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RHAM Runners... Members of the RHAM girls' cross-country team competed in Thetford, Vt. on Oct. 1. From left are Juliet McShane, Nina Holm, Emma Rhodes, Isabella Mondo and Danielle Lynch. The team celebrated nine seniors, which include Holm, Rhodes, and Mondo, before beating East Hartford and South Windsor on Senior Day at RHAM High School on Sept. 27. See story on page 31.

Traversa Named Interim Town Manager

By Jack Lakowsky

The Marlborough Board of Selectmen had yet another combative meeting over the transition to a town manager form of government, eventually voting to make acting CEO Amy Traversa interim town manager.

The board came to the decision after the 3-hour meeting, after emotional entreaties, red-faced harangues and an accusation of sexism.

After the vote finally cleared and Traversa was made interim, the public applauded.

The board had little practical choice. Traversa, a Democrat, assumed the CEO role in July with a 90-day limit, set to expire Saturday, taking over once the first selectperson's office dissolved due to the new charter.

The board got off on the wrong foot with the process, it seems. It was ignorant of the fact that the new charter meant the first selectman's office was technically gone; selectmen had assumed the position was going to be there until the November 2023 election.

Since Traversa's ascension to the CEO role in July, the board has accomplished little in the way of hiring either an interim town manager or permanent one; instead, it has been caught up in heated debates, mostly about whether the acting CEO should be paid and about how to handle finding people to serve on a town manager search committee.

There was progress Tuesday night, with the board, after much debate, unanimously approv-

ing a job description to advertise the interim town manager position, with a salary of about \$1,600 per week. The money will come from funds budgeted for the first selectperson role, Traversa said.

The board then voted 3-1 – with Republican selectman Joe Asklar opposed, and Traversa recusing herself – to pay Traversa this rate as interim town manager, and to pay her retroactively from her start in July. Traversa agreed to step down from the town chief role once another interim is found.

At the board's last meeting, the two Republicans said they believe Traversa should be paid nothing for her time as CEO.

By assuming the role of interim town manager, Traversa, as per the charter, took an official leave of absence from the selectboard. When a new interim is found, Traversa will return to the board as chair.

There was debate over this too. Selectman and former first selectman Greg Lowrey, a Republican, said the board should fill her seat with an alternate while she's gone, a condition Traversa refused and is, apparently, not required. For a while at least, the board will have four members – two Republicans, a Democrat and an unaffiliated who tends to side with Dems.

The four-person board will select the members of the search committee.

The charter requires four board members approve of an interim town manager, or a permanent one.

To the scoffs and jeers of the board and the large public attendance, Lowrey said because Traversa's temporarily off the board, her pay

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Colchester Budget Fails Yet Again

By Michael Sinkewicz

Colchester residents rejected the proposed 2022-23 town budget at referendum last week, prolonging a budget season that's sparked heated debate and controversy.

The referendum was the third such attempt to get voters to pass a budget for a fiscal year that began over three months ago.

Taxpayers shot down the \$15.63 million town budget by an 856-742 vote. The proposed spending package was a \$231,516 cut from the one that failed at referendum for a second time and nearly \$70,000 below the 2021-22 budget. The proposed mill rate was 26.83.

While the education board has had an approved budget since May, municipal spending failed at referendum in May and then again in June. Then in August, the town entered a budget freeze.

"Obviously, I was sad to see the budget did not pass," First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos told the *Rivereast*. "The town is a nonprofit corporation whose sole responsibility is to provide services to the public. Every time the budget goes down, services have to be cut."

Ahead of the referendum on Sept. 28, there were many controversies surrounding the bud-

get proposal. At prior Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen meetings, concerns were raised regarding whether certain new initiatives should be included or not in the proposal. There were also debates over the cost of certain commodity items and the impact of inflation.

There were complaints over a lack of transparency with the proposal, and some officials expressed that year-end budget reports from the previous fiscal year had not been provided before the vote.

Bisbikos pointed to potential misinformation regarding a tax increase as possibly deterring voters. He expressed that if residents believed that message, then it may have affected their decision.

Following the referendum result, Bisbikos posted a statement to Facebook calling for a joint meeting with the selectmen, finance and education boards.

This week, he confirmed that a meeting with at least the selectmen and finance board is likely to take place in the near future.

"There will be a joint meeting between the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance because getting our town budget is a team effort.

I have already met with Rosemary Coyle [a member of the Board of Selectmen], and we will continue to work collaboratively on putting forth the next proposed budget," he stated.

Bisbikos has clashed with the selectmen during previous budget discussions, most notably after the board voted against sending the spending plan to a town meeting. He reached out to Matthew Ritter, a lawyer with Shipman and Goodman LLP, for legal clarity on how to proceed.

The four other selectmen then admonished the actions of the first selectman in a *Rivereast* letter to the editor.

As part of his statement on Facebook, the first selectman also publicly shared an email sent to him by Michelle Wyatt, the town's tax collector.

In the email, Wyatt expressed that without an adopted budget, there could be a "cash flow issue."

Since she is unable to send out all the tax bills, the town is collecting significantly less money than projected.

Wyatt also criticized the Board of Education's expenditures, expressing that they could

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★ **Interim Town Manager cont. from page 1** should be appropriately lowered. He did not press this suggestion for long. Asklar said despite taking part in the initial discussion of the matter, that he wasn't prepared to judge if the figure was right. "I am not prepared to vote for this tonight," Asklar said. In fact, in a previous discussion, Lowrey and Asklar motioned for the \$1,600 figure, and selectman Betty O'Brien, a Democrat, wanted more time to consider, a choice she said she now regrets. When pressed on this switch-up Asklar said he spoke to "a lot of people in town." Ultimately, on this matter, the board unanimously approved the salary for the interim town manager position the town will advertise.

Asklar also said the board failed its duties by not finding a different interim town manager in the charter-mandated 90 days. Asklar also again attempted to cast doubt on the legitimacy of Traversa's election, pointing to an obscure state election law – one Traversa was familiar with, and one she said doesn't apply. Asklar also said Traversa took the role knowing there was no pay. Traversa said no, she didn't, because no one knew she was acting CEO. "Once you took the seat you started asking for money," said Asklar, adding that's "now how it works." Asklar remained unconvinced, continually

requesting the issue be pushed off yet again and saying the "interim town manager isn't happening tonight." Consternated, vice chair Deb Bourbeau, who is unaffiliated, and O'Brien asked how the town intended to advertise a job without a description or salary and even if the town managed to post the job, how they'd find a candidate in a single weekend. "We will have no one to sit in that seat on Monday," said Bourbeau. Lowrey suggested an "experienced-based" pay rate, a suggestion also unpopular with the board. At one point he also suggested the select-board rotate the CEO role amongst itself. Lowrey's few months of pay when he worked in an office that, technically, did not exist, also came to issue, which led to Lowrey recusing himself.

Bourbeau said she hates politics for "exactly what's happening here," people only caring about their "personal feelings" and party affiliations, "not being true to their town." O'Brien also pushed Lowrey, saying she's not comfortable with Lowrey serving on the town's Board of Selectmen while he lives in Haddam. Lowrey's residency requirement is met by a residential space he owns inside his Marlborough business, he said. "That's been cleared with town counsel," Lowrey told O'Brien. Traversa said the reason for all of Lowrey's and Asklar's roadblocking – bringing in lawyers, raising new, more nuanced objections at each meeting, defying how the board chair said they'd go about getting people for the town manager search committee – is because the Republicans "weren't happy when two other women were voted onto this board" and "weren't very happy when I got elected as chair of the board." Asklar vehemently objected to Traversa's claims of sexism.

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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

If you'd told me back in late March that my beloved New York Mets would win the wild card this year and head to the postseason for the first time since 2016, I'd have certainly taken it.

If you'd told me they'd win 100 games for the first time since 1988, I'd have absolutely taken it.

And yet. And.....yet.

After being in first place for the vast majority of the season – including having a 10 and a half game lead at one point – the Mets got swept in a crucial series against the second-place Atlanta Braves last weekend. It was, in a word, shocking. They had their three best starting pitchers going for them. And, since they headed into the series down in Atlanta with a one-game lead over the Braves, they basically only needed to win one of the three matchups last weekend.

Just one win would assure they'd head back home to play their final three games with a one-game lead – which was actually more like a two-game lead when you consider the Mets would've won the season series against the Braves and thus own the tiebreaker.

Instead, they came away with no wins.

Now, their starters didn't pitch their best, but what really hurt the Mets was lack of timely hitting. Instead of working counts deep as they'd done all season, they were swinging early and, at times, desperately. This wasn't a good combination, and it led to them leaving an awful lot of men on base over the three-game set.

To put it simply, the Mets looked out-matched. It just seemed like the Braves were

playing at a higher level. All season, the Mets had been the ones making other teams look outmatched. To see fortunes reversed was a most unpleasant sight indeed.

So, as things turned out, the Mets headed back to New York Monday not one game ahead, but instead two games behind. With three games in the season left to play. The Mets, and their fans, knew they'd be heading to the playoffs either way, but to win the division – the achievement that at one point seemed as if it were destiny – the Mets would need to sweep the Washington Nationals, and the Braves would need to get swept by the Miami Marlins.

It was the longest of long shots, and indeed the Braves won on Tuesday night against the Marlins, so the division crown became officially theirs.

The MLB playoffs this year had been expanded and reformatted, so that the Mets, had they won their division, would have had a bye for the first, three-game round, and instead would be ticketed for the five-game division series that starts next Tuesday. While byes can be a risky proposition in baseball – you don't want a team to go cold over too long a layoff – the fact is the Mets couldn't use the rest. Particularly with one of their best hitters still recovering from a broken finger.

But it wasn't meant to be, so instead the Mets will start a best-of-three series against the San Diego Padres tonight at Citi Field.

Now, obviously, for the Mets to have made it this far, they've gone a lot further than the majority of teams in the game did this season.

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Bulletin Board

I came into the TV room the other day to find my wife watching one of those sappy Hallmark Channel movies. You know: girl reunites with long lost old flame after much inner torment and seemingly endless and totally unnecessary tangents.

"I can't believe you watch these things," I said as she tried to shush me. "They're all the same."

1) The heroine, typically named Kate or Madison or Chelsea—let's call her Chelsea—returns from the big city to the small town where she grew up to attend the funeral of her beloved grandmother. Adding to her emotional turmoil, we learn that she recently broke off a long-term relationship with some city guy who turned out to be a cad and now she's unsure if she can ever trust herself to love again.

2) At the memorial service, Chelsea encounters former hometown honey Todd who, being one of those physically attractive, sincere, caring, thoughtful guys who make the rest of us look like a bunch of beetle-browed Visigoths, proceeds to gently console her.

3) We learn that the entire town always knew that Chelsea and Todd were made for each other, but, tragically, each had gone their own way after college—Chelsea (inspired by her grandmother who was the longtime town librarian) heading to the big city to pursue a career as a novelist whereas Todd returned to his beloved small town after college and is now a veterinarian, or inn keeper or architect or something.

4) During subsequent encounters with Todd, Chelsea becomes more and more confused as it becomes apparent that the old romantic fire between the two of them is flaring anew. She realizes how wonderful her hometown and its residents really are and starts to question whether she should return to the big city, where she is employed in some very important but infuriatingly vague capacity at a major publishing company.

5) Then, by chance, our conflicted heroine sees Todd hugging Brittany, the saucy former captain of the high school cheerleading squad. Not realizing that Todd is merely congratulating his former classmate on the occasion of her 33rd birthday, and unaware that Brittany actually prefers the company of other women, Chelsea decides that God really does hate her. She resolutely packs her suitcase and heads out in a raging blizzard to catch the 6 o'clock train back to the big city.

6) While waiting at the empty train station (symbolic of her own inner void), she belatedly recalls that her now deceased grandmother left her a special letter which, with all the hoopla of the past few days, she had neglected to open. Tearing it open now, she finds a tender admonition from granny that to be happy she must always follow her heart (followed by a stern reminder that she should never ever use a bread knife to try to pry toast out of the toaster).

7) Rushing back out into the blizzard, who should she encounter but Todd, who has also come to the realization that they were made for one another.

8) Chelsea quits her job in the big city and goes to work in her grandmother's old job as town librarian, where she has to deal with people who think reading "Catcher in the Rye" will turn halfwits and impressionable children into sex maniacs. She gets pregnant with quintuplets. One day the police arrive at the door and arrest Todd, who, it turns out, is actually the "Red Nosed Maniac," a serial killer who stalks his victims dressed as a clown (the police previously overlooked him because he claimed he supplemented his income by entertaining at kids' birthday parties and bar mitzvahs). She has her quintuplets during his trial and they're the ugliest babies ever born and their first words are, "We hate you!" The library burns down. The Hallmark Channel declares Chapter 11 bankruptcy. President Biden sends Kamala Harris to consult with Hallmark executives and straighten things out. Following her talk, those executives who had not fallen asleep ascend to the 30th floor of their office building and jump off...

"Okay, okay, that's enough," interrupted my wife. "Why don't you find something constructive to do—maybe go off and strangle a kitten or something—and let me watch my movie?"

"You know," I said as I left, "I made up all that stuff in #8."

"Really," she said. "You know, you really ought to seek some sort of counseling."

Yeah, sure, like I never heard that before.

Jim Hallas

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State Rep. Brian T. Smith
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Douglas Library

To the Editor:

I have heard some great things from friends who live in Hebron. They say their library, the Douglas Library, is a wealth of activities for the community children, so I decided to write this letter as a private citizen to promote awareness.

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**Sincerely,
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Intelligent Leaders Needed

To the Editor:

The letter from Ken Hjulstrom, "Leaving Connecticut," hit home. My children don't live in Connecticut, like his children, and I also grew up in Massachusetts. In Massachusetts, there's no sales tax on all clothes under \$175. Also, no sales tax on alcoholic beverages. My son has a beautiful home in Florida, four nice cars and a high-end household income. Pay property tax early, take a 4% discount; no property tax on motor vehicles and no state income tax. Things that are taxed in Connecticut aren't taxed in Massachusetts or Florida. The motto of Connecticut is: if it moves, tax it; if it doesn't, tax it. Mr. Hjulstrom's son referred to Connecticut as

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a “dumpster fire.” This is because of the people that control Connecticut far too long.

In less than two years, Mr. Biden and his regime has done more damage to this country and the world than any president in history. If you do not believe me, ask yourself if this country was better and safer in 2020 than in 2022. Intelligent people know the answer to that question. It seems anyone that wants to make America great again or put America first must be “a neo-Nazi, anti-Semite, Proud Boy QAnon, male chauvinist, white supremacist and a host of other causes against immigrants,” all of this according to Ed Gyllanhammer.

What’s sad is there are people like Ed Gyllanhammer that spread ignorance and hatred. People like him will destroy this country.

The 2022 midterm election could be the most important election in history for both Connecticut and the nation. We need honest, honorable,

intelligent leaders in both Connecticut and Washington. This will never happen if people vote for a political party rather than the people most qualified to serve.

I want to make both Connecticut and America great again. It’ll take intelligent leaders to do this and intelligent people to elect them.

David K. Anderson – Colchester

Voter ID

To the Editor:

So as many of you may know Connecticut has a very “liberal” policy on becoming a registered voter. You only need to present a “picture ID” – it does not have to be a passport or a birth certificate. Then you check the box that says “I am a U.S. citizen and you have fulfilled the requirements and it’s highly probable that you’d be accepted as a New Voter. If it sounds too easy and sketchy that’s because it was meant to be that way. The Democrats, who have con-

trolled this very “blue” state for decades, have developed this policy because it allows them to grow their Voter base and stay in power.

On the flip side is the ordeal that I recently went through to get my driver’s license renewed. This is not my first rodeo so we decided to go to AAA in Manchester as opposed to Wilimantic DMV. The requirements are: current license, birth certificate or valid passport, and two pieces of mail with your name and current address – and they have to match. I used my vehicle registration, and my insurance card that I didn’t notice was expired so I had to have the current one sent over electronically. It was quite the process. So if you’re following this, it’s easier for a savvy person who is here legally or not to register to vote than it is for a documented citizen to renew their license. You can’t make this up.

On a political note, the Michigan governor – the corrupt liar Gretchen Whitmer who we got

to know during COVID – and her administration have run the state so poorly that Ford Motor Company –whose presence in Michigan is legendary – is moving out and there will be a tremendous loss of jobs and tax base. Here in Connecticut we have 12 years of Democratic rule (Malloy and Lamont) and they have chased out the gun manufacturers and are in the process of losing Aetna and the Hartford Insurance Group – Hartford will no longer be the insurance capital.

And so it goes.

Don Denley – Andover

Aletta Deserves Your Vote

To the Editor:

Rose Aletta deserves your vote for state representative in November. She has lived in Portland and Cromwell her entire life working in manufacturing, at small businesses, and currently runs her own business. She will work on behalf of her constituents to create a more equitable tax structure in Connecticut. She also supports a woman’s right to choose, unlike her opponent who voted ‘no’ for HB 5414, the bill that secured abortion rights in Connecticut after the Dobbs decision.

Rose Aletta is the best choice for State Representative and I urge voters to support her in the November election.

Nancy Goodwin – Portland

Hush

To the Editor:

“Ground water for the site and vicinity is classified by the CT DEEP as GA, which means it is suitable for drinking without treatment... Consequently, releases of any pollutant or pollutants emanating from the proposed facility poses a definite risk to drinking water well quality to the homes on Kinney and Millstream roads.” – We sincerely thank Bill Warzecha, for heroically reaching out and standing up for us, giving us hope.

Forgotten from Hebron’s Sept. 19 meeting was the CT DEEP GA water classification of Kinney and Millstream, plus details on the Storm Drain Wastewater Pond to be located 1,100 feet above the road and within 2,000 feet of at least two private wells. Waste ponds threaten neighborhoods and come with concerns. Here are a few:

1. Accidental drowning of humans and wildlife. Inquisitive deer can clear an eight-foot fence, so could people frequenting the Raymond Brook Preserve.

2. Over flow. Storm ponds, like the one shown, are prone to over flow in heavy rains. In 2021, runoff from the Raymond Brook Watershed, naturally, jumped the gullies on Kinney Road, flooding more than the Preserve. Just exactly what is in this type of pond? Reports clearly state, do not drink this water, feed it to animals, use it for boating or swim in it. Town plans include a great lawn adjacent to the pond, is this safe?

3. Improper maintenance. Residential neighborhoods and groundwaters are only as good as the maintenance of these ponds. Expensive, regular, professional maintenance is required.

Do Hebron’s leaders understand how many children live within a half mile of this proposed pond?

“The reality is when you remain silent in situations of inhumanity and ... are neutral on climate, science, and protecting democracy...then you have chosen the side of extremists.” – Joe Stevens.

#save17

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

Vote for Positive Change

To the Editor:

After 12 years of incumbent Rep. Christie Carpino, voters have a better choice on Nov. 8. Rose Aletta is running for state representative for District 32. This is good for residents of Portland and Cromwell.

Rose Aletta is committed to improving the quality of life for all in District 32. She’ll work hard to represent every citizen within our district. She does her research and is invariably well-informed on the issues. Rose is a sole proprietor business owner, with a background in labor and understands the issues and concerns from both sides of the market. I’ve been privileged to work with Rose on the Portland Zoning Board of Appeals where I’ve witnessed her strong leadership and her dedication to fairness. She always comes to the table prepared with the facts.

Rose will work to protect our rights and advocate for quality of life in our state. While Rep. Carpino voted against protections for reproductive health and then minimized required qualifications for highly-skilled PAs, nursing

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assistants, and midwives that specialize in reproductive care, I trust that Rose will fight with conviction to protect women's rights to choose. Rose is also an advocate for small businesses, and for property owners, working to find equitable solutions that allow for more affordable housing in our towns. She'll be a strong advocate for public health and education.

Voters gain when candidates listen. Rose listens because she cares about issues that concern the citizens of Portland and Cromwell. She has strong ties to both communities. She was born and raised in Cromwell and has lived in Portland for many years. She has long-been active in the community.

Your vote matters. Increased voter turnout is good for our democracy. I'll be casting my vote for Rose Aletta for state representative on Nov. 8. Please join me in voting for a positive change.

Cynthia Roman – Portland

Note: Roman is an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals, but is speaking as an individual.

What I've Learned

To the Editor:

My thoughts on what I've learned from the history letters. The easy-way-out answer is I didn't learn anything. I could quote the noted WWII philosopher Brigadier General McAuliffe: "Nuts." I could go with song, "Separate by class but keep the middle low, instill the order with a border just for show, give them weapons and let them have their piece of mind, then tip them off so they can kill what's not their kind." Walls can also keep people in by the way.

Maybe questions. Why are we here? Why is there air? Aww, mom do I have to eat broccoli? No, I think those aren't the kind of questions. Maybe, I didn't learn anything. But, I repeat myself. History repeating, who would have thought that?

Can you sit there and honestly say that you'd be ok with taking care of your family, working your land and all of a sudden get pulled from all of that, thrown on a boat going you don't know where, lucky if you make the entire trip, just to become a slave? If you can say yes to that, I guess I'm a bigger fool than I realize.

Are you responsible for that pregnancy? We are painfully aware of how you feel about abortion, what needs to be heard in that moment, condemnation or an ear? You're going to hell or how can we help? Of course, there's the all-purpose death threat, wow I feel that good about myself that I'm going to issue a death threat to someone for something because it's the "right" thing to do. Why is the onus on her? If she just..., well what if he just...? Oh, right, can't hold him responsible, can we?

One more with education.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Manning – Andover**

Children's Health

To the Editor:

Most parents, as they should, care for the health of their children, and look after what they are consuming, as it has a huge impact on the physical behaviors practiced by each individual. The likelihood of a child gaining weight faster than an adult is strong, as it may be difficult to identify the level of physical activity a child needs to burn off enough calories to stay in compliance to the national health standard of each age. A child should be consuming enough of every food group to keep the body healthy, because without sugar, for example, the body may not be energized and fueled enough to carry out physical activities.

The FDA recently held a conference discuss-

ing hunger, nutrition, and health, held to strategize a new national health procedure to improve nutrition and physical activity. It is important that children are receiving all the nutrients that foods have to offer, including fat and sugar, some of which are substances that parents sometimes tend to keep out of their children's diets. The FDA approved the approach that will soon be taken to update health labels on certain foods, and parents should soon begin to recognize the importance in which children should be receiving all of these nutrients that were once viewed as a threatening product to good health.

With the approach that I have taken within the context of this letter, we can both do something to bring the importance of what health should be viewed as, and persuade individuals, specifically parents, that everybody should be implementing enough substances of nutrition into their diets to carry out the best performances of physical activity.

Sincerely,

Neely Hart – Colchester

Biden's Brown Shirts

To the Editor:

I wrote a few weeks ago concerning Adolf Biden's new armed IRS agents are coming for our guns. My neighbor's son, who is 25 years old, just received an employment application from the White House to join Biden's brown shirts. He has no formal education, thinks accounting is what you do at the blackjack table, and his mother balances his checkbook. His qualifications for the IRS employment: five years in the Army as an elite combat sergeant. What's up Joey?

Don Nowisch – Marlborough

We Need New Blood

To the Editor:

I urge people to support Brandon Goff for the senate seat in Hartford. Brandon is young and a set of fresh eyes on the issues impacting the daily lives of every Connecticut citizen. We need new blood in Hartford rather than the usual who simply vote party line every time and fail to present real solutions for Connecticut citizens.

Brandon is currently a member of the East Hampton Town Council and he consistently votes with what he feels is right whether it's the party line or not. This is the type of individual we need in Hartford. A person who can think on his own and not pressured by a party line.

As stated previously I support Brandon Goff and hope you will join me in electing a fresh and young individual to the senate seat in Hartford.

Bridget McLennan – East Hampton

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

Pandemics, Pounds, Pipelines

To the Editor:

Good news, Biden's declared "the pandemic is over"...bad news, we are headed into a global economic meltdown that will be the worst in a century. The talking heads/incumbent politicians try and convince you everything is fine, hoping they'll get elected to one more term before gas prices increase again and interest rates balloon.

The British pound cratered last week to its lowest worth ever...carrying with it trillions in worth of pensioners savings. The Bank of England, doing what every good bank does, poured in billions of bailouts to try to paper over the Ponzi scheme they have been running. It's a good indication of where everything is headed...south.

If that wasn't a big enough dose of medicine,

on the same exact day, Nord Stream 2, a gas pipeline delivering Russian fuels to Germany, blew apart in the Baltic Sea. Previously Biden promised (on camera) to take Nord Stream 2 offline if Russia invaded Ukraine. It is just a coincidence that the U.S. Navy/SEALs were doing underwater demolition and mine clearing exercises in the same patch of sea weeks earlier? Weird.

I'm sure the people of Germany are going to enjoy a chilly winter complete with civil unrest, insane energy prices, and cold houses. Small businesses are already calling it quits and this will be the end of the German economic powerhouse that's carried Europe for decades.

Lastly, Florida got hammered by Hurricane Ian, causing billions worth of damage to coastal towns. Insurance companies are going insolvent and pulling out of the Sunshine State as it's hard to turn a profit when you keep building (and insuring) million-dollar properties right in the path of destruction. It's not because of poor planning...it's climate change. But Florida still isn't ready to bend the knee; so Biden's tour of the storm damage in Puerto Rico came first.

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

Martha's Vineyard

To the Editor:

Frank Blume and Don Denley suggest that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' shameful immigrants-to-Martha's-Vineyard stunt somehow reflected badly on the people of Massachusetts. Let's review.

DeSantis and Texas Governor Abbott conspired to round up Venezuelan amnesty seekers in Texas, convincing them that they had housing, jobs, child care, and food lined up in Boston. They flew these people 2,100 miles from San Antonio to Martha's Vineyard, then disappeared. There was no housing, no jobs, no child care, and no food lined up for them. The governors hadn't even warned local officials about the arrival. They spent \$12,300 per immigrant

for this stunt, just on airfare. (Priceline says I can get a ticket from San Antonio to Martha's Vineyard for \$220.)

Mr. Blume claims the immigrants are suing the United States. This is not true. They're suing DeSantis, Florida, and Florida's secretary of transportation. I am not a lawyer, but it's easy to believe that there is plenty of merit in this lawsuit. Fraud and kidnapping come to mind.

He called these folks criminals. Wrong. These people are asylum-seekers, who by our law and international treaty, are here legally until their status is determined. (Mr. Denley did get this right, using the odd phrase "documented visitors.") Given that they fled Venezuela, asylum seems likely.

Now how did the folks of Massachusetts react? They immediately got together emergency housing, medical care, and food, brought toys for the kids, and generally made them feel welcome. The governor quickly arranged longer-term housing twenty miles north, and state agencies went to work finding ways to help the immigrants.

Abbott and DeSantis used these people as pawns in a political stunt. The people of Martha's Vineyard treated them with respect and compassion; the government of Massachusetts offered speedy assistance. Whose treatment do you think was shabby?

Sincerely,

Scott Sauyet – Andover

Trump Haters are Blind

To the Editor:

Mind control affects many especially those weak of mind. The inability to think critically, to question the mainstream narrative, to discern truths from lies, escapes many. This is illustrated by the programmed individuals who suffer from Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) and express their TDS symptoms weekly in this newspaper.

TDS-afflicted individuals live in an illu-
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(I'm sure Red Sox fans, for example, have had very little patience for my whining this week.) And teams that have entered the postseason as a wild card team have gone on to win the World Series several times over the years.

And the Mets are still a good – very good – team. Falling out of first wasn't a collapse. The Braves simply played at an amazing clip from June onward – over .700 ball, to be exact.

What I'm saying is, all is certainly not lost. But to miss out on that division crown, after spending so much of the year in first.....it was a tough pill to swallow.

Still, the ultimate goal – winning the World Series – is still very much within reach. And hopefully the October road to that championship starts with a win tonight against the Padres.

Let's go Mets.

Now this sounds fun – and delicious.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Hebron holds monthly community dinners, and the October, which is coming up soon, will have a unique flair to it.

In recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the church – which is located at 30 Church St. (Route 85) in Hebron – will serve a special "Latin Flavor" dinner.

The theme for this month is UNIDOS – inclusivity for a stronger nation. The meal is provided by Edwin Maldonado, owner of the Latin Flavor restaurants and food truck located in Windham and Middletown.

The menu will include roasted pork shoulder with Latin seasoning (pernil), yellow rice with peas (arroz con gandules), potato salad with Latin flavoring (ensalada de papa), sweet plantains (platanos maduros), and Puerto Rican sauce (fry sauce). Dessert will be flan and Puerto Rican cookies (manecaditos).

The cost for all this amazing-sounding food is a mere \$15. Not only is that a great deal, but a portion of the proceeds will be going to a great cause: the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

As is standard practice with St. Peter's monthly meals these days, the dinner is take-out-only. Servers will come to your car, take your order and money, and return to your car to place them in the back seat or trunk. You will not get out of your car.

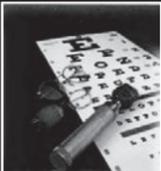
There are no preorders or reservations; the dinners are first-come, first-served. So if you want to get in on what promises to be a terrific meal, you should make sure to get down there. And don't be late! While servings are slated to start at 4:30 p.m., St. Peter's advised that, if both parking lots are filled and the food is ready, it may opt to start dinner at 4 p.m. And once the meals are gone, they're gone.

In case you haven't picked up on it, I love Latin food. So this dinner sounds wonderful to me; hopefully it does to you too.

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

See you next week.

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sionary world. Their hate won't allow rational thinking. Their programming is strong, their cognitive dissonance rules. Among a plethora of issues, the following reality escapes them:

In 1871, after the American Civil War, the U.S. had huge financial debt. Because of this, President Grant, the 18th and last president of the Republic, signed a deal with the devil. Our republic, which courageous colonists had fought to establish approximately 100 years earlier from the British, was no longer. In 1871, the republic died and our nation became a corporation, a debtor, to the British Crown. We were once again under British rule, ruled by the cabal, the controllers.

Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy were the first to publicly warn the American people of the evil military-industrial complex. President Kennedy unearthed the corruption and evil in our government (the cabal) and pledged to dismantle the CIA during his presidency. He was "assassinated" in November 1963 because he was a serious threat to the cabal. President Kennedy began the battle in the early 1960s and many patriotic Americans, including President Trump, have continued the fight against these evil forces. The good people of Earth are on the precipice of defeating the cabal, an entrenched group of satanic globalists which views each of us as expendable.

Hate is powerful. It causes blindness to the presence of evil forces, and to good forces that are working 24/7 to vanquish them.

God bless President Trump and all patriots. God wins, always.

Paul Bureau – Colchester

Cowering in Fear

To the Editor:

Donald Trump threatens Mitch McConnell and insults his wife who once worked in his administration. The response from the Party Of Trump (P.O.T.)? Cowardly silence. Unlike rats, they are staying aboard what looks like a sinking ship.

True believers like Eddie K. use deflection to attribute Trumpist attributes to Democrats. Eddie K. should expand his news sources more widely rather than re-echo Fox News talking points.

Senate Republicans should hang their heads in shame after ignoring Trump's wild rants about both friend and foe alike.

Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland

Moving Forward

To the Editor:

For the third time this year, Colchester's town budget has failed. Impacts of the ongoing budget freeze are starting to show. Just this week, Parks and Rec said they were canceling the annual fireworks show due to lack of funds to pay for safety-related costs.

Let's talk about why the budget keeps failing. We all know Colchester is suffering from a leadership problem at the top. People have lost faith in the process. It's up to others to step up and restore that faith if our town has any chance of moving forward.

To pass a budget, two things probably need to happen. First, members of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance need to step forward and lead themselves. If a budget is ever going to pass, the process cannot continue to feel like a referendum on the first selectman. Officials on these boards need to work together across

party-lines and find a proposal they can get behind together.

Second, the town needs to actually balance its last budget. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars in budget transfers from last year still pending. Plus, it appears the town overspent its budget by close to \$175,000; this information wasn't made public until after the vote last week, but the lack of information led to plenty of rumors and speculation. When there isn't transparency, rumor and speculation will fill the void.

We deserve clarity and transparency on these items before being asked to vote again. The boards of selectmen and finance should work urgently to resolve these matters. Hiding the problems won't help, but if trustworthy leaders can come together to put an honest proposal on the table, I think the rest of us can come together to pass it.

Bernie Denner III – Colchester

Steve Weir for State Rep

To the Editor:

Connecticut needs strong leadership now more than ever. Property and income taxes are some of the highest in the country; we have billions of dollars in unfunded liabilities; and quality jobs and hard-working people are leaving the state. Steve Weir will work hard to reverse this course and effect change in Hartford.

A former Glastonbury police officer, local business owner, community leader, and dedicated family man, Steve will bring real-world experience and a fresh perspective to the State Legislature. He will fight for fiscal responsibility by pushing to curb wasteful spending, reduce government mandates, lower taxes, and increase transparency. Steve will promote legislation that will foster a business-friendly environment in order to create much needed jobs in eastern Connecticut. He will work hard to ensure that local municipalities are empowered to make decisions for their residents without unnecessary state government regulation and interference. He will ensure that our communities are safe, and that our men and women in law enforcement are supported. Most importantly, he will give Connecticut residents – both young and old -- a reason to stay in Connecticut; to give them a place to raise a family, have a career, and retire.

Connecticut needs strong leaders in Hartford. The towns of Andover, Bolton, Glastonbury, Hebron and Marlborough need Steve Weir. I encourage everyone to please vote for Steve Weir for state representative for the 55th District.

**Sincerely,
Jim DeDonato – Hebron**

Tag Sale Thanks

To the Editor:

Andover Seniors would like to thank the many people who helped with the tag/vendor/children's event of Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Andover Town Hall:

Rachael Elam in charge of the children's booth and her daughters, Isabelle, and Audrey who did face painting; Nicholas and Ben Slater who worked in the children's booth and carried items for people. Thank you to Tanya Hughes who worked on the 175th booth and covered for others while they took a break. Thank you to Andrea Lee for her help; Jeff Ballard, who worked moving items and cleaning up; Carol Kukucka, in charge of the tag sale, who worked Friday and Saturday organizing items to look

more presentable; Emily Timreck, who moved items, cleaned up and brought lunch for the crew; Anne Crème for handling the money box; Robin Kenefick and her helpers Carol Price and Diane Vickers for the excellent job selling clothes; Marie Smith, who ran the 50/50 raffle; Ellie Skoog, who worked the Community Room. Thank you to Marianella Chalfont and Annemarie Daigle for selling at the 175th booth. A huge thank you to Mike Palazzi who went back and forth to the OFH for items and made several trips to the Transfer Station and brought lunch.

No words can be expressed to thank Carol Lee, our town clerk, who worked Friday delivering items and all day Saturday running to oversee that all was working fine. At the end of the day, the two of us were exhausted, but Carol finished up by vacuuming the rooms and the hallways to make the building ready for "business as usual" Monday. Thank you to our vendors: Pat Chaves, Roberta Dougherty, Julia Haverl, Ann Slater, and Jacke Stafford.

All money raised will feed our seniors this winter.

**Sincerely,
Cathy Palazzi
Andover Senior Coordinator**

Ron DeSantis

To the Editor:

So, I see the expected praise for Gov. Ron DeSantis importing immigrants in from Texas to export them north. Why did DeSantis have to go to Texas if the problem is in Florida? Because to export Cuban immigrants would lose DeSantis Republican votes in Florida – apparently some immigration is perfectly fine for him. Certainly in hurricane season, guess who homeowners choose as cheap labor to rebuild as they did years before? Bad timing on his part.

Then DeSantis said he had plenty of taxpayer dollars to perform this stunt again. Maybe instead of asking for FEMA help we all pay for, he can do the fiscally responsible thing for his constituents and use that money to help them rather than cheap political stunts.

Geoff Gaspar – Hebron

Talk to Our Cops

To the Editor:

If you read the 2021 "Crime in Connecticut" report released last week, you might tend to believe the narrative portrayed by Governor Lamont and Commissioner of Public Safety James Rovella. Some may have taken the report at face value and proclaimed this to be "positive news." Brushed aside appear to be the facts that rape is up significantly, or that murders in Hartford are likely to hit all-time highs. The number of unsolved cases is up considerably as well.

If you want to understand more about crime in Connecticut, you might consider talking to a cop or trooper about the reality of performing his or her job with the advent of the "Police Accountability" bill and the anti-police sentiment encouraged by members of our state government. You probably know one. They are our friends and neighbors and parents at sporting events. I talk with cops and troopers in the community almost daily. As far as the troopers I speak with are concerned, there is no support from the governor, from the command staff or from the legislature. Stops are down. Stops lead to interactions. Some interactions lead to arrests.

So I ask you to connect the dots. We see the

criminals on the door cams- daily. We drive on the roadways, and it feels like the wild west at times. You don't need a pdf report from a state agency, put out around election time, when you can just feel that something isn't right.

There will likely be no change in this trend until all the stakeholders turn attention to public safety, instead of convenient numbers and optics.

While I'm writing on the topic of public safety today, I'm on the topic of government transparency and accountability every day. I look forward to working for you in the state legislature.

**Steve Weir – Hebron
Candidate for State Representative, 55th District**

Note: The 55th Assembly District covers Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and parts of Bolton and Glastonbury.

Traffic Light Needed

To the Editor:

Anyone in Colchester knows that Route 354 and Lake Hayward intersection is a headache to drivers and a familiar spot for emergency personnel. This year there have been six accidents on 354 alone but half of that is at that very intersection. As a driver myself, in a week multiple cars have cut out in front of me and I had to slam on my brakes when I had right of way. One of the accidents I witnessed myself, as a car at a stop sign inched out and sped to the highway; they hit a car and almost caused a huge pile up. Last October three teen boys were traveling into town when the driver decided to pass another car for no reason and they went off the road.

The speed people drive through that intersection is ridiculous; it is a 40-mph road not a 60-mph road. A Colchester volunteer firefighter told me that "most of the time people just drive through the intersection speeding" and also stated that "people have no idea what to do in the intersection and that causes accidents; we get too many calls to that one area every year and it is getting too repetitive."

Many people want a traffic light there and I agree because with all this information there should be a change in this area. Connecticut Department of Transportation states that certain intersections in Connecticut need to consist of new signal equipment being installed. Including Route 85, Route 16 at Route 2 eastbound ramps, and Route 16 at Route 2 westbound ramps. The Route 354 and Lake Hayward intersection should be part of this list of new signal equipment being installed at existing signalized locations. This intersection needs a traffic light; it will lower the amount of crashes a year there.

**Sincerely,
Katie Graham – Colchester**

We Need Norm

To the Editor:

Norm Needleman has proven to be the ideal state senator for a district that prides itself on its small towns and quality of life.

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Floating Down the Delaware... Leigha Leue, 8, and Erick Leue, 11, recently vacationed in Pennsylvania. One of their many adventures was a float trip down the Delaware River.

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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.



First Steps in Sweden!... Lori and Sean LeBas of Portland recently visited their young granddaughter Ylva in Stockholm, Sweden, for some adventurous first steps.



Block Island Bliss... East Hampton resident Jerry Plummer is shown here during his yearly visit to Paynes Dock on Block Island. It was a great day!



Caution: You Will Get Wet... Monica Robotin and her family recently traveled to Niagara Falls, N.Y., for the FINA (Federation of International Ninja Athletics) World Finals in Buffalo, N.Y. Monica's son, Sebastian – who was incidentally featured on the cover of the *Rivereast* back in February – competed at the event. From left to right: adults Teodora Rotaru, Monica Robotin and Laurentiu Rotaru, and kids Sebastian Robotin and Sofia Rotaru.

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2014 Case Surfaces in Skorski Campaign

By Jack Lakowsky

The 2014 federal conviction of a current political candidate was recently unearthed and made the rounds on social media – prompting the candidate, Marlborough resident Wes Skorski, to explain the matter to the *Rivereast*.

In 2014, Skorski, a Democrat who is running to be state representative for the 5th Assembly District and is also chairman of the Marlborough Board of Education, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to a misdemeanor charge of violating the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. He was fined \$1,000.

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In a statement to the *Rivereast*, Skorski said that in 2014, federal officials made him aware he was importing pharmaceuticals from outside the country, and that selling these was illegal. Skorski at the time owned a Wethersfield wholesale medical supply distributor.

“We immediately stopped and notified the doctors,” he wrote. “As a result, I assumed responsibility for the error and paid a \$1,000 fine.”

Skorski told the *Rivereast* his experience with this case “greatly influenced my reasons for running for office today.

“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. “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.”

Skorski said “consumer relief,” easing medication prices, will be a major focus of his if

elected next month.

In an interview Wednesday, Skorski said he was importing the same products available on American markets, just with “different packaging.”

“It’s all the same assembly line, the same lab,” said Skorski.

He said he sold the drugs, separately ordered from the United Kingdom and Canada, to doctors needing cheaper alternatives for their patients.

Skorski said he didn’t realize what was going on, that he never physically packaged the product.

Skorski said that, while on the campaign trail, he’s spoken to seniors that buy their meds from Canada because they’re cheaper.

When he learned what he was doing was illegal, he said he immediately stopped and cooperated with officials.

Skorski shared information about, and said he supports, trying to legalize purchasing medicine from Canada.

Medicine “is cheaper all across the world” than it is in the United States, Skorski said.

The *Rivereast* obtained copies of the case, *U.S. v. Skorski*, which says Skorski sold misbranded medicine across state lines, shipping pharmaceuticals from his now-closed Wethersfield distribution business, AviaMed, to Vermont.

The drugs Skorski illegally sold and shipped were made outside the country, with shipments from Canada and the United Kingdom, according to court documents. This means the drugs were not subject to the “rigorous” examinations of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the court documents state.

Labels were improper, and some not in English, the documents state. The drugs were not registered with the FDA, and the products’ makers did not list it as intended for consumption in the U.S.

The violation goes to September 2011, when Skorski first brought the meds stateside through AviaMed, a wholesale medical supply distributor. Skorski got orders from doctors or other providers, then he’d tell them what he had for sale.

Skorski’s first foreign supplier was in the U.K. He bought oncology and dermatology medicine from them, then sold them to his customers in the states.

This, feds said, is engaging in interstate commerce with drugs made outside the country, not intended to be sold here.

Skorski ended business with the U.K. supplier, then began working with a Canadian company.

The drugs lacked proper directions, prosecutors said, made in businesses unregistered with the FDA and sold commercially, which is mislabeling.

Meds Skorski shipped to South Burlington, Vt., included drugs for easing chemotherapy symptoms and treating cancer.

Prosecutors wrote: “The defendant’s offense, despite the misdemeanor classification, is a serious crime.”

Going on, documents read that “[the] Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act [or FDCA] protects Americans from exposure to drugs [not subject to] the rigorous oversight of the FDA.

“Patients rely on government oversight of pharmaceuticals to the degree that when we receive prescription drugs, our trust is virtually unconscious—we reflexively believe the drugs are safe and effective...and trust [they will] function correctly and without undue or undisclosed risk.”

Skorski “circumvented” these protections, the documents read.

“In this case, the risk was not purely theoretical,” feds said. The drugs Skorski shipped included treatments for fatal illnesses like cancer, with at least one type sold not approved by the FDA.

Because the court documents state that Skorski was not intentionally fraudulent, he received a misdemeanor, not a felony.

Feds said because Skorski was licensed by

the state as a wholesaler of medical supplies, he should’ve known of the “serious responsibilities” he had to comply with the FDCA.

Skorski had prior experience in the medical wholesale industry, prosecutors said, giving him ample chance to learn the law.

“Moreover, the defendant engaged in such conduct with two foreign suppliers,” the court documents state, adding Skorski sought two separate entities.

“His distribution of misbranded drugs was not therefore an isolated or unintended occurrence.”

The documents went on to put the case “in context,” saying Skorski has no past offenses, that this appears to be an “aberration” in an “otherwise law-abiding life.”

The government said Skorski was truthful when confronted and told his customers the drugs were from foreign markets. He also did not conceal the transactions in his business records.

Skorski told prosecutors when he learned he was violating the law, he stopped selling such drugs, “and the records of his business appear to confirm that statement.”

Feds called Skorski a father dedicated to his kids and caring for his daughter’s “significant” illness. They said he has contributed to his community, serving on the school board and working in support groups for families of children with disabilities.

“The defendant’s conviction has had a significant impact on his business,” officials wrote. AviaMed has since dissolved, and Skorski does not list it on his LinkedIn profile.

In the pharmaceutical industry, a misdemeanor or is considered a serious offense, and comes with a large amount of ignominy. It also affects his ability to take part as a Medicare or Medicaid provider, and any future violations of the FDCA would likely mean a felony charge.

“The defendant himself promptly acknowledged his crime, [took] responsibility, and clearly has genuine remorse for his actions,” the documents state. “He is highly unlikely to reoffend in the future. His conviction has affected his family, at a time when they are dealing with a child” [who needs] attentive care.

Given this information prosecutors saw no need for incarceration, instead fining Skorski the \$1,000.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Thomas J. Sas, John McKaig is deacon emeritus and the pastoral assistant is Holly Bangham. The church office can be reached at 860-295-0001; hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. People are asked to call before heading over or connect via the phone or email at stjohfisher30@yahoo.com.

COVID-19 Protocol: For the fully vaccinated, masks are not required. For the unvaccinated, masks continue to be encouraged. Call the office for more information.

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

Weekday Mass: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Sundays, 4-4:45 p.m.

Family Faith Formation: This is a new program to focus on active faith formation within the family is underway for families of kindergarten through middle school students; registration is required on the church’s Faith Formation website and will close at the end of September.

Confirmation Community: The church’s active 9th- and 10th-grade confirmation pro-

gram continues. Registration is required as well.

Adult Worship Choir: Meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. All are welcome to join. More information can be found on the church website.

Community Outreach and Service: Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank; you may also bring non-perishable food or household donations directly to the Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. The Community Garden to benefit Marlborough Food Bank continues to supply fresh produce each week and volunteers are always welcome. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website and are scheduled monthly.

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

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Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

The annual cemetery fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5, at Marlboro Cemetery. Volunteers are invited to participate and are asked to meet at 9 a.m.

Residents are asked to remove any personal items and decorations prior to the clean-up. Any items found to be in violation of cemetery rules and regulations or a hindrance to maintenance will be removed.

These items include shepherd hooks, glass objects, items hanging from trees, and pots. For a complete listing, go to marlboroughct.net and select “Cemetery Committee” under the “Government” tab.

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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.

Faith Formation (Bible Study) is led by Pastor Bob Faulhaber and meets Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. upstairs in the lounge. All are welcome.

Oct. 9: Worship will be led by Christian Education/Junior Youth Director Gwen Lawson, with alternate music by senior high student Alexa Odoy.

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.

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. Second Blessings accepts donations during shopping hours. The shop also sells through eBay at <https://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.

There will also be a flu shot and Moderna booster shot clinic Thursday, Oct. 27, from 9-11 a.m.

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. Artists from across Connecticut submitted over 150 paintings to be judged into this exhibition by Bill Thomson, a professor of illustration at the University of Hartford's Hartford Art School, where he received the Outstanding Teachers Award in 2004 and the Innovations in Teaching Award in 2011. His recent work has focused on illustrating children's books. Thomson's artwork has received more than 75 awards in the country's most prestigious juried illustration competitions and it is an honor to have him judge the paintings included in this Exhibition.

The exhibit 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.

Parks and Rec Programs

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

Youth Programs: 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.

Parents Night Out: Friday, Oct. 14, 6-9 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades 1-8. Parents can drop off the kids and go see a movie, have dinner or shop for a few hours. Kids will have the option of participating in arts and crafts activities, games, sports or watching a movie. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Fee for this program is \$15 per child for residents, \$18 per child for non-residents.

Artventures – Where the Wild Things Art!: Thursdays, Oct. 20-Dec. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at MES, for grades K-5. Kids will explore many original art forms and techniques, and also hear stories such as *Where the Wild Things Are* or *Nova the Robot*, that go hand-in-hand with each project. Kids will take home works of art each week. Fee is \$110/residents, \$115/non-residents. No class on Nov. 17 and 24.

Safe Sitter: Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades 6-8. This class is designed to prepare students to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Fee: \$110/residents, \$115/non-residents.

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 (started Oct. 6), 6-6:45 p.m. All levels welcome. Fee is \$10 to drop in each week. Class instruction is virtual.

ZUMBA Class Fall Session: Tuesdays through Oct. 18, 7-8 p.m., at MES. Fee is \$10 to drop in each week. Register on the Parks and Rec. website.

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.

Town Freshens Up Commission on Aging

By Jack Lakowsky

Marlborough's Commission on Aging, which works on improving the town for its aging population, has lay largely dormant since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. But, starting next week, that's all going to change.

The commission will hold a meet-and-greet for Marlborough's older adults 55 and older from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 13, at Marlborough Senior Center.

Commission member Sarah Cameron said that, at the event, Marlborough's seniors and older adults can tell their commission on what Marlborough needs to be better for its elderly.

Cameron said the aging commission had been regularly meeting until the pandemic hit. It simply hasn't reengaged since then, Cameron said.

The commission's just getting its toes wet for now, gauging needs and talking to residents.

"Nothing's really planned until after the meet-and-greet," said Cameron. "We're seeing what people are interested in."

There are simple ideas, Cameron said, that the commission could start up quickly.

"I think a lot of people want a walking club – meeting once or twice a week and going for a walk together," said Cameron.

There's also interest in arts and/or crafts classes, and regular movie nights at the library or senior center. Because some seniors still have

trouble with technology, Cameron said she had an idea to get high school or college students to help seniors with their emails, phones, computer viruses or other needs.

Starting small, Cameron said, will help get word out about the commission and gauge interest before setting out on larger, more demanding projects.

The senior center itself, Cameron said, is underutilized, and the commission wants to explore more community uses.

The commission's biggest challenge, she said, is communication. While some seniors are all up on their devices and social media, others are a bit more old-school. There's much communication ground to cover, she said.

Cameron said in this time, fostering senior connectivity is essential.

"I recently graduated with a public health degree," she said. "During this pandemic there's been another epidemic of loneliness. When you're not connected to people, it's really bad for health overall. It can lead to a sedentary life and poor diet."

She said many people aged 55 and over, especially retired ones, want to reconnect with a close-knit group of people their age. Making friends as an adult, especially an older adult, isn't easy, Cameron said.

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Selectmen Balk at BOE's Armed Guard Request

By Jack Lakowsky

The Board of Selectmen Tuesday voted 4-1 to continue the local school board's goal of finding armed school security – just not in the way the school board wanted.

At the last selectmen's meeting, Marlborough school superintendent Holly Hageman and school board chair Wes Skorski advocated for the installation of a school resource officer (SRO) – essentially a member of local law enforcement deployed at the school.

They said this was preferable to an armed security officer (ASO), a professional guard employed directly by the school board, overseen by school administrators. This option is what the selectboard Democrats said they want Marlborough Elementary School (MES) to take.

Hageman previously said she doesn't feel qualified to supervise an officer, and that it wouldn't be fair to load this onto the dense workloads of other MES administrators.

Selectboard chair Amy Traversa used the same logic, that she isn't qualified to oversee law enforcement activity, to send MES to the finance board to ask for an appropriation.

In a follow-up Wednesday morning, Skorski said it felt like the selectmen ignored the schools, and that he planned to continue pushing the board's original request.

Traversa, along with Democrat Betty O'Brien and unaffiliated vice chair Deb Bourbeau, said they don't feel the board has a right to direct MES on this matter, that the school board should handle its own affairs.

However, Republican Joe Askar – ultimately the lone 'no' in the 4-1 vote – said it wouldn't be proper to have educators oversee public safety activities.

Originally, Republican selectperson Greg Lowrey motioned that the board notify the Board of Finance to find money and to tell the

town's public safety director to hire an SRO.

Traversa, Bourbeau and O'Brien voted against this, killing it. In the next 4-1 vote the selectboard told the school board to approach the finance board about hiring an ASO, not an SRO, with Lowrey joining the trio.

Lowrey, though he voted in favor of the motion, said he doesn't feel this was responsive to the school board's request, saying Hageman already said the board can pay for a guard till the end of the school year.

Traversa said she's always "supported the Board of Education" making its own choices.

She said she supports the board's moving forward but doesn't think it's the town's job to pay and outfit the officer. Traversa said the school has a larger budget than the town, but serving significantly fewer people.

Residents who spoke said the selectmen either threw out the school board's request or didn't understand what was asked.

Skorski said the school board requested the SRO after careful consideration and consultation with experts, saying the board will continue pursuing the SRO, apparently without the majority of the selectboard's support.

Skorski said the board would need to approve the SRO, in line with the agreement between the school board and the town.

School board member Kerri Barella said she feels selectmen weren't cooperating with the Board of Education, that MES doesn't just house nearly 500 students but, when including staff, more than 600 people are located there on a given school day.

Barella said she found it "unfathomable" that nearby towns have SROs, but that the students and staff of MES aren't worth the same protection.

"As a parent I'm so disappointed," Barella said.



Harvest Sunday... Marlborough Congregational Church is dedicated to helping with food insecurity. Harvest Sunday was recently celebrated at the church with fruits and vegetables brought in by parishioners. Sunday School children then delivered the produce to the Marlborough Food Bank where they were given a tour and learned how the food bank serves the Marlborough community. The church provides ongoing support to the food bank through its collection of non-perishable items. The Marlborough Congregational Church, with help from local organizations, sponsors a monthly Drive-Thru Café at the church. Also, members of the Junior and Senior youth groups of the church provide and share a monthly meal with residents at Florence Lord Housing.

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.

Faith Formation (Bible Study) is led by Pastor Bob Faulhaber and meets Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. upstairs in the lounge. All are welcome.

Oct. 9: Worship will be led by Christian Education/Junior Youth Director Gwen Lawson, with alternate music by senior high student Alexa Odoy.

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. Second Blessings accepts donations during shopping hours. The shop also sells through eBay at <https://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.

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 tinyurl.com/ycx4x7n4.

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.

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.

To register, call Romano Ghirlanda at 860-916-4031 or email mhs@marlboroughhistory.org.

Lions Eyeglass Collection Boxes

The Marlborough Lions collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids, which are then provided to people in impoverished countries all around the world.

The drop boxes are located at Town Hall, Liberty Bank, the Marlborough Senior Center and at the office of Dr. Steven Rafalowsky on Saner Road. The Lions collect the eyeglasses and hearing aids all year long and once a year Lions Clubs from all over Connecticut meet to turn in the collected items. Eyeglass cases are also appreciated.

For more information or to learn more about the Lions, call Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 or Lions President Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537.

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I Want to be a Firefighter... Vivian LaCresse is shown here all dressed up and ready to follow in the footsteps of firefighters! Vivian and her mother Jillian attended the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department's annual barbecue fundraiser, held last weekend.

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.

Fall Tag Sale

The annual fall tag sale at the Marlborough Congregational Church, 35 South Main St., will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Great Hall and several classrooms will be filled with a selection of household and seasonal items, furniture, linens, vintage and antiques, toys and games, collectibles, framed artwork, electronics, small appliances, clothing, and more. Buyers are asked to "make a gener-

ous offer" as everything is price your own. Selected quality items from Second Blessings thrift shop will be found among the vast array of items offered for sale.

A bake sale, sponsored by Dorcas Women's Fellowship, will be held outside. Second Blessings Thrift Shop, located down the hall from the tag sale, will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.

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.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Thomas J. Sas, John McKaig is deacon emeritus and the pastoral assistant is Holly Bingham. The church office can be reached at 860-295-0001; hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. People are asked to call before heading over or connect via the phone or email at stjohfisher30@yahoo.com.

COVID-19 Protocol: For the fully vaccinated, masks are not required. For the unvaccinated, masks continue to be encouraged. Call the office for more information.

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

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

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

Family Faith Formation: This is a new program to focus on active faith formation within the family is underway for families of kindergarten through middle school students; registration is required on the church's Faith Formation website and will close at the end of September.

Confirmation Community: The church's active 9th- and 10th-grade confirmation pro-

gram continues. Registration is required as well.

Adult Worship Choir: Meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. All are welcome to join. More information can be found on the church website.

Community Outreach and Service: Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank; you may also bring non-perishable food or household donations directly to the Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. The Community Garden to benefit Marlborough Food Bank continues to supply fresh produce each week and volunteers are always welcome. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website and are scheduled monthly.

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

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Standout Athletes of the Week

By Josh Howard

Here are the Rivereast Standouts of the Week for the week of Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

Alyssa Blanchette - Bacon Academy High School (Soccer): Blanchette scored a pair of goals, tallying the game's only goal in a 1-0 win over East Lyme on Sept. 26 and another off a header in a 2-0 win over Ledyard on Sept. 28. The freshman has been explosive this year for the Bobcats, who currently stands at 6-2-1 and hosts Windham this Friday, Oct. 7 at 3:45 p.m.

Avery Quesnel - Portland High School (Soccer): Quesnel scored the team's only goal on a free kick as the Highlanders tied Valley Regional 1-1 on Sept. 27. The sophomore is one of the rising stars for a Highlanders team that will next return home for a game against Amistad on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 3:45 p.m.

Max Nylen - RHAM (Football): Nylen had a game for the ages, scoring eight total touchdowns as RHAM scored a program-record in

points during a 69-39 win over Farmington on Oct. 1. The senior ran for 373 yards and scored seven times on the ground, adding 30 yards and another touchdown receiving. The eight touchdowns are the most in school history and third most all-time in the state of Connecticut. Nylen also starred defensively, intercepting a pass and racking up seven tackles. The Raptors (3-1) now travel to Plainville (0-4) on Friday, Oct. 7, for a game at 6:30 p.m.

Mackenzie Player - East Hampton High School (Volleyball): Player had a team-high six kills as East Hampton beat North Branford in three sets on Sept. 30. Through the first ten games, the junior has the second most kills-per-set for a Bellringers team that has won seven of the ten games and will welcome Cuginchug to EHHS for a Shoreline Conference clash this Friday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.

Senator Receives 'Town Crier' Award

State Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) was one of four state lawmakers selected to receive the Connecticut Council of Small Towns' "Town Crier Award" for 2022.

The award honors lawmakers for their leadership roles in championing the interests of small towns in the state at the state Capitol. Needleman was selected for reasons including his support of energy policies benefitting small towns, seeking solutions to major issues impacting the state and his status as the first selectman of Essex in addition to his work in the senate.

The 33rd Senatorial District covers 12 towns, including the Rivereast towns of Colchester, East Hampton and Portland.

"Connecticut's 169 municipalities all operate separately. There's no one-size-fits-all approach that will meet the needs of every town and city, and many attempts to find such solutions lead to small towns facing significant issues," said Needleman. "I'm proud to receive this designation from COST for my support of small towns, which comprise the majority of my Senate district. I will continue to fight for full municipal

funding, continuation of vital local services and policies putting small communities on even footing with Connecticut's largest."

Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) Executive Director Betsy Gara said Needleman understands the impacts of policies on property taxpayers and operations in local offices.

"COST appreciates his longstanding commitment to fighting for Connecticut's small towns, both as a first selectman and state senator," Gara said.

Among specific policies inspiring COST's provision of the award, the organization mentioned Needleman's efforts to expand clean energy production and increase solar installation capacity, as well as his help in the development of common-sense solutions to address issues affecting small towns, including municipal solid waste management and enhancements to the resident state trooper program.

The other state lawmakers honored were state Sen. Tony Hwang (R-28), state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and state Rep. Joe Zullo (R-99).

Needleman Endorsed by Retired Teachers

State Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) has now received the support of both current and former teachers across Connecticut in his campaign for a third term in the state Senate, after the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut recently lent him their support.

This endorsement comes Needleman has already received the endorsement of the American Federation of Teachers and been placed on the Connecticut Education Association's Honor Roll.

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"Knowing the importance and dedication of teachers across our state, it's my privilege to receive this endorsement from the Retired Teach-

ers of Connecticut," said Needleman. "Our future generations are facing big challenges, and preparation in the classroom is the best way our students can gain the skills and knowledge necessary to take them on. I'm glad to support policies that treat our students and our teachers with the respect they deserve and ensure our classrooms remain some of the best in the United States.

Needleman, in supporting policies valuable to teachers and education, voted in 2022 for bills enhancing student mental health support and expanding school grant programs. He has also supported efforts to create no-cost community college programs, and voted to pass legislation enhancing investment in early education and behavioral health needs.

Flu, COVID Booster Clinics

Chatham Health District, which serves as the municipal health department for Colchester, East Hampton, East Haddam, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland, has announced the following clinics for folks to receive the flu vaccine as well as the COVID booster vaccine.

No appointment necessary; see insurance information below.

All ages six months and over are welcome for flu, and 12 years and over for COVID-19 booster (Moderna Bivalent AND Pfizer Bivalent). 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.

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.

Area clinics are:
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 4-6 p.m., KOKO, 12 Long Crossing Rd., East Hampton; Friday, Oct. 14, 9-11 a.m., Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., Colchester; Monday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Portland Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., Portland; Wednesday, Oct. 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Gilead Hill School, 580 Gilead St., Hebron; Thursday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-noon, Russell Mercier Senior Center, 14 Stonecroft Drive, Hebron; 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.

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a regular basis. In July, he secured East Hampton \$1.5 million in state bonding to expand the town's centralized water system. That funding will help the town lay the groundwork for improving local water quality, especially within the Village Center.

Speaking of the center, Norm delivered again last month by working to bring \$900,000 in STEAP grant funding to East Hampton and Portland. Of that, \$500,000 will go toward improving the Village Center sidewalks and bring more customers to local businesses.

Beyond small-town funding, Norm has served with dignity, humor, and perseverance. I was fortunate to meet him at the end of the summer during the fireworks festival and I was impressed by his intelligence and eagerness to support local families. He is genuine and impeccably prepared for the challenges that face East Hampton and the other close-knit communities that he serves.

We need Norm and I will be proud to vote for his reelection in November. East Hampton is in good hands with our senator, and he has earned another term in the Capitol.

Please join me in supporting Norm as he continues to strengthen our communities and the families who live here.

Sincerely,
Matt Engelhardt – East Hampton

Transportation System

To the Editor:

The United States transportation system is crumbling around us, unable to provide safe and sustainable travels to 200 million licensed Americans. The transportation system is outdated and in need of reform to reduce the number of major injuries and fatalities, traffic congestion, and its contribution to climate change. We cannot allow the infrastructure to deteriorate further, as the worse we let it become, the more difficult and costly it will be to repair later.

Every day, 1.35 million people are killed on roadways globally. Automobile crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for those aged 1 to 51. The sad part is, these deaths are preventable, and yet people are careless and fail to take the necessary safety precautions to avoid such tragedies. Transportation accounts for 27% of total United States greenhouse gas emissions. If we allow this trend to continue, atmospheric greenhouse gasses will reach dangerous levels as deforestation slashes carbon sequestration levels. Excess traffic congestion costs US citizens \$88 million annually, and building more roadways is not the answer. Constructing more roadways increases the number of cars on the road to fill the space, therefore increasing congestion levels.

We are not helpless. In terms of safety, ensure that you inform your children and fellow Americans about proper safety practices such as wearing a seatbelt, never driving while impaired by drugs or alcohol, and limiting distractions like cell phones. Whenever possible, opt for non-motorized modes of transportation such as walking and cycling, or use public transportation to reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. Reforms on a larger scale are necessary to tackle this widespread issue. Petition local and national legislators to implement policies promoting carpooling, pedestrian friendly street construction, and other incentive programs.

Sincerely,
Grace Galarneau – Colchester

Supports Needleman

To the Editor:

State Sen. Norm Needleman, running for reelection, is a strong advocate for the people he represents. His constituents are foremost in his decision-making. He listens carefully to our issues to assist us individually and as a community.

From the time Norm was elected, I spoke with him about Colchester's need for a new senior center. Norm understood and recognized that our seniors needed a facility that met their changing lives as well as one that could be used by the community. He understood the impact to our community and economic development. Once the senior center referendum passed, Norm knew how he could assist us as a community – help Colchester get state bonding in paying for the new Senior Center and reduce the impact on the taxpayers. Working with state Rep. Brian Smith, Norm and Brian were incredible advocates for our project and in December 2021 Colchester was awarded \$2.5 million dollars in state bonding money thus reducing the amount that Colchester will have to borrow.

In addition to his proven experience and effectiveness in the state legislature as senate

chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, vice chair of Planning and Development, and as a member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, Norm brings years of experience in municipal government as First Selectman of Essex. He supports education and education funding. He knows how important economic development and job creation are to our communities and the state as a local business owner in Essex for over 30 years. He believes in guaranteeing essential health care and protecting those with preexisting conditions from losing their health care.

Norm has demonstrated his public service and his efforts to help the people he represents. Please join me in reelecting Senator Norm Needleman on Nov. 8.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Coyle – Colchester

Note: Coyle is a member of the Colchester Board of Selectmen, but is speaking as an individual.

Courtney in Our Corner

To the Editor:

I have known Congressman Joe Courtney for 30 years, first in the Connecticut state legislature and in recent years as our congressman for the 2nd District. Joe is an exceptional person, clearheaded, articulate, motivated, intelligent, thoughtful, and a hard worker. The residents in eastern Connecticut have benefited enormously from his vision and his drive to improve the quality of life for workers, business owners, retired citizens, the young and the not so young. In order to accomplish this Joe works with all concerned people and all parties to achieve a successful outcome.

In particular, I have seen how Joe has an admirable grasp of the many facets of health care both from the provider and the consumer aspects. He is concerned about Medicare, its long-term stability and its scope. He worked to achieve passage of the Inflation Reduction Act this year, which establishes a \$35 cap for a month's supply of insulin and enables Medicare to negotiate prices for high-cost drugs. His opponent wants to eliminate these caps. This is important. Let's bring some sanity into the cost of pharmaceuticals. Let's support the reelection of Congressman Joe Courtney. He is in our corner.

Respectfully,
Terry Concannon – East Hampton

Supports Mark DeCaprio

To the Editor:

It is my pleasure to support Mark DeCaprio for state representative of the 48th District, which is comprised of Colchester, Lebanon, Bozrah and Franklin.

Mark is committed to protection of American constitutional rights, including the protection of free speech and the right of abiding citizens to own and carry firearms for personal protection or for sportsmen purposes. There is a great move to strip away this Second Amendment right by the Democratic Party.

Mark will work to provide sufficient funding for police and fire departments. He will fight to protect parental rights. He will work to lower taxes to make Connecticut more business friendly and encourage industry to bring back high paying jobs.

Here in Connecticut we are taxed on everything from lawn-mowing to dog-grooming. Isn't it time for a change? Please vote for Mark DeCaprio and the Republican team on Nov. 8 – vote for change in our state government.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Wagner – Colchester

I Support Christie Carpino

To the Editor:

Portland and Cromwell have been very fortunate with Christie Carpino as our representative at the legislature. Christie has consistently demonstrated support for initiatives supporting safe schools and children, seniors, veterans, families, addiction services and supporting small business growth. She knows that supporting families, children and small business growth is at the core of our communities, assuring growth in our tax base and enhancing our quality of life.

As a working mom, Christie is intimately familiar with the needs of families and our community. Her record shows that she listens to your concerns, is responsive and consistently works collaboratively with the Portland and Cromwell communities. Working effectively with others is the key to Christie's successful record of providing needed funding for education, mental health and addiction treatment, critical services needed for the intellectually disabled and efforts addressing some of the long-term pension debt issues plaguing our state's economy.

In summary, Christie is a tested and trusted member of our community who's been effective and responsive. It's clear from her record that she votes for what's best for our community without partisan considerations. Christie has a substantial public record of voting and positions she's taken. Be sure to review this yourself and not rely on others to reinterpret her record. When people ask me who I support, I tell them I'm supporting Christie Carpino and you should too!

Tim Lavoy – Portland

Note: Lavoy is a member of the Portland Board of Education and chair of the Portland Republican Town Committee, but said he is speaking as an individual.

Hebron's Disconnect

To the Editor:

There is an alarming disconnect between some of Hebron's town leaders and the people they are supposed to represent. A wide variety of residents took the time and effort to attend the recent public information meeting and voice their opposition to the town's Public Works plan. People from across Hebron stood before the Public Building Committee, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen and the town manager, and raised specific concerns and clear objections. I submitted a letter written by William Warzecha, a hydrogeologist with 36 years of experience at CT DEEP dealing with road salt contamination of groundwater. The letter stated in no uncertain terms that placing a Public Works facility at 17 Kinney Rd. would be dangerous. (Please read the full letter on Kinney Road Matters on Facebook.)

However, if you listen to Hebron's leaders it is as if that meeting never occurred and that letter was never written. According to Town Manager Andrew Tierney, concerned citizens don't understand the situation and stated, "You have to be reasonable and rational." With all due respect, Mr. Tierney, we understand all too well. It is our drinking water, our neighborhood, our history and our environment you want to put at risk. As confirmed by Mr. Warzecha's letter, the reasonable and rational approach is to keep Public Works in an area where the groundwater is already compromised. This would include the present location of Public Works on Old Colchester Road. If the transfer station were relocated, possibly to the adjacent Eversource land, Public Works would have double the amount of available space. Is this not a reasonable and rational option? Why is this not being explored?

The people have spoken, but elements of the Town government want to ignore us. This issue is not going away and neither are we. #Save17

Sincerely,
Kevin J. Tulumieri – Amston

This Mom is Voting Wes

To the Editor:

As a resident of Hebron, it is important to me that we elect people who will address issues important to everyday people, issues like education. As a woman and the mother of two young girls, it is important to me that we elect people who support and value women's rights. This is why I am voting for Wes Skorski.

To start, Wes will support our teachers, administrators and our students. As the chair of the Marlborough Board of Education, Wes worked hard to keep the elementary school open during COVID, while keeping everyone safe. Serving on the Marlborough Board of Education for nine years has provided Wes with the knowledge and experience to be ready on day one as your state representative for the 55th District. He understands how to work collaboratively. He supports a woman's right to make her own decisions.

Please join me in voting for Democrat Wes Skorski on Nov. 8.

Amy Dunnells – Hebron

Let's Talk About Optics

To the Editor:

Recently some letter-writers have lamented the "silence" of "MAGA" Republicans regarding every concocted conspiracy theory associated with President Trump. A curious perspective, to say the least, considering these same writers impersonate Helen Keller when it comes to... well...everything else. Let's talk about optics, shall we?

We can argue about the 2020 election (just like Hillary did in 2016). To date, there is no proof of fraudulent voting or vote count. But, to borrow a line from Robert Mueller, "There is no proof that it wasn't." What we do have, however, is proof that Hunter's laptop was in FBI possession a year prior to the 2020 election... and they sat on it. Hmmm. Why would they do that? And what was the effect of that action?

We all know. Apparently, the progressive left contracted spontaneous blindness and deafness, also known as liberalitis. And to ignore the involvement with foreign businesses and governments by a crack-addicted, alcoholic, womanizing, stripper-impregnating, deadbeat "first son" only shows how deeply liberalitis can spread.

What possible qualifications did Hunter possess that had foreign entities desperate to recruit his services? Painting with a used cocaine straw is not an ideal resume item. But, if you can sell each painting for \$500,000 to an undisclosed buyer, who needs a resume? Can I borrow a straw? Tell me something: What if it was President Trump and Don Jr?

I marvel at those among you who pontificate weekly from your high moral perch. I wish to expound, but not feasible in 300 words. Your government is in shambles, you worship political grifters and media puppets, and your policies are abject failures. You're the same people who demand wearing masks to save lives, yet you think nothing of risking a nuclear war with Russia.

Regards,
Ed Kozlowski – Colchester

Protect Your Right to Vote

To the Editor:

You've seen the news. You've read the stories. It seems quite clear that some states' election processes are targeted for hijacking by paranoid, far-right operatives. More than half the country has an election denier running to oversee statewide elections. Many of these down-ballot contests had narrow margins in the last midterm election, and voters can't afford to sit these races out. Such efforts erode our freedoms, encumbering the ability to vote, and undermining faith in election outcomes also diminishes our freedoms. This happens when ultra-conservatives gain power through manipulating the electoral process and use that power to restrict personal freedoms.

You have a duty to ensure that election chicanery does not happen in Colchester and Connecticut. Please vote in the upcoming election! Please vote Democrat.

John Barnowski – Colchester

Needleman Has Delivered

To the Editor:

I am proud of my service in the Vietnam War and I continue to serve with our local vets at the VFW, working on veterans' issues. I appreciate all that Norm has done to support the men and women who have served our nation. He supported funding for veterans to get manufacturing job training, stronger mental health support on college campuses, and enhanced benefits for veterans and their families!

I am thankful for all that he has done for veterans and for East Hampton. Recently he secured funds to help East Hampton address our long-time problem with water quantity and quality. He's been a supporter of our small businesses. Norm has my vote!

In Appreciation,
Ted Turner – East Hampton

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

Vote for Wes Skorski

To the Editor:

Wes Skorski is a Democrat running for state representative of the 55th District. There are many reasons why you should vote for Wes on Nov. 8th.

Wes cares about education. He has served on the Marlborough Board of Education for nine years and was elected by Democrats and Republicans as Board of Education chair. This is testament to his ability to work together across party lines. Wes will focus on the mental health crisis our children are facing; improving nutrition; and providing the best teachers and the best curriculum.

Wes supports a woman's right to make her own choice about her reproductive health. The keyword is choice.

Wes will work to make healthcare more affordable including lowering the costs of prescription drugs. He's 100% committed to looking out for our seniors as they looked out for us.

Wes is focused on every measure that serves to expand benefits for veterans. It should be easier for them to access care.

Wes strongly believes that we need to take climate change seriously. He will work diligently to help build a climate resilient economy that supports innovation and that prepares our state for the challenges we will face.

Wes has been out and about, knocking on doors and talking to people. He has willingly
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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 Sunday worship service on Oct. 9 begins at 10 a.m. The service will include the Sacrament of Baptism. The Rev. Jane Hawken's sermon is titled "Knowing the Name." Under Kasha Breaux's direction, the choir will sing the anthem, "I Will Praise You, O Lord" by Mark Patterson. All are invited to coffee hour following the service.

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. Those who wish to follow the church on Facebook may do so at The First Congregational Church of Portland, CT.

Portland Library News & Notes

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

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-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 Monday, Oct. 10, for Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day.

Youth Programs: #KusamaPumpkins: Monday, Oct. 17, 3:30 p.m. Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese artist famous for her polka-dot-adorned pumpkin and flower art. In this program, use #KusamaPumpkins and the work of other famous artists to create your own pumpkin masterpiece. Registration is required for this program so we know how many pumpkins and snacks to purchase.

Help Build Portland's Riverwalk

The Brownstone Quorum will hold a food truck event Saturday, Oct. 15, to raise funds for the Portland Riverwalk at Riverfront Park.

Food trucks will be present from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on the town parking lot at the end of Middlesex Avenue (284 Brownstone Avenue). V's Rolling Stone Wood Fired Pizza, Cousin's Maine Lobster, the Farm Kitchen, and Los Mariachi's on Wheels are participating. In addition, Brownstone Quorum will conduct a bake sale.

Visit Brownstonequorum.org for the food truck menus. For more information, call 860-538-3607. The rain date for both events is Sunday, Oct. 16.



Concert to Benefit Police Union... Local rocker Tony Rome and his band The Excuses will perform a concert to benefit the Portland Police Union on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m., at Concentric Brewing, 91 Main St. Contributions to the police union can be sent to the Portland Police Department, 265 Main St., Portland, CT 06480 – attn: Sgt. Scott Cunningham. Rome is shown here – with the *Rivereast*, of course – at an August visit to a Guitar Center in Turners Falls, Mass., following a 5K road race he ran.

Portland Museum Opening

The Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History at 492 Main St. in Portland will re-open for the first time since the COVID-19 hiatus on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 1-3 p.m.

The exhibit will feature the unveiling of three portraits in the Overton Portrait Gallery, which includes a portrait of General Seth Overton, who served in the American Revolution and once lived in the Callander House. Joseph Morneault, author of the Seth Overton biography, will provide a brief talk on

the general, who is noted for commissioning Philip Gildersleeve to build the frigate U.S.S. Connecticut in 1797.

The next public opening will be on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 2-4 p.m., featuring local children's book author Sarah Caratasios, who will read and sign her new book *The Adventures of Nibbles Munk Munk*, the book includes historical people and places in Portland, including Seth Overton. Children are invited.

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.

Rent Rebate: Call ahead to make an appointment; no drop-ins please.

Next Week's Programs: Monday: The senior center is closed for the holiday. **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); Stretch & Flex: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Coupons for Troops, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; set-back, 1 p.m.; Exercise Tap Class, 1:30 p.m.; Cardio Drumming, 6 p.m. **Wednesday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:15-11 a.m.; Let That Stuff Go session, 11:30 a.m.; Social Duplicate Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday; 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.; Family History Fun with Dave Doney, 10:30 a.m.

Trip: Tuesday, Oct. 11, trip to High Hopes Equine Therapy & Tour in Old Lyme; trip is sold out.

Special Event: Thursday, Oct. 13. There will be a coffee hour and pastries with Christine Herrick of EXP Realty. Sign up for this free event by calling Lynn or Alexis at 860-342-6761.

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 as a thank you for their support.

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.

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.

Free Paper-Shredding Event

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a paper-shredding event Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Ave., Chester.

The event is open to residents of the RiverCOG region which includes East Hampton and Portland. No commercial or business shredding will be allowed.

Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste to learn more.

Community Drive to Benefit Streetfire Ministries

During October and November, the Grace Guild of Zion Lutheran Church will collect new men's and women's underwear in all sizes, as well as men's T-shirts, and men's and women's socks and gloves for Streetfire Ministries.

Streetfire serves those in need and the homeless population of Middletown and surrounding communities. It provides food, clothing, housing and spiritual guidance.

All donations can be left in the "red box" located at the side entrance of the church located at 183 William St. in Portland.

For more information, call Donna at 860-262-1070.

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.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

Sunset Yin Yoga: Wednesdays through Oct. 26, 5-6 p.m., at the Riverfront Park stage. Fee: \$65 for the four-week session, or \$20 to drop in.

A Second Chance CPR and First Aid Classes: Parks and Rec. is offering a two-day baby-sitting-focused program on Oct. 11 and Oct. 12.

'Come On Over' 5K Run and 2.1 Mile Walk: This year's event is taking place Saturday, Oct. 29, at 9:30 a.m. Register at runsignup.com/Race/CT/Portland/ComeonOver5KandWalk

Zumba: Zumba with Val is returning this October. Check back soon for more info.



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Craft and Art Show

Quarry View Historic Park and Campground will have its third Artistic Craft and Art show Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; rain date is Oct. 16.

This is a large fundraiser for the park, which is a nonprofit 501c3 company. Vendors from all over the state will showcase their art and wares. There will also be food trucks located in the upper parking lot courtesy of the Brownstone Quorum.

Quarry View is still accepting applications for vendors to participate. If interested, email Darlene at quarryviewevents@gmail.com.

Grace and Mercy Church News

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

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All October, Portland's Committee on Solidarity is celebrating First Responders Month. This month, the committee is spotlighting the Portland Police Department.

First Responders Month

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.

For this week, the Committee on Solidarity is featuring the town police department.

The Portland Police Department is made up of 12 officers including one captain, two sergeants, one detective and eight officers. There is also a K9 officer, Magnus. The department shares a secretary, Rosanne Lombardi, with the town fire department.

Officers are: Captain Ron Milardo; Sgt. Scott Cunningham; Sgt. James Kelly and K9 Magnus; Det. Daniel Knapp; Officer First Class James Capello; Officer First Class Francis Ahlquist; Officer First Class Michael Fitzpatrick; Officer First Class Paul Liseo; Officer First Class Micheal Revicki; Officer First Class Daniel Brown; Officer Ryan Bengston; and Officer Joshua Bailey.

The police department's purpose is to ensure the protection and safety of town residents. The department is charged with allowing the residents of Portland to have the highest quality of life and peace of mind with regard to public safety.

The department's goals and objectives: Continue to protect residents in a cost-effective man-

ner; continue to maintain all records internally; reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents with a more proactive approach, including radar speed checks, sobriety checkpoints, and cell phone use violations; actively participate in the Solidarity Task Force; work with the Complete Streets Group to encourage safe driving speeds, no-texting, stop sign/traffic signal enforcement and safe pedestrian/bicycling in our town; continue the assignment of officers to the schools to maintain school security; educate the general public on computer and internet safety; offer home security education to residents of Portland; establish neighborhood watch programs where needed; continue random checks and routine property checks of local businesses; and reduce illegal drug activity.

The police department responded to 5,894 calls during calendar year 2021. This does not include walk-ins. These figures reflect criminal and non-criminal incidents, motor vehicle crashes, and other miscellaneous calls for service.

In January, the department received a \$20,000 Justice Assistance Grant for police equipment. Also, as of July, all officers are equipped with body and vehicle cameras.

In addition to the 5,894 calls the officers responded to, officers also provided their services on special projects such as construction activities and traffic control.

Celebrating St. Mary's Cemetery

The Portland Historical Society will present a guided tour at St. Mary Cemetery, 261 Marlborough St., at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9. 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.

For those unable to attend, the society plans to offer tour reviews at program meetings dur-

ing the coming year. Tours are open to the public and are free, but donations will be accepted to benefit each cemetery.

This is the first of four tours in the historical society's Celebrating Cemeteries series, subsequent tours will be held Oct. 16 at Trinity Cemetery, 245 Main St.; Oct. 23, at the Swedish Cemetery, co-hosted with the cemetery association, 184 William St., and finishing Oct. 30, at Center Cemetery, 55 Fairway Drive.

Youth Soccer Recap

Portland Youth Soccer teams were in action last weekend. Here is how they fared:

Portland Earthquake: Defeated East Granby 3-0 on Sunday. Ben Martinez put Portland on the boards with the first and second goals of the game. Max Campbell found the back of the net to finish off the scoring for the game. Goalie Zach Anderson held East Granby scoreless and tallied his first league shutout of the season.

Red Crush U12: Won against West Hartford on the road Friday night. Jackson Vodola's corner kick into the goalie box set up a header for Luke Lawrence that put the team ahead to stay

early in the match. Vodola notched the team's second goal, while Lawrence sealed the win after making a run past two defenders that left him one on one with the keeper for the final goal of the game. Ryan Quinn's defense helped derail several of the home team's attacks. And Quinn's back-line partner Ryan Mendes frustrated West Hartford's forwards most of the game and contributed many long throw-ins. Goal keepers Ray Vardon, Liam Witschy, and Nathan Clark did the rest to hold back West Hartford's comeback attempts.

Timeless Treasures 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.

What can you expect to see? 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.

Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 345 Main St., invites the community to celebrate each week.

Bible Study starts at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday. Worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is in session and held during the service. Children ages 4-12, baptized and unbaptized, are welcome to attend Church School.

All who are vaccinated may remove their masks for the service. All who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear their masks.

Brownstone Vital Connections will present The Hot Flashes in concert at the church on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. The Hot Flashes are a vocal trio performing tunes drawn from swing, jazz, bluegrass, folk and pop. Tickets will be available after church services, or by emailing trinityvitalconnections@gmail.com. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of

the show. The concert is a benefit for the Portland Volunteer Fire Department. To learn more about The Hot Flashes, information and videos are available at www.thehotflashesmusic.com/hfband.htm.

The church is open for prayer and meditation on Fridays from 2-4 p.m., and there will also be a gathering in the church office at the same time, for Anglican Prayer beading at the same time. No prior beading experience is required. All are welcome.

Check out more information, the church's calendar of events, donate, or listen to past sermons at www.trinitychurchportlandct.org. If you have any other prayer requests to lift up, email the church office at trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com.

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

St. Mary Church Basket Raffle

St. Mary Ladies Guild will sponsor its second annual Bountiful Basket Raffle Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the day chapel and after all weekend Masses. Last year's event consisted of 62 baskets and an array of gift cards for the grand prize.

All are welcome. St. Mary Church is located at 45 Freestone Ave.

For more information, contact President Jane Klemba at 860-301-3731 or klembajane@comcast.net.

Methodist Church News

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

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 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.

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The Portland town clerk's office will begin mailing absentee ballots today, Friday, Oct. 7. Anyone who has already applied for an absentee ballot will be mailed one on this date.

Registered voters who have not yet applied for an absentee ballot can obtain an application in person at our office, by calling 860-342-6743, or visiting our page on the town website to download the application. 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. Portland 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.

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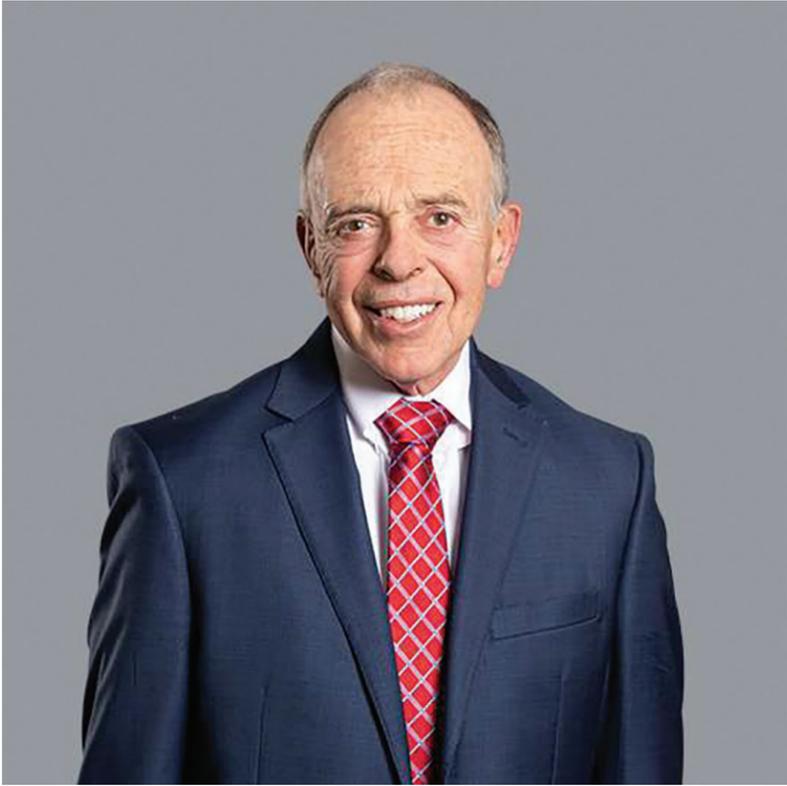
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Halloween Activities are Brewing

Halloween is coming – and Portland has a variety of activities in the works.

For Portland families, Trick-or-Treating on Main Street the Friday before Halloween has been a warmly-welcomed fall tradition, at which business owners in the town's Village District hand out goodies to all the little ghosts, superheroes, pirates and princesses who stop by.

This year, Trick-or-Treating on Main Street will take place 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.

For those looking for a way to burn off some extra Halloween candy calories, the annual "Come on Over" 5K and 2.1-mile fitness walk will take place the following morning, Oct. 29, with a 9:30 a.m. start time. Proceeds help support Portland's Parks & Recreation programs and fund future camp scholarships.

After the race, people can stick around at Riverfront Park for the Monster March from noon-2 p.m., hosted by Youth & Family Services. 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.

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

Classes of '76, '77 Reunion

The 1976 and 1977 Portland class reunion is Friday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m., at Campagna Restaurant, 151 Marlborough St., Portland.

All class of 1976 and 1977 graduates from Portland High School, Mercy, Xavier and Vinal are invited. Cost is \$45 per person, and includes a buffet dinner and music. There will be a cash bar.

Members of the class of 1976 should send a check to Carol Revicki, 20 Edwards Rd, Portland, CT 06480, or email Kimfischburg@gmail.com for more information.

Members of the class of 1977 can Venmo payment to Colleen Kimball @Colleen-Kimball-4 or mail a check to Kimball at 53 East Main St., Portland, CT 06480, or email kimball7984@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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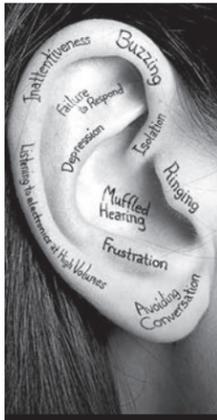
Portland Youth & Family Services has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, visit www.portlandct.org/youth-services or the YFS Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth, email jrevicki@portlandct.org, or call 860-342-6758. To receive email updates about YFS programs and events, sign up at 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 or 860-342-6758), and would be trained by the Director of Health Care Advocates International's Youth & Family Program.

Little Hikers: Friday, Oct. 7, at 10:30 a.m., at the Depot Hill Road parking lot of the Portland Air Line Trail.

Drop-In & Draw: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m., in the Buck-Foreman Community Center, 265 Main St.

Juggling and Circus Skills: Saturday, Oct. 15, noon-1 p.m., on the Town Green by the gazebo. In this free workshop event for kids of all ages, learn juggling, Chinese Stick, Balancing, Diablo, and other circus skills, from the artists at Oddfellows Playhouse.



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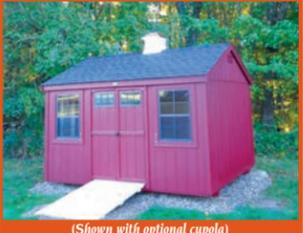


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Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to worship each week. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger. Worship is at 9 a.m. Refreshments are served after the service.

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

Sunday School: Sunday school programs are offered for children age 3 through 11 during the

service.

Adult Bible Study: Will resume Oct. 30, and will be held each Sunday in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. The study traces God's covenant with his people, from its beginning in Genesis through its fulfillment through Jesus Christ.

Office Info: The office can be reached at 860-267-2336; hours are Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. The church website is at www.hncovenantchurch.org.

Oktoberfest at CDHR

All are invited to Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue's 11th annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Autumn Ridge, 113 Chestnut Hill Rd. Admission is free.

Folks can meet the horses of CDHR, and there will also be vendors, raffles, wagon rides, food from Brick and Basil and Wayne's Wings and Things, and a variety of beers, stouts, ales and IPAs from Kinsmen Brewery.

For more information, visit www.ctdraftrescue.org or www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue.

This event is rain or shine.

The CDHR is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses as well as draft horses headed to slaughter. Their mission is to vet, quarantine, rehabilitate, train and re-home rescued horses with a strict contract for their life-long protection. Since its inception, CDHR has rescued more than 110 horses, with the majority placed in forever homes.

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Middle Haddam Public Library News

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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.

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

welcome.

Nimble Knitters: Thursdays at 1 p.m.

CommuniTea: Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-noon. This is a monthly gathering; take out a book and have a cup of tea. Coffee drinkers welcome.

Writers' Group: Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. Write in the company of writers. Get away from the distractions at home and work on your own projects.

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.

'Bits and Pieces' Sale

The Haddam Neck Congregational Church Ladies Aid "Bits and Pieces" Sale returns Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8 and 9, during the First Church of Christ Quilt & Needle Show, which runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 8 and 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 9 at 499 Town St., Route 151, East Haddam.

There will be deals on fabric, yarn and notions. Call Melissa Pionzio at 860-993-5311 for information on the sale.

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, or by scrolling to the Friends portion of the library website, www.easthamptonpubliclibrary.org. People can also email the Friends at friendsofeph1@gmail.com.

Police News

9/22: Kevin Gillis, 41, of Waterbury, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle under suspension and operating a motor vehicle without minimum insurance, East Hampton Police said.

9/26: Richard Maynard, 49, of Rocky Hill, was arrested for failure to obey a red light, improper use of a marker plate, operating with a suspended license, failure to maintain insurance and driving under the influence, police said.

9/27: Kristina Borrelli, 42, of Middletown, was issued a summons for misuse of a marker plate and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, police said.

Also, from Sept. 26-Oct. 2, officers responded to 13 medical calls, one motor vehicle crash and five alarms, and made 30 traffic stops, police said.

Lake Drawdown

The owner of the dam for Lake Pocotopaug is planning a lake drawdown to begin the week of Monday, Oct. 17. The lake will be drawn down approximately 28 inches.

The drawdown will give residents an opportunity to work on seawalls and do beach cleanup. Residents are reminded that activities along the shoreline may require an Inland Wetlands permit. Residents should contact the Land Use Department at 860-267-7450 as soon as possible concerning questions and applications before doing any work in the lake watershed.

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Belltown Seniors Lonely, Lacking Proper Homecare

By Jack Lakowsky

Last week the town's Commission on Aging presented to the Town Council suggestions on improving life for local seniors, projected to become the town's largest demographic.

Commission member Eric Rosenberg, chair Bob Atherton and vice chair Sue Greeno, along with the rest of the commission, put out the survey last year, receiving nearly 500 responses, about 20% of the senior population.

According to the commission nearly 40% of local seniors are lonely and isolated, an issue heightened by the pandemic. The commission wants to work with the town manager to possibly form focus groups, arrange meetings with the AARP and create a committee to explore adult daycare, looking specifically at the town of Branford's adult daycare services model.

There's a disparity in the availability of medical services for seniors.

More than one out of every five seniors said Chatham Health District doesn't meet their needs when they need to find a specialty medical provider. The commission also recommended the senior center identify gaps in, and improve, health information delivery.

Almost 25% of local seniors said the town lacks readily available home care services and certified home health agencies. The commission recommended the town provide links to the state Department of Social Services, the state's CHOICES program (for health insurance assistance) and CT Community Care.

The aging commission (or COA) found almost every senior wants to remain independent

in their home, but 20% can't afford to stay in town and another 24% have to remodel to stay where they are.

Forty percent of seniors wanted more information on accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The state's recent affordable housing law had a provision making ADUs buildable by right, but the local zoning commission opted out of the requirement.

For remedies, the commission suggested the town educate developers about local senior needs, prioritize older adults in the town's pursuit of a state-mandated 10% affordable housing stock (a plan the town may or may not be allowed to do) and educate seniors and older adults about ADUs.

Senior housing, or lack thereof, is a big reason East Hampton seniors have to age elsewhere, like the large Colebrook Village in Hebron. This goes double for the lack of affordable senior housing.

To ease seniors' financial burdens, the commission suggested that the town give tax relief and facilitate the development of the Hampton Woods property, making more affordable housing for seniors. The property, according to the commission's report, has utilities set up already, and only a few units built.

The commission said the town should encourage the local housing authority to increase senior housing, and should educate older adults about home remodels, especially on pricing.

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. This is the first class since 2019 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Jacqueline Beaulieu was a 1999 East Hampton High School graduate who was a standout track athlete. She was state champion in the high jump in 1999 indoor championships. She was also part of the state champion medley relay team in 1998 indoor championships. She held many East Hampton High School records in 300m hurdles and high jump events. Beaulieu then went on to compete at Sacred Heart University where she competed in cross country, indoor, and outdoor track. She set records there in several events including the Pentathlon, 800-meter, and high jump.

James Brown, who is being inducted posthumously, was a 1987 graduate of Xavier High School who lettered four years in basketball, was team captain his senior year and team MVP junior and senior years. Brown became the second Xavier player to score over 1,000 points, finishing his career with 1,019. He was all-conference his junior and senior years, all-county his junior and senior years, Middlesex County

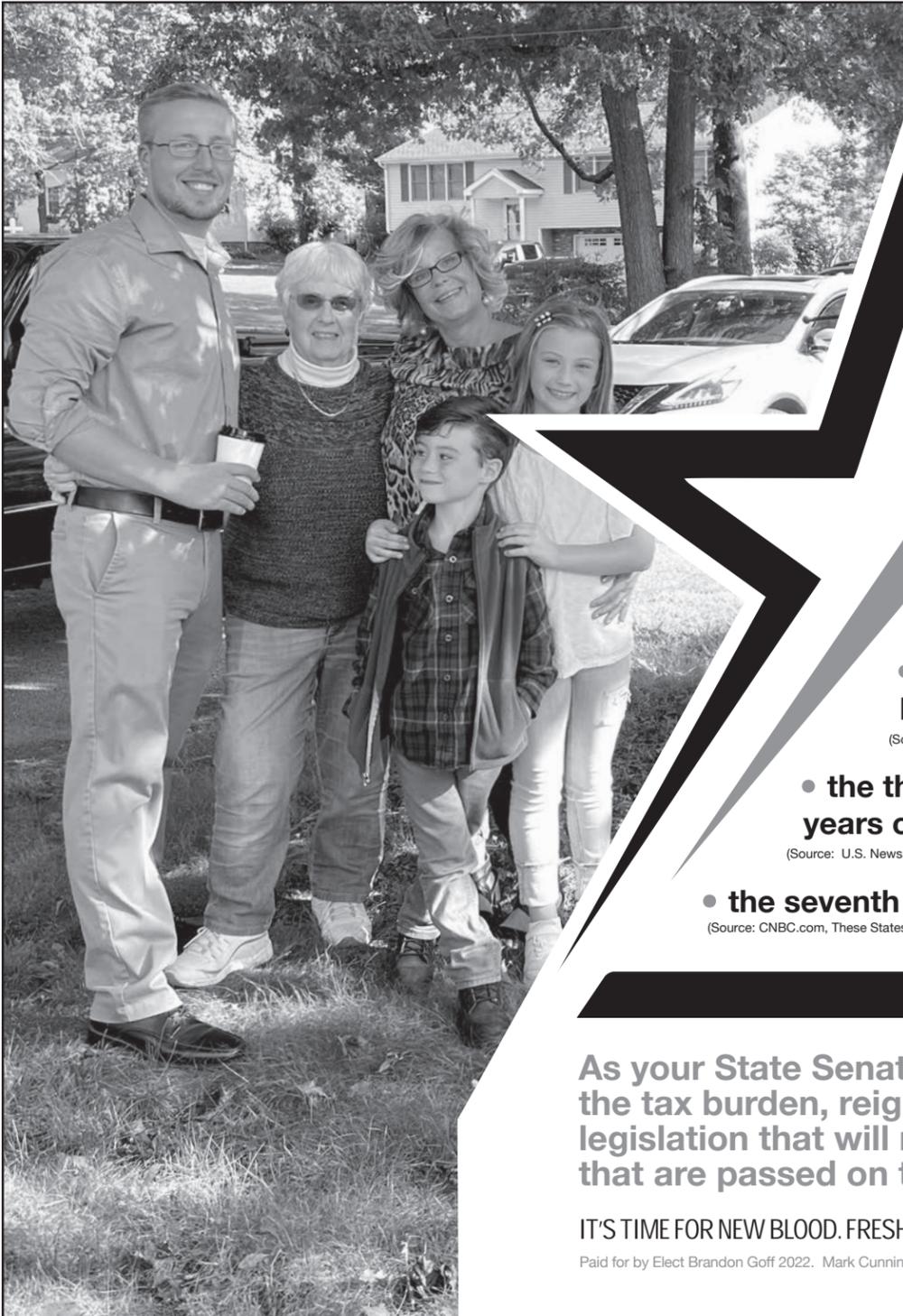
Player of the Year his senior year, and Class LL All State his senior season. He was known as a fierce rebounder, averaging nine per game his senior season. Brown went on to become a two-year starter at Western New England College.

The 2011 East Hampton High School baseball team, led by Coach Scott Wosleger, won its final 10 games to win the Shoreline Championship, then the State Championship. The team was voted 2011 CIAC Team of the Year. The team, led by quality pitching and timely hitting, defeated a favored East Catholic team to win the state championship. Along with Wosleger, the team included Coach Greg Johnson, Coach Shaun Russell, Nathaniel Heroux, Austin Shumbo, Joe Tuxbury, Marvin Gorgas, Ben Fortin, Zack Harrington, Alex Meeker, Zack Plitt, Austin Wosleger, Brian Roberson, Adam Michaud, Alex Iannone, Ryan Masse, Matt Sevigny, Spencer Daly, and Lauren Lysak (team manager).

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 Vasquenza at mjvasquenza@gmail.com.



Do the Monster Mash... Students in grades 6 and up are invited to dress up in a Halloween costume and go to Epoch Arts' Teen Halloween Costume Dance Saturday, Oct. 15, from 7-9 p.m., at Epoch, 27 Skinner St. A live DJ will provide the sound, and prizes will be given out throughout the night for costumes, dance moves and craziness. Admission is \$7 and includes admission and free food and drinks. For more information, visit www.epocharts.org. Pictured are students from last year's dance.



“Economic uncertainty and high costs in Connecticut are driving families apart.”

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(Source: Consumer Price Index, JEC Republicans' State Inflation Tracker, 4/10/22)

- **the third highest percentage of workers over 75 years old because they can't afford NOT to work**

(Source: U.S. News, States With Largest Share of 75-and-Older Workers)

- **the seventh highest tax burden in the nation**

(Source: CNBC.com, These States Have the Highest and Lowest Tax Burdens, 4/1/2022)

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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.

Epoch Arts is located at 27 Skinner St.

Congregational Church News & Notes

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., is open for in-person services with the Rev. Amie McCarthy every Sunday at 10 a.m. All services can also be accessed via Zoom by going to cc-eh.org. All are welcome.

Lunch Bunch at the Turquoise Table: Meets every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Bring a bagged lunch.

The Yarners meet every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-noon in the Fellowship Hall. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.

For more information about CCEH and its activities, visit cc-eh.org or call the church office at 860-267-4959 during office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.

Senior Bowling League Starts Up

There is a new mixed Senior Bowling League that meets Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m., at Kickback N' Bowl, 9 Bear Swamp Rd.

Cost is \$12 per week (plus a \$4 shoe rental if needed).

For more information, contact Jack and Linda Anderson at 860-882-3752 or jackande52@aol.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.

The church is handicapped-accessible; come to the lower hall for pickup.

Boat Launch Closure

The East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department will conduct its annual pump/flow-testing of all the department's apparatus on Thursday, Oct. 13, at Sears Park (weather permitting).

As a result, the Lake Pocotopaug boat ramp at Sears Park will be closed to the public between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on that day. Residents wishing to launch or retrieve their watercraft are encouraged to do so either before or after Oct. 13.

EHVFD Designing Commemorative Patch

In 2023, the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department will proudly celebrate its 100th anniversary. Several events are being planned to commemorate this important milestone, one of which involves the creation of a special uniform patch.

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 department

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

Submit your design via email to 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.

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.

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

Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Saturday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Work as a team to decorate the best pumpkin at this all-ages event. All supplies provided. One pumpkin per family. Registration required. Pumpkins donated by Paul's and Sandy's Too. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the East Hampton Public Library.

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 – Outside: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., in the library community room.

Nintendo Switch Tournament: Saturday, Oct. 15, 2-3 p.m., for grades 1-5. All skill levels welcome.

Kids Comic Creators: Big Nate: Wednes-

day, Oct. 19, 4:30 p.m., for grades 2-5. Learn about different styles of comics and make your own. This program includes read-alouds, drawing, games, prizes and more.

Middle-Grade Programs: Pre-Teen Advisory Board: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5 p.m., for grades 5-8. New members are welcome. The library wants to know what you want, from program ideas, to community service, new materials recommendations and more.

Fandom Showdown: Friday, Oct. 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m., for grades 4-7. Are you a superfan? Has a book, movie or TV series changed your life? Come on down to the Fandom Showdown for debate and games about your faves.

Teen Programs: Dungeons & Dragons: Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 26, and Nov. 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m., for grades 8-12. No previous playing experience required. The library will provide basic, fifth edition, level four characters, all supplies and snacks.

Adult Programs: Book Club: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. *In: The Graphic Novel* by Will McPhail will be discussed.

Make a Seasonal Flower Arrangement: Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m. Learn how to create a seasonal flower arrangement using pumpkins or other fall/winter-themed items. The library will provide everything you need for this flower arranging class. Space is limited.

Free Paper-Shredding Event

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a paper-shredding event Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Ave., Chester.

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As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have sent or received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes, interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments. There are no exceptions. Please make checks payable to Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting our website at www.easthamptonct.gov. Note: Your sewer account number is required when making a payment online. Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm.

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Knights' Spaghetti Supper

The Knights of Columbus Belltown Council 6190 at St. Patrick Church in East Hampton will be sponsoring its semi-annual spaghetti and meatball dinner on Oct. 14, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., at the church parish center, located at 47 West High St. Rain date is Oct. 21.

Takeout and dine-in meals will be offered. Meal prices are \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors. Children 6-12 are \$5, and children under 5 eat for free. The meal will include a salad,

bread, dessert, coffee, tea and punch drinks. Soda and water are not included; they are sold separately for \$1 each. Proceeds will support local charitable programs. Raffle prizes and musical entertainment will be offered as well.

The Knights of Columbus will also collect non-perishable food items for the East Hampton Food Bank.

Contact Jim Radavich at 860-319-9288 or jradavich@yahoo.com for more information.

Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. All participants should register for programs prior to the event, online at myactivecenter.com or by contacting the center at 860-267-4426 or 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/east-hampton-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: Registration is required for all of the following; to do so, contact the center. **Quilting Group:** Mondays, 9 a.m. **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m. **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.

Wii Bowling: Thursdays, Oct. 13 and 27, at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Setback: Mondays from 1-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:15-3:15 p.m., in person. Pre-registration is required; call in advance.

Book Club: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m., in-person and virtual. *Crimson Summer* by Heather Graham will be discussed. Pre-registration required.

Movie Day: Friday, Oct. 14, 1-3 p.m. *Golden Years* will be shown. Light snacks will be available. Staff is open to suggestions for next month's movie.

Mighty Magnificent Men's Group: Mon-

day, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. This is a social hour of facts, activities and snacks. The group will meet monthly. Sign up in advance.

Connecticare: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m. Beverly Goodrich will walk people through the programs offered. Call the senior center to register.

Corn Hole: Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 10:30 a.m. Played inside or outside. Pre-registration requested.

Wonderfully Wicked Women's Group (WWW): Friday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m. This first meeting of this new monthly group will establish what people want to discuss: current events, holistic medicine, entertainment, support systems, etc. Snacks will be available. Sign up in advance.

Calling All Artists!

All painters, photographers and fiber artists are invited to submit their work to "Save a Horse - Buy Art," a juried art show taking 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 will be: 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. All accepted entries will be notified via email and via the CDHR Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue) on Oct. 14.

Details regarding art show rules and how to enter are available at ctdraftrescue.org/events/save-a-horse-buy-art. Artwork must be submitted Oct. 4-7. Artists are also encouraged to attend the opening reception Friday, Oct. 21, from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, email CDHRartshow@outlook.com.

Alaska Wild Salmon Fundraising Dinner

Fresh Alaska salmon caught off-shore in Nome, Alaska, is the featured entrée for a fundraising dinner at Haddam Neck Covenant Church, 17 Haddam Neck Rd., on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 5:30 p.m.

One hundred percent of the free will offering proceeds will be given to KICY's radio ministry to offset escalating fuel costs. Providing the salmon and the after-dinner presentation will be Patty Burchell, general manager of KICY AM and FM of Nome, Alaska.

KICY AM-850, which is celebrating 62 years of service, is the only radio station in the US licensed by both the FCC and the International Telecommunications Union in Geneva, Switzerland to broadcast into a foreign country in their language. Every evening from

11 p.m. to 4 a.m., the station broadcasts into the Russian Far East in the Russian language. During the day, KICY AM-850 broadcasts a largely Southern Gospel/Praise & Worship format with evenings devoted to native singing in all three Eskimo languages. KICY FM-100.3 is a contemporary Christian station serving the community of Nome. Both stations are staffed with volunteers.

The fresh salmon is shipped in and will be featured along with ham as an alternative meal choice. RSVP with the number of people in your party and meal choices by Oct. 15 to Joal in the church office (860-267-2336), or to Sandy (860-655-2198).

For more information on the church, visit www.hncovenantchurch.org.

CCC Reunion Oct. 9

On Sunday, Oct. 9, a reunion of Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) alumni, family and friends will meet at 1 p.m. at the Connecticut CCC Museum at 166 Chestnut Hill Rd. (Route 190) in Stafford Springs.

They will celebrate the 89th anniversary of the founding of the CCC by sharing their stories and pictures of the CCC camps. All that are interested in the CCC are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The CCC ran from 1933-42. The U.S. Army supervised the camps, which had approximately 200 men each. The first year, 13 camps were set up in Connecticut, including one in Cobalt. In the following years, eight more camps were added, including ones in East Hampton and Portland.

At the Oct. 9 reunion, East Hampton resident Marty Podskoch, author of *Connecticut Civil-*

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

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



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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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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Hitting Clinics... East Hampton Little League has been sponsoring hitting clinics in September and October for 5- and 6-year-old players who were enrolled in this past spring's baseball program. The 5-year-old players who will enter the Tee Ball program in 2023 are learning the basic mechanics of hitting off a tee. The 6-year-old players who will enter the coach pitch division called Farm B in 2023 are learning the basic mechanics of hitting a pitched ball. Eighteen players are registered in this clinic. Pictured is 5-year-old Nick Leblanc and Tee Ball League director Jim Radavich.

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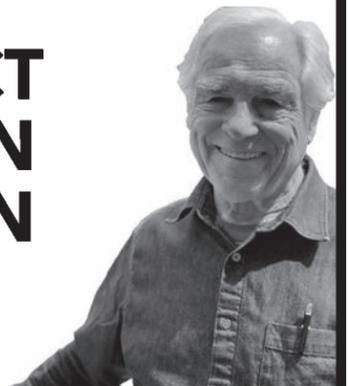
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Selectman Accused of Threatening Town Employee

By Michael Sinkewicz

A town employee filed a formal complaint against a member of the Board of Selectmen last month, prompting a potential investigation into the allegations.

On Sept. 19, town employee Tim Crowell notified the first selectman that Republican selectman Jason LaChapelle threatened him while at a local business.

According to the complaint, LaChapelle told Crowell that he could lose his job if he continued posting on Facebook. Crowell wrote in the complaint that he interpreted the comments as a threat.

"I did take this as a threat and he was going to do something and ruin my life by getting me fired," Crowell wrote in an email to the first selectman. "I have not ever said anything to him for this unprovoked attack on me and I just want him to know this is unacceptable behavior from a board member."

The complaint does not include the name of the business where the incident occurred or the date. LaChapelle has stated that the allegations are entirely false.

Last week, First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos informed the members of the Board of Selectmen that he is calling for a full investigation into the allegations made against LaChapelle.

In an email, Bisbikos told the board that LaChapelle "allegedly threatened the employment of a town employee by reminding that individual of the power that person had as an elected official." He confirmed that the employ-

ee filed a complaint and that the union provided a response, as well.

Bisbikos declined to tell the *Rivereast* just what exactly Crowell's position in town is.

The Board of Selectmen was expected to take possible action recommending an independent investigation into the allegations. The meeting took place on Thursday evening, after press time. It's unclear who would conduct that investigation.

Bisbikos declined to comment on the alleged incident and potential investigation.

LaChapelle responded to the allegations in a Facebook post last week, which included a letter he sent to the selectmen. He also called for an investigation into the complaint conducted by an independent party and requested a public hearing.

In the letter, LaChapelle requested the specific date and location of the interaction so he can attempt to obtain surveillance footage. He also asked for clarity regarding which Facebook posts motivated him to confront Crowell in public.

This week, LaChapelle told the *Rivereast* that he was still waiting for that information. He stated that he's never threatened any employee's job.

"It's 1,000 percent against everything I stand for," he said. "I would never try to silence anyone's speech."

LaChapelle expressed that he does not know Crowell personally, and would not have recog-

nized him in public. He cannot recall ever meeting Crowell or being introduced to him.

In his email to Bisbikos, Crowell stated that he ran into LaChapelle at a business in town, and that LaChapelle asked, "Are you Tim Crowell?" Crowell said LaChapelle then made the comments he perceived as a threat.

In regard to Bisbikos' call for an investigation, LaChapelle said he welcomed it and wants all the details to be presented.

"My intent is to extend upon [Bisbikos'] request. I want a public hearing."

Currently, LaChapelle said he did not have a clear idea as to what that hearing would look like, but that a neutral arbiter would be in control.

During the next selectmen meeting, LaChapelle indicated that he'll recuse himself from all discussions or decisions regarding the investigation. He does not want to interfere or prevent any facts from being presented.

"I'm not trying to hide this from the public," he said.

In his Facebook post, LaChapelle said he would be retaining legal counsel "to protect my reputation and character" if his request for a public hearing or investigation are denied.

On Sept. 23, a Municipal Employees Union Independent representative sent a letter to Bisbikos outlining the complaint.

"The member felt as if his personal opinions

were being silenced and if he did not comply, his job was in jeopardy," the representative wrote. "This is highly inappropriate and needs to be addressed immediately."

The representative continued by stating that the "most troubling aspect that needs attention is the implied or explicit threat to the job security of union members."

On Sept. 28, LaChapelle exchanged emails with Matthew Ritter, a lawyer with Shipman and Goodman LLP, who also serves as the town attorney.

Ritter stated that there is currently no formal legal complaint filed against any member of the Board of Selectmen, which would likely allow Shipman to potentially conduct an investigation.

"Shipman would not be individually representing the individual who wrote the letter or any member of the BOS in that investigation," he wrote. "Of course, the [Board of Selectmen] is always free to vote to authorize the retention of a different lawyer or professional to conduct the investigation if it so chooses."

In another email, Ritter wrote that if the selectmen did vote for an investigation, he is "confident that an attorney at the law firm who practices labor law would be able to objectively prepare a report of his or her findings."

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also enter a spending freeze since their budget is funded through taxes, as well. She pointed out that new furniture was delivered for the board, which she felt was a bad optic.

"Perception is everything and this was not the right time as we are all struggling with no budget in place," Wyatt wrote.

Alex Oliphant, chairman of the education board, did not respond to a request for comment before print time.

Bisbikos stated that the town will not run out of money. He indicated that the town is still collecting its real estate accounts, which covers 85% of all collections. He did state that there are "adverse effects" when a budget takes this long to pass.

"When the budget finally does pass, we will mail out our motor vehicle and personal property tax bills that are normally sent in July," he stated. "Now, our assessor's office will be dealing with 17,000 bills that go out and that require service rather than working on next year's grand list and adding as much as possible."

Bisbikos emphasized that the focus is now on determining which services should be cut. He said that "no layoffs are expected."

"Sometimes we have to cut something out of the budget – for example re-surfacing roads – and put them off until next year or the year after, when it could actually cost our residents even more because maybe now the roads need to be completely reconstructed instead of resur-

faced," he said.

Jason LaChapelle, a Republican on the Board of Selectmen, was the only member of the board who voted against sending the latest proposal to a town meeting and referendum.

He has highlighted several concerns with the budget and how it was presented to the community. Specifically, he called a decision by Bisbikos not to fill the director of operations position moving forward and freeing up around \$90,000 "dishonest" and "fraudulent."

Bisbikos has previously called the comments made by LaChapelle "inflammatory" and "misleading." Board of Finance Chairman Andrea Migliaccio has also denied that there is anything fraudulent in the budget.

Migliaccio did not return a request for comment before print time.

LaChapelle told the *Rivereast* that he believes the referendum result had nothing to do with the bottom-line amount. Instead, he pointed to lack of transparency and honesty.

He said that Bisbikos and Migliaccio were "unwilling to engage the people of Colchester in good faith."

LaChapelle expressed that a joint-meeting with the finance board would be a good idea and that he hopes officials will answer any remaining community questions.

"I'm expecting straight, honest answers," he said.

Extra 'Baby & Me' Session

The Collaborative for Colchester's Children (C3) offers free programming and resources for families with young children. An additional session of Baby & Me will be added to the schedule beginning Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 11:45 a.m.-12:15pm.

This class is for families with children ages birth to 18 months, and offers them time together with music and movement. To register for the free class, go to ColchesterC3.org.

Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship Sundays at 10 a.m. The services are also available on Zoom; visit westchestercongregation.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 westcongregation@gmail.com or call 860-267-6711.

Community Baby Shower

The Collaborative for Colchester's Children (C3) will host a free Community Baby Shower for Colchester residents who are expecting, or have an infant up to three months old, on Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave.

The event will include free gifts, community resources and games. Families should register at ColchesterC3.org.

Abundant Life Church

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

Sunday Services: Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the main service is at 10:30 a.m. There is also Children's Church available for ages 4-11. All are welcome. The main service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.

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



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Town Clerk Gayle Furman has been notified that some campaigns will send absentee ballot applications for the November state election to many registered voters in Colchester. If you do not wish to use this application or have already received one from the town clerk's office, simply discard the application. State law allows people to 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 Armed Forces of the United States;
- Absence from town of residence;
- Sickness;
- Religious tenets forbid secular activity on the day of the election;
- Duties as a primary, election or referendum official at a polling place other than their own during all of the hours of voting; or

- Physical disability.

Applications must be signed (original signature) 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.

Ballots will be mailed starting today, Oct. 7. 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.

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.

West Point Campus Tour: Thursday, Oct. 20, 7:30 a.m. Take a trip to Thayer Hotel's Bountiful Buffet, then participate in a guided tour of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Cost is \$127/person; a non-refundable payment is due at the time of registration.

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 pro-

duction 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.

Ukrainian Church News

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

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

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. 10: Senior center closed for the holiday.

Tuesday, Oct. 11: 8:30 a.m., Commission on Aging meeting; 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:15 a.m., blood pressure clinic; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10 a.m., Regional LTC Ombudsman meeting; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 12:30-3:30 p.m., CHOICES Counseling by appointment only; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7:30 p.m., SCBC Meeting (via Zoom).

Wednesday, Oct. 12: 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; 12:30 p.m., Reel Friends Movie – *King Richard*; 1:30 p.m., line dancing; 2:30 p.m., senior center staff meeting.

Thursday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Energy Assistance by appointment only; 9 a.m., Exercise w/Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 10:30 a.m., Shopping Trip; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

Friday, Oct. 14: 9-11 a.m., Flu vaccination

clinic; 9:30 a.m., Painting with Ruth; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Upcoming Programs: Bavarian Pretzel Demo: Monday, Oct. 17, 1:30 p.m. Go through the steps of making Bavarian pretzels. Sign up in the office. Cost is \$3. A sample will be provided at the end of the demonstration.

Mask-Making with Jodi: All are invited to create a felt mask for the Halloween season. All materials will be provided for a Cost of \$3; registration is required.

Funeral Preplanning Presentation: Monday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. Pat McCarthy from Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home will offer a presentation on the preplanning process and answer any questions. Refreshments will be served. This is a free program, but registration is required by Oct. 19.

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.

Oktoberfest Luncheon

The Colchester Senior Center will offer a special Oktoberfest luncheon Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m., at the center, 95 Norwich Ave.

There will be accordion and keyboard music by Bellows & Ivory, followed by a German-style meal of bratwurst with sauerkraut, German potato salad, red-braised cabbage, rolls, warm pumpkin doughnuts and apple juice.

Tickets are \$9 each and will be available at the senior center until Wednesday, Oct. 12, or until sold out. For more information, call 860-537-3911.

DTC Pasta Dinner Oct. 16

The Colchester Democratic Town Committee will host its annual pasta dinner Sunday, Oct. 16, from 5-7 p.m., at the St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St.

This dinner has been renamed "Dot's Pasta Dinner" after the late Dot Mrowka, since she began the annual Spaghetti Supper tradition so many years ago. This year's event is dedicated to state Rep. Brian Smith on his retirement from the state house. Guests will include Congressman Joe Courtney, state senators Norm Needleman and Cathy Osten, as well as other state and federal officials.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased either at the door or online at secure.anedot.com/colchesterdemocrats/donate, or go to colchesterdemocrats.org and click on Donate.

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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. 11, 15, 22, 27 and 29.

Teen Gaming: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 3 p.m., for grades 6-12. Try a new board game or play with friends on the library's new Nintendo Switch.

Colchester Musical Organizations in the Late 19th and 20th Centuries: Thursday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. This program is presented by Gary Walter in partnership with the Colchester Historical Society. Registration is required: tinyurl.com/2p8pj35v.

CHFD Open House

The Colchester Hayward Fire Department will hold an Open House and Recruitment event Sunday, Oct. 16, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the firehouse, 52 Old Hartford Rd.

Kids and adults are invited to come meet local firefighters and EMS providers, check out equipment, learn fire prevention and safety information, and tour the museum headquarters station.

Events that will take place include: vehicle

extrication demonstration, fire extinguisher training and demonstration, fire safety and prevention information available, firefighter gear try on with photo op, antique fire truck rides, blood pressure screenings and ambulance tour, Touch-a-Truck, Smokey Bear visit, smoke trailer, Gator UTV and marine units on display, and a CPR/Lucas device demonstration.

Also, there will be hot dogs for lunch, while supplies last.

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.

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.colchesterfederatedchurch.org under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information is also on the church's Facebook page.

Sunday School: Sunday School is held during worship from September through June. Children in grades pre-K through 8 are welcome. The nursery

is located just off the sanctuary. Visit the church website to register youth for Sunday School.

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

Annual Tag Sale: The church will hold its annual Tag Sale Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the church. There will be toys, home and garden, vintage items, and a name-your-own-price room. For more information, call Avis Hull 860 537-2094 or the church office at 860 537-5189.

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

Youth Football Recap

The Colchester Cougars A, B and C teams traveled to Westerly, while the Pee-Wee team was away at Plainfield. Here is how the squads fared:

Seniors: Lost, 33-12. Brevin Gonzales connected in the air with Robbie Corrado and Elijah Ancil for the Cougars' two touchdowns. The defense was led by Tyler McLaughlin and Eddie Gignac who each were able to get tackles for a loss. Kai Ruitto, Lilly Anderson, Jeneva Santiago, Josh Millington and Jordan Darvas were able to make plays on the front line of the defense. The Cougars host Montville this Saturday night.

Juniors: Lost, 31-8. The Cougars scored when Niko Ibrahim connected with Gavin King for a touchdown pass. Mason Howard's big kick added the extra point. On defense, the Cougars had an interception by Vinny Arrigoni at the end of the first half. The Cougars maintained effort on the play of Samdiel Collozo, Blake Allard, Ryan Browning, Adam Bigelow, Eric Daley, Jack Wissler, Drew Browning, Keegan King

and Brady Bigelow.

Micro: The Micros took the field Saturday against the undefeated Bulldogs. The first half was tough for the Cougars but they still gave it their all, and in the second half, the team continued to play with all their heart, no matter what the scoreboard said. Every Cougar player played as hard as they could until the final whistle and they were able to prevent the Bulldogs from scoring any more points. Bo Thody had his first start as center for quarterback Aiden Frances moving Jayden Lirette to the starting left tackle, Bo also started as DT on defense. Key tackles came from Jakob Sheehan, Brandon Hopkins, Dayton Hindle, PJ Brodner and Sam Gorman. Connor Peck spent most of the time on offense trying to block two defenders at the same time and did a great job at that, as well as sealing off his edge on defense. Stone Warwick and Gaberial Titterington came in on defense and played without missing a beat.

Pee-Wee: The Pee-Wee (D-Squad) team came out on top 21-19 in a rematch against Plainfield Sunday. The game marked the first time the team was in action without coaches on the field. The highlight of the game was a team accomplishment as the Cougars came back from being down 13-0 early.

Youth Basketball Registration

Registration for Colchester Youth Basketball is open, and can be done online at 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.

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.

Fall Events: Scarecrow Contest on the Town Green – voting is Oct. 8-31; Costume Parade on the Town Green – Oct. 7; Pumpkin Painting on the RecPlex Pavilion, from 3-4 p.m.

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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Obituaries

Portland

Richard Gotta

Richard "Dickie" Gotta, 70, of Portland, passed away (after a brief illness) on Friday, Sept. 30. Born Nov. 12, 1951, in Middletown, he was the son of the late Robert Gotta Sr. and Helen Gotta.



Dickie graduated from Portland High School in 1970 and dedicated his life's work to Gotta's Farm Stand, a multigenerational family farm, established by his great-grandfather in 1898. Dickie first worked alongside his father, his mother, and then his wife and children, passing on his extensive experience and knowledge of farming to his children.

Dickie is survived by his wife Jackie and their children, Elizabeth and R.J. of Portland; son, Chris Gotta; grandson, Ian Gotta; his brother, Robert (Bobby) Gotta Jr., and his companion Linda Gajevski of Woodbury; and many other family and friends.

Relatives and friends attended a Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, Oct. 6, in St. Mary Church, 51 Freestone Ave., Portland, followed by burial at St. Mary Cemetery, Portland. There were no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts in Dickie's memory be sent to CT Farm Bureau, 78 Beaver Rd., Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland.

East Hampton

Dorothy T. Afonso

Dorothy T. (Zguro) Afonso, 89, of Ludlow, Mass., passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 29, with her loving daughter by her side. Born in Springfield, Mass., daughter of the late Toli and Constance Zguro, she was a graduate of High School of Commerce.



Dorothy was a long-time resident of Ludlow, where she and her husband Arthur raised their family. She was a member of the Ludlow Lioness' and loved to play cards, especially poker, and also enjoyed bowling and ceramics; but her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family.

Dorothy was the beloved wife of the late Arthur Afonso, who predeceased her in 1999; a loving mother to Andrea Adam and Fiance Scott Guinazu of Connecticut, and Arthur Afonso, Jr. of Ludlow; a cherished grandmother to Alyssa Afonso; a dear sister to the late Charles Zguro, Georgia Colella, and Victoria Luarassi; and also leaves many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Funeral services for Dorothy were held Wednesday, Oct. 5. Visitation was in Ludlow Funeral Home, concluding with a funeral home chapel service and followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothy's memory to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (komen.org).

Marlborough

Mary Lawlor Green

Mary Lawlor (Loneragan) Green died Thursday, Sept. 22, in Marlborough, after a long illness. She was 84 years old. She was born the daughter of Francis A. Loneragan and Mary (Hall) Loneragan at St. Francis Hospital on March 30, 1938, and lived in Hartford until age 13 when the family moved to Marlborough. While residing in Hartford, she and her parents survived the Circus Fire of 1944.



She attended East Hampton schools beginning in 8th grade and was a 1956 graduate of East Hampton high school. After graduation, Mary attended the Hart School of Music in Hartford. On May 20, 1961, she married Norman E. Green, also of Marlborough. After briefly residing in Windsor Locks, she moved with her husband and young daughter to Tolland in 1962. Her son Robert was born in 1964. During her time in Tolland, Mary was active in the education of her children and the life of the community, making many friends along the way. In 2000, Mary returned to Marlborough to care for her mother and lived there for the remainder of her life.

Mary will be remembered for her work at the Marlborough Senior Center, her love of life, sense of humor, bright mind and passionate care of animals, both domestic and wildlife. She was predeceased by her parents and husband. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann Green of New Haven and son Robert B. Green of Tolland.

The family wishes to give special thanks to the management and staff of By the River residential care facility in Marlborough for the wonderful care she received during the final years of her life.

Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Thursday, Oct. 6. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated today, Friday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m., in St. Patrick Church in East Hampton, with burial to follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Protectors of Animals, Inc., 144 Main St. Unit O, East Hartford, CT 06118.

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

Andover

William Howard Parks

William Howard Parks, 77, died with peaceful intentionality, on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Riverside Health and Rehabilitation Center, in East Hartford.



Will lived well with Parkinson's disease for many years, in his home on Andover Lake with his wife of 35 years, Linda and poodle puppy, Hugo. Together, they supported daily life with the Beat Parkinson's Today community in East Hartford, the Senior Moments day program in Vernon, the home care of Lauren Carrara and Wendy Halloran and the wise medical care of the Vernon Movement Disorder Center. Within this loving community quality of life was able to continue, through the ever-increasing challenges.

Will was born April 20, 1945, to his parents, Ethel Wilbur Parks and Jobie Parks, on their dairy farm in Towanda, Pa., in the Shenandoah River Valley. His strong spirit of spiritual seek-

ing and adventure led him to a life in West Hartford, where he created a full and enriching life. He had a successful career as a skillful acupressure massage therapist and instructor at the Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy. Will's life was abundant with friends, travel, and goodness. He left this world a grateful man.

Will is survived by his two sons, Tyler Brink (and his wife Maryesther) and Tim Brink (and his wife Cindy); two sisters, Cindy Yoder and Michelle Parks; a large extended family, including eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. His wife, Linda, step-daughter, Nell Derick-Debevoise, and her husband, Grant Dewey, will miss him and thrive on his generous love forever.

The family will have a celebration of life Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1:30 p.m., at Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, followed by a bonfire celebration at the Parks/Derrick home.

Donations may be made in Will's name to either Beat PD Today or to Senior Moments.

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Colchester

Leonora Cooper

Leonora "Lee" Cooper, 81, formerly of Colchester, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 27, at her home in Ellington. She was born Sept. 21, 1941, to the late Paul Valenti and Anna Zotter in New Britain.



Leonora graduated from New Britain High School in 1959 and lived there until she married her late husband David Cooper in 1967. They were together for 46 years until he passed in 2014. Lee and David moved to Colchester in 1972 and became a part of the St. Andrew Catholic Church community. She would bake for their community lunch programs and was a dedicated member of the Ladies Guild. She worked for Cigna Insurance for 34 years as a compensation consultant, before she retired.

Leonora is survived by many nieces and nephews on both the Cooper and the Valenti family sides.

Leonora was predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Bregonzio, and brothers, Richard Valenti and Nicholas Valenti.

Lee was laid to rest with her beloved David at the Connecticut Veterans Cemetery, 315 Bow Lane in Middletown, on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

To share a memory or express condolences to her family, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

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answered questions and he has asked many questions. Feedback has been positive. Wes is humble. Wes is engaging. Wes is caring. Wes is intelligent. Wes will work hard for the people he'll represent in the 55th District: Hebron, Marlborough, Andover as well as parts of Bolton and Glastonbury.

Please vote for Wes on November. Change begins at the local level. Let's go!

Kim Goldberg – Hebron

Wes for Women's Rights

To the Editor:

On June 24, women's fundamental rights in this country changed. The right to make choices about their own reproductive health are now held in contention in many states throughout the country, and women's legal access to safe abortions and even birth control are in question.

While Connecticut has codified the right to safe abortions, this does not mean that the right will always be guaranteed. While Democrats in the Connecticut house, senate, and candidates like myself have vowed to protect these rights in Connecticut, most Republicans have not.

The election on Nov. 8 is not merely about the right to reproductive health for women. The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* is a reflection of a broader issue of gender equality within our country. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, women were more likely to carry both the burden of working from home and caring for children. When this became too much to manage, our country saw women leaving the workforce in greater numbers than men, often to take care of children while schools remained closed. These were choices families had to make in order to manage a difficult pandemic situation. They will also have long term consequences on women's economic equality, particularly for working women.

If we hope to live in a flourishing democracy, we need to ensure that the rights of all citizens,

men and women, are protected. When elected, I will work to ensure that women's rights to reproductive health are protected. I will also fight for programs that support women's equality and safety in the workplace and in communities.

Warmest regards,

Wes Skorski – Marlborough

Democratic Candidate for 55th District

Note: Skorski is chair of the Marlborough Board of Education, but said he is speaking as an individual. Also, the 55th Assembly District represents Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and parts of Bolton and Glastonbury.

Supports Rivers

To the Editor:

Hello, I am writing to share my support for Chris Rivers for the 48th District. One of the reasons we moved to the town of Colchester two and a half years ago is because of the school system. We were looking for a community that supports their teachers and values education. After getting to know Chris as a Colchester Board of Education member, it is clear we share these similar values. I am looking for a representative that is going to stand up for our community, who will advocate and work with those in Hartford to rebuild relationships, and to collaborate and negotiate with our district in mind.

Consider taking some time to read about Chris Rivers and his values and goals at chris-rivers.com. He will continue his dedication to public service by fighting for our community.

Thank you,

Karen Scholl – Colchester

A Strong Leader

To the Editor:

I urge all voters in the 33rd State Senatorial District to support, Norm Needleman for re-election because Norm has proven himself to be a strong leader in State Senate.

A recent example is that his efforts resulted in the State Bond Commission approving the request from Governor Lamont's office for over \$500,000 to replace the track at the Portland High School and Middle School campus.

As a parent of two sons, who were on the Track and Field Teams at Portland High School, I think it is wonderful that the town now has funding to provide a quality track experience, not only for future students, but also the entire community for exercise after school hours.

Norm has said that "Replacing the track at Portland Secondary Schools will allow students to continue training and racing on a safer, higher-quality surface, while also reinforcing our commitment to the full development and support of all of our students."

And Senator Needleman also continues his work to hold energy costs down, which is so important to all of our households in these difficult times.

Norm's work and accomplishments as a state senator should come as no surprise, given his record as CEO of an Essex-based manufactur-

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ing company for over 30 years and 10 years of service as first selectman of Essex. He continues to demonstrate the ability to successfully work on a bipartisan basis to get things done.

Sincerely,

Tom Malecky – Portland

Note: The 33rd Senatorial District covers 12 towns, including the Rivereast municipalities of Colchester, East Hampton and Portland.

Vote Safety, Vote Weir

To the Editor:

What was unthinkable and unheard of is becoming commonplace.

We have seen violence rise in our towns throughout Connecticut. Much of this can be traced directly to the ill-advised Police Accountability Act, rammed through by the Democrats at 4 a.m. You only pass a bill at 4 a.m. when you don't want the public to figure out what you are voting on.

Indeed, our Democratic Senator Osten admitted she voted for a "flawed bill" and "promised to fix it" in this newspaper, the *Rivereast*. Osten and the Democrats have done nothing.

While the Democrats play politics with our safety, we suffer nightly thefts on our property, a woman shot at while standing in her kitchen door and the horrific kidnapping and assault in our town center in broad daylight.

Steve Weir is running for the 55th District state representative and is a former police officer who understands community policing. Steve will work to correct the worst provisions of the "Police Accountability Act." Both Steve and I agree there are some good and needed provisions in that bill, particularly with police training. But other provisions that make policing more difficult are harmful.

I will be voting for Steve Weir in November; please join me.

Bob Clarke – Marlborough

Needleman is Lying to Us

To the Editor:

In a recent mailer from his campaign, Senator Needleman is claiming that he has reduced energy rates. Nothing can be further from the truth. Energy costs have skyrocketed in Connecticut under Norm Needleman and continue to rise. Connecticut continues to have one of the highest energy costs in the nation, yet the Democrats of this state will lead you to believe that they are doing something about it.

It is time for change in Connecticut across the board. We need to stop electing the same people from the same party over and over again and expect that things will get better. These are the people who have caused the problem. Vote for Brandon Goff and the Republicans this year.

Russell J. Bonaccorso Jr. – East Hampton
Bonaccorso is Chair of the East Hampton Board of Finance, writing as an individual.

Norm Took on Eversource

To the Editor:

Remember when we lost power during the tropical storm a few years ago? I do because I was the first selectman and I couldn't get Eversource to respond to our community needs. People lost power for days. Days! Eversource's management were caught unprepared and they were reacting for more than a week before everyone got their power back on. Norm Needleman came to our town on a Saturday, to see firsthand, the lack of response by Eversource.

Did you know Senator Needleman told the Eversource CEO to resign after that tropical storm? Senator Needleman called out the CEO on how much he got paid, how he wasn't talking to the public and that their lack of preparedness had left people in the dark.

That guy needed to go, and I'm glad Senator Needleman put pressure on him. He ended up leaving the company the next year. I'm voting for Senator Needleman because he told it like it was and he personally stood up for the needs of our community. You should vote for Norm Needleman – It just makes sense!

Mary Bylone

Former First Selectman of Colchester

Strongly Supports Weir

To the Editor:

This letter is to convey my strong support for Steve Weir, candidate for Connecticut state representative. I took some time to discuss with Steve what he believes in and what his vision is for our great state of Connecticut. What I learned is that Steve is an honest person, is open to hearing differing opinions, and is not afraid to stand for his values or what is right. His experience in law enforcement, his professional background as a small business owner responding to disasters, and his involvement in his community demonstrate the skills needed to

make Connecticut a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Most of all Steve is a person who seeks to make a difference in our government and a positive impact on the lives of the people of Connecticut. Steve understands that being a state representative will take work and he is ready to roll up his sleeves to do just that. Steve Weir is the person I want as a State Representative that will bring a perspective of wisdom, experience, and openness to our government and create the change needed for Connecticut.

I highly recommend you vote for Steve Weir for Connecticut state representative.

Caroline Salazar – Amston

Time for Wes Skorski's Voice

To the Editor:

The 55th State House District residents deserve to have their voices heard in Hartford. For the past 32 years we have been represented by Republicans who have continuously been part of the minority. Replacing the former Republican representative with a Democrat will give us access to the decision-makers in the Connecticut Assembly.

But not any Democrat is running for this position. Wes Skorski is a Democrat with conviction and dedication to working families of the 55th and all of Connecticut. He is ready to take on the responsibilities of thoroughly understanding every bit of legislation in front of the Assembly and to communicate it to his constituents. His presence in the communities of the 55th has already made an impact. He has testified on legislation and sought to bring solutions to problems already before the decision-making bodies.

Wes will be part of the majority and will have a stronger voice in representing the needs of Marlborough, Hebron, Andover, and parts of Bolton and Glastonbury. It is about time!!

Sincerely,

Dianne Dunn Greco – Marlborough

Note: Greco is chair of the Marlborough Democratic Town Committee, but said she is speaking as an individual.

How Lucky is the 55th?

To the Editor:

The 55th representatives have been great. Pam Sawyer served 22 years, Robin Green served six years and now we have a chance to get another great person elected to represent us – Steve Weir. Steve has a great personality that you feel you can talk to him about anything – the same way Pam and Robin made us feel.

I walked Steve around the Andover Fire Department steak dinner on Sept. 26 and introduced him to many Andover residents who were glad to meet him and they asked him many questions which he was will to take the time to answer. He even sang "Happy Birthday" to one of Andover's senior residents (with help from his wife, me and birthday boy's family). I never introduced him as representing a political party – which should not matter; we are voting for a person not the party.

Steve was a policeman, he's a businessman, husband, father, and understands hard work since he has a small farm. Farm work is hard and now he's ready to work hard for the residents of the 55th District. When you meet him you will see – he's what the 55th District needs as our next Representative. That is how lucky the 55th District is – to have Steve Weir represent us.

I am asking that you vote for Steve Weir who will be a great representative for Andover, Hebron Marlborough, and parts of Bolton and Glastonbury. Please vote for Steve Weir on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

**Carol Barton, Chair
Andover Republican Town Committee**

Supporting John Olin

To the Editor:

Ray and I moved to East Hampton in 1969 and we are very pleased to say that we love living here. We raised our children here and love our life by the lake for 50 years. Now that we are considered older active residents, we continue to be very content.

At a recent Town Council meeting, it was reported that 24% of our seniors have unmet needs and 39% report loneliness. These are disturbing facts and our leaders must respond to this report.

My response is to elect John Olin as our next state representative. His background as a health care provider began as a nurse's aide at the Fort Miley Veterans' Hospital in San Francisco and later as a Physician's Assistant in neurology at Johns Hopkins Hospital. His extensive background will be an asset to our community.

He listens and is sensitive to senior issues and concerns.

John will be involved with the members of the Commission on Aging. He will listen to suggestions from the Senior Survey and will meet and work with Bob Atherton and Eric Rosenberg.

These are skills that will provide problem solving and service to the residents of East Hampton, East Haddam and Salem.

Proud to Support John Olin!

Barbara Moore – East Hampton

Note: Moore is chair of the East Hampton Democratic Town Committee, but said she is speaking as an individual.

Transparency Returns to Marlborough

To the Editor:

Thank you Town Hall for keeping us up to date and informed about what is happening in our town. One of the most important duties for the leader of our town government is to communicate to its citizens on all aspects of the town's business. I am gratified that our new town selectmen and the temporary chief of operations are doing just that. A visit to Marlboroughct.net will prove enlightening.

During the difficult COVID-19 period, we received zero communication from the town's previous first selectman.

That has changed with our newly elected government.

Unfortunately, the town did not start the search after the Charter Revision was passed last November. No action was started until the new board and board chairman, Amy Traversa put things in motion, and a job description was put together and a search firm was engaged to find candidates.

I'm confident that the search will find a highly qualified new town manager who will continue to communicate with its citizens.

Pat Carroll – Marlborough

My Commitment Hasn't Changed

Dear Readers:

I want to continue to be your voice in Hartford. We have been through a lot together over these last few years, and although many things have changed, one thing has not – my commitment to our district.

I have fought against spending, fought against tax increases, and all that hurts our quality of life. I stood against tolls and highway usage fees. I voted with my colleagues to block regionalization along with reducing unfunded mandates in education. I've worked with both sides of the aisle to increase trade school incentives, apprenticeships, and workforce development, in hopes of boosting economic development. I supported temporary suspension of gas tax and advocated for the suspension of the diesel tax to ease burdens on our farmers and trucking industry. I've voted for programs to support of vets and their spouses to help them work when they relocate here in Connecticut.

I will do what is best for you and our community. Send me back to continue to make Connecticut more affordable so our families can stay together, create more opportunities for our small businesses, support our vets, our seniors and all our first responders. I appreciate your support on Nov. 8!

**State Rep. Irene Haines
R-34th District**

Note: The 34th Assembly District includes East Hampton, East Haddam and part of Salem.

The Correct Candidates

To the Editor:

I'll be the first to admit I'm not very knowledgeable when it comes to some things regarding politics. What I am knowledgeable in is people. I've had the utmost pleasure to sit and converse with Wes Skorski and when I say he's the right person for the 55th I set my watch and warrant on it. He listens to what people have to say and explains in detail what he has his mind set to. Cathy Osten works for the 19th District. She's help bring in the pipeline for manufacturing in our schools to help young adults begin a career in CSMC and other areas of manufacturing.

Last but not least, Joe Courtney. If you haven't heard what Joe has done for southeast Connecticut and especially for Electric Boat and my brothers in the local 1302, there is just too much to list. Joe is an amazing person through and through who works tirelessly for Connecticut.

On Nov. 8, I ask you to use your vote for these amazing candidates because I know in my heart they'll work for us, whether you're Re-

publican or Democrat or even an independent. Wes, Cathy and Joe are for the working women and men of Connecticut.

Richard Bussiere – Hebron

Hometown Leadership

To the Editor:

I first connected with Steve Weir when I had reached out to him regarding concerns our family had about current local government policies. As we chatted he encouraged me to get involved and gently invited me to attend a Hebron Republican Town Committee meeting. He provided insight, empathy, and direction.

Steve embodies getting involved in your community and being the change you wish to see. His perspective is from the viewpoint of an invested citizen who values family, education, community, religion, and conservative morals. Every single time I have reached out to Steve over the past two years he has responded with assistance, proactive advice, and in a timely manner. He is extremely approachable, trustworthy and accessible. As a business owner he is well versed at fiscal responsibility and he will take that skill to Hartford.

Steve Weir will serve his constituents with respect and honor as state representative of the 55th District. If you are interested in learning more about Steve and his campaign, check out his website, www.steveweirforct.com, or follow him on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Kim Hills – Hebron

Aletta the Only Choice

To the Editor:

I support Rose Aletta for state representative for the 32nd District, which includes Portland and Cromwell. She has lived in both Cromwell and Portland her entire life, which gives her a personal understanding of what our community needs and wants. She is a smart woman who has created a successful company on her own because she is an extremely hard worker.

Aletta will bring a fresh and much-needed perspective. She has experience in labor, service and business and her years as chairperson of the Zoning Board and Appeals gives her an edge to jump right in.

Rose Aletta has integrity, a great work ethic and love for our community. She is the only choice!

**Esther Lewertow – Portland
Retired Senior Banker**

Needleman Protects

To the Editor:

East Hampton has many treasures and Lake Pocotopaug is without a doubt one of them. I'm proud to have state Sen. Norm Needleman representing us. He is committed to keeping our lakes, rivers, and ponds healthy. Norm has been a leading voice in efforts to eliminate invasive aquatic species – which is a risk to boating, swimming, and small businesses that rely on outdoor activities. He got bipartisan legislation overwhelmingly approved to fund grants to support eradicating and controlling these harmful threats to the environment and economy.

Sen. Norm Needleman understands Lake Pocotopaug and our other bodies of water are important to the economy, tourism, and protecting our character as a community. He can count on my vote this November.

Jack Solomon – East Hampton

Thank You, First Responders

To the Editor:

Recently, we found it necessary to dial 911 to request immediate care for my wife Linda, who had fallen and received a painful leg injury that required surgery. Within a short time, the EMT team and an East Hampton police officer were at our home to provide transport to Middlesex Hospital. We want to thank these kind and professional responders and let the East Hampton community know how much you are appreciated and needed in East Hampton. Your responsive, compassionate and gentle medical attention speaks volumes about each of you as individuals.

Thank you EMTs and the officer of the East Hampton police force for being a part of the East Hampton Community

Dale and Linda Ursin – East Hampton

Paper-Shredding Event

To the Editor:

It's that time of year, and the Hebron Green Committee is once again sponsoring a free, COVID-safe paper-shredding event for residents of the RHAM towns of Hebron, Andover and Marlborough (please note – residents only, no

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businesses).

This year's event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m.-noon, in the upper parking lot of RHAM High School in Hebron. To keep this event as safe as possible, everyone must stay in their vehicle, with papers placed in your trunk so we can remove them without reaching into the passenger area, and so you can stay in your vehicle. As in past years, to ensure that everyone has a chance to have their papers shredded, there will be a limit of five boxes of papers per vehicle.

Also, we are pleased to announce that we will again be collecting nonperishable food items for donation. Our community has stepped up in a big way in past years with food donations, so let's do the same this year.

We hope to see you on Nov. 12 at RHAM High School, so start collecting your confidential papers now!

Mike Harder
Hebron Green Committee

Re-Elect Irene Haines

To the Editor:

Irene understands that the state has a spending problem and the answer is not to continue to raise taxes. Irene:

- Fought against the Democrats budget to increase taxes and supported a budget that did not raise taxes.
- Will continue to fight for common-sense budgets that reduce tax burdens on individuals and businesses and help create jobs.
- Has pledged to fight to preserve parental rights in their children's education.
- Supports our police in their efforts to deal with rising crime and opioid drug use in our communities.

Please join me in re-electing Irene Haines for state representative.

Ted Hintz Jr. – East Hampton

Retirement Announcement

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Announces her retirement
as of 12/31/22

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Notice of Application
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CHAO SHI
4133 PARSONS BLVD APT 5C
FLUSHING, NY 11355-1902
Have filed an application placarded 10/03/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at:
464 S MAIN ST
COLCHESTER CT 06415-1548
The business will be owned by: **LSYC INC**
Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified)
Objections must be filed by: 11-14-2022
CHAO SHI

2TB 10/7, 10/14

LEGAL NOTICE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at a Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., to be held virtually through the GoTo-Meeting Platform, on the following:

1. **Petition 2022-8** – Petition of the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Hebron Zoning Regulations pertaining to the definition of Affordable Housing and opportunities for the Commission to provide relief of certain provisions of the PRD Zone when affordable housing is proposed. Application to amend Sections 2.F.4.3.2, 2.F.4.4, 2.F.4.5.1.e, 2.F.4.5.3.1, 2.F.4.5.3 c and d, 2.F.4.7.4 and Section 9.C.
2. Request for Designation of Kinney Road as a Scenic Road pursuant to the authority of General Statutes Section 7-149a and Hebron Code of Ordinances Chapter 313 Streets and Sidewalks.

Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 26th day of September, 2022.
Natalie Wood, Chair

Planning and Zoning Commission
Tue, Oct 11, 2022 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EDT)
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Legal Notice will be published in the Rivereast News Bulletin on September 30, 2022 and October 7, 2022.

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LEGAL NOTICE
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ACTION

The Marlborough Conservation Commission at its meeting on October 3, 2022, took the following action:
APPLICATION CONTINUED:
Continued Public Hearing- APPLICATION – #10-22 – 21 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 DEFERRED TO WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:
APPLICATION #11-22 – Richard & Lisa Dennis-47 Lakeridge Drive (applicant/property owner) – Building addition
APPLICATION CONTINUED:
Continued Public Hearing-scheduled Site Walk for 11/5/2022 at 9:30AM-APPLICATION-#12-22-Daniel Teixeira-13 Coleman Ln (applicant/property owner) - build a new single-family home and dock
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Yvonne Bolton, Chair

1TB 10/7

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.
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P.O. Box 71
Portland, CT 06480-0071
Cynthia L. Gotta, CCMC
Town of Portland
Collector of Revenue

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing On Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in Town Hall, 26 North Main Street.
APPLICATION #ZBA-04-22 – Brian & Megan Konopka – 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 on a single family house with a Rear Yard Setback of 35 feet where 50 feet is required.
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.
Written testimony should be sent at least 24 hours ahead of the public hearing date to building@marlboroughct.net, and oral testimony may be given during the public hearing.

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Notice of Application
This is to give notice that, I,
JOHNNY MATUTE RIVERA
164 NORWICH AVE
COLCHESTER, CT 06415-1269
Have filed an application placarded 09/27/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at:
544 CHURCH ST
HEBRON CT 06231
The business will be owned by: **HIDE-AWAY LLC**
Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified), Disc Jockeys, Karaoke, Live Bands, Sporting Events
Objections must be filed by: 11-08-2022
JOHNNY MATUTE RIVERA

2TB 9/30, 10/7

Legal Notice
Andover Inland Wetlands and
Watercourses Commission

At their regular meeting, the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission **APPROVED** the following applications on October 3rd, 2022:

- **Permit Application IWWC #22-11:** Andover Lake Management Association, **Andover Lake-** Proposed Removal of aquatic vegetation in the South Cove of Andover Lake using a Hydro-Rake.
- **Permit Application IWWC #22-12:** Mark Reynolds (Engineer) and Judy Connelly (Property Owner), **Lot 22 Lake Road-** Proposed driveway and culvert construction within wetlands for a new single family residence.

If you have any questions, please contact the Andover Wetlands Agent at 860-742-7305 (extension 4221) or email (preferred) at wetlands@andoverct.org

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON- WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
ATTENTION SEWER USERS

Notice is hereby given to all property owners connected to the sewers in the Town of East Hampton that the sewer use payment is due and payable on October 1, 2022. **East Hampton Sewer Use bills may be paid in two equal installments:** October 1 and April 1. The last day to pay the Sewer Use fee for the October 1, 2022 installment without a penalty is November 1, 2022. **Property owners will not receive a second sewer use bill for the installment due on April 1, 2023. The October bill is a three-part form which includes the April installment.** Payments received November 1, 2022 and later, including payments postmarked November 1, 2022 and later, are considered past due and will be subject to an interest penalty of 1.50% per month, or a fraction thereof, 18% per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Connecticut General State Statutes 12-130 and 146. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. Payments legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before November 1, 2022 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Collector of Revenue. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have sent or received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes, interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments. There are no exceptions. **Please make checks payable to Town of East Hampton.** Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting our website at www.easthamptonct.gov. **Note: Your sewer account number is required when making a payment online.** Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. Respectively Submitted,
Scott Clayton
Public Utilities Administrator

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