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**Part of Your World...** Portland High School's drama club will perform *The Little Mermaid* Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 19, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Due to the pandemic, the club couldn't perform in either 2020 or 2021. See story on page 25.

## After COVID Hiatus, Maple Fest is Back!

by Sloan Brewster

After COVID-related cancellations each of the last two years, the Hebron Maple Festival will return next weekend, for its 32nd celebration of all things maple.

"We plan on having the best Maple Fest ever," Town Manager Andrew Tierney said Tuesday via telephone, while vacationing in Florida. "COVID is winding down and we think this going to be a great event to celebrate that."

For two years in a row, COVID-19 led to the cancellation of the annual festivity but as the pandemic gradually loses its clutches, the merriment has been scheduled for the weekend after next. According to Diane Nadeau, president and CEO of the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce, it is sizing up to be a fun time.

The chamber organizes the event.

As of Tuesday, Nadeau said, 110 vendors had opted in. All of them, she said, will offer a least one maple item. Of course, two local sugarhouses that have been a part of the fest since its beginnings – The Wenzel Sugarhouse and Woodyacres – are also on board, she said.

Russ Schaller, owner of Woodyacres, in a phone call Tuesday, said he was excited about the celebration was being rekindled. He said he was making and bottling syrup and getting his property and sugarhouse ready for visitors, including patching holes in his driveway.

Schaller said he was also making maple coated walnuts, which he will sell during the fest. The tradition was started by his wife Denise Schaller, who passed away four years ago. Schaller said his sister and sister-in-law were helping him make the sweet treat.

"I still try to carry on that tradition," Schaller

said.

Schaller said it was a good year for syrup. "It all depends on the weather, if we get that frost in the ground, the cold days," he said. "A little snow cover to keep the ground cold, it just makes the sap flow."

One the big day, Schaller will open his sugarhouse to folks and have the maple syrup evaporator going and will talk about how syrup is made.

Ron Wenzel of The Wenzel Sugarhouse said he will have his evaporator going too and that he has been "gathering sap, making syrup," cleaning up and preparing for the affair.

He said Farmer's Cow would be there during the event, as will "church ladies" from Gilead Congregational Church, who will be selling maple pudding cake.

Wenzel concurred with Schaller that it was a good year for syrup – and said the product was actually much better than it was last year.

"The flavor's there, the quality's there," he said.

Wenzel said rain or shine, his property will be open during the event.

"People are going to get out," he said. "We've all been cooped out in the house for so long."

Nadeau said this year's fest has all the usual amusements, including maple syrup demonstrations, the yearly pancake – with real syrup – breakfast hosted by the Lions Club, a quilt show hosted by the Hebron Historical Society and Nature and Adventure Day, hosted by AHM Youth and Family Services.

There will also be a teacup auction, bake sales, rummage sales, a barn sale and activities  
*See Maple Fest, page 31*

## Raising Funds for Brain Tumor Research

by Jack Lakowsky

In high school nowadays, students must culminate four years of learning into a "Capstone Project." It's a broad idea – students can work up projects ranging from plans for a future business or a presentation on how to reduce cyber-bullying.

Jaxson McClelland, a senior at Portland High School, went for a more personal effort.

"I became interested in the Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance in 2019, when my uncle was diagnosed," McClelland told the Rivereast.

McClelland is spearheading an awareness and fundraising campaign in coordination with the CT Brain Tumor Alliance's annual Gray Day on May 27.

McClelland's uncle was diagnosed with glioblastoma, "the most invasive and dangerous brain cancer." McClelland said he's very close with his uncle Jon.

The survival rate for glioblastoma is low. McClelland's uncle is one of the lucky ones, among the less than 20% who survive their first two years with the disease.

"He's doing very well," said McClelland. "He's holding up right now. And we had Christmas and Thanksgiving together."

McClelland said through all the chemotherapy and other trials, the family is helping Jon live a normal life, doing things he wants to do such as visiting breweries and wineries.

"We just do what he wants do, keep him happy and in good spirits," McClelland said.

McClelland advised anyone with a loved one dealing with serious illnesses to do the same – show the person they're loved, supported and don't have to face such a tremendous hurdle on their own.

"Pay attention to them," he said. "Cater to

them."

McClelland wants to raise about \$3,000 for the Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance.

McClelland recently distributed to local businesses flyers with a QR code for donations. Flyers went to Melili's Caffe and Portland Pizza House, as well as the library and senior center.

For more information on how to donate to McClelland's project, email [jmcclelland22@portlandct.us](mailto:jmcclelland22@portlandct.us).

National Gray Day is an initiative during which groups host brain cancer events nationwide.

The Tumor Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing hope and support to brain tumor patients and caregivers while advancing brain tumor awareness, quality of care, and brain tumor research, according to the orga-

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

by Mike Thompson

It's that time again, folks. We'll all be sacrificing an hour of sleep this weekend — but it's for the greater good. Daylight saving time will take effect at 2 a.m. Sunday morning. So we'll all be "springing ahead." Make sure to set any clocks ahead one hour before going to sleep Saturday night. (Unless you actually plan on being awake at 2 a.m. Sunday — in which case, I salute you, as you have more stamina than me.)

Nobody likes to lose an hour of sleep; I've found that the older you get, the less desirable it is. But while you're groggily shuffling around Sunday morning, think of the reward: the extra daylight.

Sunset on Sunday night will be 6:55 p.m. — which in my view will be wonderful. Before we know it, it'll be daylight at 8 p.m. again.

It hasn't been a particularly hard winter, but it's felt like a long one. I'm eager to welcome spring.

\* \* \*

Along with the longer days, another sure sign of spring — at least around these parts — has traditionally been the Hebron Maple Festival. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the cancellation of the two-day festival each of the last two years, making next weekend's event the first Maple Fest since 2019.

As always, there will be plenty of opportunities to indulge your sweet tooth — you might want to make those dental appointments now — and a host of other activities, many of which happening in the center of Hebron.

It's a delightful event, one I typically go to every year. As you saw on the cover of this

week's paper, Sloan Brewster has a preview of the festival in this week's *Rivereast*. Check it out!

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Tech-savvy folks may have noticed we've added a new feature to the *Rivereast* Facebook page in recent weeks: The *Rivereast* Spotlight Story of the Week. Each week, we take a select story from that week's paper and put it up on our Facebook page, to give everybody a taste of what we offer. If you like it, be sure to pick up a copy and read the rest of the stories in that week's paper!

And now it's even easier to "pick up a copy." The *Rivereast* is now online, in its entirety (ads and all), on the same day we come out each week. Head on over to [glicitizen.com/archives/rivereast-news-bulletin](http://glicitizen.com/archives/rivereast-news-bulletin), and select 2022 and then the day's date.

This is something folks have been clamoring for for years, so I'm thrilled we're able to offer it. It makes the paper easier to access for everyone — and, not to sound too much like a proud papa, I feel the work you see on these pages deserves to be seen by as many eyes as possible.

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Lastly, here are some great music-related quotes by the wonderful singer Bobby McFerrin (of "Don't Worry, Be Happy" fame), born this day in 1950:

"The voice gets to the soul of a person more than any other instrument. Because it's the voice. It sings, it talks, it cries, it laughs, it squeals, it barks, it shouts, it whispers. There

**Editor's Desk continued on page 5****Bulletin Board**

Scientists know that the Great Dinosaur Kill occurred 66 million years ago—give or take 11,000 years—when a six-mile-wide meteor crashed into Earth off Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula (and they have the hole to prove it).

Now they're saying it all happened in the springtime.

That at least is the conclusion of a Swedish author in a paper published recently in the *Journal of Nature*.

Paleontologists (introverts who grub around in the dirt looking for petrified creatures) say it's very difficult to pinpoint fossils of anything "directly killed" by the meteor. I take this to mean they have yet to find a flat dinosaur. But they do think they now know the time of year of the catastrophe.

It seems that when the meteor hit, it created a sort of shock wave that sloshed all the water out of the rivers and lakes in North Dakota and killed all the fish. This really sucked for the fish, but it's been great for the paleontologists studying fossils in North Dakota's appropriately named (probably by a fish) "Hell Creek" area. By studying colored striations in the fish bones (I won't bore you with the technology involved, but the different colors result from the availability of food at different times of the year) they have determined that the mass extinction occurred in the spring.

I have to admit, it troubles me that the dinosaurs were wiped out as spring arrived. It just seems so unfair. I have this vision of some poor old dinosaur, stretching happily in the warm sun after a long winter, glancing skyward and saying, "What the hell is—" End of story.

It so happens that I know quite a bit about dinosaurs thanks to a teenaged affinity for grade B (or C) movies featuring sensuous and well-coiffed cavewomen wandering through prehistory clad (more or less) in outfits constructed from the pelts of what were apparently baby squirrels or some similarly diminutive relative. Today I expect such films are the subject of college classes on the evolution of men from misogynistic cave dwellers into modern day lying lecherous swine, but there was a time when they fueled a very profitable industry in dorm room posters.

In the typical film, the aforementioned cavewoman is out foraging for berries or looking for a quiet spot to write a poem about dead trilobites or something, when she catches the eye of a T-Rex or some similar predator. As she flees, she twists her ankle. Fortunately, her shrieks of terror are overheard by some cave dude who is either stoned, intellectually challenged, overcome with optimistic lust, or a combination of all three. In any event, it's a condition which leads him to rush up and try to beat the dinosaur (who is drooling in anticipation of lunch) to death with a stick.

This would not have ended well had it not been for a triceratops, who, attracted by the commotion, lumbers up and picks a fight with the T-Rex for reasons that are unclear since the triceratops is a herbivore and really doesn't have a dog in this fight unless maybe he's got his eye on the cavewoman's berries. Anyway, to make a long story short, after a lot of snorting and thundering around, the T-Rex and the triceratops conveniently proceed to dispatch each other and the cavewoman and cave dude get to stay in the gene pool—which, insofar as the dude is concerned, goes a long way toward explaining the state of American foreign policy today. But that's just my unscientific opinion.

I realize that scientists take issue with this dinosaur vs. man scenario for a number of reasons, the most prominent being that 66 million years ago, we humans were just a gleam in some fish's eye (presumably fish that didn't live in North Dakota) and were not available to go running around in fur bikinis to manufacture wee hour of the morning television fantasies for teenaged boys with no place to go on a Saturday night.

I'm not prepared to argue the point. But I would suggest that maybe, with an uncertain spring in on our own future, we might consider putting aside some of our petty differences for the moment, while praying that the larger things looming on the horizon don't send us the way of the poor dinosaurs. I don't know about you, but running around in a squirrel skin in the middle of nuclear winter doesn't appeal to me one little bit. Aside from being a really bad visual, of course.

**Jim Hallas****Rivereast Hours of Operation**

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**Scouts and Sandwiches... Marlborough Girl Scout Troop 65148 recently prepared approximately 90 sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. These fifth-grade girls wanted to perform a service project and chose St. Vincent de Paul, which provides various community outreach programs.**

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**Correction**

In an article last week entitled "Heslins Write Wrestling Legacy, Create History," about the first brother and sister to win wrestling state championships together, Jackson and Emma Heslin were identified as being Hebron residents, when in fact they live in Marlborough.

The *Rivereast* regrets the error.

**Supports Hjulstrom**

To the Editor:

As chairman of the Marlborough Republican Town Committee, I am pleased to support our endorsed candidate for the Board of Selectmen, Ken Hjulstrom.

Ken has a long history of dedication to our community, both as an elected Town official over the course of the last 24 years and as a member of various civic organizations. Ken served as a member of the Board of Education from 1998 to 2003, Board of Assessment Appeals from 2009 to 2011 and the Board of Finance from 2011 to present. In addition to elected office, Ken is a member of the Marlborough Lions Club, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), member and President of the Executive Board of the Florence Lord Senior Housing facility and was a past member and Co-Vice President of the Marlborough PTO.

Ken's long history of dedicated service and experience has well prepared him to serve as a member of the Marlborough Board of Selectmen. As a resident of Marlborough since 1986, Ken both loves his community and has a deep devotion to service as is evidenced by his long

history of community involvement.

I have worked alongside Ken as a member of the Board of Finance and know first-hand that he is a hard worker and will be an excellent addition to the Board of Selectmen. You will not find a more dedicated and honorable person than Ken and I encourage you, the voters of Marlborough, to join me by supporting Ken Hjulstrom on May 3rd by casting your vote for him as one of our next selectmen. He has earned my trust as he has earned your vote.

To learn more about Ken, please visit the Marlborough Republican Town Committee's website at [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com) and Ken's Facebook page, "Ken Hjulstrom for Marlborough Selectman."

**Liz Gorgoglione – Marlborough**

*Note: Gorgoglione is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance and chair of the Marlborough Republican Town Committee.*

**Mary Dickerson**

To the Editor:

The pall of "The Former Guy" with the MAGA mindset has come to Portland — manifested in the resignation of Town Planner Mary Dickerson, a dedicated public servant. Most of us have been left to wonder why someone who has been such an invaluable asset to the town left her position right after the Feb. 8 Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting. Perhaps because the minutes of that meeting have been illegally edited? Section 1.1 of the town's Ethics Ordinance states: "Citizens need to see the town's business being conducted openly, providing them with access to the information on which Town decisions and actions are based."

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As of this writing (March 7), the online Agenda and Minutes Page has been “under construction,” thus unavailable since right after the Feb. 8 meeting. Not every citizen is able to drive to Town Hall during business hours to pick up a copy of agendas or minutes, nor should they have to. The audio and/or video of the Feb. 8 EDC meeting are also missing. Portland residents should demand a full transcript of what occurred at the Feb. 8 public meeting of the EDC. We have lost the most talented town planner in New England.

I have had the honor of Mary Dickerson’s wisdom and guidance as I am a relatively new member of the Inland/Wetlands Commission. Her help was always professional, never biased. She stuck to the facts, law, and regulations. It was clear from my first encounter that she loves our Town. After regular working hours, there she was to guide our group through evening Zoom meetings when the pandemic forced us from gathering in person.

Voters of Portland, next election, please think twice about who you want to protect your interests in this great, historic town.

**Maureen O’Doherty – Portland**

*Note: O’Doherty is a member of the Portland Inland/Wetlands Commission, but said she is speaking as an individual.*

**\*\*Editor’s Note:** Portland First Selectman has emphatically denied that minutes of this meeting were altered.

**Sick, Tragic, Untrue**

To the Editor:

Fabricating a reason by a demagogue to invade Ukraine to de-Nazify this peaceful country is sick and tragic and untrue. This action is causing endless human misery and suffering. This war is now a reality for the Ukrainian people as well as the Russian soldiers who were misled by their government to invade a sovereign nation. Hundreds of Ukrainians have been killed and 1.5 million displaced who are desperately seeking shelter in neighboring NATO countries -- doing their best to help this mass of humanity arriving on their doorstep many of whom have actually walked to safety. These terrifying statistics are the result of just 12 days of a war ordered by a dictator and are globally frightening.

We look to the UN and NATO to negotiate a peaceful solution to this ongoing tragedy or we may be looking at Armageddon.

**Ronald W. McCutcheon – Middle Haddam**

**More Left-Out Facts**

To the Editor:

There are still many more facts being left out by Hebron’s Board of Selectmen as they continue to push the construction of a destructive Public Works complex at 17 Kinney Rd. Their plan would destroy a pristine parcel of 300-year-old hedgerow farmland surrounded by sensitive wetlands and a historic residential neighborhood. Please explore all the facts as we head towards a dangerous referendum. For a complete list of facts, maps, diagrams, videos and more, visit Kinney Road Matters on Facebook.

Hebron’s Plan of Conservation and Development was created to guide our town leaders and protect the quality of life we cherish. Sections B and C are titled “Underground Drinking Water

Supplies, Stream Corridors, Bodies of Water” and “Wetland Soils.” The first listed Objective in Section B is, “Protect important existing and potential water supply aquifers from land uses that pose a high water quality risk.” The proposed location of the industrial Public Works facility can be seen on Map No. 4, Watercourses & Waterbodies. This entire area leads directly into the Raymond Brook Marsh, located only one mile downstream as shown on Map No. 2, which is identified as the Aquifer Protection Zone / Groundwater Protection Zone. The 2006 plan for the extension of John Horton Blvd. onto the 17 Kinney Rd. property included the disturbance of 6,600 square feet of wetlands.

These wetlands are a tributary of Raymond Brook, a Class A watercourse and the main contributor to the Raymond Brook Marsh and the Groundwater Protection Zone. And this impact on wetlands does not account for the destruction of contributing uplands and the high potential for groundwater contamination. The BOS’s choice to ignore the damage the access road will cause, as well as the function of the uplands and adjacent wetlands, is a choice to ignore reality.

**Sincerely,**

**Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston**

**Importing Oil**

To the Editor:

Do we need to import oil?

When Jimmy Carter was president, he formed the Department of Energy. The reason being that we were importing 10 percent of our oil and he wanted us to be oil independent.

Since the Department of Energy was formed, oil imports have increased to 20 percent and our Department of Energy employs over 100,000 people. We have more oil inside our borders than all the other proven reserves on earth. The Bakken is the largest domestic oil discovery since Alaska’s

Prudhoe Bay and has the potential to eliminate all American dependence on foreign oil and hidden 1,000 feet beneath the surface of the Rocky Mountains lies the largest untapped oil reserve in the world.

James Bartis, a prominent researcher, says, “We’ve got more untapped oil in this very compact area than the entire middle east, more than two trillion barrels. That’s more than all the proven oil reserves of crude oil in the world today.”

**Frank Blume – Colchester**

**Add Back Additions to the Agenda**

To the Editor:

Colchester, like many municipalities in Connecticut have full-time employees and elected officials that run the day-to-day activities along with numerous boards and commissions that oversee those operations.

These boards and commissions operate very similarly, following the town charter, state statutes and Robert’s Rules of Order in running the meetings. Another commonality is having an agenda Item “Additions to the Agenda” as an item on the agenda so issues not initially included on the agenda can be discussed if the members approve in a motion. This allows the

board or commission to discuss issues that have come up after the agenda has been prepared by the chair or issues that were not noted in the meeting agenda that a majority of the members feel should be addressed.

All boards have this included to provide this flexibility and transparency, with one important exception- the Board of Selectmen. That’s because the first selectman, Andreas Bisbikos, has removed the “Additions to the Agenda” item from meeting agendas at the last four meetings. Andreas does not want discussions outside of what he has indicated in the agenda, and due to meeting rules, issues outside agenda items cannot be discussed or acted on. This level of control is inappropriate and unprecedented. If the Board of Selectmen has an issue with something the First Selectman does or doesn’t do, they have no way of bringing it up, thus removing any oversight role they have. Andreas even left the second citizens comments off the last agenda with no way to add it back it. This is clearly not transparent. It’s easy to see why “Additions to the Agenda” needs to be included in these meeting and must be restored to Board of Selectmen agendas going forward.

**Michael Egan – Colchester**

**Trump Did More Than Tweet!**

To the Editor:

Eddie K. ignores Trump’s outrageous acts: Trump continually lied about elections results, lost every legal challenge, pushed fake cures for COVID, tried to blackmail Ukraine, sought to dismantle the Western Democracy alliance, solicited people to lie about election results, and stirred up rioters on Jan. 6. He belongs in prison.

Sammy P. says Jan 6th was basically peaceful. Who should we believe? Sam’s stream of consciousness ramblings or our own eyes which are informed by what we have seen Colin Mac claims Ukrainian Nazis are in the mix. Sounds like more of Putin’s dis-information!

“Useful Idiots” indeed!

**Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland**

**My Dad for Selectman**

To the Editor:

I am writing to ask that you vote for my dad, Ken Hjulstrom, as a candidate for the Marlborough Board of Selectmen.

My dad was always there for me growing up and continues to be there for me when I need him. Just like he has been there for me, I saw him being deeply involved with our town as a member of the PTO, Lions Club, serving as president of the executive board of Florence Lord Senior Housing and then as a member of the Marlborough boards of education and finance.

And now, my dad wants to become a member of the Marlborough Board of Selectmen. I only wish I could vote for him, but a couple of years ago I and my family moved to Arizona. But, in spite of me now being far away, my dad is still there for me like when he helped me to drive our cars across the country in 2020 and again last year helping us to get settled into our new home. Both while growing up in Marlborough and now with my own family, my dad has al-

ways been ready to lend a hand.

Now, I am asking that you vote for my dad on May 3 and help him to achieve his goal of serving you as a selectman. I am sure you will be happy with him and encourage you to give him your vote.

For more information about my dad and his campaign, please visit his Facebook page at “Ken Hjulstrom for Marlborough Selectman,” or check him out at [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com).

**Justin Hjulstrom – Goodyear, Ariz.**  
**Formerly of Marlborough**

**Vote for Ken on May 3rd**

To the Editor:

On May 3, I am asking that you join me by electing Ken Hjulstrom to the Marlborough Board of Selectmen. This year we will be adding two new Selectmen to the Board and I think that Ken is perfect for this position.

Ken has served on Marlborough’s Boards for the last 24 years. From 1998 to 2003, Ken served on the Board of Education during a critical period while our elementary school was being fully renovated. That project was completed on time and within budget, giving us the wonderful school building we have today. After that, Ken was elected to the Board of Assessment Appeals and later, in 2011, was elected to the Board of Finance where Ken has served ever since.

As a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance, Ken has always strived to make the most of your tax dollars and to avoid waste. As a new member of the Board of Selectmen, Ken will continue to represent our interests and be our eyes and ears at Town Hall.

Thank you in advance for supporting Ken and I look forward to having you join me in casting your vote for Ken on May 3. For more information on Ken and his candidacy, please check out [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com).

**Rosanna Carlson – Marlborough**

**Supports DeCaprio**

To the Editor:

With the upcoming election season, there are two Republican candidates vying for the 48th District House Seat. I am supporting Mark DeCaprio. Mark is a civil servant that is faithful in listening to and working for his constituents in the town of Lebanon. I am confident that given the opportunity he will do the same for the towns within the 48th District. We need real change in Hartford and I know Mark is the person for the job. He will work with fellow legislators regardless of party to improve the lives of the people locally and statewide.

I ask that my fellow voters in Colchester to help me in supporting Mark DeCaprio for the 48th.

**Joe Veneziano – Colchester**

**Pride Versus Joy**

To the Editor:

It is almost impossible to Google Hebron, Connecticut, and not be introduced to The Raymond Brook Marsh. Nearly all land trusts, open space pages, Salmon River booklets, elementary and high school field trips, walking trails, history references and so on, bring the reader back, not to the lovely farms on the ridge in Gilead, not to our impressive schools or sports fields, but to The Raymond Brook Marsh. Even the state of Connecticut was here in 1999 trying to secure a future source of clean drinking water found in our Aquifer/Groundwater Protection Zone and Marsh.

This marsh brings joy and clean water into people’s lives every day. Special places, like this, offer an excellent way to educate, young and old, on the magic, and necessity, of living in

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is no other instrument that can do that. We’re born with it.”

“The true musician is to bring light into people’s hearts.”

“Sometimes mistakes are the best thing that can happen, because they might lift you... out of your complacency, and open your mind up to a whole other area that you wouldn’t have gone to intentionally.”

“I think we listen to music because we want to be changed. Music is not solely for our entertainment. Music has such tremendous power to bring joy. To me, that’s our job as artists.”

“Music is so powerful; it needs to be used for some kind of redeeming work. To lift peoples’ spirits, to lift their souls.”

“If I can bring joy into the world, then I’ll be successful.”

And finally:

“If I sing ‘you broke my heart, you left me flat,’ everyone knows exactly what that means - they know the story. But if I sing a line that’s plaintive or wailing, people can experience their own set of emotions and their own story. Each of us might give that phrase a different meaning. It’s open to interpretation, and one song becomes a thousand songs. I love that.”

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harmony with our natural world and the impact we have on water. Lessons about nature develop strong bonds and positive attitudes towards ecology that last a lifetime.

I also understand how proud people would feel to build a terrific new facility to honor our town employees and volunteers. But even these men and women have a stake in the future of our water and might feel conflicted. Over time developments and a salt shed, on Kinney Road, could compromise this vital resource, especially in big storms.

Recently the Hebron Public Building Committee asked for input and questions. Here are questions to ponder every time you turn on the tap.

1. What is your water worth to you?
2. Given that the land in question (89 acres) drains directly into the marsh, is putting any development on this watershed more important than the health of the marsh and the water downstream?
3. Why not reconsider the Eversource land?

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

**Clueless Trumpublicans**

To the Editor:

Peter Kushkowski, with Ukrainian parents, was in a quandary last week hearing TV commentators saying monosyllable Kyiv instead of double syllable Kiev. He asked *Rivereast* readers when this happened. A simple Google search reveals on 10/2/2018 the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs requested people use the Ukrainian language Kyiv instead of the Russian language Kiev. The Crimea invasion motivated Ukrainians to want this change. How can any

Ukrainian descendant be singly concerned about pronunciations while peaceful Ukrainians are being slaughtered, their homes and cities destroyed, and the country possibly erased and absorbed into a new Soviet Union? The simple answer is Trumpublicans are deaf and dumb to realities around them. Clueless how to conduct simple research and discover facts.

Then Sam Prentice, perpetually blowing his top over progressives and leftists, hoping to create as much smokescreen as he can to cover up Trumpublicans attacking the Capitol and trying to destroy American democracy. Sam, turn on your TV or read some current news. Something much bigger is happening in the world right now, as Trump's buddy Putin threatens to go nuclear if he can't get his way.

Then Ed Kozlowski, irate to have to pay more for gas and lumber, and seeing a few empty shelves in his supermarket. It wasn't so long ago that patriotic Americans grew 'Victory Gardens,' used gas-rationing cards, collected scrap metal and switched to steel pennies to help defeat Hitler. But being Trumpublican, Kozlowski forgot (or never knew) what patriotism was or is. The president he voted for, Putin's poodle, brainwashed him, leaving him a lobotomized shell of a man.

Lastly, Trumpublican Colin McNamara, spewing an endless mishmash of pro-Putin propaganda and anti-Ukrainian messaging. Fact-check yourself, Colin; use Google. Wake up! Hitler II is playing now. Americans need to steel themselves and fully engage.

Edmund Smith – Andover

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ing purchases and made the most of what he did buy. I guess that is why I tend to drive my cars until they have surpassed their 10th birthday and why I take my time when deciding on a purchase.

The same goes for decisions I have made while serving on Marlborough's boards of education and finance. When deciding how best to spend your money, I want to make sure that we make the most of your hard-earned tax dollars. I tend to focus on "needs over wants," taking care of our facilities and infrastructure as to avoid more costly repairs in the future and looking for more cost-effective means to address issues that come before me.

Some may call me cheap or overly cautious, but I think my dad would have referred to is as being responsible.

On May 3, I hope you will consider voting for me as candidate for selectman. Trust me when I say that your vote will not be wasted just as I will make sure that your money is not wasted.

For more information on me and my campaign, please visit [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com) or my Facebook page at "Ken Hjulstrom for Marlborough Selectman." See you on May 3.

**Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough**

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

**Use Less, Part 2**

To the Editor:

OK. We are all witnessing so much. Many of these matters we are seeing and that affect our lives directly are related.

Let's take the price of fuels/petroleum products. They are in our face when we pull up to the pump or heat our homes, to name only two.

Why are we, as a nation, still buying oil from Russia? The money from that energy sale is fueling the crisis in Ukraine. Yet, we collectively and rightly so condemn the attack on that country. But we are feeding their armies, weaponry, and technology by purchasing their commodity – oil.

How can we as individuals "do our part" to reduce the dependence on Russian oil? Use less. Sound familiar? By reducing the demand, there isn't the need to produce more to satisfy our empty tanks. Consolidate trips. Drive efficiently. Stop and think: is this trip really necessary... and the list goes on. Drop the thermostat down a couple of degrees. Maybe only a T-shirt won't be as comfortable. You may have to don a sweatshirt. But, you are using less heating oil in the process. And, not feeding into the hands of the opposition – Russia.

Using less is not a punishment but should be a nationalistic effort and reward. We should be taking pride in our abilities to do with less. Not without, but with less. Miles not driven save petrol. This wartime mentality is just as relevant now as it was in previous times.

We aren't at war per se, but by taking our actions by using less, as what's good for the U.S. and the Free World we can all say we have done our parts to help in the current crisis.

**Alison Walck – East Hampton**

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

**Vote 'No' on Bad Idea**

To the Editor:

I have been following the Kinney Road proposal and have come to the conclusion that it does not bring any value to the taxpayers of Hebron without even addressing the negative environmental impact.

Why do we want to build all new town facilities (DOT, fire department and town hall) when we have perfectly adequate facilities now? If we do need to expand our DOT capabilities, we have existing facilities/land we can utilize at a much lower cost than building new. Specifically, we have ample room at the present landfill or as an alternative, utilize some of the building and land space at Burnt Hill Park. And, Burnt Hill has lots of open field space for town get together.

Taxpayers now are concerned about potential tax increases based on the last property re-evaluation and rightfully so. If the BOS does not substantially reduce the mill rate (4 points doesn't cut it) we are all in for a large tax increase without any increase in services offered.

Estimates for this project have been stated to be from \$10M to \$65M. The most often one stated is \$50M. Amortize that over the 9,100 people living in Hebron, add in finance costs and we are talking well over a four-figure annual tax increase per property – without any value being provided to the taxpayers.

We have better things to do with our money – such as hire full-time fire fighters as we all know this is coming soon. Fix the schools, es-

pecially the high school. How about a real marketing plan to get businesses to come to the road to nowhere or better yet, develop some low-cost housing options so our young people and our senior citizens can afford to live in town.

Vote 'no' on this bad idea.

**Davis Howell – Hebron**

*\*\*Editor's Note: Hebron Town Manager Andy Tierney has maintained initial cost estimates put the Public Works portion of the project at around \$10 million.*

**The Carping Corner**

To the Editor:

Every week I read in these pages letters from the same individuals – week in, week out. And every week, they have the same message. It is always a diatribe aimed at a particular political party, or individuals within a particular party. The issue at hand may change, but the message never changes. I get it. I got it in December. I got it in July. And I will get it next month. You don't like one of our political parties; you don't like the people in it. You don't like the people who vote for it. Are these people weekly commentators? Do they have a regular column called "The Carping Corner"? Is *Rivereast* so bereft of different contributors that they have to fill the pages with the same arguments, infinitum?

And what about all the exaggeration and cherry-picked arguments to support the rant of the week? Masks: The worst attack on freedom of choice we have ever experienced! Vaccines: The worst attack on religious liberty in modern times! Really? If the events of the last two weeks in Ukraine have shown us anything, it is just what an attack on liberty and freedom to choose really mean. We moan about fake news, but we read, watch, share and weaponize it voraciously and uncritically. In Russia, any news, except state censored news is punishable by years in prison.

In fact, the brutal attack on Ukraine should serve as a splash of ice water in our collective faces. We are fortunate to have our freedoms. We are uniquely blessed with national abundance. Our challenges, and they are many, are best faced collectively, compassionately and civilly.

**Russ Kaplan – East Hampton**

**Shocked and Embarrassed**

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to some comments that appeared in the front-page article of the Feb. 25th edition of the *Rivereast* entitled "Portland Planner Resigns Amid Conflict." On the second page, I quote, "The person also said the meeting's minutes were altered, which Curley emphatically denied." I can attest that the minutes were not altered, nor was there a way that they could have been altered. You see, I am the board clerk who scribed those minutes. They were taken on my personal computer and sent to the town in a PDF file. Once the minutes are put in a PDF file, they cannot be added to, deleted from or changed in anyway by anyone in Town Hall or elsewhere.

I have known Mary Dickerson on a professional basis for many years. She is extremely knowledgeable and professional and always excelled in all her duties. Mary had a wonderful rapport with the businesses and the public and took on added responsibilities as others left the department. Mary's departure is a huge loss to Portland and it will be difficult to find anyone who is as experienced and knowledgeable and willing to work as hard as Mary did.

I was shocked and embarrassed by Rader's hurtful and inappropriate comments and attacks on the developer of Brainerd Place and Mary Dickerson. Not only were they unprofessional but so was the environment in which she made them since she was leading a horse around a barn. I would suggest that the town develop a list of do's and don'ts for all who wish to sit on a committee or commission. And Mary certainly deserves to receive an apology.

**Sharon R. Hoy – Portland**

**Strengthening Community**

To the Editor:

I've been thinking back over my 47 years in Marlborough and realized that there has been a difference, a noticeable difference, in recent years. Years ago, Marlborough provided many opportunities to come together as a community.

I love that Marlborough has the annual Gathering on the Green. The Fire Truck parade and fireworks is always an incredible event that brings neighbors and friends together as a com-

munity. It's an event that helps define our town; part of what makes us special. A special "thank you" to our volunteer fire department!

As I reflect on my years in Marlborough, there were a number of events held in town that hold vivid personal memories. The annual Community Arts Show was a wonderful time for local artists to showcase and sell their art and an opportunity for neighbors and friends to gather together and enjoy catching up with one another. The Fife and Drum Corps held an annual muster complete with a parade down North Main Street and a weekend campout at the park, full of music and laughter. Marlborough Day was always a social highlight that brought local businesses and organizations to the park to inform the residents of their services. Families would enjoy the fun, adults would socialize, children would reconnect before the new school year, and sand castles were built on the beach. These events connected us and helped create childhood memories that will last our children a lifetime. Frankly, I miss it.

I can't help but think that recreating some of these events, or creating new community events, can help strengthen our sense of community. I commit to rebuilding our community spirit if elected to the Board of Selectmen on May 3, and I ask for your support and your vote!

**Deb Bourbeau – Marlborough**

*Note: Bourbeau is running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen.*

**Hate Crime Hoax**

To the Editor:

Not surprisingly I must respond to editor Mike Thompson's editorial chastising Colchester First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos for his renunciation of the proclamation that "Racism is a public health crisis in Colchester." This entire subject infuriates me and I applaud Selectman Bisbikos for his courage and his position in this matter. First of all, what % of Colchester's population is people of color? Very low, I would say. Perhaps our racial equity author Pamela Cyr-Long can shed some light on this. We have not seen her in print for quite some time, after spending weeks lecturing white people to walk in the shoes of colored people and see how life is different.

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# Bellringers Basketball Bested in Shoreline Semis

by Josh Howard

East Hampton boys' basketball gave top-seed Cromwell everything they could handle in the Shoreline Conference (SLC) semifinals before falling to the Panthers 63-43 at Cromwell High School on March 1.

"Their defensive pressure hurt us throughout the game," East Hampton's first-year head coach John Antolini said. "We came out flat and we missed a lot of shots. We missed a lot of shots that we normally make."

Early in the second quarter J.J. Feehan hit a floater, giving Cromwell a 21-10 lead before East Hampton responded with a 14-3 run.

Behind the spectacular play of freshman point guard Brady Lynch, who scored 10 points during the run, the Bellringers narrowed the margin to 25-24 after scoring eight straight points spanning the end of the first half into the early stages of the third.

Cromwell's senior captain Gianluca Albert ignited a 16-point run, which bled over into the fourth quarter. Albert, who was named the Shoreline Conference Player of the Year, finished with a game-high 21.

Antolini said the team lost their composure at times during the game, particularly during the crucial run, adding, "We rushed our offense

which created a lot of misses. I give their defense a lot of credit for that. We just didn't step up tonight."

It was the Bellringers third loss to the Panthers this winter, also falling in the two regular season games – Dec. 28 and Feb. 7 – against their conference rivals.

"We were very stagnant tonight," added Antolini. "We need to come out and be ready to play tonight in these types of games and we weren't ready tonight."

Lynch led the team with 16 points, while Drew DiStefano added nine in the loss.

Antolini said it took Lynch a few games to assume a leadership role but he's matured as the season has aged and has a great chemistry with older brother, Jye Lynch, who is a senior.

The Bellringers made the semifinals after upsetting Hale Ray in the first round of the SLC. They were coming off a 12-8 regular season in which they won four of their final six games to qualify for the postseason tournaments.

DiStefano made the All-SLC second team and Jye Lynch made the honorable mention team.

"We've had a lot of success and we've won some really big games. We've competed in every single game," Antolini said of his team as



East Hampton freshman Brady Lynch is swarmed by multiple Cromwell defenders during the Bellringers Shoreline conference semifinal loss to the Panthers on March 1.

a whole. "We haven't given up and we have heart in every single game. We are a real physical team, which has had an impact every single night"

Antolini, who spent the previous decade coaching basketball at Sports & Medical Science Academy (SMSA) in Hartford, wrapped up his first season at EHHS on Tuesday when

the Bellringers fell to Windsor Locks in the first round of the Division V state tournament on March 8.

It was the final game for seven seniors: Jye Lynch, Ethan Palma, Connor Michalowski, Jack Watkins, Brady Battit, Miller Koziel and Jack Blakey.

## Habitat for Humanity Meeting

Middlesex Habitat for Humanity invites all interested individuals/families to attend an application information meeting for a Habitat for Humanity Home in East Hampton, on Monday, March 21, at 6 p.m., at the Cromwell ReStore, 34 Shunpike Rd.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the Habitat for Humanity application process for homeownership. At this time, Middlesex Habitat will begin distributing applications for the program. Homeowners will be chosen without respect to age, sex, sexual preference, disability, race, religion, or national origin. All homes can be built to accommodate people with disabilities according to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

The basic requirements to obtaining a Habitat for Humanity home are the following: In need of better housing; meet the income requirements for a house; willing to partner with Middlesex Habitat; able to pay an affordable mortgage.

A three-bedroom home will be built at 240 Lake Drive, East Hampton. It will be built to meet Energy Star standards. Middlesex Habitat anticipates construction will begin in the summer of 2022 and is now starting the selection process. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend should they wish to be considered for this home in East Hampton.

RSVP if you plan on attending; everyone who attends must sign in.

Middlesex Habitat for Humanity is taking on-site precautions to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. All staff and volunteers will wear a mask, and all attendees must wear a mask. Attendees will be spaced for adequate social distancing.

For more information or to indicate who will attend, individuals/families should call the Middlesex Habitat office at 860-398-6485 or email Sarah Bird at sbird@habitatmiddlesex.org.

## KofC Scholarship, Grant Available

The Belltown Knights of Columbus Council 6190 announces the availability of two \$1,000 scholarships to students continuing their education at an accredited college/university. Applicants must be members of St. Patrick Church, East Hampton.

The council will also award two \$500 Helping Hands grants to members of St. Patrick Church who are Mercy, Xavier or East Catholic high schools.

Applications are available at guidance offices and the parish center office, or by emailing stpatrick47@sbcglobal.net.

## Irish Soda Bread for Sale

The Missions' committee of the Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam, at 52 Middle Haddam Rd., is selling Irish soda bread all of March.

Breads will be available in the lower hall after each Sunday service from 10:15-11:15 a.m. through March 27.

Cost is \$5/loaf. Call 860-510-8102 to reserve. All proceeds will be donated to Church World Services for the assembling of hygiene kits used to assist victims of emergencies or natural disasters.

## Kindergarten Registration Begins

Kindergarten registration packets for the 2022-23 school year are available at the Memorial School foyer and at East Hampton Public Library.

To secure a screening appointment for your child, return all completed registration paperwork to the Memorial School Office or drop box in the foyer by Thursday, March 31.

Screenings will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on May 9, 10 and 11.

## Lions Club Scholarships Available

The East Hampton Lions Club is offering scholarships to graduating seniors who are residents of East Hampton.

Four \$1,000 awards are available. Eligible students include not only East Hampton High School students but also individuals who attend charter and various other school programs as well as home schooling.

Applications are available at the East Hampton High School guidance office.

## Sports Boosters Golf Outing

The East Hampton Sports Boosters is holding its 30th annual Golf Outing Monday, June 20, at the Fox Hopyard Country Club. There will also be a separate yoga session available.

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### Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. All participants should pre-register for programs prior to the event, online at myactivecenter.com or by calling 860-267-4426 or emailing 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 required for all, regardless of vaccination status. Visit the senior center online at www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center.

**Lunches:** Served at the center to ages 60 and up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 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. Masks are required; however, once you have your meal and are seated you can take off your mask. 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. **Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. **Bingo:** Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., in person and via Zoom. **Setback:** Thursdays 1:15-3:15 p.m. **Game Day:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon – space will be available and open to Mahjongg, cribbage, Mexican Train and setback players. Registration required. **Textile Group:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date March 16), at 9:30 a.m., indoors with masks, or via Zoom. Register online.

**Tai Chi with Tom:** Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m., via Zoom. Cost is \$40 for an eight-week session that started March 8. Emphasis is on improving balance, functional mobility, and fall prevention. Register with a check, payable to the Town of East Hampton, or with cash to the senior center. Cushing will also offer a second class on Thursdays, which people may attend for half price. Call for more details. Register online at MyactiveCenter.com.

**Movie Theater at the Senior Center:**

Wednesday, March 16, 1:15 p.m. *Calendar Girls*, a comedy with Helen Mirren, will be shown. Snacks provided. Pre-registration required.

**Wii Bowling:** Thursdays, March 17 and 31, 10 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

**East Hampton Speaks is Back:** Friday, March 25, 10:30 a.m. Take a walk down Memory Lane and learn facts about East Hampton. Lunch served after the event. Register online. Space is limited.

**Trips:** Payments for trips will be accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by pre-arranged appointment time. Trips are: **Martha's Vineyard Daytrip:** Thursday, July 21. There will be a roundtrip ferry, island bus tour, and time to shop and dine on your own. Cost: \$124/person.

**Cathedral of the Pines:** Wednesday, Aug. 17, to Rindge, N.H. Explore the sanctuary, sacred spaces, monuments and burial grounds, built as a memorial to those fallen in service. Cost: \$104/person, includes lunch at Woodbound Inn. **Cranberry Bog Tour:** Thursday, Sept. 22, to Wareham, Mass. This is a narrated bus tour of the world's largest cranberry grower, A.D. Makepeace Company. Have lunch at Lindsey's Family Restaurant, and a stop at Wright's Dairy Farm & Bakery on the way home. Cost: \$116/person. **Washington D.C.:** Oct. 21-24. Includes deluxe motorcoach, three nights' hotel, three breakfasts and two dinners, all sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary, a Friendship Tours escort, and driver and tour gratuity. Cost: \$745/person for a double or triple, or \$989/person for a single.

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

### Local Schools Offer Preschool Programs

The East Hampton Public School System is seeking 3- and 4-year-old residents interested in preschool programs for the 2022-23 school year. Two programs will be offered – the Integrated preschool half day program and the full-day Smart Start program.

Memorial Elementary School's preschool Integration Program will be held three times a week for 3-year-old students and four times a week for 4-year-old students. Due to limited spaces, selection for peer models will be determined through a lottery process. If selected, peer models demonstrating age-appropriate skills will be assigned by age to either a three day or four day a week schedule (2.5 hours per day).

Memorial's Smart Start Program will be held five full days per week (8:50 a.m.-2:50 p.m.), following the East Hampton Public Schools

calendar. Priority will be given to 4-year-old children that meet income guidelines or have other factors for consideration. Other applicants, regardless of economic or risk factors, will then be selected.

Parents interested in proceeding through the selection process must pick up an application/information packet at either Memorial Elementary School or East Hampton Public Library. The completed Parent Interview Form, Immunization Form and a Proof of Residency must be returned to Kelly Caruso at Memorial School office no later than March 18. Once all three forms are returned, parents will be contacted, no later than March 25, to schedule a time to bring their child for the screening and lottery/selection process.

Forms received after March 18 will not be accepted.

### Antique Appraisal Day

The Chatham Historical Society will host its 26th annual Antique Appraisal Day Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the new Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

There will be three appraisers, some in person and some virtual. Verbal appraisals will be given on furniture, artwork, glassware, china, musical instruments, military pieces, dolls, jewelry, quilts as well as European, Asian, and island items, and more.

There is a suggested donation of \$6 per item for this event. This is a fundraiser for the con-

tinual upkeep of the society's two museum buildings and 1840 one-room schoolhouse on Bevin Boulevard. Tax-exempt donations to the Chatham Historical Society can also be made at this event.

Masks are required and seating will be set up, with sufficient spacing between each person. For more information, call 860-267-8953. Visit chathamhistoricalct.org or the Chatham Historical Society's Facebook page before the event, for any possible cancellation.

## Local Man Killed in Newington Crash

by Jack Lakowsky

East Hampton's Mark Steiner, 61, along with 29-year-old Alexis Soto of Wethersfield died last week in a crash on Route 175 in Newington.

The crash occurred Feb. 28, according to a Newington police Facebook post.

"Two people were killed in a four-vehicle traffic crash [shortly] after 9:30 a.m.," police wrote.

A third person was brought to a local hospital for treatment. Police did not specify which hospital and the individual's condition, as of press time, was unclear.

Witnesses are asked to call officer Eric Chapdelaine at 860-594-6238.

According to Patch.com, there were six other crash deaths in Connecticut that weekend.

### Budget Meetings Coming Up

The Board of Finance will hold the following budget meetings coming up:

**Board of Finance Public Hearing/Special Meeting:** Monday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., at East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, in the Town Council Chambers No. 107 and via Zoom. The town and Board of Education will present an overview of their budgets. The board will also gather input from the public and other boards.

Also, the following **budget workshops** will be held at Town Hall, in the second floor Conference Room No. 201 and via Zoom:

Tuesday, March 22, 4 p.m. - Departments include Town Clerk, Tax, Building, Land Use,

Public Works, Police and Capital; Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. - Departments include Senior Center, Library, Youth & Family Services and Park & Recreation;

Thursday, March 24, 6:30 p.m. - Departments include Fire Department, Emergency Management, Economic Development Commission, Conservation-Lake Commission, Middle Haddam Library and Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

Friday, March 25, 4 p.m. - Board of Education;

Saturday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. - Departments include Town Operations.

### Behind the Screen

The Breaking Silences group at Epoch Arts will perform the original play *Behind the Screen* this weekend.

Created and written by both middle and high school girls, the play dives into the pressure of social media, appearance, and keeping up with trends as well as showing issues that girls face every day such as bullying, abuse, mental illness, and relationships.

The play will be performed Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, at 7 p.m., at Epoch, 27 Skinner St. Tickets are \$12; for reservations, email elizabeth@epocharts.org.

### Middle School Spring Athletics

East Hampton Middle School students who are interested in trying out for either the baseball or softball teams can register online through FamilyID.com. Athletes must have a physical conducted within the last 15 months before trying out.

Deadline for online registrations is Monday, March 14. For more information, contact EHMS Athletic Director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

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## East Hampton Library News & Notes

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

**Library Hours:** The library is open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Masks are now optional in the library. The library will continue to offer masks for those who request them.

**Kindness EHxtravaganza:** As part of its month-long Kindness EHxtravaganza in April, the library will host a silent auction to benefit Our Companions Animal Rescue and Sanctuary and the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue. The library is seeking artists to donate art for the auction. Donations will be accepted until April 1. Visit the library website or call for more details.

Also, as another part of the Kindness EHxtravaganza, the library will send out care packages to libraries worldwide – so it's looking for love letters to East Hampton. Letters will be accepted until March 11.

**Children's Programs: Mindful Movements:** Mondays, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., in the community room and also streamed live on Facebook. Registration required.

**Stories & Songs:** Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., in the community room, for children ages 18 months to 5 years, and their caregivers. Registration required.

**Baby Rhyme Time:** Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., in the community room, for children ages birth-18 months and their caregivers. Registration required.

**DIY Days: Ping Pong Ball Shooter:** Saturday, March 12, noon. Children and families in grades 2-8 create a different toy, game, or treat each month. This month create your own ping pong ball shooter out of household items and get ready to launch.

**STEMtastic! Chain Reactions:** Friday, March 23, 4:30 p.m., at the library, for grades 2-5. In this session, learn about chain reactions and filling the community room with a giant Rube Goldberg machine. Space is limited.

**Food Explorers – Food Riddle Bingo and Strawberry Shortcake Parfaits:** Friday, March 25, 4 p.m., in the library community

room, for ages 7-12. Create your own strawberry shortcake parfait for a snack and play a game of food riddle bingo: decipher the riddle to get bingo. The recipe is nut-free but does contain dairy and/or eggs.

**Therapy Dog Storytime:** Saturday, April 2, 11 and 11:30 a.m. For ages 3-8. Siblings welcome. Held indoors in the library community room. Registration required.

**DIY Days: Chia Head:** Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m., for grades 2-8. This month, make a chia head planter.

**Teen Programs: Teen Friday – Therapy Dogs!** Friday, March 11, 3 p.m., for grades 6-12. Lilly, the golden retriever, and Birdie, the Clumber spaniel, from Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs will visit the library.

**Dungeons & Dragons:** Wednesdays, March 16 and 30, 5:30 p.m., at the library, for grades 8-12. Register online or call. No previous playing experience required, and all supplies will be provided.

**Switch Game Tournament:** Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m., in person at the library, for grades 6-12. Teens may play *MarioKart*, *Super Smash* or something else. All skill levels welcome.

**Middle School Advisory Board:** Tuesday, March 29, 5:30 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to come provide input to expand the YA/Teen collection and plan programs.

**Adult Programs: Cabin Fever Series: Interviews from Residents about East Hampton:** Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m., at the library. Residents Katie Morris, Donna Marston and Whitney Fielding about their early family life in East Hampton, their school experiences, their first jobs, early businesses in town, and how life has changed from then until now.

**Book Club:** Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. *The Light We Lost* by Jill Santopolo will be discussed.

**The Front Door Project:** Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m. The library welcomes Deb Cohen, creator of the Instagram account The Front Door Project, as featured in *Yankee Magazine* and *Town & Country*. All are invited to learn about the account. Register now to reserve a seat.

## 'Fish Frydays' Are Back

The Knights of Columbus Belltown Council 6190 is again offering its multi-decade tradition of serving fish dinners on Fridays during Lent.

This year's offerings include breaded cod, clams and shrimp, which will be served with French fries or coleslaw. Prices start at \$12. Coffee, tea, water and soda are also offered.

Meals are served from 4:30-7:15 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Center, 47 West High St. Take-out service will be available. Advance orders must be received by noon on Friday by calling 860-267-6644. Do not leave orders on the answering machine.

Local singer-songwriter Bill Naughton Jr. will be the featured performer at the Friday, March 18, Fish Fry. Naughton will present his "standards, classics and originals" show, and give away copies of his two CDs every 15 minutes.



Local singer-songwriter Bill Naughton Jr. will be the featured performer at the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 18, at St. Patrick Parish Center in East Hampton.

## Garden Club to Meet

The Belltown Garden Club of East Hampton will hold its monthly meeting Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room of East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St.

Featured speaker for the evening will be Leah O'Hearn, co-owner of It's So Ranunculus Flower Shoppe in Marlborough. She will give a demonstration of creating a floral design based on her inspirations derived from a piece of artwork. This same process is used when entering

the Wadsworth Athenaeum's Fine Art and Flowers design competition, which O'Hearn has entered in the past. O'Hearn has offered to donate the finished arrangement to be on display at the library.

The East Hampton Belltown Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs. For more information about the club and its activities, call president JoAnn Hewitt at 860-267-4129.

## Local Knights Selling Raffle Tickets

The Knights of Columbus Belltown Council 6190 is again offering Connecticut State Council raffle tickets.

There are 10 prizes to be awarded. First prize is \$5,000; second is \$3,500; third is \$2,000; fourth is \$1,500; fifth is \$1,000; sixth is \$600; seventh is \$500; eighth is \$400; ninth is \$300; and 10th is \$200.

The drawing will be held Friday, April 29, at 9 p.m., at the Hartford Marriott Downtown, 200 Columbus Blvd., Hartford. Ticketholders need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased through any of the Knights of Columbus members or by calling Bob DeMarchi at 860-267-5978.

## Spring Classes at Epoch Arts

Epoch Arts is offering a variety of classes this spring. Students in grades pre-K through 12 can register online to take classes like art, ceramics, musical theater, photography, improv and more.

Classes run for eight weeks and begin March 15. For full class descriptions and registration, go to [www.epocharts.org/classes-registration](http://www.epocharts.org/classes-registration). Classes are held at 27 Skinner St.

## Fabric Donations Wanted

Haddam Neck Congregational Church Ladies Aid is accepting donations of fabric, yarn and quilting supplies for the Bits and Pieces sale to be featured at the annual Haddam Neck Congregational Church Quilt Show on May 7 and 8.

Donations can be dropped off at the church, 408 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck, Sundays from 11 a.m.-noon, or call Darcey Yuille at 860-301-4991 or Melissa Pionzio at 860-993-5311 to make arrangements.

## Cabin Fever Series at Library

As part of its Cabin Fever series, the Chatham Historical Society will present previously recorded interviews Saturday, March 12, at 1 p.m., at the East Hampton Public Library community room.

The first interview features longtime resident Eugene Nichols and the second one features historian Dean Markham. Each person recounts their time growing up in East Hampton, early school days, first jobs, how things have changed through the years, etc.

Seating is limited to 25 people. Attendees must register by calling the library at 860-267-6621. Masks are recommended.

## Congregational Church News & Notes

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., is open for in-person services every Sunday at 10 a.m. Pastor is Amie McCarthy. All services can also be accessed via Zoom by going to [cc-eh.org](http://cc-eh.org).

Nursery care is available during Sunday services for children under 3 years. Sunday school classes meet every Sunday for preschool through ninth grade.

The Youth Group, grades 6-12, will next meet Friday, March 25, from 6:30-8 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

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](http://cc-eh.org) or call the church office at 860-267-4959 during office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon. McCarthy can be reached for emergencies at 508-272-6437.



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## Local Artist at Town Hall

Arlene Cavalieri, a local artist, will represent the East Hampton Art Association with several paintings in the Chatham Gallery of the East Hampton Town Hall during March. March's theme is "A Tiger Among Us."

The public is invited to stop by during East Hampton's Town Hall hours to view her paintings.

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church holds live in-person services Sundays at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. Enter via the front door and ushers will assist you. There is also a livestream link will be at the church's Facebook page, at [www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH](http://www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH).

## President's List

East Hampton residents Jennifer Harris and Veronica Mathews made the fall 2021 President's List at Goodwin University.

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# Former Council Chair: ‘We Messed Up’

by Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton Town Council on Tuesday slated for March 29 a workshop with the East Hampton Ambulance Association (EHAA) to discuss the future of ambulance service in Belltown, which could include contracting a private provider.

For a year EHAA members, including its chief, volunteers and board executives, have been telling the council the service is in a critical situation.

Volunteer numbers are way down. Staffing the service is becoming difficult. Ambulance chief Donald Scranton has previously said when people in East Hampton call for an ambulance, they're likely getting a mutual aid crew.

The pandemic has worsened the situation, Scranton has said. The service's efforts to either recruit personnel or regionalize have failed.

To bring on two part-time, 24/7 crew members, the EHAA asked for \$600,000 from the town's allotment of federal American Rescue Plan money.

The council has stated disinterest in using the one-time money for the reoccurring expense of personnel.

According to Town Manager Dave Cox's written report for the March 8 meeting, federal officials have also advised against using the money to hire people.

Council Vice Chair Tim Feegel said using stimulus money for the EHAA would be a Band-Aid fix, that it'd be better to find a perennial solution.

At this time it seems the future of the volunteer service, which has answered East Hampton's 9/11 calls for nearly 70 years, is in doubt, possibly facing dissolution.

"We're at a point now where we have to figure out how to move forward," Cox told the council, adding this could include establishing a funding source for the EHAA or moving to another provider altogether.

Cox, council members and Barbara Moore, chair of the EHAA's board, all said their goal is to find a sustainable solution to this issue.

Council Chair Mark Phillhower researched the situation in other towns. He said Durham was in the same boat a few years ago. Facing rising costs, the town went to Middlesex Hospital in Middletown and negotiated a "good deal."

"[The town] provides a building and the ambulances, and [Middlesex] staffs it 24/7 at no cost to the town," said Phillhower. He said this is a potential path.

Phillhower said the council's setting a workshop was "Step 1" in finding a resolution.

Pete Brown, council member who previously held the title of chair until November's election, said the town was at least partially culpable for the ambulance's situation.

"I think in this case, we got off on the wrong foot," Brown told his colleagues. "In the previous council – which I chaired – we heard from and met with the ambulance chief. We all wanted to solve this.

"I'm here to say; we screwed up," Brown said.

Brown said Scranton is passionate and cares about the EHAA, but chief among the council's mistakes was meeting solely with Scranton.

"This council should've dealt with the [EHAA] board, first and foremost," said Brown.

In a call Wednesday Scranton said both sides of the table could've done better.

Brown said the solution may not be what everyone wants, but that "we have to keep in mind: What is the goal? To give the best services to the town."

Brown also said East Hampton's situation isn't unique. Towns all over the state are facing emergency crew shortages.

He said though he doesn't know what the best one is, there's "more than one solution," adding expert testimony should be heard before decisions are made.

Moore addressed the council with a positive outlook.

"The board is dedicated to working with the [town] to finalize a plan that will improve and sustain our medical responses," she said. "This

might mean difficult decisions."

Moore said a coordinated effort between the town and the EHAA would "present our residents with a positive feeling as we make these important decisions."

Not only are labor shortages affecting EMS services in East Hampton and Connecticut, but also nationwide.

Speaking to PBS, a Pennsylvania town's emergency services director said "instead of investing in that first point of contact, EMS has largely been ignored."

"We've seen a significant shortage of EMTs and paramedics," Beth Szantyr, a field supervisor for Trinity Health of New England EMS in Waterbury, told WTNH-TV channel 8 in September. "It's very serious in Connecticut. People are running short-staffed across the state."

To try and make up for the shortage in numbers, first responders have had to adapt. "Shorter break times, longer times in between meals," said Szantyr.

Things are so tough the American Ambulance Association and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians wrote a letter to Congress in October asking for a hearing on the workforce shortage.

According to this letter the most sweeping survey of its kind, involving nearly 20,000 employees working at 258 EMS organizations, found that overall turnover among paramedics and EMTs ranges from 20 to 30 percent annually.

With percentages like that, ambulance services face 100% turnover over a four-year period, the letter reads.

"The pandemic exacerbated this shortage and

highlighted our need to better understand the drivers of workforce turnover" the letter reads.

There are many factors. Crews are under the grind of surging demand, burnout, fear of getting sick and stresses on their families.

In addition, with COVID-19 halting clinical and in-person trainings for a long period of time, the pipeline for staff is stretched even more.

The letter reads many healthcare providers have extensive professional development resources, but that simply does not exist for EMS. COVID-19 has put additional pressures on the health care system and added another layer of complexity to the emergency response infrastructure.

Back in East Hampton, Scranton said he's looking forward to a productive workshop and hopes to see some "movement."

Though troubled, the service isn't at risk of imminent closure, said Scranton.

"In all our approaches, we've been proactive," said Scranton. "We're seeing the writing on the wall."

Scranton emphasized that a lack of volunteers, not money, is the main reason ambulance services go out of business.

Scranton said as a nonprofit, the EHAA has an unadulterated goal of serving East Hampton, not seeking profit. He said private carriers, though certainly dedicated to their work, "will have a contract they can exit any time," and will have their own goals.

He said with EHAA, East Hampton residents are serving East Hampton residents.

"Put faith in residents and they put their faith in you," said Scranton.

## Free Digital Fingerprinting

2-1-1 Child Care will offer free digital fingerprinting for child care provider staff, volunteers, and household members who are required to complete a comprehensive background check at least every five years. 2-1-1 Child Care collects fingerprints digitally and sends them straight to the State Police.

The session will be held in the community room at East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., on Wednesday, March 30, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Individuals must schedule an appointment

in advance at [resources.211childcare.org/backgroundcheck](https://resources.211childcare.org/backgroundcheck). Fingerprints will not be collected without confirmation of prior approval.

Approved applicants must bring a current government-issued photo ID to the appointment. Each appointment is scheduled for 15 minutes.

For more information, contact Veronica Phelps, director of My School Learning Center in East Hampton, at 860-267-1397.

## Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to Sunday worship at 9 a.m., online at [www.facebook.com/Haddam-Neck-Covenant-Church](https://www.facebook.com/Haddam-Neck-Covenant-Church) or in person. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger. Refreshments are served after the service.

**Sunday School:** Sunday school programs are offered for children ages 3-11 during Worship.

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

**Bible Study:** The Zoom Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 7-8:15 p.m. The next study is March 17. This is an interactive study of compassion as seen in Jesus.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 9, 1-3 p.m.

**Office Info:** The office can be reached at 860-267-2336; hours are Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

The church website is at [www.hncovenantchurch.org](https://www.hncovenantchurch.org). Check WFSB-TV Channel 3 for information on church closings due to weather.

## Live Well with Chronic Conditions

The Chatham Health District will present Live Well with Chronic Conditions, a free six-week workshop series. Workshops are being scheduled now.

This is an in-home version of the workshops; all you need to participate is a telephone.

Participants will learn more about: exercise and healthy eating; dealing with difficult emotions; decision-making and communications skills; working with healthcare providers; and more.

All participants will also receive a free *Living a Healthy Life* book and a free exercise and relaxation CD.

This series is sponsored by the Chatham Health District, the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the Department of Aging & Disability Services, and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging.

Call Nancy at 860-416-7558 to sign up or for more information.

## Special Lenten Series

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The St. John Paul II community includes the churches of St. Patrick in East Hampton and St. Bridget of Kildare in Moodus.

Sessions will begin Sunday, March 13, from 2-4 p.m., in the Marian Hall of St. Bridget Church in Moodus. Subsequent sessions will be held on March 20, March 27 and April 3.

To register, call the church office at 860-267-6644. You do not have to be Catholic to attend.

## Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

During Lent, a brief service with Eucharist will also be held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the church (through April 13).

The Rev. Ann Perrott is priest-in-charge, the Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard oversees the children's ministry, and Stuart Duncan is the music director. For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-267-0287 or visit [www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com](https://www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com).

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## Rivereast Standout Athletes of the Week

Here are the *Rivereast Standout Athletes of the Week* for the week of Feb. 28 - March 6.

**Cara Shea - Bacon Academy High School (Basketball):** Shea scored a career-high 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds as the Bobcats knocked off Griswold 77-34 in the second round of the Class M tournament on March 4. Shea, a sophomore, and junior Marissa Nudd combined to score 29 of Bacon's 39 first-half points to give the Bobcats a comfortable 22-point lead at the break. Nudd finished with a game-high 20 points, while Valerie Luizzi netted 13 and Elizabeth Glover added 10.

**Jessica Starr - East Hampton High School (Track & Field):** Starr ran a personal-best 41.64 in the 300 meters at the New England Championships in Massachusetts on March 5. The senior, who has committed to the University of Connecticut to run track, finished eighth overall at the regional event held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

**Nina Holm - RHAM High School (Ice**

**Hockey):** Holm had an assist as Avon-RHAM girls' ice hockey co-op defeated Simsbury 3-1 in the quarterfinals of the state tournament on March 3. Holm, a junior at RHAM High School, dished out an assist for the team's first goal, helping the co-op team reach the semifinals. Avon and RHAM are two of the schools that make up the seven-team co-op, joining Newington, Wethersfield, Coventry, Southington, and Lewis Mills.

**Eli Evison - Portland High School (Basketball):** Evison earned first-team All-Shoreline Conference (SLC) for his consistent work on the courts this season. In the regular season, the versatile senior averaged 15 points and seven rebounds per game, both team-highs, and led the Highlanders in block shots this winter.

*To nominate someone for an Athlete of the Week or with any questions or comments on sport-related topics, email Josh Howard at joshhowardsports@gmail.com*



Bacon Academy's Cara Shea was named a Standout Athlete of the week after scoring a career-high in points on March 4. Shea is pictured at Mohegan Sun Arena during the conference finals.

### Tri-County Baseball Registration

Registration is now open for the Tri-County Baseball spring and summer programs for players aged 13-19 (as of April 30, 2022). Tri-County Baseball includes children in the *Rivereast* towns of Marlborough, Hebron, Andover and Colchester, as well as Lebanon, Coventry, Salem and Bozrah.

Registration for the spring recreational season runs through March 15. Spring programs include a 13-14-year-old division and a 15-18-year-old division against teams from Glastonbury. Games will start late April and run through the beginning of June and will be played at West Road Field in Marlborough and Glastonbury fields.

Summer registration ends March 25. Teams

will play in the Kokinis Baseball League ([www.kokinisbaseball.com](http://www.kokinisbaseball.com)) against teams from the greater Hartford area. Divisions include 14U, 16U and 19U. This is a competitive league, with teams playing a 16-game schedule plus single elimination playoffs. Games start June 6 and run through July. The championship games will be played July 30 and 31 at New Britain Stadium.

Federal, state and local health board guidelines will be followed.

To register for both programs, go to [tricontybaseball.org](http://tricontybaseball.org) and click 'register now.'

For more information on any of the programs, contact Chris Caputo, president of Tri-County Baseball, at [c.caputo@comcast.net](mailto:c.caputo@comcast.net).

### Bearcats Holding Raffle

The CT Bearcats AAU Travel Team is running a raffle to help with capital improvements for its fields. There are several prizes. The drawing is April 5 at 5 p.m. at Legion Field, 35 Neptune Ave., East Haddam. Winner need not be present to win.

The Bearcats includes players from Colchester, Hebron, Amston, Marlborough, East Hampton and Portland.

Contact Chris Markovitz at 860-334-8442 to get Venmo information or information how to purchase tickets.

### Student Show at Arts Center

The regional Student Art Show will be featured every Saturday and Sunday through March 20 at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main St., Marlborough. Hours are 1-4 p.m. each weekend.

Student artwork from the RHAM high and middle schools, as well as from the Marlborough, Gilead Hill and Andover elementary schools, will be featured.

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**Snow Fun at Pats Peak...** Colchester Scout Troops 72 and 13 recently had their annual snow sports event, as they went snowboarding, skiing, snow tubing and snow shoeing at Pats Peak in New Hampshire. They arrived for the Saturday afternoon shift and went until the mountain closes at 10 p.m., in between stopping for dinner, snacks and hot chocolate at the lodge. About 50 Scouts and adults attended; some pictured here spent the night in the lodge, had breakfast and continued skiing on Sunday.

## Parks & Recreation News

Colchester Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions and more information, call 860-537-7297 or email [parksandrec@colchesterct.gov](mailto:parksandrec@colchesterct.gov). More information, including weather-related cancellations, is also at [www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department](http://www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department). The Parks and Rec. office is located at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

**Teen Leaders:** Teen Leaders work alongside Summer Day Camp staff. Training will be provided. Teens must be 14 by the start of camp on June 27. Deadline to apply is March 31; applicants will be contacted shortly after the deadline for an interview with camp staff. Selected teens will get to choose which weeks they volunteer at camp, and must attend camp every day as agreed upon. Teen Leader fee is \$50 per week. For more information, call Parks and Rec. Applications are also available online.

**Card-Making Class:** Wednesday, April 6. All materials needed for each card are included in the cost and will be given out at the beginning of the class. A minimum of two and a maximum of six are needed to hold the class. Meets at 1 p.m. at Town Hall or 6 p.m. at the senior center. Cost: \$15 per person.

**Summer Day Camp:** Registration is underway. Summer camp will be held Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., from June 27-Aug. 19. Extended Care will be available from 3-5 p.m. Camp is available to children entering grades K-7 in the fall of 2022. Camp dates are June 27-Aug. 19. The weekly themes and activity schedule are online, as are the cost, registration process and more. For more information, call Parks and Rec.

**Summer Concerts in the Park – Sponsors Wanted:** Parks and Rec. is looking for sponsors for its Summer Concerts in the Park. It has already booked two bands, and hopes to book the other two soon. The concerts will be held Thursdays, Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 28, from 6-8 p.m. If interested in sponsoring, call Parks and Rec.

**New York On Your Own Bus Trip:** Sunday, May 1. The deluxe motor coach will depart from the Colchester Town Hall at 7 a.m. and transport passengers to New York City. The motor coach will pick up passengers at 7 p.m. and bring them back to Colchester. Fee: \$60/resident, \$65/non-resident. Registration deadline: April 18. Minimum number of passengers needed is 45, maximum is 54.

## 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](mailto:csc@colchesterct.gov), or visit [www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center](http://www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center). Items marked with a (CC) are held via conference call, and items marked with a (Z) are held via Zoom.

**Monday, March 14:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign, Pet Therapy; 12:30 p.m., Mahjongg; 1 p.m., Bridge, Painting Workshop.

**Tuesday, March 15:** 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m., Book Club; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Wednesday, March 16:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program; 10 a.m., Walking Group – meet at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 11 a.m., Leprechaun Luncheon Special Event; 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing.

**Thursday, March 17:** 9 a.m., Exercise w/ Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 10:30 a.m., Trip Presentation – California Dreamin'; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

**Friday, March 18:** 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., AARP

Tax Aide by appointment only; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, Card-Making Workshop; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga, 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Upcoming Programs: Downtown Creamery:** Monday, March 21, noon-9 p.m. Head over to Mel's at 32 Norwich Ave. anytime between noon and 9 p.m. and treat yourself to something sweet. Twenty percent of the sales from the day will be donated to benefit the senior center.

**Camp HOPE America: Safe Futures:** Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m., via Zoom. Director of Camp HOPE, Christine Foster, will share the mission of the camp's nationwide initiative of Safe Futures, helping women and children escape from domestic violence. Pre-register.

**Nutrition for Life Lunch & Learn:** Wednesday, March 30, 11:30 a.m. Paul Romano, R.D., of National Health Care/Marlborough Health & Rehab, will discuss general nutrition for your lifespan and brainstorm ideas for versatile meals when cooking for one or two, and easy meal alternatives. A complimentary brown bagged lunch will be served with your choice of tuna or turkey sandwich. Space is limited; register by March 23.

## JJIS Fundraising Shoe Drive

Jack Jackter Intermediate School is conducting a shoe collection drive through April 30 to raise funds for Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement, while benefiting microenterprise ventures in developing nations and keeping old shoes out of local landfills.

All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start, maintain, and grow a unique business opportunity to feed, clothe, and house their families.

The goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes. The public is invited to participate by dropping shoes in the entrance of JJIS, 215 Halls Hill Rd.

## BOE Budget Meetings

Budget season is here – and the Colchester Board of Education has several related meetings coming up.

The school board will hold budget workshops Tuesdays, March 15, 22 and (if needed) 29, at 6 p.m. each night. A budget public hearing to present the proposed spending plan will be held Tuesday, April 5. On April 20, a budget public hearing special meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

The budget referendum is currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 17.

## Butter Braid Fundraiser

The St. Andrew Ladies Guild is sponsoring a fundraiser selling Butter Braid Pastry and Joyful Tradition Cake Rolls.

The fundraiser ends Sunday, March 21. Delivery date will be Tuesday, April 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at St. Andrew parish hall, located at 128 Norwich Ave. Order forms are at all church entrances, and online ordering is available at [tinyurl.com/2p87r3rm](http://tinyurl.com/2p87r3rm). There is also the opportunity to donate item(s) to the Colchester Food Bank.

Profits will benefit the Guild's annual High School and College Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call Kathleen Hastings at 860-917-7616.

## Rotary to Award Scholarships

The Colchester Rotary Foundation will award two scholarships this year to two deserving Colchester graduates.

The scholarship is \$1,000 for a graduate moving onto a traditional two- or four-year college program and \$1,000 for a graduate moving onto a trade school.

For more information, contact Marlene Blumberger at the Bacon Academy counseling office, at [mblumberger@colchesterct.org](mailto:mblumberger@colchesterct.org). Deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, March 11.

## Manchester OBGYN Associates Welcomes Dr. Lydia Lormand



Lydia Lormand, DO, FACOG, is a board-certified physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. She completed her ObGyn residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, after earning her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, and her

Bachelor of Science degree from Binghamton University. As a resident, she received the Practicing the Art of Medicine Award, which is given to the chief resident who displays a strong ability to integrate the foundation of evidence-based medicine with clinical intuition, empathy, and compassion.

As a women's healthcare provider, Dr. Lormand's mission is to provide comprehensive healthcare to women through puberty, the reproductive years and menopause, and to make women feel comfortable and try to take away the fear and anxiety that can associated with ObGyn care. In her spare time, Dr. Lormand enjoys reading murder mysteries, traveling, scuba diving, playing volleyball and spinning.

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### Upcoming Senior Center Trips

The Colchester Senior Center is planning the following trips for 2022. 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.

**Chicken Restaurant, Casino:** Thursday, March 24, departing at 10:15 a.m. This is a trip to Wright's Chicken Farm in Rhode Island for lunch, followed by a stop at Twin River Casino. Cost is \$92/person.

**Trip to See Jesus Christ Superstar:** Sunday, April 3, at the Thomaston Opera House. There will be a pre-show lunch at the Black Rock Tavern and a reserved orchestra seat for the show. Cost is \$107/person, payable by cash or check.

**New York Botanical Gardens:** Wednesday, April 20. The day will start in Little Italy, featuring lunch at Ann & Tony's Restaurant, then a trip to the gardens, to explore over 50 collections that are located throughout the 250 acres. Bus will depart at 7 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$129/person.

**New York City Day Trip:** Monday, May 9. Bus departs at 7 a.m. Start your day at the 9/11 Museum, which serves as the country's principal institution concerned with the events of Sept. 11, 2001. You will have time to view both the museum and the twin reflecting pools. Spend some time in the afternoon at Chelsea Market for lunch on your own. Ascend to the top of the World Trade Center. Return in Colchester will be approximately 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$130/person, payable by cash or check.

**Foster's Downeast Clambake:** Wednesday, May 25. Bus departs at 8 a.m. for Foster's, lo-

cated in York, Maine. The menu features clam chowder, steamed clams and mussels, Maine lobster, sweet corn on the cob, red bliss potatoes, rolls and butter, and blueberry crumb cake. Barbecue chicken and a vegetarian option also available. There will be a stop at Portsmouth, N.H., on the way home for some shopping. Return to Colchester at 7 p.m. Cost is \$119/person, payable by cash or check.

**Atlantic City:** June 7-9. Stay two nights at Resorts Casino Hotel, located on the northern end of the Boardwalk, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The trip includes a \$25 slot credit and two \$20 meal credits. Cost is \$325/person double occupancy, payable by cash or check only.

**Cabaret at Goodspeed Opera House:** Wednesday, June 8, 11 a.m. This Tony Award-winning musical will play the Goodspeed for the very first time. Trip also includes lunch at the Gelston House before the matinee performance and transportation on the senior bus. Registration is required by May 25.

**Sights and Sounds Theatre – David:** Aug. 3-5. Tour the Amish country and see the brand-new production of *David* at the Sights and Sounds Theatre in Lancaster County, Pa. Other points of interest include Amish Artisans shopping, dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, a farmers market and a trip aboard the Strasburg Railroad. Cost includes a deluxe motor coach, two-night hotel stay, two breakfasts, two dinners, and all admissions, taxes, fees, and gratuities. The cost of the trip is \$585/person double occupancy. Stop by the senior center to register in person.

### Colchester Giving Garden

Planning is underway for the Colchester Giving Garden. This year will be the 10th growing season for the garden.

This is a fully volunteer-run vegetable garden where everything that is grown is donated to the town food bank, the Meals-on-Wheels program and local soup kitchens. No gardening experience is needed and all are welcome to join in.

There will be two upcoming planning meetings that are open to the public: Mondays, March 14 and April 11, at 6:30 p.m. both nights, at Cragin Memorial Library, Norton Room B. All are welcome.

For more information, email colchester-givinggarden@gmail.com.

### Dean's List

Michael Bear of Colchester made the fall 2021 Dean's List at Northern Vermont University.

### Soccer Club Annual Meeting

Colchester Soccer Club (CSC) will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, March 23, at 7 p.m., in the William J. Johnston Middle School cafeteria. All members are invited to attend.

Elections will be held for president, vice president of travel, and secretary, and nominations will take place for multiple board positions. The Board of Directors openings are: 5th/6th grade divisional coordinator; contact Bill Beeler at vp.recreation@colchester-soccer.org, and field coordinator; contact Tim Daniels at president@colchestersoccer.org.

More referees will be needed for the upcoming season. Visit ctfreferee.net to register and begin online training.

CSC is also seeking volunteer coaches for the fall season U9 Boys' and U9 Girls' Trav-

el Teams. All coaches are required to obtain an age appropriate Grassroots license (or equivalent), complete concussion training, and complete a background check before the start of the season beginning in early August 2022 (CSC will pay for and help coordinate the required training). Interested candidates should contact director of coaching, Lee Elliott, at Lee.Elliott@colchestersoccer.org by March 31, and copy vice president of travel, Anton Smith, at VP.Travel@colchestersoccer.org. Use "CSC Travel Coaching Opportunity" along with the respective team you are inquiring about as the subject of your email (example: "U9 Boys CSC Travel Coaching Opportunity").

Visit www.colchestersoccer.org for more information and watch for open registration in April.

### Ukrainian Catholic Church News

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

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

### Men in Retirement

All are invited to Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., on Tuesday, March 22, at 10 a.m., for guest speaker Henry Quinlan's presentation on how men can make the most of their retirement experience.

This program is open to all – wives, sisters, daughters, and partners should hear this presentation as well. Registration is \$5 and due by March 18.

Stop by the senior center to register in person. Call 860-537-3911 for additional information.

### Dean's List

The following Colchester residents made the fall 2021 Dean's List at Goodwin University:

Martha Beringer, Elizabeth Borah, Jacob Brown, Jennifer Foley, Kara Gorski, Christina Heckathorn, Hannah Kardys, Joshua Ouellet, Anne Pederzani, Stephanie Plateroti, Leeauna Stagni, Ashley Varjenski, Amanda West and Meghan Young.

### 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.

### Land Trust Scholarship Available

Applications for the 2022 Colchester Land Trust (CLT) scholarship for \$1,000 are available – and the deadline to submit applications is today, Friday, March 11.

The scholarship will be presented to a Bacon Academy graduating senior who has expressed an interest in pursuing a bachelor's degree or higher level of education in a field of science related to preservation of undeveloped land, natural resources or biological species, and has demonstrated that interest through excellent academic performance and service to the community while attending Bacon Academy.

Applications can be obtained through the Bacon Academy guidance department.

### 'Community Night of Giving' is Coming

The Colchester Lions Club will hold its traditional Community Night of Giving Wednesday, April 13. Community organizations wishing to apply for grant funding can do so at colchesterlions.org.

All applications must be received by Tuesday, March 15.

### Colchester Community Survey

The Colchester Youth First Coalition is administering the 2022 Colchester Community Survey to collect feedback from parents and community members related to issues affecting Colchester youth.

The data that is collected is used to design programs and initiatives to benefit the health and wellness of Colchester youth.

The survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ColComm2022.

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### Colchester Federated Church News

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

Worship services are Sundays at 9 a.m.; masks are optional. For those wishing to worship from home, the service will be broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship videos are at [www.colchesterfederated-church.org](http://www.colchesterfederated-church.org) under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information is also on the church's Facebook page.

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

come. 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.

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

### Soccer Club to Award Scholarships

Colchester Soccer Club will be awarding two scholarships to the graduating class of 2022.

To be eligible for consideration you must be a Colchester resident that participated in the Colchester Soccer Club program, played soccer during one year of high school (either school team, Rec or Premier), be in good academic standing, and plan on attending a school of higher education in the fall.

Applications are due today, March 11, and can be picked up in the Bacon Academy guidance office or received electronically by contacting Lauren Faber at [lauren.faber@colchestersoccer.org](mailto:lauren.faber@colchestersoccer.org).

### Polka Dance, Polish Dinner

The St. Joseph's Polish Society at 395 South Main St. will host a polka dance with a Polish dinner Sunday, March 20, in honor of St. Joseph's Day.

A Polish dinner will be served at 1 p.m. The Maestro's Men will perform from 2-6 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the Polish Club Monday-Friday after 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday after noon. Advanced ticket sales only.

Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

### Vendors Sought for 'On the Green' Tag Sale

The 42nd annual "Colchester on the Green" Tag Sale and Expo is back – and organizers are looking for vendors.

The Colchester Business Association (CBA) will host this event on the Colchester Green Sunday, June 12, (rain date Sunday, June 26).

The CBA is taking applications now for tag sale tables, craft fair and business booths, food vendors, non-profits, and entertainment. This event draws thousands of people, the CBA said.

Those looking to sell tag sale items can bring tables, a tent, or both. Spaces fill fast, the CBA said.

For the event's craft fair, the CBA is seek-

ing local artisans and craftspeople to participate. The association is also seeking local brick-and-mortar or home-based businesses to participate in the Business Expo. The CBA will also have booths for non-profits.

Lastly, the association is also seeking entertainment and other demonstrations for the event.

The CBA said it is closely following all COVID-19 related information from state and local governments and will post updates on social media about plans to make this event safe for all.

If interested in participating, email Nichole Howell, CBA services coordinator, at [info@colchesterctbusiness.com](mailto:info@colchesterctbusiness.com).

### Lions Offering Scholarships

The Colchester Lions would like to invite all Colchester residents that are in their senior year of high school to apply for one of several scholarships they award.

The Lions consider applications from all graduating students planning to attend any accredited college, university or trade school, regardless of which public, private, charter or magnet high school they attend as well as home-schooled students.

Applications are available through the Bacon Academy guidance office in February or on the Colchester Lions website, [colchesterlions.org](http://colchesterlions.org). For more information, contact Elizabeth Bessette at [elizabeth.a.bessette@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.a.bessette@gmail.com).

Bacon Academy students should submit their application to the Bacon Academy Guidance office. All other students should email their application to [elizabeth.a.bessette@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.a.bessette@gmail.com) or mail to Colchester Lions Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 423, Colchester, CT 06415.

Applications must be received by Monday, March 14.

### Ladies Guild 2022 Trips

Saint Andrew's Ladies Guild is offering the following trips to the community:

**May 11-13:** See Sight and Sounds Theatre's new show, *David*. Trip includes transportation, two nights' hotel, two breakfasts, two dinners, sightseeing and admissions per itinerary, including a ride on the Strasburg Railroad and visiting an actual Amish home. Cost is \$585/person double. Only a few seats are left.

**Sept. 3-18:** Trans-Atlantic Cruise, visiting Copenhagen, Norway, Iceland, Greenland. Price starts at \$2,999, and includes air transportation to Copenhagen. Travelers must follow the protocols set-in-place by the travel company.

**Note:** The Aug. 14-15 trip to see the Boston Pops on Old Cape Cod has been canceled.

For more information, call Barbara Gozzo at 860-537-0179 or 860-208-4121.

### Ahavath Achim News

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

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

There are daily Facebook Live classes on Ken Alter Facebook on the meaning of mitzvot (commandments) and daily Conversational Hebrew classes.

For more information, call 860-537-2809. Office hours are 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday; 1:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday; and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday.

### Online Certified Vital Records

Do you need a certified copy of a birth certificate or marriage certificate? You can now order them online. Town Clerk Gayle Furman has implemented an online system to purchase certified vital certificates.

This online solution offers the citizens of Colchester the ability to manage the processing, payment and issuance of birth, death and marriage certificates. The town has partnered with Permitium for the project.

To order online, go to the town clerk's page at [colchesterct.gov](http://colchesterct.gov).

### Resident on Lacrosse Team

Eastern Connecticut State University's women's lacrosse team kicked off its season March 3. Among the athletes is freshman Kaylea McCourt of Colchester.

McCourt, who majors in psychology, wears number 3 and plays attack.

### Fish Fry Fridays

The Colchester Fish and Game Club is holding its annual Fish Fry dinners every Friday during Lent, through and including Good Friday, April 15.

Meal choices include traditional fish and chips, baked fish with baked potato, the club's breaded clam strip dinner, as well as chicken nuggets for the kids. All meals include coleslaw, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for kids.

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### Scholarship Available

A memorial scholarship fund has been established in honor of the late Dorothy Mrowka of Colchester – and applications are due today.

The \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating Bacon Academy student who will pursue a career in political science or government service. Applications are available in the Bacon counseling office and must be returned there no later than March 11.

Anyone interested in donating to the scholarship fund in memory of Dot may send a check written to Bacon Academy with "Dorothy Mrowka Scholarship" noted directly to the school at 611 Norwich Ave, attention Danielle Boise.

### Scholarship Available

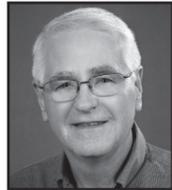
Carl Guild and Associates is offering a scholarship to a local high school senior entering college in the fall.

There are six \$1,000 scholarships given – one each in East Hampton, Portland, Colchester, East Haddam, Glastonbury and the RHAM school district. There are no restrictions or qualifications; all local seniors can apply.

Application deadline is April 1. For an application, visit [www.carlguild.com/scholarship](http://www.carlguild.com/scholarship) or ask your school's guidance counselor.

### President's List

Colchester residents Martha Beringer, Jennifer Foley, Anne Pederzani, Stephanie Plateroti and Amanda West made the fall 2021 President's List at Goodwin University.



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**CYSS News and Notes**

Colchester Youth and Social Services has announced the following. For full program descriptions or more information, contact CYSS at 860-537-7255 or youths@colchesterct.gov. Register for programs online at www.colchesterct.gov/youth-social-services.

**Youth Action Council:** Thursdays, 2:15-4 p.m., for grades 7-12. As a member of the council, students will have the opportunity to engage with town leaders, travel to regional conferences, create activities for teens, and more. Register online.

**Half Day Hooray:** For children in grades K-5. On professional development-shortened days, Half Day Hooray takes place right at the child's school and includes STEAM-related

performances, hands-on activities, take-home crafts and more. Each session is \$10. Register online. Schedule is: March 24: March Madness; May 27: Last Blast.

**Youth Center Activities – Drop-In:** 2-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, for grades 6-8. During Drop-In, kids can have a snack, read/do homework, play pool, air hockey, video games or basketball, work on crafts, and more. Students will receive instructions for online registration at their first visit; they must be registered online to attend again.

**After School Adventures:** Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m., through the end of the school year. Grades 6-8 are invited to the Youth Center after school for fun activities and even some trips.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration for the upcoming 2022-23 school year is now open. Children who reside in Colchester and will be age 5 by Jan. 1, 2023, are eligible to register for the full-day program.

New registrations must be completed online, at www.colchesterct.org. Select the "for families" tab and on the drop-down menu, click on the tab for "Registration and Residency." Complete and submit the pre-enrollment form and then follow the necessary steps outlined on the

website. Parents and guardians will need to make an appointment with the Board of Education office once all required online enrollment forms are completed.

Call 860-537-7267 to make an appointment. Registration appointment hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A list of required documents can be found on the website.

**Lions Club to Host Breakfast**

The Colchester Lions Club is hosting a breakfast Saturday, March 26, from 7:30-11:30 a.m., at the St. Joseph Polish Society, 395 S. Main St. Grab and go, or eat in. Limited seating will be available.

Sold will be a breakfast sandwich with hash brown, for \$3.50. Add cheese, sausage or bacon for 50 cents each. Coffee will also be available, for 50 cents.

**CES Incoming Kindergarten Story Time**

Colchester Elementary School will host a "Kindergarten Story Time" program for 4- and 5 year-old Colchester children who will be entering kindergarten during the 2022-23 school year.

The schedule is Tuesdays, April 12, April 26 and May 10, from 11:25-11:55 a.m. each week, in the CES Media Center. The school is located at 315 Halls Hill Rd.

During each of the three sessions, children will listen to books read by kindergarten teachers while parents learn about the registration process, the kindergarten curriculum, readiness expectations, the school day, school policies and transportation. A question-and-answer period will be available at each session.

Parents and children are invited to attend multiple story times. Topics for parent information change each month. No pre-registration is required.

**CBSL Spring Registration**

Registration for the Colchester Baseball and Softball League's spring 2022 season is now open. Youth age 4-16 are welcome to join.

Go to www.CBSL.org to register or learn more.



**1,500 Members!...** Pictured (center) is Doris Berube, the 1,500th registered member of the Colchester Senior Center. She's shown with her husband, Joel Berube (left), and Director of Senior Services, Patty Watts (right). Berube received a gift card to mark this historic occasion.

**Military Honor Guard Seeks Members**

When a veteran dies the family can request military honors by providing evidence of military service to the funeral home. The Connecticut National Guard will coordinate to ensure the participation of its members and local volunteer organizations at the funeral honors ceremony.

A volunteer service organization that aids in providing "military honors" is the Colchester Veterans Honor Guard. The 20-plus member unit is actively looking for veterans

to become members, so that it can continue to provide funeral honors to all deceased veterans. The Honor Guard meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7-8 p.m., in the Veterans Room of Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave. Interested veterans are welcome.

Most funeral honors are performed between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday to Saturday. For more information, call Al Letendre at 860-537-6516.

**Resident Involved in ECSU Play**

Eastern Connecticut State University's theatre department reopened the stage for the spring 2022 semester with the original play *Sweet Flag* – and Colchester resident Karen Hobbes was a member of the costume construction crew.

Hobbes is a first-year majoring in non-degree.

**Book Club to Meet**

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, March 28, at 6 p.m., at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave.

This month, *The Kindest Lie* by Nancy Johnson will be read. Copies are available for check-out at the Adult Circulation Desk. For updates, visit tinyurl.com/cmlbookclub.

All are invited. For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752.

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# More Water Headed to Town Center?

by Sloan Brewster

State Sen. Cathy Osten, of the 19th District, has introduced a bill to get \$3.7 million in state funds to bring more water to Hebron's town center.

Town Manager Andrew Tierney informed the Board of Selectmen last week that Osten had put in for the money to the state bonding commission.

The plan, if the funds are approved, would be to draw water from the Amston Lake area, where the Connecticut Water Company has a system "with an abundance of water," Tierney said in a phone call Tuesday.

"Hopefully, if we get this money we're going to run (a water line) up Route 85," Tierney said.

The waterline would increase water availability in the center of town and aid in the quest to bring development to that area, Tierney said. He said he and Town Planner Patrick Gallagher have been in discussions with developers on a couple potential projects for which water – or the lack thereof – is a critical piece.

While Tierney said he couldn't talk about all of the projects as some are as yet only concep-

tual, he said two that are in the works will require access to water.

The owner of AirLine Cycles of East Hampton and Colchester is planning to clean up a former gas station on Church Street and put in a bike shop and coffee or sandwich shop. The plan, Tierney said, also involves adding restrooms for folks stopping in from treks on the Air Line Trail, which butts against the property.

Similarly, another developer is planning to clean up the former Turshen Mill site, which is also on Church Street, and put in a brewery and pub.

"That would be a huge assistance if we could run water to that," Tierney said.

In addition, an affordable housing under consideration for a Church Street property behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church would also benefit from a water supply, Tierney said.

Osten, in a phone call Tuesday, said she has been paying attention to water problems in Hebron and proposed the bill after hearing about all the potential development and the idea to draw water from the lake area.

"I put that in because about [four] years ago they started having a lot of water problems on Main Street in Hebron," she said. "And Andy said there's a way to bring water from Amston."

In 2018, due to a water shortage in that area, Connecticut Water placed a ban on outdoor water usage.

Osten said she also put in a bill for funds to pay for a generator for RHAM High School to transform the site into a regional shelter.

According to the bill, Osten is asking for up to \$2 million for a backup generator, its installation and related equipment.

"Like most other towns, Hebron has libraries and churches and town offices that can provide temporary shelter for people in certain circumstances. But it's certainly not optimal and it's certainly not for the kind of long-term need that we would find with a blizzard or a hurricane or a long-term power outage," Osten said, according to a write-up on her website. "There's no reason why the residents of Hebron or Andover or Marlborough should have to drive to Windham or Colchester to seek long-term shelter in an emergency."

Tierney said he has also been in contact with Congressman Joe Courtney about getting federal funding for the water project.

## Christ Lutheran News & Notes

All are invited to worship at Christ Lutheran Church (LCMS), located at 330 Church St. Pastor is Dana Hallenbeck.

**Sunday Worship:** Sundays at 9 a.m., an in-person Divine Service is held. Masks required if not vaccinated. People can also watch worship live at [www.facebook.com/clchebron/live](http://www.facebook.com/clchebron/live).

**Sunday Bible Study and Coffee Hour:** 10 a.m., after the morning service. Topic: "Why Do You Think You Are a Lutheran?" There will be a review of the Augsburg Confession.

**Early Childhood Center:** Open to all faiths, the center offers childcare, preschool and before/after school educational opportunities in a Christian environment. Laura Kraft is director. For more information, call 860-228-5134. The center is accepting new enrollments; call for availability.

**More Info:** For more information, call 860-228-1152 or visit [www.CLCHebron.org](http://www.CLCHebron.org) or [facebook.com/CLCHebron](http://facebook.com/CLCHebron).

## St. Peter's Polish Dinner

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will hold its first monthly community dinner of the year Saturday, March 12, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. or sold out. The church is located at 30 Church St. (Route 85) in Hebron.

The menu will include stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, pierogies cooked with onions and bacon, sour cream, pickled beets, sauerkraut, sweet and sour red cabbage, rye bread and your choice of desserts. Cost is \$14.

This is a takeout-only dinner. There are no preorders or reservations; the meal is first-come, first-served. Servers will come to your car, take your order, and payment, and bring your meal back to your back seat or trunk. No need to get out of your car.

A portion of each meal sold will go towards supporting AHM Youth & Family Services. For more details, contact the church at 860-228-3244 or visit [www.StPetersHebron.com](http://www.StPetersHebron.com).

## Parking for a Purpose

The Hebron Interfaith Human Services (HIHS) community food pantry will offer parking at its 26 Pendleton Drive location during the Hebron Maple Fest, which is the weekend of March 19 and 20.

This location is convenient to the Maple Fest activities in the center of town. For a \$10 cash donation you can park for two hours and visit the Maple Fest with no wait time for shuttles. All proceeds will benefit the renovation of HIHS' new and improved pantry, which is next door to the current location. HIHS will also have an information booth at Douglas Library that people are welcome to visit.



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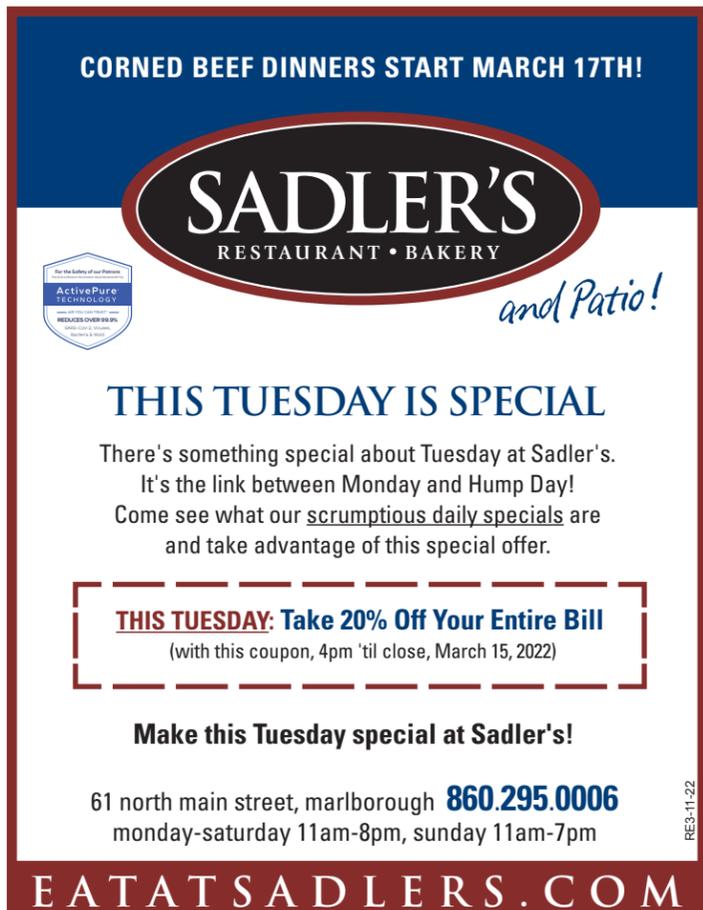
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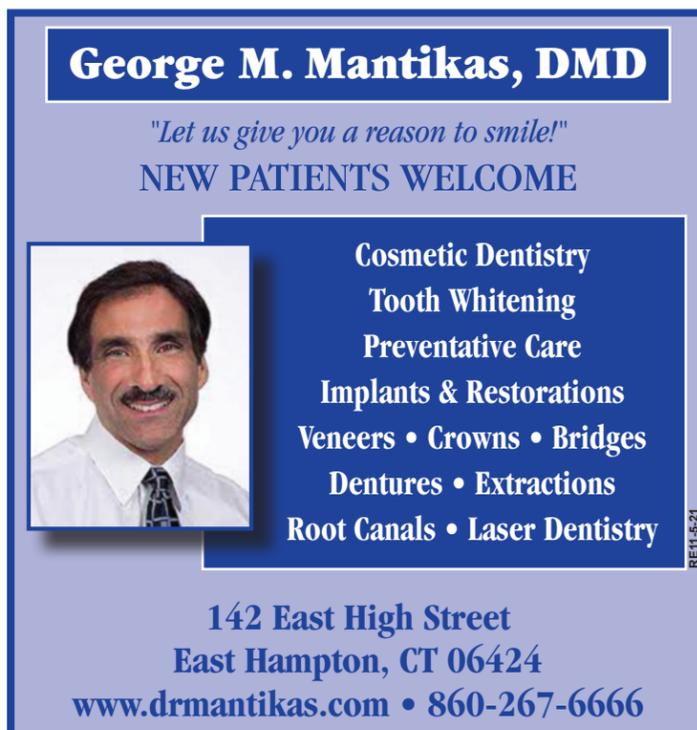
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# Town Gets a Break on Trash Costs

by Jack Lakowsky

At a Board of Selectmen meeting last week, First Selectman Greg Lowrey said he had favorable news for the town.

Marlborough's cost of getting rid of garbage was predicted to spike from \$105 per ton to \$124 per ton.

Then in early February the increase went down but was still significant. The first price, \$124, went down to \$116 a ton, still a 10% jump.

Lowrey revealed at the selectmen's March 1 meeting that the price went down again to \$111 per ton.

"That's well within our drafted budget figure," Lowrey told selectmen. The board gave Lowrey the go-ahead to enter into the contract.

"This is going in the right direction," said selectman Joe Asklar.

Selectman Amy Traversa noted the contract's opt-out clause, and advised a robust search for alternatives.

For the past few decades Marlborough, along with a bevy of other Connecticut towns, has shipped its solid waste to the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) in Hartford, a trash-to-energy plant.

That facility will close this coming June.

Last year the state and Hartford decided not to invest further in the plant, which needs significant renovation. According to Connecticut Public Radio, the plant converts about one-fourth of the state's waste.

MIRA will now transport waste out-of-state, making it pricier.

"We need to find an alternative, but [sticking with MIRA] is the best choice under the circumstances," Lowrey told the *Rivereast* in February.

The town would contract with MIRA's new out-of-state operation until 2027. This isn't iron clad.

Lowrey said there are no relevant alternatives right now, and that using town resources to haul away garbage would be a bad choice for the town's coffers.

Lowrey expects more increases in the cost of doing business with MIRA. Currently the town spends about \$50,000 a year on disposal, producing about 600 tons of waste annually.

Not all of MIRA's customers enjoyed a decrease, like the Town of Portland.

Portland First Selectman Ryan Curley said this is due to how MIRA organizes its pricing tiers.

Lowrey went on to say no matter what the next few years bring, Marlborough will continue with a regional approach to solid waste disposal, cooperating with other towns. So, though the issue is pressing, the process for the town will look familiar; it will send requests for proposals and pick what it believes the best option.

Lowrey has previously urged residents to try and reduce their waste production "through purchasing different products, recycling and

composting."

Marlborough has no food composting program, but does accept vegetation waste at the transfer station. After storms, the town waives the intake fee. Materials are mulched or burned.

Though removing 60 tons from the town's waste stream would be a feat, Lowrey said residents could offset the increase by removing that 10% of tonnage.

Lowrey said thought all of MIRA's customers

are taking a financial hit, the situation is a bit more complex for smaller towns which unlike larger cities and towns don't have purchasing power to strike out on their own.

In September 2021, Hartford's Director of Public Works Michael Looney told WNPR that after MIRA's June 30, 2022, closing, there'll be "a lot of uncertainty as to what the situation with MIRA is going look like once we get past that date."

## Book Discussion to Raise Refugee Awareness

Marlborough Outreach, a volunteer, non-partisan civic group, is hosting a book discussion via Zoom Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m., to raise awareness for refugees. The organization Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services (irisct.org), headquartered in New Haven, is now welcoming evacuated Afghan families to nearby towns in Connecticut.

The selected book, *We Are Displaced* by Malala Yousafzai, is a memoir of her journey out of Pakistan after being shot in the face by

the Taliban in retaliation for advocating education for girls, and other stories from refugee girls around the world.

Copies of the book can also be found at Richmond Memorial Library, 15 School Drive; ask for the book at the counter under the name "Outreach Book Club."

To join the meeting, or for more information, email Andrea at marlboroughoutreach@gmail.com.

## 'Round the Lake 5K

The Marlborough Lions will hold their 38th annual 'Round the Lake 5K Road Race Sunday, May 29. The race will utilize electronic timing with computerized race results. The race starts promptly at 10:30 a.m. The race is a registered 5K.

The entry fee is \$30 and runners must be registered by the day prior to the race. Shirts will be guaranteed for those who pre-register by May 15 with additional shirts provided to runners as available. There is also a \$60 package price for groups of immediate family members participating in the race. Due to COVID-19, there will not be any same-day registrations. Runners will start near the entrance to Blish

Park on Park Road and will proceed on a course, which circles Lake Terramuggus.

The Lions have available race sponsorships of \$100, \$250 and \$500. The business sponsor's information will be printed on the shirts handed out to runners.

To register, to sponsor, or for more information, contact Lion Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 TGReiser@comcast.net, or Jean Paul Bolduc at 860-295-9150. More info is also on the Marlborough Lions' Facebook page. Applications are also at various locations in town, including Liberty Bank, and people can register online at www.hitekracing.com; click on "calendar" and then scroll down to the May 29 races.

## Congregational Church News & Notes

In-person Sunday worship has resumed at Marlborough Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, located at 35 S. Main St. Service begins at 10 a.m. Masks are requested. The Sunday worship service also broadcasts live every Sunday through [mcc.marlcongchurch.org](http://mcc.marlcongchurch.org).

**Sunday School**, for children ages 3 to grade 8, is led by Christian Education Director Gwen Lawson at 10 a.m.

**Sunday March 13** is second Sunday in Lent. The service will be led by Senior Pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber. After worship, a Coffee Hour is held in the lounge and all are invited. This Sunday, floral arrangements made by Dorcas Women's Fellowship members will be sold with proceeds given to various mission projects.

**Soup Suppers** are held upstairs in the Thienes Lounge Wednesday evenings during Lent from, through April 6, from 6-8 p.m. After the meal, a worship service with Holy Communion is held in the sanctuary followed by a program in the lounge. Child care is available.

**Mission giving** in the first quarter will go to the Marlborough Food Bank. In addition to its on-going non-perishable food collection for

the food bank, the church sponsors a monthly Drive-Thru Café for food bank clients, preparing and serving two meals each year at St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, Church World Service blanket appeals, youth church-sponsored mission activities, and several new mission opportunities planned.

**AA:** Meets downstairs in the Great Hall Wednesdays with two meetings, noon and 7:30 p.m.

**Second Blessings Thrift Shop:** The shop is fully stocked with new merchandise every week. Second Blessings is located on the ground floor and is open Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Masks required. Second Blessings accepts donations during shopping hours. Items are also sold year-round 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 about the church or its programs, call the church office at 860-295-9050 or Faulhaber's direct line at 860-295-0432.

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## Women In Politics Zoom Event Tonight

The Marlborough Republican Town Committee will be sponsoring a Zoom event tonight, Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m., focused on "Women in Politics." Guests will include New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart, former GOP Chair Sue Hatfield and state Rep. Terri Wood.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets are \$10 and registration is at [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com). Click on the "More" tab and then "Fundraisers" to register.

For more information, call Sue Stolfi at 860-593-4763 or Liz Giannelli at 860-841-1547.

## Dean's List

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



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### Parks and Rec Programs

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

**Program Note:** Don't wait until the last minute to register, Parks and Rec. said. Most classes require a minimum registration and if that requirement is not fulfilled by a certain date, the program may be canceled. Also, all in-person classes are subject to change to virtual programs based on COVID-19 developments.

**Youth Programs: Artventureswithkids! Superheros Saving Planet Earth:** For grades K-4. Thursdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m., March 24-May 5, at the Marlborough Senior Center. Cost is \$99/residents, \$104/non-residents.

**Music/Dance: Tiny Twirlers Dance Class:** Ages 2-3 with caregiver, Thursdays, 5:15-5:45 p.m., March 24-June 2 (no class April 14), or Saturdays, 9-9:30 a.m., March 26-June 11 (no class April 16 and May 28), at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Fee: \$130. **Sparkling Spinners:** Ages 3-5, Mondays, 5:15-5:55 p.m., March 28-May 9. Fee is \$95. **Funky Tumblers:** Ages 4-7. Mondays, March 28-May 9, 6-6:45 p.m. Fee: \$95.

**Kids Sewing: Tank Top Dress:** Ages 8-18. Wednesday, April 6, 5:30-7 p.m. Fee: \$48/resident, \$53/non-resident.

**After School Co-Ed Sports:** For grades 5 and 6 at the Marlborough Elementary School gym. **Dodgeball** is Mondays, March 28-May 9, 3:15-4:15 p.m., and **Handball** is Wednesdays, March 30-May 11, 3:15-4:30 p.m. Fee is \$30/resident.

**Soccer Shots:** Saturdays, April 9-June 11, at West Road Memorial Field. **Mini**, for age 2, is 3-3:35 p.m., and **Classic**, for age 3-5, is 3:45-4:30 p.m. Fee for Mini is \$102/resident, \$107/non-resident, and fee for Classic is \$108/resident.

dent, \$113/non-resident.

**Adult Programs: Zumba:** Thursdays through April 15 (started March 11), 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the conference room at Fire Station No. 2 and virtually. Fee: \$50/residents, \$55/non-residents, or a \$12 drop-in fee.

**Monday Barre/Pilates:** March 14-28, 5-5:45 p.m., virtual or in person. Fee is \$45, or an \$18 per week drop-in fee.

**Monday Yoga:** Mondays, March 14-28, 6-7 p.m., virtual or in-person. Fee: \$45 or an \$18 per week drop-in fee.

**Tuesday Yoga:** Tuesdays through March 29 (started March 1), 9:30-10:30 a.m., virtual or in-person. Fee: \$75, or \$18 to drop in. Class instruction is virtual or in person and provided by Janice Flanagan.

**Thursday Yoga:** Thursdays, March 17-April 21, 6-7 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Fee: \$75/resident, \$80.non-resident, or a \$15 per week drop-in fee.

**Wednesday Barre/Pilates:** Wednesdays through March 30 (started March 2), 5:30-6:15 p.m., virtual or in-person. Fee is \$75/resident, or \$18 per week to drop in.

**Yogalates:** Thursdays through March 31 (started March 10), 9:30-10:30 a.m., virtual or in person. Fee is \$60/resident, or an \$18 per week drop-in fee.

**Dance:** Held at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. **Adult Ballet/Barre**, for ages 16 and up, is Mondays, March 28-May 9, 6:45-7:15 p.m. Fee is \$100. **Adult Tap** is Thursdays, April 8-June 10 (no class April 22), 6:30-7:15 p.m. Fee is \$155.

**Dog Obedience - Polite Dog Manners:** Saturdays, April 9-May 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Fee: \$120/resident, \$125/non-resident.

**Special Event: Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 16, at Blish Park. Ages 2 and under are at 11 a.m., ages 3-5 at 11:30 a.m., ages 6-8 are at 11:15 a.m., and ages 7-10 are at 11:45 a.m.



The five-piece bluegrass band Grass Routes will perform at Marlborough Arts Center's 4th Friday at the Arts Café on March 25 at 7:30 p.m.

### Bluegrass Band at Arts Café Concert

Marlborough Arts Center will feature the bluegrass band Grass Routes at the 4th Friday at the Arts Café on March 25 at 7:30 p.m., in the Charles W. Hall Gallery at the Arts Center, 231 North Main St.

Grass Routes is a Connecticut five-piece bluegrass band. Since 1980, the group has performed a repertoire ranging from traditional bluegrass standards to folk and contemporary songs. Vocals include duets to four-part harmonies. Each member sings lead.

Band members include Joe Lemeris on banjo;

Bill Reveley on mandolin and fiddle ; Marilyn Toback-Reveley on rhythm guitar; Pete Kelly on bass and Tim St. Jean on mandolin, guitar, fiddle and concertina. Grass Routes has appeared on radio and television and performed at concerts and bluegrass festivals throughout the northeast. The band has also played at Marlborough Arts Center in the past.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission at the door is \$10 per individual. Masks are suggested. There will not be any refreshments. The arts center is fully accessible and there is on-site parking.

### Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has reopened its building to the public, but curbside pickup is still being offered. For more information and full program descriptions, call the library at 860-295-6210 or visit [richmondlibrary.info](http://richmondlibrary.info).

**Building and Curbside-Pickup Hours:** Due to staff shortages, the library is now closing an hour earlier in the evenings on Mondays through Thursdays. Until April 4, hours are: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Meet Polly the Penguin:** Polly the Penguin is new to Marlborough and she's been visiting the library. She gets a little curious at night when staff go home and goes exploring, oftentimes getting lost. Each Monday, she will move to a new location. She wants to meet all of the kids who love the library as much as she does and, if you find her, you'll earn a prize.

**Now Accepting Puzzle and Board Game Donations:** The Friends of the Richmond Memorial Library are now collecting new and gently used puzzle and board game donations for an upcoming sale to benefit the library. The

### Dean's List

Brooke Almeida of Marlborough made the fall 2021 Dean's List at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Almeida is a student in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

### President's List

Marlborough residents Andrew Marocchini and Kayla Porter made the fall 2021 President's List at Goodwin University.

library asks that all pieces be included in any donation.

**Las Vegas and the Mob:** Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. The Mob Museum (also known as the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement) will discuss why the Mob came to Las Vegas and how they controlled its major casinos for decades.

**Friends of the Library:** New members are always sought for the Friends of the Library group. Meetings are held the second Wednesday at the month at 6:30 p.m. If interested in attending the virtual meeting, email Library Director Aubrey Muscaro at [amuscaro@richmondlibrary.info](mailto:amuscaro@richmondlibrary.info).

### 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 has announced the following:

**Transportation:** Transportation to the senior center, shopping, medical and non-medical appointments will be offered each day from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with a 36-hour advance reservation. Masks are required as well as appropriate distancing. **Assistance** is offered each day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

### Marlborough Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Marlborough Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 3. At this time the event is being planned for takeout orders only, but this will be reevaluated as the event gets closer to see if indoor seating will be provided.

The event will be held at the East Glastonbury Fish and Game Club on Planeta Road in Marlborough, which is located off of West Road just east of Exit 12 from Route 2. The Lions will be open for takeout orders from 7:45-11:45 a.m. The Lions will serve various varieties of pancakes along with sausage, ham, coffee and juice.

Tickets will be available for sale in advance of the event and drive-ups on the morning of the breakfast are welcome. Tickets are

only \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for children 12 and under.

The success of this event is also dependent upon local businesses, which support the Lions in the form of \$25 sponsorships. Lions Club members will be contacting local businesses in advance of the breakfast and any business interested in providing a sponsorship is encouraged to contact the Lions.

For further information, to provide a sponsorship or to purchase tickets, call Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537, Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 or Lions secretary Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116. Also visit the Marlborough Lions Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/marlboroughlionsclubct](http://www.facebook.com/marlboroughlionsclubct) for more information on the event or to message the Lions.

### Arts Center Announces Members' Show

The Marlborough Arts Center will hold a Members' Art Show in May – and is currently accepting submissions.

Artist members may enter up to three pieces of artwork, including paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, fiber art, and wood turned works, which will be judged for awards. Beverly Fisher, director of the art department at RHAM High School, will judge.

The gallery at the Arts Center, 231 N. Main

St., will be open weekends in May. An Opening Reception, featuring the presentation of awards, will take place on Sunday, May 1, from 2-4 p.m. Membership dues must be up to date in order to participate in the show. The entry fee is \$25 for the first two pieces, and \$5 for a third. Paintings and artwork that is to be hung must be wired for hanging (no sawtooth hangers), and must measure no more than 36 inches in either direction, including frame.

A prospectus and entry forms can be downloaded from the Arts Center website: [www.marlborougharts.org](http://www.marlborougharts.org). For more information, leave a voice message at 860-467-6353, or send an email to [marlboroughartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:marlboroughartscenter@gmail.com).

### Dean's List

Marlborough residents Joshua Dunagan, Drew Hunter, Andrew Marocchini and Kayla Porter made the fall 2021 Dean's List at Goodwin University.

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# Drama Club Reignites with a Familiar Aquatic Tale

by Jack Lakowsky

Sarah Kitterer, producer of Portland High School Drama Club's upcoming performance of *The Little Mermaid*, said directors, cast and crew are going to "make this one count."

It is the high school's first production since 2019. The club was a week away from show-time when the pandemic shut it down in March 2020, Kitterer said Monday.

"There's a bit more riding on this one," said Kitterer. "We're trying to reignite passions for live theatre."

*The Little Mermaid*, based on the Disney film and Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale, is about Ariel, a mermaid princess of the underwater realm of Atlantica. She falls in love with a human prince and to be with him, turns herself human-but at a steep cost.

To do so, she makes a dubious deal with the sea sorceress Ursula, who plots to serve her own ambitions.

The Broadway version, originally produced in 2007, was written by Doug Wright and Alan Menken. It ran nearly 700 performances, according to Music Theatre International.

Kitterer said involvement is down this year. She said before the pandemic about 100 Portland High School students-cast, crew and orchestral pit players- were involved in the club.

That number's been halved this year, Kitterer said.

She said the club's hiatus depressed its momentum and stymied interest. She hopes this year's show will reinvigorate enthusiasm.

"We shrunk because people didn't know much about it," said Kitterer. "We lost two years and now we want to rebuild that culture."

Kitterer said to help bolster cast numbers the

club reached out to eighth graders, which also served to spark interest in younger students.

Kitterer reached out to both prospective PHS students and PHS graduates. The club offered involvement to actors and instrumentalists who were juniors or seniors in 2020 and couldn't perform in their last high school years.

"After bows, we're going to re-perform 'Under the Sea' with some of the 2020 cast," Kitterer said. "Under the Sea" is one of the most well-known songs from the show and Disney movie.

In fact, this year's show is something of an homage to students who lost out on their experiences in 2020 and 2021. Alumni were also cast as central parts.

Alumnus Jack Turecek returned to play the crab Sebastian, a leading role and protagonist Ariel's close friend, advisor and confidante. In 2020 he was cast as Prince Eric, Ariel's love interest.

"I wanted this role," said Turecek, his costume's claws dangling. "I'm excited. Around this time in rehearsals is when you start to see some magic."

Kitterer said having cast and instrumentalists who already know the show was a huge benefit. Set pieces were already built. Designers added fine touches, impossible in "normal" years when set pieces are built from scratch.

The club also avoided the supply issues troubling just about every industry. It had supplies leftover from a pre-pandemic world.

The club actually boosted its inventory a bit, buying new, better microphones and pit equipment.

Kitterer said after such a long break, there

## First Congregational Church News

First Congregational Church of Portland, located at 554 Main St., has announced the following pieces of news:

Sunday morning worship takes place in person at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Services are livestreamed on the church's YouTube channel, and also available there for later viewing. The channel is "First Church of Portland CT."

On the Second Sunday in Lent, the March 13 worship service at 10 a.m. will include the Sacrament of Baptism. The Rev. Jane Hawken's sermon is titled, "Bless the Lord, O My Soul." Under Kasha Breaux's direction, the Handbell Choir will play, and the choir will sing the anthem "All We Like Sheep," by Joseph Martin. A time of fellowship follows the service.

Children ages 4 and older are invited to in-person church school in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. The lessons are also available on the church's YouTube channel by clicking on the specific link in *The Weekly Word* e-newsletter that is emailed

on Friday.

First Church Nursery School has openings in its preschool program. The 3-year-old program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and the 4-year-old program runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Amy Jahnke at 860-342-1111 or 1stchurch-nurseryschool@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.

To join church mailing lists (both email and regular mail), email [first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.first-churchportlandct.org](http://www.first-churchportlandct.org).

were definitely a few "cobwebs."

"Even from the adult perspective, just remembering routines, when to reserve things, it took everyone a while to get into that groove," she said.

She said some students had to relearn their stage basics, like the counterintuitive "upstage" and "downstage".

PHS senior Molly Colman, playing Ariel's close friend Flounder, originally wanted a smaller part as one of Ariel's sisters.

To her surprise she was offered the major role of Flounder. Colman hesitated at first, but soon decided to go for it.

"I love Flounder," she said. Referring to her role with neutral pronouns, Colman said "they're goofy and a hopeless romantic. Their heart's always on the line."

Colman, dressed in her opulent gold-and-blue costume, said she's passionate about musical theatre and has been involved since her first year in high school.

## Town-Wide Tag Sale Plans Begin

The Portland Historical Society's 26th annual Town-Wide Tag Sale will be Saturday, May 7.

Online registration and payment for tag sales is now open. Visit the society's website ([www.portlandhistsoc.org](http://www.portlandhistsoc.org)) and click on the link to register. Registration sheets will be included in the Society's March newsletter and will also be available in the barrel on the front steps of the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History, located at 492 Main St., later this month. Completed paper registration sheets along with payment should be mailed to the society at P.O. Box 98, Portland CT 06480. The donation to the society for a spot on the Tag Sale Map is \$20-\$25. Portland residents who sign up will be assigned a spot on the society's official Tag Sale Map issued for that day listing the sale locations and types of items featured at each one.

## Kindergarten Registration

Valley View School kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year is underway.

Parents/guardians whose children will be 5 years old on or before Jan. 1, 2023, should email Valley View at [pgross@portlandct.us](mailto:pgross@portlandct.us) to indicate they will be registering their child for kindergarten. Provide the child's full name, phone number and address.

Further information regarding kindergarten registration will then be provided.

Matt Hernandez, playing Ariel's domineering (if well-meaning) father, King Triton, said the whole cast has "really gone for it" this year.

Hernandez has experience both on stage and in the pit.

When asked what unique tweaks the club has added to the show, Hernandez said he'd prefer to keep them a surprise for the audience.

Elisha Millerd Lewis, the show's director, emailed the *Rivereast* saying cast and crew have worked very hard for months to perfect their performance. She said students stay after school and use their scheduled free period to rehearse.

"We can't wait to see all their hard work pay off!" Lewis wrote.

Kitterer said audience mask-wearing is at patrons' discretion.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for students/seniors, and \$10 for children under 12. To pre-order tickets get visit [www.phs-musical.ticketleap.com/mermaid](http://www.phs-musical.ticketleap.com/mermaid). Tickets will also be sold at the door.

## Hearty Highlander Breakfast

The Portland Secondary Schools Music Boosters are sponsoring the 10th annual Hearty Highlander Breakfast on Saturday, March 26, at St. Mary Church Hall, Free-stone Avenue, Portland, from 8-10:30 a.m. Snow date is Sunday, March 27.

The menu is: French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, and coffee/tea/juice/milk. Tickets are limited, and are \$10 per person. To order, email Alison Dillon at [geegables@gmail.com](mailto:geegables@gmail.com) or Michelle Wright at [wright5596@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wright5596@sbcglobal.net).

Proceeds from the breakfast will help to provide music enrichment programs for the high school and middle school students.

## Police News

2/27: Devon Brackett, 30, of 46 Chatham Court, was arrested and charged with third-degree assault, Portland Police said.



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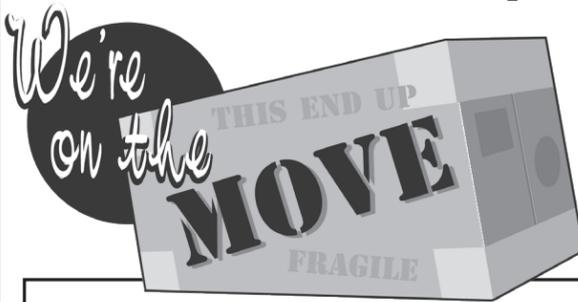
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### Senior Center News & Notes

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 drop off donations only during food bank hours, downstairs in the senior center, on Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-noon.

**Weekly Schedule:** **Mondays:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Corn Hole (seated or standing), 2:15 p.m., dates vary. **Tuesdays:** Bears on a Journey, 9:30-11 a.m. – making fleece teddy bears for cancer patients; Watercolor Lessons: 9:30 a.m.-noon – email bivenne@yahoo.com to register; Tai Chi with Tom, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom; Coupons for Troops, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Stretch & Flex: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Tap Exercise, 1:30 p.m. – fee is \$5; Senior Evening Jam Sessions, 7 p.m. (check the senior center calendar for exact dates). **Wednesdays:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:15-11 a.m.; Social Duplicate Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month; Qi Gong with Lisa, 1 p.m. (four weeks at a time for \$40); setback, 1-3 p.m.; chair yoga, 1:30 p.m. March 23 and

30, and every week in April. **Thursdays:** Knit & Stitch, Dancercize, 10 a.m.; Stretch & Flex, 11:30 a.m.; Mahjongg, 12:30-4 p.m.; Scrabble, 1-4 p.m.; **Fridays:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Wii Bowling:** Check the monthly calendar for specific days and time.

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

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

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

**Free Hearing Screening:** The second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. with Virginia Duclos of “All Ears” in Portland. No registration is necessary.

**Trip:** If you need to be picked up at your home for a van trip, let the center know in advance. The van will travel to BOSCOV’s at Meriden Mall on Thursday, March 31, departing the center at 1 p.m. There is a \$5 trip fee. Pre-register.

**Tech Talk With Kevin Armstrong:** Friday, March 11, at the senior center. Pre-register.

**UR Community Cares Volunteer and Seniors in Need Info Session:** Tuesday, March 22, 6 p.m. Pre-register.

**Early St. Paddy’s Day Celebration:** Monday, March 14, at 3 p.m. There will be live music and Shamrock treats. Pre-register.

### Resident Honored

Cheryl Zalewski of Portland, an agent with eXp Realty of CT, has received the company’s ICON Award, which honors the top 2 percent in company volume.



Last week, Governor Ned Lamont talked shop with Portland First Selectman Ryan Curley.

## Lamont Pays Portland a Visit

by Jack Lakowsky

Gov. Ned Lamont paid Portland Town Hall an informal visit last Wednesday. Portland First Selectman Ryan Curley called it a “pleasant surprise.”

“He called in the morning to say he was in the area,” Curley told the *Rivereast*. “He wanted to thank Town Hall employees for working through the pandemic.”

Curley bragged about Portland to the state’s chief executive, telling him about major projects such as Brainerd Place and the Brownstone Avenue brownfield restoration. They also chatted about the success of Brownstone Discovery Park.

The two officials also talked about a bill coming up in Hartford.

The state is looking to cap vehicle mill rates, essentially capping and flattening across towns the taxes a municipality can charge residents for

their vehicles.

Curley said he agrees with the legislation’s premise. He said it’s unfair that someone living in Hartford pays more in vehicle taxes than does someone in Portland, whether they have the same car or not.

“I think the goal is to take the inequity out of that,” said Curley.

The problem, Curley said, is some towns have tax rates higher than the proposed cap, causing lost revenue.

The cap is a motor vehicle mill rate of 29. Portland’s is about 35. Curley said the bill proposes the state can credit towns to make up for the shortfall.

However, Curley said the state has a habit of doing this in the first year of a new bill, then gradually reducing support and further burdening towns.

In this scenario towns become the villain, the first selectman said. They’d have to make up for the shortfall by raising property taxes.

Curley said to his knowledge most towns don’t oppose the legislation’s ends, just its means.

Curley said a suggestion floating around right now is that people pay the full tax on their car, then, when they file taxes for the year, have the state credit them individually.

### Hemlock Grange Celebrates Anniversary

Hemlock Grange 182 in Portland is celebrating its 110th Anniversary, and there will be a Music Night at the Grange Hall, 17 Sage Hollow Rd., on Friday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to come and enjoy the For Fun Band, which plays classic rock, doo wop and country. The local band has been playing together since 2000.

There will also be a collection box for those who want to donate canned goods and other items for the Portland Food Bank.

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### Registration Open for Spring Soccer

Registration is open for Portland Soccer Club’s spring Travel and Recreational seasons. Visit [clubs.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub](http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub) to register, or contact PSC President Chad Wilson at [nosliw.dahc@gmail.com](mailto:nosliw.dahc@gmail.com).

**Travel Details:** For p layers with birth-years 2008 - 2013. Registration deadline is Friday March 18th. Cost is \$170. Practices are 2x per week with up to 2 weekend games against other towns. Season starts Early April, ends Mid-June.

Players with birth years 2013 to 2017 are eligible. Registration deadline is Monday, April 18. Birth year determines division. Pre-K cost is \$60, Dribblers and Kickers cost is \$75. Pre-K and Dribblers on Saturday mornings only. Kickers play Saturday morning games at the Portland Rec Complex and practice Wednesday evenings. The season runs from April 23-June 11.

Late registrations are not guaranteed to be accepted.

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## Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation is offering the following. To register or for full program descriptions, visit [portland.recedesk.com](http://portland.recedesk.com). For more information, call 860-342-6757 or email [nfoley@portlandct.org](mailto:nfoley@portlandct.org) or [adionne@portlandct.org](mailto:adionne@portlandct.org).

**Tai Chi:** At the Buck-Foreman Community Center. Dates are Wednesdays through April 6, 9:30-10:15 a.m., or Saturdays through April 9, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Fee \$7 per day to drop in.

**Kids Blast:** Parks and Rec. is taking applications for this afterschool program for Portland kids in grades K-6. The program is based at Brownstone Intermediate School. Applications are at [portland.recedesk.com](http://portland.recedesk.com). For more, call Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757.

**Boat America – Online Boating Safety Course:** Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 and 20, 6:30-9 p.m., and Tuesday, April 26, via Zoom. Cost is \$65. Course is taught by qualified members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

**Adult Drop-In Volleyball:** Wednesdays at Gildersleeve School, 565 Main St. Competitive Play is 5-6:30 p.m., and Non-Competitive Play is 6:30-8 p.m. Participants may enter the building through the side doors nearest to the gym; a sign should be posted. Create an account at [portland.recedesk.com](http://portland.recedesk.com) to receive program information via email blast. Note: All participants are required to wear masks during play.

**Adult Drop-In Basketball:** 30+ Men's Drop-In Basketball takes place from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Portland Middle School. Women's Drop-In Basketball takes place from 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays, also at PMS. Masks must be worn indoors by all individuals at all times, regardless of vaccination status. All participants will fill out a drop-in waiver before participating.

**CT Flag Football League Spring 2022:** This is a non-contact youth flag football program, with co-ed divisions for children as young as 3 and as old as 15. Practices are held one weeknight per week at the coaches' discretion. Games will be held on Saturdays or Sundays. Season begins April 9 and runs eight

## Shade Gardening Program

The garden clubs of Portland will present the program "Shade Gardening" by Betty Sanders Wednesday, March 30, at 7 p.m., at the Waverly Center, located on 7 Waverly Ave.

Sanders' program will cover the uses of shade, the limitations of shade, and how to increase the former and minimize the later. She will also include information on how shade can reduce the garden's water needs. Handouts summarizing the key points of her program will be available.

Neal Sanders, her husband and author of 15 mysteries, will also be present at the program. His books, many with horticultural themes or garden club settings, will be available for sale. A contribution will be made to the garden clubs based on the number of books sold.

The program is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Sue at 860-685-0593.

## Scholarship Available

Carl Guild and Associates has a scholarship available for a local high school senior entering college in the fall.

There are six \$1,000 scholarships given – one each in East Hampton, Portland, Colchester, East Haddam, Glastonbury and the RHAM school district. There are no restrictions or qualifications; all local seniors can apply.

Application deadline is April 1. For an application, visit [www.carlguild.com/scholarship](http://www.carlguild.com/scholarship) or ask your school's guidance counselor.

weeks. Location is the Middlesex Avenue Upper Fields. Fee is \$155/registrant and includes a jersey (name on the back optional) and set of flags for the child to keep. Volunteer head and assistant coaches are needed; background checks are required. Registration is online at [www.CTFlagFootball.com](http://www.CTFlagFootball.com) and runs through Friday, March 18.

**Skyhawks Youth Sports – MultiSport (Baseball, Basketball and Soccer):** This class uses age-appropriate games and activities. Parent participation required for ages 2-3.5 years. Meets Saturdays, April 2-May 14 (no class April 16), at Riverfront Park. Age 2 meets 9-9:45 a.m., age 3 meets 10-10:45 a.m., and ages 4-5 meets 11-11:45 a.m. Fee: \$79. Registration for other Skyhawks Sports Programs including tennis, track and field, and sports & games camps, is open on the Parks and Rec. website.

**Art Enrichment Programs with Abrakadoodle:** Registration opens soon for the next programs.

**Summer Quest:** Registration for the programs (Kiddie Camp – age 3-5, Base Camp – entering grades 1-6, and Teen Camp – entering grades 7-9) is open now. Week 1 begins June 27. More detailed information is on the Parks and Rec. website.

**Junior Golf Workshops:** Parks and Rec. has opened registrations for three Junior Golf programs for children in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. The first program takes place Tuesdays, May 31-June 21; the second, on Wednesdays from July 6-27; and the third takes place Mondays, Sept. 12-Oct. 3.

## Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., has returned to offering in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. Masks and social distancing are still required.

Since conditions change weekly, Zion recommends that anyone interested in joining the weekly worship services check the status on Zion's website, [zionlutheranportland.org](http://zionlutheranportland.org). If in person, all are welcome to attend, or view a recording that is posted to YouTube on Mondays by 9 a.m. If online, the service is posted by 9 a.m. on Sundays.

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

## Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 345 Main St., invites the community to celebrate each week. Worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is held during the service. Children ages 4-12, baptized and unbaptized, are welcome to attend Church School.

The Lenten Book Study, featuring Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited*, will be held Mondays at 7 p.m. Books are available in the church office. You can join the study in person or via Zoom. See details at [trinitychurchportlandct.org](http://trinitychurchportlandct.org).

Masks are required for all, vaccinated and unvaccinated, while inside the church. More information is at [trinitychurchportlandct.org](http://trinitychurchportlandct.org).

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

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

## Portland Library News & Notes

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

**Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (through March 31; starting April 4, hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday); 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. The meeting room is limited through March.

**Museum Passes & Games – Reservations Recommended:** Go to the library website and click on Museum Passes or call to reserve a pass. Board games are available also to be borrowed without reservation.

**Youth Programs: Tiny Art Show:** Stop by the library and pick up a kit that includes a 3x3 canvas, 6 colors of acrylic paint, a color mixing guide, and a small paintbrush. Return the artwork to the library and we will display it as part of our art show. March is Youth Art Month.

**Spring Storytimes:** The March and April storytime sessions will be held in person at the library. There will be songs, stories and more each week. A craft will be offered for those in the preschool program. Masks are recommended but not required. Registration is required, though, as space is limited; register through the website calendar or call the library. The schedule is: **Preschool Storytime:** Tuesdays, 10:30

a.m., through April 26. **Storytime for Toddlers and Tots: Mother Goose on the Loose:** Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., through April 27.

**Arctic Animal Art:** Thursdays, 3:30 p.m., through March 31, for grades K-5. Activities center around a different arctic animal each week. Masks are required at this event until further notice. Space is limited and social distancing will be enforced.

**Teen Advisory Guild (TAG):** Monday, March 14, 3:30 p.m., in the large meeting room of the library. Brainstorm ideas for new programs, talk about books, and enjoy some snacks and laughs with friends. You will earn community service hours for each meeting you attend. Registration is required.

**Adult Programs: Tech Talk:** Friday, March 11, 10:15 a.m., at the senior center (in collaboration with the library). Learn about organizing photographs online and other topics suggested by participants. Join in person or via Zoom.

**Taxes: Upcoming Changes and the Effect on Your Retirement:** Monday, March 14, 6 p.m., in the Mary Flood Room, presented by USA Financial & Tax Services. At this educational workshop, people will learn how taxes can change the outcome of their retirement.

**Mystery Lovers Book Club:** Tuesday, March 15, 1 p.m. *How It Happened* by Michael Koryta will be discussed.

**Portland Forum:** Thursday, March 24, 6:30 p.m. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice & Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson will be discussed.

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

## March Book Sale, Read & Recycle

The Friends of the Portland Library group has cookbooks, CDs, and DVDs as well as fiction, romance, teen and children's used books in the Second-Hand Prose Bookshop at the Portland Library during regular library hours. The library is located at 20 Freestone Ave.

Books are 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books, \$1 for trade paperbacks and \$2 for hardcover. DVDs and CDs are 50 cents each disc, unless marked otherwise. There are also mystery and general fiction books that have been removed from the library collection, all on sale for 50 cents each.

Also, the Friends' Read & Recycle program will accept donations Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m.-noon, in the Mary Flood Room of the library.

The Friends welcome donations of gently-used books, puzzles, CDs, DVDs and games. No textbooks, business books, computer books, self-help books, VHS videos or magazines. All donated items must be in "sellable" condition. The library

cannot accept items that are dirty, moldy or in poor condition.

Donations must be dropped off at the library's side door, and volunteers will be available to receive the donations. Donations are tax-deductible and acknowledgement forms will be available. Donated items are sold at various Friends' book sales held throughout the year, and all proceeds are used to support programs of the library.

Visit [www.friendsofportlandlibraryct.org](http://www.friendsofportlandlibraryct.org) for more information or email questions to [friendsoftheportlandlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheportlandlibrary@gmail.com).

## Crafters, Vendors Sought

Portland United Methodist Church, located at 381 Main St., will hold a Spring Craft/Vendor Fair Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost for a space is \$25, or \$20 if you supply your own table.

Contact Pam Galvin at [pamgalvin69@yahoo.com](mailto:pamgalvin69@yahoo.com) or 860-301-7393 to reserve a spot.

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## Obituaries

### Portland

#### Laurence Virgil Nichols

Laurence "Larry" Virgil Nichols, 87 of Portland, passed away Sunday, Feb. 27, surrounded by family. Larry, also known as "Pudge," was born March 16, 1934, in Keene, N.H., and grew up on a farm nearby in Gilsom. He was the son of Laurence Nichols and Carolyn Johnson.



After moving to Middletown, Larry graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1952. Then, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, proudly serving as a paratrooper.

Larry held many jobs to support his family: Milkman at Borden Dairy, Salesman for Fuller Brush, and Owner of Middletown Steam Cleaning with his lifelong friend Lawrence Helfant. After retirement, Larry continued to work as a shuttle bus driver at Rushford until the age of 82.

From jumping out of planes to swimming across the Connecticut River, there wasn't much Larry wouldn't try once. He loved sharing wild stories like how he climbed a tree during the Hurricane of '38 – and we were never sure if he was being serious or just pulling our leg.

He loved New England sports, fishing, playing cards, and shooting pool. For decades, Larry joined his friends and family for an annual fishing trip.

Larry is predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Linda Moore Nichols; his daughter, Michelle Nichols; and siblings, Althea Whalen, Ann Kauder, Mark Nichols and Robert Nichols. He is survived by his son, Larry Nichols Jr. and his wife Joan Estelle-Nichols, and her sons, Michael Casserino and Orlando Casserino III; daughter, Kelly Nichols-Johnson and her husband Shelvie Johnson; sister, Jane Delaney; sister-in-law, Marilyn Smigel; and granddaughter, Kayla Johnson; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 8, in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland. Burial with full military honors will be in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. Friends called at the funeral home Tuesday morning, before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Dept. of Veterans Affairs Recreation Fund, 287 West St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Attn: Tammy Marzik.

### Colchester

#### Regina Mary Hill

Regina Mary Hill, 99, of Colchester, passed away Friday, Feb. 18. Born Nov. 8, 1922, in Staten Island, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late John and Mary Judlik.

Regina was a 1940 graduate of McKee High School in Staten Island and later went on to study at the Borough's Business School in New York City. She worked for several years at the American Water Works. In 1946 she married her husband, the late Richard S. Hill; they shared 50 years of marriage together until he predeceased her in 1997. In her spare time, she loved to curl up and escape into one of her Clive Cussler novels.

She will be forever loved and remembered by her son, Richard L. Hill of Colchester; her two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and numerous other extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is predeceased by her two brothers and three sisters.

Care of private arrangements have been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester. For online condolences, please visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

### East Hampton

#### Dolores Helen Curran

Dolores Helen Curran, 93, of East Hampton, beloved wife of Walter J. Curran, passed away peacefully at the Jefferson House in Newington Monday, Feb. 28. Born May 19, 1929, in Amsterdam, N.Y., she was the daughter of Joseph and Bernice Zacharkiewicz.



She graduated from Wilbur Lynch High School in Amsterdam, N.Y., and later in life graduated with honors from Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Mass.

Dolores is survived by her son, Michael Curran of Amsterdam, N.Y.; daughter, Karen Arsenault (Paul) of Hebron, Christine Curran (Jordan Murphy) of Jersey City, N.J., Patricia Curran (Paul Lounsbrough) of Laconia, N.H.; Paula Mattson (Phil Stearns) of Upton, Mass.; grandchildren, Julie Feeney (Patrick), Michelle Kahn (Mallory), Corey Lounsbrough, Kristy Lounsbrough, Joseph Mattson, Chelsea Curran; and great-grandchildren, Owen and Leo Feeney and Casey Grace Lounsbrough.

She was predeceased by husband, Walter J. Curran; sons, Joseph M. Curran and Edward J. Curran.

A private funeral liturgy will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church in East Hampton. The burial will follow in the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

### Colchester

#### John Willard Winder

John "Jack" Willard Winder, 74, of Colchester, passed away peacefully at home with his devoted wife Rosa at his side on Saturday, March 5. Born June 24, 1947, in Johnstown, Pa.; he was the son of the late W.H. and Ruth (Shaw) Winder.

For years, Jack worked at Pratt & Whitney in various departments until his retirement in 2001. During his retirement, he would spend hours outdoors hunting and fishing; appreciating the natural beauty of the world. He soon became restless during his retirement and worked at Allegra Farms in Colchester as a driver for the horse carriages. He also rode his Harley and flew his ultralight airplane whenever he could.

In addition to his wife Rosa, he will be forever loved and remembered by his children, Carrie (Mark) Livingstone, John (Krissey) Winder, and Kimberly Jones; grandchildren, Dakota, Taylor, John M., Cameron, Kaleb, and PFC Shawn (Kayla); sister, Jeanne Gmeiner; and numerous other extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by a sister, Louise Yuntz.

Jack valiantly fought several serious illnesses simultaneously this past year, but ultimately lost his courageous battle to multiple myeloma bone cancer.

Calling hours will be held today, Friday, March 11, from 3-5 p.m., at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org), or to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, [www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org).

For online condolences, please visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

"You are at peace now, so sleep well my love until we meet again."

### Marlborough

#### John J. Poggie

John J. Poggie, 77, beloved husband of Janice (Urigo) Poggie, of Manchester, formerly of Marlborough, passed away Tuesday, March 1, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the son of the late Victor and Johanna (Grimek) Poggie.



John is survived by his wife, Janice; children, Chris Poggie and his wife Melanie, Deanna Sokola and her husband Mike; grandchildren, Julia, Genevieve, Sophie, Michael, Dean and Aurora; brother, Daniel Poggie and his wife Tami; sister-in-law, Rose Poggie; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Joseph Poggie.

John studied carpentry at Prince Technical School and made good use of this knowledge throughout his life. After high school, John joined the Air Force and spent most of the Vietnam Conflict as an airplane mechanic in Puerto Rico, stationed at Ramey Air Force Base. Following his marriage to Janice in 1969, they cleared a parcel of land in Marlborough and built their home. He spent most of his life as a top-notch auto body mechanic.

He dearly loved his grandchildren and made a tradition of Saturday Donut Day. He often called to remind them to watch *Battle Bots*, *AFV* and any other TV program he thought they would enjoy. John also had a great love for all animals and birds, feeding them morning and night. With this in mind we suggest that, in lieu of flowers or other memorials, you consider donating to ASPCA in his honor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m., at St. Bridget Church, 80 Main St. in Manchester.

For online condolences, please visit [www.tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tierneyfuneralhome.com).

### Portland

#### Mark Adam Steiner

Mark Adam Steiner, 61, of Portland, formerly of East Hampton, passed away suddenly Sunday, Feb. 27, after a tragic car accident. Born in New York City, he was predeceased by his parents, Lawrence and Claire Steiner.



He leaves behind his two children, Sonoma Claire Steiner and Hunter Lawrence Steiner, and his ex-wife, Valerie J. (Bouchard) Steiner of East Hampton; his sister, Jackie Cuesta and her husband Michael; and their two children Emilio and Mina of Long Island, N.Y., and his partner Diana Gualano of Farmington.

Mark grew up on Long Island, N.Y., and later moved to Connecticut, where he was a physical education teacher in the Hartford Public Schools for many years. Mark was an avid musician who wrote and performed his own music. He loved to play guitar, a talent his daughter Sonoma has picked up from him. He loved the outdoors and had a strong passion for fishing that he shared with and passed on to his son Hunter. Above all else, Mark's greatest love was his children and he enjoyed spending time with them.

In the best interest of the children, the family has elected not to have funeral services at this time. A celebration of Mark's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Mark A. Steiner Scholarship Fund that has been set up for his children's education. Donations can be sent c/o 21 Curry Lane, East Hampton, CT. 06424, or brought to any Webster Bank location in Connecticut. A GoFundMe page has also been set up for the family under the name, "Steiner Children College Fund."

Please take a moment to sign the guest book and share a memory or note of sympathy with the family by accessing the Spencer Funeral Home website at [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

### East Hampton

#### Elizabeth A. Kauset

Elizabeth A. "Liz" (Mele) Kauset, 73, of East Hampton, passed away unexpectedly Friday, March 4. Born Oct. 13, 1948, in Torrington, she graduated from Torrington High School in 1966 and worked for the past 20 years as an executive administrative benefits manager at Lorensen Enterprises, Inc.



She shared a passion for the outdoors, particularly gardening, with her late husband Richard V. Kauset and beloved dog Bob. Liz was very witty, never afraid to speak her mind and had an amazing sense of humor. She enjoyed quality time with her family, celebrating holidays and sharing a laugh over a glass of wine. She was extremely creative, had an eye for decorating and a great sense of style.

Liz was the daughter of the late Anthony J. Mele and Katherine (Shimo) Mele of Torrington. She is survived by her daughter Danielle McGee and husband Patrick of West Granby, daughter Michelle Abrahamson and husband Chuck of Glastonbury, and was a loving grandmother to her five grandchildren, Caitlyn, Quincy, Maddee, Austin and Chase. She will be missed by her family, friends and especially her cat "Weebie."

Funeral service and calling hours will be held Tuesday, March 15, from 4-6 p.m., at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton.

If you so choose, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Protectors of Animals or a charity of your choice in her memory.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

### East Hampton

#### Douglas C. Repoli

Douglas C. Repoli, 61, of East Hampton, beloved father of Mikala and Kristen, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, March 1, at his home. Born in Hartford March 29, 1960, to the late Francis and Dorothy (Pelletier) Repoli, Doug grew up and lived in Newington before moving to East Hampton.



Doug always loved sports and was very athletic. He played on the baseball, basketball and football teams as a child and in college. Doug attended UConn and graduated in 1982 with a degree in economics. He was a lifelong UConn sports fan, he also loved watching his teams, the Boston Celtics and Boston Red Sox. He worked doing carpentry and in the last 23 years as a manager at his family's restaurant, Mickey's Oceanic Grill in East Hartford. Everyone knew Doug at Mickey's, and they could count on a cheerful greeting along with a proud update on his daughter's lives. Doug always went to his daughter's events including basketball, girl scouts, soccer, dance recitals, car club shows and indoor/outdoor track and field.

Doug would often visit Markham Meadows campground to share fond memories with his extended family. Another one of his favorite things to do was go to car shows and the beach with his daughters. Maine was Doug's favorite family vacation destination. He always looked forward to celebrating Christmas time with his family and helped others get into the spirit of the holiday season. Cooking foods for his family or for special events was one of his well-liked hobbies. When spring came around, Doug thoughtfully tended to his trees and flowers; the results of his efforts were rewarding. Many times after work he would enjoy walks with his 'Granddogs' Wolf and playing ball with Vegas.

He is survived by his daughters, Mikala alongside her fiancé (Sal Esposito) and Kristen Repoli; his brothers and sister, Dennis and Pamela Repoli of South Glastonbury, Anne and Kurt Nyman of South Glastonbury, Daniel and Mary Ann Repoli of Glastonbury, and David Repoli of Tenafly, N.J.; several nieces, nephews

See Obit, page 31

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### New Obituary Policy

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★ *Letters cont. from page 7*

Recently you may have seen or read about the teenage girl of color who was caught trying to create a racial incident in her school by writing “White only” and “Colored only” over two adjoining drinking fountains.

Then we have the “noose” incident at the Amazon warehouse, where multiple nooses were dangling about. Immediately BLM organizers swarmed the location and managed to get it shut down and a full-fledged investigation which has yet to produce a perpetrator. This was deemed racist because history tells us that no innocent white people were ever hanged – in fact, only innocent colored people were “lynched.”

What about Jussie Smollet who claimed he was attacked by 2 white supremacists wearing MAGA hats and chanting racial slurs. The investigation found that Smollet had staged the incident to create more racial tension. Of course, Fake News CNN and other media outlets jumped all over this but when Smollet was convicted it was barely covered and no apologies were offered.

Now in our region we have uncorroborated claims that racial taunts were hurled at a ladies’ basketball game between Ledyard and Colchester. Immediately, both superintendents took the bait and deemed the allegation to be true. Thus far, the investigation has not produced a shred of evidence. And so it goes!!

**Don Denley – Andover**

## Look in the Mirror

To the Editor:

Watching the events of the last couple of weeks unfold has been disconcerting to say the least. The invasion of any country should be shunned and peace-loving people all over the world should be demanding that acts of aggression against sovereign countries be called out for what they are: acts of imperialism.

Unfortunately, we live in a country in which the invasion of foreign countries, the overthrowing of democratically elected foreign governments, and the bombing of civilians in dozens of countries is our modus operandi. We pay a lot of lip service to the idea of self-determination and democracy but when push comes to shove and it’s American corporations’ profits on the line the bombs start dropping.

Since 9/11, America has waged a war on terror that has spanned dozens of countries, killed millions of civilians, and caused untold destruction all around the globe...and yet we want to act like we have the moral high ground? In the last 20 years we have launched upwards of 326,000 missiles into foreign countries....that’s around 46 per day, every day. We invaded Iraq under the guise of WMDs...none were found but around a million Iraqis died. We have bombed Syria almost into oblivion, and the people of Yemen are currently starving to death while dodging our missiles. We watched the Rwandans get butchered and sat idly by because their country doesn’t have the resources we crave. The list goes on, and on, and on.

While peoples’ homelands are blown to bits and their families torn apart not much changes for us...except our gas prices. Instead of beating the war drums once again, if we really want to stand up to imperialism, we first need to look in the mirror.

**Colin McNamara – Marlborough**

## Wasteful Spending

To the Editor:

In last week’s paper, the Hebron town manager failed to justify the town budget increase but instead spent his time criticizing the RHAM budget. This has been a frequent tactic of many town selectmen: they attack educational spending while funding unnecessary town projects. Mr. Larson, Ms. Richmond and others have criticized school budgets for years putting a chill on needed school improvements. I heard this all the time as a selectman. And it is not as if they have a unique knowledge of education. It is that their interests lie in the town budget and funding of education threatens their interests.

Hebron’s proposed town budget calls for a 5.2% increase in government spending. In fact, the town budget has increased by 25% in the past four years even though the town’s population has significantly decreased. During this same period, RHAM’s budget decreased in response to lower enrollments.

I am against any kind of wasteful spending. For example, I opposed the RHAM turf referendum. However, it has been shown and it certainly is the case for Hebron that “...the quality of local schools is a key determinant of livability and property values, even for families without kids attending those schools.” Good schools bring lower crime, more wealth and happier and more successful children.

A recent survey of Hebron residents said we most value rural living, good schools and low crime. Except for Open Space, the Hebron Town Budget does not reflect our values. Instead, the town funds new dump trucks, presumably for the proposed DPW on the Horton property, a project that will drive up taxes and effectively kill the town as we know it. When will Hebron have a government that reflects our values and understands the burden of increased taxes?

**John Collins – Amston**

## ‘Affordable Housing’

To the Editor:

In response to the articles on 2/18, “Housing in Hebron,” and 2/25, “Think ‘Workforce’ Not Just ‘Affordable’ Housing,” I have several questions. What is the definition of “affordable”? Aren’t housing and rental values ever-changing, or changing annually, depending on the real estate market, and construction numbers and construction costs?

The two articles state, “22% of the population spend 30% of their income on “home bills” and 52% spend more than the 30% of income on “home bills.” Are “home bills” mortgage/rent, plus utilities, plus personal expenses? How does a home owner qualify for a mortgage? Isn’t it determined by income and down payment? If paying more than 30% of one’s income on housing is undesirable, how did the individual qualify for the mortgage?

Can’t an individual’s personal habits help to lower utility costs and personal expenses? How many job opportunities are available in the small communities of Hebron and Marlborough? “When residents spend less on housing costs, they can spend more at local businesses” – who is funding this “affordable housing,” is it the taxpayer?

**Sue Custance – Hebron**

## It is Disgusting

To the Editor:

The Russians have invaded Ukraine and are committing war crimes by deliberately targeting and killing innocent civilians including women and children, schools and hospitals. The sanctions imposed by the United States and the European Union/NATO exempt Russian sales of oil and gas, which account for 40% of the Russian economy and funds the war on the Ukrainians.

As soon as Joe Biden took office, he declared war on fossil fuels. He not only shut down the Keystone pipeline, which would have transported oil from Canada to U.S. refineries, he also froze any new permits to drill on federal lands and imposed crippling regulations on existing permits. He even targeted banks that fund fossil fuel production. Today we produce 1.5 million barrels less per day than in 2019. We went from energy independence, exporting more oil and gas than we imported, to Biden begging terrorist regimes like Iran and Venezuela to sell us oil.

Do the right thing for a change, Joe. End the war on fossil fuels and focus on stopping the war in Ukraine. Expand our oil production so that we can export oil to Europe. Extend the sanctions on Russia to include the sales of oil and gas and use the leadership skills you have been bragging about to get the European Union/NATO to do the same.

**Linda Ursin – East Hampton**

## Apology to Prentice

To the Editor:

Perhaps I owe Sam Prentice an apology. When he wrote, “These hypocrites ignored the siege on the White House... [but] decry Jan. 6th as an insurrection,” I thought he was trying to draw parallels between them. Maybe not. He was also spouting ridiculous nonsense about BLM and bail and the vice president; perhaps I got lost in his argument. If so, I’m sorry. But if he did mean to suggest an equivalence, he still deserves our scorn.

I do owe a separate apology. Unlike Mr. Prentice, I supply references to back up my claims. Links in a recent letter were broken, one about the doctored video of Rosanne Boyland’s death, another debunking lies about Kamala Harris and bail. I’m sorry. I’ve corrected both online at <http://letters.sauyet.com/#/2022-02-25/>.

I have no reason to apologize over critiquing Mr. Prentice for describing Jan. 6th as “little more than a disruption at Golden Corral.” That is simply a stupid and dangerous lie.

In a classic misdirection, he deflects on due processes denied for Jan. 6th participants. I asked for sources; he just suggests I’d been living under a rock and was the prisoner of partisan media. Ignoring his sophomoric projection, I’ll note that I did research before posting this. I’ve done more today. I found plenty of stories from last spring with many allegations and fact-

checking refutations. Most recent stories were from sources with no credibility (Independent-Sentinel.com, TownHall.com, Breitbart.com) or even the tinfoil hat brigade (NeedToKnow.news.) A few months ago, there were only about 40 incarcerated protesters still awaiting trial.

Sam Prentice claimed a lack of due process. Goldberg vs. Kelley spelled out what due processes are required in criminal cases. Can Mr. Prentice demonstrate (with references, please) specific defendants denied any of these legal rights? Or is he just moaning?

**Sincerely,**

**Scott Sauyet – Andover**

## Where Is Our Progress?

To the Editor:

If there is a universal space map aliens refer to for travel and entertainment purposes, I am sure there are humongous orange “Detour: Go Around!” signs floating about Earth. My heart breaks from being one of millions helplessly watching crimes in progress against humanity as the world just emerges from a paralyzing pandemic. Where is our progress as people living together on one increasingly small planet?

The “Enlightenment” centuries ago focused on our reasoning abilities and ideals of liberty, tolerance and more resulting in positive changes, and I think it is time for another one! I propose a Celebrate Our Differences Day.

Try perusing George Washington’s “100 Rules of Civility.” For anybody thinking about civility at all, and I know for a fact people are, his words are a good start perhaps. Maybe we do need actual Laws of Civility now?

What is it going to take for us to get our points across, different as they often are, without resorting to enraged voices, swearing, insults, threats, intimidation, and far worse? Why are we not evolving faster on intellectual levels after coming so far on the physical plane? My gosh, we can go to the moon! Maybe we should take a hard look into one of those big space mirrors at ourselves.

A recent Sunday I sat down on a pew for some post-church chit-chat while three others remained standing. (Frankly, my back was acting up and didn’t want to mention it with all the other bad news, but I am aware it was rude of me.) And if you don’t think it was that rude, see what George has to say about it.

**E.G. Waller – Portland**

## Renounce

To the Editor:

I have written several letters to this page. I presume that, if you are paying attention, you likely realize I lean left. Just to make it clear: I only lean that way. I have not jumped with both feet into the muddy socialism of far-left rhetoric. I like to think that most members of those who disagree with left-of-center politics are only somewhat right of center themselves. However, that is not the Republican Party, which must reclaim itself.

It is fine to advocate for less government

spending, a strong military, fair trade practices. It is much less admirable to marginalize entire groups for their religion, race or ethnicity. It is wrong to demean women or gays. It is very wrong to incite violence against anyone.

As a “liberal” I am not asking anyone to forswear Jesus, fiscal responsibility, patriotism, mom and apple pie. However, unless a Republican renounces Trumpism and its adherents, he or she can be lumped in with QAnon, the radical right and their extreme interpretations of conservatism. Trump is not a Republican asset, he is a liability. Trump is not your friend. Following him, cult-like, diminishes true Americans to zombies.

Reclaim yourself.

**John Barnowski – Colchester**

## Thank You!!

To the Editor:

A quick thank you to the Subway sandwich shop here in town. I had left an envelope several weeks ago with about \$260 in cash on the counter after I purchased a sandwich. I put it down to dig into my wallet for some change!!

Kapil, the owner, happened to be there that day and rang me out. I didn’t realize I left it there until about four hours later; but a really nice employee gave me the owner’s number and I was able to call him directly and he said the envelope was safe. He was gracious enough to make a special trip to the shop a few days later to return it to me.

I bought him a really pretty rose plant; I was so happy to know that there’s such a good citizen out there!!

**Tracy Corey – Marlborough**

## Importance of This Election

To the Editor:

Residents of Marlborough: a critical special election is coming May 3. Why is this critical? It is the first election under our new charter. In this election, two additional members to the Board of Selectmen will be elected. This five-person board will then be seeking to hire Marlborough’s first-ever town manager.

Your vote counts more than ever! It is a fact that people often skip local elections, believing them to be less important than state and national elections. Not this time! It has never been more important that you come out and vote in this municipal election. The results will impact Marlborough for years to come.

In keeping with my belief that the needs of the town come before party affiliation, I am pleased to be a moderate Democrat, running with Debbie Bourbeau, an unaffiliated voter, as candidates endorsed by the Marlborough Democratic Town Committee for the two new Board of Selectman positions.

I hope you will visit my Facebook page, “Betty Obrien for Selectman.”

Don’t sit this one out!

**Betty O’Brien – Marlborough**

*Note: O’Brien is a candidate for the Marlborough Board of Selectmen.*

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★ **Student Fundraising cont. from page 1**  
 nization’s website.  
 It was founded by patients and caregivers in the mid-2000s and is based in Avon.  
 McClelland’s advisor is Portland High School library specialist Elisha Millerd Lewis. Her life was also extremely affected by a brain tumor diagnosis.  
 Lewis’s husband Dan died of the disease last March, after a long, grueling fight. He had multiple surgeries that ultimately didn’t take.  
 “His body was done. He wasn’t done, but his body gave up on him,” said Lewis. Dan was 40 when he died.  
 “He was my best friend,” Lewis said.  
 This is her second year running the fundraiser. Last year she did it with the district’s administration and was glad when this year, a student wanted to help. She approached McClelland and shared her story.  
 “Having a student who’s so passionate about this means the world to me, it’s so heartwarming,” she said. “To have him caring as much as I do is incredible.”  
 Lewis said the May celebration will have students and staff wear gray. They’re also setting

up a table outside lunch waves to collect donations.  
 “With brain tumors and illnesses like them, see what organizations and resources are available to you,” advised Lewis. “The alliance is so helpful, they referred us to excellent doctors. They help people with money and organize support groups, walks, and events.  
 “Don’t be afraid to make contact,” she continued. “Take a minute to talk to an expert. They can really change your life.”  
 Lewis said after a September 2020 surgery, the alliance honored Dan with a courage award.  
 “Little things like that mean the world,” she said.



**Obituaries cont.**

ews, cousins, and many great friends.  
 Doug was taken too soon and will be missed by all who knew him.  
 There will be a wake held at Spencer Funeral Home in East Hampton Sunday, March 20, starting at 10 a.m., and the funeral will begin promptly at noon at the same place. All are welcome to the wake and funeral. The family requests those attending to wear a pop of color to commemorate Doug’s cheerful personality. Later this spring, a celebration of life will be held at Markham Meadows Campground of East Hampton on a TBD date.  
 In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National Police Dog Foundation [www.nationalpolicedogfoundation.org/donations](http://www.nationalpolicedogfoundation.org/donations) as Doug had a high regard for police and he loved animals.  
 To leave online condolences, please visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

**Colchester**  
**John Michael Probus**  
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, thank you Lord. Thank you Jesus. Another beautiful soul is in heaven. Where no evil think can enter. Where there is love and peace only. His name is John Michael Probus.  
 John’s father, Charlee, predeceased him in a car accident.  
 John loved his family with all his tender heart. John was blessed to have two loving mothers and two loving brothers. John was a very likeable and warm, loving human being. A sincere and hard-working man, he did things to the best of his ability. John was kind, considerate and helpful to all he met.  
 John will surely be missed by the many people who loved him and liked him.  
 Again I say, Hallelujah.

★ **Maple Fest cont. from page 1**  
 for children, Nadeau said. New this year will be a live mermaid at the library and donkey petting and story time at the Donkey and Eeyore Museum on 162 Cannon Drive.  
 As in past years, Main Street will serve as the setting for a tractor parade that Sunday, which is also the first day of spring.  
 Tierney, who hops on his own tractor as the “celebrity guest” for the procession, said Hebron’s may be the largest tractor parade in the state and possibly New England.  
 Wenzel said he had spoken with parade organizer Kevin McDonald, who told him “a plethora of tractors” would be on hand.  
 Nadeau, who updated the Board of Selectmen about the festival at last Thursday’s meeting, said her only disappointment was that so few local organizations would have a face during the fest.  
 “There’s no school groups, which I’m disappointed with, so no, like, PTA groups no one trying to get money for field trips or after school programs. There’s no sport organizations, so there’s no little league or anything like that” she said. “It would be nice to see more local participation.”  
 She said the festival is a good place for groups to fundraise and told the board about a group of girls at the last festival, in 2019, who were selling baked goods to raise money for fresh water for Africa.  
 “I kind of laughed and said you guys are going to run out of food and they were like, ‘No, we’ve been baking for a whole week,’” she said. “But by noon they were sold out.”  
 She said their mothers stayed up baking all night that night so the girls would have enough to sell the next day. The girls exceeded their \$500 fundraising goal and raked in \$2,500 over

the weekend, Nadeau said.  
 Another woman who sold cotton candy as a fundraiser one year to raise money so her children could take a trip to Germany, ended up making \$5,000 and is now doing it as a business, she said. The Historical Society sells maple baked beans and brings in three or four hundred dollars, she added.  
 “So almost any organization could make money for their group on a little bit of effort,” she said.  
 Nadeau said she is crossing her fingers for good weather on the weekend of the fest and reiterated both on the phone and while talking to selectmen that folks should park at RHAM High School and take a shuttle to the fest.  
 She said she wants to make sure Main Street businesses that are open during the event have parking and a good flow of customers.  
 Nadeau said the last Maple Fest saw 8,000 people – though she is hoping for between 2,000 and 3,000 this year.  
 “That’s what we’re most excited about, having fun together,” she said.  
 Board of Selectmen Chair Daniel Larson echoed that.  
 “This is probably one of the first outdoor big events, definitely in eastern Connecticut, of the year, and the people that go to it, have just a great time,” he said.  
 In a phone call Tuesday, Larson repeated his sentiment.  
 “I pray, pray, pray that we have good weather for it. People need to be outside and be alive,” he said. “With all the evil that’s going on in the world, people need a break from it – and the Maple Fest, I think, will provide that sort of festival atmosphere that people are really looking forward to.”

**LEGALS**

**Legal Notice**  
 In accordance with the requirements of The State of Connecticut, Section 7-394 of the General Statutes, the Annual Town Audit, for the year ending June 30, 2021, is on file in the Town Clerk’s office at 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT. You may also view a copy of the audit on our website at [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov).  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 Gayle Furman  
 Town Clerk 1TB 3/11

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**Town of Colchester Special Town Meeting C-TIP Application 200 Lebanon Avenue (ARK Station LLC) Building Renovation**  
 A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Colchester, CT will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, for the following purpose:  
 1. To discuss and vote upon the C-TIP (Colchester Tax Incentive Program) Application for the site 200 Lebanon Avenue; applicant is ARK Station LLC, as recommended by the Colchester Economic Development Commission. See Connecticut General Statute Sec. 12-65b  
 2. Adjournment.  
 The full Colchester Tax Incentive Applications from ARK Distillery LLC are available in the Town Clerks office for viewing. Dated at Colchester, Connecticut this 4th day of March, 2022.  
 Gayle Furman, Town Clerk  
 Andreas Bisbikos, 1st Selectman  
 Rosemary Coyle, Selectman  
 Denise Turner, Selectman  
 Jason LaChapelle, Selectman  
 Deborah Bates, Selectman  
 1TB 3/11

**Legal Notice Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission**  
 At their regular meeting, the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission APPROVED the following application on March 7th, 2022:  
 • **Permit Application IWWC 21-27:** Gary McCullough, 3 Lakeside Drive- Replacing an existing stone wall with a stacked stone wall made of natural fieldstone on the shoreline of Andover Lake and constructing an approximately 15-foot by 15-foot perched beach within the 200-foot Upland Review Area of Andover Lake.  
 The above decisions may be appealed to the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission pursuant to Section 12.2 of the Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, available at [www.andoverconnecticut.org](http://www.andoverconnecticut.org). 1TB 3/11

**LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTIONS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HEBRON, CONNECTICUT**  
 The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions at their Regular Meeting/Public Hearing which was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., on the following:  
**Petition 2022-1** – Petition of the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission to Amend Section 6.D of the Hebron Zoning Regulations to extend the Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments until December 30, 2022. Application filed under Section 7.E of the Hebron Zoning Regulations. **Approved**  
**Petitions 2022-2 and 2022-3** – Site Plan and Special Permit Application of Margaret R. Nelson, seeking a change of use to a Live-Work unit consisting of an interior design showroom/gallery and a single-family residence, located at 7 Toomey Lane (Assessor’s Map # 70-36), application is filed under the Section 3.A.3.5 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, HG District. **Public Hearing continued to March 22, 2022**  
**The video recording of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting can be seen using the following link:** <https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/jts/3dbdf390e6186ed5b8e59ada6a3b87468f83f3d9116275337803876a3588bf1> 1TB 3/11

**TOWN OF PORTLAND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION**  
 At the March 3, 2022 meeting and in accordance with Zoning Regulation Section 7.3.7, the Planning & Zoning Commission took the following actions with regards to proposed improvements within the Town Center Village District (TCVD) Overlay Zone:  
**APPROVED** building signage for 255 Main Street as proposed by the applicant and recommended by the TCVD Design Consultant. Application of Portland Dental Care, LLC. Property of Gletzakos Realty, LLC. Assessor’s Map 28, Lot 21. Zone B3/TCVD.  
 Dated at Portland, CT. this 7th day of March 2022  
 Robert Ellsworth  
 Chairman Planning & Zoning Commission 1TB 3/11

**LEGALS**

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm on March 14, 2022 at the East Hampton Town Hall - 1 Community Drive and via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:  
 • Application ZBA-22-001: Twenty High, LLC, 20 East High Street for a variance to increase lot coverage from 74.5% to 85% in C Zone – Map 05A/Block 62/ Lot 5A 2TB 3/4, 3/11

**LEGAL NOTICE Town of East Hampton**  
 Board of Finance Public Hearing  
 Monday, March 21, 2022  
 East Hampton Town Hall Town Council Chambers #107 and Virtual via Zoom 6:30 p.m.  
 The East Hampton Board of Finance will hold a Public Hearing at the above date and time to discuss the fiscal year 2022 – 2023 Town Budget.  
 At this hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of the proposed budget will be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, East Hampton, CT and on the town website at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://www.easthamptonct.gov) by March 15, 2022. Information to log into the meeting will be available on the Public Hearing agenda on the town website at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://www.easthamptonct.gov). Written comments on the budget will be accepted via email at [budget@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:budget@easthamptonct.gov) or by mail to the East Hampton Town Hall, Attn: Town Manager’s Office, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. 1TB 3/11

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission held a regular meeting on March 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Eaton Smith Council Chambers Room 107 and via ZOOM Virtual Meeting to consider the following:  
 • Amendment to Zoning Regulations - Sections 2.2, 4.1.B, 4.2.B, 4.3.B, 4.4.B and Addition of Section 8.4.O and 8.4.P to allow for Home Occupations and Home Based Businesses – Approved. Effective April 1, 2022  
 • Enact Opt-Out Provision for Accessory Dwelling Units as Provided for in Section 6(f) of Public Act 21-29. - Approved  
 • PZC-22-002: Twenty High, LLC for Site Plan Modification to demolish existing accessory building (former Building Dept. structure) in C Zone. – Map 05A/ Block 62/ Lot 5A - Approved  
 Ray Zatorski, Chairman 1TB 3/11

**LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 The Marlborough Zoning Commission at its meeting of March 3 2022, took the following action:  
**APPLICATION TABLED:**  
 APPLICATION #Z-01-22 - Station Glo of New England Inc / J&S Enterprises Inc (application / property owner) 394 No Main St. - Refacing of existing canopy fascia – update signage. The application is tabled to April 7, 2022.  
**APPLICATION APPROVED:**  
 APPLICATION #Z-02-22 - Ready Imaging Inc / J&S Enterprises Inc (applicant / property owner) 394 No Main St. – Replacing sign face on the highway side at the rear of the property  
**APPLICATION CONTINUED; PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:**  
 APPLICATION #Z-03-22 –Mitch Lichtz / Farm at Carter Hill (applicant / property owner) – 86 E Hampton Rd - Music events, comedy nights, dinners. A public hearing is scheduled for April 7, 2022.  
 KEVIN ASKLAR, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR  
 Dated at Marlborough, CT this 07th day of March. 1TB 3/11

**LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 The Marlborough Conservation Commission at its meeting of March 07 2022, took the following action:  
**APPLICATION APPROVED:**  
 APPLICATION - #01-22 – Ed & Lori Tarka (Applicant / Property Owner) – 4 Gina Ln – maintenance on existing pond on property.  
**APPLICATION CONTINUED; PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:**  
 APPLICATION #03 -22 – Town of Marlborough (Applicant / Property Owner), -North Main Street & Park Road, Drainage Improvements. A public hearing has been scheduled for April 4, 2022.  
 Dated at Marlborough, CT this 08TH day of March 2022.  
 MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 Yvonne Bolton, Chair 1TB 3/11

**LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
 The Andover Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 21st, at 7:00 p.m., to solicit comment on the application of 580 Lake Road LLC. Site Plan Application from Garret Homes, LLC (Gary Eucaillito), property at 580 Lake Road, aka Assessor’s Map 33, Block 34, Lot 2.  
 Applicant seeking a Site Plan Approval for a permitted use (retail) in an Industrial Zone.  
 The meeting will be held on a web-based platform (ZOOM).  
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 Comments/questions will be entertained during the hearing or written comments can be submitted to the Building and Land-Use Office a minimum of 24 hours prior to the meeting. Additional details can be found on the Planning and Zoning Commission web page of the Town of Andover’s web-site ([andoverct.org](http://andoverct.org)) or by visiting/contacting the Building and Land-use Office at (860)742-4036, ext. 4 or 17 School Road.  
 If you need access to a public computer for the meeting please contact the Building and Land-Use Office at the aforementioned phone number.  
 Jim Hallisey  
 Zoning Agent 2TB 3/4, 3/11

**LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF SELECTMEN Town of Portland, CT**  
 Notice is hereby given that there will be a public hearing on the proposed Budget for 2022-2023 to be held, by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Section 1201.3 of the Town of Portland Charter, at the following place and time:  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:00 P.M.**  
**Portland High School Library Media Center 95 High Street, Portland CT**  
**In-person and with Public Access through Zoom A SUBJECT:** General Government, Board of Education Budget; and all other Special Revenue Funds  
 At this hearing, any resident or taxpayer may be heard concerning the proposed budgets. Copies of the proposed budget are available for inspection in the Town Clerk’s Office, Public Library and online at [www.portlandct.org](http://www.portlandct.org).  
 Dated this 1st day of March 2022  
 Attest: Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman 2TB 3/4, 3/11

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE**  
 The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 16, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions:  
 1. **MTB Properties LLC – Zone Change (2022-002)** – Proposed zone change of a portion (0.91 acres, 39,550 sq.ft.) of 108 Halls Hill Road (MBL# 18-00-056-000), formerly of 124 Halls Hill Road (MBL# 18-00-055-000), from Suburban Use District to Town Center Village District.  
 2. **Marino Construction LLC – Resubdivision (2022-003)** – Proposed Resubdivision of a 3.96 acre parcel into two building lots as 19 Bigelow Road (MBL# 03-19-033-002), Rural Use District.  
 At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is in the Planning Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).  
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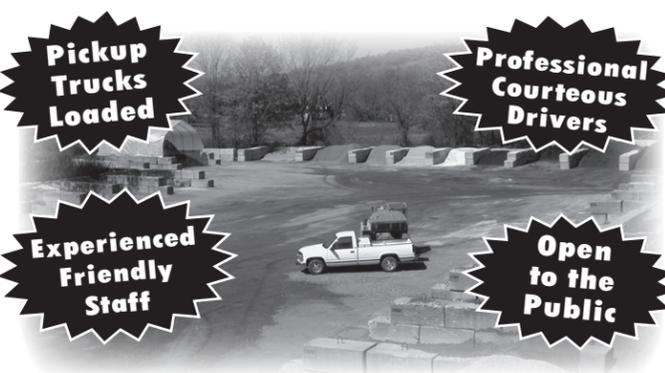
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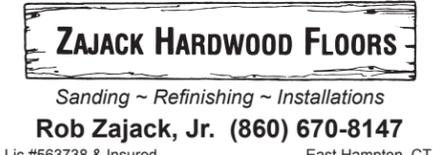
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