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Heslins Make History... Emma Heslin (left) and Jackson Heslin became the first brother-sister combo to ever capture state wrestling championships in Connecticut and the first siblings to win on the same day. See related story on page 21.

Ukraine Invasion Stokes 'Anger, Disappointment'

by Jack Lakowsky

The Rev. Cyril Manolev, of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Colchester, said he and his parishioners "feel everything" about the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Russia launched its offensive last week and has been bombarding major Ukrainian cities. Ukrainian officials said Wednesday more than 2,000 civilians have been killed so far.

"We hope and pray this will stop soon," Manolev told the RiverEast. "We're trying to keep our faith. This thing must stop - people are dying. What's on TV is very hurtful."

Manolev described Russian President Vladimir Putin as a "dangerous man."

"This could become an even worse disaster," Manolev said. "These are a peaceful people. They take care of themselves and don't want this. They want to live peacefully."

Manolev was born in Yugoslavia, a country that splintered in the early 1990s during the fall of communism in Europe. He's from the region of Macedonia, now officially known as the Republic of Northern Macedonia.

Manolev was studying in Rome when the Yugoslavian civil war broke out and though his home region saw no fighting, he had friends and colleagues that lost loved ones in the fighting.

"I had many friends in Bosnia and Serbia and Croatia when the war was going on," he said. "It was very sad, and no one wished to experience that again. But now when I see this, memories come back, you think 'It's real. It's happening again.'"

Then, as now, Manolev said, young men comprise the armies of both belligerents - 18,

19, 20. "Kids," Manolev said.

Since the invasion of Ukraine last week, Manolev said services at his church have been offering prayer to soldiers of both sides. He noted that Russian men are compelled by law to enlist in military service.

"These are kids sent to fight for nonsense," he said. "These young people, they don't know what they're doing. To them, it's kill or be killed."

Manolev said he has a 21-year-old son and couldn't imagine him "taking up weapons and going to kill."

"These young men have families," he said. "They didn't just drop out of the sky."

Manolev's congregation has natives of Ukraine, and he has friends and colleagues in the country.

One friend, a priest, contacted Manolev to say his family is okay but scared, and that he's still holding masses and refuses to leave his home.

Manolev praised the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Videos have shown Zelenskyy hunkered down in the country's capital, Kyev. The city appears to be Putin's primary target.

According to media reports "sympathetic Russian spies" foiled an assassination attempt against Zelenskyy on Wednesday.

Zelenskyy's been pleading for international aid while emphasizing his people's resolve to get through the crisis.

"He's a very courageous man," Manolev said of Zelenskyy. "He's not afraid and we think he feels our prayers and support. He says, 'We will

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Two Arrests Made in Big Y Kidnapping

by Jack Lakowsky

State police announced on Tuesday arrests in the kidnapping and assault last September of a 64-year-old woman in the parking lot of Big Y in Marlborough.

Hartford's Kenneth Gordon, 20, and a 16-year-old were charged with alleged kidnapping, robbery, assault, arson, conspiracy to commit robbery and larceny.

Gordon was held on a \$1 million bond, scheduled for court Wednesday.

The juvenile is scheduled for court the same day and is in custody.

A Superior Court Judge ordered both arrest warrants sealed, according to state police.

Tuesday night, Sgt. Dawn Pagan, of the state police told reporters this case brought a great deal of attention, and "rattled the community."

Multiple police agencies, including Hartford, Manchester, Middletown and Glastonbury po-

lice departments, along with the Eastern District Major Crimes Squad, investigated the incident, Pagan said.

Marlborough responded to the kidnapping with self-defense classes for women, along with whistles placed on windshields.

On Sept. 11, 2021, the two suspects allegedly abducted the woman from the Marlborough Big Y parking lot. The woman was put in a car, driven to East Hartford where one of the suspects reportedly tried to use a woman's card to access her money.

After this, police said, the two drove to Berlin, threw the woman from the car, then lit the vehicle on fire.

The woman was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation took five months, according to the state police's release.



Kenneth Gordon

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The East Hampton High School girls' basketball won a third consecutive Shoreline Conference championship with a 44-28 victory over Valley Regional. Freshman Liana Salamone, who led the team with 19 points, was named a Rivereast Standout Athlete of the Week.

## Standout Athletes of the Week

Here are the Rivereast Standout Athletes of the Week for the week of Feb. 21-27:

**Liana Salamone – East Hampton High School (Basketball):** Salamone continued her phenomenal freshman year by helping the Bellringers capture a Shoreline Conference (SLC) championship on Feb. 26. She scored a game-high 26 points as East Hampton eliminated North Branford, 53-37, in the semifinal round on Feb. 22 and then added 19 points as the team knocked off Valley Regional 44-28 to win a third straight SLC title. Salamone and sopho-

more teammate Jackie Russell were named to the All-SLC first-team, and junior Jordan Murphy was named to the All-SLC third-team. Head coach Shaun Russell was also named the SLC Coach of the Year.

**Owen Delisle – Portland High School (Indoor Track):** Delisle, a senior captain, came in 3rd in the 600 meter run at the Class S Championship. His performance at the class championships qualified Delisle for the State Open where he ran a personal-best time of 126.27, shattering his previous mark and setting a new school

record in the 600 meters.

**Jennifer Whipple – Bacon Academy (Track & Field):** Whipple will represent Bacon Academy at the New England Regionals in Boston on March 5 and the New Balance National Meet in New York the following week. The senior, who has committed to Lehigh University for track & field, placed 4th overall in the shot put at the State Open and 2nd at the Class M finals to qualify for the regional and national events.

**Spencer Pilkington – RHAM High School**

**(Basketball):** Pilkington scored 18 points as the Raptors defeated Platt 72-54 in the opening round of the Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) tournament on Feb. 24. The senior helped lead the Raptors to a 17-3 regular season and now the team will turn their attention to the Division III state tournament, which starts next week.

To nominate someone for an Athlete of the Week or with questions or comments on sports-related topics, email Josh Howard at [joshhowardsports@gmail.com](mailto:joshhowardsports@gmail.com)

## 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 [tricitybaseball.org](http://tricitybaseball.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).

## Student Show at Marlborough Arts Center

The regional Student Art Show will be held beginning Saturday, March 5, at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main St., Marlborough.

Student artwork has been chosen for this exhibition by the art teachers at four Marlborough-area schools, including Beverly Fisher, Carrie Dinunzio, Shelly Osowiecki, Micaela Gradie and Nicole Van Sicklin from RHAM; Denise Ketterer from Marlborough Elementary; Susan Giammarco from Gilead Hill in

Hebron; and Jessica Waine from Andover Elementary.

The Student Show will be open free of charge to the public from 1-4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday from March 5-20. There will be no Receptions, no food or drink as in the past, and masks are required in the building at all times.

The Marlborough Arts Center is fully accessible and has ample parking.

## Residents Travel to Kentucky to Aid Tornado Victims

Area residents and Lions Club members recently came to the aid of their Kentucky counterparts to provide relief for the hundreds of families whose homes were destroyed by tornadoes in December.

When the Connecticut Lions found out that the Kentucky Lions needed help in providing their displaced families with basic household needs, after five tornadoes covered a 200-mile swath through western Kentucky in December, they immediately went into action.

Lions District 23C governor Michele Wyatt, also a member of the Colchester Lions Club, worked with the Connecticut Lions' other two district governors to arrange the collection of donations, goods, and transportation of the goods to Kentucky.

District 23C covers Middlesex, New London, Tolland and Windham counties.

"This was something we wanted to get behind," Wyatt said. "The Lions of Kentucky needed our help and we wanted to support them."

Ed Fenton, meanwhile, lauded his Lions in District 23B – which includes Hartford and Litchfield counties: "In less than three weeks Connecticut Lions were able to fully pack two 26-foot box trucks of needed items! What our Lions accomplished in a short time shows you can never underestimate the power of the pride!"

In a matter of just a few weeks, the governors organized their nearly 160 clubs with more than 4,600 Lions in three districts located in all six counties. Hearing of the plight of these families and the effort to help them, Lions throughout the state were inspired to engage their own communities through social media, press and radio to donate funds and enough goods to fill two large trucks for delivery to the towns of Pa-

ducah, Mayfield and Dawson Springs, Ky.

FEMA and the State of Kentucky are providing temporary housing through trailers, mobile and modular homes. However, they are without the basics needed to set up these homes.

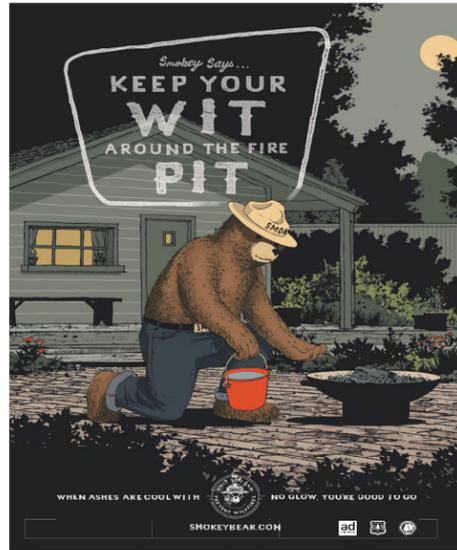
Working with Siracusa Moving & Storage who provided a discounted truck and driver to deliver the goods to Kentucky, Fenton formed a network to coordinate drop-off points.

Wyatt's District 23C, meanwhile, provided a Penske Rental Truck, also at a reduced rate, and accepted donations at the Willimantic Elks Lodge. Likewise, clubs accepted donations and delivered them to Willimantic. In one day, Lion volunteers and friends brought thousands of pounds of donated items and helped to fully load the Penske truck.

Governor Lori-Ann Beninson of 23A – which serves New Haven & Fairfield counties – collected goods that were loaded into the trucks. Also, funds were collected to enable purchases directly from Walmart to provide goods locally for these families. Her emphasis on fundraising enabled them to deliver a check for \$10,000 to the Kentucky Lions.

Both trucks departed on Monday, Feb. 14. Wyatt and her husband Doug took time off to drive their rented 26-foot truck to Kentucky. They traveled two days each way and spent additional time in Kentucky helping to unload both trucks and view the storm tattered region to determine their future needs.

Lions Clubs International is a global service club organization with nearly 1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Email [LionsofCT@gmail.com](mailto:LionsofCT@gmail.com) for more information and to learn how to join a Lions Club near you.



## 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.

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From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

The situation that's unfolded in Ukraine over the past several days – and tragically will likely be still unfolding when you read this Friday – is nothing short of horrific. So many lives have already been lost in Putin's unconscionable power play.

I don't know how anyone could support Russia. Yes, I know a certain former president has called the invasion "genius," but aside from members of the Vladimir Putin Fan Club, I don't see how anyone can support this. "I'm seeing dead children," a volunteer Ukrainian medic told CNN Tuesday. "I'm seeing hospitals being bombed. I'm seeing churches being bombed."

Horrific. There's no other way to describe it. And I sincerely hope a ceasefire is reached before this becomes a nuclear war. It's amazing to me some of the armchair quarterbacks on Twitter seem okay with this option. It would be disastrous for everybody – and I mean, *everybody*. The entire planet could lose if the nuclear button is pressed.

As Russia invaded late last week, I saw a few people share this exchange from an episode of *M\*A\*S\*H*. I'd seen the exchange before, but it's sadly just as relevant today as it was nearly 50 years ago. I thought I'd share it.

Frank: Everybody knows war is hell.

Hawkeye: War isn't hell. War is war, and hell is hell. And of the two, war is a lot worse.

Father Mulcahy: How do you figure, Hawkeye?

Hawkeye: Easy, Father. Tell me, who goes to Hell?

Father Mulcahy: Sinners, I believe.

Hawkeye: Exactly. There are no innocent bystanders in Hell. War is chock full of them – little kids, cripples, old ladies. In fact, except for some of the brass, almost everybody involved is an innocent bystander.

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Of far less import, but still frustrating, is the ongoing mess between the Major League Baseball owners and players. MLB brass had installed a deadline of Monday for a deal to be reached, or else regular season games would be canceled. Monday came and went and there was no deal. MLB, not surprisingly, extended the deadline a day – but then Tuesday came and went and there was also no deal.

So MLB made the amazingly tone-deaf decision to go ahead and cancel the first two series of the regular season. Not just postpone; cancel. There's a war going on, which could very well escalate to World War III before all is said and done. Nobody has the time, or energy, or interest, for this. MLB needs to wrap this up.



**Citizenship in the Community... Scouts of Portland Boy Scout Troop 2 recently met with First Selectman Ryan Curley. The scouts are working on the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. As part of the requirements for this badge, the Scouts needed to meet with an elected official to discuss local issues. The scouts each researched a topic to discuss with Ryan, which included the repairs to the track at the high school, masks in schools, the repairs of the Arrigoni Bridge, and more.**

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## Kiev-Kyiv Quandry

To the Editor:

News coverage from Ukraine has this son of Ukrainian parents asking, "When did the name of Ukraine's capitol city change from Kiev to Kyiv?" My father came from the capitol city region, and used the authentic, two-syllable pronunciation "kee-ev," unlike the monosyllabic "keev" of many TV commentators.

And, given this quandary, what becomes of the delicacy we know as Chicken Kiev?

**Peter Kushkowski**  
"Almost Heaven"  
Portland

directed at a post thanking Jim Tripp for running in the election. Murphy's comments were inappropriate coming from a BOE member and his behavior warranted a resignation. However, no resignation offered or requested despite the concerns from parents with children in Portland schools.

Prior to the election there were concerns about the people that surround Ryan Curley and now the concerns seem to be warranted.

Mary Dickerson's resignation is the second resignation in the land use department since January.

Mary's position as the development planner will be a void hard to fill and her absence will be missed by many who relied on her knowledge and professionalism throughout the town.

Let's start putting Portland over politics.

**Rose Aletta – Portland**

## Portland or Politics

To the Editor:

Mary Dickerson's resignation came as a surprise after her many years of work within the Town of Portland. Mary's knowledge of land use regulations, grant-writing and networking with other municipalities and organizations had benefited all boards and committees within Portland.

I was disappointed that the reason for her resignation came about after being verbally attacked at a public meeting by a newly appointed member to the Economic Development committee, Amy Rader. In the *Rivereast* article, Ryan Curley stated that he had asked Mary Dickerson to reconsider her resignation and that he had accepted Rader's, resignation. Republican Party chair Tim Lavoy has pushed back on Curley and attempted to defend Rader's behavior, trying to whitewash the matter and rebuke comments made by long-term EDC member Kitch Czernicki.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident but a pattern.

The first incident involved an elected BOE member, Dave Murphy, taking to FB after the November election posting a long angry rant

## Cannabis in Hebron

To the Editor:

In the spring of 2021 the Hebron Board of Selectmen (BOS) passed a moratorium prohibiting the establishment of any business in Hebron that would sell, package, distribute, or grow cannabis. This moratorium was passed shortly after the state legislature passed a new law allowing for recreational sale and use of cannabis in the state of Connecticut.

Since this resolution was stated to last for one year it will sunset in the very near future.

The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) will meet virtually on March 8 at 7 p.m. to discuss the option based on potential BOS actions. I applaud the P&Z for doing their homework in preparation for the upcoming decision to be made by the BOS.

The BOS could: 1. Do nothing or approve the establishment of cannabis-based businesses; 2. Vote to put an ordinance in place to not allow

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## Bulletin Board

The phone rang the other day. I saw by the number that it was Son #2, so I picked up. "Hey, how's it going?"

"Who's this?" he said.

"It's your father. Who the hell else would it be?"

"You never answer the phone."

"That's because you and your brother always just want to talk to your mother."

"Oh."

There was a moment of mutual silence as he contemplated this inalienable truth. "So, is mom there?"

"No. She went out someplace. Is there some pressing personal problem I can help you with? Girl trouble, maybe? A job issue that could benefit from my vast experience?"

There was a choking noise on the phone. "No. I don't think so."

"I'm always here, you know. Except when I'm outside shoveling snow because my children moved away."

"Right. So what have you been doing besides getting some much-needed exercise shoveling snow?"

"I've embarked on the Road to Riches, son."

That piqued his interest. "How so?"

"Well, I've been seeing this advertisement on TV for a product called Balance of Nature. Have you heard of it?"

"No. I can't say that I have."

"Well, Balance of Nature is this nutritional supplement. At least that's what they say. They take fruits and vegetables and they dehydrate all the water out of them and then they grind them up in a powder and they put it in capsules and they sell it for \$45 a bottle! They've got all these decrepit people on TV testifying to how they never got enough fruits or vegetables, but now they take one of these capsules and they feel reborn."

"I don't see how a capsule with a couple of grams of ground-up fruits or vegetables is going to have much of an impact on your nutrition," observed Son #2. "It might be a fairly efficient stool softener or something."

"Oh, son, son. It's not about nutrition. These people have a marketing campaign that would make Vladimir Putin blush. They've got to be making millions."

"So you're going to start selling this stuff?"

"No. I'm going to introduce my own product. It's called 'Liquid Sunshine.'"

"You're going to grind up the sun and put it in a capsule?"

"Don't be a wise guy. I'm going to take pure spring water and put it in jars and then I'm going to put the jars out in the backyard in the sun."

"Pure spring water from where?"

"From the faucet."

"Of course. Then what?"

"Well, according to my scientific calculations, the water molecules will absorb all the beneficial elements of sunshine while at the same time allowing all the harmful ultraviolet rays and stuff to pass through. When the process is complete in about an hour or so—depending on order backlogs, of course—I'll put the liquid in capsules and sell it for like \$19.99 a bottle."

"\$19.99 a bottle? Really?"

"I know, that's really cheap. But of course there will be a strict limit of 50 bottles per customer in any one order."

"Who do you think is going to buy this sh...ah, Liquid Sunshine?"

"People who don't get outside much. You know, people who are stuck inside at computers all day, folks who tend mushrooms in caves, teenagers, agoraphobics, anyone who's feeling a little down and could use a mental boost, people who don't want to go outside because they might get skin cancer. I mean, everybody knows that sunshine brings happiness. That's why camels are probably the most joyful animals known to man. It's because they get so much sun."

"Really. I had no idea."

"But now folks will be able to get all that joy in 25 easy-to-swallow capsules."

"For the bargain price of \$19.99 a bottle?"

"That will be the introductory price. I mean, really, what price can you put on happiness?"

"Dad, is it possible I was maybe adopted?"

"Sorry, guy. No way."

**Jim Hallas**

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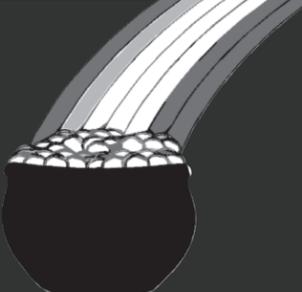
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cannabis-based businesses to operate in Hebron  
 In either case P&Z will need to adjust the Hebron zoning regulations to address this issue. P&Z will allow public comment during their meeting March 8. Whether you are for or against this question, this is your opportunity to publicly voice your opinion in terms of allowing, or not allowing, cannabis-based, wholesale and retail businesses, to open and operate in our town.

Please use your right as a U.S. citizen to provide input to your elected officials

You can view the schedule and agendas of all boards and commission meetings by visiting the community calendar at hebronct.com (left hand side column). Please visit the calendar and view the agenda of the P&Z 3-8-2022 meeting to get the web link to this online meeting.

A follow-up letter will be published as to when the BOS plans to discuss and act on this subject.

Please participate!!!

Mal Leichter – Hebron

## More Left-Out Facts

To the Editor:

As the Hebron Board of Selectmen continues to push “facts” regarding the proposed Public Works facility complex at 17 Kinney Rd., many important facts are being left out. Below is Part 2 of a long list of facts the BOS is choosing to ignore. Please visit ‘Kinney Road Matters’ on Facebook to read the complete list and join our opposition to this destructive plan.

An industrial DPW facility in this location is contrary to the BOS Mission to act as “stewards of the town... while preserving our rural historic character.” Their efforts to place an expensive industrial facility in the middle of 300-year-old hedgerow farmland surrounded by sensitive wetlands and a historic residential neighborhood clearly cannot be justified.

At the 2019 public hearing, Town Manager “A. Tierney stated that this discussion and the Special Town Meeting were for the acquisition of the parcel.” This was followed by the state-

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## State Funding Issue Stalls School Roof Project

by Jack Lakowsky

The state recently told East Hampton if it uses American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stimulus money to fund a new middle school roof, it can't get an added state grant.

In a meeting last week town manager Dave Cox told the East Hampton Town Council he's looking for answers about this confusion.

Cox said this contradicts information the town and schools received about project eligibility.

"As far as we understand there's [no such] exclusion in rescue plan funds," Cox told the council.

Cox said he reached out to the state's construction grant agency, as well as local and federal legislators. He hasn't heard back from the grant agency or the D.C. delegation but had heard from State Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33), who said he's unaware of such restrictions.

Cox said if the state stands its ground, it's "back to the drawing board."

Cox told the *Riverast* regardless if the state relents and gives the town grants to cover the cost of replacing the roof, the town's going to move forward with the project.

This path complicates things. Without state funding the town, and by extension taxpayers, would foot the rest of the project's bill.

Replacing the roof is a longstanding need, Cox said.

Cox said he knows of other towns experi-

encing similar issues.

Councilor Brandon Goff suggested the state hasn't caught up to changes at the federal level and said to his knowledge, state restrictions should be little-to-none.

Cox said this is possible but couldn't say for sure.

To Cox's understanding the money can essentially be used for the broad category of general governmental services, which would presumably include the repair of a government building's infrastructure.

Cox said the only prohibitions are on funding town debt or pensions, adding ineligible uses were itemized and spelled-out.

Though the council has yet to assign any more of the money, Cox said he is confident other potential projects are unaffected.

"The other things under consideration are not anything we expect any questions on," he said.

When the council approved this work in early February, it stoked some controversy.

Multiple members of the volunteer East Hampton Ambulance Service decried the decision. The EHAA, which is struggling to stay afloat, has throughout the last year requested an injection of ARPA funds, to no avail.

Members were frustrated and felt a roof was being prioritized over the community's health and safety.

## Historical Society News

The Chatham Historical Society has announced a pair of upcoming events:

**Open House:** Sunday, March 6, from 2-4 p.m. Both museum buildings and one room schoolhouse on Bevin Boulevard will be open to the public.

**Cabin Fever Series at the Library:** Saturday, March 12, at 1 p.m. The historical society will present previously recorded interviews 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. Due to COVID-19, seating is limited to 25 people. Attendees must register by calling the library at 860-267-6621. Masks are recommended.

## High School Honor Roll

shall, Brianna Elizabeth Miller, Jewel Elizabeth Miranda, Jenna Michele Murphy, Jordan Elizabeth Murphy, Benjamin Jeffrey Nolan, Ryan Patrick O'Sullivan, Matthew James Penn, Alexis Antoinette Pettine, Mikaela Jade Rich, Aiden Jace Robichaud, Madelyn Mary Rolland, Kira Lynn Roloff, Joshua Lawrence Sattler, Sophia Rose Shellenberger, Julia Marie Stone, Taylor Marie Sylvester, Jaelyn Rain Taylor, Sophia Ray Theobald, Shea Michael Thibodeau, Josiah Ramon Torres, Alexander Jeffrey Urban, Emily Deborah Vick, Adam Michael Wacht, Benjamin Hobbs Wysor.

**Grade 10:** Kaitlyn Samantha Anderman, Bryce Aiden Bailey, Enja Barry, Jayson Santo Beal, Andrea Sarah Berg, Austin Atwater Bigelow, Sophie Olivia Billings, Ethan Ira Blakey, Emma Grace Braga, Riley Julia Briggs, Erik Ryan Brody, Izabella Palma Buccheri, Robert Michael Buccheri, Logan Maxwell Burnham, Nicole Margery Carl, Brian Kenneth Collison, Audrey Rose Cooke, Abigail Grace Daley, Daniel Ryan DeLauro, Sean Robert Dickerman, Matthew Andrew Dickinson, Maya Taylor Dobson, Ethan Jacob Fields, Riley Kathleen Flatley, Cameron Elizabeth Fraser, Teagan Elizabeth Frost, Lucas Patrick Gagne, Madison Rose Gay, Rileigh Mae Govoni, Ryan William Govoni, Lyndsey Sarah Gravel, Michaela Rose Healy, Amarylla Jane Ingala, David Carlton Johnson, Jason David Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Johnson, Samantha Lynn Kearney, Ella Renee Khongkham, Tyler John Khongkham, Leah Catherine Kohler, Maya Brianna Korczak, Brayden Asher Kramer; Nathaniel Aaron Laird, Christian Alexander Lanou, Sierra Ashley LaRose, Hailey Elizabeth Ledas, Madison Marie Lockhart, Daniel Antonio Lopes, McKenzie Aika Magge, Aidan Michael Maiorino, Benjamin Jeremy Maynard, Evan Rene Michaud, Tyler Gregory Millett, Charlotte Rosalynn Minnick, Anthony Peter Miro, Julia Grace Morrell, Amber Nicole Murphy, Kylie Shannon O'Brien, Erica Leigh O'Connor, Liam Shane Stimpson Owen, Aiden Joseph Palen, Artur Piech, Finn Roman Piper, Shane Thomas Proxee, Holly Alexzandra Pugo, Samantha Jenniliz Rittman, Delaney Sinead Russell, Jacquelyn Dionne Russell, Katherine Rose Searles, Jaden Grace Sinsigalli, Alyssa Carolyn Snyder, Aiden James Sones, Camryn Elizabeth Sprague, Delaney Ann Sullivan, Cadence Michael Thibodeau, Emily Mae Tinson, Kali Felicia Trapp, Louis John Uliano, Hailey Rose VanBlaricom, John

## Quilt Show to Return – Quilts Needed

Haddam Neck Congregational Church will host a Quilt Show and Plant Sale in May – and quilts are needed.

The show will run Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 8, from noon-5 p.m., at the church, 408 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck. Along with a display of dozens of handmade quilts, plants and a Bits and Pieces Sale of fabric, yarn and quilting supplies will be featured under tents outdoors, along with "to go" baked items. Picnic tables will be available for visitors to rest. Monetary donations to the show will be collected.

Attendees should wear a mask and adhere to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. The church and restroom are handicapped-accessible.

Handmade quilts of any size will be accepted for inclusion in the show. Quilts will be accepted at the church Thursday, May 5, from 5-7 p.m., and Friday, May 6, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact Dianne Mchutchison at 860-930-8520 or rdmchutchison@yahoo.com, Melissa Pionzio at 860-993-5311 or mapionzio@comcast.net, or Elizabeth Malloy at elizabethhartmalloy@gmail.com.

## 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. for four Sundays, March 6-27.

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. The committee recently donated \$360 to the Church World Services blanket fund, with thanks to the generosity of the community, church members and Haddam Neck Congregational Church members.

## Behind the Screen

The girls of the Breaking Silences group at Epoch Arts are gearing up for their upcoming performance, *Behind the Screen*.

This original play, created and written by both middle and high school girls, 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.

## Christ Episcopal News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, will resume in-person worship this Sunday, March 6, at 10 a.m.

During Lent, a brief service with Eucharist will be held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the church (March 9-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.

## 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.

The following students made the East Hampton High School Honor Roll for the second quarter of the 2021-22 school year:

### High Honors

**Grade 12:** Christopher Lawrence Anderson, Randi Hazel Baier, Kaitlyn Maria Baran, Brady Nicholas Battit, Joshua James Berg, Nathan Edward Bigelow, Jack Whiles Blakey, Sydney Lane Blyler, Charles Walter Bosco, Caitlin Elizabeth Boyd, Vincent Anthony Buccheri, Juliet Isabella Byrne, Daniel Thomas Cascio, Annin Emily Daley, Javier Andre Diaz, Jose Thomas Diaz, Carys Patricia Dinunzio, Drew Mark DiStefano, Thomas Gray Engel, Madison Marie Evans, Emma Nicole Fentress, Benjamin Joseph Fields, Einin Mary Frost, Morgan Elizabeth Garcia, Jason Colby Gardiner, Patrick Gavrylchuk, Alyssa Brooke Godwin, Austin Michael Goldner, Gianna Marie Guiliano, Alexander Hickey, Reilly Joseph Howard, Sarah Ilene Johnson, Allison Deborah Kearney; Serenity Lynn LaChance, Piper Nicole Lange, Hailey Rose Lefebvre, Jillian Victoria Lockwood, Bailey Rose Lombardi, Jye Andrew Lynch, Elizabeth Annmarie MacDonald, Connor Christian Michalowski, Brylee, Lyons Montanari, Benjamin Robert Nafis, Diyangi Nihara Perera, Konrad Piech, Hailey Marie Porter, Nicholas David Rivard-Lentz, Adam Charles Rogers, Alexandra Karen Ruel, Victoria Paige Schiavoni, Isabella Grace Searles, Kylie Eileen Shoenfelt, Finn Jacob Spooner, Jessica Avery Starr, Vanessa Lee Stewart, Griffin Stockburger, Scarlett Rain Theobald, Jenna Rose Tigner, Jennifer Brooke Tripp, Madison Olivia Uliano, Julie Velez, Herminio Paul Viveiros, Jack Dudley Watkins, Sydney Lauren Weller, Andrew James Weyrauch, Madison Kate Yorker, Jaylencia Ashayla Young, Mariana B. Zulvaran.

**Grade 11:** Isabella Amelia Bafumi, Reagan Leigh Burt, Ephraim Jacob Butson, Sophia Marie Cahoon, Abigail Christine Chrin, Kevin Richard Collins, Virginia Margaret Decker, Lehan Methnula Dharmatilake, Daniel Drlik, Michael Jameson Fauvel, Benjamin David Fazekas, Jenna Marie Field, Matthew Gallmon, Caidyn Olivia Galovich, Savannah Grace Garcia, Meaghan Marie Hall, Melanie Linda Hurt, Nathaniel Charles Ireland, Brennan Albert Johnson, Danielle Virginia Johnson, Georgia Reese Jump, Eshani Vivek Karkun, Cody Elizabeth Keilbach, Kaleigh Saige Kiernan, Norelle Orian Lavender, Bella Brianna Lineberry, George William Magaldi, Kate Elizabeth Mar-

Henry Wilson, Makayla Lee Wolf, Alexander Jon Zimmerman.

**Grade Nine:** William Robert Anderman, Alyssa Elizabeth Anderson, Katherine Virginia Banack, William Grube Bothamley, Rachael Sophia Boudreau, Macie Alexandra Brazal, Charlotte Elizabeth Cascio, Alicia Christine Colegrove, Lauren Catherine Correa, Matthew Peter Correia, Lily Rose Cronin, Jonathan Robert Crowley, Olivia Jane D'Agostino, Olivia Brooke DeMartino, Jace Matthew Donohue, Cassie Elizabeth Dugan, Keira Anne Marie Engel, Gavin John Michael Fazekas, Elliott Reid Galovich, Kaitlyn Isabella Grenier, Parker John Gustine, Danielle Elizabeth Healy, Alison Nichole Hebb, Zackary Kaiden Howland, Kaitlyn Anne Ireland, Allison Lorraine Jacobsen, Emily Marie Jovel, Blake Pierce Kapernaros, Emma Grace Kelly, Jacqueline Teresa Laboy, Gavin Patrick Ledas, Kristoffer William Lintz, Angela Glorianna Lombardo, Brady Reed Lynch; Marissa Nancy Martin, Lucia Emma McIntosh, Abbie Lynna Miller, Grace Elizabeth Montovani, Amanda Lynne Murphy, William John Nafis, Theodore Elias Nanos, Aiden Edward Nolan, Baylee Ann Olzacki, Jarod Alexander Ondas, Addison Mackenzie Partridge, Raleigh Reese Paulauskas, Sydney Anne Pettine, Charlotte Marie Pinaud, Lydia Ann Roloff, Christopher Stavros Ruggiero, Liana Rosabella Salamone, Jadin Christopher Sawyer, Sierra Ann Selger, Zachary David Selger, Neha Sidana, Keenan Bernard Spooner, Aiden Patrick Sullivan, Austin Sky Taylor, Silas James Vai, Sonja Elizabeth Venetianer, Gabriella Mackenzie Wiesner, Samantha Mackenzie Yorker.

### Honors

**Grade 12:** Ty Douglas Bevin, Sarah Grace Bochan, Julia Eleni Borrelli, Jacob Christopher Brooks, Ceana Maritza DeStasio, Olivia Lee Dillon, Conner Joseph Dixon, Charlize Jade Doyle, Allie May Dugan, Caroline Elizabeth Dziekan, Katelyn Ashley Flemke, Abigail Marie Flynn, Mikayla Anne Franklin, Kaylee Joy Gravel, Brendan McGinnis Healy, Troy Prescott Kauffman, Miller Aron Koziel, Emma Ruth Lanzi, Rachel Grace Lee, Luke Naoto Magge, Corey Allen Morrow, Cheyane Elishia Nichols, Luke David Paluska, Madison Frances Phillips, Paul James Pignatella, Christopher James Prozano, Alyssa Marie Rau, Carter Martin Scovill, Savannah Lee Sharpe, Maggie Marie Shea, Luke Edward Shinde, Kelsey Jean Smith, Shain Joseph Stino, Timothy Joseph Thompson, AJ

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**Grade 10:** David Hunt Anderson, Teghan Spelas Brennan, Maya Elyse Byrne, Nathan Thomas Couture, Benjamin Gilman Donahue, Thomas Anthony Fenton, Dale Thomas Flemke, Kristan Adam Glaser, Adriana Gonzalez, Francis Joseph Guiliano, Jacob Robert Karrenberg, Erin Jade Kissane, Noah Philip Leon, Brittney Lin, Sophia Giulia Marino, Logan Scott Markward, Ethan Patrick Marshall, Felicia Frances McIntosh, Gabriel Antonio McMillian, Sadie Lynn Michaud, Valentina Rivera Morales, Baden Alexandre Plante, Mackenzie Michelle Player, Ophelia Rose Pugliese, Hailey Elizabeth Pyrek, Liam David Quast, Jakub Remiszewski, Madison Murphy Reola, Luisa Fernanda Rojas, Sonoma Claire Steiner, Bradley Michael Tracy, Andrew James Wagner, Chelsea Marie Woods, Alexander Marc Zgorski.

**Grade Nine:** Micah Dakota Buckley, Davyan Joel Burke, Colton Michael Chrin, Ashley Elizabeth Cost, Gabriel Frederic Cygan, Cotto Oliver Grace Dickson-Cotto, Tyler Dixon Dixon, Aundrea Marie Faden, Addison Grace Fraser, Skyler Sebastian Frosti, Emma Lynn Giovanelli, Nicholas Tyler Guarino, Madison Elizabeth Hall, Addison Mairead Howard, Sean Keith Jones, Colin John Kosek, Jacob John LaPolt, Evan Hansen LoPresti, Faith Anne Machnik, Maximilian Mozerowski, James Joseph O'Brien, Jillian Claire Oakley, Avery Elizabeth Parmelee, Tess Renee Parmelee, Sienna Helena Paul, Arianna Elizabeth Petrone, Kiersten Juliette Rolland, Juliana Rose Sinsigalli, Zachary Robert Tassmer, Aidan Christopher Trombino, Landon James Vaillancourt.



**Ambassador of Sight...** East Hampton Lions Club President Mary Krogh, right, recently presented member Anna Hecht, left, with the Lions Low Vision Centers of Connecticut “Ambassador of Sight” Award for outstanding service to the Lions Club and community.

## 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](http://myactivecenter.com) or by calling 860-267-4426 or emailing [seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov). Senior center hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Masks are required for all, regardless of vaccination status. Visit the senior center online at [www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center](http://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 9), 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, beginning March 8. Cost is \$40 for the eight-week session. Class offered by Tom Cushing, with emphasis 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](http://MyactiveCenter.com).

**Book Club:** Tuesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m., via Zoom. *Memory Man* by David Balducci will be discussed. Copies available at the library. Register online. New club members welcome; just call the center.

**iPad Training with Elizabeth:** Tuesdays, March 8 and 22, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Learn the basics of how to use an iPad. Seating is limited; pre-registration required.

**Find Your Family:** Friday, March 11, 10:30-

11:30 a.m. Get help searching for the history of your family and learn the basic research tools. One-on-one help will also be available. Bring your own mobile device. Pre-registration required.

**St. Patrick's Day Cooking Demonstration with Mary Lee Brody:** Thursday, March 10, at 1 p.m. Menu includes Green Goddess Dip with green crudites. The entrée is Colcannon Shepherd's Pie, served with Irish soda bread and finished with lemon pudding cake. Seating is limited. Cost is \$3. You will receive samples throughout the demonstration. Pre-registration required.

**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.

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

**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.

## 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.

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## 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.

## A Tiger Among Us

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. The theme is "A Tiger Among Us."

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

## 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.

## Scholarship Available

Carl Guild and Associates is offering scholarships for local high school seniors 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.

## Local sales agent with local Medicare Advantage plans.

I'm Edward Sawyers, a licensed sales agent in East Hampton, CT. When it comes to Medicare, it's important to consider all of your options. What works well for your neighbor may not be the best fit for you. I know the ins and outs of Medicare, and I'm ready to answer your questions and help you find a plan that fits your needs.

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### EHACC Accepting Grant Applications

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission is accepting grant applications from East Hampton organizations and individuals with programs and/or projects designed to enrich the lives of town residents through the arts. Deadline to apply is April 1, to arts@easthamptonct.org

There are two \$500 grants available to be awarded to individuals or organizations residing in East Hampton. The commission reserves the right to award a grant to an individual or organization it determines will have the most potential impact of arts and/or culture on the town. Incomplete forms will be denied; applicants can resubmit.

Criteria for awarding grants: The artistic and

organizational quality of the organization and/or project and its likelihood of continuing viability or success; and the organization's or project's accessibility and service to the East Hampton community. Grant recipients must credit the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission on all press releases, posters, print advertising and programs.

An interview may be requested of the candidate prior to awarding the grant. An update of your progress will be required six months post-award date and a final report will be required one year post award date.

Applications are available at [www.artsforeasthamptonct.org](http://www.artsforeasthamptonct.org).

### 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](http://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](http://www.hncovenantchurch.org). Check WFSB-TV Channel 3 for information on church closings due to weather.

### 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).

### Resident to be Honored at Dinner

Due to COVID-19, the area Lions district's Humanitarian Dinner slated for January was postponed, and will now take place Sunday, March 13, at 1 p.m., at St. Clements Castle in Portland.

East Hampton Ambulance Association (EHAA) Deputy Chief Tom Donnelly will be honored at the dinner.

This year, the East Hampton Lions received a nomination for Donnelly from EHAA Chief Don Scranton. Donnelly served as chief for 10 years and was instrumental in constructing the association's building, purchasing new ambulances and allowing their members to have the best equipment possible to serve the community.

In addition to his service to EHAA, Donnelly served on the Board of Education from 1994-2003, and has been an active member of the East Hampton Rotary for over 20 years, serving in various capacities and helping organize both the Turkey Plunge and Breakfast with Santa.

Donnelly will be one of 13 individuals honored at the Humanitarian Dinner. Tickets are \$55 and must be purchased in advance by mailing your check payable to East Hampton Lions to 92 Young St., East Hampton, CT 06424.

Deadline for tickets is March 5. For more information, call Lion Mary at 860-977-5760.

### 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 continual 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](http://chathamhistoricalct.org) or the Chatham Historical Society's Facebook page before the event, for any possible cancellation.

### 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.

### '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. The first dinner will be tonight, March 4.

This year's offerings include breaded cod, clams and shrimp, which will be served with French fries or coleslaw. Prices start at \$10. 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.

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East Hampton resident Tony Gasper, left, was recently paid a visit by Eversource employee Jim Kennedy. Kennedy worked as an apprentice lineman under Gasper's father, the late Frank Gasper, in the 1980s and they had become friends.

### Line Worker's Tribute Comes Full Circle

by Kate Rayner, Eversource Media Relations Specialist

The son of a line worker who died on the job years ago is thanking an Eversource employee for paying tribute to his dad in a special way.



Francis Gasper

Tony Gasper's father, Francis (Frank) Gasper, was killed in an accident while restoring power after a storm in 1989. Tony said his family recently received metal tags that had been attached to a utility pole in West Hartford where the accident happened soon after his death in his memory. The tags read, "At this pole on August 22, 1989, Francis Gasper died while restoring power after a violent storm. He was a good lineman and a friend. God bless him."

When the utility pole had to be replaced, the workers taking it down removed the tags and sent them to the Gasper family. Tony had no idea someone put the tags up in his dad's memory, but when he received them, he mounted them to a piece of a wooden pole and created a small memorial in his garden for his father.

"They are a treasured memento to me and my family," Tony said.

Months later, while working in his office as superintendent of Wolcott Public schools, Tony had an unexpected visitor: Jim Kennedy, a se-

nior supervisor of electric operations for Eversource. Jim was working at a jobsite nearby when someone mentioned that Frank Gasper's son worked down the street; Jim knew he had to meet him. He had worked as an apprentice lineman under Frank in the 1980s and they had become friends.

"He was a good guy and a great line worker," Jim remembered. "I learned a lot from him," Jim remembered.

Jim and Tony shared stories about Frank. They talked about his work ethic and dedication to his job. At one point, Tony mentioned the memorial tags in his garden.

"I told him that I was the one who put them there more than 30 years ago," Jim said. "I wanted to put something up that was a tribute to Frank. Something that other linemen would find sometime in the future and appreciate it."

"Not knowing who had put up the tags, and then the coincidence of having Jim walk into my office – it was definitely a goosebumps kind of moment," Tony said. "It makes the memento of having those tags just all that much more poignant."

Eversource lineworkers go through a rigorous five-year apprenticeship with an intense focus on safe work practices.

Tony said he has a deep appreciation for all line workers do, and thanks to Jim, he'll always have a very special and permanent reminder of his father.

### 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.

### East Hampton Library News & Notes

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

**Library Hours:** The library is open 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.

**STEM Project Bags – Mind-Boggling:** Monday, March 7, 10 a.m. This month's kit includes supplies to make your own brain teasers, plus tangrams, toothpick puzzles and more. Recommended for ages 6 and up. STEM project bags are available in the children's department while supplies last. No registration is required.

**Bedtime Storytime:** Monday, March 7, 6:30 p.m., in the library community room, for ages 2-6. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and join some bedtime-themed songs, rhymes and stories. Registration required.

**Take and Make – Turtle Key Chain:** Tuesday, March 8, 10 a.m. For Little Learners (age 3-5) and School Age (K-5). Create a unique turtle keychain with this month's Take and Make activity.

**STEMtastic – The Human Body:** For grades 2-5. Wednesday, March 9, 4:30 p.m. Get ready to investigate the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math with hands-on projects and experiments. This session we will be making three interactive models to learn about the

human body. This program will take place in person at the library, and space is limited.

**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.

**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.

**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: Focus on Fitness:** Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m., in the library community room, with certified personal trainer and nutrition coach Amie Meacham. Registration required, space is limited, and masks must be worn.

**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.

### Special Lenten Series

All are invited to join the St. John Paul II community for a series of four sessions designed to help you better understand the Sign of the Cross and the Mass.

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.

### 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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# School Board Passes 3.75% Budget Hike

by Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton Board of Education on Monday adopted Superintendent Paul Smith's budget proposal of about \$33.3 million, an increase of 3.75%, or \$1.2 million, over the current budget of \$33.1 million.

Though a significant step in approving the spending plan, the package still faces analysis from the town finance board in the coming weeks, then it heads to the council.

The budget's final stop is voters, who will ap-

prove or reject the town's proposal at a referendum in the spring.

According to board chair Christina Tammaro-Dzagan, 11 community letters supported the budget. Members of the public also offered their support in the meeting.

The budget passed unanimously but was not without debate.

Each school building's teachers requested items worth a total of around \$25,000. The elementary schools' teachers requested replace-

ments for their "well-loved" stock of books for young learners.

Teachers from the middle school and high school asked the board to replace exercise equipment. High school Principal Eric Verner also asked for a pair of color printers for the art department.

Smith said he didn't believe any of the requests to be luxuries.

After hearing the principals out, board Democrat Ken Barber proposed to amend the budget by adding the \$25,000.

The amendment failed along party lines, with Democrats Barber, Nancy Kohler and Martha Wick voting for the measure. The Republican majority voted it down.

Barber's proposal to add the \$25,000- less than 0.1% of the budget- sparked debate among the board.

"I'm deeply disappointed that elementary school teachers have to beg us for books," Barber said, adding he "can't even put into words" his reaction to the high school requesting basic printers.

Republican Tammaro-Dzagan said though it pained her to deny the \$25,000, she feared what would happen next.

"In times of high inflation, I can't imagine bringing forth a budget that exceeds 3.75%," Tammaro-Dzagan said.

Republican Nancy Oakley said Smith is careful and thoughtful when he develops budgets, and this year's increase is the right one.

Most board Republicans expressed faith in

Smith's work on the budget. Barber said the board isn't to "blindly follow" Smith's proposal, a remark with which Tammaro-Dzagan disagreed.

Several Republicans also said adding the request was in no way guaranteed, and that the finance board could cut it and send it back.

GOP members Josh Piteo and Sal Nucifora said at some point the board must say "no."

Nucifora pointed out that Smith has discretion on budget spending, saying a "no" is not an absolute, that the issue can be revisited in the coming budget year.

Republican Mike Buck said he's committed to helping the district somehow find ways to get these resources.

Democrat Nancy Kohler said the budget maintains, but does not advance, the school's goals for students.

"These are the simplest of things, especially the books," said Kohler.

Kohler continued to say teachers have requested supplies and monetary donations from parents.

The public applauded Kohler after she said the board shouldn't make fear-based decisions, and that the board's charge is to support the district and bring compelling arguments to the town.

The board can't "wash [its] hands" of the budget once it's adopted, Kohler said.

"First-graders should have decent library books," Democrat Martha Wick said. "People shouldn't have to ask for printers."

## 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.

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 tonight, Friday, March 4, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and 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 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.

## Dean's List

Evan Selger of East Hampton made the fall 2021 Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

Selger is in the electrical engineering technology program.

## 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.



**Time for Spring!...** 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. Pictured is student Carleigh Maher from one of Epoch's winter classes.



## Registration for both recreational and travel soccer is now open!



If you are interested in having your son / daughter playing soccer in the spring, please register at the following link:

<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/easthampton>  
**Registration closes on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, so please sign up now!**

### East Hampton Recreational Soccer Info:

Available for children age 3 through grade 8, the EHSC recreation league is a great way to help your children build confidence, friendships and, of course, basic soccer skills – all while having fun. The recreation league provides organized training and games for the casual, beginning players and coaches. Participation involves modest cost and commitment, with little or no focus on the score of the games. If you have any questions regarding our recreational program, you can email Jason Terribile at [jasonwterribile@gmail.com](mailto:jasonwterribile@gmail.com).

### East Hampton Travel Soccer Info:

While being part of a travel team can be a fun and rewarding experience, the decision to play travel soccer should be an informed one. Below are some things to consider:

**Eligibility:** The player's birth year is used to determine eligibility and division placement. The club currently has travel league divisions for boys and girls ages U8 – U13.

### Experience

It is strongly recommended that your child participates in a minimum of one year at the recreation league level before joining a travel team. This will allow him/her to gain a general understanding of rules, positions, and core fundamentals of soccer skills. If you have any questions about travel soccer, you can email Brian Galovich at [bgalovic@comcast.net](mailto:bgalovic@comcast.net).

### EHSC Board Member openings

If you are interested in supporting East Hampton youth soccer, please consider joining the soccer club board – we have immediate openings for a club secretary and referee assignor. If you are interested and would like additional information, you can email Jon Palmer at [jpalmer920@yahoo.com](mailto:jpalmer920@yahoo.com).



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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 youthservices@colchesterct.gov. Register for programs online at [www.colchesterct.gov/youth-social-services](http://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.

## 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](mailto:cfc06415@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

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

## 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.

**Aug. 14-15:** See and hear the Boston Pops on Old Cape Cod, cruise Hyannis Harbor and visit

the JFK Museum. Cost is \$409/person double, and includes transportation, hotel, one breakfast, one dinner, sightseeing and admissions.

**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.

For more information, call Barbara Gozzo at 860-537-0179 or Cathy Russi at 860-887-9621.

## 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.

## Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The services are also available on Zoom; visit [westchestercongregation.org](http://westchestercongregation.org) for login information.

The church has a small white wooden Blessings Box in its lower parking lot, with non-perishable food items and other items. All are welcome to give or take a few items. For more information, email [westcongregation@gmail.com](mailto:westcongregation@gmail.com), visit the church website, or look for the church on Facebook.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## Dean's List

Aidan Lynch of Colchester made the fall 2021 Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

Lynch is in the chemistry program.

## 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.

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## 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 seeking 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).

## 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, located 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.

## Next Boy Scout Shredding Event

Due to the availability of a shredding truck, Boy Scout Troop 72 will not be able to run a financial records shredding event as it had planned for April. It cannot get the shredding company on any date for an event this spring.

However, the troop is planning to hold this event in the fall, in September or October, so people are asked to keep their financial, business and medical records until then, when they can again be safely disposed of.

Email Al Letendre at [letendrej@sbcglobal.net](mailto:letendrej@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

## Christian Life Chapel News

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

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

## Ukrainian Catholic Church News

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

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

## 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](http://www.CBSL.org) to register or learn more.

## Abundant Life Church News & Notes

Abundant Life Church, a Christ-follower church that believes salvation through Jesus Christ, is located at 85 Skinner Rd. For more information, call 860-537-3082 or visit [AbundantL.com](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT) or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.

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

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# A Simple Menu with an ‘Elevated Quality’

by Sloan Brewster

Executive Chef Michael Alfeld loves fish. Michael, who owns Lily’s Restaurant and Bar in Colchester, studied at the New England Culinary Institute, in Montpelier, Vt., and the French Culinary Institute in Manhattan. He said he found his niche in the restaurant business when he was young, at his first job – at The Chanticleer in Nantucket.

He said the restaurant owner saw his passion and interest in fine wines, liquors and beer and “went with that,” pushing him up through the ranks.

“He immediately saw the opportunity to start letting me taste expensive wines and showing me how to cut meats and special cheeses,” he said. “As a result, I’ve had that passion my whole life, so it’s fun to be able to do what you love and have people love it as much as you do.”

From that first restaurant, Michael worked at and owned a long list of upscale restaurants in not just Nantucket but also New York and Palm Beach, Fla.

In Connecticut, Michael and his wife Emily owned The Westbrook Sandwich Company, The Hessian Lion in Avon and Collinsville’s the Crown and Hammer, before moving to Colchester to take over the historic house that formerly held Café Mangia for about 15 years.

They did a bit of sprucing up to the restaurant, including getting a new roof, fixing some plumbing issues, installing new kitchen equipment and flooring, building a new bar and adding fresh paint, but Michael said it was in great condition.

They opened last May.

Michael called Lily’s “the kind of restaurant that we would like to eat at.”

Rather than selecting a menu that would be the best fit for the area or highlight his best cooking, he said he wanted to prepare foods that he loved to eat.

Referring to the menu as “new continental or steakhouse-light,” he said it was “somewhat simple” and “accessible” and of “an elevated quality.”

Menu favorites of his include crab cakes, lobster pot pie and shrimp dishes.

Michael said he loves to prepare fish dishes as much as eat them.

“Fishing is very much a passion of mine and it is my favorite food to cook and it is my favorite food to eat,” he said.

He said he gets fresh fish twice per week from a supplier in Colchester, Louie’s Seafood Market. The restaurant also offers farm-to-table options and works with local farms, including Savitsky Farm, Cold Spring Farm and Cato Corner Farm.

An award-winning cheese maker, Cato Corner, Michael said, was recently highlighted in the arts and entertainment section of the *New York Times* and was featured in the *Sex and the City* sequel series *And Just like That...*

He said when the season allows him to get fresh local fare he creates specials based on the offerings. He said he has created specials around black truffles, beef cuts and vegetables.

When the *Rivereast* stopped by to chat with the Alfelds, they insisted on feeding the reporter to give her a taste of the menu. Michael selected two of the most popular appetizers – General Tso’s cauliflower and lobster pot pie.

The vegetarian take on the Chinese classic was surprising. The cauliflower was swathed in a crunchy and flavorful coating and the tangy sweet sauce melted in the mouth.

The lobster pot pie was also unexpected. The crust was buttery and crisp while the morsels of lobster – dripping in creamy bisque – danced over the tongue.

The chocolate ganache cake Emily had brought over was rich and delightful.

Formerly a pastry chef, Emily – who runs the front of the house while her husband keeps the kitchen going – said she misses being in the kitchen.

Emily said she has been working in restaurants since her childhood when spent summers working in her grandmother’s world-renowned steak and cheese restaurant in upstate New York.

“It was so much fun,” she said. “Whatever she needed help with, I would be running



The executive chef at Lily’s Restaurant and Bar, located at 68 Linwood Ave., said he wanted to craft the types of food he loves to eat. He described the menu at the eatery as “new continental or steakhouse-light.”

around the restaurant.”

She said she loves being around good food and in the culture of local farms and cheese with everything fresh.

“It’s just opened my eyes to amazing food and I feel our customers here truly appreciate that,” she said.

Emily tends an herb and flower garden on the property and when they are in season keeps fresh flowers on the tables. She said she likes to add mint and rosemary sprigs to the bouquets because of the lifting aroma.

“I’m just trying to keep everything very simple but natural,” she said.

She said she enjoys working in the restaurant and coming up with new concepts and that once in a while she makes tiramisu for a dessert offering.

“We’re small so we kind of all keep an eye on each other,” she said of the folks who work at Lily’s. “We have great staff that helps each other out; we’re like a family here.”

She said Colchester is a nice community and she enjoys meeting fellow business owners.

“We’re both very proud of what we’re doing here,” Michael said.

He described the restaurant as “small and intimate” with “a nice and relaxed almost formal environment” and said it has become a date night spot in the area.

“It is very cozy,” he said.

Lily’s is located at 68 Linwood Ave. It is open Wednesday through Saturday evenings, from 5 p.m.-9 p.m., and is closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call 860-603-6948 or visit [www.lilysrestaurantandbar.com](http://www.lilysrestaurantandbar.com).

## School Readiness Grant Proposals

C3 invites center-based child care programs to submit a Request for Proposal application to the Colchester School Readiness Council. If you are a center-based program caring for young children in Colchester, then you may be eligible to apply for School Readiness funds.

RFP documents will be shared and instructions on how to complete and submit an application will be provided upon request. For more information, email [cpraisner@colchesterct.org](mailto:cpraisner@colchesterct.org) or call 860-537-0717. Applications are due by March 9.

## 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.

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# Bobcats ECC Run Ends at the Sun, Yearn for Return

by Josh Howard

Bacon Academy girls' basketball lost to New London in the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Division I championship game, falling 66-55 at Mohegan Sun on Feb 22.

It was only the team's third loss this season and the first conference defeat, ending a ten-game conference winning streak.

Playing under the bright lights of the Mohegan Sun Arena, the Whalers – who were the No. 2 seed – jumped out to an early advantage on the top-seeded Bobcats and never looked back.

New London was able to find holes in Bacon's zone defense, scoring 38 points in the first half and taking a 17-point lead into the break.

Nalyce Dudley, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, led a second quarter surge, scoring 11 on her 25 in the frame.

Bacon's largest and last lead was 10-7 in the first quarter on a rebound putback by Valerie Luizzi, who scored a team-high 25 points.

New London countered by going on a 12-4 run to take a lead they would not relinquish.

Marissa Nudd, who finished with 18 points and eight rebounds, converted a layup to narrow the deficit to 19-18 early in the second quarter before New London went on another scoring run – this time a 19-3 spurt to close out the half.

Bacon trailed by as many as 24 in the second half but slowly chipped away thanks to Luizzi and Nudd, who carried the team over the final 16 minutes.

A pair of steals and four straight points by Luizzi cut the deficit to nine points in the fourth,

but it was too little too late for the short-handed Bobcats, who were playing without senior guard and defensive standout Ashley Lizotte.

Luizzi said playing at Mohegan was a "sur-real" experience.

As a sophomore, the now-senior captain was unable to play because of a broken wrist when the team made the ECC finals in 2020. Last season was limited because of the COVID-shortened season, so the team made it a goal this winter to make a march to Mohegan.

"Making it back to play for my senior year was one of my goals and we couldn't have done it without the whole team. We had a lot of people step up to help us get there. We have an amazing group of underclassmen who help make our team better every day," added Luizzi, who was named to the all-tourney team with Nudd.

The goal now turns to making another run towards the Sun in the state tournament.

Prior to the conference championship game, the Bobcats had won 20 of 22 games.

Bacon Academy's regular season record earned them the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye in the Class M state tournament. The Bobcats will face No. 15 Griswold on Friday, March 4 at Bacon Academy High School. The second-round game will tip at 6:30 p.m.

It will be the latest challenge for a team that has faced a slew of obstacles this winter, including injuries, COVID-related restrictions, and



Bacon Academy junior Marissa Nudd attacks the basket during the Bobcats 66-55 loss to New London in the ECC title game at Mohegan Sun on Feb. 22.

the controversy surrounding the accusation of a fan using a racial slur during a game at Ledyard High School in early February.

Through it all, the players have continued to grind and remained above the fray.

"The team has been resilient this year. We have had to overcome challenges both physically and emotionally that most teams haven't had to deal with," stated Luizzi. "We were a close team to start the season and have used these challenges to motivate us each game. We pull each other up and all have the same mindset when it comes to winning."

Bacon's 18-2 regular season was tied for the

second-best record in Class M, behind Holy Cross, who finished 20-0.

With three tourney wins, they would get a shot at championship redemption on the court that the WNBA's Connecticut Sun calls home.

"We have been so successful this year because we all push each other to be better and know we can count on each other on and off the court," added Luizzi. "We are 100% focused on the state tournament. We are taking it one game at a time. We know there are a lot of good teams in our bracket but we are hungry for the win. We plan to make it back to Mohegan."

## Police News

2/18: Raymond Brown, 58, of 52 Standish Rd., was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs, improper turn stop/no signal and drinking while driving, police said.

## 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.

Meals will be served from 6-8 p.m. Take-out is encouraged. There will be a limited amount of seating at the club, with social distancing. The club is located on Old Town Road.

Call 860-537-2593 to order or for more information.

## 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. For more information, contact Elizabeth Bessette at 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 or mail to Colchester Lions Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 423, Colchester, CT 06415.

Applications must be received by Monday, March 14.

## Ahavath Achim News

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

Friday night service, 6:30 p.m., Zoom; Shabbat morning hybrid service, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Aggadatan 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. There is a Jewish literacy book discussion and Hebrew conversation Fridays at 1 p.m.

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.

## 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. Deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, March 11.



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### Senior Center News & Notes

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**Monday, March 7:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mahjongg; 1 p.m., Bridge.

**Tuesday, March 8:** 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 12:30 p.m., CHOICES Counseling, by appointment only; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., SCBC meeting (Z).

**Wednesday, March 9:** 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, Cooking Demo; 12:30 p.m., Reel Friends Movie Club; 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing; 2:30 p.m., CSC staff meeting.

**Thursday, March 10:** 9 a.m., Exercise w/ Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 12:30 a.m., Live Well (CC), Shopping Trip to Lisbon; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

**Friday, March 11:** 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., AARP

Tax Aide by appointment only; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group, How to Attract Birds to your Property; 11 a.m., Yoga, 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Upcoming Programs: Hearty Meatless Dinner Cooking Demo:** Wednesday, March 9, 10 a.m. CSC member Irene Watson will teach us how to make a meatless meal. You'll be able to sample the food and bring the recipe home to recreate it on your own. This is a free class, but pre-registration is required by Monday, March 7.

**How to Attract Birds to Your Property:** Friday, March 11, 10:30 a.m. Interested in learning how to attract birds to your yard? The Connecticut Audubon Society will share tips. Cost for this program is \$5.

**Painting Workshop:** Mondays, March 14-28, 1 p.m. In this three-week acrylic painting workshop, you will be shown the fundamentals of painting. No experience necessary. Cost for each class is \$20, which includes materials. Pre-register in the office by March 7.

**Leprechaun Luncheon Special Event:** Wednesday, March 16, 11 a.m. Maggie Carchrie will perform Gaelic songs, followed by a traditional Irish feast courtesy of TVCCA. Tickets are \$9 and are available at the senior center.

**Trip Presentation for California Dreamin':** Thursday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. Tracy O'Neill from Collette Vacations will share information about the Monterey, Yosemite and Napa trip scheduled for Oct. 10-17. If you book before April 10, there's a \$250 per person booking discount.

### '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](http://colchesterlions.org).

All applications must be received by Tuesday, March 15.

### 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.

**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.

**Card-Making Class:** March 9 and April 6. All materials needed for each card are included in the cost and will be given out at the beginning of each 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.

### BOE Budget Meetings

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

On Tuesday, March 8, the superintendent's 2022-23 proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Education at 6 p.m. The school board will then 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.

### Land Trust Scholarship Available

Applications for the 2022 Colchester Land Trust (CLT) scholarship for \$1,000 are available.

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. Deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 11.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:colchester-givinggarden@gmail.com).

### 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 by 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).



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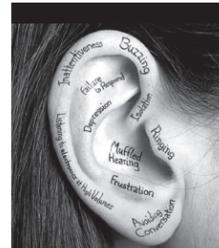
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### Youth First Coalition Seeks New Members

The Youth First Coalition is currently recruiting new members.

The coalition is charged with the mission of promoting the social, emotional, and physical health and wellness of Colchester youth. The coalition does this by advising and making recommendations on overall policy and program direction for the Youth Services department, and by developing culturally competent substance abuse prevention initiatives while increasing public awareness and involvement in the prevention of substance abuse.

Some responsibilities of members include advocacy, fundraising, and helping to promote Youth First Coalition initiatives within the community. Volunteering on the Youth First Coalition can be a very rewarding experience and allow you to truly impact how the community serves its young people.

Coalition organizers are looking for parents, teens, school representatives and professionals who work with youth, as well as other community members who want to make a difference in the wellbeing of Colchester's youth and fami-

lies. The coalition meets the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at the Youth Center.

For more information, contact Charity Benedict at Colchester Youth & Social Services at 860-537-7255 or cbenedict@colchesterct.gov.

### Scholarship Available

A memorial scholarship fund has been established in honor of the late Dorothy Mrowka of Colchester.

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.

### 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. Volunteers are still needed for several positions. The Board of Directors openings are: 5th/6th grade divisional coordinator; contact Bill Beeler at vp.recreation@colchestersoccer.org, and field coordinator; contact Tim Daniels at president@colchestersoccer.org.

More referees will be needed for the upcoming season. Visit [ctreferee.net](http://ctreferee.net) to register and begin online training.

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

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](mailto:Lee.Elliott@colchestersoccer.org) by March 31, and copy vice president of travel, Anton Smith, at [VP.Travel@colchestersoccer.org](mailto: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](http://www.colchestersoccer.org) for more information and watch for open registration in April.



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### TTCP Upcoming Activities

The Town Center Project (TTCP) has announced multiple upcoming events. For more information, look to TTCP on Facebook at facebook.com/towncenterprojectinc or visit thetowncenterproject.org.

**Hebron Community Chorus:** The TTCP invites all to participate in open rehearsals for The Hebron Community Chorus Tuesdays March 8 and 15, from 7-9 p.m. each week. The Hebron Community Chorus is a non-auditioned choir that will be rehearsing and performing pieces from across the wide range of choral music – from classical to showtunes and beyond, utilizing the theme “From the Ground Up/Laying the Foundation,” which will include pieces that explore home, community, and establishing long-lasting ties. Recommended COVID-19 protocols will be followed and all participants must be vaccinated. For more information, go to thetowncenterproject.org/chorus.

**‘Selfie with a SnoFolk’ Contest:** The contest runs from March 1-31. Take yourself, your family and friends to the center of

Hebron, snap a selfie with a SnoFolk, post your photo on Facebook using #snofolkselfie – and the photo with the most ‘likes’ wins. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded. The contest is sponsored by Costello Company, certified public accountant (Costellocompany.com).

**Market Day:** TTCP is bringing back its town-wide tag sale and adding a “market day” element. Market Day will be a one-day event on Saturday, May 14, where folks will be able to walk Hebron’s downtown and shop various different niche markets. The day will include fresh homegrown plants and produce, repurposed, redesigned vintage items, and a “Brimfield Lite” flea market. If you have vintage flair, love to repurpose, redesign, reuse, collect old treasures or simply create art out of any media, submit an application to participate in TTCP’s first of what it hopes to be an annual event. For applications, check out TTCP’s website or Facebook page, or email tcp@thetowncenterproject.org.

### Senior Center News & Notes

Russell Mercier Senior Center has announced the following. For more information and full program descriptions, and to register, call the senior center at 860-228-1700. Registration is required for all programs. The senior center newsletter is online at tinyurl.com/3xfm862d.

**AARP Tax Preparation:** Tax preparation will take place Tuesdays through March 29, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This is by appointment only, and residents of all towns are welcome. To make an appointment, call the senior center.

**St. Patrick’s Day Celebration:** Thursday, March 17. The Sunshine Singers will perform from 11:15 a.m.-noon, and lunch is at noon (corned beef and cabbage). All are invited to stay for bingo at 1 p.m. Cost for lunch is \$3 and all must sign up for lunch by Monday, March 14. Those who don’t wish to eat are still invited to come listen to the Sunshine Singers as they sing a collaboration of songs including some Irish favorites. Doors open at 11 a.m. To register, call the center.

**Big Y Shopping Trip:** Friday, March 18, departing around 10 a.m. Sign up by Thursday, March 17, at noon, by calling the center.

**All Levels Yoga Class:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 a.m., from March 21-April 13. There will be eight classes in this session for \$24. This class practices developing strength, balance throughout the entire body and overcoming stiffness. Bring a yoga mat if you will not be using a chair. To register, call the center.

**Coloring, Cookies, and Conversation:** Held

the second and fourth Mondays of the month, from 12:45-2 p.m. The center will provide the cookies and coloring supplies. Pre-register by calling the center.

**Walmart Shopping Trip:** There will be a trip to Walmart and Aldi in North Windham Friday, March 25, at 10 a.m. Seating is limited and everyone is required to wear masks. To sign up, call the center.

**Stamping Class:** Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m. Learn the basics as well as advanced techniques of rubber stamping and card-making. Cost is \$35 for four consecutive weeks. You can pay the instructor at your first class, but must pre-register for the class by contacting the senior center.

**Enhance Fitness via Zoom:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9-10 a.m. The class is free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required, by calling the center.

**Energy Assistance Winter Heating Program:** The center is taking applications for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), which is designed to help offset a household’s winter heating costs. If the household’s primary heating costs are included in rent, the household may still apply for assistance. To make an appointment, call Tanya or Sharon at the center.

**Community Café:** Onsite meals take place Monday-Thursday at noon. Reservations due by 10 a.m. the day before the meal, and by 10 a.m. Friday for Monday’s lunch. Requested donation is \$3. Call the center for a menu and to register.

### Gilead Congregational Church News

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

**Sunday Worship:** Sundays at 10 a.m. Services are still livestreamed, on YouTube at www.bit.ly/GileadChurchUCC and on Facebook at tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC.

**Scheduled Events/Meetings:** Monday, March 7: 9:30 a.m., Bible Study via Zoom; Tuesday, March 8: 7 p.m., AA Meeting; Wednesday, March 9: 10:30 a.m., Book Group; 7 p.m., Choir Practice; Thursday, March 10: 7 p.m., Trustee Meeting

**Coffee Hour:** All are invited to share in some fellowship in the social hall during coffee hour every Sunday at the conclusion of worship.

**Knitting, Crocheting, Weaving:** For those interested in supporting the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the “knitting” circle will start up again in the spring; exact date will be announced later. Beginners welcome. Call the church office with questions, or see the eNews for details.

**Faith, Film and Potluck:** Friday, March 4. The potluck will start at 6 p.m., and be followed by dessert and a film.

**Give Up and Give Back – Easter Collection for HIHS:** During this season of Lent, the church Board of Missions invites everyone to collect needed items for Hebron Interfaith Human Services. Items can be brought to the church on Saturday, March 27, between 9 a.m. and noon, when the Board of Missions will assemble bags to deliver to HIHS to distribute to families they serve before Easter. Donations can also be picked up; call the church office to schedule a pick-up.

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### Keep Hebron a HEARTSafe Community

The Hebron Fire Department, 44 Main St., is offering free AHA Heartsaver CPR classes for those who live/work in Hebron. Adult Child, Infant CPR & choking emergencies are covered.

The classes begin at 6pm and will be offered on the following dates: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17 or September 21.

Call Donna at 860-228-3022 ext. 162 to reserve a seat. Classes are first-come, first-served.

### Free CPR Class

The Hebron Fire Department (44 Main St.) will offer a free American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR class for those who live/work in Hebron at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16.

Call Donna at 860-228-3022 ext. 162 to reserve a seat. Classes are first-come, first-served.

### UHart Honors List

Brooke Delissio of Hebron made both the President’s Honors List and the Dean’s List for the fall 2021 semester at the University of Hartford.

### St. Peter’s News & Notes

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, located at 30 Church St., holds Sunday services of Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m. Coffee Hours are held after each service.

**Meetings and Events:** Balancing Class: Mondays at 10 a.m. – cost is \$5; Buildings and Grounds Committee: first Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m.; Virtual Coffee Hours: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; Boy Scouts: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Vestry meetings: third Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m.; Building Networks International: Fridays, 7:30 a.m.; Polish Dinner, take-out-only, Saturday, March 12, from 4:30 p.m. until sold out.

**Outreach: Food Donations:** Items for various local food pantries can be placed in the brown donation box outside Phelps Hall.

For more information, visit [stpetershebron.com](http://stpetershebron.com), search for St. Peter’s Hebron on Facebook, or email [office@stpetershebron.com](mailto:office@stpetershebron.com).







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# Teachers Called ‘Child Abusers’ on Social Media

by Jack Lakowsky

Pam Farrington, a teacher at Marlborough Elementary School (MES), told the Marlborough school board last week that for requesting the district follow the guidance of local public health officials, teachers received on-line hate.

Farrington called the behavior “a slap in the face.”

In last week’s meeting, Farrington said she spoke as an individual, not as a representative of all staff.

Farrington started by clarifying comments she made at a Jan. 27 board meeting. While masks are now optional at MES, they weren’t at the time, and Farrington urged the board to follow the guidance of Chatham Health District when deciding on mask requirements.

Farrington said this was misinterpreted as meaning teachers advocated specifically for mask mandates.

She said as a result, people attacked teachers online.

“After that meeting, teachers were attacked on social media,” said Farrington. “They were called chickens—t pansies and child abusers.”

Farrington said teachers were told to “look happier and more youthful.”

Farrington expressed dismay about the on-line vitriol.

“The entire staff has put their lives on hold for two years,” said Farrington, adding MES students never learned remotely, as they did in most other districts. “They were following a mandate. They came to work each day, juggling their own children and illnesses in their own families.

“For anyone to criticize staff, it is more than hurtful,” she added. “It’s a slap in the face.”

Farrington said anyone concerned about issues like this should reach out to staff for discussion.

“To be attacked in this way is unconscionable,” said Farrington.

Superintendent of Schools Holly Hageman said her administration and the board all applaud the work of MES teachers and staff, especially how they’ve navigated learners through the trying pandemic.

The board said it would continue adhering to the guidance of public health agencies like the state Department of Public Health.

“It’s an unfortunate aspect of our world that anyone can write disrespectful comments on social media,” said Hageman. “It’s hurtful when it’s directed at educators who’ve been front-line heroes.

“Our school community will rise above such negativity and continues to focus positively on our mission,” said Hageman.

Starting this week, masks are now optional at MES.

Board chair Wes Skorski emailed a statement to the *Rivereast*.

Skorski said the entire board supports administration, staff and teachers “100%.”

“Thanks to the dedication of the teachers, staff, parents and the children, our school [has been] able to open for full-time, in-person learning since September 2020,” wrote Skorski.

Skorski said the comments were “terrible, repulsive and do not represent our community.

“We will continue to follow best practices when it comes to the health, the safety and the education of our children,” said Skorski.

## 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.marlconchurch.org](http://mcc.marlconchurch.org). The Feb. 27 service will be led by Pastoral Intern Val Seaver.

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

**Sunday, March 6** is a Communion Sunday and the first Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion is open to all, regardless of church affiliation, including children with parental guidance. The bread used is gluten-free. After worship, a meet and greet time with refreshments is held in the lounge and all are invited. The service will be led by the Rev. Bob Faulhaber.

**Soup Suppers** are held upstairs in the Thienes Lounge Wednesday evenings during Lent from March 9 to April 6 from 6 to 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 Projects** include first quarter monetary donations designated for 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.

## St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Thomas J. Sas, John McKaig is deacon emeritus and the pastoral assistant is Holly Bangham. The church office can be reached at 860-295-0001; hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. People are asked to call before heading over or connect via the phone or email at [stjohnfisher30@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnfisher30@yahoo.com).

**COVID-19 Protocol:** For the fully vaccinated, masks are optional. For the unvaccinated, masks are required. Call the office for more information.

**Weekend Masses:** 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome. **Weekday Mass:** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

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

**Community Outreach and Service:** Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank; you may also bring food or household donations directly to the Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the

month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. Seasonal outreach to include the Community Garden to benefit the Marlborough Food Bank and various giving programs to support area organizations continue. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website, [www.stjfcchurch.org](http://www.stjfcchurch.org).

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

## 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.

## Police News

2/10: Michael Tyler, 39, of 17 Saner Rd., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with an emergency call, State Police said.

2/23: Kevin Gostyla, 23, of Manchester, was charged with third-degree criminal mischief, stemming from an incident that took place July 9, 2021, on Main Street in Marlborough, police said.

## Watercolor Classes Coming to Arts Center

Local artist Mary Horrigan will offer watercolor classes at Marlborough Arts Center this spring.

Classes will run Saturdays, March 19-April 30 (no class April 16), from 10 a.m.-noon each week. This set of lessons is designed for “All Levels of Beginner.” Material lists will be sent once the class is confirmed with enough students registered.

Cost for the class is \$120. Download registration forms from [www.marlborougharts.org](http://www.marlborougharts.org) and mail with a check to The Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT 06447.

For more information, contact Mary Horrigan at [mehorrigan@comcast.net](mailto:mehorrigan@comcast.net) or leave her a voicemail at 860-467-6353.

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# School Lets Masks Become Optional

by Jack Lakowsky

The Marlborough Board of Education decided to let masks be optional at Marlborough Elementary School – a policy that went into effect Monday after the state’s mandate expired.

“While not mandatory, we support the [state Department of Public Health’s] recommendation that students and staff wear masks as a mitigation strategy while respecting each person’s choice,” reads documentation from Marlborough Superintendent of Schools Holly Hageman.

Hageman provided a detailed plan for the transition to mask optionality. She said she wanted to have the plan in writing. “It’s a pretty significant transition,” she said.

With the ongoing drop in case numbers, Hageman agreed with the state DPH’s assertion that it’s time to return discretion back to the local level.

“This is hard for schools,” Hageman told the board, adding schools are good at “absolutes,” while entering the gray area of “may” can get confusing.

Hageman said she expects the first few days

to be “shaky”. She said kids will be kids and will observe aloud that some of their classmates have masks, and others do not.

“This is a major change for kids,” said Hageman.

While remarks are fine, Hageman said schools won’t tolerate any bullying or ridicule about an individual’s mask choice.

The superintendent added teachers and staff won’t enforce mask-wearing, saying it would take too much time away from learning. She said parents received information on how to speak to their kids about their choices.

Some mitigation tactics are still in place, Hageman said.

Anyone who tests positive must isolate for five days since symptom onset or a positive test, according to Hageman’s information. People can return to schools on day six if symptoms have largely resolved.

Hageman said schools will still defer to guidance from the Chatham Health District and state officials.

“As strongly emphasized by our local public

health director, individuals should wear a mask upon return to school through day 10,” wrote Hageman. “Mask-wearing will be mandatory at school on days 6-10 [after diagnosis].”

Parents can keep their children home for 10 days instead of returning to school in a mask.

The district can respond quickly to changes in transmission rates. Hageman said if deemed necessary, temporary universal mask-wearing is a possibility.

MES encourages student and staff vaccinations.

At-home test kits were recently sent home with each student, and the school has more to distribute in the future.

Hageman to ease the transition, mask op-

tionality is about the only COVID-19 prevention strategy to change. The superintendent said too much at once could cause some confusion among the community.

MES will continue to notify families and staff if they’ve been exposed to a person with COVID-19.

Anyone with symptoms will get a self-test kit, Hageman said, and schools are strongly advising the sick to stay home.

At the time of the meeting, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) still required masks on school buses. Last weekend, the CDC changed this policy, saying school districts can make their own choice, according to cdc.gov.

## 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.

**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, often-times 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 library asks that all pieces be included in any donation.

**Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss:** Stop by the

library today or tomorrow, March 4 or 5, for some birthday fun. There will be a photo screen with photo props, a fishing game, a guessing jar, a book display, a Cat in the Hat STEAM Take & Make kit, goodie bags, and more. Giveaways are available while supplies last. Registration is not required.

**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. Some of the fundraising projects the Friends group are involved in include: the spring and fall book sales, board game and puzzle sales, a spring plant sale, and the holiday auction. Members of the Friends also help the library through projects like weeding and gardening as well as acting as advocates of the library to promote library services. 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.

## Kindergarten Registration

Marlborough Elementary School will accept registration packets for kindergarten students for the 2022-23 school year on Wednesday, March 2 (9-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m.) and Thursday, March 3 (9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.). Due to current COVID-19 protocol, all completed kindergarten packets should be dropped off at the school’s main office, located at 25 School Drive.

Children are eligible for kindergarten if they will be 5 years old by Jan. 1, 2023. Registration packets have been sent home to prospective kindergarteners. If you have an eligible child and have not received a registration packet, call the school office at 860-295-6220.

Also, if you receive a registration packet and do not plan to enroll your child, you are asked to notify the school as soon as possible.

## 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.



## Dean’s List

Marlborough residents Lauren Costa and Kendra Veneziano made the fall 2021 Dean’s List at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford.

Costa is majoring in nursing, and Veneziano is majoring in special education.



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## 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 take-out 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.

## ‘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](http://www.hitekracing.com); click on “calendar” and then scroll down to the May 29 races.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

The Marlborough Lions Club will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, April 19, from 1-5:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. The Red Cross is hoping to fill around 45 slots for appointments. To schedule an appointment in advance, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time).

The Lions will also collect donations of non-perishable food items during the Blood Drive, on behalf of Marlborough Food Bank.

For more information on this event or to learn more about joining the Marlborough Lions Club, call Secretary Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116.

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# Heavy Fire Reported on West Road

by Jack Lakowsky

According to fire chief Kevin Asklar, fire crews from several towns put out a blaze at a house on West Road around 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Asklar said crews from Marlborough, Colchester, Glastonbury, East Hampton and Hebron, battled the fire for about 40 minutes.

"They arrived to a heavy fire in the rear of the structure," said Asklar.

Asklar reported no injuries.

No one was home, Asklar said. A cause is under investigation by the local fire marshal.

Asklar said the structure was compromised and is uninhabitable.

## 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).

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## St. Mary Church News

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

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

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

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

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

## 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.

## Dean's List

Nick Dawson of Portland made the fall 2021 Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y. Dawson is in the software engineering program.



**First Place!...** Portland residents Gerry Hall, 13, and Aeryn Hall, 10, each won first place trophies at the Knights of Columbus basketball free throw state finals held Feb. 19 at St. Paul High School in Bristol. This competition is based on the most made baskets out of 25 attempts by gender and age group. The event lasted about 3 hours. Nearly 60 youth from around the state participated. Also competing from Portland were Lily Arnold, 11, and Mason Walsh, 12.

## 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., beginning March 7. Books are available in the church office. You can join the study in person or via Zoom. See the de-

tails 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.

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## Library to Celebrate 125th Birthday This Year

by Jack Lakowsky

Portland library director Jan Nocek told the *Rivereast* the library's circulation and program participation is nearing a return to pre-pandemic levels.

"I think we're about to get back to normal," said Nocek. "We've seen big increases in circulation."

Nocek said this is encouraging after a decline in activity between 2020 and 2021.

A sign of returning to normalcy, Nocek said, is small increase in the library's hours, returning to an 8 p.m. closing rather than 7 p.m.

Last year the library did away with fines. Nocek said. She said this has encouraged people to use their library.

With this positive outlook, Nocek said the library and its advisory board are planning a celebration of the library's 125th anniversary – 125 and some change, that is.

Founded in 1895, the library's milestone birthday was in 2020. For obvious reasons a celebration was put off until now.

Right now, details are slim. Nocek said the celebration is slated for June.

"The board has a committee meeting soon,

and they'll be planning some details," she said. "It'll be something fun and open for the community, something to bring people to the library."

Nocek said many in town haven't seen the library's renovations and hopes to show them off at its birthday party.

Along with Connecticut library officials, Nocek said Portland's taking the initiative to improve the town's digital equity.

"We're going to find out what needs are out there, like people who can't afford wi-fi," said Nocek. "It can be hard to keep up with everything going online, so we'd also look into some training classes too."

Nocek also floated the idea of adding a remote printing service for community use.

Nocek said another boon to the library is its volunteers. She said encouragingly, the library now has a young person volunteering their time.

The volunteer, who's also a student, is performing a diversity audit on the library's teen collection, helping ensure it includes voices of people of color, people with disabilities, the LGBTQ+ community and other marginalized

groups.

"Libraries have always tried to level the playing field," Nocek said.

The library has also received a few grants, Nocek said, bolstering its resources to provide for the community.

Nocek said she and the board are finishing up a long-term plan for the library's future, and said the community should "stay tuned" on details for this.

Nocek said she may distribute a survey to this end, and that the plan will include more involvement with local community groups such as the Portland Social Justice Coalition.

The library's also working with a local grassroots refugee resettlement group, helping the

effort to relocate a family displaced by the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.

Nocek shared some of the library's statistics from the last year or so.

According to this information, Portland's pretty engaged with its library. Close to half of the town has a library card, above the state average of about 37% in a given town.

The information said patrons checked out more than 7,000 items in January 2022, a 45% jump over January 2021.

Borrowing among kids has increased sharply, up nearly 91% over last year.

Overall, January 2022 visits to the library doubled over the same month in 2021.

### 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.

**Tai Chi via Zoom:** The next session with Tom Cushing begins Tuesday, March 8, and runs through April 26. Email LTracey@portlandct.org or call to register.

**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 Lida, 1 p.m. (four weeks at a time for \$40); setback, 1-3 p.m.; chair yoga, 1:30 p.m. – check calendar for available class dates. **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 Dulos of "All Ears" in Portland. No registration is necessary.

**Trips:** If you need to be picked up at your home for a van trip, let the center know in advance. **East Side:** The van will travel to the East Side restaurant in New Britain for supper on Tuesday, March 8, departing the center at 4 p.m. Trip fee is \$5 and supper is on your own.

### 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. 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 or visit zionlutheranportland.org.

#### 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 panggalvin69@yahoo.com or 860-301-7393 to reserve a spot.

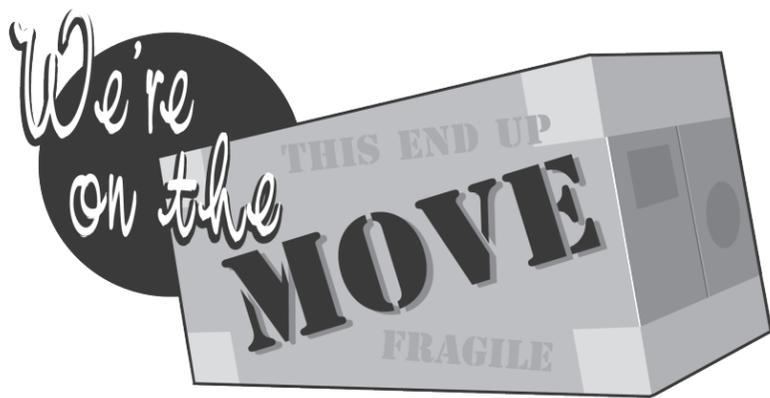
### Police News

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

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### 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.



**Betty Sanders**

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.

nationally accredited flower show judge. She has studied gardening at the Arnold Arboretum, the New York Botanical Garden and the New England Wildflower Society. She is also a scientist with a degree in chemistry.

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.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, March 11, from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Mary Church, 51 Freestone Ave.

To make an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

As a thank you, all who donate will receive a \$10 e-gift card, thanks to Fanatics. They will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to the 2022 Major League Baseball All-Star Game in Los Angeles, Calif.

### KoC Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus, Freestone Council 7, will award three \$1,000 scholarships this spring to any high school senior from Portland who is furthering their education at a college, university, or technical school.

The application is available at the area high schools or by requesting an application at scholarship@rsitg.com. All Portland residents graduating this year are eligible.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 18, and the awards will be announced in May.

### Registration Open for Spring Soccer

Registration is open for Portland Soccer Club's spring seasons for Travel and Rec players. Visit clubs.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub to register, or contact PSC President Chad Wilson at nosliw.dahc@gmail.com.

Travel Details: Players with birth years 2008 to 2013. Registration deadline is Friday, March 4. Cost is \$170. Practices are twice per week with up to two weekend games against other towns. Season starts early April and ends mid-June.

Rec Details: Players with birth years 2013 to 2017. 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.

Note: Late Travel and Rec registrations are not guaranteed.

### 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).

### Town-Wide Tag Sale Plans Begin

The Portland Historical Society's 26th annual Town-Wide Tag Sale is fast approaching. With the start of spring less than a month away, plans for the town-wide tag sale on Saturday, May 7, have begun. If you are new to town, the Town-Wide Tag Sale is six hours of bargain shopping at over 100 tag sales throughout downtown and countryside Portland.

Organized by the Historical Society, individuals, families and organizations can be included on the large free map for a fee of \$20-\$25. Local

restaurants and businesses can show their support by purchasing a space on the map to advertise their offerings. The map is seen by thousands of people.

Online registration for tag sales is underway. Visit the Society's website [www.PortlandHist-Soc.org](http://www.PortlandHist-Soc.org) and click on the link to register. Watch *Rivereast* for the opening date for paper registration in late March. The annual Town-Wide Tag Sale is the main fundraiser for the society.

### 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, Freestone 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@sbc-global.net](mailto:wright5596@sbc-global.net).

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

### Methodist Church News

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

### 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.

### Preschool Open House

Sunny Hill Preschool is holding an Open House for prospective parents and students from 4:30- 6 p.m. Thursday, March 10. The preschool is located in the educational wing of Zion Lutheran Church, 183 William St.

Both the indoor and outdoor classrooms are set up to maximize independence and support each child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical growth. Bobbi Teva is the director and head teacher of the program. She has more than 25 years of experience in early childhood education, having worked in a variety of programs before coming to Portland.

Attendees at the open house will be able to meet the director and teachers, as well as tour the facility. Masks will be required to enter the school.

For more information or to RSVP, email Bobbi at [sunnyhillpreschool.ct@gmail.com](mailto:sunnyhillpreschool.ct@gmail.com) or call 860-342-2860, ext. 12.

### KofC Takeout Pasta Dinner

Freestone Council Knights of Columbus will provide a takeout pasta dinner Wednesday, March 9, beginning at 4 p.m., at St. Mary Church on Freestone Avenue.

Served will be pasta with the Knights' signature sauce, meatballs, salad and roll for \$12. Proceeds help fund the charitable works the Knights provide for the community.

No pre-order necessary; just drive to the back parking lot to receive the meal.

On the day of the meal, the chefs are available at 860-342-2713 to answer questions.

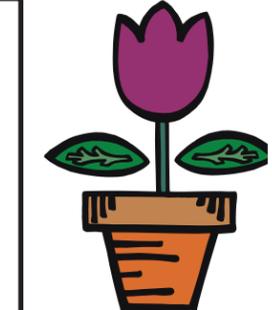
For home delivery of a dinner, call Buddy Hernandez at 860-342-3034.

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### 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.; 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.

**Federal and State Tax Forms:** 1040 and 1040-SR and printed instructions are available at the library. Connecticut state tax forms are also available. Instructions for the Connecticut state forms are online or the library can make a copy of the instructions for 15 cents a page.

**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.

**Recording of ‘Befriending our Afghan Neighbors’:** To view a recording of this recent program, presented by the library in partnership with the Portland Refugee Resettlement Group, visit [www.portlandct.org](http://www.portlandct.org). Click on the YouTube channel in the upper right-hand corner. The program flyer will appear on the icon. Click to view and listen.

**Youth Program: Alien Invasion! Winter Reading 2022:** The winter reading program is coming to an end. Visit by today, March 4, to advance your alien through the solar system. When you reach Neptune, receive a small prize. Artist Pamela Hanks created the collaborative artwork designs.

**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.

**Family Craft Night: Gnome Treat Boxes:**

### 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.

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Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m. Make a special heart-shaped flower bouquet and decorated pot for yourself or a loved one this Valentine’s Day. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, but a parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. Supplies may be picked up in advance of the program and a Zoom link for instruction will be sent within 24 hours of the event. Registration is required and space is limited.

**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: Connecticut African American Heroines:** Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Black History Month happens in February and Women’s History Month happens in March. This early March event explores African American Women’s contributions to Connecticut society. This virtual program (Zoom) is produced by the Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame.

**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.

**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.

**Forum on Elder Justice Hotline**

State Rep. Christie Carpino (R-32) and state Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) will join Attorney General William Tong for an Elder Justice Hotline forum Monday, March 7, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., at the Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave.

The event is a forum to discuss the new Elder Justice Hotline and issues facing Connecticut seniors. To RSVP, email [Ltracey@portlandct.org](mailto:Ltracey@portlandct.org) or call 860-342-6760.

For more information on the Elder Justice Hotline, visit [portal.ct.gov/ag/elderhotline](http://portal.ct.gov/ag/elderhotline).

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### 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.”

Beginning this Sunday on March 6, 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.

On the First Sunday in Lent, the March 6 worship service will include the Sacrament of Communion. The Rev. Jane Hawken’s sermon is titled, “If Nothing Else, I Can Make Them Sandwiches.” Under Kasha Breaux’s direction,

the choir will sing the anthem, “Create In Me A Clean Heart” by Arnold Sherman.

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 [1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com](mailto:1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com) for more information.

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

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.firstchurchportlandct.org](http://www.firstchurchportlandct.org).

### Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation is offering the following. To register or for full program descriptions, visit [portland.recdesk.com](http://portland.recdesk.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 March 30, 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.recdesk.com](http://portland.recdesk.com). For more, call Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757.

**Inner Circle Martial Arts:** Registration is open for Jujitsu, Cross Training, Yoga, Dance Aerobics, Beginner Karate, Kick Boxing/Cross Training, Belly Dancing, and the popular Little Ninjas program. Check the Parks and Rec. website for more details.

**Boat America – Online Boating Safety Course:** Tuesday and Wednesday, March 15 and 16, 6:30-9 p.m., and Tuesday, March 22, 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.recdesk.com](http://portland.recdesk.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.

**Virtual Paint Night for Adults:** Thursday, March 10. In honor of Women’s History Month, create a place setting at a mock dinner table for your favorite historical woman in honor of Jody Chicago’s installation “The Dinner Party.” Each participant will receive a canvas and paints. Check the Parks and Rec. website for more details.

**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 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.

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

**Summer Quest:** Registration for the programs (Kiddie Camp, Base Camp and Teen Camp) will be open on the website later this month. Check back for more details.

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## Obituaries

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#### Daniel Joseph Graves

Daniel Joseph "Dan" Graves, 48, of Bolton, passed away Thursday, Feb. 24, in Manchester.

Dan was born in Middletown to Richard and Judith Graves on March 31, 1973. He went to high school in Portland, and graduated in 1991. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of Connecticut, and a Master's in Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Dan's career was in various levels of environmental management: a project geologist at HRP Associates, senior environmental specialist/project manager at Bank of America, account executive at The Hartford, and most recently a senior engineering consultant at Travelers. His true passion in life was for family and friends. He was a soft-spoken and deeply loving husband, father, coach, son, brother, and friend to so many. He will be deeply missed.

Dan is survived by his wife, Karen Graves, and daughters, Riley and Makenna Graves; his mother, Judy Graves; his siblings, Chris and Pam Graves (Samantha, Megan, Nathan, Evan), Katie Graves, Jeff and Becki Graves (Carter, Carly); his mother-in-law, Betsy Nelson, and siblings-in-law Leslie and Jim Boulton, Mark and Sharon Nelson (Elliott, Roxanne, Corinna).

He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Graves, and his father-in-law Peter Nelson.

Dan's family would like to offer a special note of thanks to his many close friends that have been a tremendous support, during the last couple of years, as he has struggled with this degenerative brain disease (BVFTD).

Family and friends may call at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester, on Saturday, March 12, from 3-6 p.m. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Dan to The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD), at 2700 Horizon Drive, Suite 120, King of Prussia, PA 19406 or online at [www.theaftd.org/support-aftds-mission](http://www.theaftd.org/support-aftds-mission).

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



1984 to 1987. After retirement, Clyde and Marie moved to Melbourne, Fla.

While in Colchester, Clyde was a very active member of the Wooster Lodge #10 Masonic Order for approximately 50 years. During his tenure in the Masonic Order, Clyde was the recipient of the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze from Wooster Lodge #10. Clyde was a 32nd degree Master Mason and served as the Worshipful Master twice during his tenure. Clyde also served as secretary of the lodge for many years. He also served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as Associate Grand Marshal in 2007 and 2008. He was earlier involved in Boy Scouts while raising his family.

Clyde enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and was also a member of the widows Son Masonic riders club promoting free masonry within the motorcycle community. Clyde was also a member of the Hebron Lions Club for many years. Clyde and Marie also regularly attended church services in Colchester, at St. Andrew Catholic Church. Clyde was a friend to all and eager to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Funeral services will be private.

### Portland

#### Marabeth C. Gildersleeve

Marabeth C. Gildersleeve, 76, of Portland, beloved sister, mother and friend, passed away Thursday, Feb. 24, at home. She was the daughter of the late Allen Carlson and Mary (Flood) Carlson. Born June 27, 1945, in Middletown, she grew up and lived in Portland her whole life.

Marabeth worked in real estate for Berkshire Hathaway Home Services in Glastonbury. She loved working with clients to find their forever homes. She was a member of the Middletown Elks Club and loved getting out for a round of golf at one of the Portland courses. Marabeth was known around town for her upbeat personality, fashion sense and being the life of the party. She enjoyed spending time with her friends to the fullest playing setback, having martinis with the girls on Thursday or enjoying music at the Winchester Sunday afternoons. She never met a stranger, as they say.

She was predeceased by Chris Gildersleeve and leaves behind daughters Deb Gildersleeve of Old Saybrook, Jill Gildersleeve (Taradeina) of Portland and Sara Gildersleeve of Cromwell; a sister, Susan (Carlson) Whitney and her husband John of Longmeadow, Mass.; and five nieces and nephews and seven grand-nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held today, Friday, March 4, at 10 a.m., from Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church at 11 a.m. Burial will be held at a later date in Center Cemetery, Portland. Friends called at the funeral home Thursday, March 3.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to MARC Community Resources of Middletown ([marccommunityresources.org](http://marccommunityresources.org)) or The Sunshine Kids Foundation ([sunshinekids.org](http://sunshinekids.org)).

### East Hampton

#### Paul Martin Parsons

Loving father and brother Paul Martin (Marty) Parsons, 57, of East Hampton, passed away Sunday, Jan. 16. Born Jan. 13, 1965, Paul was predeceased by his loving mother and father, Kathleen and Phillip Parsons; his uncles, Jack, Harry, George; and aunt, Nellie.

Paul is survived by his son, Jordan and wife Jessica Parsons of East Hampton; brothers, Roy and his wife Wendy Parsons of Windsor, Steven and fiancée Elizabeth Parsons of East Hampton, David and wife Diane Parsons of Coventry; sis-

ters, Barbara Parsons of Rockfall, Beverly and husband Scott Cook of Arnold, Md., Peggy Parsons of East Hampton and boyfriend Frank of Old Saybrook; uncle, Robert Parsons and wife Esther of Colorado; aunts, Marjorie McNeil of North Carolina and Carol Parsons and husband Douglas of Oregon; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Paul is finally at rest and peace after a long struggle with his health. He was a tender, caring and loving person who was so giving to others. He had a friendly smile and a deep laugh that he shared with so many. He had a love for trains, music, animals and especially feeding the birds, as well as taking rides, puzzles and refurbishing furniture and fishing. His beloved dog Dojo, who passed away several years ago, kept Paul up and going; they took care of each other and enjoyed life.

At Paul's request there will be no services, and he would like contributions made to the Connecticut Humane Society or any other animal organization.

### Hebron

#### Jerry Lee Martin

Jerry Lee Martin, 83, of Hebron, went home to the Lord on Thursday, Feb. 24, with his beloved family by his side. Born Sept. 27, 1938, in Mt. Vernon, Ill., he was a son of the late Bailey Madison and Gladys Wilma (Richards) Martin. He married his beloved wife, Adell English, on Oct. 2, 1960, in Gilbertsville, Ky. They raised their family and enjoyed life together for more than 61 years before his passing early Thursday morning.

Jerry was a man of deep faith and a proud veteran, having served more than twenty years on active duty. His long and successful career began in 1966 during the Vietnam War and included chaplain assignments as well as the United States Military Academy. He retired from the military as a lieutenant colonel and a chaplain at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Among his many awards in active service, Jerry received the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, as well as a Purple Heart received while ministering in Vietnam.

Jerry's education included a BA from Murray State University, and master's degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Long Island University. He received his clinical pastoral education from Yale University. He continued his involvement with military groups as a life member in the American Legion (Post 95 Hebron), the Military Chaplains Association, Military Officers Association of America, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Following his military career, Jerry served over 13 years as pastor of Kensington Baptist Church in Kensington, Md. He retired to his hometown of Henderson, Ky., for 11 years, where he was a member of Community Baptist Church, and then to Hebron where he was a member of the Church of the Holy Family.

His legacy will be honored and remembered with love by his beloved wife, Adell; his children and their spouses, Jerry Mark and his wife Suzanne Martin of Burtonsville, Md., Gregory Lee Martin of Henderson, Ky., Lisa Michele and husband Michael Ciarrocchi of Hebron; grandchildren, Heather, Daniel, Madison, Mary, Kamora, Amelia, Mistie, Jayne; a brother, Timothy and his wife Cathy Martin of Louisville, Ky.; sister-in-law, Debbie Martin of Henderson, Ky.; stepbrother, Eddie King and wife Rosetta of Henderson, Ky.; and stepsister Velma Pullam and husband Roy of Henderson, Ky.; and numerous extended family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Dennis Martin.

Calling hours were held Thursday, March 3, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A funeral Mass will be held today, Friday, March 4, at 10 a.m., directly at the Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St., Amston.

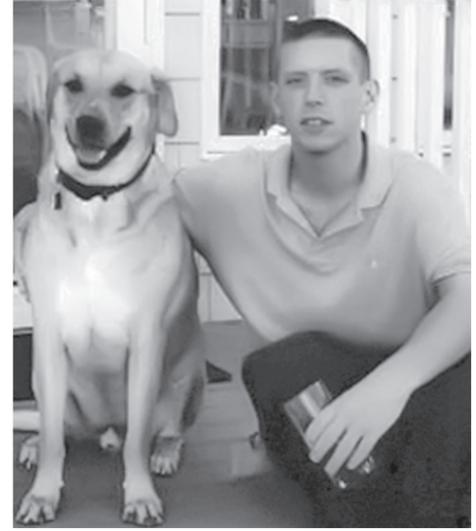
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org), or to the Parkinson's Foundation, [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).

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



### Marlborough

#### Scudder Jameson Evans



Scudder Jameson Evans, 28, of Marlborough, passed away suddenly Monday, Feb. 14. He was born May 10, 1993, in Hartford, to Kip B. and Sarah S. Evans. He attended RHAM for the majority of his education, but ultimately graduated from New Haven Adult Ed.

Scudder was a registered organ donor, People to People Student Ambassador alumnus, and was taking cybersecurity classes. He enjoyed watching sports and was a fervent New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox fan. He spent many years playing baseball, football, lacrosse, and basketball. He loved to snowboard, which endlessly irritated his extended family of committed skiers. Scudder also loved sailing the New England coast with his family every summer while growing up. He loved to travel and had hoped to go on a Safari. He was an avid gamer and, like his father, tinkered with electronics. Scudder was also a passionate 1990s rap and hip-hop fan, and had a sense of style that reflected these influences.

Like so many others, Scudder struggled with opioid use disorder and was constantly tested with unpredictable life events that played a role in compromising his sobriety. Scudder found success in completing high school while at Turnbridge in New Haven, and meaning in a community service program by delivering furniture to families in need. Scudder often spoke of how he loved seeing the children's reactions as they received these basic items typically taken for granted.

He leaves behind his mother, Sarah Scudder Evans, and sister, Bree Auld Evans. He also leaves behind his great uncle, Brent E. Scudder; aunt and uncle, Linda and Jack Casey; aunts, Caroline Scudder and Cheryl Otton; and numerous cousins.

He was predeceased by his father, Kip B. Evans; all four grandparents; uncle, Timothy T. Scudder; and his beloved dog, Dutch.

The family thanks the Hartford HealthCare Medical Group at Windham Hospital Wound Care Center as well as long-term recovery centers Turnbridge in New Haven and Seabrook House in New Jersey for their care, efforts and continued support of Scudder and the continued on going support to his family. The family also thanks the many compassionate, dedicated, and supportive first responders who have come to Scudder's and the family's aid in times of need. Their professionalism is unparalleled.

A celebration of life will be held for Scudder at the Marlborough Country Bakery, 7 Independence Drive, Marlborough, CT 06447, on Saturday, March 19, at 3 p.m. Scudder will be buried on Shelter Island, New York, at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to AHM Youth and Family Services, c/o The AHM Children's Trust Fund Endowment, 25 Pendleton Drive, Hebron, CT 06248. Your gift in memory of Scudder will touch the lives of local children and families struggling with substance abuse, and will serve as a lasting tribute to his legacy.

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

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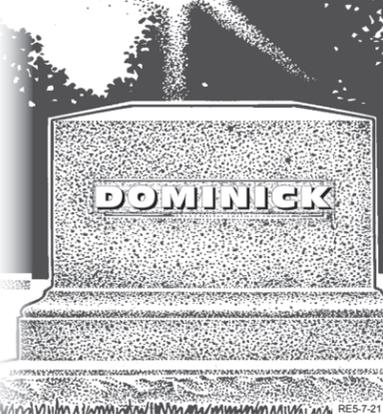
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# \$12.94M Budget Sent to Finance Board

by Sloan Brewster

Andover's Board of Selectmen on Monday agreed to pass on to the finance board a \$12.94 million budget that would increase spending by approximately \$512,000 or 4.12% over the current year.

At the same meeting, selectmen agreed to spend federal stimulus funds on a new community center.

The Board of Finance was slated to have its first look at the budget Wednesday, after Town Manager Eric Anderson delivered it to members Tuesday.

At Monday's meeting – a budget workshop – selectmen tweaked the numbers slightly from Anderson's original request, adding \$500 to cover maintenance costs, such as fertilizer, at Veterans Memorial Park.

Despite the comparatively low number in a nearly \$13 million budget request, the add-on led to a discussion, with some board members and Anderson saying it was the first they'd heard of the need for the additional cash, noting that Vietnam War veteran Gerry Wright had agreed to take on the maintenance.

Wright raised funds for, and designed, two monuments for the park – one honoring Vietnam veterans suffering from the effects of Agent Orange, and one honoring prisoners of war as well as those missing and killed in action (POW MIA KIA). The installation also includes a brick walkway and a battlefield cross monument for the park.

Selectman Scott Person, who mentioned the need for the extra \$500, said Wright was still going to do the work but he didn't expect him to shoulder the cost for fertilizer and other maintenance-related items.

When the budget discussion began, First Selectman Jeff Maguire said the numbers didn't seem right, so Anderson broke them down.

He said the town budget is increasing by 10.67% or about \$363,000; Andover Elementary School is asking for \$220,000 or 5.65% over the current year and the town's levy for RHAM is going down by 1.4% or \$71,000, leading to the \$512,000 total increase in overall spending.

## Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following have been announced for Andover seniors, veterans and disabled. To attend any event, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122 to register. Transportation available for all events, as well as shopping on Tuesdays, Foodshare/food pantry rides on Wednesday, and lunches on Fridays. For all YAH events, call Judy Knox at 860-643-6824; for all movie information, call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057; and for all trip information, call Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947. Check andoverct.org for all senior events and information.

**Shopping Trips:** Tuesdays. Masks required on bus and in stores. Willimantic on March 15 and 29; Manchester on March 8 and 22.

**Young at Heart:** Wednesday, March 16, 12:30 p.m., in the Town Hall community room. There will be bingo, cake and ice cream.

**Movie:** Wednesday, March 23, 1 p.m., in the Town Hall community room, shown by Sue

Vice First Selectman Adrian Mandeville asked what the big increases were.

Anderson said budget drivers included a \$195,000 increase in capital spending, a 22% hike that he said was "the biggest single increase on the town budget side."

Other town spending increases include \$77,000 to cover an additional employee in the Public Works Department, \$20,000 for a temporary summer hire in the department and about \$25,000 for building, maintenance at the Public Works facility.

Anderson said the town had been "consistently underfunding" Public Works equipment and maintenance.

Anderson said the reason the budget "doesn't look a lot worse" is due to the retirement of the elementary school bond, which he said nets the town \$93,000. The town will also save \$32,000 as it paid off a pay loader.

Despite the decreases that helped balance the additional costs, Anderson said the town was "increasing spending in this budget pretty significantly."

Mandeville asked if the increases would mark the end of the board's effort to build the budget and get "the town back to where it needs to be."

"Is this following what we have talked about for the past three years? Is this going in the direction where we said we want to go? Are we bringing everything in line with what we know is a functional town hall, a functional public works?" he asked. "I think the other question the residents are going to ask is, is this it? Is this the last swath of getting things sort of ironed out on a bigger budget scale?"

Mandeville answered part of his own question by saying he thinks the number brings the town "pretty much where it needs to be with public works" and that while the capital numbers are "not perfect," they are workable and town's salaries "are lined up."

He said residents had been complaining about road conditions for the past two years and the town was addressing that.

"We're trying to put our money where our

Schmidt. Call Palazzi for a ride.

**Senior Lunch Returns:** Friday, March 25, in the Town Hall community room. Menu will be chicken, broccoli, rice, rolls, dessert. Those restricted from eating meat may choose a meatless grinder. Call Palazzi for reservations and/or a ride.

**Equipment Available:** If anyone needs equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers or ramps, contact Palazzi.

**Rides** to all town events, town meetings, referendums or board meetings, and all medical appointments and trips to Foodshare van and food pantry at First Congregational Church, are available by calling Palazzi. All seniors, veterans and disabled are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you. Masks must be worn.

**Food Deliveries:** If you need a food delivery, let Palazzi know.

mouth is," he said.

The board unanimously approved the budget, which Anderson said he would pass on to the finance board.

### A New Community Center

Selectman Jeff Murray pointed out that by funding the community center with American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA), the town was getting the new building without bonding and "through a modest increase."

In discussion over a plan to spend not more than \$1 million of stimulus funds on the project, Anderson asked why selectmen were aiming so high when the town already has \$450,000 set aside for the purpose. He suggested using half the stimulus money on other needs.

Mandeville said there would be additional expenses once the building is up, including bringing in furniture, other items and staffing and said the town's community resources department was "woefully understaffed."

"Do we build a building and then not staff it

after the fact?" he asked.

Person added that parking lot changes would also need to be covered.

Mandeville also said the stimulus funds could not be used to make up for lost revenue.

"I have no problem saying we want to allocate it all to the community center," Maguire said.

The motion to spend the ARPA funds on the center passed unanimously.

Due to a mold infestation, the Board of Selectmen in October 2018 shut down the old firehouse on Center Street, which was used for a senior center and meeting space. Since that time there has been much talk among town officials about building a new community/senior center.

In a phone call Tuesday, Mandeville said the plan is to get all the local approvals for the project and then go to bid for a design firm to draft plans and "to break ground sometime before the end of the year."

## Congregational Church News

Andover Congregational Church, UCC, located at 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School is provided. The service also streams live on the church's Facebook page (First Congregational Church, Andover, CT). For more information, call the church office at 860-742-7696, email andoverctchurch@gmail.com or visit www.andoverctchurch.org.

**Food Pantry:** Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. Masks not required for the fully vaccinated. The **Foodshare Van** comes to the

church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is March 16. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is March 23.

**Faith-Sharing:** Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Prayer Requests:** Need prayer? Contact the church and leave a message.

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

## Andover Preschool Screening

The Andover Board of Education, through the Andover Elementary School Early Learning Center, will hold a screening for children that reside in Andover and are 3 or 4 years old by the time of the screening on Friday, March 4.

The screening will be held differently this school year due to the ongoing pandemic. School staff will send home an age-appropriate questionnaire for you to fill out about your child. The questions are in the areas of speech,

language, cognitive, and motor development. Parents will then receive information which will assist in fostering their child's growth, if needed.

If interested in having your child screened, contact the director of special education at 860-742-7339 or at maioranoh@andoverelementary.org to request an ASQ-3 questionnaire.

There will be one more screening, on Friday, May 20.

## Pollinators in Our Yards

Andover Public Library will hold a program entitled Pollinators in Our Yards Wednesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m., at the Town Hall community room.

Andover resident Carrie Crompton, a Goodwin Master Naturalist, will describe ways to encourage the insects that pollinate native plants as well as the garden vegetables and flowers in your own yards. Her PowerPoint program will highlight the most common pollinators and what they need to complete their life cycles.

All are invited to attend this free program. RSVP isn't necessary, but is requested, by calling 860-742-7428.

## Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Friday, March 11, from 5:30-7 p.m. The dinner is takeout or eat-in.

Cost is \$15 and includes dinner, drink and dessert. Call 860-742-7696 to place an order.

## Dean's List

Julia F. Beebe of Andover made the fall 2021 Dean's List at Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

Beebe earned Second Honors.

## Preschool Openings

Andover Elementary School Early Learning Center is accepting applications for preschool students for the 2022-23 school year. Andover's preschool program is full-day. Before- and after-school care is available.

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

Parents are encouraged to apply for membership on the School Readiness Council, which oversees the preschool program. An application is available in the registration packet.

Call John Briody for more information or contact the school office at 860-742-7339 to obtain a registration packet. You may also download one from www.andoverelementaryct.org.

## Obituaries

### Colchester

#### John Michael Probus

Hallelujah, hallelujah, thank you Lord. Thank you Jesus. Another beautiful soul is in heaven. Where no evil 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.

### East Hartford

#### Linda Morissette

Linda (Crean) Morissette, 55, passed away surrounded by love Monday, Feb. 14. Born April 14, 1966, in New Britain, Linda was a 1984 graduate of Penney High School and a longtime resident of East Hartford.

After spending almost half her life in Connecticut, she moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C. There she spent her free time with her toes in the sand, her chair on the pier, and her hands busy digging in the dirt of her backyard garden.

Linda was predeceased by her father, John Crean, and her brother, Patrick Crean. She leaves behind her mother and stepfather, Connie and Dwight Oughstun; her husband, Roland Boucher; her brother, Paul Crean and his wife Ginny; her two nieces, Erin and Maggie Crean; and her close friend, Darrel Buller. She also leaves behind her loving aunts and uncle, cousins, many dear friends, and her beloved dog Maggie.

Calling hours will be Friday, March 11, from 4-7 p.m., at Mulryan Funeral Home on Hebron Avenue in Glastonbury, with a brief memorial to Linda's beautiful spirit beginning at 6 p.m. As some family members are immunocompromised, the family respectfully asks that all in attendance are fully vaccinated and masked.

### New Obituary Policy

Effective with the March 18 edition, the *Rivereast News Bulletin* will begin charging \$75 to place an obituary.

Obituaries can be emailed to bulletin@glcitizen.com.

### Scholarship Available

The East Hartford Garden Club has announced the availability of one \$750 scholarship to any full- or part-time student – and Andover residents are eligible.

The eligible student must be majoring in horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, conservation, forestry, environmental concerns, botany and other allied subjects. Applications with the submittal instructions are available at the guidance department of the attending school.

All completed applications must be received by April 1st to be considered.

### Students Invited to Write About Andover

Andover is turning 175 years old next year, and, in honor of the anniversary, all seventh- and eighth-grade students are invited to compose an essay or poem about Andover.

The committee will choose one composition from the entries. The winning student will be asked to read their composition at an event to be determined. The student will receive a certificate of appreciation and a check for \$50.

Compositions should be received by June 1. Submit compositions to tinawilsey@gmail.com. Please include the teacher's name and email. The 175th committee will notify the teacher of the winning student by June 22, and will work with the teacher to finalize all details.

The Andover CT 175th Anniversary Committee is hosting a variety of events every weekend from May 18-June 24, 2023. Therefore, time limits are required to meet the event goals, organizers said.

For more information, contact Tina Wilsey at the above email address.

### Collecting for Tag Sale

The Andover Seniors are collecting donations for the annual tag sale to raise funds for the senior lunch program. The tag sale will likely be held in mid-May. Call Carol Lee at 860-989-6988 to arrange for drop-off/pick-up of items.

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ment from BOS member, “J. Collins reiterated this is a vote on the purchase of the land, will be looking for public input on use of land as it moves forward.” Only 92 residents participated in this vote and no public input has ever been heard.

In July 2021 a member of the BOS called for a committee to include members of the public, to which Town Manager Andrew Tierney responded, “He’s putting all the f---ing neighbors on the committee...” This divisive attitude was reinforced when no committee was ever organized.

Hebron’s Plan of Conservation and Development requires the Town to identify “the natural, cultural and historic systems in Hebron that are important to recognize, value and preserve.” The parcel at 17 Kinney Road is among the most important natural, cultural and historic land in Hebron, it deserves our protection.

Please stay tuned for more important facts in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston

## Let’s Review

To the Editor:

- So let’s review:
- 1) >7% inflation
  - 2) >50% increase in cost of a gallon of gas
  - 3) Oil ~\$100/barrel
  - 4) Empty shelves at the supermarket
  - 5) Skyrocketing price of lumber
  - 6) Backordered products and parts (i.e. “supply chain” issues)
  - 7) Afghanistan debacle
  - 8) Trillion-dollar bailouts
  - 9) Russia/Ukraine war
  - 10) Stock market volatility
  - 11) Kamala Harris as VP
  - 12) Hunter Biden as (fill in the blank)

Remind us again...what was wrong with Trump? Oh that’s right...he tweeted.

I bet Ukraine would like to have all the weapons that we left behind for the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Thank you, Brandon!

Regards,

Ed Kozlowski – Colchester

## It Is a Crime

To the Editor:

I have been watching with historical interest the events in Ukraine for the past several weeks. I was comparing the world’s response to Putin’s actions to the world’s response to Japan and Germany before World War II. We responded to Japan’s aggression with sanctions and England responded to Germany’s aggression with appeasement. Both actions failed. What makes us think that either action against Russia’s aggression in the Ukraine will work.

I think back to my training as a crime prevention officer in the police department. Three conditions must exist for a crime to occur, and make no mistake what is occurring in Ukraine is a crime. The first condition is the desire to commit the crime. The second condition is the ability to commit the crime and the third condition is the opportunity to commit the crime. The victim cannot affect the desire or ability to commit the crime. The only condition the victim can affect is the opportunity to commit the crime. At this point it is too late for Ukraine or anyone else to prevent the crime.

The options for the rest of the world are very limited, can be very painful and very dangerous.

Louis Palshaw – Amston

## Selective Memory

To the Editor:

What the hell is going on? I mean it...what is happening around us? It only took two years to flattened the two-week curve and just as the COVID-19 narrative was collapsing in on itself and people were beginning to reassert themselves as free humans who demand the ability to make their own medical decisions the entire focus of the news shifts from COVID to a war in Ukraine?

We went from two years of the media trying to terrify us daily with the plague to them now trying to terrify us with the threat of nuclear war. The news is full of nonstop propaganda: the Ghost of Kiev, the Snake Island standoff, Miss Ukraine turned armed freedom fighter, the brave Ukrainian president on the front lines... all of these stories are complete nonsense but parroted incessantly on TV. What an absolute crock! The western media beats the drums of war and demand Russian blood, furthering a confrontation that only benefits the MIC and the ultra-wealthy that have investments in Ukraine

– our own President’s son was on the Board of Directors of a Ukrainian energy company...despite being a crackhead with no expertise.

Everyone talks about supporting Ukraine against Russia but I don’t remember them saying a word about Ukraine in 2014 when the US and western NGOs were giving Ukrainian Neo-Nazi groups millions and a boatload of weapons in order to overthrow their government and install a western friendly puppet. At the time the news reported it as a student-led protest... and it may have even started out that way. But it quickly devolved into a violent coup complete with snipers, bombings, and arson. The Russian-friendly government was overthrown, U.S.-backed “insurrectionists” assumed power, opening Ukraine up to western corporations and now here we are...this is how we spread democracy around the world.

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

## Putin’s Puppets

To the Editor:

Donald Trump heaps praise on Putin’s genius. Mike Pompeo lauds Vlad as a skilled interlocutor.

The Party of Trump follows right-wing sources like Fox News and Newsmax, who RT the Russian propaganda site on your cable channel.

Locally, Sammy P., Eddie K., and Donny D. spout nonsense about BLM, Jan. 6 and Joe Biden. “Useful idiots,” as the Russians say.

Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland

## Beware! The Soil Savages...

To the Editor:

... are here!!! They are called “Jumping Worms”! They process the top layer of soil on which all plant life relies; fallen leaves, garden mulch, so fast that the soil is often reduced to mineral content, inhospitable to neither roots nor soil-dwelling organisms. If you want to see them, check out this YouTube video: [youtu.be/30Q39rMKbVE](https://youtu.be/30Q39rMKbVE).

Our own Connecticut Agricultural Experimentation Station (CAES) offers timely information about these invasive worms and how the public can handle the infestation and offers methods of contaminant to control the spread ([portal.ct.gov/caes](https://portal.ct.gov/caes)).

This topic deserves more information than I can offer in a limited text. Do yourself a favor; your tummy may tremble, you may be grossed out, but it’s a necessary sacrifice to become aware of the next threat to our ecosystem. Share however you can.

Michele Sinkez

Hebron Pollinator Conservation Project

## Has Lamont Lost his Marbles?

To the Editor:

I read in last Tuesday’s newspaper that our governor wants to spend \$30 million to improve “critical train line’s cell service.” First of all, I didn’t know cell service on trains was critical. I can remember a long, long time ago when nobody had cell phones and we didn’t have these types of problems. I always thought a train’s fare was to get you to your destination. Now we need to spend \$30 million so passengers can chit-chat on their phones and play video games? If they want to chit-chat then they can speak to the person sitting next to them.

Why don’t we just put up a sign stating “Please shut off your phones.” Our governor then could then appropriate a few million dollars to have a research firm look into it.

Frank Blume – Colchester

## Benefits of Retail Cannabis

To the Editor:

2022 marks the year of great opportunity for many small towns across the state, including the towns within the *Riverast* readership area. Area officials – planning & zoning, boards of selectmen, town manager, etc. – will have the opportunity to support (or deny) the establishment of retail cannabis facilities in their respective towns. I would ask our town leaders to be open to supporting one of the fast growing and successfully proven business models across the nation.

Retail cannabis has been a reality in states across the nation since 2012. There are hundreds of studies that show the how this industry has improved the lives of individuals and economies of many cities and towns in the past decade. Legal sales across the U.S. – 14 states allow adult use, 36 allow for medical sales – hit a record of \$17.5 billion, a 46% increase from 2019 (Source: *Forbes Magazine*).

What does this mean for small towns like ours? Hebron, Andover and Marlborough have historically relied too heavily on revenue from resident property taxes. The burden continues

to be increasingly shouldered by taxpayers every year and our seniors remain economically squeezed. It’s simply unsustainable. Retail cannabis shops can and will add a healthy revenue stream to any town.

Local government officials shouldn’t shut the door on considering the approval of retail cannabis in our towns. Indeed, there are many myths and stigma surrounding the industry – all of which have been proven to be false. Did you know the fastest growing population segment of recreational cannabis users are individuals ages 65+? In fact, the National Survey of Drug Use and Health found that marijuana use among people over 65 had jumped 75 percent from 2015 to 2018, from 2.4 percent of that group to 4.2 percent. By 2019, use had reached 5 percent. Folks have discovered the medical, health & recreational benefits of the judicious use of cannabis.

Again, I would urge town officials to carefully consider the benefits of retail cannabis and not to succumb to knee jerk and uninformed reactions to any proposal. Your town’s future economic survival just may depend on it.

Claudia Riley – Amston

## Conflicts of Interest

To the Editor:

As we go into budget season, members of the Hebron Board of Selectmen and other members of the Hebron government should be reminded to follow the town charter and report possible conflicts of interest, both past and present.

“A person governed by this code shall refrain from participating on behalf of the Town of Hebron in any matter pending before any agency of the town if he, a business with which he is associated, an individual with whom he is associated or a member of his immediate family has a financial or personal interest in that matter and such interest is not shared by a substantial segment of the town’s population.

If such participation is within the scope of said person’s official responsibility, he shall be required to provide written disclosure, that sets forth the nature and extent of such interest to the Town Clerk, and this disclosure shall be included in the official record of all proceedings on this matter.” ([hebronct.com](https://hebronct.com), <https://ecode360.com/35405571>).

Previously, a selectman explained, “when you think about it, everyone has some conflict of interest.” Well, no, that’s clearly not true. 99 percent of the citizens of Hebron have no conflict of interest. We pay taxes but receive no money from the Town. Is that true with the Board of Selectmen?

Members should disclose the circumstances by which they or their companies obtained town contracts and the benefits of those contracts. For example, was it sole source or competitive bid? Did having a town contract help in marketing their services?

When reported, the minutes from previous BOS meetings should be amended (“the official record of all proceedings”) to state board members’ participation and voting record so that Hebron citizens can evaluate the soundness of past and current tax and policy decisions.

John Collins – Amston

## Ukraine and Trumpublicans

To the Editor:

The horror of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine is the most momentous event of our lives. Will President Zelensky and Kyiv’s Ukrainians be immortalized like King Leonidas and the Greek Spartans at Thermopylae? Or will Zelensky’s military strategically retreat like General George Washington from New York to fight again? No one knows the outcome as the world unites against Putin’s propaganda besotted Russia, excluding Xi’s propaganda besotted China. Both dictators control their countries’ elections, press, judiciary, and military. Putin knows he overreached and so threatens nuclear war to save himself. FEMA identifies multiple Russian nuclear targets in Connecticut’s southeast, southwest, and central north with Russian warheads 30 minutes distant. How did we come to this potential Armageddon moment?

Trump admires Putin’s intelligence and strength, genuflected and kissed his ring during several secretive meetings lacking transcripts. Trump soon was trying his best to destroy NATO. Withheld Congressionally-appropriated Ukrainian military funds to induce Zelensky to first create dirt on Biden. Trumpublicans even now support Putin, causing real Republican Mitt Romney to exclaim “I’ve got morons on my team.” Trumpublicans propagandize everything including the capitol riots, circulating newsletters to their sheeple directing them to “Drive the narrative that it was mostly peaceful protests,” as well as “Amplify the concerns of

the protestors and give them legitimacy.” Don Denley, Sam Prentice, Ed Kozlowski et al. regularly bleat out their scripted commands.

While we watch incredibly brave Ukrainian men and women dodge missiles and bullets, risking all fighting for their homeland; our local mice among men complain of rising gas prices, bemoan rising inflation, blame Biden for every ill ignoring logically tipped pandemic dominoes.

What happens the next few months with Ukraine and Russia will foretell our future. Putin, Xi and Trump sheeple will do their best to drive us over the cliff to disaster.

Edmund Smith – Andover

## Affordable Housing

To the Editor:

The presentation on Affordable Housing Tuesday evening, Feb. 22, was extremely informative. It provided us with an education as to what the term means, what the housing choices include, and how it would affect our town. Since there are many seniors in town who would like to “grow old and stay in town,” the information provided hope for doing just so. The pictures shown of affordable housing in other Connecticut towns shows some possibilities. Peter Hughes alleviated misconceptions and fears about something which is being mandated in every Connecticut town. A plan must be in place by June.

If you couldn’t attend one of the two public meetings please go to the town website and view the presentation. There will be another public forum after the Planning Commission works on possibilities, so you will have a chance to share your opinions.

Marlborough is the town we all chose to live in. Let’s provide a means for more people to stay, new people to come, and for more choices to choose from. Being involved in your town is important, and that’s why I have chosen to run for Board of Selectmen in May. I would appreciate your support? Thanks!

Debbie Bourbeau – Marlborough

*Note: Bourbeau is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance, but said she is writing as an individual.*

## Marlborough Board of Selectmen

To the Editor:

Marlborough’s senior population, as is true in the surrounding towns, is growing significantly. The data is clear that 20% of Marlborough’s current population is over 55 and will continue to increase. Older citizens are not leaving town: rather they are choosing to age in place. As Marlborough continues to explore affordable housing options, there will be even more reason to increase opportunities for expansion of programs.

Our community and our senior center need to expand their program offerings for active members of the community who are 55 and over. Seniors in nearby communities are able to participate in a wide variety of activities including yoga, fitness, card games, trips and lectures.

When elected, I will recommend that member(s) of the Board of Selectmen meet jointly with the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Commission on Aging, to open a dialogue to enhance opportunities for this increasing population in our town.

Please go to my Facebook page, “Betty O’Brien for Selectman” to remain current on my position on a variety of topics that are relevant to our town.

Betty O’Brien  
Marlborough BOS Candidate

## Hebron Facts

To the Editor:

“The four properties in this guidebook were selected for this study because they are located along four major streams in Hebron within the Connecticut River watershed-Raymond Brook, Jeremy River, Fawn Brook and West Branch of Fawn Brook. While the Connecticut River seems a long way away, the water coming off our lands from these streams and others, flow toward and eventually into the Connecticut River. The fish and wildlife that live downstream are dependent on us, in these headwater areas, for a continuous and unpolluted supply of fresh water. Our streams first drain into the Salmon River, on their way to the Connecticut River, so they are also considered to be in the Salmon River watershed. This book highlights the importance of headwater areas and how conserving land in headwater areas plays a significant role in maintaining downstream habitats.

These four properties are representative of much of the land in Hebron, containing wetlands, streams, and adjacent upland habitats.

Reader Forum • Reader Forum

Looking at these properties is a good way to understand the importance of all our lands, town wide and even statewide, to the quality of life for all who depend on them - fish and wildlife, as well as people.”

(Introduction to the *Salmon River Headwaters Guidebook and Habitat Inventory*. Four Mohegan Land Trust Properties on Four Headwater Streams. Hebron, Connecticut June 2001.)

With regards to Kinney Road’s 89-acre watershed, which drains directly into the Raymond Brook, there is still time to do the right thing.

“This vote authorized only the purchase’, [Andrew] Tierney emphasized, ‘and final decisions as to what to do with the property will require approval from the public.’ “

(89-acre parcel - March 8, 2019 - Journal Inquirer - Christopher McDermott.)

Many Hebron residents publicly approve conserving this land as Open Space and development free.

**Jean Tulimieri – Amston**

**Use Less**

To the Editor:

I’ve said it before and it is worthy of repeating. The rubbish you put out to the curb every week is going to get to be an expensive service shortly.

Basically, the trash will have to be hauled away to someone else’s backyard instead of being vectored to the trash-to-energy plant here in our back yard, Hartford. Hauling costs money. Lots of money depending on its destination whether it be down South or out to the Midwest.

How can we as a community reduce our costs? It is simple: “Use less.” By using less, changing habits, buying differently, we can as a community use less. Think of it this way. If 2,000 homes reduce the waste they toss each week by one pound, that is a ton of stuff that has to be hauled away per week! Simple math. And just think how much does not go into a landfill in a year! Harder to do. But, it can be done.

Instead of individual servings contained in multiple “dishes” surrounded by packaging that holds the product together, buy one larger sized unit and some reusable containers that well, need to be washed, stored and not tossed after use, and dole out each portion with the intention of reusing the container over and over. Make it a game for the kids. Keep score as to how many times a reusable container goes to school and comes back home in the lunchbox. The highest number of round trips wins a prize. The lowest has to take out the trash. Whatever works for your family, will help the community-at-large.

It is best to change habits now before we are pressured into doing so. Buying with the Mantra “Use Less” in mind, will make a difference. A big difference. So, let’s take the challenge. “Use Less.”

**Alison Walck – East Hampton**

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

**Ignorant Progressives**

To the Editor:

Maureen O’Doherty incoherently neither tolerates nor ignores my letters. As is typical of leftists, their right of free speech entails never being exposed to anything they disagree with. It’s rich to see someone who obsesses over race accusing me of that. It wasn’t me who brought up the race of Kamala Harris so why did she even mention it? And why is it only progressives who ever reference QAnon?

She shares her cognitive difficulties with Scott Sauyet, one of the most ill-informed people I’ve ever seen. Sauyet thinks reality is only what he believes it to be. Things outside of his absurd narratives are conspiracy theories. If we see or hear things he doesn’t agree with, they’re false or Photoshopped.

When this stalwart expressed doubt about people still being held without due process for Jan. 6, I had to wonder what rock he lives under. If he ever dared to venture outside of his Democratic-aligned corporate media, he could learn things that’re actually true.

He thought my comparison to the BLM/Antifa riots was ridiculous only because they showed how ridiculous his characterization of Jan. 6 as an insurrection was. Disputing the contrast between scores of people killed, almost 1,000 police officers injured, and over \$2 billion in property damage to a minor skirmish where the Capitol’s political activities were able to resume within hours is patently absurd. But that’s par for the course for Sauyet, our self-assumed minister of truth.

Progressives are very ignorant people largely because of where they obtain their information.

If they could abandon their echo chambers and be exposed to the real world, maybe they could actually acquire real facts. They might have a chance of becoming as smart as they think they are. But being progressives, that’s unlikely.

**Sam Prentice – Andover**

**Spreading the Word**

To the Editor:

Throughout my time on the Marlborough boards of education and finance, I always stressed the importance of public involvement in the issues that face our town and its taxpayers. Keeping in touch with the people of Marlborough is critical and ensuring that everyone knows what is going on at Town Hall is a must.

Marlborough is going through a lot of changes. We see infrastructure projects, commercial development, proposed zoning changes and a myriad of other activities all around us. We need to make sure that people are informed and also that they are given ample opportunity to express their opinion about things that impact them, their families and their property.

As a selectman, I pledge to demand open government and an improved level of communication between Town Hall and our residents. You pay a lot in taxes and knowing what is being done with your tax dollars is essential.

I have always been one to ask questions when a decision comes before me as a board member. I demand the information necessary to make informed decisions. And you, the taxpayers of Marlborough, deserve nothing less than a fully open and transparent Town Hall.

When you vote for me on May 3, you will be voting for open government. For more information about my campaign and my positions on the matters that impact you, please visit [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com) and my Facebook page “Ken Hjulstrom for Marlborough Selectman.”

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the polls 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.*

**Stand Up to the Bully**

To the Editor:

Last week, on Feb. 24, I watched in horror with the rest of world while Russia invaded Ukraine and my initial dilemma was seeing and hearing how the Ukrainians were fleeing from Kiev. Although sanctions were being put in place, not much more was being done to help Ukraine to help fight this egomaniacal bully. It was the first day of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and I responded without waiting to hear and see more news.

But today, Feb. 28, after again seeing and hearing about the travesty taking place, I now know the Ukrainian people are fighting for their homeland – oh so many young and older men are taking up (limited) arms to fight (although I did see some able-bodied men fleeing to Poland; their reasons are their own). This independent sovereign nation, these heroes, need the world’s help.

And yes, some of their neighboring countries are doing more than just sanctions; it was with some relief that Germany and others are supplying well-needed munitions and aircraft. And yes, the European Union has gathered their strength to refute this bully’s attempts to take over their fellow European counterpart. But that is not enough. A no-fly zone should be established if anything to somewhat make the fight a little bit more even.

I’ve been taught that, if you run away from a bully, he will continue to be a bully and continue to pick on all the other kids in the neighborhood. You must stand up to the bully and push him back to where he belongs.

**Ralph Bianco – Colchester**

**A Town Hall Watchdog**

Dear Fellow Marlborough Voters:

On Jan. 13, the Marlborough Republicans held a caucus. All registered Republican Marlborough voters were eligible to attend. At that caucus there were three candidates hoping to win a spot on the ballot for the upcoming election on May 3.

In May, our town will elect two additional selectmen. There are currently two Republican selectmen, and no more than three persons from any party can serve. So, at the caucus, only one candidate was selected to be the Republican-endorsed candidate because on Election Day, only one Republican candidate can be elected. The winner, Ken Hjulstrom, is now that sole endorsed Republican candidate.

For me, choosing only one candidate required much deliberation. I know, respect, and

greatly appreciate two of the candidates who ran at the Republican caucus. Both Louise Concodello and Ken Hjulstrom have decades of service to all residents of Marlborough. Both candidates have volunteered and worked selflessly on numerous boards and committees to help make Marlborough a better place for us to call home. In the end my vote was cast for the person whom I know and trust to continue to be a “Watchdog” for the town’s people.

When the ballots were tallied the results were Sal Sena 23%, Louise Concodello 30% and Ken Hjulstrom 47%. When I learned of the results, I knew that like me, most of the voters chose a Town Hall Watchdog, Ken Hjulstrom.

To learn more about Ken, please visit [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com). Please remember to vote for Ken Hjulstrom for selectman on May 3.

**Best Regards,  
Michele Anne Kacy – Marlborough**

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**Town of Portland  
Board of Assessment Appeals  
Notice of Meeting**

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet at the Town Hall, 33 East Main Street, during the months of March/April 2022, for the purpose of hearing Real Estate and Personal Property 2021 Grand List assessment appeals for which **written applications have been received by March 20, 2022**. Applications can be found on the Town of Portland website or are available for pick up, during business hours, in the Assessor’s Office. Should you need assistance, please contact our office at 860-342-6744. 1TB 3/4

**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 OF ACTIONS  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
HEBRON, CONNECTICUT**

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions at their Regular Meeting which was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., on the following:  
1. **Petitions 2022-02 and 2022-03** – 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 Date set for March 8, 2022.**  
2. **Approved** a 90 day extension to file subdivision mylars regarding petition 2021-15 located at 269 Millstream Road, per a February 14, 2022 request of Elmer Young. **The video recording of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting can be seen using the following link:**  
<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/cf64186c8d5f5bc29b-c8aa337804198f6b68b8c1e0c4a590903e8c7e9e3c10e0> 1TB 3/4

**COLCHESTER CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION  
WETLANDS AGENT APPROVAL**

Pursuant to the CGS Section 22a-42a (c)(2) the following application has been approved by the duly authorized agent of the Conservation Commission of the Town of Colchester.  
Number: WA2022-383  
Applicant: John Nelson  
Location: 84 Stanavage Rd.  
Activity: Retaining wall w/in NRA  
Jay Gigliotti  
Authorized Agent 1TB 3/4

**TOWN OF ANDOVER  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF ACTION**

The Zoning Board of Appeals took the following action at the regular meeting held on February 16, 2022:  
**DENIED** Application# ZBA 22-01 for Shashank Kamat, of 12 Brown Drive. Applicant was seeking relief from Section 11.2 of the Andover Zoning Regulations in order to construct a garden shed in accordance with the plan provided (on file at the Andover Building & Land Use Office.) The applicant was seeking a reduction in the front yard setback from 50’ to 38’ and the side yard setback from 25’ to 8’. The denial was based on the applicants’ failure to demonstrate a reasonable hardship as defined by the applicable state statutes.  
Jim Hallisey  
Zoning Agent 1TB 3/4

**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

**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 Eucalitto), 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).  
Join by Computer:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86121935034>  
Join by Phone:  
+1 646 558 8656  
Meeting ID: 861 2193 5034  
Passcode: 556954  
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

**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).  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
Joseph Mathieu, Chair 2TB 3/4, 3/11

**LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTIONS  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
TOWN OF HEBRON, CONNECTICUT**

The Hebron Zoning Board of Appeals took the following action at a meeting held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, concerning the following:  
**Petition 2022 - 1**, Request of Richard J. Heffernan Jr., Owner, for a variance to Section 2.E.5 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, to allow a 240 square foot shed 8 feet from the side property line where 30 feet is required by the Regulations, premise located at 19 Teichert Lane, R-1 District. **Approved**  
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, on this 2nd day of March 2022.  
Martin J. Halloran, Chairperson  
Legal Notice will be published on the Town of Hebron Website at <https://hebronct.com/agendas/>  
**Video Recording of the Hebron Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting:**  
<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/447ced2c8c9dc714b6f1228c4631e00bfc27c79f6db12bfc250310a2ac6029> 1TB 3/4

**Legal Notice- Public Hearing  
Proposed Revision of Regulations**

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
The Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 7th, 2022 at 7:00PM to hear testimony and comments on the following:  
**Proposed Changes to the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Regulations.**  
Directions to participate in the Zoom Meeting will be provided on the IWWC regular meeting agenda for Monday March 7th 2022, and can be found here: <https://www.andoverconnecticut.org/calendar>  
Comments, questions or concerns may be presented at the public hearing or submitted in writing to the Andover Building Office, 17 School Road, Andover, Connecticut not less than 24 hours prior to the public hearing. Should any individual(s) need access to a public computer please contact the Building Office at (860)742-4036 twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.  
Joseph Wagner 2TB 2/25, 3/4

# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing on Wednesday, March 09, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Senior Center located at 17 School Drive.

**APPLICATION #ZBA-01-22** – 198 EHRD LLC (applicant/property owner) 198 East Hampton Road - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Seven A Fc Side Yard Setback, in order to construct an ADA compliant ramp with a setback of 1 foot where 15 feet is required.

**APPLICATION #ZBA-02-22** – Todd Sanderson (applicant/property owner) 24 Lake Ridge Drive - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Six D. 1 c Rear Yard Setback, Article Six D.4 Maximum Building Coverage, & Article Six D.5 Maximum Lot Coverage in order to construct a shed a Rea Yard Setback of 7.7 feet where 50 feet is required, Building Coverage of 10.4% where the Maximum is 10%, and Lot Coverage of 20.2% where the Maximum is 20%.

Interested parties can review the application materials on the Town of Marlborough Website [marlboroughct.net](http://marlboroughct.net) then go to meetings & agendas click on Agendas then go to Zoning Board of Appeals. Written testimony should be sent at least 24 hours ahead of the public hearing date to [building@marlboroughct.net](mailto:building@marlboroughct.net), and oral testimony may be given during the public hearing.

2TB 2/25, 3/4

## LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at a Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., to be held virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, 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.

**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. Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 23rd day of February, 2022.

Gerald Garfield, Secretary  
Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting/Public Hearing  
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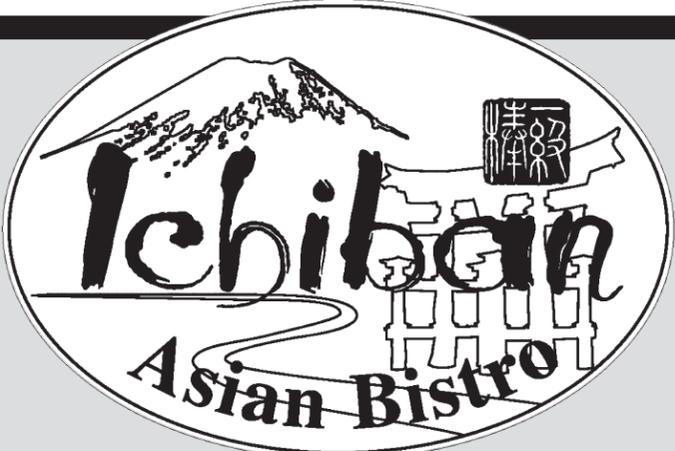
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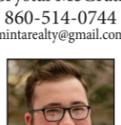
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