues that matter to the 34th District – common-sense budgets that reduce tax burdens, the rights of parents in their children's education, and support for our police in their efforts to deal with rising crime and opioid drug use in our communities.

Please re-elect Irene Haines as our state representative.

**Linda Ursin – East Hampton**

**Supports Olin, Needleman**

To the Editor:  
This November I'm supporting John Olin and Norm Needleman for the Connecticut house and senate. Both have been endorsed by numerous groups and organizations looking out for the best interest of the state and the residents they represent, including the AFT, but most telling this year is the endorsement for them by the Independent Party. In the past, the Independent Party has admittedly been a rubber stamp to the Republican nominee, so what's changed? The extreme will say they've become part of the swamp, the sane know democracy is at stake this year. Be sane, vote democracy, vote John Olin and Norm Needleman.

**Paul Wisniewski – East Hampton**

**Vote Weir**

To the Editor:  
\$1,300+ to fill a 225-gallon home heating oil tank is a reality. We've seen prices rise three times in one day. New England heating oil inventories are a quarter of a year ago. The pain at the delivery truck is going to get worse. Many of us are going to be cold this winter. Democratic policies in Hartford have not helped. While Hartford Democrats are quick to pass tax increases and ill-advised policing bills at 1 a.m., they have neglected to take care of the issues we and our families need. Hartford Democrats killed capacity increasing energy infrastructure and instead heaped new taxes on energy and energy delivery.

Are \$1,300+ oil deliveries the new norm? The cost of living in Connecticut is already among the highest in the country.

A new mindset is needed in Hartford, we need to reject the tired and sad thinking of 40 years of special interest dominated one party rule.

I am voting for Steve Weir for my 55th District state representative. I know he'll represent me and not the lobbyists that flood the State Capitol.

**Bob Clarke – Marlborough**

**Out of Touch!**

To the Editor:  
It amazes me that Norm Needleman is under the delusion that people and businesses are leaving Connecticut for warmer climates! What? Seriously? Ned Lamont even admitted that his own wife's business found it easier to do business in Tennessee than Connecticut!

But Norm cannot grasp the concept that business along with everyday Connecticut residents are not seeking warmer climates but a better quality of life that is affordable and does not overburden citizens with absorbent taxes!

This is just another example of Norm's and the Democratic Party's inability to relate to the everyday struggles that businesses, young families and our aging population are facing! Life-changing decisions are being made that impact people's life either through employment, leaving family for a better, less-expensive quality of life!

Brandon Goff, a young, eager Republican candidate, does! He listens and is empathic to what faces many of our small businesses and families being torn apart to seek less expensive states to live. Norm cannot relate to the struggles that Connecticut residents are facing when shopping for food, gas, utilities and clothing!

It's time for a fresh, younger perspective in Hartford who will work to address affordability issues in our state, keeping business and families together! Let's elect Brandon Goff as our next state senator and make Connecticut affordable again!

**Deborah Cunningham, Chair East Hampton Republican Town Committee**

**Supports Goff**

To the Editor:  
The Connecticut State Senate and the constituents of the 33rd District can certainly use a younger, fresh face representing the people of Connecticut. Brandon Goff of East Hampton is that candidate.

Brandon, an East Hampton native, would without doubt provide new vitality in Hartford, representing his district including East Hampton, Portland and Colchester.

Brandon is serving his first term on the East Hampton Town Council and is in the Naval Reserve. Just married this past summer, Brandon is anxious to help improve families lives and allow families to remain together here in Connecticut.

Brandon will work to improve employment opportunities and reduce utility costs and in general to reduce family living costs for his constituents. Seniors represent a large percentage of our state's population and we have an extremely large percentage of those over 75 who are still finding it necessary to work simply to cover their daily living expenses.

So if your expenses are out of sight or you are working way beyond your retirement years, then I would recommend Brandon Goff as your next state Senator. Brandon will work hard on your behalf to make sure that Connecticut no longer remains in the top ten highest tax states in the country.

Please consider Brandon for your next state senator. If you're tired of today's insanity, please vote for Brandon who will work hard for you in Hartford.

**Mark Cunningham – East Hampton**

*Note: Cunningham is treasurer for the "Elect Brandon Goff 2022" campaign, but said he is speaking as an individual.*

**The Representative We Need**

To the Editor:  
Irene Haines listens and acts on behalf of her constituents. Throughout the year, Rep. Haines hosts frequent informal sit-down "coffees" around the district discussing upcoming legislation and issues in the district. She continually demonstrates that she listens and then acts in our interests.

This is the representative we need to return Hartford.

**Sincerely,**

**Ray Zatorski – East Hampton**

*Note: Zatorski is Chair of East Hampton Planning and Zoning, writing as an individual.*

**Supporting Skorski**

To the Editor:  
Wes Skorski is running to represent the 55th Legislative District on Election Day this fall. This district includes Marlborough, Hebron, Andover and parts of Bolton and Glastonbury. Wes is the right candidate for the 55th.

Wes is a small business owner and father. He has served on the Marlborough Board of Education for nine years and was elected unanimously by Democrats and Republicans as chair. In this time, he has shown a commitment to working across the aisle to get results.

As state representative, Wes will bring this mentality and this commitment to tackle the important issues in our state; supporting the students in our schools, protecting women's reproductive rights, ensuring affordable health care and drug prices, and investing in the fight against climate change.

As a small business owner, he also knows the importance of financial responsibility. In a time when all of wallets are being squeezed, Wes has the experience and skills to put our tax dollars to best use.

Wes is the right voice in Hartford for the 55th District. Join me in supporting him Nov. 8.

**Jack Fidler – Marlborough**

*Note: Fidler is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance, but said he is speaking as an individual.*

**Cathy Osten is Awesome**

To the Editor:  
On Nov. 8, Cathy Osten will be running for her sixth term as our senator from the 19th district.

Cathy submitted a bill asking the Appropriations Committee to consider seeking funding to create a regional emergency shelter at RHAM. The State Bond Commission approved a 2-million-dollar bond to purchase a backup electrical generator for the RHAM facility. This would make the 256,000-square foot building capable of being used as a regional shelter during weather-related emergencies or other catastrophes. Cathy has worked to increase the minimum wage to \$15 in order help workers make more money for their families. She has helped to create a budget that had \$600 million in tax breaks to help the people in the state (ex., reduction in gas tax, child credits of \$250 per child for low- and middle-income status). Cathy also worked to increase state funding for to non-profits across the state. That includes an additional \$200,000 for AHM to address mental health issues and opioid addiction.

Cathy's bipartisan work in the Senate has garnered her many endorsements. Cathy has been endorsed by

a wide range of groups (about 40 of them) such as the Connecticut AFL-CIO, Planned Parenthood, Police Officers Association of Connecticut, the Sierra Club, and the Police Chiefs Association of Connecticut to name a few.

Cathy Osten is a mother, grandmother, and a Vietnam Era Veteran serving overseas as a Chinese interpreter. She is a 21-year veteran of the Department of Corrections achieving the rank of Lieutenant.

Please join me in voting for Cathy Osten on Nov. 8.  
**Maryanne Leichter – Hebron**

**Christie Listens and Cares**

To the Editor:  
Next month, I will be voting for Christie Carpino and I encourage you to join me. She has earned our vote with her deep and personal commitment to the people of Portland. This is true whether you are contemplating the cost of retiring in Connecticut, or a first-time voter wondering whether our state will provide sufficient career opportunities and safe communities to start and raise a family. Christie listens, understands and advocates for policies that are most important to us: a strong economy, safe streets and schools that educate.

While it is great to see Christie spending so much time in town listening to her constituents, we absolutely need her in the State Capitol giving us a voice during these challenging economic times and with Connecticut's growing mountain of public debt. We've all noticed that nearly everything we used to take for granted is getting worse. Our electric bills, 401K statements and the rising cost of groceries serve as a constant reminder of the poor policies undertaken at every level of government. With Christie's commitment to fiscal responsibility, lower taxes and initiatives that support rather than penalize business investment, she can help make Connecticut more affordable.

Challenging times require smart and compassionate leaders focused on what matters the most; and that is exactly who Christie is. For anyone who remains undecided, please reach out to Christie. I'm confident she'll listen to your concerns and demonstrate how she is working to help - not divide - us.

**Mike Nadolski – Portland**

*Note: Nadolski is chair of Portland's Economic Development Commission, but said he is writing as an individual.*

**Olin an Excellent Candidate**

To the Editor:  
John Olin wants to represent the 34th House District (East Hampton, East Haddam and Salem) in Hartford, and he is an excellent candidate. He has been working diligently to meet as many voters as possible, stopping at homes and greeting people at markets and other venues. John is prepared to devote his time to working in the legislature to represent us. His background as a physicians' assistant, public health practitioner and administrator will enable him to contribute significantly to healthcare matters. Infrastructure improvements in our district, budgetary matters and climate change are among his priorities. John likes to tackle problems – and to solve them. Most importantly, John listens.

**Respectfully,**

**Terry Concannon – East Hampton**

**Vote Goff for the Senate**

To the Editor:  
Brandon Goff is a straight-talking young conservative. Upon his return to East Hampton where he grew up Brandon was elected to our Town Council where he has shown himself to be a steady, thoughtful and consistent voice. He argues and defends his positions with conviction and confidence, demonstrating exactly the sort of senator the 33rd District should send to Hartford.

Brandon returned to us following years in the sub-

marine service on a ballistic missile submarine in the Pacific. He continues his service to the nation in the Navy reserves, and to our town on its council. He has shown us that as a member of the state senate he will not just follow the dictates of his party; he will be a leader in the pursuit of conservative solutions to issues the legislature must routinely address as well as dealing with emerging situations. Brandon will be a guardian of the public's money and devoted to reestablishing our trust in government which has been so eroded with crippling regulations and taxes.

Connecticut is one of the least admired states in which to live and work: not for its residents or environment, but for its cost of living. Do something about that with a vote for Goff and the rest of the GOP candidates on the ballot.

**George Coshow – Middle Haddam**

**Will Fight for Us**

To the Editor:  
Hello, I am writing to share my support for Chris Rivers for the 48th District. Chris has many goals he hopes to accomplish if elected to the 48th, but I just want to share a few. As a veteran who dedicated years of service, he will fight for other veterans to make sure they have access to the benefits they deserve. As a current Board of Education member in Colchester, he knows how important schools are in a community and will fight for resources, though not just for the schools, but local businesses as well- the backbone of our community.

Chris is hardworking and has dedicated his life to serving others. His experiences from serving on active duty, from West Point, from his work as a civil servant in science and technology for the Department of State, will help him fight for our district's fair share in Hartford. Thank you.

**Karen Scholl – Colchester**

**Haines for Law and Order**

To the Editor:  
The Fraternal Order of Police endorsed Irene Haines saying, "There is no doubt that you will put the best interests of Law Enforcement and your constituents first." Irene has also been endorsed by the East Haddam Police Union saying, Irene is "The right choice for the safety of our community."

We are all concerned about safety in our homes, neighborhoods and schools. I'm sorry to say that there is so much violence in today's society: we see it on TV and are constantly reminded of it through our notifications and social media. We need our hard-working police to be unhindered by state mandates. We must allow our officers to do their jobs assuring our safety and the safety of our communities without constant interference from government and political factions.

Irene knows the police must have our support so they can maintain law and order in our communities. She voted against the erroneously named "Police Accountability Act" knowing that it would do very little good with a lot of unwanted consequences and unfunded mandates.

Your vote for Irene is a vote for law and order.  
**Alannah Coshow – Middle Haddam**

*Note: Coshow is chair of the East Hampton Board of Finance, but is speaking as an individual.*

**Time for Positive Change**

To the Editor:  
If you've had the opportunity to speak with Wes Skorski at one of the various local events he's attended, or if you've had the pleasure of engaging with him on one of his many canvassing tours, you know that Wes' dedication, intelligence and caring nature is just the positive change we need to represent the 55th District in Hartford.

Wes' nine years on the Marlborough Board of Education, and currently serving as chair (elected by both

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Democrats and Republicans), shows his commitment to our children's futures. He will focus on our students' mental health needs and provide the best teachers and curriculum to keep our district a high performing one. Wes was recently endorsed by the AFT (American Federation of Teachers) Connecticut.

Wes will fight to protect women's rights to make choices about their own health care decisions, something that our mothers and grandmothers fought for. He will also fight for programs to support equality in the workplace.

Wes is also committed to looking out for our seniors and will work to make health care more affordable for all including lowering the costs of prescription drugs.

If you have the chance to speak to Wes, please do; you will not be disappointed.

**Annamarie Daigle – Andover**

**She Has What It Takes**

To the Editor:

After 12 years, it's time for a change in Portland and Cromwell. I fully support Rose Aletta for state representative, District 32. She is very dedicated, thoughtful, and hard-working. As a certified residential appraiser and chair of Portland ZBA, she understands the challenges property owners face, and has worked to effect beneficial changes to zoning regulations.

I trust Rose to make the best decisions on important issues, including women's reproductive health care.

Rose does not shy away from taking action, and she doesn't play politics. Rose has what it takes to help make Connecticut a better and more affordable place to work and live.

**Theresa Asikainen – Portland**

**Going with Goff**

To the Editor:

I support Brandon Goff for state Senate in the 33rd District. It is time to make change and send a message that we will no longer tolerate elected officials who only serve their own self-interest.

Brandon better represents us as he faces the same struggles to make ends meet in Connecticut. His opponent is another old millionaire that doesn't understand the impact of their terrible fiscal policy as he can well afford the taxes, fees and over regulation that he and the Democrats have imposed on us.

**Russell Bonaccorso – East Hampton**

*Note: Bonaccorso is a member of the East Hampton Board of Finance, but is speaking as an individual.*

**Wes for Education**

To the Editor:

The foundations of a flourishing democracy are rooted in a strong educational system. In the midst of the political turmoil our country has experienced, our schools have also witnessed many challenges in recent years. Board of Ed meetings across the country are sometimes loud and emotionally charged because we all care deeply for our children.

In 2020, schools closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a decision made in order to protect the children in our community and their teachers. In Marlborough, we were one of the few schools to be open for five-day-a-week in-person learning, a testament to the resolve of our parents, teachers, staff, and administration to do what is best for the kids. Schools today are struggling to make up for lost face-to-face time with students, and we are just learning the educational impacts of these past disruptive years for our children. I have seen the effects of COVID-19 on our children firsthand as a parent of two students

in the RHAM schools.

As chair of the Marlborough Board of Education, I am well acquainted with the administrative, policy, and budgetary concerns facing schools in our district and within the region. I have had the opportunity to learn from the community about their worries, ideas, and hopes for students.

As representative of the 55th District, I will bring this knowledge and experience with me to Hartford and advocate for our public schools, which remain among the best in Connecticut and the country. I will work to ensure that Connecticut schools remain safe places for students to share ideas, learn peacefully, and grow into the next generation of citizens who will shape our future.

**Warmest regards,  
Wes Skorski – Marlborough  
Democratic Candidate for 55th District**

*Note: Skorski is chair of the Marlborough Board of Education, but said he is writing as an individual.*

**Wes Skorski for the 55th**

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Wes Skorski for state representative in the 55th District. Wes is a resident of Marlborough, where he has raised his family and been actively involved in the community. He is a successful businessperson, founding or leading businesses in medical supplies, real estate investment, and logistics and supply chain delivery. He has been the chair of the Marlborough Board of Education for nine years, working collaboratively with Republicans and Democrats and putting people over politics.

Wes's priorities as state representative will include:

- Strong public education, including a focus on mental health after the pandemic, improved nutrition and support of teachers
- Tax relief for working families and support of local businesses
- Women's rights, including to make their own health care decisions
- Affordable health care, including prescription drug costs
- Environmental protection and investment in climate resilience

Check out [www.winwithwes.org](http://www.winwithwes.org) for more information about Wes. Please join me in voting in the important election on Nov. 8 and, for these reasons, in voting for Wes Skorski!

**Maura Curran Baker – Hebron**

**All Lies are Costly**

To the Editor:

Annie Steinbrecher of Marlborough writes "Lies are Costly." She, as well as others who post letters to the Reader Forum, sound like parrots squawking the same things all the time... "Polly wants a cracker"! All lies are costly, not just the ones you think are lies. You may be lying to yourself!

I am amused at some of those parrots who "squawk" in the Reader Forum; Jan. 6 insurrection "squawk"; Fox News is lying "squawk"; Fox News is Russian propaganda, "squawk"! So, is inflation and recession Russian propaganda? Crime surge in the U.S., is that Russian propaganda? Drugs and fentanyl pouring into this country and all those dying from them is Russian propaganda? Hundreds of thousands, now millions of illegal immigrants pouring into this country is Russian propaganda?

Ms. Steinbrecher, do you work for the CIA, NSA or some other government intelligence gathering agency? If you do, I understand where you may be getting your intelligence from, but if you don't, it's propaganda from other news networks whose lies are just as costly as the ones you choose to point out. How do you know Tucker Carlson has become a "star of Russian TV"? Why is it that only Tucker

Carlson and Fox News could possibly be treasonous? Couldn't CNN and MSNBC, NBC, CBS and any other of a list of media outlets be considered treasonous? I've heard many claims from those networks, but without a shred of legitimate evidence. In some cases, evidence that was used and later dispelled. Isn't that lying?

Ms. Steinbrecher, you should be cautious at whom you may be calling out as people who may be watching Fox News for whatever reason they're watching it that they may be sympathetic to or supporting communist Russia. Are you really for real to make a statement such as that?

**Michael Chotkowski – Marlborough**

**Kudos to Our Crew**

To the Editor:

We wish to send a huge 'thank you' to the Town of Hebron Public Works road crew who came to our house and removed three enormous trees along our road which were blocking our view of oncoming vehicles at the heading of our driveway. With bucket trucks, heavy equipment, shovels, rakes, and lots of muscle, our crew efficiently cut down these trees, chipped all the branches, hauled away the wood, and neatly cleaned up the surrounding areas. What a tremendous job done! We now have the benefit of clear sight lines both ways as we pull onto our road from our driveway.

We value our town Public Works employees. They need an updated, expanded, and more efficient workplace instead of the cramped and outdated quarters they presently occupy near the transfer station. That's why we wholeheartedly support the proposed building of our town's new centrally-located public works facility at 17 Kinney Rd. Our hardworking town crews deserve nothing less.

**Gary and Cathy Horton – Hebron**

**Vote Rose and Norm**

To the Editor:

I am writing to offer my vote for Rose Aletta, the Democratic candidate for state representative for Portland and Cromwell and Norm Needleman for the CT State Senate.

They have my vote because of their support of reproductive health care and abortion rights in Connecticut. Rose's competition did not vote to expand the types of medical professionals who can provide abortion services in the state when HB 5414 came to a vote earlier this year. Rose's competition did not vote to shield residents from facing penalties under other states' anti-abortion laws. This is not ok, and she needs to be voted out of her seat. She does not protect the residents and providers of Connecticut. Rose will! Norm will! I know that Rose and Norm will protect people seeking abortion across this country that come to Connecticut and the providers that provide safe and legal abortions in Connecticut.

Everyone should be able to decide if, when, or how they start or grow their families - full stop. Abortion is health care. Abortion is a right.

Vote Rose and Norm!

**Sincerely,**

**Erin Livensparger – Portland**

**This is Us, Portland**

To the Editor:

Last month, my husband and I had the pleasure of participating in the first meeting of Portland's local prevention and wellness council called "This is Us, Portland." This group, which is organized by Portland Youth and Family Services, looks to raise awareness about community-wide substance abuse and mental health issues, while also being supportive of individuals in recovery in Portland. Our family has lived in town for many years now, and we decided it was time to start giving back to the wonderful place that is Portland. If you would like to get involved in a worthwhile group that seeks to promote a strong, vibrant and resilient community, considering joining us at our next meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m., at the Buck-Foreman Community Center.

**Sincerely,**

**Colleen and Jesse Alvarado – Portland**

**Supporting Christie in November**

To the Editor:

I met Christie Carpino in her first run for State Representative several years ago. I still find her to be the same great person she was then as she is now. Full of positive energy and always assessable and willing to listen to her constituents' concerns. As a

former small business owner, I can say she was very helpful and supportive of the business community. But equally important she has supported many social initiatives. Such as Juvenile crime reform, increasing benefit legibility for veterans, helping pass historic mental health legislation, helping get enhanced access to critical healthcare needs, protecting and supporting victims of domestic violence, and expanding early childhood education funding. Also with education crafting policies to help with the current teacher shortage. Additionally, she voted for long-term financial relief for taxpayers and pay equity laws.

Besides her positive voting record Christie has been a strong supporter for Portland both inside and outside of the capitol. She has helped Portland secure state funding for important local projects. She has supported Connecticut's open spaces and supported legislation to expand our state's clean energy goals. During the pandemic she handed out PPE and COVID-19 test kits during each virus surge. She even jumped in a dunk tank to raise money for United Sports.

Christie is a working mom with a husband and two children so she is familiar with the issues families face especially with school-aged children. She has often been seen at events in town with her family by her side. She has been there for our town and I feel her long experience at the capital is a plus for all of us in Portland.

Please support Christie in November.

**Rick Sharr – Portland**

**Put the Brakes on Increases**

To the Editor:

Brandon Goff will work to reduce the ever-increasing direct government spending resulting in increasing taxes on both individuals and businesses. Brandon has already identified some of the unfunded mandates, that while not a direct tax from Harford, is a still a tax that must be paid for by the local government, police departments and schools.

Time to put the brakes on increases in spending by one of the highest cost of living states in the nation. Elect Brandon Goff to the State Senate's 33rd District.

**Diane Achenbach – East Hampton**

**Choosing Carpino**

To the Editor:

We would like this letter to serve as our endorsement of Christie Carpino for state representative. We have known Christie for many years and have seen her dedication to Portland and the other communities she serves. We are members of the Portland Exchange Club and Christie has attended every event and offers to help support our many causes such as the Touch-a-Truck which raises money for veterans and first responders.

Christie has strong family values, she worked with our son to make sure he was able to receive help from the veteran organization as well as making sure his time served was noted on the town monument. We believe reelecting Christie is the smart thing to do, with Christie in your corner, you know that there is some at the capital who has your back.

**Jamie and JoAnn Leonard – Portland**

*Note: Jamie and JoAnn Leonard are members of the Portland Exchange Club but said they are writing this as individuals.*

**Skorski Prioritizes Education**

To the Editor:

I'm voting for Wes Skorski on Nov. 8 to represent the 55th District in Connecticut's House of Representatives. I encourage you to do the same, because Wes prioritizes the education of our children.

Wes has served on the Marlborough Board of Education ("BOE") for nine years and was elected by Democrats and Republicans as its Chair several years ago and was vice chair before that. Having myself served on the Andover BOE for the past six years and as its chair for the past one and one-half years, I'm very aware of the character and commitment of longstanding BOE members; they care a great deal about the education of all students, fiercely advocate for all students to receive the resources required for their education, and devote a significant amount of voluntary time to ensuring that all students in their communities receive the best education possible.

Having spoken with Wes and watched Marlborough BOE meetings that he has chaired, Wes and I have similar management styles, which enables our respective BOEs to frequently reach a unanimous

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**On October 12<sup>th</sup>, three Bristol Police Officers were shot. Two were killed; one was seriously injured. As citizens of Glastonbury and Connecticut, we can help. Please donate to their fundraiser at: [www.fundthefirst.com](http://www.fundthefirst.com)**



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**Bora-Bora Bulletin!...** The Rivereast goes to the South Pacific! Colchester residents Susan and Daniel Backus recently traveled to French Polynesia. Here they are in Bora-Bora.

## Where in the World is the Rivereast?

Hey! Are you taking a vacation or a day trip soon? Bring the Rivereast along with you, snap a picture with it, and email the photo and your address to [bulletin@glcitizen.com](mailto:bulletin@glcitizen.com).



**Rivereast Hits the Ranch...** This picture was taken at a working ranch in Big Timber, Mont., during a recent family trip to Montana and Idaho. Pictured is Lou Loffredo, East Hampton resident.



**California, Here We Come!...** Bruce and Marian Lowry of Colchester recently visited California with their grandson Josh Lowry, 14, of Southbury. Bruce and Marian plan on taking each grandchild, once they become a teenager, on a trip of their choice anywhere in the U.S. There are three more trips with other grandkiddos to go! On their California adventure, the Lowrys saw Los Angeles, Ventura, the Pacific Coast Highway, and San Francisco – and they had a fantastic time! From left, in San Francisco, are Josh, Bruce and Marian.



**Rivereast Hears Wedding Bells!...** The Rivereast recently made its way to Lake Metigoshi in Bottineau N.D., for the wedding of Portland resident, and senior airman, Tyler Ghent and Emma (Demke) Ghent. Seen in the picture are the groom's parents, Melissa and Thomas Ghent.

# Where in the World?

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# Board Looks to Address Speed Limit

By Michael Sinkewicz

Town officials are looking to change the speed limit through the center of town from 50 mph to 40 mph, a move supported by the Board of Selectmen.

During the board's meeting Oct. 11, they reviewed a letter from Jed Larson, the chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, that asked for the change.

In the letter, the chairman states that the committee is looking for an extension of the current 40 mph limit from around Bunker Hill Road to intersection of Lake Road and Route 6.

"We ask that you approve this request and submit it to the Connecticut Department of Transportation," Larson wrote. "The opening of the new Dollar General store at Lake Road and Route 6 appears to be imminent, and will generate increased traffic at a location that has been the site of several accidents recently and in the past."

The selectmen unanimously approved the request by a 4-0 vote; First Selectman Jeff Maguire was absent. The request calls for the state to conduct a traffic study, with the town hoping will lead to the speed limit adjustment.

Since it's a state road, any decision may take some time.

"They've already set the speed limit at what they think is appropriate," Town Administrator Eric Anderson said during the meeting. "You're telling them you want a different speed, so now they're going to have to come out and say should it really be dropped or not."

Larson highlighted potential traffic safety concerns if the change is not made. In his letter, he stated that Curt Dowling, the former fire

chief, one was individual that raised concerns to the commission.

"Our hope is that having the posted speed limit lowered will have a positive effect on slowing traffic speed, and will be an important aid in police enforcement," Larson wrote.

Larson shared his own calculations, which appeared to support the speed limit change.

He said that 85% of the speed in the 50-mph zone on Route 6 was 64 mph. He also expressed that the change would only add minimal travel time, if people made the adjustment.

During the meeting, the board also discussed its plan to recognize Andover residents who have done something noteworthy.

The board had previously discussed potentially spotlighting citizens during a meeting last month.

Paula King, a Republican on the board, has been one of the leaders behind the idea.

"I think it's a nice idea to do for residents," she said. "When people come through on of the buildings, they can read a plaque that maybe has a brief description of what they did and the date."

The board brainstormed a number of possible avenues. They still have to determine how often they'd honor people.

Jeff Murray, another Republican on the board, suggested that the town could incorporate a brick with the person's name on it in a specific site in town – which would stay there permanently.

The board seemed largely in favor of this idea, and discussed adding something in addition to that aspect. This could include a letter of

recognition, or something that the person would be able to take home with them.

Some past ideas included forming a hall of fame that would house plaques for all the people honored.

King previously told the *Rivereast* that the concept was something she wanted to keep pushing for.

"We have some really talented and special people in town who are artists, athletes, speakers," King said. "I thought it would be great to congratulate them from a town perspective on their achievements."

An important part of any plan, King said,

would be gathering the information and getting the community input on who should be recognized. She expressed that if someone wrote a book, for example, and they need to be notified of that accomplishment.

In other news, the selectmen approved the appointment of Cheryl Miller as town treasurer. During a previous finance board meeting, the board indicated that it has been challenging finding qualified candidates.

Miller was brought on to help organize and assist the finance department and agreed to temporarily take on this position, as well.

## Andover Pumpkin Patch

Andover Food Pantry is sponsoring its first-ever "Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser" behind the pantry, in the historical field at 359 Route 6 in Andover. The sale runs through the end of the month.

Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Featured for sale will be pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, bales of hay, apples, cider, jellies and jams, and more. Take a photo with your family in the photo-op area. Different events

will take place throughout the month.

All are asked to consider donating their no-longer-needed wagon or special outdoor fall decoration to the pantry for this fundraiser. People can drop it off behind the Andover Congregational Church where the food drop-off boxes are. A tax donation letter will be given to you upon request.

For more information, call Food Pantry Director Joan Soucy at 860-208-3226.

## Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following have been announced for Andover seniors, veterans and disabled. To attend any event, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122 to register. Visit the senior page at [andoverct.org](http://andoverct.org) for all senior events and information. A new events calendar will soon be posted for November and December.

**Rides to Food Pantry:** The bus is now available for the Food Pantry on Mondays at 5 p.m. and for the Wednesday Foodshare or food pantry – all of which take place at Andover Congregational Church.

**Tuesday Shopping:** To Willimantic Oct. 25. Masks available on all vehicles.

**Belltown Orchard Trip:** Wednesday, Oct. 26. Bus will leave Andover by 10:30 a.m. Call Palazzi to reserve a home pick-up.

**Senior Luncheon:** Oct. 21. Mark Hand Bro-

ker for all insurances will be our guest speaker. Reservations required.

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

**New Seniors Welcome:** New seniors are welcome to all events. Call Palazzi for all luncheon reservations and transportation needs including medicals, Foodshare, food pantry, weekly shopping, movie rides, Farmers Market, and town meetings and scheduled voting dates. Call Judy Knox at 860-643-6824 to join Young at Heart, call Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947 for all trip information, and call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057 for all movie information.

## Funky Monkey Artisan Fair

Over AndOver Barntique and Scott's Tree Farm are hosting yet another Funky Monkey Artisan Fair Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This also marks the sixth anniversary of Over AndOver and its annual Fall Fest raising money for juvenile diabetes (JDRF).

There will be more than 25 vendors representing the best of their craft, from jewelry to furniture, glass art, salvage finds, rustic barn treasures, reclaimed woodworks, lighting & functional art, mixed media, repurposed fabric handbags to pillows and more. There will be two food trucks, Skyscraper Sandwiches and Square Peg Pizza, and dessert options include Plums Macs Macaroons and the Popcentric Popsicle Truck.

The fair will take place from Over AndOver's store location to Scott's Tree Farm, owned by the Fitch Family Farm, with space to park at 11 Bunker Hill Rd. There is an open trail through the tree farm that connects both ends of the fair, so people can park once and walk.

There will be live music at Fitch Family Farm

## Adult Volleyball

The adult volleyball program will start on Friday, Oct. 21, from 7-9 p.m., at the Andover Elementary School gym. All adults 18 and over are welcome.

## Bingo & Baskets

Andover Congregational Church, located at 359 Route 6, will hold a Bingo & Baskets night Friday, Oct. 21, starting with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The game starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 and includes dinner, drink, dessert and bingo. No reservations required.

For more information, leave a message at the church at 860-742-7696.

## Andover Seniors Christmas Party

Andover seniors will hold their annual Christmas party at Georgina's Restaurant in Bolton on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from noon-4 p.m. Door prizes will be raffled, with proceeds to benefit local charities.

Attendees are encouraged to each bring a wrapped gift for the raffle table. Entertainment will be provided by Tony Susi.

Cost is \$15 for any Andover senior, and is due Nov. 15. Call Georgia O'Brien at 860 742-9947 to sign up and make your menu choice with your payment. Entrée choices are: Chicken Francaise, Baked Salmon with Creamy Dill Sauce, or Sliced Sirloin with Mushroom Brown Sauce. All entrees include honey-glazed carrots and rice pilaf, salad with Italian or ranch dressing, coffee or tea, and marble sheet cake for dessert. There is a cash bar.

For any senior needing a ride, senior transportation pickup will be at 11 a.m. Return is approximately 4:30 p.m.

This event is open to any Andover senior.

on the loading dock stage; from 10 a.m.-noon it'll be RJ with Song-a-Day Music, and from 1-3 p.m., NED 'the band' will perform. At Over AndOver, under the tent, Dog Lips will perform from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and from 1-3 p.m., Motherbusker will play.

There will be pony and horse rides through the tree farm, led by Stirrup Fun Stables Rescue. Folks can tag a tree while down there as well.

Anyone who would like to make a general donation to Juvenile Diabetes can go to [www.overandoverct.com](http://www.overandoverct.com) and click on the 'Donate to JDRF' button.

The show will go on in light rain. Heavy rain date is Sunday, Oct. 23, so follow @overandoverct on Instagram or Facebook for updates.

## School Board Vacancy

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the Board of Education for a term ending June 30, 2025, should send a letter of interest to: Town of Andover, Board of Education Vacancy, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232, or email one to [townclerk@andoverct.org](mailto:townclerk@andoverct.org).

Deadline for submitting letters of interest is Monday, Oct. 31.

## Members Sought for EDC

The Andover Economic Development Commission is need of new members. Contact Elaine Buchardt at 860-202-4619 or email [AndoverCTEDC@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverCTEDC@gmail.com) for more information.

## Huge Tag Sale

Andover Congregational Church, located at 359 Route 6, will hold a Huge Tag Sale Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a bag sale from 1-2 p.m.

## Last Farmers Market Nov. 5

The final Andover Farmers Market of the season will be Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., outdoors at First Congregational Church, 359 Route 6. There will be farmers and other vendors, along with a food truck and live music.

The church is also having a Pumpkin Patch sale that day.

## Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

The Townsend Cemetery Committee is preparing for the annual Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the cemetery on Townsend Road. The committee requests that all personal items and decorations be removed from the gravesites before Nov. 5.

Any items found that are not allowed or prohibit maintenance activities will be removed.



**Quilt...** At the Library Friends' recent Book and Bake Sale, the Kolbs of Andover – Maureen and Barry – were the recipients of the homemade quilt, *Low Tide*, created and donated by Library Friend Jean Mamonas. The Book and Bake Sale yielded over \$1,500 for Andover Public Library. The Friends offer thanks to all donors of books, bake table goods and cash contributions, as well as the volunteer workers and quilt ticket buyers. *Photo by Amy Orlomoski.*

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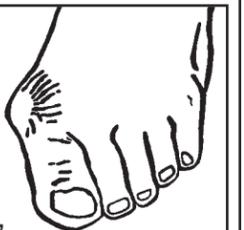
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# Standout Athletes of Two Weeks

By Josh Howard

Here are the *Rivereast* Standouts of the Week for the week of Oct. 3-9, as well as the ones for the week of Oct. 10-16.

For Oct. 3-9, the standouts were:

**Erik Buden – RHAM High School (Soccer):** Buden, a senior goalie and team captain, had ten saves as the Raptors shutout Enfield 1-0 on Oct. 6. Truman Brodeur scored the game's only goal in the first half with an assist from Copper Halotek as the team earned their fourth victory. The Raptors have an important Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) home game against East Hartford on Friday, Oct. 21 (today), at 3:45 p.m.

**Dante Ricci – Bacon Academy High School (Soccer):** Ricci scored the game-winning goal in overtime, getting an assist from Drew Ferrigno, as the Bobcats defeated Stonington 1-0 on Oct. 8. Ricci, a senior captain, is helping lead a team that is currently riding a seven-game winning streak (as of publication) and hasn't lost a game since Sept. 10. The Bobcats now travel to play a pivotal Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) game at Ledyard this Saturday, Oct. 22, starting at 11 a.m.

**Maya Korczak – East Hampton High School (Soccer):** Korczak netted three goals as the Bellringers chalked up a pair of victories last week. The junior scored a goal in a 2-1 win over Somers on Oct. 5 and then scored a pair of goals in a 6-0 win over North Branford/Hale Ray on Oct. 7. Ella Khongkham, Bri Miller, Abbie Miller and Rileigh Gonovi also found the back of the net last week for the Bellringers, who are 5-0-1 in the last six games. East Hampton will now host the annual grudge match against Portland on Friday, Oct. 21, starting at 3:45 p.m.

**Lillian Tabellione – Portland High School (Cross-Country):** Tabellione continued to impress on the trails this season, finishing 5th overall in the small school division at the 38th Wickham Park Invitational on Oct. 8. The junior ran a 20:40 to finish ahead of 106 other runners and help the Highlanders placed 3rd overall as a team. Meghan McPhee (15th), Heather McDougal (36th), and Ariana Hettrick-Rivera (40th) had top-50 finishes for Portland.

For the week of Oct. 10-16, the standouts were:

**Alyssa Blanchette – Bacon Academy**

**High School (Soccer):** Blanchette scored the game-winning goal in double overtime as Bacon Academy earned a gritty road win, upending Waterford 2-1 on Oct. 15. Blanchette, a freshman, scored in the 96th minute after getting an assist from Kayla Hall. Audrey Palmer scored the Bobcats other goal in the 57th minute with an assist from Anna Legault, while goalie Elizabeth Glover made 19 saves to preserve the victory. The team is in the midst of a five-game road trip to the regular season and next play at Killingly on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 5 p.m.

**Sonja Venetianer – East Hampton High School (Volleyball):** Venetianer had a career-high 19 digs and three aces as the Bellringers defeated Shoreline Conference (SLC) rival Morgan in four sets on Oct. 12. The sophomore has been a versatile player, playing various positions on the court for East Hampton, who (as of publication) have won seven straight games with Old Lyme coming to town this Friday, Oct. 21, for a match at 6 p.m.

**Cole Bates – Portland High School (Soccer):** Bates, a senior captain, scored the game-winning goal with under two minutes to play as the Highlanders knocked off conference foe Cromwell 2-1 on Oct. 15. Senior Brandon McPhee scored Portland's first goal to set up a heroic finish for Bates, who tipped in a penalty shot from Andrew Johnson in the 78th minute for the go-ahead goal. Bates has been in the zone over the team's last five games, scoring five goals and assisted on two others. The Highlanders now aim to avenge a 1-0 loss from earlier this year when they host Haddam-Killingworth on Saturday, Oct. 22, starting at 6 p.m.

**Isabelle Mondo – RHAM High School (Cross Country):** Mondo etched her name in the RHAM record books, running a 19:59 and finishing in sixth place at the Wickham Invitational. Despite breaking her foot during the race, Mondo posted a time that was good for the seventh fastest 5k time in the history of the program and it was the fastest time posted since 2017. Thanks to Mondo's efforts, combined with solid races from Rachel Bartolucci (16th), Danielle Lynch (34th), and Nina Holm (48th), the Raptors finished third overall out of the 27 teams in the Medium Division.

## Conservation District Meeting, Awards Ceremony

The Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District – which includes Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland – will hold its 75th annual meeting at Saybrook Point Pavilion Saturday, Nov. 5, from 2-4 p.m. Saybrook Point Pavilion is located at 155 College St. in Old Saybrook.

The district will take a look back at its 2021-22 accomplishments, will hold a ceremony to honor conservation award winners, and will offer a talk and tour of the Fenwick Living Shoreline by Juliana Barrett, Connecticut Sea Grant Extension educator. The living shoreline is a coastal resilience project on Long Island Sound at the Hepburn Preserve, a 4-acre beach, dune and brackish tidal wetland habitat.

A brief business meeting will precede the program. There will be time to enjoy refreshments and conversation before we leave for the tour.

RSVP to Sandy Weiss at 860.346.3282 or [swiss@conservect.org](mailto:swiss@conservect.org). This event is free and open to the public.

Annual Conservation Awards to be presented at the meeting include: Tom O'Dell Outstanding District Service to Walter Smith, former board chair, CT River Coastal Conservation District; Cooperator to Long Table Farm, Lyme; Environmental Professional to Kayleigh Royston, CT Department of Agriculture; Organization to Lower CT River Council of Governments Regional Agriculture Council; and Special Merit to Suzanne Thompson, Nix the Knotweed.

The Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, a nonprofit organization based in Middletown, works to conserve natural resources through technical assistance and education in several area towns. Visit [www.conservect.org/ctivercoastal](http://www.conservect.org/ctivercoastal) for more information.

## Flu, COVID Booster Clinics

Chatham Health District, which serves Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland, is holding flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster vaccine clinics.

Upcoming clinics are: Friday, Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m., RHAM High School, 85 Wall St, Hebron; Tuesday, Oct. 25, 9-11 a.m., East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., East Hampton; Tuesday, Oct. 27, 9-11 a.m., Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Drive; Friday, Oct. 28, 4-6 p.m., Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Drive, Marlborough; Wednesday, Nov. 2, 3-5 p.m., Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester; Thursday, Nov. 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., Portland; Friday, Nov. 4, 9-11 a.m., Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., Colchester; Thursday, Nov. 17, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Russell Mercier Senior Center, 14 Stonecroft Drive, Hebron.

No appointment necessary. Ages 6 months

and over can get the flu vaccine, and ages 12 years and over for COVID-19 booster (Moderna Bivalent and Pfizer Bivalent available). Both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines may be received at the same time.

Bring a copy of your insurance card and a filled-out, printed copy of the consent forms (one for each vaccine) for each person receiving a vaccination. Forms are at [www.chatham-health.org](http://www.chatham-health.org).

The following health insurances are accepted: Medicare (Part B); ConnectiCare; Aetna; Cigna; Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. People who are covered by these insurance plans must bring their cards to the clinic. Note: UnitedHealthcare and other insurances are not accepted.

Call the Chatham Health District at 860-365-0884 for more information. Contact the office for proof of vaccination if needed.

## Tax-Aide Foundation Seeks Volunteers

For many years, the senior centers in Colchester, Hebron, Marlborough, Columbia, East Hampton and East Haddam have hosted the AARP Tax-Aide Program, which provides free income tax preparation services for residents of these towns and surrounding communities.

Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free volunteer tax program, offered in conjunction with the IRS.

The Tax-Aide program is looking for people

to join its volunteer team. You don't need to be an accountant or tax professional; volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds. Training and support are provided.

To volunteer, go to [aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer) or call 1-888-AARP-NOW (888-227-7669).

For additional information before signing up, contact your local senior center and they will connect you with a local Tax-Aide volunteer.

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Weir acknowledged he can't wave a wand and lower gas prices, but he can be a "piece of the relief," looking at lowering other life expenses.

Public safety is also a priority for Weir – himself a former police officer. Speaking in the wake of the killings of two Bristol police officers, Weir said public safety is "top of mind."

Like many Republicans, Weir was critical of the state's 2020 police accountability bill, which introduced new requirements and mandates for police departments, including body cameras.

Weir also said Democrats have mismanaged the state's finances. Weir said the state's multibillion surplus isn't the result of Democrats' erudition, but that of an influx of federal dollars.

Skorski said crime and safety are priorities for him, as well.

"Overall, crime is down in the state," said Skorski, "though some has moved from urban to suburban areas."

Skorski said the legislature's recent juvenile crime bill "did a lot to address car thefts and juvenile crime," and that if elected he'd continue looking at the issue.

Skorski, after serving nine years on the Marlborough school board, said the state has a bad habit of passing down unfunded mandates to schools, something he hopes to help resolve, "working with superintendents and boards of education" across Connecticut.

Unaffordable medical care is another issue Skorski wants to rectify.

The *Rivereast* reported on Skorski's 2014 fine of \$1,000 for violating federal law by marketing and selling foreign-made pharmaceuticals.

"We immediately stopped and notified the doctors," Skorski wrote in a statement. "As a result, I assumed responsibility for the error and paid a \$1,000 fine."

Skorski said his experience with this case "greatly influenced" his current run for office.

"It was because of this process that I knew the current restrictive legislation would make it

impossible for businesses to make medications more affordable," he said earlier this month. "The only way to truly make health care more affordable is to get involved in the legislative process and change laws that make healthcare unaffordable for so many people in our state."

Health care also came up with Weir.

In August, state Democrats went after Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski for attending an event hosted by the Connecticut Residents Against Medical Mandates (CT RAMM), what has been labeled by some as an anti-vax group.

According to *CT Insider*, many big state Republican names attended the event, including Stefanowski and Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate Leora Levy, who has been supported by former president Donald Trump.

Stefanowski has denied that he is against vaccines, and earlier in the pandemic he distributed more than a million masks. He's also vaccinated. He does not support mandates.

According to *Insider*, Weir attended the event.

When asked by the *Rivereast*, Weir denied he attended the event at all, and that he'd been unaware of the article. The *Rivereast* was unable to get third-party confirmation of either claim.

"I was invited but didn't go," said Weir.

Weir also said characterizing CT RAMM as anti-vax is inaccurate and unfair.

CT RAMM also opposed the state's removing religious exemptions for vaccines and plans to resist the state on a planned law meant to fight social media misinformation, according to the lobby's website.

Lawmakers have said CT RAMM, and other groups, spread misinformation about the pandemic, which has killed 11,000 Connecticut residents.

Both candidates have received a slew of endorsements from various organizations.

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### Church of the Holy Family News

The Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St. (Route 85), celebrates weekend Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; and weekday Masses Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Visit [holyfamilyhebron.org](http://holyfamilyhebron.org) for more information. The church office can be reached at 860-228-0096.

**Church Collecting for Homeless Shelter:** The church collects items for the Windham Region No Freeze Hospitality Center, which provides assistance to homeless adults. Greatest needs: heavy-duty backpacks (new or used, in good condition); men's boxer briefs (supply is very low; sizes M, L, XL); 2 gallon or 2-1/2 gallon Ziploc storage bags (specific size needed for the overnight stay program commencing Nov. 1); men's solid colored T-shirts, pullover

sweatshirts, sweatpants, and hoodies (M, L, XL); \$15 Stop & Shop gift cards for gas to assist people living in their cars; shampoo (travel size or large bottles); men's razors; washcloths (no towels please); "gender neutral" casual winter coats (new or used; clean and in good condition with zippers that work; L, XL, XXL); heavy knit hats; insulated winter gloves; and cleaning supplies (glass cleaner, antibacterial spray cleaner, concentrated floor cleaner, disinfectant spray, and bleach). Note: Call to arrange pick-up of gift cards. Place donations of goods in the designated collection box next to the church's Cry Room. Place large quantities of donations in the Cry Room. For more information, call Monica or John McKerracher at 860-228-4211.

### The Worship Center News & Notes

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

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

**Life Group Hebron:** Meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Caseys' home, for worship, prayer, Bible study and fellowship. Next meeting: Oct. 24.

**Journey Group:** For grades 6-12. The mission of the group is to support the youth of Hebron and surrounding towns in their spiritual development. During the school year, the group meets every other Sunday directly after the service. Upcoming meeting: Oct. 23.

**Virtual Prayer Night:** Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., via Zoom. All are invited to pray for each other, the community and the country. Contact the church office or website for a link and meeting ID.

**One-to-One Confidential Christian Care:** Provided by Stephen Ministry to people in difficult life situation. If in need of help, call the church office.

**Community Events:** The Worship Center will have a booth (in front of Ted's Plaza) at the Harvest Moon Festival Oct. 22, and will also host a car at Trunk or Treat at Burnt Hill Park Oct. 28.

**Ballroom Dancing:** Sundays through Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m. Learn waltz and East Coast Swing with instructors Joe Belanger and Denise Jakel. Couples and singles welcome. Cost is \$15 per person per class. Call Joe to register: 860-372-8236.

**Important Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, Oct. 30, noon-2 p.m. All active church members are invited for discussion and Q&A time regarding the revised Constitution and By-Laws.

**Bucket of Blessings:** The church's outreach team has been collecting snack-type food and monetary donations as a love offering for local first responders. To get involved, email [jessicalbain@gmail.com](mailto:jessicalbain@gmail.com).

### Gilead Congregational Church News

Gilead Congregational Church, an Open and Affirming Congregation located at 672 Gilead St., has announced the following. For more info, visit [gileadchurchucc.org](http://gileadchurchucc.org), email [gcc@gileadchurch.net](mailto:gcc@gileadchurch.net), or call 860-228-3077.

**Sunday Worship:** Sundays at 10 a.m., indoors, followed by Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Services are also available on YouTube at [www.bit.ly/GileadChurchUCC](http://www.bit.ly/GileadChurchUCC) and on Facebook at [tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC](http://tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC).

**Scheduled Events/Meetings:** 10/23: Silent Auction in-person bidding at 11 a.m.; 10/24: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. (via Zoom); 10/25: AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; 10/25: Pastoral Search Committee, 7 p.m.; 10/27: Card-Making, 6 p.m.

**Silent Auction:** The church's Board of Missions is hosting a Silent Auction this Sunday, Oct. 23, to support the AHM Scholarship Fund, which helps families send children to summer programs. Use the following link to participate in the virtual bidding leading up to Oct. 23: [tinyurl.com/y5kmc8bz](http://tinyurl.com/y5kmc8bz).

**Adventure Bible Sunday:** Children in third grade are invited to join in Adventure Bible this Sunday, Oct. 23, during the worship service.

**Intro to Card-Making:** Thursday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m. Participants from the broader Hebron/Andover/Marlborough/Columbia/Colchester/

East Hampton areas are welcome. Cost is \$15, and \$5 of the registration fee will be donated to Connecticut Food Share. Contact instructor Gayle Sylvester to register, at [gayle.sylvester@comcast.net](mailto:gayle.sylvester@comcast.net).

**Communion Education:** Saturday, Nov. 5, 10-11:30 a.m., for children grade 3 and above. Contact the church office if interested in signing up your child.

**Youth Group:** Sunday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m. There will be discussion about future activities as well as Pumpkin Bowling.

**Loop Bulletin:** The church has a loop bulletin that acts as a one-stop shop for all activities and events, including sign-ups. Go to [gileadchurchucc.updates.church](http://gileadchurchucc.updates.church). You can also contact the church directly.

### Harvest Moon Festival

The Town Center Project, Inc., will host its fourth Harvest Moon Festival along Main Street (Route 66) on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 2:30-7 p.m.

There will be live music, food trucks, artisans, CT Ghost Investigation, trick-or-treating, crafts, games and more.

The festival will also feature a pumpkin-carving contest. Bring your carved jack-o'-lantern early to be displayed on the Pumpkin Tower or later and help line the sidewalks. Pumpkins must be registered by 6 p.m. to be eligible for judging. Prizes range from \$100 for first place to various gift cards for second

and third. Also at the event will be a Haunted Library sponsored by Douglas Library; Dog Trot, sponsored by Hebron Veterinary Hospital; Apple Pie Bake-Off, sponsored by The Flour Girl Café; and a Children's Game Area hosted by Hebron Democrats. Alyson's Dance Troupe will be on site performing.

The Town Center Project is an all-volunteer driven non-profit organization devoted to "reinventing the heart of Hebron." To donate, volunteer or learn more about events, visit [thetowncenterproject.org](http://thetowncenterproject.org) and follow on Facebook at [facebook.com/towncenterprojectinc](http://facebook.com/towncenterprojectinc).

### 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](http://www.douglaslibrary.org).

**Chess Night:** The first Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome.

**Friday Films:** Fridays at 1 p.m. The schedule is: Oct. 21, *Bullet Train* (R); Oct. 28, *La Llorona* (R). Bottled water and individually wrapped snacks will be provided. The movies are shown on the library's 80-inch 4K TV with surround sound speakers.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic:** Wednesday, Oct. 26, 4-7 p.m., in the community room. Chatham Health and the Griffin Health Team will host this all-ages clinic.

**Teen Advisory Group:** Will meet every Tuesday in October, from 2:30-4 p.m., to prep for the Haunted Library event on Saturday, Oct. 22.

This is a way to get service hours in. Registration is not needed for any of these events.

**Take & Make:** Teens and adults are invited to stop by the main desk and pick up a kit to make their own Leaf Bowl. All items needed to complete this craft are included.

**Children's Storytime:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. These are family classes for children birth to 5. Come enjoy stories, crafts, songs and interactive play. No registration is required. This program is free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Goblin Bash:** Saturday, Oct. 29, 1-2 p.m. Come in costume and enjoy goodies and a magic show featuring Todd Migliacci. No registration required.

**Biblio+:** Biblio+ is a new streaming service full of free film, TV and documentary content. Visit [biblioplus.com](http://biblioplus.com) to register with your valid library card.

### Residents Sought to Serve

The Hebron Board of Selectmen is seeking residents to serve on various town agencies.

There are currently vacancies for regular members on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Commission, Public Building Committee and the Commemoration Commission.

There are vacancies for alternate members on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Commission on Aging, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Public Building Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Historic Properties Commission.

Interested candidates should attend a meeting of the board or commission in which they may have an interest and discuss with the Chairman

the frequency of meetings and the time commitment involved.

There is also a vacancy for a Hebron resident to serve on the Catchment Area Council 15 for Amplify - North Central Regional Mental Health Board.

A vacancy exists for a Hebron representative on the Central Regional Tourism District Board of Directors. The mission of the district is to promote leisure, business, group and corporate travel to the region.

All residents of Hebron who are registered to vote are eligible. Letters of interest may be sent to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Hebron, 15 Gilead St., Hebron CT 06248. For more information, call 860-228-5971.

### Parks and Recreation News

Hebron Parks and Recreation is offering the following programs. For full program descriptions and to register, visit [hebronct.recdesk.com](http://hebronct.recdesk.com) or call 860-530-1281.

**Trunk or Treat:** Friday, Oct. 28, 5-8 p.m., at Burnt Hill Park pavilion. There will also be pumpkin-decorating, bounce houses, wagon rides and music. Recommended donation is \$2 per family. If anyone is interested in decorating their vehicle, contact Parks and Rec. to sign up.

**Barre Fusion:** Tuesdays through Nov. 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Gilead Hill School activity room. Donna Bellmore of Wildflower Fitness invites all levels to join her class that combines barre work to tone and build lean muscle mass, and the mindfulness and flow of yoga. Drop-in fee is \$15 per visit.

**30+ Basketball:** Tuesdays through Nov. 2, from 7-9 p.m. each week, at the RHAM High School main gym. Drop-in games for all skill levels ages 30 and over. Cost is \$3 each week (cash only) drop-in.

**Air Line Trail Ghost Run:** Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. This certified Half Marathon begins at Hebron Elementary School and follows the Air Line Trail to the finish line in East Hampton. For more information and to register, visit [runsignup.com/Race/CT/Hebron/AirLineTrailGhostRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Hebron/AirLineTrailGhostRun).

**Youth Basketball:** Registration is open for the recreational and travel basketball programs, open to grades K-12. Registration deadline is Oct. 23. Visit the Parks and Rec. website for more information.

**Hebron Paths:** Are you interested in walking, hiking, biking, horseback-riding, or just getting back into nature? Check out the new website [hebronpaths.org](http://hebronpaths.org), dedicated to the paths and trails of Hebron. Maps and information are provided, with more to come soon.

### Absentee Ballots Available

Absentee ballots for the state election are available at the town clerk's office at Town Hall, located at 15 Gilead St.

Office hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call 860-228-5971.

The election will be held at Hebron Elementary School, 92 Church St., between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

### Church of Hope News & Notes

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

Worship is in person and via livestream on the church website. For more information, and the guidelines for in-person worship, visit [www.hebronchurchofhope.org](http://www.hebronchurchofhope.org).

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

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

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**Bears on a Journey...** At the Waverly Center every Tuesday since 2002 a group of dedicated women make stuffed teddy bears for those dealing with cancer. (Unfortunately the founder of this group passed away in 2016 from cancer.) The bears are then distributed to various local cancer centers hoping to lift the spirits of the patients. This project is totally funded with public donations. This is where you can help if you so wish. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, consider making a donation of a check, or a gift card to Amazon or Joann Fabric and send to "Bears on a Journey" c/o of The Waverly Center, 7 Waverly St., Portland, CT 06480. With this money, members can purchase fleece, eyes, noses, stuffing and ribbon for the huggable bears.

### First Congregational Church News

The First Congregational Church of Portland, located at 554 Main St., is a member of the United Church of Christ. The church is an "open and affirming" congregation, welcoming everyone. Facial mask-wearing is optional. The worship service is livestreamed as well as available for later viewing on the church's YouTube channel; search on YouTube for First Church of Portland CT.

The church is celebrating History Sunday on Oct. 23. This is a dedicated time to honor the church's founding on Oct. 25, 1721, and to reflect on its history. Memorabilia and photographs from years past will be on display. Under Kasha Breaux's direction, the choir will sing the anthem, "Blessed Assurance" during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Everyone is invited to coffee hour in Fellowship Hall following the service where a PowerPoint history of the church will be shown. Items remaining from the Oct. 22 Timeless Treasures Fall Fair will be

available for purchase.

First Church Nursery School offers a program for 3-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday, and one for 4-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact Amy Jahnke at 860-342-1111 or 1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com for more information.

First Congregational Church of Portland is a member of the United Church of Christ, and is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming everyone.

The church emails a weekly newsletter, *The Weekly Word*. 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.firstchurchportlandct.org](http://www.firstchurchportlandct.org). Those who wish to follow the church on Facebook may do so at The First Congregational Church of Portland, CT.

## Townwide Food Drive Returns Next Month

By Jack Lakowsky

Due to limited space at the local food bank last year, organizers of a townwide volunteer food drive had to cancel the 30-year strong collection of donated food.

"We're coming back," said organizer Kelly Manatti. "And I want the town to know it."

Manatti's family first started the drive in the '90s, and it's grown exponentially since then, really taking off in 2009 when Manatti's son, as part of his Eagle Scout project, helped add a dozen new routes to the mobile collection.

"When we took it over, it was basically three or four routes," Manatti said. Since then, the collection has multiplied to 12 routes.

It works like this: Manatti and a group of volunteers drop bags off at peoples' homes. Then, a week later, they return to collect the bags, now hopefully full of food donated to those in need.

Manatti said they drop off about 1,100 bags, typically getting almost 1,000 back. The food bank has told Manatti this drive is key for getting the bank through the holiday season, when needs peak.

Manatti, who moved to Florida a few years ago but still takes the trip back north to help the drive, said the drive is "near and dear" to her family's heart. Helping their neighbors, and you never know who needs help, Manatti said, is extremely fulfilling.

After moving, Manatti's brother, Portland selectperson Shaun Manning, took over the drive.

"It was really important to the family we

keep this going," Manning told the *Rivereast*.

Manning said in 2019, the town donated a record number of food. Then in 2020, when they couldn't get as many volunteers, the family was pleased to see Portland step-up and support the drive with their own smaller-scale collections.

As is the case facing many grassroots volunteer efforts, the drive is short on bodies.

Manatti said they need volunteers "desperately."

Manning said anyone who wants to get involved can and should, that even if they don't take a route there's ways to assist.

"It's a good for students to get their community service requirements," said Manning.

Manning said though it's a happy labor, running the drive with limited hands gets challenging.

Manatti said, because it's during the din of election season, publicizing the drive also proves difficult.

"There are so many we can help," said Manatti. "We just need people to come volunteer."

The drive begins Sunday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m., where bags will be collected at the Waverly Senior Center and brought to homes on different routes. Volunteers recollect the bags the following Sunday and meet back at the center.

For more information or to volunteer email [kellar@snet.net](mailto:kellar@snet.net) or call 860-685-1986 or 860-398-0936.



**Remembering Pickering...** Bob McDougall, director of the Ruth Callander Museum of Portland History, shared stories of Thomas Pickering – the inventor of the Pickering Governor – and nine other notables from Portland's past at Trinity Cemetery Sunday, Oct. 16, as part of the Portland Historical Society's Celebrating Cemeteries tour series. More than 40 people attended the event. *Photo by Deb Freitag.*

### Parents' Night Out Fundraiser

Saint Mary Youth Group is sponsoring a "Parents' Night Out" Fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 5, from 4-8 p.m., at St. Mary Parish Hall, 45 Freestone Ave.

Children aged 4 and older are welcome. Dinner will be served.

The Youth Group will be accepting a freewill donation which will be used to defray the cost of installation of automatic handicapped-accessible doors.

For more information, contact Sandy Franco at 860-395-8498 or [Sfranco@comcast.net](mailto:Sfranco@comcast.net).

### Knights of Columbus Raffle

Tickets are now available (\$5 per ticket) for the Knights of Columbus Freestone Council No. 7 annual raffle. Proceeds from the raffle helps the Freestone Council accomplish great work in the community. The prizes are:

Grand Prize: \$1,500; 2nd Prize: \$500; 3rd Prize: \$550 gift certificate to Malloves Jewelers in Middletown; 4th Prize: \$500 Gift Certificate at Adams Hometown Market, Connecticut stores; 5th Prize: green fees for four persons for 18 holes of golf, including use of carts at Portland West Golf Course;

6th Prize: Nintendo Switch console – with 12-month membership.

The drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m., at St. Mary Church Hall, 45 Freestone Ave. Winners do not need to be present.



### Class of '92 Reunion

Portland, Mercy, Xavier and Vinal high school Class of 1992 will have its 30th reunion Saturday, Oct. 22, from 6-10 p.m., at Concentric Brewing Company. For more information or tickets, email Dana DiMauro at [danak1927@gmail.com](mailto:danak1927@gmail.com).

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## Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., is open, with no appointments needed. Registration required for all programs unless noted. For more info, to register, and for full program descriptions, visit [www.portlandlibraryct.org](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org) or call 860-342-6770. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

**Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Curbside delivery of requested items continues; call the library or reserve items online and you will receive a notice or call when your materials are available. **Holiday Closing:** The library will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

**Youth Programs: Fall Storytimes: Pre-school Storytime:** Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., through Nov. 15 (no program Nov. 8), with a craft offered weekly; **Storytime for Toddlers and Tots: Mother Goose on the Loose:** Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m., through Nov. 16; this is an interactive session using rhymes, a story, songs, puppets, scarves and more.

**Pokémon Party:** Thursdays through Nov. 3, 3:30 p.m., for grades K-2. Space is limited.

**Superhero Training Academy:** Tuesday, Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m., for grades pre-K through 2. Space is limited.

**Teen Program: Teen Advisory Group:** Monday, Nov. 7, 3:30 p.m. Teens will earn community service hours for each meeting they attend.

**Family Craft Night: Seasonal Wood Gnomes:** Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m. Re-

cycle unused Halloween decorations into fall and winter holiday décor. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, but a parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. Space is limited.

**Adult Programs: Retirement & Your Money:** Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m., in the Mary Flood Room. Michael Alimo, an investment advisor representative from USA Financial, will discuss market corrections, recessions and the potential consequences on retirement.

**Thanksgiving Food for Thought:** Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. The Institute for American Indian Studies ([www.iaismuseum.org](http://www.iaismuseum.org)) will discuss the Thanksgiving holiday and what it means to many Native Americans living today.

**Indigenous Music in the 21st Century:** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., in the Mary Flood Room. Combining research-based storytelling and archival audio/visual, musician and educator Craig Harris will celebrate today's Indigenous music.

**Book Club Discussions: Talk About Books (T.A.B.):** Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1 p.m. *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich will be discussed. **1st Thursday Night Book Club:** Thursday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich will be discussed. **Mystery Lovers Book Club:** Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1 p.m. *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger will be discussed.

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

## YFS News & Notes

Portland Youth & Family Services has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, visit [www.portlandct.org/youth-services](http://www.portlandct.org/youth-services) or the YFS Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth](http://www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth), email [jrevicki@portlandct.org](mailto:jrevicki@portlandct.org), or call 860-342-6758. To receive email updates about YFS programs and events, sign up at [eepurl.com/h5m35f](http://eepurl.com/h5m35f).

**Group Facilitators Wanted:** YFS is in the early stages of working on setting up support group-style meetings for LGBTQ+ youth, and a second group for parents of LGBTQ+ youth. We're looking for facilitators for these groups. Social work background and/or a member of the LGBTQ+ community is a plus, but definitely not needed. Anyone interested should contact Jesse ([jrevicki@portlandct.org](mailto:jrevicki@portlandct.org) or 860-342-6758), and would be trained by the Director of Health Care Advocates International's Youth & Family Program.

**Youth Wanted:** YFS invites youth to participate in the Youth Services Advisory Board,

which allows youth a seat at the table in planning programs and events and helps guide YFS programming. Youth are also invited to join the Prevention & Wellness Council, which deals with substance use, mental health, and healthy choices. YFS is also looking for help at its events. All of these opportunities will earn community service hours.

**Infant Massage Class:** Thursday, Nov. 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the Buck-Foreman Community Center, 265 Main St. Parents and caregivers are welcome to bring their baby, about a year old or younger, for a class on the benefits and techniques of infant massage. RSVP is strongly encouraged as space is limited: [healthyfutures@childandfamilyagency.org](mailto:healthyfutures@childandfamilyagency.org).

**Little Hikers:** Friday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m., at the Middle Haddam Road parking lot of the Portland Air Line Trail (weather permitting).

**Drop-In & Draw:** Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1:30-4:30 p.m., at the Buck-Foreman Community Center, 265 Main St.

## Youth Soccer Recap

The Portland youth soccer teams were in action last weekend. Here are some highlights:

**Portland U14 :** Traveled to Bristol Sunday where the referees, fans, and players honored the memory of fallen Bristol Police officers with a moment of silence. Portland scored the first goal after Mason Fournier lobbed a corner kick to Evan Piascik who volleyed it into the goal. Shane Guilmette scored Portland's second goal with an assist from Blake Harlow. Portland's 2-1 halftime lead dissipated when Bristol scored two goals in the second half. Portland answered late with another goal by Nate Dietrichson from the team's second successful corner kick on the day, ending the match in a 3-3 draw. Portland's Evan May won the teammate's award for always getting open for a pass and communicating well with teammates.

**U12 Red Crush:** Kicked off a two-victory weekend with a 3-2 win against U13 opponent Rocky Hill on Saturday. Borrowed players Shane Guilmette (the game's second goal scorer), Pat Fraro (exceptional goal keeper play), and Colin Martin (speedy striker) all made contributions. Striker Jack Hendrickson started the scoring with a perfectly struck blast from in front of the goal. Guilmette added a quality strike of his own past the reach of the opposing keeper's arms for a 2-0 lead. Rocky Hill's organized attack evened the score 2-2 midway through the second half; however, the Red Crush did not surrender. Fournier's well-placed shot from 15 yards out proved to be the game winner. Defenders Logan Desmaris and Ryan Quinn held strong. Midfielders Tyler Fournier attacked gaps in the Rocky Hill defense throughout the game and Luke Lawrence delivered several dangerous scoring-opportuni-

ty passes. Ian Xiao, Ryan Mendes, and Liam Witschy all rose to the challenge, and central-defender Nathan Clark had his best game of the season as he intercepted Rocky Hill's offensive efforts multiple times.

Then, against league opponent Newington on Sunday, the Red Crush applied pressure right from the start and didn't let up, in a 7-1 victory. Luke Lawrence opened the scoring in the first two minutes of the game to spark the team to a 3-0 halftime lead. Portland continued to produce offensive success throughout the second half, particularly on corner kicks that they converted into three goals. Lawrence finished the game with a hat trick and Tyler Fournier added two goals. Jackson Vodola and Liam Witschy rounded out the game's scoring, when they each sent one-timed strikes past a surprised keeper to capitalize on well-placed corner kicks by Fournier and Vodola, respectively. Ray Vardon's confident play in net helped backstop the team's strong defensive play. Jack Hendrickson, Ian Xiao, Parker Anderson, Mason Richey and Ryan Mendes also provided quality minutes in the team's victory.

## Police News

10/12: Luis Velez, 31, of Bristol, was arrested and charged with operating without a license, evading responsibility, reckless driving and failure to obey a stop sign, Portland Police said.



This week, Portland's Committee on Solidarity is celebrating the town Public Works Department.

## Solidarity Committee Honors Public Works

Portland's Committee on Solidarity is celebrating First Responders Month.

Each week in October, the committee will showcase one of the town's first responder teams by sharing who the first responders are, facts about each group and introducing the community to the roles and responsibilities they have in town.

This week, the committee is honoring the Public Works Department. With Public Works' assistance keeping the roads clear during

storms, the committee said, the other first responders are able to respond to their emergency calls.

The Portland Public Works Department includes the highway department, vehicle maintenance, grounds maintenance, town building maintenance and snow removal. The Public Works director also oversees the sewer, water, town aid road and resource recovery departments.

## Absentee Ballots for November Election

Applications for absentee ballots for the Nov. 8 election are available in the town clerk's office at Town Hall, 33 E. Main St.; online at [www.portlandct.org/voting-info](http://www.portlandct.org/voting-info); or by calling 860-342-6743.

Any applications or completed absentee ballots should be mailed back to the town clerk's office at: P.O. Box 71 Portland, CT 06480, or left in the election drop box, located by the rear entrance of the Town Hall. Port-

land residents can also obtain a voter registration card at the town clerk's office.

Additionally, there are candidates for this November's election who are mailing absentee ballot applications out to residents. If you receive an unsolicited application in the mail, and wish to vote by absentee ballot, you can complete the form and return it to the town clerk's office.

## Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. For more information or to register, call 860-342-6760.

**Food Bank Donations:** People donating for Portland Food Bank are asked to not leave Food Bank donations at the senior center unless the food bank is open. The food bank is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon. Also, the senior center does not need any donations directed toward the center; please only leave donations for the food bank, and only during food bank hours.

**Foodshare:** Monday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m.

**Next Week's Programs: Monday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Crafting with Tracy, 10 a.m.; **Tuesday:** Bears on a Journey, 9:30-11 a.m. – making fleece teddy bears for cancer patients; donations are sought of light fleece, one yard or more for making teddy bears for cancer patients throughout Connecticut. If you would like to donate, call 860-342-0809; Watercolor Lessons, 9:30 a.m.-noon (to register, email [bivenne@yahoo.com](mailto:bivenne@yahoo.com)); Stretch & Flex: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Coupons for Troops, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; setback, 1 p.m.; Exercise Tap Class, 1:30 p.m.; Dulcimer class, 6 p.m.; **Wednesday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:15-11 a.m.; Oktoberfest, 11 a.m., must register by Oct. 24; Social Duplicate Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m.; Tai Chi Qi Gong with Lisa, 1 p.m. **Thursday:** SyncoCize II – Balance & Core, 9 a.m.; Knit & Stitch, 10

a.m.; Stretch & Flex, 11:30 a.m.; Mahjong, 12:30-4 p.m.; Scrabble, 1-4 p.m. **Friday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30 a.m.

**Free Hearing Screenings:** The second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m., with Virginia Dulos of "All Ears" in Portland. No registration is necessary.

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

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

**Foot Care:** Held at the center on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The fee is \$35, cash or check. Call the center to make an appointment.

**Trip:** Thursday, Oct. 27 – Trip Boscovs. Pre-registration required. There is a \$5 trip fee.

**Oktoberfest:** Wednesday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. Sign up for this free event by Oct. 24, by calling Lynn or Alexis at 860-342-6761.

**The History Guy -- History of Katharine Hepburn:** Thursday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.

**Volunteers Sought for Meals-on-Wheels:** The senior center is currently recruiting a volunteer coordinator to assist with the administration of the Meals-on-Wheels volunteers, and is also looking volunteer drivers for the program. For full details, call Alexis or Lynn at 860-342-6761.





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**Celebrating Cemeteries, the Portland Historical Society's tour series, began Sunday, Oct. 9, as Bob McDougall, museum director of the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History, conducted the first guided tour of St. Mary's Cemetery. Over 20 attendees visited 10 sites and learned the history of some notable residents. Photo by Deb Freitag.**

### Veterans Day Activities Planned

Portland's American Legion Ormont Post No. 69 will kick off this year's Veterans Day activities with the Veterans Breakfast on Nov. 5, starting at 0730 and serving until 1030 or when the food runs out, whichever occurs first. The meal will be at the American Legion Hall, 12 Freestone Ave.

The menu includes omelets, chipped beef on toast, bacon, sausage, toast, grits, and coffee, tea, or orange juice. There is a suggested donation of \$8 per person, with kids under 10 admitted free.

Also, the Portland Veteran Affairs Committee will hold a brief wreath-laying ceremony

on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 1100 at the Portland Veterans Memorial, behind the Town Hall, 33 East Main St.

Finally, the Portland Veteran Affairs Committee will host the annual Veterans Day Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 1800, at the Portland High School, 95 High St. Once again, Seb Milardo, the owner of Melilli Caffé and Grill, will provide the food for the veterans and their guest. A maximum of two tickets per veteran are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Portland Town Clerk's office and at the Quonset Surplus Store, 11 Pickering St.

### Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., offers in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. Masks may be removed when seated.

For those unable or reluctant to worship in person, a recording of the service is posted to YouTube on Mondays by 9 a.m. Bulletins for the service are posted each week on the church's website, [zionlutheranportland.org](http://zionlutheranportland.org).

Sunday School has resumed for the year, but there is always time to join. Ages 3 to 16 are welcome. Sunday School meets the first and third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m., following worship. Attendance at worship is not required but is certainly welcome and encouraged. Contact the church for information about registering your child.

Adult Bible study takes place on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, following worship at 10:15 a.m. The focus is on season two of the television series *The Chosen*. Anyone may join at any time. Call the church for details.

The community is welcome to participate in all worship services and special events. For more information about any church activities, or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email [zion.lutheran@snet.net](mailto:zion.lutheran@snet.net) or visit [zionlutheranportland.org](http://zionlutheranportland.org). Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor.

### Republicans Seek Volunteers

The Portland Republican Town Committee is seeking individuals to serve their community as members of one of the town's various boards and commissions. In addition, the committee is seeking individuals who are interested in running for local elective positions.

If interested, email [GOPPortlandCT@gmail.com](mailto:GOPPortlandCT@gmail.com) or call Tim Lavoy at 860-212-3114.

The Portland RTC holds its regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 7 Waverly Ave. Republicans interested in public service or in learning more about becoming a member of the RTC are welcome to attend.

### Celebrating Swedish Cemetery

The Portland Historical Society and the Swedish Cemetery Inc. will present a guided tour at the Swedish Cemetery, 184 William St., at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. The tour will last about an hour and will visit 10 sites of notable residents and families, where they will pay their respects and learn a little history. In the event of heavy rain, the tour will be rescheduled.

This is the third of four tours in the historical society's Celebrating Cemeteries series; the final tour will be held Oct. 30 at Center Cemetery, 55 Fairway Drive.

Tours are open to the public and are free; donations will be accepted to benefit each cemetery. For those unable to attend, the society plans to offer tour reviews at its program meetings during the coming year.

**'Come on Over' 5K**

Portland Parks and Recreation's 19th annual 'Come on Over' 5k and 2.1-mile fitness walk will take place Saturday, Oct. 29, at 9:30 a.m., at Portland Riverfront Park.

Register at [runsignup.com/Race/CT/Portland/ComeonOver5kandWalk](https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Portland/ComeonOver5kandWalk). Day-of-race registration is online only.

People are also invited to set up a table, and there will be a food truck after the race. For more information, call 860-342-6757.



**Soccer Stars...** The Freestone Council Knights of Columbus held its annual Soccer Challenge Saturday Sept. 10. Several kids ages 9-14 came out to the Portland Recreational Complex to test their skills. This year's top finishers were: Age 9: Sofia Trojanowski, 85 points, and Jackson Hungerford, 75 points; Age 10: Easton Yardis, 115 points; Age 11: Andrew Fisher, 60 points; Age 12: Lena Trojanowski, 145 points, and Jeremiah Rowe, 100 points. Scoring was based on 15 attempts from the penalty kick line at roped targets within the soccer goal. Pictured from left are Lena Trojanowski, Sofia Trojanowski and Jackson Hungerford.

### First Church Fall Fair

The community is invited to an old-fashioned church fair Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Portland, 554 Main St.

At "Grandma's Country Store" one will find baked goods, candy, jams and jellies. "Timeless Treasures" will offer a variety of vintage items and collectibles including tea cups, jewelry, hats, purses, doilies, linens, magazines, toys, and so much more. An array of homemade crafts will include greeting cards made with antique postcards and lavender sachets using vintage ladies' hankies. There will be

a "Tea Cup Auction" and children can have a framed thumbprint creation made at the "Children's Corner." Morning muffins and a simple luncheon including the church's famous apple crisp will be available at the "Garden of Eat'n Café." For those interested in history, "A Journey to the Past" room will be filled with church memorabilia encompassing their 301 years of existence.

Admission is free and masks are optional. For more information, call the church at 860-342-3244 or visit the church website, [firstchurchportlandct.org](http://firstchurchportlandct.org).

### Library Friends' Fall Book Sale

The Friends of Portland Library will hold its annual Fall Book Sale Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m.-noon at the library located at 20 Freestone Ave.

There will be a special preview sale for Friends' members only on Friday, Oct. 21, from 5:30-8 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a Friend can join at the door. Members will receive an imprinted reusable bag and discounted pricing during the clearance event.

The sale will offer thousands of hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games. There is also a large collection of history books as well as a variety of comic books

being featured.

Due to the Friends' large inventory of books, at Friday's members-only preview sale all books will be available for \$10/bag. On Saturday, books will be available for \$10/bag from 10-11:30 a.m., and books and DVDs will be available for \$5/bag from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. On Sunday, all items will be available for \$3/bag (or \$2/bag for members).

The Friends of the Portland Library (FPL) is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the Portland Library in its efforts to offer quality services and programs.

To help with the book sale, email Maureen at [MLTSherman@gmail.com](mailto:MLTSherman@gmail.com).

### Halloween Activities Coming

Halloween is coming – and Portland Youth and Family Services (YFS) has a variety of activities in the works. For more information, call 860-342-6758.

Costume Donation & Swap: The Portland Little Free Pantry is bringing back its costume swap, and the Portland High School G.I.V.E Club is collecting donations of gently used costumes to add to the collection. G.I.V.E Club donations can be brought to any of the schools through Wednesday, Oct. 19. YFS will open the costume closet on Friday, Oct. 21, from 4-7 p.m., at the Buck-Foreman Community Center. People can come pick out a new costume free of charge. If you are unable to make it that day, call Jesse at YFS to set up a time to come in.

Trick-or-Treating on Main Street: Friday, Oct. 28, from 4-7 p.m. For businesses located outside the Village District who want to participate in this year's event, space will be available in front of the Brownstone Intermediate School and playground for decorated tents and displays. There may also be opportunities to

partner with village district businesses to share the task of supporting the hundreds of trick-or-treaters. Maps and listings of businesses and organizations participating will be posted by Youth & Family Services the week of the event.

**Monster March:** Saturday, Oct. 29, from noon-2 p.m., at Riverfront Park. The costume parade for kids and pets starts at 12:30 pm. There will be pumpkin-decorating, a craft for kids, spooky stories, and refreshments. Local businesses are welcome to set up a table and participate.

If interested in learning how to support or participate in any of these events, contact Jesse Revicki at 860-342-6758 [jrevicki@portlandct.org](mailto:jrevicki@portlandct.org).

### United Methodist Church News

Portland United Methodist Church, located at 381 Main St., announces the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Judith Johnson-Siebold, holds in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. All are invited. Masks required for those not fully vaccinated.

A Fourth Sunday weekly Communion service at 1 p.m. is replacing the regular 9 a.m. service on those Sundays.

### Crafters and Vendors Wanted

Portland Project Graduation will host a Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Portland High School, 95 High St. – and crafters and vendors are sought. If interested, email the Project Graduation committee at [trosado@yahoo.com](mailto:trosado@yahoo.com) for details.

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A juried art show entitled “Save a Horse – Buy Art” will take place at the Essex Art Association (10 North Main St., Essex) from Oct. 21-23. The show benefits Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue (CDHR) of East Hampton.

Awards are: Best of Show, Viewers’ Pick, Best Painting, Best Photo, Best Fiber Art. This year’s theme is comprised of four words: Connecticut, Draft, Horse, and/or Rescue.

There will be an opening reception Friday, Oct. 21, from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, email CDHRartshow@outlook.com.

**Congregational Church Harvest Dinner**

The Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam is serving a takeout harvest dinner on Sunday, Oct. 23, from 3-4 p.m. The church is located at 51 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam.

The meal consists of a cheesy zucchini summer squash casserole, pulled pork, butternut bisque soup and quick breads. Price is \$24 per meal, which serves two people.

Call Kathy at 860 510-8102 to place your reservation. Last call to reserve is noon Oct. 23.

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### St. Patrick Christmas Bazaar

St. Patrick Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the church, 47 West High St. All are invited.

### Middle School Basketball and Cheerleading

East Hampton Middle School student/athletes who are interested in trying-out for boys' basketball, girls' basketball or cheerleading teams can register online through FamilyID.com.

Athletes must have a physical within a 13-month period in order to try out.

Deadline for registration is Monday, Nov. 7. For more information, contact EHMS athletic director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

### Residents Sought for EHACC

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission (EHACC) is accepting applications from East Hampton residents to serve on the commission.

The commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Joseph N. Goff House Museum, 2 Barton Hill Rd., and help support and promote arts and culture in East Hampton.

Applications to serve on the commission are available in the town manager's office at Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

For more information on EHACC, visit [www.artsforeasthamptonct.org](http://www.artsforeasthamptonct.org) or email [arts@easthamptonct.org](mailto:arts@easthamptonct.org).

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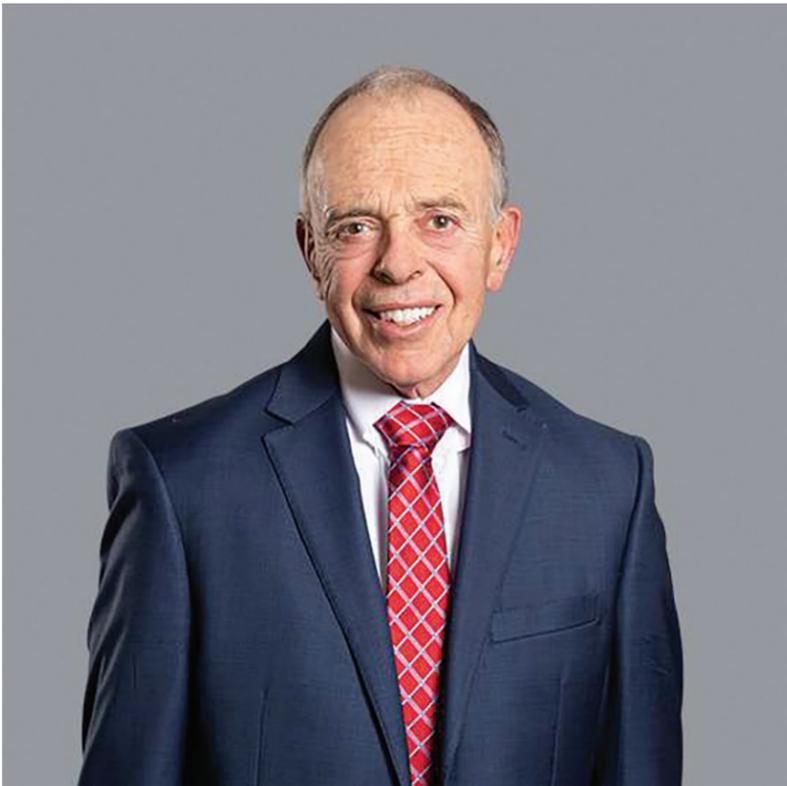
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### Program on Status of Lake Pocotopaug & Watershed

The East Hampton Conservation Lake Commission will host a discussion on the status of Lake Pocotopaug and the watershed on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m., in the East Hampton High School auditorium.

Speakers will include Hillary Garovoy-Keayon from Northeast Aquatics Research, John

Tucci from Ever Blue Lakes, and members of the Conservation Lake Commission.

Topics to be discussed will include: The Lake Smart Program, reports on 2022 treatment and remediation activities, upcoming projects for 2023 and beyond. There will also be time for Q&A and input from the audience.

### Haunted House and Hayride

Over 30 Epoch Arts students and staff members have joined together to create yet another year of spooks and scares. This year's Haunted House is themed Time Warp.

Visit with the March Hare as you venture down the dark rabbit hole to find the crazy White Rabbit. Get your ticket for a boat ride that will leave you dizzy and frightened. Venture through a Wasteland with spooks around every corner, and find your way through the Psycho Distortion rooms of mind trips and mirrored hallways. Also, there will be hayride with Epoch's "outdoor friends" that are waiting to meet you.

The Haunted House is four nights – Oct. 21, 22, 28 and 29 – from 7-10 p.m. each night. Admission is \$15 admission for both the Haunted House and the hayride. Make reservations and purchase time slots at [www.epocharts.org/events/haunted](http://www.epocharts.org/events/haunted).

Epoch Arts is located at 27 Skinner St.

### Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. Advance registration required for all programs unless noted; register at [myactivecenter.com](http://myactivecenter.com) or by contacting the center at 860-267-4426 or [seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov). Senior center hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Masks are encouraged, but not required. Visit the senior center online at [www.easthamptonct.gov/easthampton-senior-center](http://www.easthamptonct.gov/easthampton-senior-center).

**Lunches:** Served at the center Monday through Friday, to ages 60 and up. Call the center to reserve a meal or sign up online. Reservations for the next day's meal are due by 11 a.m. the day before. Meals are free, though a \$3 donation is requested.

**Weekly Activities:** **Quilting Group:** Mondays, 9 a.m. **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m. **Setback:** Mondays, 1 p.m., and Thursdays, 1:15 p.m. **Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. **Bingo:** Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., in person and via Zoom. **Game Day:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon – space will be available and open to Mahjongg, cribbage, Mexican Train and setback players. Registration required. **Textile Group:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date Oct. 26), at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise it will be indoors or via Zoom.

**Setback:** Mondays from 1-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:15-3:15 p.m., in person.

**Art w/Karen:** Sunday, Oct. 23, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will take people through beginner steps of creating an acrylic painting. The cost of the class is \$5 for supplies. Pay Williams the day of the event.

**AARP Safe Driving:** Monday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., for drivers 50 and older. Cost is \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members, payable by check only. Payment due at registration.

**Flu Clinic & Bivalent Booster:** Tuesday, Oct. 25, 9-11 a.m. Sponsored by Chatham Health District. United HealthCare not accept-

ed. No registration needed.

**Medicare 101:** Tuesday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. Learn the ins-and outs, when you need to sign up, and more.

**Wii Bowling:** Thursday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. This is a friendly competition between friends.

**Special Luncheon Sponsored by the Democratic Town Committee:** Friday, Oct. 28, noon-1:30 p.m. The menu is boneless roasted chicken, potatoes au gratin, fresh green beans, yellow squash, tossed salad, rolls and butter, plus dessert. Seating is limited.

**Halloween Happening:** Monday, Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m., in the library community room, for ages birth through 5. There will be Halloween-themed stories, songs, games and crafts. Costumes encouraged but not required.

**Wonderfully Wicked Women's Group (WWW):** Friday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m. This is a monthly discussion group. Sign up in advance.

**Mighty Magnificent Men's Group:** Monday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. This is a social hour of facts and sharing activities, and snacks. The group meets monthly. Sign up in advance.

**Trip: In the Christmas Mood:** See the Glenn Miller Orchestra Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$114 per person. Call for more information.

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

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### Lions Holding Raffle

The East Hampton Lions Club is holding a raffle to support the funding of scholarships for graduating seniors from the East Hampton community.

The grand prize is \$2,022. There will be two first-place winners, at \$222 each; two second-place winners at \$122; and two third-place winners at \$52. The first-, second- and third-place winners are reentered for the

grand prize drawing.

Cost is \$10 per ticket. A total of 750 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place at 2:22 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 62 N. Main St. Tickets will be sold right up until the drawing date.

For tickets or more information, call Tom Denman of the East Hampton Lions at 860-519-4951 or 860-267-4512.

### Beginner Bellringer Preschool

East Hampton High School's Beginner Bellringer Preschool Program is taking applications for the 2022-23 school year. Parents may have a preschool sent to them by contacting Kasey Tortora at 860-365-4030 ext. 1300 or [ktortora@easthamptonct.org](mailto:ktortora@easthamptonct.org). All applications must be received by Nov. 4.

Preschool will be held three afternoons per week (Mondays, noon-2 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sessions are open to 3- to 5-year-olds as of Jan. 1, 2023; in some cases, older 2-year-olds will be accepted. There is a limit of 12 students per class.

The preschool program will begin Thursday,

### Athletic Hall of Fame Election

The East Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame has elected two former star athletes and a state championship team for the 2022 induction class.

The inductees are: Jacqueline Beaulieu, a 1999 East Hampton High School graduate who was a standout track athlete; James Brown, who is being inducted posthumously, a 1987 graduate of Xavier High School who lettered four years in basketball; and the 2011 East Hampton High School baseball team, which won the state championship.

Beaulieu, Brown and the 2011 baseball team will be inducted Friday, Oct. 28, at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. Tickets are \$55 per person and include a buffet-style dinner. For tickets, email Mike Vasquezna at [mjvasquezna@gmail.com](mailto:mjvasquezna@gmail.com).

### Pollinator Pathway Presentation

The Belltown Garden Club of East Hampton will offer a Pollinator Pathway Presentation at its next meeting, being held in the community room of East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24.

The club will welcome Michele Sinkez and Candice O'Shea, representing the Hebron Pollinator Pathway, who will speak about planting gardens to create a corridor of life and sustenance to support bees, butterflies and birds.

Members of the public and prospective members are welcome to attend. The East Hampton Belltown Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs.

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# After a Year of Talks, Town OKs Cannabis Sales

By Jack Lakowsky

East Hampton's cannabis moratorium is set to end Oct. 25, when new regulations, crafted by the town zoning board, take effect.

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) approved the new measure earlier this month, and Town Manager Dave Cox formally notified the Town Council last week.

After asking a minor change, PZC unanimously approved moving local cannabis sales forward.

"We created regulations that allow the private market to do what the market thinks is best," town zoning official Jeremy DeCarli told the *Rivereast* on Monday.

Going forward, any cannabis operations – retailers, medical dispensaries, cultivators, packagers, etc. – must obtain a special permit, meaning they'll have to get approved directly from the zoning board.

All cannabis activities are permitted in industrial zones, with limitations in the other zones and no allowances in residential areas. Retailers and dispensaries are allowed in the Village Center, meaning a cannabis retailer could at some point add itself to East Hampton's downtown.

No cannabis businesses can be within 500 feet of a school or childcare facility, a church,

a library or any charity, public or private, or within 1,000 feet of a residence, according to the town's regulation.

State legislation, DeCarli wrote in the regulations, already prohibits in-your-face advertising, like neon signs.

Members of the council and PZC said they were concerned about the smell marijuana operations emit.

Enforcement of a smell ordinance would be almost impossible, and any attempt to measure odor costly. To this end, DeCarli said the distance requirements and making businesses provide an odor mitigation plan will ease any smell problems.

DeCarli drew from many sources, looking at ordinances at similarly sized towns in both Connecticut and Massachusetts. Some of the language carries right over from the town's liquor store regulations, DeCarli said.

The regulation forbids visible plants, products, paraphernalia, and any on-site consumption.

Product must be in a secure, permanent building, nothing in vehicles or trailers or the like.

Sites also need a comprehensive security plan.

## Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person and Zoom services at 10 a.m. each Sunday. To connect electronically, go to [www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com](http://www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com) for directions. Maggie Labinski will offer a reflection during the Morning Prayer service.

**Sunday School:** Will not meet this week.

**Donations:** Place donations of returnable bottles in the designated barrels near the shed. Food items for the local food bank may be placed in the black totes near the church rear door.

**Save the Date:** The Autumn Leaves Fair will

be held Saturday, Nov. 5. Donations of preserves, crafts, baked goods and seasonal items are needed. Contact Regina Starolis at 860-788-2711 or Winnie Edmonds at 860-267-6226 for more information.

**Covenant to Care:** Thanksgiving food items are needed for four families on the church social worker's case load. Sign up in the Parish Hall and bring donations to church on Nov. 20.

For more information or if in need of assistance, call the church office at 860-267-0287 or Donna Hryb, senior warden, at 860-633-0472.

## Library Friends Book Sale

The Friends of East Hampton Public Library will hold a book sale in the library community room Friday, Nov. 4, from 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The library is located at 105 Main St.

Gently-used book donations will be accepted Saturday, Oct. 29, through Thursday, Nov. 3, in the library, during regular hours.

During the book sale, Friends in good standing will receive a free book. To become a member please find an application in the library or visit [www.easthamptonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.easthamptonpubliclibrary.org) to fill out an application form online.

## Middle Haddam Public Library News

Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd., Middle Haddam, has announced the following. To register or more information on any program, email [middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com), visit [middlehaddamlibrary.com](http://middlehaddamlibrary.com) or call 860-267-9093.

**Library Hours:** Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 3-6 p.m. Masks are optional.

**Yoga:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m., with Erin Day of Ten Summit Yoga. In October, there will also be an additional day, Mondays at 9 a.m. Cost is a \$15 drop-in fee. Register at [tensummitst@gmail.com](mailto:tensummitst@gmail.com).

**Mahjong:** Mondays at 11:30 a.m. All players

welcome.

**Nimble Knitters:** Thursdays at 1 p.m.

**Cacao Ceremony:** Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m., with current artist Megan Desrosier. This ceremony will include a guided meditation into the heart space and an art project. Artistic ability is not required. Please register.

**Writers' Workshop:** Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Published author Jack Matthews will discuss the elements of writing and publishing. Please register.

**Space Available:** Are looking for space for meetings? Or a space to work from home? There are options at the library; stop by to take a look.

## East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., has announced the following. Registration required unless noted; to register, or for full program descriptions, call 860-267-6621 or visit [easthamptonpubliclibrary.org](http://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org).

**Library Hours:** The library is open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Children's Programs: Toddler Time:** Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., for children ages 18 months to 3 years. **Stories & Songs:** Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5.

**Mindful Movements – Outside:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m., at Sears Park/the lake. For ages 18 months and up; siblings welcome.

**Baby Rhyme Time:** Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., in the library community room.

**DIY Days:** Saturday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., for ages 5-14. Children and families in grades K-8 are invited to create a different toy, game or treat together. These activities are available while supplies last. No registration required; just drop in.

**Halloween Happening:** Monday, Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m., in the library community room, for ages birth to 5. Share some Halloween-themed stories, songs, games and crafts. Costumes encouraged but not required. Drop-ins and siblings welcome.

## Lions Bring Foodshare to Town

The East Hampton Lions have announced that Foodshare will come to East Hampton every other Thursday morning beginning Oct. 27. The mobile pantry will be in the parking lot of St. Patrick Church, 47 West High St., from 9-10 a.m.

All are welcome; there is no income requirements and no IDs will be checked. However, Foodshare does not allow anyone to pick up for two families.

The East Hampton Lions have been involved in food distribution since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Initially they were involved with Farm to Family and served as a hub for the region with the assistance of the owners of the Lucky Goat who allowed them to use their store when they closed. When phase 2 of Farm to Family began they partnered with the Abundant

Life Church in Colchester and every Friday a truck load of about 900 Farm to Family boxes were delivered and distributed. Many of these boxes were delivered to homes in East Hampton and to our Food Bank.

When Farm to Family was phased out, the Lions partnered with another Lions club and received extra food from a program that club was involved with. Once a month the Lions would fill up a truck and van with food to distribute to Chatham Acres; any leftovers would go to our Food Bank. However, the other Lions club's program ended Oct. 1, so the East Hampton Lions stopped receiving the extra food.

After a discussion with Sandy Fries of the East Hampton Food Bank, the Lions decided to apply to be a direct vendor of Foodshare. St. Patrick Church agreed to allow the Lions to use the church parking lot. This will allow the residents of Chatham Acres to walk over and receive the food.

The Lions and East Hampton Senior Center are exploring the possibility of arranging transportation for Bellwood Court residents to attend as well, but that has not been settled as of press time.

## Driving MS Daisy

The Middlesex United Way will hold a food drive to support the East Hampton Food Bank on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon, in front of both entrances of the East Hampton Stop & Shop. The United Way has a Honda Acty mini-truck named MS Daisy, that it will fill with non-perishable food donations.

Non-perishable food as well as monetary donations will gladly be accepted to support the needs of those less fortunate in East Hampton. Liberty Bank Foundation will provide matching donations of 25 cents for every dollar raised during this event.

## St. Patrick Guild Holiday Bazaar

The St. Patrick Guild Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be Christmas items and decorations, raffle baskets, jewelry, a bake sale, and small "giftables."

Christmas donations, raffle baskets and small giftables can be dropped off at the St. Patrick Parish Center Monday, Oct. 31, through Thursday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m., and Friday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.-noon only. Please do not leave items outside; they must be received by a Guild member.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances  
**Community Conversation About Lake Pocotopaug & Watershed Restoration Has been cancelled**

We apologize for any inconvenience caused.  
Please note that East Hampton Lake Commission is hosting a meeting on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the East Hampton High School to hear from the Commission's experts on the current health of the lake and future plans.

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### EHVFD Designing Commemorative Patch

In 2023, the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department will mark its 100th anniversary – and to help celebrate, a special uniform patch will be created.

The department is inviting members of the community to submit their own designs for a 100th Anniversary patch.

The patch needs to measure 4.0 inches wide (at its widest point) by 4.5 inches tall and each prospective design shall include:

“East Hampton Fire Department”; “Est. 1923”; “100th Anniversary”; and some other element emblematic of the town and/or fire de-

partment

For reference, the EHVFD’s current patch is shown as the profile photo on the department’s Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/EHVFDCT](http://www.facebook.com/EHVFDCT)).

Submit your design via email to [ehvfd.100th.anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:ehvfd.100th.anniversary@gmail.com) by Oct. 31 and please include your name, address and phone number along with a photo of your entry. All entries will be considered and the winner will receive special recognition and be invited to ride in a fire truck during a parade in 2023.

### Parks and Rec. News & Notes

East Hampton Parks and Recreation has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, call 860-267-7300 or visit [easthamptonct.myrec.com](http://easthamptonct.myrec.com).

**Trunk or Treat Halloween Fun:** Thursday, Oct. 27, 5:30-7 p.m., Center School. Register to trunk or treat or be a vehicle host.

**Calendar-Making and Crafting:** Wednesday, Nov. 2-16, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at Memorial School, for ages 5-9. Cost is \$40.

**Kids Movie Night – The Bad Guys:** Friday, Nov. 4, 6-8:30 p.m., in the Town Hall community room. Cost is \$20.

**Annual Air Line Trail Ghost Run:** Saturday, Nov. 5. Must pre-register online. Cost is \$45 per runner, and \$90 per relay team.

**Air Line Trail Maintenance Day:** Saturday,

Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Maintenance will be at Bishop Cut, Cranberry Bog, Forest Street, and the viaducts. Register at one of those locations online.

**Thanksgiving Bingo and Craft:** Wednesday, Nov. 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at Memorial School, for grades K-3. Cost is \$20.

**New York on Your Own – Bus Trip to NYC:** Saturday, Dec. 10. The bus leaves East Hampton Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. and will depart NYC at 6 p.m. Cost is \$70/person.

**Holiday Bingo and Craft:** Tuesday, Dec. 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at Memorial School. Cost is \$20.

**American Red Cross Babysitting Course:** Friday, Jan. 20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Town Hall community room. Cost is \$100.

### Police News

10/6: Alfred Paradis, 41, of Lebanon, was arrested and charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, East Hampton Police said.

10/11: Joseph Boucher was arrested and charged with sixth-degree larceny, police said.

10/12: Molly Rothschild, 30, of New London, was arrested and charged with criminal attempt to commit burglary in the third degree and criminal mischief in the third degree, police said.

10/12: David Lafave, 18, of 78 Skinner St., was arrested and charged with speeding, disobeying the direction of an officer and operating a motor vehicle without a license, police said.

10/13: Austin Guerin, 20, of Middletown, was arrested and charged with second-degree threatening, second-degree harassment, and unlawful dissemination of an intimate image, police said.

10/14: Michael Bower, 31, of 230 Old West High St., was arrested and charged with two counts of violating a protective order, third-degree criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct,

police said.

10/14: Jena Bower, 26, of 230 Old West High St., was issued a summons for operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle, police said.

10/15: Two juveniles of Colchester were arrested and charged with third-degree assault and disorderly conduct after they fired splatter ball guns at another juvenile striking that juvenile in the back and back of the leg. The juvenile victim reported stinging pain at the impact areas.

10/16: Joshua Gibbons, 24, of 10 Starr Place, was issued a summons for having a defective muffler and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, police said.

Also, from Oct. 11-16, officers responded to nine medical calls, one motor vehicle crash and six alarms, and made 12 traffic stops.

### Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The East Hampton Prevention Partnership will participate in DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

Items that are accepted are prescriptions, Rx patches, Rx medications, OTC medications, vitamins, and medications for pets. Items that are not accepted include thermometers, inhalers, aerosol cans, needles and ointments/liquids.

Contact Courtney Fitzkee at [cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov) for more information.

### 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. There is also a livestream link will be at the church’s Facebook page, at [www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH](http://www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH).

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## Ghost Run to Head Down Air Line Trail

By Josh Howard

The 19th running of the Ghost Run, a certified half marathon that starts in Hebron and ends in East Hampton, is set for Saturday, Nov. 5.

2022 would have marked the 20th anniversary of the race, but the 2020 race was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shawn Mullen, the program coordinator for the town of East Hampton, has been helping organize the race for the past 16 years and has seen the race grow in popularity with around 50 runners coming out in the early years of the race to as many as 270 participants last year.

“It has definitely evolved over time, but we’ve always tried to keep true to what the original race was,” said Mullen.

The course begins at Hebron Elementary School, at 92 Church St., and travels down Route 85 for a couple of miles before merging with the Air Line Trail and finishes up at Center Elementary School in East Hampton, at 7 Summit St.

With a majority of the race taking place on the Air Line Trail, the race’s name is derived from the original Ghost Train, which ran down the now-defunct railroad tracks that date back to 1870. The all-white train would transport passengers between New York and Boston.

What was once a train passage is now a popular local path that is idea for running, because of the crushed stone that line the scenic trail.

One of the big changes over the years is that the finish line has transformed into a celebration that Mullen’s called “a party” – with the local Lions Club cooking food and other run-related festivities on hand for the finishers and spectators.

Mullen added the Parks & Rec departments of the towns of East Hampton, Hebron, and Colchester all contribute to the success of the event, saying, “It’s a combined effort from all three departments to put this together.”

The three towns collaborate with the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to assure a safe and smooth race.

Participants can opt to run the half marathon or do the course with others as a relay race, breaking the 13.1 mileage up into three sections. Cost is \$45 for the half marathon or \$90 for a relay team with the run starting at 9 a.m.

For more information or to sign up, visit [runsignup.com/Race/CT/Hebron/AirLineTrail-GhostRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Hebron/AirLineTrail-GhostRun).

### Library Friends Wanted

The Friends of the East Hampton Public Library group is currently looking for more members to grow the organization.

The Friends support the library in various ways, including sponsorship of programming, museum passes, summer reading and more. Members of the group can be involved as little or as much as they choose.

Forms for membership can be found at the library, 105 Main St., at [facebook.com/friendsoftheeasthamptonpubliclibrary](http://facebook.com/friendsoftheeasthamptonpubliclibrary), or by scrolling to the Friends portion of the library website, [www.easthamptonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.easthamptonpubliclibrary.org). People can also email the Friends at [friendsofhepl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhepl@gmail.com).

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# Boards Hold Joint Meeting on Budget

By Michael Sinkewicz

The members of the boards of selectmen and finance broke down their concerns with the town budget and reviewed their strategy moving forward during a joint meeting last week.

The meeting – held via Zoom on Oct. 12 – had record attendance for the year, with town officials confirming that over 100 people tuned in. It was another indication of the urgent circumstances surrounding the meeting, with the town facing a fourth referendum to approve a budget for a fiscal year that began over three months ago.

Last month, voters shot down the latest 2022-23 town budget proposal at referendum for the third time by an 856-742 vote. The education board's budget was approved in May, but municipal spending has not been as fortunate. In August, the town entered a budget freeze, which is still in place.

It was a wide-ranging meeting, with both boards approving large budget transfers and discussing shakeups in the town's finance department. The bulk of the dialog centered around how the town should move forward with the next budget proposal.

"We let the town down," said Mike Egan, a Democrat on the finance board. "We cannot keep bickering. We have a responsibility. Their future is in our hands right now."

Each board member had an opportunity to express their viewpoint. While past meetings turned combative at times, last week's meeting remained largely civil for the most part.

"Let's not be a Republican or a Democrat," said Art Shilosky, a Republican finance board member. "Please, let's get together. Let's get this budget done."

The voters passed on a \$15.63 million spending package – a \$231,516 cut from the previous referendum and nearly \$70,000 below the 2021-22 budget.

Many board members expressed their hesita-

tion with cutting the bottom-line number any further. Instead, several pointed to other factors that should be examined and fixed first.

"We need to build confidence with the people of the town," said Republican selectman Deborah Bates.

This point was echoed by Republican selectman Jason LaChapelle, who has been one of the leading critics of the budget, at times even calling out what he believed to be fraud.

"The biggest issue is lack of transparency," he said. "Nobody has been willing to stand up and say, 'we dropped the ball.'"

Tim Vaillancourt, a Republican on the finance board, was the only official who conveyed that the budget still needed to be cut.

"People are speaking; they believe their taxes are too high," he said. "None of you are listening. This budget is too high."

The finance board is scheduled to hold a special meeting on Oct. 19 to further discuss the budget. The meeting was held in the evening, after press time.

One potential revision may involve the removal of all new initiatives. At a previous finance board meeting, ahead of the last referendum, the funds for a new senior services bus driver were eliminated from the proposal while so called "transparency software" remained.

The budget leadership was called into question by some of the residents in attendance.

Board of Finance Chair Andrea Migliaccio asked for more cooperation, as well.

"We do need to do a better job conveying our message to the public," she said.

Migliaccio also made remarks aimed at LaChapelle, who she urged to stop posting items on Facebook that may be negatively impacting the public perception of the budget. LaChapelle declined the request, which turned into one of the few heated exchanges of the meeting.

For his part, First Selectman Andreas Bis-

bikos said it was "time to come together as Colchester."

"We have to step back and start talking to each other a little more," he expressed.

The direction of the next budget proposal may be guided by transfers both boards approved at the beginning of the meeting for the 2021-22 budget.

Most notably, the board approved two large transfers from the unassigned fund balance account to the highway department and police department. The takeaway is that the town was over extended during the last fiscal year by around \$175,000.

Rosemary Coyle, a Democrat on the Board of Selectmen, told the *Rivereast* that the large transfers were "unprecedented" and have "never happened before."

In explaining how the town went over budget, Coyle said for town leadership, "part of the job is to monitor the budget and if there's concerns, bring them to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance."

During the joint-meeting, some board members expressed that the transfers indicate that the town cannot cut the budget any further.

LaChapelle asked, "how can you make cuts without ending up over-budget?"

Egan suggested that the board either needs to reduce the services the town provides, or increase the amount the town spends so it can pay for them.

The town is also losing two finance department positions – AP and payroll clerks – who are moving to work solely for the Board of Edu-

cation.

During the meeting, Bisbikos said the news came as a "shock" to him and that the positions were typically split between the town and education sides.

At a special meeting called the next day, the selectmen approved two new positions that they'll look to fill to support the finance department moving forward.

"I would not say that it was handled improperly but rather that it came as a complete surprise because the town side had an agreement with the [BOE] that those two employees we be shared, at least, until June 30, 2023," Bisbikos told the *Rivereast*. "The surprise was magnified because the office was already short staffed, and they took two out of the three remaining employees."

While the shakeup appears problematic for an over-worked department, Bisbikos conveyed that town will absorb the loss.

"I prefer to concentrate on the positive rather than the negative and while this staff shortage will create problems for us currently, it also enables us to look at restructuring those positions which could only be accomplished when they are both vacant at the same time," he said.

The town is advertising for the two positions and has also reached out to temp agencies to "assist us with our immediate financial accounting needs," Bisbikos said.

"We would like to fill them immediately, but my goal is to find the best candidates rather than first available," he said.

## Fall Seed Collection Gets Underway

The Colchester Garden Club is collecting vegetable, herb, flower and native plant seeds for next year's Seed Library.

The Seed Library is a partnership between the Colchester Garden Club and the Cragin Memorial Library. The Seed Library offers seeds free of charge to grow at home. Anyone who takes seeds is encouraged to save seeds from mature plants and return them to the Seed Library at the end of the season. It will reopen in early spring 2023.

A seed collection box will be available at the Colchester Garden Club booth at the monthly Colchester Garden Club meeting at the Cragin Memorial Library Norton Room A on Monday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. There may be other collection

days/times/locations communicated at a later date.

To donate, place seeds in a Ziploc plastic bag and staple a label to the bag with the type of plant, variety of plant (if known), date harvested, and location of harvest. Include any additional information about the plant that may be helpful. Seed-saving best practices include harvesting on dry, sunny days; harvesting when seeds are dry and/or when seed pod begins to open; and separating the seeds from the chaff – the covering and debris that comes off with the seeds.

For more information about donating seeds or the seed library, email [colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com).

## Colchester Federated Church News

Colchester Federated Church is an Open and Affirming church located at 60 Main St. Pastor is the Rev. Lauren Lorincz Ostrout. 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](mailto:cfc06415@gmail.com).

Worship services are Sundays at 9 a.m.; masks are optional. 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.colchesterfederated-church.org](http://www.colchesterfederated-church.org) under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information is also on the church's Facebook page.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School is held dur-

ing worship from September through June. Children in grades pre-K through 8 are welcome. The nursery is located just off the sanctuary. Visit the church website to register youth for Sunday School.

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

**Holly Fair:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

## Upcoming Senior Center Trips

The Colchester Senior Center is planning the following trips. Reservations should be made in person at the senior center, 95 Norwich Ave. Trips are available to senior center members and adult guests over the age of 18, and are on a first-come, first-served basis; space is limited. Call the senior center at 860-537-3911 for more information.

**42nd Street at the Goodspeed Opera House:** Wednesday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. Have lunch at La

Vita restaurant then head over to the Goodspeed for a 2 p.m. matinee of a newly-imagined production of *42nd Street*. Cost is \$60 per person. Lunch is not included in the cost of the trip.

**A Christmas for Carol at Newport Playhouse:** Tuesday, Dec. 6, departing at 9:30 a.m. There will be a buffet lunch before the show and a cabaret show afterward. Proof of vaccination required. Cost is \$132/person and is non-refundable.

## Fire Chief Receives Award

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, Fire Chief Steve Hoffmann received the Harry Kelly Award from the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association (CFDIA).

The award was named after Rocky Hill Fire Chief Harry Kelly, whose passion and dedication to firefighter training and education are the core examples of what a fire service professional of this award exemplifies.

The CFDIA held its annual awards ceremony at Casa De Mia at the Hawthorne in Berlin. This awards dinner was attended by around 200 attendees from across the state, mostly made up



of fire service leaders and instructors.

The Colchester Hayward Fire Department represented with a contingent of members at the dinner to support the fire chief on being selected and honored for this award. Also in attendance were First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos and state Rep. Brian Smith (D-48). Smith also presented Hoffmann with a citation from the General Assembly for his dedication and commitment to both the Connecticut Fire Service and the Colchester Hayward Fire Department.

Hoffmann has 25 years of public safety service starting as a junior volunteer firefighter and progressing to fire chief of a combination fire department. He is a proponent and developer of the fire service high school courses, which are driven to expose and develop youth into a future within the fire and EMS services.

## CCT to Hold Auditions for Musical

The Colchester Community Theatre has scheduled additional auditions for its February 2023 musical production – *Young Frankenstein*. The majority of the cast was selected in 2021 before CCT had to cancel the production planned for 2022.

At this time, CCT is seeking to fill the role of Igor and Inspector Kemp as well as needing additional ensemble – men and women.

In *Young Frankenstein*, comedy genius Mel Brooks adapts his well-known film for the stage, featuring such songs as "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and "Puttin' on the Ritz."

Auditions will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m., at Congregation Ahavath Achim (Colchester Synagogue) Hall, 84 Lebanon Ave.

Appointments for auditions are required and can be made at [cct.corsizio.com](http://cct.corsizio.com). Everyone must bring sheet music in the appropriate key and be prepared to sing. Auditioners should prepare 12-16 measures of a song that showcases your voice. No prerecorded music or a cappella singing will be permitted. An accompanist will

be provided. Everyone will be asked to learn a short choreographed routine, so bring appropriate shoe wear. Anyone interested in being a dancer or tap dancer only for the production must attend auditions just for the choreographed routine.

Roles are available for adults and teens (grade 9 and above). For more information, call Wallis Johnson at 860-267-1023 or Laura Brown at 860-305-8605, or email [backstage@colchestercommunitytheatre.com](mailto:backstage@colchestercommunitytheatre.com). Driving and rehearsal location directions and additional information regarding the musical may be found on the "Directions" page at [colchestercommunitytheatre.com](http://colchestercommunitytheatre.com).

CCT will follow all CDC guidelines during auditions and a proof of vaccination will be required as in alignment with many theater companies. All staff will be vaccinated and masks will be required. Show dates for this production are Feb. 17, 18 and 19.

Anyone who is unable to attend the auditions must contact CCT before Nov. 6 to make other arrangements.



**Fire Department Open House...** The Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company held an open house and recruitment event Sunday, Oct. 16. Children and families were able to take part in ambulance tours, enjoy a free lunch, and watch demonstrations. State Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) visited the open house where he met with Fire Chief Steve Hoffmann, fellow fire department leaders, and community members. Anyone interested in joining the fire department can visit [colchesterfd.com](http://colchesterfd.com) or stop by CHVFD headquarters (52 Old Hartford Rd.) for an application.



Pictured is Junior running back Mason Howard running for a touchdown in the Juniors' 38-12 win last weekend.

### Youth Football Recap

The Colchester Cougars played Tolland last weekend. Here is how they fared:

**Pee Wee:** Won, 26-6; **Micros:** Lost, 39-0. Juniors: Won, 38-12. The Cougars scored on the running attack of Mason Howard and Vinny Arrigoni. Quarterback Niko Ibrahim connected with Gavin King for a score through the air. Kicker Mason Howard was 4/4 for extra points on the day. On defense, the Cougars Vinny Arrigoni intercepted a pass in the first half and Jamieson Grant had multiple sacks. The defensive effort was led by Tj Garvie, Alan Marshal, Ryan

Browning, Adam Bigleow, Jacob Hashem, Charlie Gorman and Samdiel Collozo.

**Seniors:** Lost to Tolland, 42-14. Eddie Gignac had a receiving touchdown from Brevin Gonzales. Gignac also scored on a forced fumble caused by Noah Garvie. Elijah Ancil had an interception and the Cougars' defensive line collectively had 6 tackles for a loss. The Seniors will be trying to punch their ticket into the playoffs this Saturday night when they host Windham at 8 a.m.

### Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship Sundays at 10 a.m. The services are also available on Zoom; visit westchesconchurch.org for login information.

Sunday School meets during the worship service. Meetings: The church hosts several groups meeting weekly: Al-Anon, Mondays at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; AA, Friday at 7:30 p.m.;

Scout BSA Troop 109, Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Outreach:** The church has a white wooden Blessings Box in the lower parking lot with non-perishable food items and other useful items. Anyone in need or who wishes to donate may stop by and take or leave a few items.

For more information, email westconchurch@gmail.com or call 860-267-6711.

### 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.

**Monday, Oct. 24:** 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Funeral Pre-Planning Presentation; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 12:45 p.m., Set-back; 1 p.m., Bridge.

**Tuesday, Oct. 25:** 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m., Painted Canyons Trip Presentation; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle, In the Know with Patty; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., SCBC Meeting (via Zoom).

**Wednesday, Oct. 26:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 1:30 p.m., Seasonal Crafting; 1:30

p.m., line dancing.

**Thursday, Oct. 27:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Energy Assistance by appointment only; 9 a.m., Exercise w/Anne; 9:30 a.m., Strategic Planning Team meeting; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

**Friday, Oct. 28:** 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group, Medicare 101 presentation; 11 a.m., Yoga; 11:15 a.m., Lunch Bunch to Po's Rice & Spice; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Upcoming Programs: Annual Halloween Costume & Pizza Party:** Monday, Oct. 31. Engage in traditional Halloween festivities including a costume parade, contests, and games. Tickets are \$7 each. Costumes are encouraged; if you show up in one, the center will refund you \$1. Registration is required and can be done by visiting the office. Space is limited.

### October Programs at Cragin

Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave., has announced the following programs, which are free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752 during normal hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Sensory Table:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Fall Storytime Sessions:** All held at the library. Registration required. Siblings welcome. Sessions run Oct. 24-Dec. 15, and the schedule is: Walkers and Talkers (12-24 months), Mondays, 10:30 a.m.; Toddlers (24-48 months), Mondays, 11:15 a.m.; Preschool Storytime (4- and 5-year-olds), Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.; Mother Goose (2- to 5-year-olds), Wednesdays, 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.; Baby Storytime and Stay and Play (1-12 months), Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

**Halloween Take & Make Crafts for Children:** Oct. 22, 27 and 29.

**Diwali Take & Make Craft for Children:** Monday, Oct. 24. Learn about Diwali and take home a lantern craft.

**Teen Eat if You Dare:** Monday, Oct. 24, 3 p.m., for grades 6-12. Try some treats without knowing what they will be. Inform library staff

of any allergies.

**Cragin Book Club:** Monday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m., at the library. *Dancing with the Octopus: The Telling of a True Crime* by Deborah Harding will be discussed.

**Paint Night:** Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, for teens and adults. Participants will receive an email when supplies are ready to be picked up from the library. Registration is required: tinyurl.com/mv7zu2jv.

**Foodie Fun Take & Makes:** Saturday, Oct. 29, for teens and adults. Check out the library's Facebook page for a how-to video. While supplies last.

**Special Halloween Storytime and Parade:** Monday, Oct. 31, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. There will be spooky reads, songs, and trick-or-treat around the library in a parade. Costumes encouraged.

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Bacon Academy senior Mitchell Rathbone (left) was recently awarded the ‘General Billy Mitchell Award’ from the Civil Air Patrol U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Unit and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant within the organization. He’s pictured here with state Rep, Brian Smith (D-48), following the presentation of the State of Connecticut General Assembly Official Citation.

### Resident Receives CAP Award

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, Bacon Academy senior Mitchell Rathbone was awarded the ‘General Billy Mitchell Award’ from the Civil Air Patrol U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Unit and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant within the organization.

The recipients of this award are required to pass both an Aerospace and Leadership comprehensive examination as well as demonstrate their leadership skills in various assignments in order to progress in rank. At the ceremony, state Rep. Brian Smith (D-48), presented Rathbone with a State of Connecticut General Assembly Official Citation in recognition of this accomplishment.

“Being a member of Civil Air Patrol has been such an amazing experience for me. I’ve met so many great people through the organization and I have learned so much from the opportunities that CAP has presented me with,” Rathbone said. “I am truly grateful for state Rep. Brian

Smith for taking the time to attend and participate in the ceremony. I would also like to extend a special thanks to my senior officers and all the senior members that have helped mentor me and shape the person I am today as I continue to work towards my goal of becoming a United States Air Force pilot.”

Rathbone has been a member of Civil Air Patrol for the past four years. He joined the organization because of his desire to serve as a pilot in the Air Force.

During the summers of 2021 and 2022, he volunteered as a staff member at the CT Wing Encampments at Camp Nett in Niantic. Both times he was awarded an “Achievement Award” for outstanding duty and leadership skills. Rathbone earned his “Sharpshooter” badge as a member of the Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club rifle team. He earned his “wings” during the summer of 2021 at the CAP NER Glider Academy Summer Camp at Hartness Airport in Vermont.

### The Patriotic Rosary

All are invited to St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m., as the church prays the Patriotic Rosary for the Consecration of Our Nation.

The program includes prayers for the leaders of our country and for each individual state, combined with patriotic music.



Spreading Kindness in Colchester!... Girls from Girl Scout Troop 63000 recently planted, mulched and added a Kindness Rock Garden in the front of the Colchester Youth Center. Everyone is invited to add rocks or take a rock. Pictured are Alyssa Zajac, Maggie Parekh and Jenna Crowell. This is one of the two bronze projects the troop completed.

### Resident Honored with Award

Nicholas Tartsinis of Colchester received the Skookum Award, an honor at the Western New England University (WNE) Alumni Association 2022 Skookum Awards ceremony held on Sept. 25.

Fifteen students were inducted into this exclusive cohort of outstanding Golden Bear alumni.

The 2022 Skookum Award honorees were recognized for their demonstrated excellence throughout their college careers with specific emphasis on their campus leadership roles, community service and volunteer experiences, and participation in athletics and co-curricular

programs. Tartsinis is a law and society major with a 3.79 GPA. Dedicated to academics, he has achieved both the Dean’s List and President’s List during his time as a Golden Bear and is a member of the Mortar Board Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, and the Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society.

Tartsinis has been involved in a number of student organizations on campus, including his roles as past president of the 2023 Class Council and vice president of Student Senate. Through his role with Student Senate, he has helped to enhance the campus voice of Golden Bear student-athletes and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), an effort that resulted in the development of two new Athletic Representative positions. Tartsinis has also worked as an Orientation Group Leader (OGL) for the past three years, including serving as one of three lead OGLs tasked with aiding first-year students with their transition into college life. Additionally, he has worked in the Campus Center since his freshman year, first as a building supervisor and most recently as lead building supervisor overseeing operations. His experience has taught him a great deal about organizations and leadership.

When Tartsinis is not working or studying, he spends his time watching sports and hanging out with his friends, including head-to-head video game battles.

After graduation, Tartsinis plans to take a year to explore his interests and work. He hopes to ultimately pursue law school and a career in corporate law.

Western New England University is located in Springfield, Mass.

### Garden Club to Meet

The Colchester Garden Club will meet Monday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m., at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave. The Oct. 24 meeting speaker will talk about “Putting Your Garden to Bed.”

New members are welcome. The club meets the fourth Monday of each month.

For more information about Colchester Garden Club, send an email to colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com or call 860-267-4471.

### Parks & Rec News & Notes

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

Scarecrow Contest on the Town Green: Voting runs through Oct. 31.

Fireworks & Trick or Trunk: Saturday, Oct. 29, from 4-8 p.m., at the RecPlex. Register your “trunk” to hand out candy to all of the trick-or-treaters. Fireworks will follow at dark. Parents are asked to donate two bags of candy per child which will be distributed to the trunks to hand out.

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# Bacon Volleyball Hosting 'Red-Out' Game

By Josh Howard

The girls' volleyball team at Bacon Academy High School will honor the lives of Jake Chapman and Tyler Graham this Friday, Oct. 21 when they play host to Fitch in an Eastern Connecticut Conference bout, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Chapman and Graham were standout lacrosse players at Bacon Academy before graduating and both attending Western Connecticut State University when they were involved in a fatal car crash in Colchester that took both of their lives on Oct. 22 of last year.

Friday night's game will be on the eve of the one-year anniversary of the tragedy and the athletic department at Bacon Academy encourages everyone who attends the game to wear red. Donations will be accepted during the event that will benefit the Tyler Graham Foundation, which donates 100% of the proceeds to youth lacrosse programs nationwide.

Volleyball head coach Scott Dumond said that senior captain Megan Swanke had the idea of honoring Chapman and Graham, who graduated from the high school in 2021 and had each committed to play lacrosse at WCSU.

"Her family was close with the boys' families. She wanted to pay homage to families and the boys," said Dumond. "They are still in our hearts and in our minds."

Friday's match will also mark the Bobcats' last

regular season home game and the team will be aiming to avenge an earlier four-set loss to Fitch from Sept. 30.

Since taking over the program six years ago, Dumond said this year's roster is his most complete team he has had.

"I'm proud of how we compete," Dumond said of the team. "We do not let anything get to us; we just take it point by point, touch by touch."

Captaining the team with Swanke are senior Grace Gorreck and junior Kiera Stewart.

Dumond said his captains lead by both their words and actions, saying the trio "walk the walk and talk the talk."

After winning the conference and a pair of state tourney games a season ago, Dumond said the returning players, particularly his seniors, continued to develop the culture in the offseason with team bonding exercises.

"This is the most tightest-knit, caring group of girls that I've had," added Dumond. "If you care for somebody off the floor, you'll care for them on the floor. It's evident by the way they play and rally for each other."

Aiding the team's eight seniors is an equally impressive junior class led by Stewart, the team's all-state setter, and featuring outside hitter Meghan Walsh and libero Samantha D'Atri

Dumond called Walsh an "absolute weapon" that has taken a big leap in production this year.



Bacon Academy volleyball captains (from left) Megan Swanke, Kiera Stewart, and Grace Gorreck. The Bobcats are hosting a game tonight to honor the lives of Jake Chapman and Tyler Graham, Class of 2021 graduates who died in a car crash last year.

He added that D'Atri is the ideal libero for his defensive system.

Following the home finale against Fitch, the team will have a pair of road games at Windham (10/25) and at Killingly (10/27) before the conference and state tournaments began.

With eight wins, the team has already qualified

for the Class M tourney and Dumond believes by cleaning up some minor mistake, his team has all the tools for a tournament push.

"Talent-wise, top to bottom, everything about this team is complete. I have all the confidence in the world in these girls," added Dumond. "They can play with anybody and they can beat anybody."

## Youth Basketball Registration

Registration for Colchester Youth Basketball is open, and can be done online at [www.colchesterbasketball.org](http://www.colchesterbasketball.org).

Colchester Youth Basketball offers a Travel program for grades 4-8 and a Recreation program for grade one through high school. Both programs are separated into boys' and girls' leagues.

The Recreation program offers a clinic for grades 1 and 2 and a practice and a game each

week for grades 3 through high school. The Recreation program is separated into divisions for grades 3/4/5, grades 6/7/8, and high school.

The Travel program will run from approximately mid-November through early March. The Recreation program for grades 3 through high school will run from approximately mid-December through the second week in March, and the clinics for the eight weeks in January and February.

## Absentee Ballot Applications

State law lets people vote via absentee ballot if they cannot appear at their assigned polling place on Election Day because of any of these reasons:

Active service in the U.S. Armed Forces; absence from town of residence; sickness; religious tenets forbid secular activity that day; duties as a primary, election or referendum official at a polling place other than their own during all hours of voting; or physical disability.

Applications must be signed by the voter requesting the ballot. Anyone assisting a voter in filling out the application must also sign and include their name, address and telephone number in Section VII.

Applications may be submitted directly to the town clerk's office via mail – the address is Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415 – or dropped in the Election Drop Box located at the entrance of Town Hall.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to avoid receiving a late ballot.

Completed ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day. For more information, call the town clerk's office at 860-537-7215 or visit [www.colchesterct.gov/town-departments/town-clerk](http://www.colchesterct.gov/town-departments/town-clerk).

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# BOS to Discuss Armed Guards Privately

By Jack Lakowsky

Tuesday's Marlborough Board of Selectmen meeting, which had the board's quartet stalemate several times, got disagreeable fast.

Acting board chair Deb Bourbeau, filling the seat because Interim Town Manager Amy Traversa must temporarily vacate her chairpersonship while she fills the manager role, pressed her fellow selectmen to have an executive session to discuss armed security at Marlborough Elementary School.

After much deliberation the board set the executive session for next Tuesday, then backtracked and reset it for yesterday, Thursday, after this story went to print. Bourbeau originally wanted to set the session for Tuesday night, but noticing requirements prevent this.

Throughout the meeting the public snickered and muttered their dismay, and during public comment made their feelings clear: they didn't want an executive session but rather a public discussion on the school board's request for a school resource officer (SRO).

Two weeks ago the selectboard bucked the MES school board's request for a school resource officer (SRO), a member of the local police force deployed at the school full-time, instead directing the school to seek an armed security officer or ASO, armed personnel employed by the school itself.

Superintendent of Schools Holly Hageman told the board the SRO is preferable to the ASO, as it won't burden the board or draw administrators or board members away from their other responsibilities distract. This would also make the guard part of the municipal government budget, as opposed to being included in the school board's spending package.

Bourbeau said she believed the executive session was necessary, as the board will discuss security matters that shouldn't be public. Bourbeau wasn't entirely clear on what exact topic necessitated executive session, mentioning a

few things like insurance liability.

She said because it's about security, the topic needs to be discussed privately.

Selectman Greg Lowrey, a Republican, said he wasn't entirely sure why the board needed executive session, though he eventually agreed to it. He said certain aspects would certainly need to be discussed behind closed doors, but in this case, the board was crafting policy, which is public information.

Republican selectman Joe Asklar agreed. "The nuts and bolts can be in executive session," he said. "But the policy does not [need to be]."

The Republicans attempted to add the SRO to the meeting's public agenda, but the motion died in a split vote.

Bourbeau and board Democrat Betty O'Brien said they did not oppose the SRO in the last meeting, a claim members of the public said was simply false.

Sue Stolfi, member of the MES school board speaking as a citizen, admonished that the selectboard make sure the executive session is legal and truly needed.

Wes Skorski, chair of the Marlborough Board of Education, reviewed how the board came about asking for the SRO.

"In June we charged Superintendent Hageman with looking at and reviewing security," Skorski began.

He said after long discussions in a committee, Hageman recommended the SRO, believing it the best option for MES. Skorski was highly complimentary of Hageman's work, saying she's "very thorough" and knowledgeable and "attacks any problem with amazing attention to detail."

"I trust her," said Skorski. "I wanted to reiterate that."

Bourbeau, however, said Hageman's presentation lacked several details, including a job de-

scription and salary. Bourbeau added that she doesn't appreciate the "demeanor" of the SRO's supporters, both on Facebook and in person.

However, at a selectmen meeting earlier this month, Hageman did indeed present details about the guard's proposed pay.

While she didn't present an exact salary, Hageman said the guard would be paid between \$30 and \$35 an hour for 180 days, making for an estimated salary (assuming the hire figure) of about \$50,400 annually.

There would be additional benefit costs, she said. There's some variation town-by-town on if the town or school pays for equipment. Funding for the position this year, if the town approves, would come through an agreement between the town and school because neither budgeted for it.

The *Rivereast* followed up with Skorski Wednesday morning. Skorski said selectpersons did "technically" approve armed MES security, just a different type.

Skorski said in talks between him, Hageman and Bourbeau, the latter has largely focused on the guard's price tag.

When asked if he feels relations between the boards have degraded, and if he feels the selectmen aren't really listening to the school board, Skorski didn't answer directly. He did acknowledge pay and hours were in the school board's request.

"At this point Holly and I are going back to the school at our next meeting to review everything that's happened the last few weeks," said Skorski. "Based on last night it seems [selectmen are going to] talk about it amongst themselves in executive session."

Skorski said he and Hageman will then get further direction from the rest of the board.

The *Rivereast* asked Skorski if he felt the selectboard's move to executive session was prop-

er, and he said he "can't say," that "perhaps they have something else they want to talk about in addition to the details of the [request]."

The public was not as apologetic as Skorski, lambasting the board's decision to discuss the matter outside of public view, accusing it of playing politics with children's safety, saying Bourbeau and O'Brien ran on transparency and are now discussing top-of-mind issues in private.

School board member Kerri Barella, speaking as a resident, said she didn't fully understand why there was so much argument, and that the school board was only looking selectboard support, adding she doesn't think this needs executive session.

Resident Lou Michaud said in the "country," kids aren't afraid of uniformed officers in schools like they are in the "inner city," that statistics casting doubt on the efficacy of armed school guards can't "be used for us."

Resident Mark Merritt said he "question[ed] if some of you are smart enough to be there," that the board seems to be struggling to or unwilling to understand the community's voice.

"I'm sad our voices were dismissed," said resident Amy Kurt.

Bourbeau emphasized the board won't be voting on anything, making any decisions in the session.

## Board at a Stalemate

With 2-2 split votes, several pieces of town business went nowhere, including already-voter-approved renovations at the public library, and seating new school board members. Look for coverage on these in next week's *Rivereast*.

The board became a group of four when Traversa stepped down. Traversa refused to step down if it meant a temporary selectperson would fill her seat, making for an unideal board configuration.

## Lions 'Masquerade 5K Road Race'

The Marlborough Lions will hold their annual Masquerade 5K Road Race Sunday, Oct. 30. This 5K will feature runners in costume and will follow the same course around Lake Terramuggus as the Lions' Memorial Day weekend race. The race will utilize electronic timing with computerized race results and the course is a certified 5K. The race starts promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Entry fee is \$30. Those registering by Oct. 15 are guaranteed a T-shirt. There is also a \$60 package price for families participating in the race. Anyone wishing to register on the day of the race must arrive prior to 10 a.m. Runners will start near the entrance to Blish Park on Park

Road and will proceed on a course that circles Lake Terramuggus.

The Lions are also seeking local businesses to sponsor the event in amounts of \$100, \$250 and \$500. All sponsors will be displayed on the race t-shirts.

The Lions Club supports programs which address various issues including blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness in addition to supporting local organizations such as the Marlborough Food and Fuel Banks.

To register or for additional information contact Lion Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 or tigerladee@snet.net. Registration can also be done at marlboroughlionsclubfall5k.itsyourrace.com.

## Late Fall Watercolor Classes

Local artist Mary Horrigan will offer adult watercolor classes at the Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., on Thursdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 1 (no class Nov. 24), from 10 a.m.-noon.

This set of four lessons is designed for "All Levels of Beginner." Material lists will be sent once the class is confirmed with enough students registered.

Cost for the class is \$80. Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.marlbrougharts.org](http://www.marlbrougharts.org), and a check mailed to: Marl-

borough Arts Center, 231 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT 06447.

Horrigan has taught watercolor classes for Manchester Community College, Middletown Adult Education, the Glastonbury Art Guild, the Guilford Art Center and the Marlborough Arts Center. Her paintings have been exhibited in Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut, and have won several awards.

For more information, contact Horrigan at [mehorrigan@comcast.net](mailto:mehorrigan@comcast.net) or leave a message at 860-467-6353.

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Marlborough Arts Center is hosting the folk duo Crowes Pasture for the 4th Friday @ the Arts Café on Friday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the center, 231 N. Main St.

A roots-infused, internationally touring folk duo, Crowes Pasture performs songs that reflect a mutual passion, sense of discovery and celebration of the human connection.

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### Parks and Rec Programs

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

**Youth Programs: Pumpkin Decorating Contest:** Kids ages 4-13 are invited to design their pumpkin at home and bring them to the recreation department to be displayed and judged for prizes. Pumpkins can be dropped off to the recreation department from Oct. 24-26. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: scariest pumpkin, funniest pumpkin and most original pumpkin. The age groups for this contest are 4-8 and 9-13.

**Horseback Riding Lessons:** For ages 5 and up; English- or Western-style instruction. Lessons are private and are an hour in length. Days and times are flexible. Fee is four lessons for \$175 residents/\$180 non-residents.

**Adult Program: Adult Volleyball:** Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., at MES. Fee is \$5 per week to drop-in.

**Barlates:** Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m., through

Oct. 26. This is a complete exercise class with concentrated exercises for hips, legs and core. Drop-in fee is \$18/week. Class instruction is virtual or in person.

**Yoga:** Mondays through Oct. 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or Tuesdays, 9:30- 10:30 a.m., through Nov. 1. Drop-in fee is \$18/week. Class instruction is virtual or in person.

**Yogalates:** Thursdays through Oct. 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m. All levels welcome; bring a mat. Drop-in fee is \$18/week.

**Adult Sewing 101: Know Your Machine:** Monday, Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Learn the basics of machine operating while creating a scrunchie. All participants must bring sewing machine. Fee: \$43/residents, \$48/non-residents.

**Pilates/Barre:** Wednesdays through Oct. 27, 6-6:45 p.m. All levels welcome. Fee is \$10 to drop in each week. Class instruction is virtual.

**Driveway Reflective Number Signs:** Cost of the sign is \$35. Vertical sign is double-sided 8" x 24" with 4" numbers on blue highway reflective metal. Order forms are online and at Town Hall.

### Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has announced the following. Registration required unless noted; to do so, call the library at 860-295-6210 or email [richmondprograms@gmail.com](mailto:richmondprograms@gmail.com).

**Silent Auction Donations Needed:** The Friends of the Library group is currently accepting donations for its 25 Days of Cheer annual silent auction, to be held from Thursday, Nov. 3, through Monday, Dec. 5. This auction is the library's single largest fundraiser and all proceeds directly benefit the library, going towards library materials, programming for all age groups, and even new collections. Donations must be received by Thursday, Oct. 27.

**Babytime:** Mondays through Oct. 31 (no class Oct. 10), 10:30 a.m., for children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Drop-ins are welcome if space allows. The program will be outdoors unless weather requires it to move inside.

**TWOsdays:** For children 18-36 months and their caregivers on Tuesdays through Dec. 20. There will be songs, stories and hands-on-learning.

**Fall Storytime:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m., indoors in the Storytime Room, for children ages 3-5. Session 1 is underway, but Session 2 runs Oct. 26-Dec. 7 (no storytime Nov. 23).

**Lego Club:** For children age 5 and up. The library will offer STEM-based challenges involving Legos for children ages 5 and up on the following Tuesdays at 4 p.m.: Oct. 18, Nov. 1,

Nov. 15, Nov. 29 and Dec. 13.

**Kids Crafting Club:** Creative kids will learn new techniques and project ideas. The club started this week and will meet the following Tuesdays at 4 p.m.: Oct. 25, Nov. 8 and 22, and Dec. 6 and 20.

**Storytime at the Lake:** Friday, Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m. All are invited for stories, songs and a hands-on activity, all on the pavilion at Blish Park. Registration is not required but appreciated.

**Kids Take-and-Make Kits:** Kids are invited to stop by and pick up a Worry Monster Take-and-Make Kit. Once they create their monster, kids can write down their worries on a piece of paper, fold them up, and feed them to their Worry Monster. Available while supplies last.

**Cooking 101:** Teens and young adults are welcome to join a dietician from Big Y on Monday, Nov. 7, from 3:30-4:15 p.m., in this virtual two-part program series. Participants will learn basic cooking skills and create snacks and meals from their own kitchens.

**Old-School Gamers Club:** Once a month, the library will break out the Super Nintendo, PSOne, Xbox360 and more for some old-school gaming for ages 12-18. The program will meet Fridays at 4 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 14, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2. Registration is recommended.

### Residents Sought to Serve

The Marlborough Board of Selectmen is seeking residents who are interested in serving on the town's various boards and commissions.

While applications are accepted at any time for all boards and commissions, the selectmen are providing notice and encouraging residents to apply to fill current vacancies on the following boards and commissions:

Economic Development Commission (two alternates); Conservation Commission (alternate); Water Pollution Control Authority (two alternates); and Nature Trails and Sidewalks Commission (alternate).

Those interested in applying can complete

the application form at [marlboroughct.net](http://marlboroughct.net); the link for the form is at the bottom of the page on the left-hand side.

In accordance with the town charter, and based on the current composition of the various boards and commissions, party affiliation or other qualifications may or may not be considered when appointments are made. People who are unaffiliated and those who belong to minor parties, as well as Democrats and Republicans, to apply.

Residents are welcome to attend any of the public board and commission meetings to learn more.

### Senior Center News and Notes

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

**Transportation:** Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Assistance, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Bingo: Monday, 1-3:30 p.m.; Setback: Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon; 8-Ball Pool: Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon; Grocery Shopping: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-noon;

**Meals-on-Wheels:** Monday through Friday, noon; Congregate Meals: Monday, Wednesday

and Friday, noon; Medical Appointments: Monday through Friday, by appointment; Exercise with Anne: Thursday, 3-4 p.m.; Tai Chi: Thursday, 10:30 a.m.; Not Just Quilting: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Cornhole and Bocce Ball will be played Monday through Friday, weather permitting; Food Bank: Tuesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sophisticated Ladies (Tap Dancing): Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Foodshare is on the second Wednesday of every month.

There will also be a flu shot and Moderna booster shot clinic Thursday, Oct. 27, from 9-11 a.m.

### Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday worship services at Marlborough Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, located at 35 S. Main St., are at 10 a.m. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided downstairs in the nursery; however, children are always welcome at the worship service.

All children in the community in preschool to grade eight are welcome and invited to attend Sunday School. All students are also welcome at youth group, one for grades 5 to 7 and another for grades 8 to 12. Contact Gwen Lawson at the church office for more information.

**Family Night:** Friday, Oct. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be pumpkin-painting and pizza. Families in the community are invited. If attending or for more information, contact Larson at [office@marlconchurch.org](mailto:office@marlconchurch.org).

**Oct. 23:** Worship will be led by Pastoral Associate Val Seaver.

**Faith Formation (Bible Study)** is led by Faulhaber and meets Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. upstairs in the lounge. All are welcome.

**Outreach:** The church supports a variety of mission projects. Fourth-quarter mission giving will go to both York Correctional Resettlement Program and the church's Seminarian Fund.

The monthly Drive Thru Café for Marlborough Food Bank patrons will be Oct. 30, with It's So Ranunculus as the October sponsor. The Church collects non-perishable food items year-round for Marlborough Food Bank with a basket located in the narthex for Sunday worshippers to bring their donations. Nov. 6 church members and others will host an evening meal at St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Middletown.

**AA** meets downstairs in the Great Hall Wednesdays with two meetings, noon-1 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Second Blessings Thrift Shop** is open Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. New merchandise fills the shelves each week, and the shop now features fall holidays along with jewelry, vintage, cookware, gift-giving and more. The shop accepts donations during shopping hours. The shop also sells through eBay at [bit.ly/MCCebay](http://bit.ly/MCCebay).

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

### Fall Watercolor Exhibition

The Watercolor Society of Connecticut, under the direction of John Atwater, is holding its Fall Watercolor Exhibition through Oct. 30 at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main St.

The exhibition features 57 paintings, and is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday during October, from 1-4 p.m. each day. Admission is free. There is on-site parking and the arts center is ADA compatible.

### Republican Campaign Signs Available

The Marlborough Republican Town Committee has various campaign signs available for Republican candidates. The signs are free.

The lawn signs include those for Steve Weir for state representative, Rocky Camardella for state Senate, Leora Levy for U.S. Senate, Mike France for U.S. Congress and Bob Stefanowski for governor.

Call or text RTC Secretary Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 to order any of these signs. Free delivery can be provided.

### Flashlight Cemetery Tour

The Marlborough Historical Society will have its annual Flashlight Cemetery Tour at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, and Sunday, Oct. 30. The tour will walk through Century Cemetery and Marlboro Cemetery, where 200-year-old history of many of the internments will be given.

Participants will meet at the Richmond Memorial Library parking lot. Bring a flashlight, and have proper footwear for walking.

To register, call Romano Ghirlanda at 860-916-4031 or email [mhs@marlboroughhistory.org](mailto:mhs@marlboroughhistory.org).

### Calling all Artists and Creatives

Marlborough Arts Center invites all artists and creatives to participate in The Artists Gift and Art Sale, running Nov. 12-Dec. 18, at the center, 231 North Main St.

Each artist can submit up to five art items priced at under \$100. There is no submission fee.

Full details and submission forms can be found at [www.marlborougharts.org](http://www.marlborougharts.org). Drop-off dates are Sunday, Nov. 6, from 1-4 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 7, from 4-6 p.m.

The Marlborough Arts Center is a non-profit regional center for the arts. The center is handicapped-accessible and has on-site parking. For more information about events offered at the center, go to [www.marlborougharts.org](http://www.marlborougharts.org).

### It's Wreath Time!

Boy Scout Troop 39 in Marlborough is continuing its annual fundraiser selling beautiful fresh balsam wreaths, handmade in Maine. Two sizes are available this year: 22-inch wreaths, which are sold for \$25, and 28-inch wreaths, available for \$30.

The Scouts decorate the wreaths with pinecones, berries and a red velvet bow, and make deliveries by Nov. 30. This is the only troop-wide fundraiser conducted, with profits earned supporting the troop's campouts, equipment needs, service projects, and activities for the year.

Scouts have been out taking orders. If they missed you, you can still get a wreath delivered and/or donate a wreath to a Marlborough Food Bank family. Contact your neighborhood Boy Scout, call 860-295-3060, email [Troop39wreaths@gmail.com](mailto:Troop39wreaths@gmail.com), or order online at [www.Troop39wreaths.com](http://www.Troop39wreaths.com). Credit cards are accepted.

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# Obituaries

## Portland

### Orus R. Coffield IV

Born: Dec. 17, 1978; Died: Oct. 11, 2022.



I'll get this out of the way early: Cancer killed me. I know we all skim through the obits curious to know each person's cause of death. In my case it goes back to a diagnosis of myxoid liposarcoma in the summer of 2016. After six-plus years of treatments, anxiety, pain, and occasional moments of hope it came down to a brutal truth that my body could no longer carry on.

This isn't how I expected my final chapter would be written. I had dreams just like anyone else of raising my kids, being a partner to my spouse for years to come, and enjoying growing old surrounded by the people I love. Even though that ending will not come to pass, I can reflect back on over 40 years on this Earth that make me an incredibly fortunate guy.

On 17 December 1978, I arrived as the first-born child of Reid and Mary (Brown) Coffield, currently residing in Portland. I was blessed to have a brother, Robert (Amy) Coffield of Dover, N.H., and sister Audrey Ann (Victor) Soria of Columbia, Mo., who cared for me and each other so deeply. My grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins created an extended family that made family gatherings in Illinois and Michigan's Upper Peninsula some of the most special memories I cherish.

That upbringing prepared me to be the partner I needed to be – and challenged me to become the best version of myself – when I wed the most precious person in my life, my wife Jennifer (Wallace) in 2008. I could not have imagined a woman more generous and more giving. Especially over the most recent six years, as my condition with cancer worsened and my need for assistance grew, she sacrificed so much. Words fail me when I try to express the strength and sacrifice she has brought to our marriage over the years.

A consequence of dying early has led me to think of regrets in my life. It would be easy to look back on my life and wish I had done any number of things differently. However, my regrets have little to do with what could have been done differently in the past and more to do with what I know I will miss in the future. In addition to my spouse Jennifer, I am leaving behind four amazing kids, Evelyn, Orus Reid, Teddy, and Claire. Each of them is talented in their own way with unique and expressive personalities. Thanks to their tremendous mother, their loving grandparents, and the strong community of friends and teachers in Marlborough, I have no doubt they will grow up to be strong, confident, and capable adults.

My 43 years have been brief, but full of experiences and roles that leave me with cherished memories. I have been a son, a husband, a father, an uncle, and a brother. My career has led me from being an electrical engineering student and graduate at the University of Illinois to a captain in the United States Air Force to a professional in the insurance industry. In various stops along the way I have flipped burgers, toiled on a hog farm, sharpened ice skates, and learned to play the guitar. In every stage of my

life – from growing up in Montezuma, Iowa, to serving in the military to working in corporate America – I have been blessed to meet amazing people along the way who have enriched my journey. Those friendships got me through tough days and helped me celebrate the joyous days. I am forever indebted to the countless people who have contributed something of themselves to make me the person I ultimately became.

My time on this Earth may have been shorter than I would like, but a life full of enriching experiences has resulted in some important lessons learned. Those lessons are simple too – be kind, be honest, and be helpful. If any words we say or actions we take can't meet those criteria then they are best left unsaid and undone. Additionally, when communicating with anyone, begin by assuming positive intent. At worst, you will be wrong and the other person just confirms they are a jerk. But more often than not we can all avoid some misunderstanding just by taking that first step of assuming the other person is coming into any interaction with positive intent. Finally, leave a place in better condition than how you found it. Be a steward for your community, your home, and your family. It can range from picking up a piece of trash at the park to volunteering to coach a kid's little league team to any number of activities in between. The bottom line is that while our time here is temporary, we control the potential to leave a positive legacy that long outlasts our time on this Earth.

A perk of writing my own obituary is that I get the last word and it is this: I never want my death due to cancer to be discussed in the style of "he lost his battle" or "after a long valiant fight" or any other similar language. Cancer isn't an invader like a foreign virus or bacterium. Cancer is my own body's DNA gone haywire. Who am I fighting against? My own body? Or maybe my body is a battlefield, in which case who is the enemy? And now that I have died due to cancer, does this mean I didn't fight hard enough or lacked the will to live? Of course not.

Many cancer patients and their loved ones may find comfort in being "cancer warriors" and if that helps them – by all means continue to use that language. I, on the other hand, chose a different path. My focus hasn't been on "fighting cancer" and running away from death these past few years. Instead, I have focused on living in the present. My focus has been on my kids, my spouse, my home, my friends, my treatments and my work. I have tried to tease out every possible moment of meaning and fulfilling experience as I sought to enjoy the life I have – and not fear the death that someday comes for us all.

And so I hope that is what my family, my friends, this community, and this world ultimately remembers about Orus Reid Coffield IV – not how he died due to cancer, but how he bravely lived his life as fully and lovingly as he could in the face of a painful, scary, and terminal disease.

The Celebration of Life ceremony will be on Friday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m., at Chateau Le Gari, 303 S. Main St., Marlborough.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be gratefully received to support the children's college and activities fund. If you would like to support this, please Venmo your gift to @ian-Ayres or send a check to Ian Ayres at 15 Killams Pt. Rd., Branford, CT 06405.

## East Hampton

### Evelyn A. Kemp Memorial Service

All are invited to join the family of Evelyn Kemp as they celebrate her life with a memorial service Monday, Oct. 24, at 1:30 p.m., at Christ Episcopal Church in Middle Haddam.



Kemp passed away Aug. 22, 2020, at the age of 94. She was born Feb. 7, 1926, in East Hampton, and was a lifelong resident of the town.

## East Hampton

### Joel Anthony Wilks

Joel Anthony Wilks, 76, of East Hampton, passed away peacefully at The Hospital of Central Connecticut on the morning of Sunday, Oct. 16, after a long illness with his loving family by his side. Born Aug. 8, 1946, in New Britain, he was the son of the late Joseph and Agnes (Hudak) Wilks.



Throughout his life Joel was involved with the Catholic Church, starting as an altar boy and lector at All Saints Church in New Britain. In later years he helped collect donations during services at St. John Church in Middletown. Growing up, he loved playing all sports and notably was proud to be a quarterback for New Britain High School which he graduated from in 1964. After receiving his degree from CCSU in 1969 he began teaching at East Hampton High School, where he met his beloved wife of 50 years, Lynne (Boynton) Wilks.

He absolutely loved being a teacher and very much enjoyed running into his former students. With regret he left this position in 1981 to be better able to support his growing family as a master planner at Pratt & Whitney where he enjoyed meeting new friends until his retirement in 2008.

He took an interest in Amateur Radio at age 13 and continued with it his entire life. His call sign was AK1N. A prior member of the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society in Portland, he was an accomplished CW and phone operator, involved in countless ham radio contests and was recognized for having contacted someone in every country of the world. In his retirement he volunteered at the Newington Amateur Radio League and for MILE at Middlesex Community College. He would want to send a "73" to all his ham contacts.

He enjoyed traveling with his wife to Egypt, Italy, Greece, Turkey, the Panama Canal, cruising to many of the Caribbean Islands and visiting all 50 states. Summers often found him at Great Diamond Island in Maine spending time with his family and also enjoying time at the casinos. He loved all animals and enjoyed taking his dog Mya and later Abby for walks. He watched and attended many sporting events but most notably the UConn women's and men's basketball teams, the Boston Red Sox, and New York Giants.

Besides his wife, he is also survived by his two children of whom he was always extremely proud, Joel B. Wilks (Robin) of East Hampton and Tracy Cummings of Portland. He dearly loved being the grandfather of Zoey and Jackson Wilks, and Kaelyn and Connor Cummings. He enjoyed watching them in all their activities, including sports and theater.

He also leaves his ex-son-in-law, William

Cummings; his sister-in-law, Anne B. Morse (Phil) of Arkansas; nephews, Dana Morse, David Morse (Sindee), and Robert Gelazin; nieces, Lynn Cantafi (Tom), Lisa Scotella (Jerry), Andrea Kobruck (William); and many great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Agnes Wilks; his in-laws George and Theresa Boynton; sisters, Sheila Wilks Pinto (Michael) and Dianne Wilks Gelazin (Robert).

The family is very grateful to Dr. Brian Byrne and his staff at the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute for the excellent care and compassion shown to Joel.

A special thank you to our children Tracy and Joel for loving us, helping us, and supporting us in every way. Also, a special thank you to both William Cummings and Robin Wilks both of whom were always on-call and ready to help.

Friends may call at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Friday, Oct. 21, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Church in East Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you might donate in Joel's name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org).

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

## Marlborough

### Benjamin E. Stulpin

Benjamin E. Stulpin, 72, of Marlborough, beloved husband of Linda Emory Addington, died Thursday, Oct. 13, at home, after an 18-month battle with lung cancer. His wife took care of him every day.



Born July 26, 1950 in Hartford, son of the late Benjamin P. and June (Alexander) Stulpin, he had lived in Marlborough for the past 34 years. He served in the U.S. Marines, stationed on the USS Intrepid, during the Vietnam War.

He worked as a caretaker for many years for an estate in Somers and as a delivery driver for DHL before his retirement. He enjoyed fishing at Lake Champlain, Vt., with family and friends. He also enjoyed hunting, hiking, traveling and gardening. Ben was a very giving, generous, caring person who was always there to lend a hand. He had so many close friends and family that were there by his side (Dave, Ray, Carmelo, Matt and many more). He loved spending time with his grandchildren. They had a special place in his heart.

Besides his wife he is survived by his sons, Michael Stulpin and his wife Catherine of West Suffield, Michael Addington and his wife Nicole of Marlborough, Robert Addington and his wife Jessica of South Windsor, and Eric Stulpin of Texas; three sisters and their husbands, Cynthia and James Klemyk of Deland, Fla., Beverly and Luis Martina of Manchester, Betty and Leonard Lacasse of Somers; and six grandchildren, Bethany, Benjamin, Grayson, Derek, Charlotte and Keller.

He was predeceased by a son, Benjamin Stulpin.

Friends may call at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, today, Friday Oct. 21, from noon-2 p.m. A graveside service with military honors will follow at 2:30 p.m. in Green Cemetery, Glastonbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to your local animal shelter.

For online condolences, please visit [www.mulryanfh.com](http://www.mulryanfh.com).

## East Hampton

### Bruce Carl Strong

Bruce Carl Strong, 72, of East Hampton, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 28. Bruce was born in Middletown and graduated from East Hampton High School. He was married to his wife, Maureen (Maurice) Strong, for over 40 years and was predeceased by his parents R. Davis Strong and Emma (Elgert) Strong.



Bruce was a devoted father, and a member of the East Hampton Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church where he served as a council member and taught Sunday School for many years. After years working long hours in factories, he was blessed to spend the years prior to his retirement working for Wesleyan University. His true passion was his involvement in lo-

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consensus about matters requiring their consideration. Each BOE member has an opportunity to express her/his opinions and is encouraged to respectfully listen to others to determine the best solutions for our students and communities.

I know that Wes will continue his caring and deliberative ways while serving the interests of Andover, Bolton, Glastonbury, Hebron, and Marlborough as the representative of the 55th District. I encourage you to review his priorities at "winwithwes.org" and to vote for Wes on Nov. 8. We need his voice in Hartford fighting for us and our children!

Respectfully,  
**Gerard Cremé – Andover**

*Note: Cremé is chair of the Andover Board of Education, but said he is writing as an individual.*

### Early Voting a Necessity

To the Editor:

For a progressive state, it is mindboggling that Connecticut does not already permit early voting in elections. Come Nov. 8, it is well past time that we remedy that.

Throughout the country, GOP-dominated legislatures are stripping away voting rights under the guise of fraud and thoroughly debunked claims of a stolen election. These are the same states that are shutting down polling places in Black and Latinx neighborhoods and gerrymandering Congressional districts to carry on a long and terrible history of disenfranchisement. Yet in all but four states, early voting is permitted, despite what other voter suppression tactics are in place.

Yet Connecticut residents have only ever had the option to vote in-person or by absentee. This is unacceptable.

Early voting will allow more people to vote. It really is that simple. When you have more people involved in the process, your government is more representative of the people it serves.

## Obituaries cont.

cal sports. Bruce was an umpire and referee for as many sports as he could fit into his schedule along with coaching little league and park and rec sports when his sons were younger. Bruce's love of sports included being a New York Yankees fan for all his life; when a game was on TV, Bruce was there!

Bruce is survived by his wife, Maureen (Maurice), and his three sons, Parker and his wife Alicia of Portland, Joshua and his wife Kate of Cromwell, and Wesley of Easthampton, Mass.; additionally, Bruce is survived by his grandchildren, Cooper and Taylor of Portland. Bruce was from a large family and is survived by his siblings, Ralph, Carol, Paul, Laura and Tim and was predeceased by his brother Tommy.

Services for Bruce will be held at the convenience of the family with a memorial in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bruce's name to the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd, Southington, CT 06489 or a location of your choice.

To send a condolence or share a memory, please visit [www.FarrellFuneralHome.com](http://www.FarrellFuneralHome.com).

### Portland

#### Ruth S. Freeburg

Ruth S. Freeburg of Portland passed away peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 11. She was born in New Britain June 28, 1928, to Ethel and Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe. She received her nursing degree in Philadelphia, and worked as an RN at New Britain General Hospital, and later at Middlesex Hospital, for many years.

She married John (Jack) Freeburg in 1953, and raised their six children in the Portland home that Jack built. Ruth, Jack, and their children, spent many years sailing their catboat, the "Kiddie Kat," including an eight-month adventure to southern Florida in 1960-61.

Ruth was a longtime member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Portland, fulfilling many duties, her favorite being a member of the choir. A beloved member of many organizations through the years, Ruth was honored with the Spirit of Portland Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Catboat Association. She enjoyed beach trips with her family, never said no to a lobster, and was thrilled to see the Red Sox win four World Series in her lifetime.

Besides her husband, Ruth was predeceased by her parents; her siblings, Peggy Winger, David Sutcliffe, Betty Knudsen and Sam Sutcliffe; niece, Nancy Knudsen; and nephews, Mark Sutcliffe, Eric Knudsen and Alan Winger.

She is survived by her six children and their spouses, Charles Freeburg (Madeleine), Margie Kania (Scott), Alice Csere (Bill), Peter Free-



There is no valid reason anymore why elections are held midweek when most voters are working and a trip to the polls is an inconvenience. Centuries ago, Tuesday was selected to allow citizens a chance to attend church on Sunday, travel to town on Monday, vote Tuesday, and sell their product on Wednesday. Society no longer operates that way, and it's time our voting reflected that.

Early voting will mean fewer variables such as bad weather affecting voter turnout or long lines at the polls. It will mean shorter wait times for returns from cities like New Haven and Bridgeport, since many of the ballots will have already been cast long before the polls have even opened.

The process has proven secure, easy, and free of any means of voter intimidation. Vote 'yes' on early voting and let's make modernize our election.

Sincerely,  
**Matt Engelhardt – East Hampton**

### Heard on the Street

To the Editor:

By the time this letter is published, I expect that I will have personally knocked on more than 2,000 doors in the 55th District (my team of dedicated volunteers will have stopped by hundreds more). There are many ways to communicate while campaigning. Signs, texts, internet pop-up ads, palm cards, phone calls and flyers (I admit, some are more annoying than others) are all ways to reach constituents. Of all of these methods, nothing matches the face-to-face encounters at the doorstep, which provide insight as to what people are feeling, both positive and of concern.

After public safety, which continues to be top of mind after the tragedy in Bristol, I also hear quite a bit about education from people at the doorstep, as well as being directly contacted via email. I hear from concerned parents who feel that their voices are not heard when they raise questions and concerns about what their children are learning. We can empower parents to advocate for their children and

burg (Patti), Andy Freeburg (Carol) and Martha Mencseli (Miklos); 13 grandchildren, Andrew (Rachael), Megan (Luke), Kristen (Katy), Alexandra, Mike, Peter, Charlie, Zack, Haleigh, Aidan, Luke, Justin, and Rebecca; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, at noon, at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main Street, Portland.

Donations to honor Ruth's memory should be made to the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, is in charge of arrangements.

### East Hampton

#### Norman Gobelle

Norman Gobelle, 84 of East Haddam, passed away Saturday, Oct. 15. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Norman was born Jan. 20, 1938, in Wolfboro, N.H., to the late J. Arthur and Evelyn (Wiggin) Gobelle.

It was in the third grade that Norman met Ruth Webster. Their story progressed the same way a true love-story takes shape, and after graduating from Kennett High School, class of 1956, Ruth and Norman were married. They moved to East Haddam to raise their children, and the two spent the next 67 years together until Ruth's recent passing in August 2022. Norman was a process engineer for Pratt & Whitney for 35 years. Norman and Ruth spent numerous years as "snow birds" in Florida, traveling extensively in their motor home and showing their 1956 Nash Metropolitan. Norman was a past Master of Granite Lodge 119; however, his biggest love was for his wife and family.

Norman will be sorely missed by his children, Steven and his wife Lynn, Melissa Fox, Casandra and her husband Donald Berthiaume; his brother David and his wife MaryAnn; grandchildren Susan Gobelle, Kristy Nelson, Lisa Sikorski, Laurel Lovely, Amanda Lovely-Gordon, Breeanna Miner; great grandchildren, Hannah Simpson, Toby Simpson, Grayson Nelson, Hailee Gordon, Gage Gordon, Izabella Reed; and numerous extended family members and friends.

A visitation will be held at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., in Colchester, on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 4-5:45 p.m., with a service beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Norman will be laid to rest next to Ruth, on Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Holland Hill Cemetery in Moultonborough, N.H., at 11 a.m.

To share a memory or express a condolence to Norman's family, please visit the funeral home website at [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).



support teachers. My mother was a teacher for her entire career. My brother is a teacher in Connecticut. My oldest daughter expects to have her teaching certificate as early as next year. The curriculum passed down from on high and given to our teachers puts undue pressure on teachers.

My children, and other children across the state, were really set back during COVID. It is incumbent upon all parties involved, including the legislature, the state Board of Ed, administrators, local boards of ed, teachers, parents and the students themselves to work together. We should set the bar high and graduate students who are prepared to enter society with an education which includes critical thinking skills that will prepare them to be successful in a competitive world. We owe our kids nothing less.

Steve Weir – Hebron  
Candidate for the 55th District  
House of Representatives

*Note: The 55th House District covers Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and parts of Bolton and Glastonbury.*

### What Do You Stand For?

To the Editor:

Levy, Weir, and Stefanowski are die-hard Trump supporters. Stefanowski all of a sudden claims to be pro-choice but would require parental permission for an abortion. That tells you all you need to know because in cases of incest, a parent is the problem.

Did Stefanowski think we would forget his company ran payday loan schemes? He wasn't the solution; he was the problem. Interestingly, Connecticut has 12% cap on such loans. I predict, if Stefanowski wins, he will undo this protection.

Weir supports the right's radical agenda. The GOP wants a total ban on abortion. Women will die from natural partial miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and be forced to birth defective fetuses putting them at risk of dying of sepsis. The GOP wants to ban contraception, and phase out Medicare and Social Security. They are okay with bailing out millionaires and billionaires, but when it comes to the average American, it's stay poor, uneducated, and unaware while they distract you with replacement theory.

Annie Steinbrecher – Marlborough

### Biden

To the Editor:

I wonder how many people would have voted for Mr. Biden if they know how much death and destruction he would have caused in less than two years in office. The failure of the withdrawal from Afghanistan caused the deaths of 13 members of our armed forces, the open border with Mexico has allowed illegal criminals and illegal drugs including fentanyl that have killed hundreds of Americans to come into this country. The blood of those that lost their lives is on the hands of Mr. Biden and all that support him. Many people, especially senior citizens, may never recover from the economic policies of Mr. Biden. At one time we were energy independent now Mr. Biden is beginning to but oil from OPEC, guess what they told him.

The Biden family are nothing more than criminals that have used his office to profit from doing business with China, Russia and other foreign countries for years at the expense of the United States, look at the evidence. Hunter Biden's laptop and Tony Bobulinski. The Biden family has been protected far too long by a corrupt F.B.I., D.O.J. and news media.

Think before you vote; the future of this country and the world will depend on who you vote for.

David K. Anderson – Colchester

### Vote for Irene Haines

To the Editor:

Please join me in supporting Irene Haines for state representative. She has always fought for us and will continue to do so. Her track record is solid, and she has the voice of reason the people deserve. Vote for Irene Haines!

Mark Philhower – East Hampton

*Note: Philhower is chairman of the East Hampton Town Council, but said he is speaking as an individual.*

### Olin's Attributes

To the Editor:

As John Olin's wife I can vouch for the attributes that will make him the best representative for the 34th District.

John thoroughly researches any subject he commits to, reaching out to involved organizations and creating personal connections to move an agenda forward. This ability will serve in his committee work, crafting legislation and addressing issues pertinent to our district.

John is concerned about the state of our union, the lack of civility and forthrightness that has penetrated our body politic. He believes we can do better, that fundamentally we care about each other and can work together to better the lives of individuals within our community and our state.

John worries about our inaction on the climate. He believes we need to engage in resiliency planning to mitigate flooding and heat caused by the changing climate. He will apply best practices to sustainable development, retaining a livable earth for our grandchildren. He created a climate resiliency subcommittee within the East Haddam Conservation Commission and is continuously exploring possibilities of State and Federal funding that will support our local businesses and residents as we adjust. He will work with everybody to meet this great challenge.

John is a mover, like a great river in flood. His determination and endurance his enormous amount of energy will sweep us along like a river flowing to the ocean.

Lastly John is fun. He loves meeting people, talking and, listening, connecting person to person. His

vast knowledge and interests help him find common ground with almost everyone. His caring and sympathy that drew him to his medical career, continues now in his service to the community and the common good.

I ask you to join me in giving John the opportunity to represent our interests, and vote for him on Nov. 8.  
**Amalia Shaltiel – East Haddam**

### Olin for the Environment

To the Editor:

The Seventh Generation Iroquois philosophy says the decisions we make today should be made looking toward a sustainable world seven generations into the future.

Here in the 34th our incumbent congressional representative has failed to consider even our current generation. We can't let her abysmal environmental voting record, an embarrassing score of 20% on the 2022 Connecticut League of Conservation Voters Environmental Scorecard (one of the lowest scores in her chamber) continue.

John Olin advocates for the environment as a member of the East Haddam Conservation Commission, supports decreasing dependence on fossil fuels and continuing the acquisition of open space lands by towns and land trusts, all to improve our lives in Connecticut and mitigate global warming. Among his many accomplishments, John is a lifelong conservationist. Living on the bank of the Susquehanna River he was active in a local stream restoration group and also served as an Island Steward for the Susquehanna River Trails Association. He is a published author, an educator and a retired physician's assistant and research associate from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. John is dedicated to public service.

A vote for John Olin is a vote for our world today and seven generations into the future. We owe it to our environment and those who come after us.

Katherine and Timothy Throckmorton  
– Middle Haddam

### Please Vote

To the Editor:

During the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to converse with Chris Rivers. Chris is very approachable. He listens to you and is interested in your comments and concerns. If there is a question that he cannot answer he will not ignore it. As a great scholar he will do extensive research into the issue in order to arrive at the facts before making a decision. Chris has always been eager to learn more. His education has led him to earn a number of graduate degrees in science, government and business. His experience in the military, a position in government and as a consultant in business has made him the perfect candidate to represent the 48th district. Chris is bright, compassionate and friendly; a real "down to earth" fellow.

We are fortunate to have two more great candidates on the ballot this year. Norm Needleman in the Senate and Joe Courtney in Congress will continue to serve their constituents. Please go to the polls on Nov. 8. The three polling places in Colchester will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you are unable to get to the polls you may vote by absentee ballot.

Please cast your votes for the very best candidates: Chris Rivers, Norm Needleman and Joe Courtney. Every vote counts.

Goldie Liverant – Colchester

### Steve Weir

To the Editor:

We need Steve Weir as our state representative. Steve will support bills that are tough on crime. He desires to revise dangerous new bills that villainize law enforcement, which will leave the community vulnerable to crime. Being a former police officer, he understands what it takes to keep our community safe.

We need a representative who will stand by parents and fight for our voice to be heard. Not one that will ignore us when they ask tough questions. Steve will empower parents' voices, not stifle them. A representative who refuses to answer tough questions when asked either privately or publicly does not desire to truly represent the community as a whole. They play politics. We also cannot afford to appoint an individual may not understand, plays ignorant, or worse, will not uphold the laws and procedures his constituents elected him to represent. We need someone who will represent the communities' best interest and listen. That is Steve.

Slogans are catchy, but we need a representative who not only talks the talk, but walks the walk.

Ashley Murray – Marlborough

### Weir is the Right Person

To the Editor:

As your former state representative, I know what it takes to serve the communities of the 55th District. Indeed, it was one of my highest privileges to be a public servant, a role takes compassion, common sense, leadership and a strong moral compass. As such, it is my honor to endorse Steve Weir and ask you to cast your vote for him as state representative. Steve has the business acumen, work ethic, integrity and the passion I feel will make him a very successful, productive legislator for the towns of Andover, Bolton, Hebron, Glastonbury and Marlborough.

Steve has been out knocking on doors, attending events, listening to the people, hearing their concerns and ideas. He cares deeply about this state, our small towns, our families and the businesses – all of which create community. Steve has a true sense of family, public service and the commitment to making the best decisions for the betterment of our communities as he does in his daily life. He understands what our families are going through; increasing gas prices, grocery bills, heating bills, taxes and our paychecks

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just aren't keeping up. Our voices resonate true with him and now we need to send Steve to Hartford to make sure the needs of our small towns and small businesses are heard loud and clear. Steve will be our strong voice of reason, for economic discipline, for the betterment of Connecticut.

Make sure to vote on Nov. 8 and cast your vote for Steve Weir for state representative.

Regards,

Gayle Mulligan – Columbia Former state representative, 55th District

Vote for John Olin

To the Editor:

On Nov. 8, we will be voting for those who wish to serve our town and state and who will make it a better place to live. Living in East Hampton for more than 50 years, has been a pleasure. We have experienced many growths and advances in our town and know that John Olin will continue on that positive track. Ray and I are interested in a candidate who will not hesitate to move our town forward.

John Olin understands our community's needs because he has been greeting voters at their doors and talking to them. He is qualified to lead our district and will work for families every day! In the towns of East Hampton, East Haddam and Salem, John will work for women's rights and other local issues, bringing our towns tax dollars for development and infrastructure.

Join me on Nov. 8 and vote for John. If you have not met him yet, be prepared to be impressed when you greet him at your door.

Barbara Moore – East Hampton

Note: Moore is chair of the East Hampton Democratic Town Committee.

Stunned on Kinney Road

To the Editor:

Stunned and amazed! That was my reaction to reading the statement of Hebron's town manager, as reported in last week's Riverast, that Kinney Road "fails to meet most of the requirements to be officially deemed 'scenic.'" In fact, Kinney Road officially meets all of the requirements established by town ordinance for the Scenic Road designation. In addition to this complete fabrication, it is highly inappropriate for a town staff member to comment on a pending public hearing. To learn the truth of the situation, I invite the residents of Hebron to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting and public hearing on Nov. 15. Details will be posted on Kinney Road Matters on Facebook.

Fortunately, the same article also provided encouragement from the Public Building Committee. Appropriately responding to the high level of concern and growing opposition expressed at placing a massive, dangerous and expensive Public Works facility at 17 Kinney Road, the PBC recommended the town take the opportunity to look for alternative sites. I be-

lieve the town should explore alternative solutions as well as alternative sites. It is time to find a new design and it should revolve around keeping the Public Works facility at its present location.

The relocation of the transfer station could at least double the amount of space available for Public Works. Finding a site for the transfer station would be much easier than finding an appropriate space for the proposed Public Works mega-complex. There is no doubt that relocating the transfer station and reorganizing the current Public Works facility would be the most cost-effective solution and avoid the undoubtedly large tax increase needed for the current plan. #Save17

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston

Tireless Dedication

To the Editor:

I would like to thank our representative, Christie Carpino, for her tireless dedication, support and endeavors to help over the last eight years I've had my business in Portland.

Even before COVID, Rep. Carpino has always been available for help not only to myself, my business but also many constituents that have needed her help and expertise. I have seen her hard work and dedication on behalf of members of our community, year after year. Carpino is a hard-working representative that is always interested in being there for her constituents regardless the party they're with or even how small the requests are, she actually cares. Therefore I continue my support and wanted to thank her personally as we have greatly benefited from her tireless hard work and dedication to our community.

Her record speaks for itself all the positive accomplishments for our veterans, safety improvements in our infrastructure in our community and improving the lives of those she represents and making a positive difference. Thank you Rep. Carpino for your constant support through the years and all the hard work day after day as you have helped so many have amazing representation and being there for us your grateful constituents. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

Lisa Amoretti Business owner and Portland Resident

Steve for Parents

To the Editor:

During my time advocating for our children, I have had the privilege to know not just Steve, but also his family. While we have many similar interests, our deepest connection is parenthood and our views on education.

Steve believes that parents should be empowered when it comes to education. Steve has encouraged parents to get involved, volunteer and participate in the school board meetings. As a former educator, I cannot emphasize enough that parent awareness and involvement is crucial to the success of our young learners. Transparency is key between school and home life. Steve advocates for academics as a priority in the school setting. He understands that empowered parents make the best decisions, and meeting the social and emotional needs of children should be left to the parents and family. Teachers are being asked to teach social and emotional learning, yet this is not what their degree is in.

Steve recognizes that teachers are feeling additional pressure to teach other than academics. This pressure is placed upon them by those above them who determine the curriculum. Our academic achievement is on a downward trend across the state. Steve recognizes the importance of academics. He recognizes the importance of family life, parents meeting the needs of their individual children and the education system getting back to basics. Please join me in voting for Steve to create a better tomorrow for our beautiful state.

Kerri Barella – Marlborough

Note: Barella is a member of the Marlborough Board of Education, but said she is speaking as an individual.

Heat or Eat

To the Editor:

I just called my heating oil supplier to schedule a delivery and was told that currently oil is nearly \$6.00 per gallon. I checked my history and I paid \$1.65 a gallon in November 2020 and in January 2021 it was \$2.04.

These high heating oil prices will put a strain on my household budget, as I am sure it will for everyone, but there are those out there for whom it will be more than an inconvenience. There are those who will need to make a decision between heating their home and buying groceries. It shouldn't be this way and it certainly does not need to be this way. We were energy independent just two years ago and we can be so again. But to accomplish this we need to vote thoughtfully on November 8th.

Regardless of how you voted in 2020 and regardless of your party affiliation, you simply gotta admit that this ain't working.

So on Nov. 8, please join me in supporting Steve Weir for state representative and Rocky Camardella for state Senate to work to break a four-decade one-party stranglehold in Hartford. Please also support Mike France for the U.S. Congress, Leora Levy for U.S. Senate and Bob Stefanowski for governor.

One-party control in Washington and Hartford is bringing you these issues. It's time to say enough and elect people who will work to turn things around.

Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough

Note: Melzen is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance, but said he is writing as an individual.

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Legal Notice
The town of East Hampton Social Services Department will conduct a foreclosure auction of contents from one of its storage units located at 80 Industrial Park Access Road. Middlefield, CT on Wednesday November 2 at 9 a.m. Lauren Incognito, LMSW Director of Social Services Town of East Hampton 2TB 10/21, 10/28

Town of Portland
Legal notice is hereby given to the water and/or sewer usage customers of the Town of Portland that quarterly bills are due and payable October 15, 2022. Payments not made in full on or before November 14, 2021 will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month from the due date. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the charge. Please contact the Water/Sewer department if you do not receive your bill at (860) 342-6735 or by email darce@portlandct.org Please feel free to leave your payment in the drop box located to the right of the back door at Town Hall, which is located at 33 East Main St., Portland, CT or by mail at the address listed below. Town of Portland Water/Sewer Dept. P.O. Box 71 Portland, CT 06480-0071 Cynthia L. Gotta, CCMC Town of Portland Collector of Revenue 3TB 10/7, 10/21, 11/4

TOWN OF PORTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Portland Zoning Board or Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buck Foreman Room (2nd Floor), 265 Main Street, Portland, CT. Public access through Zoom link A at www.portlandct.org to consider the following: Application #22-01: 54 Riverview Street. Request for a variance to Zoning Regulation Table 4.2.1 to allow for a 48 ft. tall 24,000 sq. ft. building where 35 feet is the required height. Application of PDS Engineering and Construction and property of Birdon NE, LLC. Assessor's Map 3, Lot 8. Zone R-10. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for review in the Portland Land Use Department. Dated at Portland, CT this 12th day of October 2022. Rose Aletta, Chairwoman 2TB 10/14, 10/21

TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE
The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 2, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions: 1. CMMMD, LLC – Regulation Amendment (2022-011) to incorporate large scale technology uses into the Large Scale Agricultural Building Floating Zone in Section 8.9.A of the Town of Colchester Land Development Regulations. 2. Town of Colchester – Regulation Amendment (2022-014) to adopt adult-use cannabis regulations in response to CT Public Act 21-1 At this hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is in the Planning Department and Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). Planning and Zoning Commission Joseph Mathieu, Chair 2TB 10/21, 10/28

MIDDLE HADDAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING Thursday, October 27, 2022 6:30 pm at TOWN HALL LEGAL NOTICE
Public hearing will be held to consider the following: Application 574 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 293 West High Street, Cobalt – to replace white, wood overhead garage door with white, steel insulated, overhead garage door --- for applicant Dennis J Staba. The foregoing application is available for public review at the East Hampton Building Department. At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications will be received. Dated: October 18, 2022 Regina Starolis, MHHDC Clerk 1TB 10/21

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall located at 26 North Main Street. Application #Z-10-22-C&B Marlborough Associates LLC (Applicant / Property Owner), 41-45 Hebron Rd -Amend the text for the DPIPZ-4 zone to allow for Public Utility installation. Application #Z-08-22- Austin HGB, LLC Bill Gjonbalaj (Applicant / Property Owner), Map 6 Block 28 Lots 4,5,6, 12 and #25 South Main Street Provide apartment housing by building (2) 48-unit buildings Application. Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building /Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR 2TB 10/21, 10/28

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF ACTION
The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals took the following action at its meeting held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED; APPLICATION APPROVED: APPLICATION #ZBA-04-22 – Brian & Megan Konoopka – 47 Hemlock Drive (applicant/property owner) - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Six D. 2.c Rear Yard Setback, in order to construct an accessory building with a Rear Yard Setback of 35 feet where 50 feet is required. PUBLIC HEARING TABLED UNTIL NOVEMBER 9TH; APPLICATION CONTINUED : APPLICATION #ZBA-05-22 – Richard & Lisa Dennis – 47 Lakeridge Drive (applicant/property owner) - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Ten J.C.1.f Front Yard Setback, in order to construct a garage setback of 20 feet where 35 feet is required. Alan W. Miller Chair 1TB 10/21

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