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Last Friday, the students of the East Hampton High School Class of 2022 took their first steps to life beyond hometown education. To celebrate, they hurled their caps skyward in that age-old tradition.

EHHS Sends Off Class of 2022

By Jack Lakowsky

East Hampton High School's 2022 graduation was a far cry from just two years ago, when families had to sit in their cars. Car horns substituted applause.

This year, the commencement, held last Friday, June 17, returned to what graduations should be – a community reunion and celebration of young people's bright futures.

Attendance was robust. Families filled most of the seats on the high school field, enjoying the cool breeze of a beautiful day. It was the high school's 83rd graduation ceremony, high school principal Eric Verner said.

Class president Jess Starr opened the ceremony, saying her class developed into an "amazing" sample of its generation.

Starr listed her class's achievements collectively, saying her classmates are heading to military service and Division I athletics, and that their class's average GPA exceeded 3.0.

"We all struggled with something, and that's okay," Starr said. "I believe tough situations build strong people."

Starr shared ideals she holds, and hopes her class will hold too: passion, commitment and loyalty.

"You'll be exposed to new environments with new ideologies," she said. "Be loyal to yourselves. Be phenomenal or be forgotten."

Quoting rapper/singer/songwriter Gunna, Starr said her classmates (and everyone else) must "drip or drown."

Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith also quoted a musician, a refrain by Jason Mraz.

"Hold your own, know your name and go your own way," Smith said.

Smith advised students to "stand firm" and to carry their name wherever they go, to choose paths all their won.

"Don't let anyone stop you from going your own way," said Smith.

Board chair Christina Tammaro-Dzagan, in her first ceremony as chairwoman, observed that more than half of the Class of 2022's high school career was "anything but normal."

Tammaro-Dzagan said the graduates will be good representatives of Bellringers past and present.

"As you enter into your next chapter, take chances," she said, saying mistakes are opportunities to grow.

Juliet Byrne, the class's honor essayist and No. 3 ranked student, said her class overcame obstacles to don their caps and gowns.

Byrne said the process of self-discovery, which started in high school, never truly ends.

She said it's okay if graduates have no idea what they want to do.

"But I know what person I want to be: kind, open and inquisitive," said Byrne.

Byrne also alluded to a song, Miley Cyrus' well-known hit "The Climb."

"Do what makes you happy, keep climbing," said Byrne.

"You can't point to each day and say there was a major change," said salutatorian Ben Nafis. "This is the end of one chapter and the start of another."

Nafis said he's come to think of high school as an introduction to a book or movie, something that readies you for the rest of your story.

"We've each learned something during our time here," he said. Aside from academics, his class learned to cook, play sports, and zone out, "all important life skills."

Nafis suggested his classmates reflect on

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Shoes-Optional RHAM Grads Head into Future

By Sloan Brewster

Resilience ... inspired ... compassion ... exemplary ... these are some of the words used to describe RHAM High School's 2022 graduating class... barefoot was not on the list.

Still, several graduates were exactly that.

At the commencement ceremony last Wednesday, June 15, Class President Jason McKinley boasted about his shoes in his speech. He explained that his mom had stressed the importance of the pair he selected for the evening. What to wear on one's feet, McKinley said, is one of many decisions that brought the graduates to the moment in time when they would walk the stage and collect their diplomas.

But, he later added, there is a way to focus attention elsewhere.

"If you smile bright enough, no one will notice your shoes," he said as he closed his speech.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Scott Leslie, however, brought attention back to McKinley's feet.

"I can confirm those are really nice dress shoes, and they're polished," Leslie said.

Presumably in response to the rabble about footwear, a line of graduates made their way across the stage, one after the other, sans shoes or socks. Smiling brightly, their eyes twinkling with amusement, they clearly wanted the audience to take note of their bare feet.

But feet were not the sole attention gainer of the evening.

Speakers from the graduating class pointed to achievements, in light of and in spite of, the pandemic and two years of virtual and hybrid

studies.

"We started off as wide-eyed freshmen eager to enter the upper echelon of our high school careers, maybe feeling a little nervous, but ready," valedictorian Ava Zito said. "Things moved along as expected until the end of sophomore year when we were thrown into a tailspin that no one could have predicted. Our dogs loved it, our cats hated it and we drove our families crazy."

Two years later, she went on, graduates are "stronger, wiser, and more resilient."

Zito, McKinley and salutatorian Ryan Russo offered words of gratitude to friends, family, teachers and administrators while drilling out memories of academic and extracurricular suc-

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CCSU Dean's List

The following area students made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Central Connecticut State University:

Amston: Cameron Lettieri, Tyler Lovejoy, Matthew Maratta, Jacy Nembhard.

Andover: Aria Adee, Eliana Raes.

Colchester: Gary Bedner, Chelsea Dickson, Amber Duperry, Jack Grimord, Katelyn Hickey, Amanda Magyarik, Mallorie Mancini, Grace Martel, Joseph Ringuette, Nabila Shah, Dale Smith, Victoria Violette, John Williams, Christopher Wright.

East Hampton: Lauren Anelli, Luke Brooks, McKayla Connelly, Alex DiStefano, Clara Gustine, Jordan Hall, Jacob Ireland, Elise Krotky, Richard Leone, Ardyn Lezak, Rachel

Lincoln, Robert Parenteau, Emma Pawlak, Ryan Sharp, Morgan Smith, Melanie Sperry, Jacob Zuber.

Hebron: William Albin, Harold Barnes, Anthony Bosco, Kaylin Hadley, Nathan Kane, Andrew Wilkinson.

Marlborough: Jayna Baran, Jason Belanger, Lauren Cavaliere, Katherine Clarke, Marlee Greenlaw, Theodore Krystopa, Simone Lesci, Edoardo Pace, Michael Slusarczyk.

Portland: Jay Bordonaro, Lucas Brown, Nicholas Francesco, Clara Guilmette, Joshua Hurley, Mya LaMalfa, Nicholas Lee, John Lucas, Michael Olayos, Cassidy Phelps, Samantha Powers, Leonardo Salcedo, Lia Smith, Madison Tomboley, Olivia Velasco.

Xavier Honor Roll

Xavier High School has announced its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2021-22 school year.

Amston: High Honors: Grade 11: Zachary Bulkovitch; Grade 10: Braden Hulland. **Honors:** Grade 12: Spencer Thompson; Grade 11: Peyton Cruess; Grade 10: Marcus Mangio.

Colchester: High Honors: Grade 12: Austin Zwick; Grade 10: Noah Bergquist. **Honors:** Grade 12: David DeTuccio III, Chase Bischoff; Grade 9: Colton Bischoff, Honors.

East Hampton: High Honors: Grade 12: Liam Sheeley, Wyatt McElroy, Dylan Levesque, Noah Howell; Grade 11: Evan Riegler, Christian Motto; Grade 10: Calan Lindsay, Kyle Levesque, Euan Hall, Jacob Fagan, Gavin Peterson. **Honors:** Grade 12: Chase Vitale, Jake

Oliva, Christopher Michaud, Matthew Fuffo, Nicholas Connors; Grade 11: Zachary Potter, Peter O'Brien, Julian Henderson; Grade 10: Holden Riley, Cameron Nephew, Luke DeAngelis. Grade 9: Donovan Burke.

Hebron: High Honors: Grade 12: Drew Kron, James DeDonato. **Honors:** Grade 12: Keegan Truscinski.

Marlborough: High Honors: Grade 12: Aidan Muldoon.

Portland: High Honors: Grade 11: Jack Gouin, Aidan Fenton, Mitchell Carella; Grade 10: John Thompson, Nathan Nadolski; Grade 9: Mateo Michalewski, Jordan Harley. **Honors:** Grade 11: Michael Backus; Grade 10: Matthew Sobieski, Kevin Kasperowski; Grade 9: Caden Hennessey.



Where in the World?... *Rivereast* employee Julie Misuraca recently headed with her family to see the "Guardians of the Seeds" at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, Maine – and they brought the *Rivereast* with them! Here's Julie's daughter, Lily, standing with the paper alongside a particularly impressive structure. Are you taking a vacation or a day trip soon? Bring along a copy of the *Rivereast*, snap a picture with it, and email the picture to bulletin@glcitizen.com. You might win a prize!

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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

Reading stories the last two weeks about folks in Marlborough and East Hampton pushing for armed guards at local schools just....surprised me a little.

I don't think additional guns are the answer. I just don't.

It seems that each day a new piece of horrible information comes out about the incompetent – I'm sorry, there's no other word for it at this point – police response in Uvalde, Texas. The "good guy with a gun stopping a bad guy with a gun" theory didn't really hold up there. There were a whole lot of good guys, with a whole lot of guns. Yet the bad guy still managed to slaughter 19 children.

And while it's not a school, an armed guard didn't really matter too much at the supermarket in Buffalo last month, either. Tragically, the guard – a retired police officer – couldn't make a dent in the shooter's body armor, and he wound up as one of the 10 killed.

More guns aren't the answer. More gun regulations – and yes, fewer guns (nobody needs an AR-15 assault-style weapon to go hunting; as I've said before, it's not like the deer shoot back) – are, I feel, the answer. Connecticut has very strong gun laws; they got stronger after Sandy Hook, while, pathetically, folks in Washington just sat there. It's time for the rest of the nation to follow suit.

And maybe I'm wrong. Maybe additional gun control doesn't make a difference. Where's the harm in trying? What could possibly be the harm in, say, requiring universal background checks, or banning high-capacity magazines?

Enough is way more than enough, and has been for quite some time. We're the only country that puts up with this junk, and I'm sick of it. Something needs to be done. And while armed guards may seem like a comforting idea, I just don't feel they'll have any real impact. You don't solve guns with more guns.

The writing was on the wall – it frankly seemed that Democratic leadership didn't want him around anymore – but I was sad to

read Steve Cassano is officially bowing out of the state senate race. He's been Andover's senator for a long time, and I always felt he did a lot of good for the Fourth District – and for the state as a whole – during his time in office.

Cassano is now 80 years old, and has certainly earned his retirement, after a career in politics that spanned four decades – including serving as mayor of Manchester, my hometown, from 1991-2005.

Though I'm not sure Cassano will quickly embrace the word "retired." He told *CT Mirror* – which last weekend broke the news of his decision to not run again – that he's "going to do something," even if he doesn't quite know what that is yet.

"I'm not just going to go away and do nothing," he told the *Mirror*. "That's never been my life."

Whatever you choose to do, Steve, good luck to you – and thanks for your service.

Here's an interesting story I recently heard about the late, great actor Peter Falk – and there's a Connecticut connection to boot. It's a story he shared with *Cigar Afficionado* magazine in 1997. (Anyone who's seen *Columbo* knows Falk loved his cigars.)

Falk earned a master's degree in public administration from Syracuse University, which enabled him to land a job as an efficiency expert in Hartford, working for the state of Connecticut.

Falk told the magazine that, while he was working in Hartford, he got a hankering to start acting again; he'd done a little during his high school and college days. He joined a community theater group in Hartford called the Mark Twain Masquers, and was in such plays as *The Caine Mutiny* and *The Crucible*.

"While I was with the Masquers, I learned that France's first lady of the theater, Eva La Gallienne, was giving an acting class for professionals at the White Barn Theater in Westport," Falk told the magazine. Falk said

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Super Scrappers... The 9/10 Minors Champions, the Scrappers, finished with an 11-1-2 record on their way to a 9-6 victory in the championship game. Pictured above are, in row 1, Cameron Pedroso, Alex Healy, Christian Clemons, Owen Murphy and Ben Healy; row 2, Mason Welch, Tristan (TJ) Quinn, Bryson Simone, Kyle Sands, Weston Suminski and Jake Ward; row 3, coaches Tom Welch, Mark Simone, Kevin Murphy, Mike Healy Sr. and Zachary Simone. Pictured in front is the Scrappers' team mascot, Wrigley!

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Thanks for Voting

To the Editor:

I would like to recognize the 1,818 citizens who voted on the Colchester town budget on June 15. Thank you for being active participants in our democracy. While higher than the turnout for the first vote, this number represents only about 15% of eligible voters. I do hope more people will exercise their right and privilege to vote at the next referendum.

As moderator, I would like to thank the registrars of voters, the assistant registrars and all of the poll workers who ensured that every eligible voter who wanted to vote was able to do so and that every vote was counted. Their diligence and teamwork were exceptional.

Respectfully,

Stan Soby – Colchester

Juneteenth Celebration

To the Editor:

Hebron's first Juneteenth Celebration, hosted by the Hebron Coalition on Diversity and Equity (CoDE), was much more than expected! More people attending, including 70 descendants of Cesar Peters! More education and learning about Hebron's history and Juneteenth. More tears – for both past pain, and hope that we are coming together with mutual respect. More joy from singing, dancing, holding hands together!

When asked how they felt about the day, attendees wrote: Proud, Full of Joy, Sad – and Glad that we are respecting all people, and Hopeful.

CoDE is grateful for the tremendous support we received from town officials, community leaders, funders, and partners. They include:

Craig Bryant, Erica Santos, staff from the Parks and Recreation Department, and Rich Marzi, volunteer extraordinaire;

Town officials Andy Tierney, Donna Lanza, Carla Pomproicz;

Congressman Joe Courtney, State Senator Cathy Osten, Hebron Selectman Tiffany Thiele; Kevin Sullivan and Douglas Library;

Karl Jancis, teacher, and the incredible RHAM Middle School students, who shared poems, books, displays, and videos as part of the Witness Stones Project;

Candy Buebendorf, RHAM High School teacher and Activism Club advisor;

MaryAnn Foote and Pat Larson from the Historic Properties Commission; Mary Ellen Gonci from the Hebron Historical Society; John Baron and Jon Minard, who carefully work to renovate the Peters House and preserve the history of African Americans and Native Americans in Hebron;

Tammy Denease of the CT Freedom Trail; Sarah Sportman, State Archeologist; Rhonda

Bulletin Board

Thanks to the wonders of television advertising, I recently became aware of the latest threat to the health and well being of the world. I refer, of course, to the emergence of Peyronie's disease as a major health issue.

You may have seen the ad yourself. With the assistance of a severely bent carrot, the spokespersons for a drug called Xiaflex (and I will attempt to treat this matter as tactfully and maturely as my flawed character allows) explain that Peyronie's disease is an irregular, sometimes painful, bend in that most wondrous human appendage, the "male member." (I presume it's still acceptable to refer to the thing as a "male" member in this age of gender chaos.)

The carrot in the TV commercial is intended as a stand-in for the aforementioned appendage—which folks younger and more energetic than I sometimes optimistically refer to as "Mr. Lucky"—as it would be considered impolite to show the real thing in all its glory (or, in this case, warped horror) on prime time television.

Turning for a moment to the science of this affliction: According to the famed Mayo Clinic, Peyronie's disease results from fibrous scar tissue that develops on the male "carrot," creating a bend or curve that can cause serious discomfort during heated romantic encounters. "Penile shortening is another major concern," observes the clinic (in case you were inclined to underestimate the true horror of this condition).

Incidentally, I am informed that the offending curve is usually upward, though in some cases it can also be down or to one side or the other. (I mention this only in an effort to be thorough and in the unlikely event that the topic comes up on some future version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!")

The affliction is said to be caused by "repeated penile injury" typically during romantic encounters or "physical activity" (I presume the latter does not include tennis). In some cases it may stem from a "penile fracture," an injury I imagine would make a couple of broken legs seem like a blessing by comparison were you to take a poll on the issue among the regulars in your neighborhood saloon.

Treatment for Peyronie's disease (I'm not sure it's really a "disease" per se, but that's what it's called) has traditionally included a variety of manual exercises. I found an article giving specifics and can only assure you that the less said about these, the better.

Then of course there are the carrot people and their newly introduced Xiaflex, which is apparently injected into the offending member with a needle. They note that side effects can include pain, swelling, bleeding and itching around the injection site, not to mention uncontrollable crying and shrieks of terror. (Okay, I made up the part about tears and shrieks based on my own cowardice, but I doubt if I'm alone on this one.)

Thinking I might send a card of sympathy to poor Mr. Peyronie (I mean, who wants to have an affliction like this named after him?), I was surprised to learn that François Gigot de la Peyronie was a French surgeon (go figure) who died in 1747. He first described the condition that bears his name in 1743, so it's been around for a while.

Why it is now suddenly being billed as a major health issue worthy of a TV advertising campaign escapes me. Surely it could have nothing to do with a marketing scheme to create widespread panic in order to boost drug profits.

Naw.

One thing's for sure. I'll never again look at a carrot in quite the same way.

Jim Hallas

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Corrections & Clarifications

In lasty week's cover story about entitled "Residents Split on Armed Guards in Schools," it was reported that East Hampton resident Matt Engelhardt said he participated in a recent march to support more firearms regulations and met family members of victims of the Columbine, Parkland and Sandy Hook mass killings. This is incorrect. Engelhardt said that there *were* such marches recently, but did not say he participated in them. Engelhardt's name was also misspelled in the story.

Also, the story reported East Hampton resident Dominic Secondo is a police officer. He is actually an attorney.

In the story entitled "Bacon Principal Placed on Leave," it was implied former Col-

chester schools superintendent Jeffrey Burt resigned due to allegations of bullying. But this isn't true; according to Burt, he and the board "mutually separated over issues associated with the direction of the district and the role of superintendent."

The *Rivereast* ran a story last week stating that East Hampton resident Ryan Donahue was named the Connecticut Humane Society's Person of the Year. This is not true; incorrect information was supplied to the *Rivereast*. The humane society said it does not award a "Person of the Year." Rather, Donahue received a plaque offering "grateful thanks for [his] life-saving support."

The *Rivereast* regrets the errors.

Philbert, Manchester Public Schools.

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Thank you all!

Althea Carr – Hebron
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Juneteenth Celebration Committee co-chairs

Great Concert

To the Editor:

The first summer night concert in Marlborough was held on the shores of the lovely town park on the lake. The weather and beauty of the place was really a ten, without entertainment. All that was true until we heard the electrifying musical foursome known as Seat of Our Pants. They are a local group and it is obvious that they have been playing together for years.

The instrumentation is unique featuring guitar, violin, and an unusual box-like percussion instrument as well as a string instrument known as a dulcimer popular in the Midwest in addition to a harmonica which was skillfully played. It was a generous two-hour concert, well-attended. Loved the energy of this group; they were together on every beat. They sold every song, including many original numbers that were great as well as their always popular recognized standards. Seat of Our Pants will not disappoint. Check their schedule for a memorable evening.

This is solely my impression of this group. I'm looking forward to the large numbers of great musical talent that are scheduled to entertain us throughout this summer. Look for the many towns that have scheduled a variety of excellent musical groups that will perform on the many town greens and other public areas throughout the state this summer. Enjoy.

Ronald McCutcheon – Middle Haddam

Robert Smalls

To the Editor:

People complaining about Juneteenth ignore the slave story of Robert Smalls. Unschooled yet brilliant, he absorbed everything around himself. Drawn to the Charleston Harbor waterfront as a teen, forfeiting his pay to his master, he became a longshoreman, then rigger, then sail maker and eventually a helmsman. At 23, his encyclopedic mind catalogued everything about Charleston Harbor, Fort Sumter, and piloting a ship. He married, then plotted a route to freedom for his family.

Once free, Smalls delivered the Confederate warship Planter to the Union, his sensational story celebrated in the North. Within a week he

led union ships in capturing Confederate forts. Lincoln now saw the value of 'negroes' joining the Union forces. The Navy made him pilot of various warships, including ironclads. During one engagement, the ship captain abandoned the helm and Smalls, taking command, saved the ship and crew, and was then appointed captain. He outperformed white Naval Academy graduates. Post-war, he hired tutors to advance his education, became a businessman, newspaperman, humanitarian. Entering politics, he was elected to multiple United States Congressional terms.

But then the Compromise of 1877 sent federal troops back North and Southern whites began an unending reign of terror, massacring Black politicians and voters. Jim Crow and the KKK laid siege. Blacks fled as heavily armed parasitic whites confiscated their homes and businesses. Lynching kept them in constant fear.

Black Americans were once on a trajectory of great accomplishment and economic equality via their own merits. White America stole Black Americans' futures, and today we see the results in poverty. Robert Smalls' monument reads, "My race needs no special defense, for the past history of them in this country proves them to be the equal of any people anywhere. All they need is an equal chance in the battle of life."

Edmund Smith – Andover

Gas Prices vs. Oil Companies

To the Editor:

With the price of gas approaching five dollars a gallon it begs the question: why?

Some background first: In an attempt to lower the price of gas President Joe Biden, twice, released gas from our reserves. The oil company's response was that it wouldn't lower the price. Industry experts said the cause was that the companies knew that the reserves would have to be replaced, so in anticipation of that they kept the prices high. Gov. Ned Lamont withdrew the state gas tax, but the price seems to be the same in the surrounding states. Could it be the distributors are pocketing more profits; I thought Ned was going to prevent that?

It has been said that the high price of gas has two causes: First the war in Ukraine, second the unwillingness of the oil producing nations to increase production. The rest of this article will lay out the facts that it is oil company greed that is the cause!

First: Oil company profits are at record highs.

Second: Instead of lowering prices oil companies are paying enormous dividends to shareholders and buying back their stocks:

- Exxon-Mobil made \$5.5 billion in the first quarter of 2022 and plans to spend \$30 billion buying back stock by 2023.

- Chevron made \$6 billion and will buy back \$10 billion in stock by this January.

- Shell made \$9.1 billion and plans to buy back \$8.5 billion in stock by July 1.

Hartford."

La Gallienne was rather taken aback by this, and said, "What do you do in Hartford? There's no theater there. How do you make a living acting?"

The jig was up at that point, so Falk told his teacher he wasn't a professional actor at all.

At that point, she looked at him sternly, and simply said, "Well, you should be."

So, armed with that confidence, Falk returned to Hartford and quit his job the very next morning – opting to pursue his craft full time.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

See you next week.

What can be done about this? A windfall-profit tax, or eliminate the millions of dollars in grants given to the oil companies. Maybe just the threat of these could motivate them to lower prices.

R. Thurston Clark – Haddam Neck

Ongoing Climate Lie

To the Editor:

It's hilarious that drawing attention to the source of our greatest problems is called "deflection" by our local progressive luminary. He thinks our real problems are failing to secure more useless gun control and enabling Trump to serve as king-maker in the Republican Party. This genius, himself, vainly tries to turn deflection into an art form.

While attacking my "logic" he uses nothing but logical fallacies in response to my letter. He addresses nothing I said but instead employs straw man arguments to oppose things not mentioned. Then he engages in ad hominin defamation of Tony Heller and his realclimatescience.com site without any substantiation.

Leftists call anything that contradicts their ridiculous narratives "conspiracy theories." Heller's site factually details how the climate liars have revised raw data to fit their narrative. Two of the worst involved in these fabrications (Michael Mann and Gavin Schmidt) run the realclimate.com site which is absurdly referenced by our vacuous stalwart as highly-rated! In my opinion, these two charlatans are frauds and should be denied any additional government funding.

This ongoing climate lie is purposefully destroying our society. Oil, gas, and coal-derived energy and products have done more than anything in history to produce the most prosperity for the greatest numbers of people. They are minuscule factors in any potential climate change. In 1988, U.N. ultra-leftist Maurice Strong revealed the truth by stating "Isn't the only hope for the planet that the industrialized nations should collapse? Isn't it our responsibility to bring that about?"

Based on complete lies, these climate liars and opportunistic politicians seek to destroy our self-sufficient middle class and make everyone dependent on government for their sustenance. And our complicit useful idiots want to help them. They can all return to the Stone Age without us.

Sam Prentice – Andover

Taking It on the Chin

To the Editor:

Town Administrator Eric Anderson and I had a recent conversation about the second budget referendum. This budget will increase spending by \$430k and will result in a significant tax increase for most taxpayers. With that increase, we the people who pay will get no increased town services. The main recipients will be our new Public Works foreman – \$90k plus 3% increase – our new \$60k Public Works employee, and of course Andover Elementary School, where we have 21 teachers (no reduction in staff) and 188 students – \$22,000 per.

Anderson said: "People who live in the Lake District will take it on the chin" – meaning a big tax increase due in part to reval – as I have noted in previous letters. His claim that lake properties have been selling at \$1 million or more is not accurate. My response was: "What about the high-end Long Hill homes, Shadblow, Dogwood? Those properties didn't see a big jump in value as well." There was no reply from Mr. Anderson. Most properties in the "Lake District" are longtime residents in modest homes on medium or small lot sizes unlike the Long Hill properties. Just saying!!

My other gripe is the sign I kept seeing before the referendum. Vote like your child lives here. The "Bleacher People" as I call them – the voting block of parents who sit in the back of the gym – only care about how much we the town spends on their budget and apparently \$22K per student is not enough. The highest Inflation in 40 years, many on fixed incomes or dipping into

their pensions,

and our town leaders bring us the highest spending increase in the region. Kudos to Coventry and Bolton for pushing back.

Don Denley – Andover

Courting Controversy

To the Editor:

The Supreme Court will wrap up its 2022 session this week. They are expected to make decisions on a number of hot button issues including abortion, the Second Amendment, religious liberty, and illegal immigration. It's interesting that these decisions, especially the one related to abortion, come just in the nick of time ... as the news cycle has been flat the last couple of weeks and we all could use another wedge issue to argue about.

There still hasn't been any movement on identifying the Supreme Court leaker which makes me wonder what good is the FBI if months later they can't even determine which staffer undermined the integrity of the court. It would seem that there is plenty of time and money to pursue conservative voices, often conducting nighttime raids on their homes, detaining them, and charging them with many crimes ... but when it comes to investigating an inside job that was perpetrated by a federal employee, mum's the word. Shhhhh!!

The decisions the Supreme Court make could have serious consequences for the rest of the summer and the upcoming election season. While people have claimed they will riot and burn if Roe v. Wade is overturned and armed individuals have been caught lurking outside justice's homes looking to exact their version of vigilantism, the media doesn't seem too concerned by this and no one has claimed these acts to be a "threat to our democracy." Although the Jan. 6 committee has been airing in primetime it would appear that the American public really aren't interested in following it. It really makes you wonder what cause will be used this summer to foment another round of "mostly peaceful protests" that destroy property, inflict injury and death, and are applauded by the "resistance." Time will tell.

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

A Little Gun History...

To the Editor:

In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control; from 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. In 1911, Turkey established gun control; from 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. Germany established gun control in 1938; from 1939 to 1945, a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated. You don't see this on the evening news, or hear politicians disseminating this information.

Our forefathers enacted the Second Amendment to protect our citizens from a corrupt government! Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws adversely affect only law-abiding citizens. With guns, we are 'citizens'; without them, we are 'subjects'. During WWII, the Japanese decided not to invade America because they knew most Americans were armed!

If we Americans did not possess the amount of guns and ammo that we have we may be all speaking Japanese.

A "letter to the editor" recently put the blame on recent shooting deaths on the guns and stated that gun manufacturers should be held responsible, as well as the NRA being held responsible.

This is ridiculous! I assume the writer would then want the car manufacturers held responsible for all automobile deaths. Then, what about trains, planes, knives, scissors and so on.

A gun can sit on a table for 100 years and not harm anyone unless a person picks it up, loads it, points it at someone and pulls the trigger. Now who is responsible, the gun or the person that loaded it

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he wanted to "see what it would be like to be working with professionals," so he decided to take the two-hour drive down to Westport and, as he put it, "somehow lied my way into the group, which met every Wednesday."

So each week, Falk would take the long drive from Hartford to Westport – and each week he was late, because of, well, the long drive from Hartford to Westport. The constant tardiness didn't sit well with his teacher.

"Now Eva La Gallienne was a very formidable woman, in keeping with her worldwide reputation, and she had very little patience with excuses," Falk told the magazine. "One evening when I arrived late, she looked at me and asked, 'Young man, why are you always late?' and I said, 'I have to drive down from

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and pulled the trigger? Our politicians have the same solutions today that they had years ago. Spend more money and pass more laws! If we had an effective deterrent such as automatic death within 10 days of being found guilty, no free medical and be fed only bread and water while living in a cage, that might make people re-think their evil plans.

Frank Blume – Colchester

Andover Charter

To the Editor:

A possible change to the Andover Charter proposes that when a proposed budget is voted down, separate votes may take place on the town and elementary school budgets. In the proposal, this has been called budget “bifurcation.”

This is concerning, as the school’s budget (and even its existence) has been a major point of contention among a small but vocal group. They seem fixated on the idea the school is the

reason for the town’s ills. Despite attempts to engage them and increase transparency, they continue to fight the school at every turn.

This debate hit a boiling point last summer in a series of increasingly heated meetings and votes where a vocal minority made it clear nothing short of slashing the school would do.

By allowing this bifurcation to become part of the Charter, it will provide this group means to target the school directly with the same vitriol we have seen in the past.

I have lived in Andover for 18 years. One of the reasons we moved here was the elementary school. My daughter went to Andover Elementary and RHAM. While she’s now in college, I am happy to use my taxes to continue to maintain and improve these schools; it makes our community stronger, and attracts new families and new energy. I bare no ill will to the residents who are fighting the school’s budget – that’s just democracy. I am against providing them the tool (well-meaning as it may be intended) to hobble the school.

I hope people, in particular those with young families, will attend the upcoming Zoom meeting (Tuesday 6/27, 7pm) to learn more about this proposal and give their opinion on this matter.

We can’t only pay taxes on things we use personally. That is not a town. Or a country.

Jay Kamins – Andover

New Position?

To the Editor:

How is it that the Colchester BOE can suddenly create a position that has never existed before, lacks a job description, and then does not post the position? Where is the money for this position coming from? Is there so much fat in the BOE budget that this position with all the perks will have no impact on the educational process as a whole and can be created out of thin air without any study to determine if the position is really necessary?

James W. Ciagna Jr. – Colchester

Safe Swimming Tips

To the Editor:

Marlborough’s Lake Advisory Commission wishes everyone a fun and safe summer! Here are safety tips for swimming at Lake Terramuggus.

Keep an eye on friends and family. Drowning can occur in as little as 20 seconds for children and 60 second for an adult. It’s known as the “silent killer” because most victims slip beneath the water without a sound.

Learn to swim! Parks and Recreation offers lessons each summer. Visit the town’s website for details.

Swim in designated swim areas. They are marked and typically have lifeguards.

Swim near the shore. Drowning most often occurs within 10 feet of safety and 50 feet from shore.

Never swim alone. Let others know your plans.

Make sure children are supervised at all times.

Don’t attempt to swim if tired, cold or overheated.

Inexperienced swimmers should wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.

Before diving, inspect the depth of the water to ensure it’s deep enough.

Carefully monitor weather conditions. Avoid being in the water during storms, fog or high winds.

Learn to help drowning victims without entering the water. Practice the “Reach or Throw, Don’t Go” method.

Learn to perform CPR. In an emergency, always call 911.

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Please don't feed ducks or geese! This causes high bacteria levels in our lake.

Jane Boston – Marlborough Lake Advisory Commission Member

Change and Meaningful Change

To the Editor:

There is change for the sake of change. Then there is meaningful change. It may be defined as evolution, deliberate process, or future planning. However and whichever you prefer is your choice.

If you lean toward the latter choices, please consider voting in November for Brandon Goff. He stands for change, productive and for our benefit.

Your choice is yours. Had enough of the same old? I think we are all ready for productive change. Vote for Mr. Goff.

Alison Walck – East Hampton

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

I Dared To...

To the Editor:

...and nature delivered. I live on an expanse of open farmland adjacent to hay fields and an extensive residential lawn. As an artist I gardened for aesthetic beauty and academic elements of design. Gradually I shifted my attention to the life forces of native flowering plants and the essential role insects play in our lives. Next up the ladder of conscientious preservation and biodiversity conservation practice I did not mow sections of my property in May. I pondered, what if I continued not spending 2 hours using a gas-powered tractor and weed whacker on my half acre of lawn for the sake of viewing an impeccable carpet of immobile turf for another two weeks. Enter Mother Nature's lesson of letting go and letting habitat be.

It is now late June and I've awakened to nature's creation of "installation art": four grass islands formed by meandering mowed paths displaying various lines, colors, and textures of

vegetation. Movement and change are the subjects as breezes enliven tall grass shafts in silver drifts, where mauve clouds of seed heads float above sage green leaves that dart through the ochre fields. Accents of yellow buttercups, lavender chives and blue wild asters break through the rhythmic sway of green. This ever-changing composition is in synch with habitat loss and climate change; the over development of land, the degrees of wind, rain, light, and drought effect the sustainability of nature's ability to serve humanity.

From my morning stroll to each day's walk at dusk I'm enthralled by nature's transformation right in my own back yard. Here I can make a difference in maintaining healthy soil, and habitat for wildlife by simply doing less of what I once thought mattered.

It's nearing dusk on this backlit path and I smile, accompanied by Mother Nature, my best neighbor.

Michelle Sinkez – Hebron

Hebron 59ers

To the Editor:

"Agriculture has long been tied to the history of Hebron. For the vast majority of its history, agriculture was the primary business activity carried on in the community. As such it has left its imprint on the town with the lingering pattern of open meadows against forest edge.

The Town's active farms continue to be a positive factor in the community. They provide jobs, income and contribute to the Town's economic base. The view of existing farm building and farming operations along several of the Town roadways is a significant contributing factor to the rural character of the community. Due to the fact that these farming operations encompass large acreage, the continuation of farming in the community keeps these large parcels in an undeveloped state, contributing significantly to the open feel of the Town and requires little to no demand for town services.

It is an important finding of this Plan to establish Town goals and objectives to protect existing farms, to encourage their continuance in the Community and to encourage open communication between the Town and the farming community to foster a positive and productive relationship."

Hebron, Connecticut. Plan of Conservation and Development.

59% of the people who completed the online survey, of why they moved to Hebron, all said

rural landscapes and open space.

17 Kinney Rd. does more than provide clean drinking water, wildlife habitats, and a backdrop to lovely neighborhoods. It provides a quiet retreat from the daily grind, "open meadows against forest edge," working farmland and a living history we can all enjoy.

Please strongly consider moving this land into the capable hands of Open Space or start a land trust, so that all of us, may continue to revel in the beauty and charm that is Hebron, Connecticut.

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

Project Grad Thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of AHM Youth & Family Services, I would like to thank the following who were responsible for making this year's Project Graduation possible. The chaperones: Brenda Bula, Theresa Bryzgel, Donna Fraleigh, Tina Grano, Ryan & Katie Hoisington, Kimberly Kawes, Karen Madore, Denise McCarthy, Karen Riskey, Robert Stolzman, Officer Tom Topulos and Ted Weimer. The on-boarding volunteers: RHAM Administrators, Principal Penny Bryzgel, Assistant Principals, Bethany Pomerantz and Chris Mader, and parents, Alissa Bahamonde, Katie & Dennis Chanski, Joyce Nalette, Cheryl Lage, Kathy & Brian Munroe and Julie Richard.

And, the following businesses that supported Project Graduation this past year by hosting or coordinating fundraisers: Michelle Nicholson, of the Flour Girl Café, (hosted Tip-A-Musician fundraisers), Jennifer Albert, of J.Barn Star Photography (coordinated photo session fundraiser), Ryan Hallin and his family, of Hebron Car Wash (hosted our annual car wash) and Julie Veilleux of Simply Soy Candles (donated a percentage of sales from the candle sale fundraiser) and Hebron Ace Hardware, by donating supplies as needed. And, the many, many parents and community member who donated raffle prizes for the RHAM High School graduates – the grads were touched by your generosity and kindness!

One hundred thirty-five graduates chose to attend a celebration free of alcohol and substances on the night of their graduation at Revolutions in South Windsor. AHM Youth & Family Services is proud to coordinate and give this opportunity to our community to keep our children safe on a night that statistically can be very dangerous. AHM is extending the invitation to RHAM High School junior and senior parents to join the Project Graduation Committee for the "Class of 2023." Please contact me at jenniferb@ahmyouth.org or 860-228-9488 Ext. 22 to learn how you can help out!

**Jenn Boehler
Prevention Coordinator
AHM Youth and Family Services**

Voting is Important

To the Editor:

The most recent Colchester referendum resulted in another defeat of the town budget: a budget with the very slightest of increases over the previous year. Many who voted against this

budget may have declined it for purely economic reasons. Then again, the term "many" is misleading; less than 15% of registered voters bothered to make their opinion known, and only 7.7% of our fellow citizens defeated this budget. Minority rule!

I believe that there are political reasons for the defeat as well, which is surprising, given that we have a Republican first selectman. The political component is very troubling, as it reflects the effort, nationwide, to bend public policy to conservative ends. Across the land, supporters of the Big Lie are running for offices at every level of state and local government. In many red states they are winning primaries. This represents a threat to democracy, because, if elected, those people will undermine one of our greatest rights: to vote. Several Republican state legislatures have sought to put themselves or their allies in charge of what used to be non-partisan election machinery, installing Republicans, including "stop the steal" Trump loyalists, in the offices where votes get counted and certified. One Michigan country clerk is preparing his poll workers for the possibility that one of their fellows could try to sabotage democracy by interfering with an election.

Like so many Ukrainians before Feb. 24, most Americans remain in denial about this threat to democracy. As a citizen of Colchester, Conn., you may not feel that your right to vote is threatened. But other rights, some of which are important to you or someone you know, will be in jeopardy. All elections matter: local, state and national. Your vote counts. Vote for referendum, vote for local officials, vote in state elections! Vote!

John Barnowski – Colchester

MAGA Oddballs

To the Editor:

The clatter from the *Rivereast* wrecking crew has been particularly entertaining lately. From Sam Prentice advocating for releasing more CO2 emissions into the atmosphere and Colin McNamara warning of a world government order plotting a transhumanist future, by implanting brain chips into everyone, to Ed Kozlowski's pithy attempt to mock the Jan. 6 hearings.

It's amazing how a few MAGA oddballs, who oppose everything including public education, voting rights, environmentalism, vaccines and reasonable gun legislation. To equitable taxation, living wages, clean energy and the right to choose, have placed their faith in the criminality and empty promises of a narcissistic degenerate like Donald Trump. Although, this is the same crowd who also believes that hungry, dehydrated and desperate families crossing the border with nothing but the clothes on their back are the greatest threat to our sovereignty and safety. But somehow a climate crisis, school shootings, voter suppression, mass incarceration, systemic racism, and unaffordable healthcare is not a danger to their freedom or security.

It should come as no surprise they also oppose the Jan. 6 investigation into the sprawling conspiracy to subvert our democracy. Despite testimony from Republicans themselves, including Trump's inner circle, the former presi-

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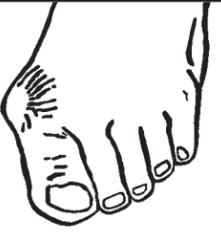
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Cassano Won't Force Democratic Primary

By Shawn R. Dagle

After failing to gain his party's endorsement last month, state Sen. Steve Cassano has decided to not seek re-election this November to a seventh term representing the Fourth District. Cassano told the *Rivereast's* sister newspaper, *The Glastonbury Citizen*, this week that he would not force a Democratic primary for the seat (which includes Andover, Bolton, Glastonbury and Manchester) and has decided to bow out of the race.

According to Cassano, he was "blindsided" by his party's decision to endorse Manchester businessman and community activist MD Rahman to run for the Fourth District seat over him earlier this spring.

"The way things were done bothered me," he explained.

In March, Manchester Democratic Town Committee Chairman Mike Pohl said he would support Rahman for the Fourth District after Cassano announced he would seek another term.

According to Pohl, after Cassano was re-elected in 2020 he said he was not going to seek another term in office. Pohl urged Cassano to live up to his word and not seek reelection.

Rahman first announced his decision to run for the Fourth Senate seat in 2020 but bowed out of that race when Cassano said he intended to seek a sixth two-year term.

Cassano claims he never definitively said he wouldn't run in 2022 – and refused to bow out of the race in March. At the time, Cassano said he was prepared to primary if necessary or even run under the banner of another party to secure another term as state senator.

On May 10, Rahman received the unanimous endorsement of his fellow Democrats to run for the Fourth Senate seat.

In retrospect, Cassano told *The Citizen* Tuesday, perhaps it was the right thing for him to pass the torch to a new candidate – but he said he still has concerns regarding Rahman's level of experience.

Cassano came to political prominence in Manchester, where he served as mayor from 1991 to 2005.

He also has served as past president of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and as a former chairman of the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

In November 2010, Cassano was first elected

to represent the 4th District. He was subsequently re-elected five times (in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020).

Cassano currently serves as co-chair of the Planning and Development Committee and vice chair of the Transportation Committee. He is also a member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding; Legislative Management; and Public Safety committees.

During his time in the State Senate, Cassano said he is proud of having the opportunity – alongside his fellow legislators – to get things done and serve the community. "We've made the quality of life better for people," he explained.

On Tuesday, Cassano, 80, said would not rule out the possibility of serving in another capacity

at a future date – or running for another office.

"I enjoy reaching out to people and being able to do things for others," he explained.

According to Cassano, he will miss being able to help others and improve folks' quality of life

In a Tweet posted on Tuesday, Rahman praised Cassano for his many years of service locally and on a statewide basis.

"I want to thank my good friend Senator Steve Cassano for his steadfast dedication and service to our town and state for the last 50 years," Rahman wrote. "He has our gratitude and respect and I am proud to count on his friendship."

Note: Shawn Dagle is a reporter for the Rivereast's sister newspaper, The Glastonbury Citizen.

Town Seeks Poet Laureate

The town is looking for its very first poet laureate, which will serve as an advocate for poetry and promote the appreciation of and participation in poetry and literary arts activities among Andover's residents.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old and must be a resident of the town for at least the past three years prior to the application deadline.

Application deadline is July 1. Following a panel review in August, the winning poet will be notified in mid-September. The winner's term will run Oct. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2024, and his/her duties will include making at least three public presentations during town events each year. Reappointment is a possibility. The town reserves the right to revoke the tenure of the poet laureate if he or she fails to fulfill their duties or is involved in criminal or unethical activities.

Applicants will submit a cover letter, resume and 3-4 selections of their work, in paper format or electronically. The winner will be chosen by a review panel of one literary professional, Board of Selectmen, and the Andover Library Board members.

The selection criteria are: noteworthy distinction within the field of poetry; excellence of the poet's work; commitment to fostering appreciation and participation in poetry. Toward the end of the selection process, finalists will be asked in for an interview by the review panel to assist in making a final determination.

Applications may be submitted via email to andoverctpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or by mail to: Andover Public Library, Attn: Poet Laureate Committee, P.O. Box 117, Andover, CT 06232.

Calling All Cooks!

The Andover CT 175th Anniversary Committee is publishing a community cookbook and is looking for people to submit their favorite recipes. All who submit recipes will have their names printed with them.

Recipe forms are available online to download and print on the Andover 175th Anniversary Facebook page, the Andover Support Network Facebook page and the Andover town website, www.andoverconnecticut.org. Printed forms are available at Town Hall, Andover Food Pantry, First Congregational Church of Andover and the Andover Library.

To submit recipes: Print the form, complete and mail it to the town office at 17 School Rd.,

Andover CT 06232 c/o Andover CT 175th Anniversary Committee;

Drop off the printed copy to Town Hall; or Copy and complete the form, and submit as it an email attachment to Shirley DeFlaviis at shirleydef@aol.com.

Return recipes by Aug. 1, as the committee said it hopes to have the cookbooks for sale by Nov. 1. The number of recipes and orders received will dictate the cost of the book. All profits from the sale of our cookbooks go directly into the Andover CT 175th Anniversary Events Fund.

For more information, email shirleydef@aol.com or 860-742-9238.

Cars Sought for Show

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a barbecue and car show on Saturday July 23 (note the change in date), from noon to 3 p.m. – and cars are sought for the show.

If you'd like to show your old car, call the church at 860-742-7696 to reserve a spot. There is no entry fee to show your car.

Bingo & Baskets Night

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Bingo & Baskets night Friday, June 24, starting with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The game starts at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 and includes dinner, drink, dessert and bingo. No reservations required. Leave a message at the church at 860-742-7696 for more information.

Book Discussion for Teens

This summer, Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6, will host at least one, and possibly two, book discussion sessions for middle school- and high school-age readers.

The library's Cathy Campen has chosen two 2022 Nutmeg Book Award nominees: *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia (fantasy about 12-year-old who goes on a fantastic adventure) and *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys (historical fiction set in post-Civil War Spain).

Campen needs the input of potential participants, though. Which of these two books would you like to read and discuss? Would you prefer to meet in-person or via Zoom? To determine the answers to these questions, there will be an in-person meet-up at the library Wednesday, June 22, at 6 p.m.

If you can't make it to the meeting but want to participate, call the library at 860-742-7428 or email andoverctpubliclibrary@gmail.com.



Emma Yanicky and William Calhoun are the winners of this year's Chester D. Norton Scholarships. From left are Charlotte Nelson of the Norton Commission, Calhoun, Yanicky, and Jan Neumuth of the Norton Commission. Photo by Kathleen Barrett.

Norton Commission Announces Scholarship Winners

The Norton Children's Fund Commission has announced the two \$1,000 Chester D. Norton Scholarship winners for 2022 are Emma Yanicky and William (Liam) Calhoun.

Yanicky recently graduated from the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy and will be heading to the University of California, Davis to pursue a major in molecular and medical microbiology and a minor in linguistics. She hopes to take part in the school's study abroad program and eventually attend medical school and become a veterinarian who works with Veterinarians without Borders. Yanicky was selected to her school's state team for swimming in ninth, 10th and 12th grades. (She could not attend states in 11th grade due to COVID-19). Outside of school, Yanicky was on the Lehy Swim Club from 9-12th grade as well as the East Hartford Girls Swim and Dive Team. Yanicky has been a Girl Scout throughout her high school years, performing service projects for the community. She also took part in school clubs and has been a lifeguard for Coventry Parks and Rec from grades 9-12.

Calhoun graduated from RHAM High School and will attend Wesleyan University in the fall to study musicology. He would like to study classical guitar and maybe also education, with the hope of becoming a performer and/or a music teacher. Calhoun began learning the classical guitar at a very young age, and began studying classical guitar seriously six years ago with Richard Provost, the founder

of Hartt University's classical guitar program. For indoor track, Calhoun was the school record holder for: 800-meter, 1,000-meter, 1,600-meter, 3,200-meter, and 4 x 800 school record holder. For cross-country, Calhoun was All-Conference Academic Athlete, School 5K Record Holder, (5K Personal Record – 15:45). Outside of school, he worked at the Colebrook Senior Living, was an Irish step dance student teacher and has performed music for churches, homeless shelters, memorial and funeral services and others.

The Norton Children's Fund was established when Chester D. Norton, an Andover farmer, died in 1891. Local legend has it that when Norton was a child his poor family could not afford his eyeglasses, so a kindly gentleman provided the family with the necessary funds. Many years later when making his will, Norton remembered that single act of kindness and left one of his own.

Over the years the commission has received donations to increase the principal from the original \$3,000. Only the interest income and private donations are expended each year. Funds are used during the year for assistance with back-to-school items, holiday time assistance and yearly scholarship(s). The commission depends on the community to help sustain services. Anyone wishing to donate to the Norton Children's Fund may send a check to: Norton Commission, c/o Andover Town Office Building, 17 School Road, Andover, CT 06232.

History Museum Open Monthly

The Andover Historical Society will next open its Museum of Andover History on Saturdays, July 1, from 4-6 p.m. The museum is located in the Old Town Hall on Monument Lane.

Additional openings are planned for Saturdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19, from 4-6 p.m. each day.

New items are continuously being added to the display.

Fire Department Food Drive

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department will host a food drive Saturday, June 18, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the fire department, 11 School Rd., to benefit the Andover Food Pantry.

Especially needed are cook-out essentials needed such as: hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, relish, barbecue sauce, pickles, etc.

Monetary contributions welcomed. Make checks payable to Andover Food Pantry.

Dean's List

Andover residents Christina Folsom and Margaret Tighe made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

RHAM School Board Vacancy

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the RHAM Board of Education for a term ending June 30, 2023, should send a letter of interest to: Town of Andover, c/o RHAM vacancy, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232, or email townclerk@andoverct.org.

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Retirement Surprise for Beloved Principal

By Sloan Brewster

Retiring Andover Elementary School Principal John Briody was surprised by a farewell party and room dedication last week.

Completely taken aback.

Briody said he had no idea that Superintendent of Schools Valerie Bruneau was planning the to-do at all. In fact, Bruneau asked him if he'd suspected anything and he told her unequivocally that he had not.

That's because she let him think he was planning an end-of-the-year assembly, while behind the scenes she was making changes to the agenda.

Briody said he noticed Bruneau, while he was setting up the assembly, was off in another area moving some chairs around. He said he didn't know who they were for so he "just watched."

It was when he turned to usher children in and saw his brother and sisters that he knew something was up.

"Then Val's there," he said. "She's got a big smile on her face. I said to her, 'I'm going to get you back.' She was very cagey and she had a smile on her face, like 'I got you, Briody.'"

What followed was an assembly with memories of the school year and farewells from students, including kindergarteners who, per Bruneau's plan, kept to Briody's request for a quiet adieu and performed a song in American Sign Language.

"John had told me six months ago he wanted to go quietly," Bruneau said. "Of course, I could not let him, but by asking the kindergarten class to learn a song in sign language, they respected his request – well, partly – by saying goodbye

to him quietly."

"It was sweet; it was very sweet," Briody said. "They were learning sign language all year."

But the coup de grâce was when Bruneau unveiled a plaque that had been secretly placed outside the school's music room, naming it the John Briody Music Room.

Again, Briody, who has been about town and in the school performing music with students and local bands, did not see it coming.

"The music room, that was a shocker. I love music. I'm passionate about music and have been very passionate here as the principal and a strong advocate for our music program," Briody said. "I couldn't believe it. It was incredibly thoughtful and it's very meaningful and what a wonderful gift."

Jennie Morrell, kindergarten teacher, was part of a team at the school called The Sunshine Committee with teachers Lisa Hopkins and Kathy LeGrand that planned "feel good events and acknowledgement for life events" throughout the year.

She said the school community has said goodbye to Briody and eight other staff members this year.

At an event at the Lakeview Restaurant in Coventry, a small band called the PPTs, that Briody and some colleagues were in, showed up to also bid the principal farewell.

"Although John was only our principal for eight years, he had the impact of a principal who had led us for 20. He came in with a bang, and is definitely leaving with one as well," Morrell said. "It is time for John to begin his next



Andover Elementary School outgoing principal John Briody was recently feted with a surprise farewell party – and a room dedication.

chapter of his life, whether it will truly be retirement, or something a little less stressful than that of an elementary school principal."

Speaking on the phone while packing up his office, Briody said he was unsure what the future holds and has only planned his summer,

which he will spend with his sons in Chicago.

"Basically, taking some time off and I don't know what the next chapter will be," he said. "I'm going to be thinking about it and exploring options over the summer."

Vacancy on Advisory Committee

The Andover Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the nine-member board.

The committee is responsible for selecting and distributing \$100,000 in funds awarded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to local nonprofits to assist in projects that will help enhance and benefit the residents of Andover. Currently, the Advisory Committee is working on grant applications for 2022.

The committee meets once a month via Zoom on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

For more information on the Andover Greater Together Community Fund, go to www.hfpg.org/andovercf. For application forms, visit www.hfpg.org/andovercf or email committee co-chair Dianne Grenier at deardianne@comcast.net

Due date for completed applications is July 1.

Note: any elected official is not eligible to serve on this committee.

Library News & Notes

Andover Public Library, located at 355 Route 6, has announced the following programs. For more information, call the library at 860-742-7428.

Mr. Magic: Wednesday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m., in the Town Hall community room. Mr. Magic (also known as attorney Richard Rothstein) personalizes kids' stories, giving the audience members fictitious names, and getting kids to help with the show. Admission is free. Andover Friends of the Library sponsors this event.

Other Activities: The library is planning a summer of activities for kids and adults. A flyer with all of the details is available at the library, but here's a short version: Wednesday, June 29, 11 a.m., Creating Paper Daisies; Wednesday, July 6, 3 p.m., Kaleidoscopes & Pinwheels; Monday, July 11, 6 p.m., "A Whale of a Tale," with Storytime and Craft; Wednesday, July 16, 6 p.m., Beginners Origami, Tuesday, July 19,

10:30 a.m.; Toad vs. Frog, with wildlife biologist Julie Victoria; Wednesday, July 20, 10:30 a.m., Western Storytime & Horse Craft; Monday, July 25, 6 p.m., Christmas in July with Mrs. Merry Claus and a Christmas-themed Craft; Thursday, July 28, 6:30 p.m., Monster Storytime and Puppet-Making with Ellen Re-pay.

Free Concerts: The Andover Friends of the Library group is sponsoring two free concerts at the Andover Gazebo this summer. The first happens Friday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m., and features The Hot Flashes. This trio of ladies showcases vocal harmonies and jazzy acoustic stylings; the group's backup band is The Men O'Pause. The second concert takes place Friday, Aug. 5, and will spotlight the traditional country and bluegrass music stylings of Tex's Troubadours. Both shows are sponsored by the Andover Friends of the Library.

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 July 6. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is June 29.

Prayer Requests: All are invited to email the church any prayer requests they have.

AA Meetings: Saturdays and Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Sonshine Stampers: All are invited to join this group, which meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. to make greeting cards.

Summer Reading Challenge

Andover Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge for 2022 is called "Get the Scoop!"

The library is challenging readers (kid readers vs. adult readers) to read as many books as possible between June 20 and Aug. 20. For each book read, the reader will receive one "scoop" to contribute to their respective team's "ice cream bowl." In addition, for every book read, the reader will also have one chance added to the library's end-of-summer drawing which will include one gift basket for each group. For the library's purposes, kids will be defined as

grade six and younger.

Readers are encouraged to read any book they like, as long as it's checked out from Andover Public Library. (Books borrowed through interlibrary loan, audiobooks, and ebooks checked out via Libby or the Palace Project count as well.) Sometime in August – date to be determined – the library will host an ice cream social.

Stop by the library to pick up a reading log. The library is located at 355 Route 6. For more information, call 860-742-7428.

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. Visit the senior page at andoverct.org for all senior events and information.

Resident Graduates

Rosemarie Cordeiro-Aguilar of Andover recently graduated from the University of Hartford.

Dean's List

Andover residents Emily Metcalf and Mia Rhodes made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island.

Katherine Zotta of Andover made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

Zotta is a physical education pre-major.

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

Rides are also available to all town events and meetings, as well as to medical appointments. Call Palazzi for a ride. All seniors, veterans and disabled are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you. Masks must be worn on the bus.

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

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dent was repeatedly told by trusted advisers, his lawyers and the courts that his claims of election fraud were unfounded. Nevertheless, this subculture of old, angry white guys continues to genuflect at the feet of a seditious grifter who instigated a failed coup to steal the presidency, and their own democracy.

However, what's most revealing is that for all the endless griping about the perceived trespasses against their way of life and freedoms. This group of social misfits have never once expressed a word of compassion, equality or human dignity toward the less fortunate who are caught in the crosshairs of their paranoia.

Joe Stevens – Hebron

Mr. Larson, Resign

To the Editor:

The Town of Hebron plans to build a \$50M municipal complex on the Horton property if they can hoodwink enough taxpayers into paying for it. The first study from the archeologists showing "no significant findings" is the first of many studies by carefully chosen consultants paid for by Hebron taxpayers that will, no doubt, show that everything is just puppies and kittens, allowing the town to build an ugly, untaxable industrial facility on 60 acres of valuable town real estate in the center of town.

What the consultants won't be able to do is to provide enough smoke to obfuscate the utter stupidity and selfishness of this proposal. No good reason has ever been given for this boondoggle. Mr. Larson has said "...the employees deserve it." Well, Mr. Larson, no, they don't. They deserve respect, good working conditions and competitive pay, but it is not the responsibility of the taxpayers of Hebron to provide them palatial offices and perks, meantime ruining the town's future.

Recently, a survey of Hebron residents showed that 59 percent say that "Rural Characteristics" and "Open Space" are the primary reasons of why they live in Hebron. Almost no one (4 percent) said they live here because of "Town Services" because, really, there are very few. But our town government continues to buy shiny new vehicles at an alarming rate and proposes building a municipal complex (presumably to house all those vehicles) destroying the very rural character we've said we want to preserve. Is this democracy?

Town government is meant to benefit all its citizens, not just a few. The new municipal complex is clearly not for our benefit. It is time for its main proponents, Mr. Larson and Ms. Richmond, to resign for the good of Hebron.

John Collins – Amston

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MES Social Media Might Be Coming Soon

By Jack Lakowsky

In April, Marlborough Board of Education member Sue Stolfi suggested school superintendent Holly Hageman look into improving messaging from the school to the community.

Parents reached out to the board to say they had trouble navigating the Marlborough Elementary School (MES) website, and express desire for more communication.

In response, Hageman and the communications group drummed up some ideas on how to spread the word on MES goings-on.

While nothing is set in stone, Hageman provided a list of ideas.

Hageman is looking to revive the MES superintendent's column (or "corner") in the *Riverast*, an update published three times a year, highlighting good and important news going on in the district.

Hageman's looking for input on content for her column.

Soon, the communications group will establish protocols for engaging with the public in a

community forum.

Starting at once a year, the school will have a forum right before development of the yearly budget, an important document that influences what residents pay in property taxes.

Owing to the issue that started this work, MES is looking to make its website more user-friendly and accessible. The website is awkward to navigate, with menu options dropping many tabs and a multi-click process to access communications, school board agendas and the like.

Also, potentially, Hageman would look into making an MES Facebook page. Hageman wasn't directly recommending a Facebook page but recommending it as a future item to discuss.

According to the nonprofit Glossary of Education Reform, suggestions for improving school-community communications include incorporating social media (most people's main way of getting information), email blasts, local news outlets and minimizing jargon.

Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday in-person worship services at Marlborough Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, located at 35 S. Main St., are at 10 a.m. All are welcome; masks are optional.

Sunday, June 26 is Children's Sunday. Weather permitting, worship will be held outside on the lawn, with Sunday School students leading various parts of the service. The sermon will be by the Rev. Bob Faulhaber. At the service high school seniors will be recognized and given a gift from the church. After worship, a barbecue lunch will take place in front of the church along with a bounce house for the children.

AA meets downstairs in the Great Hall Wednesdays with two meetings, noon-1 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Second Blessings Thrift Shop: Open Friday, June 24, from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, with 50% off all handbags and totes, hats, jewelry, and Christmas items. The shop will be closed July and August. Second Blessings accepts donations during shopping hours. Unique and higher-quality items are sold year-round through eBay at 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 Rev. Bob Faulhaber's direct line at 860-295-0432.

Dog Licenses Now Available

Dog licenses are now available in the town clerk's office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St.

Remember to check and make sure your dog's rabies certificate is up to date. Licenses cannot be issued without a current rabies certificate.

The fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$8, and \$19 for dogs who have not been spayed or neutered. You must license your dog before July 1 or a \$1 late fee will be added each month. Checks should be made out to the Town of Marlborough.

The town clerk's hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.

Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has announced the following. For more information, call the library at 860-295-6210 or visit richmondlibrary.info. To register for programs, call the library or email richmondprograms@gmail.com.

Summer Saturdays: The library has returned to Summer Saturday hours. The building is open 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bark: Get to Know Your Trees: Tuesday, June 28, 6 p.m.; meet at the Marlborough Elementary School parking lot. Naturalist Micheal Wojtech will guide participants around one of the walking trails at the school, as he teaches those in attendance about tree bark textures, leaf shapes, branching patterns, and other tree traits. Inclement weather will bring the program inside the library. Registration is required.

Pots with Pizzazz: Learn how to brighten shady spots with pops of color in this in-person program held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20. Jana Milbocker is the author of *The Garden Tourist's New England* and *The Garden Tour-*

ist's Florida. Registration is required.

Bone by Bone: Join author Sara Levine on Wednesday, July 13, at 2 p.m., for an interactive presentation featuring her book *Bone by Bone*. Children will have the opportunity to explore and compare a variety of animal and human bones. The program is best-suited for ages 5 and up. It will be held outdoors, but will be relocated indoors in case of inclement weather.

Dog Man and Friends Summer Camp Supa Packs: Kids are invited to stop by the library on Mondays through Aug. 22 to pick up a packet of activities starring Dog Man and his friends. Registration is not required. New packets will be available every Monday, while supplies last. The week of July 4, packets will be available on Tuesday, July 5.

Outdoor Scavenger Hunts: Families are invited on a new scavenger hunt each week. Pick up a list of items to search for in the marked container outside the library entrance and take a prize when you're done. New lists are available each Saturday from June 25 through Aug. 20.

Parks and Rec Programs

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

Adult Programs: Barre/Pilates: Monday, June 27, 5-5:45 p.m., or Wednesday, June 28, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Class instruction is virtual or in person. There is an \$18 drop-in fee.

Yoga: Monday, June 27, 6-7 p.m., or Tuesday, June 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class instruction is virtual or in person. Fee is \$18.

Yogalates: Thursdays through June 30, 9:30-10:30 a.m. All levels welcome; bring a mat. Class instruction is virtual or in person. Fee is \$18/week drop-in option.

Open Level Tap: For ages 16 and up. Tuesdays, July 12-Aug. 9, 7:15 p.m., at Duggan's Dance Center in Marlborough. Fee: \$80/resident, \$85/non-resident.

Open Level Hip-Hop: For ages 16 and up. Thursdays, July 14-Aug. 11, 6:15 p.m., at Duggan's Dance Center. Fee: \$80/resident, \$85/non-resident.

Pickleball: Wednesdays through Sept. 28, 9-11 a.m., at the Blish Park tennis courts. No fee.

Youth Programs: Swim Lessons: Will begin the week of June 27. All lesson levels are offered. All lessons are held at Blish Park. Fee: \$65/resident, \$70/non-resident.

Lego: June 27-July 1, at Marlborough Elementary School. **Minecraft Engineering,** for

ages 5-7, is 8:30-11:30 a.m., and **Minecraft Master Engineering,** for ages 7-12, is noon-3 p.m. Fee: \$145/resident, \$150/non-resident.

Skyhawks Basketball Camp: June 27-July 1. Ages 5 and 6, meet 9 a.m.-noon; fee is \$140/resident, \$145/non-resident. Ages 7-12 meet 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and fee is \$170/resident, \$175/non-resident.

Music Lessons Summer: July 5-26, at MES. Private lesson instruction on band instruments will be provided. Lessons are a half hour in length and will occur on the same day and time signed up for. Slots are available from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Fee is \$135/resident, \$140/non-resident.

Acrylic Landscape Painting: July 5-7, 9-11 a.m., at MES, for grades 3-6. Fee: \$80/resident, \$85/non-resident.

Paint Like a Famous Artist: July 5-7, noon-1 p.m., at MES, for grades 1-2. Fee: \$40/resident, \$45/non-resident.

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball): July 5-8, 9 a.m.-noon, at Blish Park. There is a camp for ages 7-10, and a camp for ages 4-6 (Mini-Hawk). Fee: \$109/resident, \$114/non-resident.

Summer Running Training Camp: For grades 7-12. Session 1 meets July 11-14, Session 2 from July 25-28, and Session 3 from Aug. 1-4. Time is 8:30-10:30 a.m. each day. Camp is held at the RHAM High School track. Fee is \$80/resident, \$85/non-resident. Discount is given if registering for more than one session; contact Parks and Rec. for more info.

Residents Sought to Serve

The Marlborough Board of Selectmen is seeking residents who are interested in serving on the town's various boards and commissions.

While applications are accepted at any time for all boards and commissions, the selectmen are providing notice and encouraging residents to apply to fill current vacancies on the following boards and commissions:

Economic Development Commission (full seat and alternate); Conservation Commission (alternate); Commission on Aging (alternate); Water Pollution Control Authority (two alternates); Nature Trails and Sidewalks Commission (alternate); Marlborough Board of Educa-

tion (full seat).

Those interested in applying can complete the application form at tinyurl.com/ycx4x7n4.

In accordance with the town charter, and based on the current composition of the various boards and commissions, party affiliation or other qualifications may or may not be considered when appointments are made. People who are unaffiliated and those who belong to minor parties, as well as Democrats and Republicans, to apply.

Residents are welcome to attend any of the public board and commission meetings to learn more.

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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Grade 6 Promotion Remarks

Editor's Note: Superintendent of Schools Holly Hageman made these remarks June 16, at the Marlborough Elementary School ceremony to promote sixth-grade students who are moving on to middle school.

Good morning students, families, teachers, staff and guests. I am Holly Hageman; I am proud to serve as the superintendent of schools for Marlborough, having just completed my first year here. From my early experience, I am overjoyed to work in a school-community that is welcoming and united in providing an outstanding educational environment for children. There are many uniquely special aspects that have made Marlborough Elementary School such a wonderful place for children to learn and grow, and we are all fortunate to be connected around raising happy, healthy, and smart kids. I want to thank all of the teachers and staff and the school administration who have devoted themselves to our students. I also want to express gratitude to our parents and families for supporting and guiding your children as well as supporting the school in so many ways.

Sixth-graders, you have persevered through a rather bumpy and unusual experience with the COVID pandemic. From shifting to remote learning when you were in fourth grade, to adjusting back to in-person learning as fifth-graders, buckling down into your studies. As sixth-graders, you have strengthened your skills and deepened your knowledge, and you are ready and prepared to move forward to middle school. Be proud for what you have accomplished thus far and aim high to expect a lot of yourselves. You will do great; I have no doubt.

If you will bear with me, I'd like to offer a few tips for success and happiness through middle school. These suggestions come from my 20 years as a middle school teacher and principal as well as seeing my two children recently complete middle school. Here they are, in no particular order:

-- Engage in learning what your teachers are teaching and do your work. If you apply yourself with consistency, and seek extra help if needed, you will succeed academically. Work hard, get smart. It is a simple formula but does take commitment and effort. Put the effort in and you will see positive

results, which makes school that much more enjoyable.

-- Don't stress about schoolwork. If it gets hard at times, talk to your teachers and your parents and let them help you. You are not alone in your quest for excellence, and everyone struggles from time to time. Reach out, breathe, and keep a positive outlook for what you can achieve.

-- Be good and do good. Advocate for yourself and for others. Good always wins and being kind, thoughtful and respectful really does make a difference. We can all do our part. Think about how you can make someone else's day, because those little things, those words of encouragement to a classmate can really boost their outlook too.

-- And, lead a balanced life. Try new activities, clubs and sports in middle school, get some fresh air, and manage your time so that you enjoy the gift of each day. Happiness is a beautiful thing, so own your life and make each day as great as possible. You deserve that and you can make it happen.

While I do have a few more tips, in the interest of time, I'll leave those for another time. On behalf of the Marlborough Board of Education, the school administration and the entire staff, I wish you all the best in your pursuits.

Holly Hageman
Marlborough Superintendent of Schools



Rivereast Hits the Beach... Marlborough resident Riva Clark took the Rivereast with her on a recent trip to the Hampton Beach Sandcastle Festival this past Sunday in New Hampshire. She's shown here in front of the first place/People's Choice winner. Clark said the weather – temperatures in the high 50s, with wind and rain drizzling on and off all day – kept the crowds away, but added that “it was great seeing the artistry of the competitors.” Are you taking a vacation or a day trip soon? Bring along a copy of the Rivereast, snap a picture with it, and email the picture to bulletin@glcitizen.com. You might win a prize!

Arts Center Seeks Volunteer Webmaster

The Marlborough Arts Center in Marlborough is seeking someone competent in the use of Word Press and interested in collaborating on the organization's website as webmaster.

The website is active, the center said, and needs only a few hours of updates a month, which are written by board members in Word and sent on as attachments. Our Webmaster is moving away and will help with the transition. The Arts Center is a totally volunteer nonprofit regional center for the arts and offers art shows,

exhibitions, classes, and musical events such as 4th Griday @ the Arts Café and outdoor summer concerts.

Anyone interested in volunteering their computer skills and joining this creative organization may call Joan at 860-295-9565 for more details.

Dean's List

Marlborough resident Ryan Lim made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

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Three Decades of Siblings

Last Wednesday, June 15, marked the last day that a Chapman sibling has been in the Region 8 school district.

For nearly three decades, the Chapman siblings all passed through the halls of RHAM. From the old middle school, and old high school to the new middle school and new high school, all have been touched.

It started out in the early- to mid-1990s with Desiree Chapman, who went through the Hebron school system up to eighth grade, when she decided to go to a trade school for culinary. Next was Dominique Chapman, who became a bus driver for the same school she graduated from, followed by David Chapman, who graduated in 2008 and became a telecommunications provider.

Then was Daniel Chapman, who graduated in 2010, went to Central Connecticut State University and now works in the IT sector. Rachel Chapman came next; she graduated in the year of 2017, then went on to CCSU and became a nurse. Khalia Chapman graduated next, in the year 2020. She is currently a junior at the University of Connecticut, where she is studying to become a physician assistant.

The saga of Chapman siblings came to a close last week with Katherine Chapman, who graduated in the top 10 of her class. She will join her older sister Khalia by going to UConn too. She is looking at going for a major in psychiatry and may switch to an engineering major.

With that ends the journey of the Chapman siblings through the RHAM school district.

Architectural Conservation Analysis

The Marlborough Historical Society is offering free Architectural Conservation analysis and condition assessment on any historic house (pre-1900s) in Marlborough and surrounding towns.

This free assessment looks at wood, bricks, mortar and/or paint that is either damaged and in need of repair, or simply restored to its original state. This is a preservation initiative for any homeowner who is looking to preserve the historic integrity and character-defining features of their house.

For more information, contact Romano Ghirlanda at 860-916-4031 or mhs@marlborough-history.org.

Artist's Works at Town Hall

Carole Jeffries, an award-winning national artist, is exhibiting a selection of her works at Town Hall through the end of December. The exhibit is open to all who visit the Town Hall during its normal opening hours.

Jeffries is a member of Marlborough Arts Center. For those who might be interested in purchasing any of her works, means of contacting Jeffries directly are available at Town Hall.

Resident Graduates

Jacqueline Aniolek of Marlborough recently graduated from the University of Hartford.

Summer Watercolor Classes

Marlborough Arts Center announces that local artist Mary Horrigan will offer a series of summer watercolor classes starting July 9. Classes will meet on four Saturday mornings, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., through July 30. While some experience in watercolor is recommended, students new to watercolor are welcome.

Fee for the classes is \$120. A registration form can be downloaded and printed from www.marlborougharts.org, and a check can be mailed to the Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main St., Marlborough, CT 06447.

Once the class is confirmed, a materials list will be sent to registrants. For more information, email Mary at mehorrigan@comcast.net.

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 Willhenger 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.

Dean's List

Hunter Tuohey of Marlborough made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Marlborough residents Avery Rizza and Jack Tarka made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island.

Matthew Calderoni of Marlborough made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

Calderoni is an intelligence and national security studies major.

Honor Society Inductee

Saint Anselm College student Maura Ramsay of Marlborough has been accepted into Sigma Alpha Pi, a national society of leadership and success, for the 2021-22 academic year.

Ramsay is a member of the Class of 2023 at Saint Anselm, which is located in Manchester, N.H.

Residents Graduate

Marlborough residents Samantha Bove and Christopher Hughes recently graduated from Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

Bove graduated with a Bachelor of Science in International Business, and Hughes graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in global supply chain management.

'The Sky Is the Limit'

Ever wanted to skydive? Marlborough's Richard Denno, chairman of the Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program for Connecticut, announced the Connecticut Freemasons are sponsoring a skydiving event at Ellington Airport, 360 Somers Rd., Ellington, on July 16.

All proceeds benefit organ and tissue donor awareness and efforts to increase donor registrations through the New England Donor Services. If you raise \$500 or more, you get to skydive for free.

Denno's wife, Midge, received a kidney transplant in December 2008, which extended her life for nine years. For information on becoming an organ donor, go online to registerte@neds.org.

You can bring the family, lawn chairs, a picnic basket, and watch as the jumpers gently touch down. There will be burgers and

hot dogs for sale; as well as prizes and free stuff – including a raffle for “Fred the Wonder Lobster.”

To register online to skydive, go to www.skydirect.com and click onto 'First Jumpers.' Then click onto 'Tandem Video Waiver,' view the video, complete the form and submit. Payment for your skydive must be made when you register. Payment for both the dive, and donations for those not skydiving, can be made online at www.ctfreemasons.net. Click 'About us,' then click 'Connecticut Freemasons Foundation.' There you'll find a 'donate' spot, where you make payment by credit card. Use the Grand Almoners Fund selection to direct the funds. Under 'Write a note,' indicate that this is for the skydiving event.

In case of questionable weather, call CT Parachutists at 869-871-0021. The rain date is Sunday, July 17.

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.

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

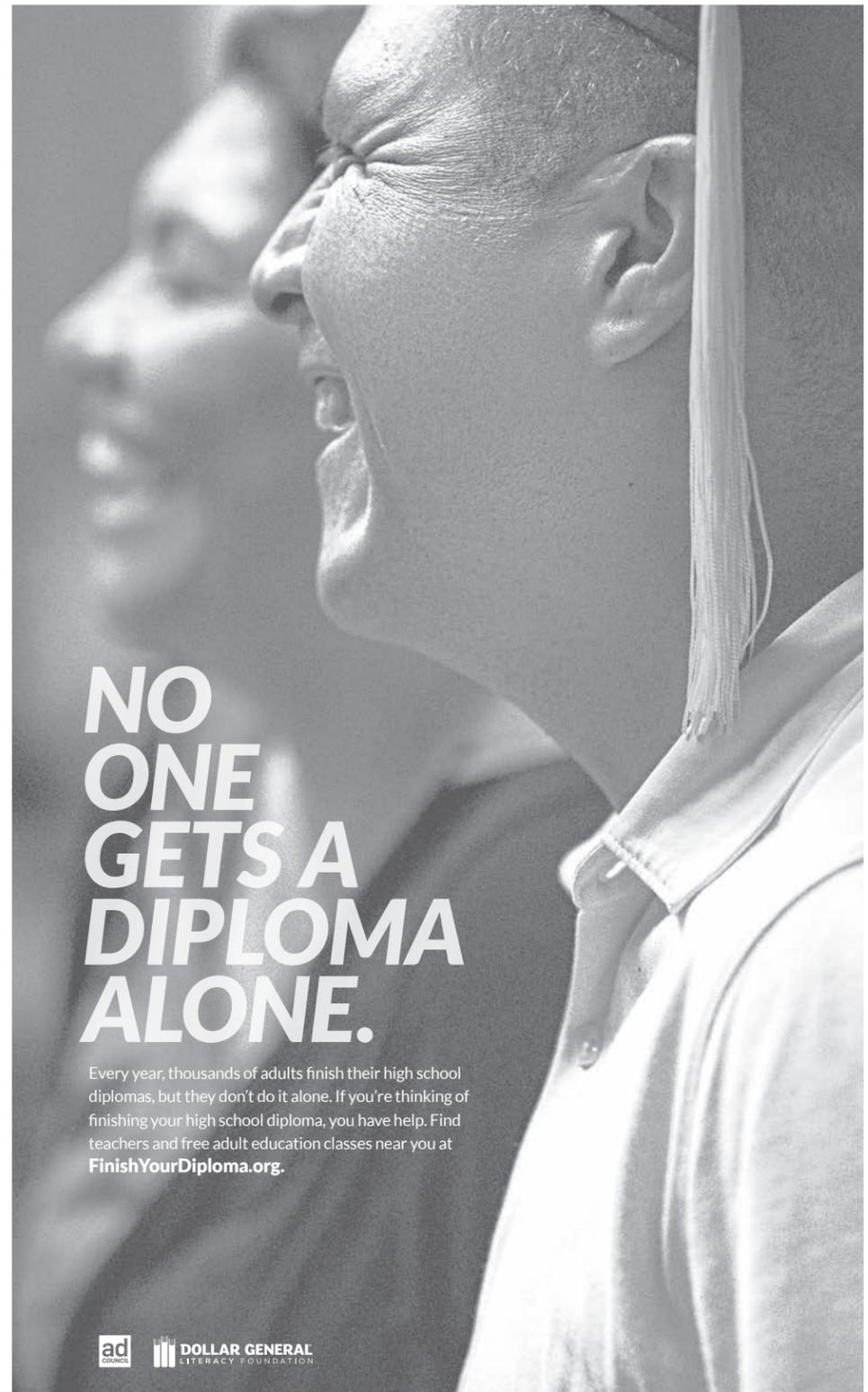
Weekend Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome. **Weekday Mass:** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

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.stjfisher.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).



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Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. All participants should register for programs prior to the event, online at myactivecenter.com or by contacting the center at 860-267-4426 or seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov. Senior center hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Masks are required for all, regardless of vaccination status. Visit the senior center online at www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center.

Lunches: Served at the center to ages 60 and up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call the center to reserve a meal or sign up online. Reservations for the next day's meal are due by 11 a.m. the day before. Masks are encouraged, but not required. Meals are free, though a \$3 donation is requested.

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

Wii Bowling: Thursdays, July 7 and 21, 10 a.m. Pre-registration required.

Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date July 6), at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise it will be indoors or via Zoom. Register online.

Art w/Karen: Sunday, June 26, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will lead people through beginner steps of creating an acrylic painting. The cost of the class is \$5 for supplies. Pay Karen the day of the event. Pre-registration is necessary.

Let's Get Outdoors: Wednesday, June 29, 1:30 p.m., at the Public Parking Lot, 101 Main St., across from the Gulf station. Master Naturalist Lynn Kochiss will lead this Invasive Plant

Identification Walk. Wear good walking shoes and comfortable clothing. Pre-registration at the senior center is required.

Chatham Health District Q&A: Wednesday, June 29, 10 a.m. Meet at the senior center for a zoom presentation with Chatham Health District to have your questions answered about COVID-19, vaccinations and more. Please pre-register.

Beeyonder: Walking Tour of Bruges Belgium: Thursday, July 14, 3-4 p.m., at the senior center. Beeyonder, a virtual travel company providing live and interactive walking tours, via Zoom, presents this special event as an alternative to summer travel. Belgium chocolates and cookies served. Pre-registration required.

Family Tree: Friday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. Ken Doney will continue to help participants search for the history of their families. Bring your own mobile device. This is a monthly program, with one-on-one time available. Please register in advance.

Trips: Payments for trips will be accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by pre-arranged appointment time. Trips are: **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. **Washington D.C.:** Oct. 21-24. Includes deluxe motorcoach, three nights' hotel, three breakfasts and two dinners, all sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary, a Friendship Tours escort, and driver and tour gratuity. Cost: \$745/person for a double or triple, or \$989/person for a single.

Volunteer Shopping: The center has a program where a volunteer will shop for you. Call in your list to 860-267-4426 or email it to Jewling@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.



Rivereast Meets the Red Sox... Where in the world is the Rivereast News Bulletin? Chris and Jon O'Brien of East Hampton recently took a copy to Fenway Park in Boston to watch the Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 12-2. They took the copy of the Rivereast with the Yankees photo on it. Are you taking a vacation or a day trip soon? Bring along a copy of the Rivereast, snap a picture with it, and email the picture to bulletin@glcitizen.com. You might win a prize!

Meatball Madness

CT Draft Horse Rescue (CDHR) will hold its third annual Meatball Madness on Monday, July 11, from 4-8 p.m., at Marlborough Pizza & Restaurant, 7 Independence Drive, Marlborough.

This is a fundraiser for to help raise funds for CDHR, a nonprofit organization located in East Hampton that is dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses as well as draft horses headed to slaughter. All are invited to come enjoy the live music and outdoor dining and even meet one of the

CDHR horses. A percentage of the proceeds on all items sold (food, alcohol and takeout) will benefit CDHR. There will be a 50/50 raffle as well.

The mission of CDHR is to vet, quarantine, rehabilitate, train and re-home rescued horses. Since its inception, CDHR has rescued more than 80 horses, with the majority placed in forever homes. For more information on this event, to make a donation, or to find out more about CDHR, visit www.facebook.com/ct-draftrescue or www.ctdraftrescue.org.

Summer Session of First Steps in Music

Local mom and musician Mallory Kokus is offering a summer session of her First Steps in Music class for children ages birth through 6 and their grown up. The class will meet Tuesdays at 10 a.m. from June 28 through Aug. 9 (no class July 19), at Creative Dance Center, 2 Barton Hill Rd.

Children and their grown-ups will dance,

sing, wiggle, bounce and more. Cost is \$75 per family for the six-week session, or \$15 per class for drop-ins.

Registration and more information can be found on Facebook (Music with Mallory) or by emailing mallorykokus@gmail.com. This program is supported by a grant from the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission.

Resident Completes Research Project

Worcester Polytechnic Institute students are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue.

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Artists Sought for Painting Event

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission will host a garden tour and plein air painting event, featuring six local private and community gardens, on Saturday, July 9. Local artists interested in participating in the plein air portion of the event must contact the East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission at arts@easthamptonct.org, or Melissa at 860-993-5311.

Artists will be able to set up at the gardens during the day of the tour to paint.

Watch for more details on the event. Visit www.artsforeasthamptonct.org for more information.

Belltown Open Golf Tournament

The Congregational Church of East Hampton is seeking sponsors and golfers for the 16th annual Belltown Open Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Cost is \$125/golfer for the four-person scramble event that includes cart, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Proceeds will benefit the East Hampton Food & Fuel Bank.

To register, contact John Tuttle at tuttlekahn@gmail.com.

Volunteers Sought for Clean Energy Task Force

The Town of East Hampton is looking for volunteers to serve on its Clean Energy Task Force. The force is charged with researching and facilitating the use of clean renewable energy, and with educating East Hampton residents about clean and alternative energy options.

Other groups that currently have vacancies for either full members or alternates include the Arts & Culture Commission, Conservation-Lake Commission, Design Review Board, Economic Development Commission, Inland Wet-

lands Watercourses Agency, Middle Haddam Historic District Commission, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and Planning & Zoning Commission.

The volunteer application is available in the town manager's office at Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, or at <https://www.easthamptonct.gov/home/pages/volunteers-needed>.

Senior Center Trip to Martha's Vineyard

The East Hampton Senior Center will offer a Martha's Vineyard Daytrip through Friendship Tours on Thursday, July 21.

The trip includes a roundtrip ferry, island bus tour, and time to shop and dine on your own. There will be considerable walking.

Cost is \$124/person. For more information or to register, contact the senior center at 860-267-4426 or seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov.

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.

Dean's List

Ethan Powers of East Hampton made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass.

Epoch Arts Seeks Tag Sale Donations

Epoch Arts is preparing for its annual fall tag sale – and will accept tag sale donations the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at Epoch, 27 Skinner St. People are asked not to leave donations any other times than these Saturdays.

People are asked to donate gently used, clean items and only things that are not on Epoch's "Not Accepted" list: recliners, couches, headboards, mattresses, bed frames, high chairs, cribs, car seats, computers, printers, keyboards, TVs, VCRs, exercise machines, textbooks, encyclopedias, and old-style phones. For more information, visit www.epocharts.org.

Class of '67 Reunion

The East Hampton High School class of 1967 will celebrate its 55th Class Reunion Sunday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m., in the upper room of Lakeside Bar and Grill, 81 North Main St. Attendees will order off the menu; pay as you go.

If interested in attending, call Rita at 860 798-1092, Lauralei at 860 424-2284 or GERALYN at 860 682-2067 as soon as possible, as a head count has been requested by management.

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East Hampton Library News & Notes

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

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

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

Baby Rhyme Time – Outside!: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., in the Village Center by the gazebo. Bring a blanket or something to sit on. Parking is available at the Congregational Church/Center School.

Mindful Movements – Outside!: Monday, June 27, 10:30 a.m., at Seamster Park/Memorial School, for ages 18 months and up. Siblings welcome; register online.

Teacher Read-Aloud Series: Monday, June 27, 4-5 p.m. Center and Memorial school educators will read stories at the library. Future dates are Mondays, July 11, July 25 and Aug. 8.

Canvas Kids – Pablo Picasso: For grades 1-5. Tuesday, June 28, 3 p.m. Registration is required. Learn about Picasso and create your own Mixed-Up-Mask.

Special Police Officer Storytime!: Wednesday, June 29, 10:15 a.m., at Seamster Park. A local police officer will do the reading this week.

Registration required. Siblings welcome.

Amazing Animals – Aquatic Adaptions!: Thursday, June 30, 2-3 p.m. Registration required. Amazing Animals is a four-part series of nature programs hosted by the Denison Pequot-sepos Nature Center. This week, meet several of DPNC's resident pond animals, play a snapping turtle game and make a frog call craft. For ages 5 and up. Siblings welcome.

Teen Programs: Henna Body Art: Monday, June 27, 1:30 p.m. Learn about the origin, history and traditions of Henna, and get a professionally-applied Henna design!

Dungeons & Dragons: Wednesday, June 29, 2-4 p.m., for grades 8-12. No previous playing experience required.

Creative Writing: Thursday, June 30, 3:30 p.m., for grades 6-12. Explore all forms of creative writing with various exercises and lessons.

Teen Friday: Aug. 1, 3:30 p.m. There will be crafts, games, snacks and more.

Adult Program: Tapping into the Past: Tavern Life in Early Connecticut: Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. Learn about how taverns were an essential part of every Connecticut town.

Cookbook Club: Red, White & Skew...er: Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 p.m. Anything goes as long as it is served on a stick. Bring a dish and 12 copies of the recipe to share. Dishes should arrive ready to eat; plates and forks will be provided. Folks will sample and talk about each recipe.



East Hampton Middle School Principal Christina Amaral was recently named the "William Cieslukowski Outstanding First Year Middle School Principal." She was honored at the June 13 Board of Education meeting. From left are school board chair Christina Tammaro-Dzagan, Amaral and Roseanne Vojtek, CAS assistant executive director.

Middle School Principal Honored

The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) earlier this month announced East Hampton Middle School Principal Christina Amaral as the "William Cieslukowski Outstanding First Year Middle School Principal." Middle school staff nominated Amaral for the award, according to a CAS release.

Amaral has been a teacher since 2011, starting in Newington shortly before coming to East Hampton. She was named the school's leader in

2021. She has previously received the district's "Teacher of the Year" award.

Mary Clark, the district's curriculum and instruction director said Amaral's "flexibility and passion for lifelong learning" and her responsiveness to students and families are reasons why she received the honor.

Amaral received her award in the June 13 school board meeting.

Middle Haddam Public Library News

Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd., Middle Haddam, has announced its April calendar. To register or more information on any program, email middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com, visit middlehaddamlibrary.com or call 860-267-9093.

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

Yoga: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m., with Erin Day of Ten Summit Yoga. Cost:

drop-in \$10. Register at tensummitst@gmail.com.

Mahjong: Mondays at 11 a.m.

Featured Artist: Cathy Lovell's art is showcased on the library walls.

Coming Soon: Walks with a geologist, gardener, tree specialist, mycologist, historians and more.

Concert Series Continues Weekly

The Joseph N. Goff House Concert Series will continue with shows Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Center School Gazebo in the East Hampton Village Center.

All concerts are free. Bring your friends and family, chairs, blankets and picnics. Bathrooms will be available at the Congregational Church of East Hampton.

The remaining schedule is: June 30, Centerline Band (playing classic rock); July 7, Dave Palla Trio (jazz); July 21, Jessie Liam Band (pop favorites); July 28, Jolly Beggars (Celtic Folk); Aug. 4, Big Deal Rock (hits from the '70s to present).

Visit goffhousehct.blogspot.com for more information.

EHMS Soccer, Cross-Country Registration

Student/athletes who are interested in trying out for boys' soccer, girls' soccer or boys'/girls' cross-country teams can register online at www.FamilyID.com.

Athletes must have all the proper paperwork submitted online and have an updated physical in order to try out. Registration should be completed by Monday, Aug. 22.

For further information, contact EHMS athletic director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

Water Gardens – Big and Small

The East Hampton Belltown Garden Club will meet Monday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m., at Ballek's Garden Center in East Haddam.

Attendees will learn about the different types of water gardens that can be created in our own gardens and the plants that can be featured in them. Nancy Ballek McKinnon of the garden center will be the presenter. There will be plants and containers for anyone interested in creating their own water garden. The meeting will be held rain or shine as there is a covered

area in case of inclement weather.

The club generally meets the fourth Monday evening of each month.

All meetings are open to the public and the club welcomes new members.

The East Hampton Belltown Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs.

For more information about the club and its activities, call President JoAnn Hewitt at 860-267-4129.

Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to worship Sundays at 9 a.m. 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 explain the meaning of the message topic.

Bible Study: The Zoom Bible Study will resume in the fall.

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.

Old Home Days 'Glorious Celebration' is Back

Old Home Days will celebrate its 42nd anniversary this July 14, 15 and 16 at the Center School grounds, after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19.

The Old Home Days Committee will dedicate the 2022 festivities and event to the memory of Red McKinney, the perennial master of ceremonies, who passed away in December 2019. In his honor, the theme for this year's celebration is "Paint the Town Red."

This event is free for all who attend, but sponsors are sought. Call or text Jennifer Marozzi at 860-918-1302 for more information on sponsorship opportunities.

Residents Graduate

East Hampton residents Jillian Collingwood and Joshua Kearney recently graduated from Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

Collingwood graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in applied psychology, and Kearney graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in finance.

Dean's List

East Hampton residents Shannon N. Bristol and Keagan J. Fields made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

Bristol was a senior biology major in the university's College of Arts and Sciences, and Fields was a junior kinesiology major in the university's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Resident Receives Academic Excellence Award

Each year, the University of Rhode Island honors select graduating seniors with University Academic Excellence Awards.

Gavin O'Connell of East Hampton earned an award for outstanding academic achievement in international studies and diplomacy.

Camps to Start

Parks and Recreation will offer Middle School Sun & Fun Camp, as well as Sears Park Summer Camp, each week through Aug. 12., from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

Fee is \$195/week; field trips included. For more information, call 860-267-7300 or visit easthamptonrec.com.

Police News

6/8: David Heriot, 37, of no certain address, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with no lights and operating under the influence, East Hampton Police said.

6/17: After an investigation into a three-car motor vehicle accident with minor injuries on West High Street (Route 66), Megan Ghagan, 37, of 164 Mott Hill Rd., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and failure to drive right, police said.

6/17: Todd Bower, 33, of 230 Old West High St., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, risk of injury and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, police said.

Also, from June 6-19, officers responded to 29 medical calls, 11 motor vehicle crashes and 19 alarms, and made 52 traffic stops, police said.



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Council Views on Pot a Mixed Bag

By Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton Town Council held a public hearing last week to discuss and hear public opinion on the future of cannabis retail in town.

The council was mostly hesitant to embrace the idea, though several councilors expressed openness to cannabis sales if they see more information.

At the June 14 meeting, council Republican Alison Walck was the most ardent opponent of selling marijuana products in East Hampton, though she did say if the town somehow hired a police officer specializing in detecting high drivers, she could be more open.

Last July, the Connecticut state legislature legalized cannabis for adult use and retail.

Town Manager Dave Cox said in Hartford's latest session legislators changed the bill. One standout change was the removal of language limiting the number of retailers per town based on population: one store per 25,000 residents.

"This allows people the choice on how many they believe is right for their town," said Cox.

Democrat Pete Brown and Republican Brandon Goff said they'd vote "yes" on pot retailers.

Goff said anyone thinking cannabis isn't "already here," either in town or in schools, is wrong.

"I say we take advantage of the extra tax

money," said Goff.

He said that while he knows there's risk associated with marijuana, smoking is less dangerous than drinking alcohol.

Brown said people can already drive to Massachusetts and get it and soon, they can get it in neighboring towns.

"Do you not think people in East Hampton won't drive to Portland, Middletown, Marlborough, wherever, make a purchase and bring it back?" he said.

The Portland Planning and Zoning Commission recently approved an application for a new cannabis retailer. East Hampton has a moratorium on sales, enacted last year, set to expire in October.

Brown, referencing information from police chief Dennis Woessner which said local police don't have an officer trained to "officially" identify when a driver is high, said "I say if somebody is that high in a vehicle, they have to be doing something with that vehicle to bring attention to themselves, weaving, crossing the line, whatever.

"You can bring them in for a motor vehicle violation and let the courts sort it out," continued Brown, a retired cop.

"This is the law of the land whether we like

it or not," said council Democrat Kevin Reich, saying he "certainly wouldn't vote yes tonight."

He suggested town staff look into what other towns are doing. Reich "assured" the public the council will weigh heavily any cannabis retailer's location, and said he wanted more information on where they could go locally.

As to his decision, Reich said he's "still pondering."

Republican Tim Feegle said if the council that if the vote were that night, he'd say no. He said his vote hinges on whether the town stands to actually make money.

Cox has previously said most of the income from pot businesses will go to programs like prevention and educating youth about the effects of drug use.

Council Chair and Republican Mark Philhower said he's "on the fence" and doesn't see it as a necessity. He said legalization will likely have "unforeseen costs."

Resident Adele Cyr, also on the local preven-

tion partnership review board, said adult users shouldn't be vilified, but that sending mixed messages to youth causes "hardships."

She said in states like California and Colorado, forerunners of legalization, use among middle school students. Cyr said the potency of edibles is also concerning.

Cyr said a low perception of risk is itself a risk factor.

Resident Leonard Johnson spoke against allowing pot sales in Belltown.

"When we get controversial issues," Johnson said, "we need to ask ourselves a few questions."

Johnson said something should only be approved if it improves quality of life or makes people healthier, safer or more productive. He said he doesn't believe recreational cannabis meets these criteria.

Cox said the town is looking at resident input and encouraged councilors to send him their questions.

Tax Bills to be Mailed

Tax bills will be mailed Wednesday, June 29, for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles levied on the Oct. 1, 2021 grand list. Taxes are due and payable on July 1, and will become delinquent after Aug. 1.

Real estate and personal property taxes over \$100 may be paid in two equal installments: July 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023. Both installments of the tax bill are mailed in July; there is not a second mailing in January.

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Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting www.easthamptonct.gov.

As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes and interest charges. Taxpayers that did not receive a bill should contact the tax office immediately, at 860-267-2300.

Lake-Smart Award Program Grant

In conjunction with the East Hampton Conservation-Lake Commission, the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug is offering grants up to \$150 to help property owners living on the lake or in the surrounding watershed achieve the seven requirements to receive a Lake-Smart Award sign.

The Lake-Smart Award Program offered by the Conservation-Lake Commission purpose is to encourage property owners living on the lake and the surrounding watershed to improve the quality of Lake Pocotopaug by doing projects

to prevent infiltration of phosphates and other impurities from entering the lake.

The grant program from the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug will be in form of gift certificates to local East Hampton businesses to purchase items like plants for a rain garden, stone for runoff control and more. For more information on this program, visit www.flpeh.org or contact Cap Egan at 860-395-7844 or capegan2015@gmail.com.

Driving for Drafts

The eighth annual Driving for Drafts fundraising event, to benefit the CT Draft Horse Rescue (CDHR), will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Portland Golf Course, 169 Bartlett St., Portland. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m., with check-in beginning at noon.

Cost is \$150/person and includes golf as well as grilled lunch and a buffet dinner, along with raffles, auctions and prizes. Sponsorships are also available, including an "In Memoriam" sponsorship to honor a loved one or a pet. All proceeds benefit the rescue horses of the CDHR.

Registration closes Sept. 1. To sign up as a participant or become a sponsor, visit www.ct-draftrescue.org/2022-golf-registration or email cdhr.golf@gmail.com.

In 2015, CDHR rescued a neglected, ema-

ciated Clydesdale from shipping to a slaughter auction in Pennsylvania to soon discover that this horse was Duke, a former Budweiser Clydesdale. As he regained his health, Duke quickly became a local celebrity at the CDHR, making appearances at events, including the golf tournament, and posing for pictures with visitors. Sadly, Duke passed away about a year after his rescue, surrounded by his loving volunteer caretakers. To honor Duke's memory, the CDHR named this annual golf tournament after him.

CDHR is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses as well as draft horses headed to slaughter. For more information, volunteer opportunities, or to donate, visit www.ctdraftrescue.org or www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue.

Residents Graduate

Middle Haddam residents Adelyn Garland and Timothy Peterson Jr., and East Hampton resident Jason Marshall, recently graduated from the University of Hartford.

Dean's List

Isabella Diaz of East Hampton made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Eastern Connecticut State University.

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

For more information about CCEH and its activities, visit cc-eh.org or call the church office at 860-267-4959 during office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. McCarthy can be reached for emergencies at 508-272-6437.

Lake Friends Ruffling E-Bikes

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug's annual raffle, to support the nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of Lake Pocotopaug and its environs, is underway.

For \$10 per ticket, people have a chance to win two Avention Step-Through Commuter e-bikes, valued at \$3,600. The prize also includes two \$75 gift certificates to Airline Cycles.

The drawing will be held Sunday, July 31, at 4 p.m., at Lakeside Bar & Grill in East Hampton. Tickets can be purchased at Airline Cycles, The Dublin, Paul's and Sandy's Too, from a friend of the Lake member, and at various pop-up locations around town on the weekends.

For more details, visit www.flpeh.org or call Greg Davis at 860-267-2629.

Garden Tour, Painting Event

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission (EHACC) will host a Garden Tour and Plein Air painting event on Saturday, July 9, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring six East Hampton gardens.

Held rain or shine, the locations include private gardens at 23 Old Skinner Rd.; 82 Young St.; 47 Tartia Rd.; the East Hampton Community Garden at the Air Line Trail/Cranberry Bog on Smith Street; Epoch Arts Community Garden, 27 Skinner St.; and the East Hampton Food Bank Community Garden, 43 West High St.

Admittance is free, but attendees are asked

to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Food Bank.

Local artists are invited to set up at a garden location during the event to paint Plein Air style. Call Melissa at 860-993-5311 to sign up.

Free garden tour brochures and maps are available at all Town Hall offices, East Hampton Public Library, and in the East Hampton Village Center at Old Bank Flowers and Greenery, Studio 13, Center Package Store and Dexter's Tunes Tales and Ales.

Visit www.artsforeasthamptonct.org for information on the EHACC.

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Resident Graduates

Benjamin Amor of Colchester recently graduated from Curry College in Milton, Mass.

New to Medicare?

Colchester Senior Center will host a free "New to Medicare" program Wednesday, June 29, at 6 p.m., via Zoom.

The program is for individuals who are new to Medicare and feeling a little lost on all the different options. Laura Crews from Senior Resources will answer Medicare-related questions.

Registration is required; to do so, calling Colchester Senior Center ASAP at 860-537-3911.

Resident Graduates

Alexander Grant of Colchester recently received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H.

Cougars

Registration Open

Registration is now open for Colchester Cougars Football and Cheer. The Cougars will now be playing in the Southern New England Youth Football Conference (SNEYFC).

The Cougars are accepting registrations for boys and girls ages 6-14 from Colchester, Bozrah, Salem, Lebanon, East Haddam, East Hampton and Hebron. Visit www.colchestercougars.org for more information and to register.

Meet Colchester's Top Dog

By Kate Corliss

Val Stevens' Havanese dog, Zoe, has been trained to ring a bell by the front door whenever she has to be let outside to use the bathroom. Stevens laughs every time she tells the story of when her husband, who had just sat down to eat a bowl of popcorn, went to open the door for Zoe after hearing her ring the bell one night.

When he got to the front door, Zoe wasn't there anymore – she was eating his popcorn. "She has us trained now," Stevens said. "If she rings the bell, we put our snacks away."

Zoe, who is 14 years old, won Colchester's 30th annual Top Dog contest on June 1. Owners enter the contest by registering their dogs early; each dog they register by the contest deadline counts as an additional entry into a drawing hosted by the town clerk's office. The dog whose name gets drawn wins the town's "No. 1" dog tag, and their owner has their registration fee waived.

Zoe and her family also won a prize basket donated by John Gagnon's Pet Resort, which offers pet boarding, doggie daycare, grooming, invisible fencing and training services. Stevens said the basket included a \$50 gift card to the Resort, a ceramic dog bowl, dog treats and toys, among other items.

This isn't the first contest Zoe has won; she is a retired show dog who became an American Kennel Club champion 12 years ago. According to Stevens, who had owned Bernese mountain dogs for over 20 years, their family bought Zoe when her son was a toddler, because he wanted "a dog he could hold."

"My son got his wish – she loves to be hugged," Stevens said. "She actually rests her head on your shoulder and when you hug her, she just snuggles right in."

Stevens encouraged fellow Colchester dog owners to enter next year's Top Dog contest.



This is Zoe, Colchester's top dog for 2022. Photo by Val Stevens.

The event is intended to incentivize residents to register their dogs early; because Connecticut law requires all dogs older than six months to have their licenses renewed every June, Stevens said it's a way to make the licensing process more fun.

"It's an incentive to start early and to get it off your plate so you don't have to remember it later on, and it's a very easy process," Stevens said. "It's what you would normally do, only you're just doing it about a month earlier and then you have the opportunity to be drawn as a winner."

Colchester dog licenses can be obtained in person at the town clerk's office, which is located at 127 Norwich Avenue in Suite 101. Applications can also be submitted by mail or online through a digital form available on the town's website, www.colchesterct.gov. To avoid incurring a late fee, residents must register any dogs over six months of age by June 30.

Vacancy on School Board

The Colchester Board of Education is taking applications to fill the vacancy left by a departing board member. As per the town charter, the position must be filled by a Colchester resident who is a member of the Democratic party. The term of this appointment will expire in November 2023.

Anyone interested in applying for this appointment is asked to submit a letter of interest,

resume, and a Boards and Commissions application no later than July 7 to:

Alexander Oliphant, Chair, Colchester Board of Education, 127 Norwich Ave., Suite 202, Colchester, CT 06415.

For more information, either about the selection process or about membership on the board, call the office of the superintendent at 860-537-7208.

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Cragin Book Club

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, June 27, at 6 p.m. This month, read *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk.

The book club will meet outside at the Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., if the weather is nice; bring a chair. If it rains, the club will meet at the library, located at 8 Linwood Ave.

For updates on the program, sign up at tinyurl.com/cmlbookclub.

Ahavath Achim News

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

Friday night service, 6:30 p.m., hybrid in-person and on Zoom; Shabbat morning service, 10 a.m., hybrid in-person and via Zoom; 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's Facebook page.

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

Resident Completes Research Project

Worcester Polytechnic Institute students are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue.

Colchester resident Madeline Brady, a member of the Class of 2023 who is majoring in robotics engineering, completed a project entitled "Implementing Robots to Support Nursing Home Staff."



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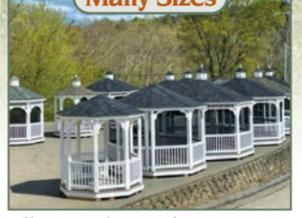
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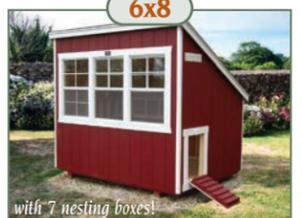
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June is Dog Licensing Month

Town Clerk Gayle Furman is informing the public that June is dog licensing month. All dogs are required to be licensed in the state of Connecticut.

To register a dog, you will need proof of a rabies vaccine with an expiration of July 1, 2022, or later and proof that your dog is neutered or spayed. To obtain your license you can either visit the office or mail your request to: Town Clerk, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT 06415, along with a stamped self-addressed envelope and a check for the proper amount. There is also online registra-

tion for currently registered dogs at colchesterct.gov on the town clerk page. The online registration does include processing fees for this service.

The license year is July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. A spayed or neutered dog is \$8 and a not spayed or unneutered dog is \$19. Penalty charges of \$1 per month are added if licenses are not renewed by June 30.

For more information, email townclerk@colchesterct.gov or call 860-537-7215.



Senior Center News & Notes

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

Monday, June 27: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Stitch & Fix; 10:30 a.m., "What Did I Come in Here For?" Understanding Memory Loss; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 12:45 p.m., Setback; 1 p.m., Bridge.

Tuesday, June 28: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Senior Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m.,

SCBC Meeting (Z).

Wednesday, June 29: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston (Route 85); 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 11:30 a.m., Thimble Island Cruise Departs; 12:30 p.m., Live Well with Diabetes (Z); 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing; 6 p.m., New to Medicare (Z).

Thursday, June 30: 9 a.m., Exercise w/ Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

Friday, July 1: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, Card-Making; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Upcoming Programs: Live Well with Chronic Conditions: Wednesdays beginning July 6, 11 a.m., via Zoom. This free six-week workshop is designed to help people learn how to better manage their ongoing health conditions. You will learn what to eat, guidelines for when you are sick, tips for dealing with stress, and how to set small and achievable goals. Participants will need a computer, tablet, or cell phone and a reliable internet connection. To register, call 860-537-3911 ext. 127 or email lrygielsk@seniorresourcesec.org

"Vegging Out" This Summer and Farmers Market Voucher Distribution: Monday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. Alison Dvork from Senior Resources will talk about ways to add fruit and vegetables to your diet. Following the presentation, she will distribute Farmers Market vouchers. Pre-registration is required for those who are over the age of 60 and are income qualified. Income limits: one-person household: \$2,095 per month (\$25,142 per year); two-person household: \$2,823 per month (\$33,874 per year).

Welcome the New Program Coordinator: Friday, July 15, 1:30 p.m. Enjoy some ice-breaker games as you get to know the senior center's new program coordinator and the ideas she has. Cake and punch will be served.

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Budget Fails Again at Referendum

By Michael Sinkewicz

The revised town budget of \$15.86 million – a \$163,080, or 1.04%, increase from current year spending – was shot down 973-845 at referendum on June 15.

It was the second attempt to get voters to approve a town spending package for 2022-23. The original \$16.03 million budget proposal was rejected by an 813-729 vote on May 24. (The Board of Education's \$42.02 million budget was passed on the same day, by a 793-750 tally.)

Leading up to the vote, town leaders took measures to increase voter turnout. The Board of Finance held its budget meeting via Zoom to try and reach a broader audience.

A tax calculator was also made available on the town website along with a question answer document with budget information.

Turnout at this referendum was 16%, up from 13% at the previous referendum, according to the town clerk's office.

The failed vote extends a heated budget season. Members of the finance board have been divided on how much to trim the town budget; some believed the cuts should have been larger heading into the latest referendum.

Andrea Migliaccio, chairman of finance board and a Republican, explained that due to the failed budget, the town's car tax bills will be delayed. The mill rate for real estate was set at 27.08 and will collectible in July.

She told the *Rivereast* that her board will review new initiatives that may be cut along with departmental spending and the capital plan.

"Moving to a third referendum will be challenging, but the Board of Finance is prepared to recalibrate," she said.

Migliaccio is optimistic with the budget process moving forward.

"The responsibility of meeting deadlines is behind us. That alone will help us deliver our stakeholders a clearer message about our town spending."

Republican First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* that "economic times are tough" and that voters believe an "equalized zero mill rate from last year is unacceptable."

While he didn't provide exact details, Bisbikos said he will work with department heads and the finance board to make the necessary cuts to the budget.

"I am aiming for significant reductions in the budget and will not return with a zero-budget increase," he said. "The reductions will be far more."

Before the referendum, there was debate over the actual budget increase. Some community members and leaders claimed that due to an additional \$1.4 in revenue, the actual increase was closer to 10% instead of just over 1%.

Bisbikos said he believes that "certainly played a role" in the referendum result.

"Robo-texts that were not attributed to a source were sent to voters with false information," he said.

One of those texts read "car taxes up 25%, 8.6% inflation, now 62% of property owners will see a tax increase. Please vote no!"

Bisbikos also criticized certain public figures, but did not name anyone specifically.

"A couple of our elected officials provided false information on social media and clearly have no understanding of the budget process," he said.

He elaborated on why he believes people would present "misinformation."

"A few elected officials and formerly-elected officials have a political vendetta against me because I would not be their puppet and are using the budget as a proxy to hurt me – but are really hurting the town," Bisbikos said. "It is unfortunate because services and positions are now on the radar to be cut."

Migliaccio said she wasn't as concerned with people voicing their opposition online or with potential misinformation but was instead more focused on the budget amount and the services in it.

"The truth is, I am not sure of their impact on the vote," she told the *Rivereast*. "I don't feel the result levels up to the grandeur they may feel by grandstanding Facebook with bad information."

"Price is only an issue in the absence of quality, people may not see the quality of services the town provides," she continued.

Migliaccio expressed that in general, her board shouldn't focus too much with what's being shared online.

"I feel we explore this with its price tag and consider that not everyone cares what's on Facebook," she said.

Pointing out a potentially positive takeaway, Bisbikos was encouraged by the slight increase in turnout because it "provided a clearer direction on what the voters are feeling."

Following the referendum result on June 15, Tim Vaillancourt – a Republican on the finance board who has called for a larger budget cut – posted on Facebook that the people of Colchester "spoke loudly tonight."

"I heard you loud and clear and I hope the rest of our Board did," he wrote. "It's clear to

me that a token cut is not going to be enough. It's time for us to get serious about living within our means. I am."

Vaillancourt was one of two board members who voted against sending the town budget proposal back to the voters.

In a follow-up post the next day, Vaillancourt made his own suggestion for the budget revisions.

"I'm calling on the First Selectman to ask each department head to cut their request by 5% across the board," he wrote, adding that "with inflation at record levels and a majority of citizens facing property tax increases it's time for real change."

Jason LaChapelle, a Republican member of the Board of Selectmen, criticized Bisbikos in his own post responding to Vaillancourt.

"All of this could have been avoided had [Bisbikos] chosen not to surround himself with yes men but kept those who bothered to actually challenge his ideas," he wrote. "He has created an inner circle of people who tell him only what he wants to hear and never what he needs to hear."

LaChapelle has been vocal about his disapproval of the town budget and voted against sending the revisions back to the people during a special meeting last month.

In a Facebook post just days before the referendum, LaChapelle defended the right to criticize the budget proposal.

"And then, to add insult to injury, if you question the budget you get threatened with being embarrassed in public or accused of spreading misinformation and lies," he wrote.

During a finance board meeting last month, Bisbikos got into a disagreement with Vaillancourt over budget discussions and asked him, "Do you want me to embarrass you in front of the public?"

The finance board was scheduled to hold its first meeting since the referendum on June 22 via Zoom.



Feel the Sound... The Jack Jacker Intermediate School PTO recently gifted the school with a year-end gift to purchase a video and sound system to be utilized in the JJIS gymnasium to support future town meetings, concerts and other whole school events. Thanks to the work of parent volunteers, the PTO raised over \$14,000 this year. From left are JJIS Vice Principal Jen Reynolds, JJIS Principal Elise Butson, PTO President Tricia Dean, and PTO Co-President Jackie Lucco.

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Bacon's Martino Does It All

By Josh Howard

When it comes to track and field there is literally nothing that Bacon Academy's Jake Martino can't do.

Martino, who specializes in throwing events, finished 8th out of 50 of Connecticut's best high school athletes in the decathlon at Willow Brook Park in New Britain on June 15.

The decathlon is a grueling 10-event challenge, featuring the 100-meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump, 400-meter run, 110-meter hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin, and 1500-meter run.

It was the second straight year that Martino competed in the decathlon, finishing 7th as a sophomore last spring. He improved his overall score by nearly 300 points this spring, scoring 5,253 points, as opposed to 4,961 a season ago.

Martino said he prefers the decathlon to individual events because it encompasses everything that track and field has to offer, adding, "I enjoy seeing how I can get better. Last year was my first time doing it and I love to see my improvement from last year until this year."

He set personal-best marks in five of the 10 events and placed in the top six in three events, taking 2nd place in the discus and 6th in both the shot put and the 100 meters. He also shaved 10 seconds off his time in the 1500 meters from a season ago.

June was a particularly busy month for Martino, who competed in three local championships, a regional championship, and a pair of national events.

During the Class MM finals on June 2, he

won the discus championship. Despite battling windy and rainy conditions, Martino managed to top runner-up Matthew Smith of Lewis Mills by 14 feet.

Martino described the throwing title as "a crazy relief," adding, "I didn't expect that to happen until my senior year. I was really happy to see that I was able to throw good enough in the rain to win. It was great."

Martino had previously broken the school record in the discus during a regular season meet, topping the previous mark of 149 feet by three feet.

He also excelled in the javelin, throwing a personal-best 153'10" at the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Division championship on May 23.

Immediately following the decathlon, Martino hopped in his car and drove south to compete at both the New Balance Outdoor Track and Field Nationals at the University of Pennsylvania and the Adidas Nationals at the University of North Carolina. The events officially ended his junior season at Bacon.

Martino's dedication to his craft is second to none. He began learning to throw the discus, javelin, and shot put with his neighbor Peter Walsh, who graduated this year.

The two would practice a variety of throws in the backyards of their family homes before joining the track and field team in middle school.

Fitness became a passion as early as the third grade for Martino, who said, "I wanted to be No. 1 in all the fitness tests in elementary school."

He had a pull-up bar in his room and would do body weight exercise, like push-ups, to train.

Once in high school, Martino took his training to the next level and began to study YouTube videos on how to properly execute each throw, slowing down the videos so he could master the technique and body movements.

His freshman outdoor track and field season was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and Martino used that time to get bigger, stronger, and more explosive by working out at his home gym in his basement. He began to refine his body, focusing on his core and training his fast-twitch muscles.

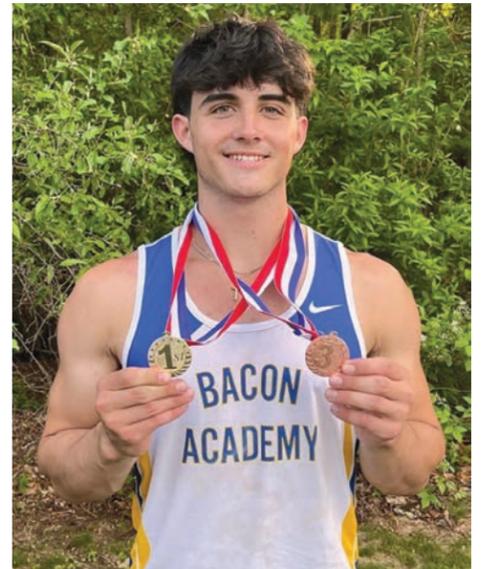
The film study combined with his tireless work on the track and in the weight room transformed him into a champion thrower by his junior season.

"In my opinion it's second to the most important thing beside technique," Martino said of his time in the weight room. "If you can learn to work out and push yourself in the gym as hard as you push yourself on the field, you'll see a difference. There is a complete difference between an athlete that works out and an athlete that doesn't, no matter what sport it is."

This summer he will continue to compete, unaffiliated to the school, at local and regional events.

He said he will lean towards "decathlon-focused" training in the offseason and has set some lofty goals next season.

"Personally, I would love to break a few more



Jake Martino became a record-breaking discus thrower and two-time decathlete during his junior season at Bacon Academy.

school records," said Martino, who is eying the 100-meter dash record and the javelin mark. He also said he wants to further his discus record, hoping to surpass 165 feet.

He added that his ultimate goal is to go Nationals for the decathlon and eyes a top-five finish.

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.

Thimble Islands Cruise & Chowder Pot III: Wednesday, June 29, 11:30 a.m. Menu choices are Baked Stuffed Sole, Baked Salmon, or Chicken Piccata, followed by NY-style cheesecake for dessert. Cost is \$116 per person.

Jesus Christ Superstar at the Thomaston Opera House: Sunday, July 17, 6:45 a.m. Preshow lunch will be served at Black Rock Tavern with a meal choice of chicken marsala, salmon, or pork tenderloin. Cost is \$116 per person.

Spend the Day on Martha's Vineyard: Thursday, July 21, departing at 6:45 a.m. The trip will start with a three-and-a-half-hour tour of the "Storybook Island." Cost is \$124 per person.

Sights and Sounds Theatre – David: Aug. 3-5. Tour the Amish country and see *David* at the Sights and Sounds Theatre in Lancaster County, Pa. Cost is \$585/person double occupancy, and includes a deluxe motor coach, two-night hotel stay, two breakfasts, two dinners, and all admissions, taxes, fees, and gratuities.

Anne of Green Gables at the Goodspeed: Wednesday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m. See the classic novel reimagined as a folk-rock musical. Lunch at La Vita Gustosa (meal cost not included) will precede the show. Cost is \$60/person.

Berkshire Railroad Foliage Express: Sunday, Sept. 25, 8:30 a.m. Includes lunch at the Freight Yard Pub. On the way home, there will be a stop at Whitney's Farm & Market. Cost is \$123/person.

California Dreamin': Monterey, Yosemite & Napa: Oct. 10-17. This trip will include seven breakfasts, two lunches, and three dinners. Cost is \$3,249/person, double occupancy.



Scholarships Presented... Colchester Youth Basketball recently awarded its inaugural Thomas "Tommy" E. Curtis Jr. Memorial Scholarships (\$500 to each winner) to graduating seniors who participated in our programs growing up. The scholarships were named after Tommy Curtis, the long-serving custodian at William J. Johnston Middle School who passed away in January. Curtis's widow Susan works on the custodial staff at Colchester Public Schools. From left are Curtis's granddaughter Kelsey Palmer, daughter Amanda Palmer, widow Susan Curtis, scholarship winners Emma Mancuso and Sam Dzwonchyk, and Gina Henderson (CYB Secretary and Scholarship Committee head).

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CORE Commission Holds Juneteenth Event

By Kate Corliss

Members of Colchester's CORE Commission introduced themselves to the local community with a Juneteenth-focused booth at Sunday's farmers market on the green.

CORE, which stands for Colchester's Openness to Respecting Equity, was officially established by town officials in September 2021. According to Colchester's website, the committee serves as an advisor in achieving the goal of "[fostering] a community built on collaboration, understanding, and inclusive dialogue."

Shawn Pelletier, who serves as the chair of CORE, said a group like this is essential for a town like Colchester that is "recognizing the need for diversity, equity and inclusion."

"Even though [diversity, equity and inclusion] means different things to different people, I just think it's really important that Colchester is stepping up and recognizing everyone and everything," Pelletier said.

Pelletier said that CORE's presence at the farmers market was a "double celebration," marking both Juneteenth and the commission's first official event.

At CORE's booth, they offered free educational materials containing important information about Juneteenth. A fact sheet the committee created explained that the holiday commemorates the Union Army's announcement to the state of Texas in 1865 that all enslaved people had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 — more than two

and a half years earlier.

According to another educational document developed by CORE, Juneteenth celebrations began the year after the Union Army's announcement "to recognize African-American freedom and achievement," as well as to "remember the past, celebrate progress for freedom, work on self-development, and promote respect for all cultures."

Juneteenth officially became a Texas state holiday in 1980. In 2021, it became a federal holiday with President Joe Biden's enactment of the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act. Just a few weeks ago, on May 27, Governor Ned Lamont signed Public Act 128-22, declaring it a Connecticut state holiday as well.

CORE's Juneteenth materials also touched on the history of discrimination against Black Americans in town, referencing the Colchester Historical Society's exhibit entitled "Emerging from the Shadows: The Story of Colchester's School for Colored Children." This school operated in the center of Colchester from 1803 into the 1840s, with Black teachers educating both Black and Native American students.

After a replica of the School for Colored Children was constructed in 2016 at 104 South Main St. in Colchester, the Historical Society developed the "Emerging from the Shadows" exhibit to "dispel assumptions about enslaved and free populations and inform visitors of local town leaders who found a way to create an opportunity for enslaved and emancipated in-



Colchester's CORE Commission held its first official event on Sunday: a celebration of Juneteenth. From left are commission members Kymberly Cianci, Amy Domeika, Judith Barnes, Nancy Nelson and Shawn Pelletier.

Colchester Federated Church News

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

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

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

Twelve-Step Meetings: AA meets in the church library Monday-Wednesday and Friday at noon and Thursday at 10 a.m., and at 7:30

p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. On Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Al-Anon meets in the Jerusalem Room and AA meets in the Stage Room.

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

New Membership Classes: Ostrout and representatives from Diaconate will offer a New Member Class for those who are interested in becoming members of Colchester Federated Church. Explore the local congregation and the two denominations our church belongs to — the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. The class will meet right after worship on June 19 and 26 and Joining Sunday will be July 10. Classes should be around 1.5 hours and our meeting location will be in the Lounge. Let Lorincz know if you'll be attending.

Vacation Bible School: Registration is now open for this free program open to the community. VBS will be held Aug. 8-12, from 9 a.m.-noon, or youth ages 4 through fifth grade. Register online by visiting the church website.

dividuals to improve their lives through education."

CORE encouraged community members to seek more information about Juneteenth and the experiences of Colchester's Black Americans at that time from the Colchester History Museum. The commission also recommended some other sources, including Harvard University professor Annette Gordon-Reed's 2021 book *On Juneteenth* and *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson, the first African-American

woman to win the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism.

Aside from the educational documents available at CORE's farmer's market booths, Juneteenth-themed coloring pages and games like cornhole and ladder ball were available for children.

Pelletier said that growing recognition of Juneteenth is "a really positive sign" pointing toward progress in America.

"It's not about politics; it's just about moving together," Pelletier said. "I think that's a beautiful thing."

Resident Graduates

Tessa Lee Komoroski of Colchester recently graduated from Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting.

Benefit for Ukraine

St. Joseph's Polish Society, at 395 South Main St., is hosting a benefit for Ukraine Saturday, July 30, from 4-10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

The Tongue and Groove Band will perform from 4-6 p.m., followed by country music star Frankie Justin. There will be food available from 4-7 p.m., and cornhole starting at 5 p.m. Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

Residents Graduate

The following Colchester residents recently graduated from the University of Hartford:

Edward Baxter, Bethany Leitkowski, Angelina Bogle, Alexandra Maistrelis, Jenna Kierman, Shalyn Kastanis, Jessica Kmetz and Jessica Obey.

Dean's List

The following Colchester residents made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island:

Alicia Grant, Justin Kelsey, Morgan Merchant, Samantha Nadeau, Lauren Peake, Will Pipicelli.

Bible Study at Christian Life Chapel

All are invited to Christian Life Chapel, 392 S. Main St., on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., to study the gospels with the Chosen series.

Resident Graduates

Emily Denker of Colchester recently graduated from Connecticut College in New London. Denker's majors were German studies and biological sciences.

Denker also made the spring 2022 Dean's List.

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‘More Powerful Than a Diploma’

By Michael Sinkewicz

After navigating a high school journey full of challenges, the 171 students of Bacon Academy’s Class of 2022 came together for their graduation ceremony last week.

The event was held on a hot Friday evening in front of a packed crowd of family members, administrators and members of the community at the high school football field.

Charles Hewes, acting principal and assistant superintendent, recognized the challenges the members of the graduating class – dressed in blue caps and gowns – overcame to arrive at this moment.

“I have long since known there is something special about this town,” Hewes said at the beginning of the ceremony.

He added that the students demonstrated “strength and resilience,” which will serve them well in their future endeavors.

“You have gained something more powerful than a diploma,” Hewes said.

Michael Barnett, class valedictorian with a 4.8 grade point average, will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York to study computer science.

In his speech, Barnett took the focus off his own personal accomplishment and instead highlighted his peers.

“I see a class full of number ones,” he said. “Not everyone has this stage, but all of you have a voice.”

Barnett urged his classmates to remember which trait makes them unique and the “top of the class.” He explained that it didn’t need to be an academic trait but could be a playing a sport or an instrument, for example.

He acknowledged that while the graduating class should celebrate their achievement, the road ahead of them will be full of even greater challenges.

“We as graduates have to navigate this world without training wheels,” Barnett said.

Barnett did take a brief moment during his speech to express how proud he was to be valedictorian.

“I was willing to hunker down when the going gets tough,” he said.

Kia and Kevin Barnett reflected on their son’s journey to the *Rivereast* and emphasized how hard he worked to achieve his success.

“When he puts his mind to something, he does it,” Kia Barnett said.

She described how impressed she was seeing her son work hard and how “awesome” it was seeing him be honored as valedictorian.

Kevin Barnett shared how proud he was of his son.

“As a father, you try to prepare them for life and teach them what it means to be a citizen in this world,” he said. “He’s taught me more than I taught him.”

Kelly Goodwin, class salutatorian, is pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering at the University of Connecticut.

Goodwin used the “butterfly effect” to express how small actions can end up having large consequences.

She hoped that the graduating class would use that concept as motivation moving forward. “As small as we are, we can still do great things,” she said.

Goodwin’s speech also highlighted commu-

nity and how success can only be obtained “if through our individuality, we work together.”

She pointed out that perfection is impossible to achieve and that every student equally deserved to be recognized for their own special experiences.

Specifically, she gave credit to Class President Matthew Kranc who pushed her to be her best.

“My success has been carried on the backs of others, not just my own,” she said.

Other education leaders in the district also made remarks during the ceremony.

Alex Oliphant, chairman of the Board of Education, congratulated the Class of 2022 for completing their high school journey.

“You have persevered through unexpected and difficult times,” Oliphant said.

He echoed what previous speakers told the students, including that the path forward will be much different than anything they’ve gone through.

“Life’s journey is full of rewards and surprises,” he said. “Your comfort zone will be tested.”

Interim Superintendent of Schools Thomas

McDowell gave a lively speech prior to the reading of the class roll.

“The fireworks begin tonight. Each diploma is a match and you’re the fuse,” he said.

McDowell took time during his speech to acknowledge all the parents in attendance. He asked the students to give the parents a round of applause in appreciation of all they’ve done for them.

He also encouraged the students to focus on aspects of high school that didn’t involve academic work. He argued that students can sometimes gain more from other life experiences.

“Your most important lessons can’t be turned in for a grade,” he told them.

In wrapping up his remarks, McDowell told the graduating class that he has a “tremendous amount of hope” in them.

Members of the Bacon Academy Class of 1972 were also in attendance to celebrate their 50-year anniversary.

NOTE: Due to space constraints, the list of graduates of the Bacon Academy Class of 2022 will be published in next week’s *Rivereast*.

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. Register online at colchesterctrec.recdesk.com/Community/Home. The Parks and Rec. office is located at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

Summer Camp Scholarships: Parks and Rec. was recently awarded a state Summer Enrichment Grant for a second year to support camp scholarships for families with financial needs. Enrollment packets are available by calling the office at 860-537-7297 or visiting www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department.

Splash Pad Opens: The Splashpad is open daily from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Everyone must wear shoes (water shoes recommended) when using the park; no bare feet. There is no running or horseplay allowed, and no food or drinks are allowed in the splashpad. Children who are not toilet-trained must wear a swim diaper.

Girls’ Basketball Clinic: July 18-22, 9:30 a.m.-noon, for girls entering grades 6-9 in the fall. John Shea, currently the girls’ varsity

coach for Bacon Academy, will be assisted by other high school coaches. The clinic administrator is Dave Shea. Cost: \$60/player for residents, \$65 for non-residents.

SPT Summer Soccer Camp: Monday-Friday, July 25-29, 5-8 p.m., at the RecPlex, for kids entering grades 1-12 in the fall. Cost is \$125/resident, \$130/non-resident. Register online. Call Parks and Rec. for more information.

Town-Wide Tag Sale: Saturday, Aug. 6. To participate, send in your registration form by July 25 with a \$25 fee; this will place your tag sale on the official map, which anyone can print out to see where the tag sales are. Maps will be available July 29 at www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department. Registration forms and fees are due July 25. For more information, call Parks and Rec.

Colchester’s New Fall Community Event: On Saturday, Sept. 17, on the Town Green, there will be a new community event featuring local organizations, local businesses, a silent auction, food, friendly games and competitions, kid-friendly activities, giveaways and more. Watch for more information.



Leah Balser of Colchester has been accepted to the United States Coast Guard Academy, where she will be part of the Class of 2026. Lieutenant Commander Anthony Borruso from the Coast Guard Academy came to Balser’s Bacon Academy graduation last week, to present her full appointment to the Coast Guard Academy in front of everyone. Congratulations, Leah!

From One Academy to the Next

Leah Balser of Colchester has been accepted and is committed to attend the United States Coast Guard Academy’s Class of 2026 in New London.

Of about 1,900 applicants, less than 300 students were offered full appointments to the Coast Guard Academy. She just graduated from Bacon Academy last Friday, June 17; Lieutenant Commander Anthony Borruso from the Coast Guard Academy came to her graduation to present her full appointment to the Academy in front of everyone.

Balser was even offered a full scholarship to the University of Connecticut, entitled the “Day of Pride” scholarship, which she is denying in order to attend the United States Coast Guard Academy, her dream.

Balser reports in on June 27 for her swearing-in ceremony. She will be a “swab” for eight weeks during boot camp. After boot camp, she transitions to her academics for four years, and upon graduation in 2026, will be a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard and serve five years.



Camping Scouts... Last summer, the six members of Cub Scout Pack 109 pictured here with camp staff learned how to pitch a tent, among many other activities and events, at Camp JNWebster in Ashford. For more information about Pack 109, which is open to girls and boys ages 5-10 and their families, contact sponsoring organization Westchester Congregational Church at westcongchurch@gmail.com.

Community CPR

There will be free Family and Friends CPR courses at Colchester Hayward Fire Department, 52 Old Hartford Rd., on Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m.-noon; and Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 7-9 p.m.

Each video-based course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults, children and infants. Use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is also included in the training, and participants receive a student manual for ongoing reference. Family and Friends CPR is designed for members of the general public who would like to learn basic CPR, including families with children or elderly relatives, community groups, and those who do not need a course completion card.

To sign up for one of the classes, contact fire headquarters at 860-537-2512 or firedepartment@colchesterct.gov.

History Museum Open Sundays

The Colchester History Museum, located at 24 Linwood Ave., is open Sundays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. through Dec. 4. The museum, adjacent to the Cragin Memorial Library, is free and offers both permanent and special exhibits all highlighting the people and events in Colchester's history.

For more information, contact the Colchester Historical Society at mail@colchesterhistory.org or 860-537-3240.

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.

Dean's List

Tabatha Olivia Peltier of Colchester made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala.

President's List

Elijah Blanchard of Colchester made the spring 2022 President's List at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass.

Invitation to Air Line Trail Toastmasters

All are invited to learn the art of public speaking by joining the Air Line Trail Toastmasters Club, which meets virtually on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Email contact-6976@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.

The Air Line Trail Toastmasters covers any towns within driving distance of Colchester – including Amston, Hebron and East Hampton.

Vacation Bible School

Christian Life Chapel, located at 392 S. Main St., will hold free Vacation Bible School Monday, July 25, through Wednesday, July 27, at Christian Life Chapel, 392 South Main Street, Colchester.

There will be three free days of Bible lessons, music, crafts and more. Sign up by calling Christian Life Chapel at 860-398-9119.

Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

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

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

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 for login information.

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



Scholarships Awarded... "Honor Rotary! A Foundation for Colchester, Inc." has announced its 2022 academic and trade scholarship recipients, Bacon Academy seniors Erin Dalton (right) and Matthew Kane (left). Also pictured is Jenny Pace, president of "Honor Rotary!"

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.

There is a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m., studying the gospels with the Chosen series. All are welcome.

For more information, call Pastor Don Rivers at 860-398-9119 or visit christianlifechapel.org.

Dean's List

Alicia Grant of Colchester made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island. She is a communicative disorders major and entering her senior year in the fall.

The following Colchester students made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Southern Connecticut State University:

David Ashley, Sean Baldyga, Ange Bamurke, Gregory Baxter, Jenna Papandrea and Anna Sullivan.



Ice Cream Social... Bacon Academy Project Graduation recently held an Ice Cream Social for the senior class of 2022. Harry's Place, Tim's Bistro, Salem Valley Ice Cream and Noel's Market provided various ice cream flavors and toppings to this annual event. The Ice Cream Social is an event Project Graduation sponsors to celebrate the end of the students' high school career while enjoying their sundaes and signing each other's yearbooks. Various volunteers and school staff also helped to support the event.



Let the Fish Swim Free... The Norton Park Committee enjoys a light-hearted moment at the recent opening of the art exhibit "Let the Fish Swim Free" at Cragin Memorial Library. Pictured from left are, front row, Katherine M. Kosiba, Nan Wasniewski and Kevin Byrne; back row, Robert Misbach, Julianna Cameron and Linda Pasternak. Missing from photo: Patrick Reading. The purpose of "Let the Fish Swim Free" is to raise awareness of the development of the new Norton Park, on Westchester Road at the site of the former C. H. Norton Mill. The exhibit is the result of a painting fundraiser, with fish forms cut from the mill's original paperboard. The committee thanked S&S Worldwide for donating the paints and brushes for this fundraiser. The art exhibit may be viewed through June 30 in Norton Room A at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave. For more information on the Norton Park project, visit www.colchesterct.gov/norton-park-committee. To make a donation to the park or purchase an engraved commemorative item for the park, download the fundraising flyer at tinyurl.com/4j7wd7kc.



Cadets Recruit... The Colchester Hayward Fire Department Cadets (aged 14-17) recently partnered with the Colchester Dunkin' Donuts to hand out coffee and doughnuts for a CHFD recruitment event at Colchester on the Green June 12th. If interested in joining the Colchester Fire Department, stop by headquarters 52 Old Hartford Rd. or call 860-537-2512 for more information.

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Dozens Arrested in Airline Avenue Drug Bust

By Jack Lakowsky

Last Wednesday, June 15, state and local law enforcement seized from the Ruthless 4 Life Outlaw Motorcycle Gang clubhouse marijuana, narcotics, guns and more than \$50,000 in cash.

Connecticut State Police, two divisions of the state's major crimes squad, state troopers, highway enforcement and Portland police executed a search warrant for the gang's clubhouse, charging more than two dozen members with allegations of drug possession with intents to sell.

Most of the alleged gang members were processed and released on-site, while four individuals were taken into custody.

An investigation into the club began months

ago, according to a state police report.

There were "numerous complaints made by the public regarding large gatherings at the location where open drug and alcohol use [caused] significant quality-of-life issues for the community."

Last Wednesday night, the same night the seizure occurred, First Selectman Ryan Curley informed the Board of Selectmen about the bust, relaying a report from police captain Ron Milardo.

"Tonight, they were able to conduct that raid," Curley said in the meeting.

The gang's clubhouse sits near the driveway of Nolan Field, a local Little League field. Curley said because of the nearby illicit activity, the



Multiple state agencies and Portland police seized hundreds of pounds of drugs from the local chapter of a biker gang. The alleged distribution and sale of the drugs was run out of a clubhouse near a local Little League field. The activity has caused the field to be shut down periodically. It was the culmination of a monthslong investigation, police said.

league has been closed to gameplay.

Curley said the field should be reopened soon.

Police said the "investigation concluded Ruthless 4 Life was utilizing their Portland charter clubhouse to facilitate the sale of controlled substances."

Along with a large amount of cannabis, the gang allegedly had hallucinogens, including nearly 9 pounds of psychedelic mushrooms.

Police allege "numerous" dealers would rent space in the clubhouse to sell drugs.

"These events occurred weekly," police allege.

Police executed the raid while one of the drug-selling "events" was occurring.

Police said when they entered, there were 90 people present, and law enforcement detained

all parties "without incident."

Confiscations include "proceeds of illegal activity" totaling close to \$51,500, 118 pounds of marijuana, 8.5 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, several thousand grams of THC products, several thousand hallucinogens, and two illegal firearms.

Arrestee addresses range from East Hampton all the way to Florida. While none were from Portland, two individuals from East Hampton were arrested and charged with possession and intent to sell, as were two from Middletown.

The East Hampton arrestees, Kevin Malley, 59, and William Maynard, 52, were released on bond after the arrest.

As of press time, the arrest warrant was sealed.

Poetry Contest to Honor Late Resident

Submissions are due soon for the Buttonwood Tree of Middletown's poetry contest, "Set Your Conscious Free" which is being held in honor of Buttonwood Tree founder the late Susan Allison, as well as the late Barbara Payne, a longtime Portland resident.

Payne is being honored as the mother of Naji Chester Payne, Portland's current poet laureate, who inspired and is co-sponsoring this contest.

The winner of the contest will receive \$100. Second place is \$50, and third place is

\$25. There will also be honorable mentions.

The contest is open to anyone ages 16 and over, and there is no fee to enter. Entries can be submitted until 11:59 p.m. June 30; limit is one poem per person. For rules and to submit your poem, go to buttonwood.org/poetry-contest to submit your poems.

Visit buttonwood.org for more information, Instagram: @NPOETRY7, or call 860-347-4957 or email TheButtonwoodTree@gmail.com.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

Food Bank Donations: People donating for Portland Food Bank are asked to drop off donations only during food bank hours, downstairs in the senior center, on Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-noon.

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

Weekly Programs: Monday: Foodshare, 9 a.m.; light aerobics, 9:30 a.m.; Crafts with Tracey, 10 a.m. **Tuesday:** 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; Coupons for Troops, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Stretch & Flex: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Dulcimer class, 6 p.m.; **Wednesday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:15-11 a.m.; chair yoga, 11:30 a.m.; social duplicate bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month; Qi Gong with Lisa, 1 p.m. (by session/month only); setback, 1 p.m. **Thursday:** No Dancercize today; Knit & Stitch, 10 a.m.; Stretch & Flex, 11:30 a.m.; Mahjongg, 12:30-4 p.m.; Scrabble, 1-4 p.m.; **Friday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

is necessary.

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

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

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.

Summer Party/Critter Caravan: Monday, June 27, 2:30 p.m., on the green next to the senior center. There will be live animals to pet from "Farm on Wheels."

Ice Cream Social: Monday, June 27, 3:30 p.m., in the Mary Lou Rice room, sponsored by the UR Community Cares. Free ice cream for seniors only.

Volunteer Drivers for Meals-on-Wheels: The senior center is currently recruiting volunteer drivers once again for the Meals-on-Wheels program in Portland. Community Renewal Team (CRT) delivers the hot meals to the center Monday through Friday, where they are packed in thermal containers for the volunteers to pick up and deliver to the homebound. The delivery usually only takes about an hour. For full details, call Alexis or Lynn at the Senior Center at 860-342-6761.

Zion Lutheran Church News

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

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

Outdoor Worship: On the second Sunday of each month this summer, worship will be held outdoors on the front lawn in front of the Fellowship Hall (weather permitting). The remaining dates are July 10 and Aug. 14. Bring your own chair(s), a hat, sunglasses, water, anything to make yourself comfortable, especially if it's sunny and hot. Worship will be indoors for the other Sundays this summer.

Adult Bible Study: Continues Sunday, June 26, following worship, at 10:15 a.m. The focus

is on season 2 of the television series *The Chosen*. This study will be on hiatus for July and August, and will pick back up in the fall.

Faces of Our Faith: Beginning in July, Zion will explore a new worship series, "Faces of Our Faith," focusing on the Bible's lesser-known stories. The church has selected eight stories of those often overlooked in Biblical narratives, and, using visual art and prompts for reflection, will dig deep into the worlds of these characters.

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. Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor.

Book Sale, Read & Recycle

The Friends of the Portland Library group has 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 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 for 50 cents each.

Visit www.friendsofportlandlibraryct.org for more information or email questions to friendsoftheportlandlibrary@gmail.com.

St. Mary Church News

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

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Portland Dem Looks to Unseat Carpino

By Jack Lakowsky

Portland Democrat Rose Aletta has announced her candidacy for the 32nd District's state house seat.



Rose Aletta

Aletta will go up against longtime incumbent Republican Christie Carpino of Cromwell, who has served Portland in Hartford for a decade. Carpino had no opponent in 2020, and handily won her elections before that.

District Democrats selected Aletta in May. Aletta is chair of the Portland Zoning Board of Appeals, and actively serves on the Democratic Town Committee. She described herself as "an outspoken advocate for property owners and taxpayers in the community."

In her announcement, Aletta said she's "running for [the house] because I believe Cromwell and Portland deserve better representation in Hartford. I am a unique candidate with long community ties, bringing a new perspective as a person that worked in labor, service and as a business owner."

A native of Cromwell, Aletta moved to Port-

land 30 years ago, with her husband. Before becoming owner of a real estate appraisal business, she worked in labor, manufacturing and sales.

Aletta was first elected to the ZBA in 2017, serving as chair since 2018.

Aletta told the *Rivereast* she brings experience as a small business owner. In her work, she's interacted with many small business owners, keeping abreast of issues they face.

"At this time, people really need a break," she said. "Gas prices are high, inflation is creeping up, food prices are up."

Aletta said she will look to reduce taxes on wage earners and seniors and provide relief for home heating oil and diesel fuel.

Aletta said she'd support legislation reducing prescription drug costs for seniors.

"I'm definitely strong on funding first responders," she stated, saying she wants them properly funded, their infrastructure improved.

"They're the first people to show up in a crisis, and you know you'll be happy to see them," said Aletta.

She also has eye on addressing the worker shortage, funding and providing more training

opportunities for trade workers.

Former Portland first selectwoman Susan Bransfield endorsed Aletta.

"I've known Rose Aletta for many years," said Bransfield. "Rose will fight for us. She'll make sure everyone's voice is heard up in Hartford. She won't back down on issues that matter—inflation, taxes, crime, our safety and health care."

"I believe Rose is the common-sense candidate we need to send to Hartford right now in 2022," Bransfield concluded.

Ken Kearns, who served alongside Aletta on the ZBA, said the candidate always "tried to find accommodations for homeowners, as the zoning regulations can be confusing. She's been dedicated and knowledgeable about people liv-

ing in town and dealing with zoning regulations."

Of her opponent, Aletta feels Carpino doesn't strongly advocate for anyone.

"My question is, 'Who does she represent?'" said Aletta, saying Carpino recently voted no on a proposed tax cut.

In a letter to the *Rivereast*, Carpino said the temporary tax cuts "simply do not go far enough to help people make ends meet."

"It's time for change," said Aletta. "I know this community very well; I'd like to take on the responsibility of representing each person. If elected, I will focus on Cromwell and Portland."

Aletta lives in town with her husband of more than three decades.

First Congregational Church News

The First Congregational Church of Portland, located at 554 Main Street, is a member of the United Church of Christ. The church is an "open and affirming" congregation, welcoming everyone. Facial mask-wearing is optional.

On Sunday, June 26, at 9:30 a.m., the church will hold worship outdoors at the Brownstone Quarry View Historic Park and Campground located at 311 Brownstone Ave., Portland. The church offered thanks to Darlene Rice and Dean Soucy for their gracious hospitality. Bring a chair if you would like. The service will not be livestreamed, but will be on our YouTube channel at around noon that day and available for later viewing. The YouTube channel is First Church of Portland CT.

The Rev. Jane Hawken's sermon is titled "Rock of Ages," and Director of Christian Education Ann Labby will give a children's message. Music Director and organist Kasha Breau will provide music including an original com-

position, "Reflection on the Quarry."

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

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

The church emails a weekly newsletter, *The Weekly Word*. To join church mailing lists (both email and regular mail), email first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net or call 860-342-3244. For more info, look for the church on Facebook at The First Congregational Church of Portland, or visit www.firstchurchportlandct.org. Those who wish to follow the church on Facebook may do so at The First Congregational Church of Portland, CT.

Town Clerk's Office Seeks 'Top Dog'

The Portland Town Clerk's office is once again accepting donations of dog and cat food as part of its annual contest to determine which dog will wear the No. 1 dog tag for the upcoming year. The pet food collected will go to the Portland Food Bank, for those in temporary need.

To enter, just donate cans/bags of dog or cat food when registering your dog between now and June 30. For each can/bag donated, your dog will earn a ticket for a drawing to be held at 2 p.m. on June 30. Limit of 16 tickets per dog. The first three tickets chosen will receive the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 dog tags.

All dog owners must obtain a license or renew their current licenses between June 1st and June 30 for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The state-mandated registration fee is \$8 for a spayed/neutered dog, and \$19 for a non-spayed/non-neutered dog. Certificate of spayed/ neutered must be provided for first time licenses to receive the \$8 fee amount. A rabies vaccination certificate must also be provided for first time licenses or if the previous vaccination has expired.

More information can be found at www.portlandct.org/dog-licenses.

Volunteer Drivers for Meals on Wheels

The Waverly Senior Center is currently recruiting volunteer drivers once again for the Meals-on-Wheels program in Portland.

Community Renewal Team (CRT) delivers the hot meals to the center Monday through Friday, where they are packed in thermal containers for the volunteers to pick up and deliver to the homebound. The delivery usually only takes about an hour.

For full details, call Alexis or Lynn at the senior center at 860-342-6761.

St. Mary Parish Picnic

Freestone Council 7 Knights of Columbus is organizing the St. Mary Parish Family Picnic on Sunday, June 26, at 1 p.m., at YMCA Camp Ingersoll, located on Route 66 just east of the intersection with Route 17.

There will be food, fun and fellowship. The facility has parking, golf cart transport if needed, and lots of room for children and young folks' activities.

For more information, call Frank Magnotta at 860-342-2191.

Grace and Mercy Church News

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

Lawn Irrigation Inspections

During June, July and August, the town inspector will conduct inspections of irrigation systems on the public water supply.

In order to do this, your system must be activated. If for some reason it is not activated, call Public Works at 860-342-6733 to schedule an appointment for a different time.

If the inspector comes out and your system is not activated, you will still be charged the \$75 inspection fee.

Transfer Station Summer Hours

Through Oct. 22, the hours for the Portland transfer station will be:

Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The scale closes 30 minutes before closing.

Seniors Sought for Pen Pals Program

Local seniors are sought who want to correspond with youth, ages 10-15, over summer vacation.

The Portland Parks and Recreation Summer Quest Camp program is sponsoring an intergenerational program of called "Pen Friends for the Ages." The writing program will begin July 5. Each week, the pen friends will write back and forth, with a meeting at the end of the camp in August.

Seniors interested in participating should call Lynne or Alexis at the Waverly Center, at 860-342-6761.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

Tai Chi for Long Life: Wednesdays through Aug. 10 (started June 15; no class July 20), 9:15-10:15 a.m., at Buck Foreman Community Center, or Saturdays through July 30 (started June 11), 10:30-11:15 a.m., at Riverfront Park. Fee: \$40 for each eight-week session, or \$7 to drop-in.

Summer Concert Series: This year's concerts will take place Tuesdays, July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9, at Riverfront Park.

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

Quick Start Tennis: Tuesdays, June 28-Aug. 9 (no program July 26), at the Portland High School tennis courts. Fee: \$70/resident, \$80/non-resident. Grades K-2 meet 4:45-5:30 p.m., grades 3-5 meet 5:30-6:15 p.m., and grades 6-8 meet 6:15-7 p.m.

Yoga Classes with Cyndi Mazzotta: Wednesdays, June 29-July 20, at Riverfront Park. Contact Mazzotta with any questions

about these programs, at anandayoga.20ct@gmail.com. Fee for each session is \$65/resident, \$75/non-resident. Sessions are: **Sunset Yin Yoga:** 7-8 p.m.; **Parent/Toddler Yoga:** 9-9:45 a.m., for parents and children 3 and under; **Teen Yoga:** 10-10:45 a.m.; **Children's Yoga:** 4-4:45 p.m., for children who have completed grades 1-5.

Junior Golf Workshops: Parks and Rec. will hold two workshops for children in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. One will be Wednesdays, July 6-27; and the second will be Mondays, Sept. 12-Oct. 3. Registration is underway.

Slamma-Jamma Basketball: Parks and Rec. is offering two sessions of Slamma-Jamma Basketball this summer, for children in grades 3-8. All participants will receive a free ball and a free shirt. The first session takes place July 18-22, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and the second is Aug. 8-12, also from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. These camps will be led by PHS head boys' basketball coach David Bradbury and members of the boys and girls high school basketball teams.

Personal Euphoria Exercise: Registration is underway for virtual Pilates, High Interval Training and Core Strength exercise classes. These programs start the week of July 11. Check the Parks and Rec. website for more information or to register.



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YFS News & Notes

Portland Youth & Family Services has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, visit www.portlandct.org/youth-services, email jrevicki@portlandct.org or call 860-342-6758.

Mobile Petting Zoo & Ice Cream: YFS is joining with Senior Services to welcome Connecticut businesses Farm on Wheels, a mobile petting zoo, and the Ice Cream Emergency (ICE) Bus on the town green from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, June 27. Lawn games will also be featured. All are invited to come down, pet some cuddly animals and eat some ice cream. This meet-up is funded through a grant from the M. Jones Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

Little Hikers: This group ventures out on the first Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m.; however, next month the hike will be on the second Friday – July 8 at Riverfront Park. The hike will be kept between one third a mile and half a mile. Group organizers are also working with the library and its summer programming to add some longer hikes in the evenings or weekends; look to the YFS website and Facebook page for more information.

Drop-In and Draw: Artists generally meet the first Tuesday of the month between 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the community room; however, the next meet-up will be July 12 in the YFS Community Room, 265 Main St. This mostly unstructured program gives kids of all ages a chance to spend some time doing artwork, of whatever they want. Drawing materials, paints, stencils, stamps, and more will be available. Parents of younger children are encouraged to participate. People can come when they want and stay as long as they want.

Drop-In for Board Games: The YFS board games groups continue over the summer in the community room. There will be a selection of board and card games available from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, for Brownstone Intermediate School-aged kids, and one Wednesday, July 20, for middle and high school-aged kids.

Backpacks Program: YFS is already looking ahead to the start of the next school year, and will provide backpacks and school supplies for Portland students in need. Contact Jesse at YFS to sign up. Backpacks will be handed out in August.



Portland Library's 125th +2 Anniversary Celebration on June 11 was a success. Pictured here, at left, Naji Chester-Payne, Portland's poet laureate, reads his original poem "libraryland" for Board of Selectmen members and Library Board members looking on.

Library Holds Successful Celebration

Portland Library's June 11 anniversary celebration of 127 years of library service was deemed a success by the event's organizers. Approximately 500 people attended and participated in the afternoon event.

The event saw volunteers from Michael Tierney's Boy Scout troop; a performance by Valley View first-graders; Portland's poet laureate, Naji Chester-Payne, reading an original poem; and participation by the Portland Lions Club youth affiliate Leos, led by Carson Nicol, and the library's TAG youth group. The Friends of the Portland Library offered financial and planning support of the event.

Portland Library Board members, led by Laurel Steinhauser and Margot Chapman, along with Library Friends' president Maureen Muir and library director Janet Nocek, planned the event and appropriated the funding from the special funds that contain the donations and grants given to the library or by the Friends' membership and their Board's volunteer fund raising. Sixteen community groups participated in providing activities and information; see Library Board Chair Laurel Steinhauser's letter to the *Rivereast* editor this week that expresses the board's gratitude and names all the participants.

Town support included First Selectman Ryan Curley, Portland Parks & Recreation, Portland

's departments: Youth and Family Services, Police, Fire, Waverly Center for Senior Services; Public Works and Grounds, and Donald Gouin and the Community Emergency Response Team, who contributed to safety. The presence of two canine citizens, Magnus, canine police officer, and Bo, Sharon Hoy's companion and Read Dog were much appreciated by attendees. Visit www.friendsofportlandlibraryct.org for pictures of many of the day's activities.

The library's 125+2 celebration will continue: Portland Historical Society's exhibit in two cases at the library brings back Portland's days as an important economic force in the late 1890s, the time of the library's birth. People can also view a video that is made up by many Portland residents and state and local dignitaries who have sent in their comments to honor of Portland Library. Ask to view the "I Love the Portland Library" video in the lobby.

Also, people can take part in a Portland history contest. Complete the answers to the quiz available at the library and online on the webpage and bring in your completed sheet by June 21. You will be entered in a drawing to win a prize on June 27.

Portland Library is located at 20 Freestone Ave.

Intergenerational Drumming Circle

The Friends of the Portland Library will present an intergenerational drumming circle Monday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m., on the Town Green. In case of inclement weather, drummers will gather in the Mary Flood Room at the Portland Library at 20 Freestone Ave.



Mark Zarrillo

No experience is necessary. Some instruments will be available. Mark Zarrillo, a percussionist, educator and sound healing practitioner, will lead the circle. He holds a master's degree in humanities from

SUNY at Buffalo, has traveled to Guinea for a drumming and culture intensive, and is a trained HealthRHYTHMS facilitator. Zarrillo has a knowledge of West African music and culture, as well as over 45 years of drumming experience. Shows he's played in include: theatre, worship services and kirtan, hard core punk, rock, jazz standards in both small ensembles and big band orchestras, conventional percussion ensembles, as well as a traditional West African drum and dance troupe.

Zarrillo has been organizing and leading rhythm-centric events throughout Connecticut and beyond since 2005. He'll lead future drum circles at the library on July 25 and Aug. 22.

Trinity Episcopal Church News

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

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

Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals, and optional for those that are vaccinated.

The church is open for prayer and meditation on Fridays from 2-4 p.m., and there will also be a gathering in the church office at the same

time, for Anglican Prayer beading at the same time. No prior beading experience is required. All are welcome.

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

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

Art Show Save the Date

On Sunday, Sept. 11, Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., will host a reception from 3- 5 p.m. showcasing local artists in the Fellowship Hall – and participants for the event are sought.

The event will provide the community and church members the opportunity to meet and chat with the local artists, photographers, and hobbyists. Participating exhibitors will be asked to donate one of their artworks for a silent auction sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Zion's lounge renovation project.

The reception is free to the public and most artwork will be available for sale. Light refreshments, consisting of cheese and wine, will be served.

If interested in displaying your artwork, call Sue at 860-685-0593.

Resident Graduates

AnnaRose M. Zampano of Portland recently earned her Master's of Physician's Assistant Studies from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

She was also inducted into the Alpha Eta Honor Society for Allied Health Professions for achieving 3.8 GPA or higher in her graduate studies, demonstrated leadership and professor recommendations.

Zampano graduated from Portland High School in 2016, and is the daughter of Ralph and Bernice Zampano.

Mercy Honor Roll

The following Portland students made the Mercy High School honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2021-22 school year:

Highest Honors: Grade 12: Ella Bankoski; Grade 11: Milana Koji, Gianna Low, Sarah McNickle, Michaela Miano, Raya Morin, Julia Nadolski and Leah VanDeventer; Grade 10: Clare Bankoski; Grade 9: Emily Bernard, Logan Binnington, Kayla Johnson, Catalina Koji and Isabella Levesque.

High Honors: Grade 11: Isabella Cacace and Lillian Clark; Grade 10: Tiana Harley and Emily Murphy; Grade 9: Sophie Favale, Megan Kasperowski and Ava Roy.

Honors: Grade 12: Caroline Carella and Mary Kasperowski; Grade 11: Lauren Kohs.



Scholarship Winners... The garden clubs of Portland recently presented their scholarship awards. Recipients of the \$500 scholarships were Portland High School seniors Lindsay Renk (left) and Jack Turecek (right). The scholarship recipients were chosen based on their exemplary academic performance and plans to continue their education in the field of environmental studies.

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Who's Walking in Portland?

By John Hall

The coronavirus pandemic has been hard on everyone, but especially on elementary school children. It's an age of rapid development – intellectual, social, and emotional. When students had three days per week of “virtual” classes from home, learning was limited. Children's development was restricted just when it needed stimulation through adventure, growing independence, and socializing with classmates.

But despite those limitations, families found ways to make the most of a rough time. That was the case for Cora Chenier, who became a walker. During the pandemic, school buses carried their own obvious risks. So, in spite of some sidewalk deficiencies in the neighborhood, Cora and her parents found a safe route to school using side streets and a “back entrance” to Gildersleeve School. Some of Cora's friends were dropped off at her house by their parents, so they could all walk to school together. It became a “walking school bus.”

Now that vaccinations for children are available and school buses are relatively safe again, Cora is a proud and happy walker. Cora said, “I feel better after walking. You get some fresh air after being inside all day.” And she points out that “walking doesn't emit carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels.” Although it's not a long distance to school from her house, about five minutes, she said she enjoys the feeling of independence. “It feels good that I can be trusted to walk alone.” Cora's younger sister Gretta can't wait to be a walker next year.

Cora has also been a participant in the “Everyone Outside” program at Fire Ring Farm in Portland. There they hike, plant vegetables, feed the chickens, and play games – even if it rains. Everyone Outside is a nonprofit organiza-



Who's walking in Portland? Cora Chenier, who happily walks to school each day. She has also been a participant in the “Everyone Outside” program at Fire Ring Farm in Portland.

tion based in Middletown.

Note: John Hall is the Executive Director of the Jonah Center for Earth and Art, and member of Portland's Complete Streets Group.

Portland Library News & Notes

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

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Curbside delivery of requested items continues; call the library or reserve items online and you will receive a notice or call when your materials are available. **Holiday Closing:** The library will be closed Monday, July 4.

New Items have been donated by the Friends of Portland Library group as part of its Staff Appreciation. Staff members choose a book or other item and the Friends purchase it for the library. Donations are on display now at the library, and will soon be available to borrow. Feel free to place a hold on any books you wish to read.

Youth Programs: Summer Reading: This year's program theme is “Beyond the Beaten Path.” A schedule of upcoming events is posted on the library website. Registration is underway.

Stories in the Great Outdoors: For birth-5 years. Mondays through Aug. 1 (no program July 4), 11 a.m., at the gazebo on the Town Green. Bring a blanket and listen to stories, rhymes and songs about the great outdoors. Registration is required.

Camping Capers: For kids going into grades K-2. Wednesdays through Aug. 3 (no program July 6), 11 a.m. Discover some of the best parts of camping in the great outdoors (or at least the library lawn). Set up a tent, make lanterns, and follow clues to see what animals have been at the campsite. There will also be s'mores, water balloon games, crafts, and ice cream too. Regis-

Police News

6/10: Romero Morocho, 30, of 1503 Portland Cobalt Rd., was arrested and charged with reckless driving and operation of a motor vehicle without proper instructor, Portland Police said.

6/17: Gilberto Medina, 30, of 7 Willow St., Apt. B, was arrested and charged with third-degree assault and disorderly conduct, police said.

Resident Graduates

Christopher John Adamsons of Portland recently graduated from Connecticut College in New London, with a degree in neuroscience.

Adamsons also made the spring 2022 Dean's List.

Dean's List

Portland resident Madeleine Thompson made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

PRIDE Rally Saturday

Portland's Committee on Solidarity will host the Portland PRIDE Rally will take place Saturday, June 25, from noon-2 p.m., on Brownstone Intermediate School's front lawn.

Featuring special guests Tony Ferraiolo director of Health Care Advocates International's Youth and Families program, Mel Cordner from Q Plus and DJ MX. Chalk.

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.

Dean's List

Portland residents Patrick Dandeneau, Justin Kapoor, Jenna Lastrina, Christine Picard and Brooke Ryan made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

Cover Story • Cover



RHAM High School Class of 2022 member Ailish Kleinhe is all smiles after receiving her diploma at graduation last Wednesday, June 15.

★ *Shoes-Optional cont. from page 1*

cesses. They recalled skip days, raves and their early days in the hallways, insisting they were the best class that ever graduated from RHAM.

Russo took a moment to muse about being second, commenting on his track teammate William ‘Liam’ Calhoun, a track team member who broke numerous records senior year, including the 600-, 800- and 1,000-meters, 1,600-meter/one-mile, 3,200-meter/two-mile, and who shattered his own records several times.

“And my coaches, after being named Salutatorian, many asked me if I was disappointed to not be number one in the class,” Russo said. “To be honest, I am perfectly content with second place in this class of extraordinary students. And since I've run with Liam Calhoun, being second best is kind of something else.”

Speakers spoke of the obstacles they had overcome both personally and as a class. Russo shared his personal victory over a fear of public speaking.

“Public speaking is always created anxiety for me because when I was younger I stuttered, and I continue to struggle with a speech impediment to this day,” he said. “I have a hard time pronouncing words that have Rs. I've realized this was kind of inconvenient, because my name is Ryan Russo. So, thanks Mom and Dad.”

Russo said he was being pulled out of class as a child to go to speech therapy and avoided public speaking most of his life. He even joked that listeners “now that you all know about the struggle,” would sharpen their ears and “begin to listen very closely.”

At RHAM, he said, he learned not to hide from fears and insecurities.

“Our weaknesses are just as much a part of who we are as our strengths. Although I am afraid that I may stutter, that the people may hear my speech impediment, I have made the choice to not allow my fear to control me,” he said. “It was Ralph Waldo Emerson, who said, ‘Do the thing you fear and the death of fear is certain.’ Emerson's advice is simplistic yet profound. It reminds me that we must not let fear control us and to overcome our anxieties we must do the things we are nervous about.”

In her introduction to Leslie, RHAM High School Principal Penny Bryzgel ran through the retiring superintendent's years as an educator.

He taught science at RHAM from 1983 to 1994, was a high school assistant principal and middle school principal in Granby from 1994 to 2001, Bryzgel said. “He returned home to RHAM as principal in 2001.”

In 2020, Leslie took over as interim superintendent, and remained in the post until this year.

Leslie scanned the crowd for faces of former

students and hoped out loud that none of the attending grandparents were among those numbers.

“I do believe that a couple of you still have some outstanding homework assignments that you may need to hand in, but I do promise you I will not go back that far and share any of those secrets that I'm sure you'd like to remain secrets,” he quipped. “I've listened to over 30 hours of graduation speeches. I've got a lot of material to draw on, so I hope you're all comfortable.”

Leslie reminded everyone that the class of 2022 had shown resilience during the pandemic and made “remarkable accomplishments.” He pointed to exemplary test scores, impressive college admissions, and amazing careers yet to come.

Graduates are heading into military service, he said. There are three EMTs in the class, a graduating senior learned C++ to create computer games, and another explored data analysis and programming.

The student that ran the school store senior year, transformed it, Leslie said.

Another graduate came as a freshman from Poland with “very little English,” and senior year took advanced placement and honors level courses and achieved honors throughout her entire year, the superintendent said.

Another graduate “expressed her enthusiasm for math by designing and facilitating the painting of our new math mural in the RHAM math wing,” he said. Sisters who emigrated from Ukraine to the U.S., worked with fellow students to raise more than \$8,500 to support children displaced by the war in Ukraine.

“For most of us adults, just getting through to the other side of the pandemic was an accomplishment,” Leslie said. “But our students inspired us each day with the resilience and the compassion that they showed to each other, as well as other members of the RHAM community.”

After the moment of catharsis when graduates moved their tassels to the left and rose to cheer, applaud, spray silly string and toss their caps overhead, Leslie directed them to return to their seats for one final “roller coaster” as a class.

Under the leadership of one graduate, who led from the front of the seated group, they shifted in sync through a series of moves, laughing all the while and then rose again, this time to depart for the unknown.

NOTE: Due to space constraints, the list of RHAM High School Class of 2022 graduates will be published in next week's Rivereast.

Obituaries

Colchester

Sandra Barkyoumb

Sandra (Kauffman) Barkyoumb, 68, of Colchester, beloved wife of Ronald Barkyoumb, passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 14. Born Jan. 22, 1954, in Middletown, she was the daughter of the late William and Elaine (Rittman) Kauffman.



Sandra was employed at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and was the first woman to receive and graduate from the four-year apprenticeship. Sandra loved horses and did many horse shows in the Tri State Association. One of her favorites was the Haddam Neck Fair along with her sister Nancy.

Besides her loving husband, she is survived by her two daughters, Kellie Barkyoumb Hartigan of Willimantic, Nicole Barkyoumb of Colchester; five brothers, Scott, Mark, Blake, Troy, and Keith Kauffman; four sisters, Elaine Marston, Linda Johnson, Nancy Bourne and Dawn Zeller; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Thursday, June 23.

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

Colchester

Arline Fuller

Arline Amber Jones Fuller, 98, passed away peacefully Monday, June 13, at her home in Colchester. Born March 18, 1924, in Middlefield, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Nellie (Scranton) Jones. She grew up on Jones Street in Hebron.



In 1941, Arline married the love of her life, Roy Fuller of Marlborough. Together they raised three daughters on Fuller Hill, Jones Hollow Road. Arline's first, and most favorite, job was driving the Roy F. Fuller school bus during World War II through the 1950s. She worked as a data processor for Arbor Acres Farm in Glastonbury and the State of Connecticut Health Department in Hartford, retiring in 1987.

Arline was a member of the Marlborough Congregational Church, Charter Member of the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, Charter Member of the Fowler-Dix-Park Post #5095 Women's Auxiliary, American Legion Post #197 Women's Auxiliary, the Marlborough Grange, and the Marlborough Moose #1826. She was cofounder of the Marlborough Jr. Fife and Drum Corps.

Arline and Roy spent their winters at Cypress Bend RV Resort in Estero, Fla., and traveled extensively around the US and overseas. Arline loved gardening, painting, camping, dancing, the ocean, boating, fishing, snowmobiling, having family gatherings, and quilting with her friends at the Marlborough Quilting Club. She was an avid fan of UConn women's basketball,

the New York Yankees, and most of all, her family.

Arline is survived by her daughters, Donna Lee Lester and husband Curtis of LaBelle, Fla., Marlene Fuller of Colchester; son-in-law, Oscar David Hills of Gilead; brother-in-law, Bernard McMaster of DeBary, Fla.; grandson, Daniel John Hills and wife Sonya of Vernon; granddaughter, Jessica Rae Zamachaj and husband Alexander of Orange; many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Susanna Mae Hills; grandchildren, Amber Lee Miner, Jamie Lee Summers and David Roy Hills; three sisters and their husbands, Gertrude and Bill McKinney, Laura and Frank Mund, Muriel and Harold Lord; and her brother, Corporal Raymond Jones, who was killed in Germany during World War II.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 30, at 11 a.m., at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton. Family and friends may call at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will follow in the family plot in Marlboro Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Roy B. Pettengill Ambulance Association P.O. Box 308 Marlborough, CT 06447.

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

Colchester

Stefan J. Kupczak

Stefan J. Kupczak of Colchester passed away after a difficult struggle with lung disease at the William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich Thursday, June 16. He was 75 years old. Born in Mittwald, Germany, on May 15, 1947, he was a son of the late Dmytro and Anna (Hyndrak) Kupczak.



Stefan grew up in Colchester and graduated from Bacon Academy. After high school, Stefan served in the U.S. Army from 1966-1968, during the Vietnam War. After completing his tour of duty, he went to work in retail, eventually retiring as a Big Y grocery store manager in Plainville.

He will be sadly missed but always remembered with love by his daughter, Christine Kupczak Farnsworth of Lebanon; a brother, Peter and his wife Frances Kupczak of Colchester; a sister, Maria and her husband, Clyde Goding of Hebron; a nephew, Kevin Goding and his cousin John Senedzuk and his wife Susan; numerous extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Nicholas Kupczak and three nieces, Kelly Goding, Jessica and Kathleen Kupczak.

The family would like to extend their sincere thankfulness to the care and comfort given to Stefan at Backus Hospital, especially the Palliative Care department's Ann Fellows, the Hospice department's Snead Kinney, and special thanks to Anah and Ed, nurses on E3. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his honor to the charity of one's choice.

Calling hours were held Tuesday, June 21, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Colchester. Burial will take place in Linwood Cemetery Colchester with full military honors.

For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Portland

Bob Chapman

Bob Chapman of Portland, loving and devoted husband of Laura Bitondo, passed away Monday, June 13, at the age of 63.

Bob lived his life to the fullest! He worked hard and played hard. A man of so many talents and interests, admired and loved by all. Bob will be dearly missed.



He was a master chef and foodie who built his own pizza oven. Bob was always up for a competitive cooking contest with his friends. He was the life of the party with the best music playlist! Bob's other interests include NASCAR, boating, fishing, camping and travel. A sharp dresser who was known for his scarf collection.

Bob was a good listener, teacher and trusted mentor who was always willing to lend a helping hand. Among his happiest moments were at their Portland property, which was his pride and joy. Bob found pleasure working on his vintage tractors and enjoying the beautiful views, wildlife and serenity at his cherished home.

Besides his wife Laura, Bob leaves behind his mother, Linda Chapman and her partner George of Madison; his brother, David Chapman and wife Carm of Haddam; his sister, Sybil Shay and her husband Ted of Guilford; and his brother Michael Chapman and wife Liz of Atlanta. In addition, Bob leaves to mourn him his many loved and adored nephews, nieces, in-laws, loyal and loving friends, and Stella, his faithful feline companion.

Bob was predeceased by his father, Nicolas Chapman.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, June 21, at St. Pius X Church, Middletown. Burial was in Miner Cemetery, Middletown.

In lieu of flowers, please make a gift to Financial Aid at Xavier High School, 181 Randolph Rd., Middletown, CT 06457.

East Hampton

Susan R. Behm

Susan R. Behm, 69, of East Hampton, beloved wife of the late Howard "Skip" Behm, passed away Monday, June 13. Born in Middletown, she was the daughter of the late George and Josephine Swan from East Hampton.



Susan was also predeceased by her son Daniel Reed of Portland and her brother David Swan of East Hampton.

Susan is survived by her son, Ryan Reed and his partner Laurel Lovely of Portland; her granddaughter, Bella of Portland; brother, Martin Swan of East Hampton; and sisters, Cheryl (Tony) Fazzino of Middletown, Kelli (Frank) Swan Romanek of Middletown, Jodi Bransfield of Cromwell; her devoted cat, Jack; and several nieces and nephews.

Sue was employed by Cobalt Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, where she absolutely adored her residents. She loved quilting, working on crafts and gardening.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111.

A celebration of life for Sue and Skip will be held at a later date.

Marlborough

Sean Michael Pampreen

On Thursday, March 24, Sean Michael Pampreen joined his parents and oldest sister in heaven. His family on earth is devastated by this loss, but we find comfort knowing that Sean met death without fear – and that he put up a heck of a fight. Sean was a native of Detroit, Mich., and, while he loved the life that he built in Connecticut, he told everyone who asked him that he was just a temporary visitor – living in Marlborough from 1999 until 2022.



Sean was an irrepressible child and a reluctant student who proved his high school guidance counselor wrong by getting accepted to every college that he applied to, and then earning a doctorate in veterinary medicine. He claimed to have never read a book, but somehow excelled in all of his academic adventures – and then made fun of his wife's and children's "public school education" every time that the opportunity arose.

He was a gifted veterinarian, always excited to learn more and to treat almost any animal that wouldn't eat him (and a few who would have tried), but he tried very hard to be sure that his paid work didn't cut too much into his volunteer work with the BSA. Sean was a very proud Eagle Scout, and spent countless hours encouraging young men and women who wanted to learn how to do their best for God and country. He was a great friend to the Scouting movement, and took his job as a Scout leader and mentor very seriously.

While he loved his work in veterinary medicine and in Scouting, his true passion was his family. Sean knew that he wanted a house full of children and an adoring wife to join him on his countless (sometimes kind of scary) adventures. He dragged five kids and his very patient wife along on every hiking trail and geocaching hunt that he could fit into his schedule – and made it up to them by attending every meet, match, show, and game that he could get to. Sean loved to tell his friends, staff, and clients all about his family's accomplishments, and whenever we met someone, we learned that they already knew a whole lot about us.

Sean is survived by his wife, Shelly; his children, Michael, Steven and Caitlin; his stepchildren, Anna and Jimmy; his brother Jerry and sisters Nikki and Becky; and aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Many of us were fortunate to spend time with Sean at his happy place in Florida during the month of March. Sean always felt that it was sad when families only gathered after a loved one's death, and asked that we all come enjoy the sun with him. We were joined by his in-laws who loved him as their own, and friends who had become family over the years.

We will be celebrating Sean's life with a Mass at St. John Fisher Church at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. in Marlborough on Saturday, July 9, at noon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting St. John Fisher Church (stjfisherchurch.org), Tidewell Hospice in Arcadia Florida (Tidewell-Foundation.org), or the Scouts BSA (scouting.org).

But most importantly, in Sean's memory, please go out and enjoy every moment of time with your family (and your pets!) – go on all of the adventures, eat all of the food, and never, ever be afraid to try something new.

Marlborough

Joel Martin Fuller

Joel M. Fuller 68, died peacefully at Middlesex Hospital Friday, June 17. He was born Feb. 5, 1954, in Middletown, son of Richard and Muriel (Spencer) Fuller. Joel was a lifelong resident of Marlborough, and enjoyed growing up on the family farm.

Joel graduated from Windham Technical High school, Class of 1972. Following Graduation, he worked for Fred Hayes and then Donald Carlson Licensed Land Surveyors. Joel received his certification as a licensed land surveyor in 1986, and there after started Fuller Land Surveying

Joel was a Charter member of the SAL, Post 197, Marlborough. He was also a longtime member of Country Riders Snowmobile Club in Vermont, and former member of Marlborough Jr. Fife and Drum Corps.

He is survived by his son, Randy John Fuller of Marlborough; his sisters, Kathleen Stein and Diane Cavender; Aunt and Uncle, Paul and

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Lynne Sandahl, Uncle Kirk Spencer and Uncle Bernie McMaster. He will be greatly missed by his beloved nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews and cousins.

Joel leaves behind his lifelong friends Ted and Dianne Wayland, and Eric White.

Special thanks to Mary Schadtler for her caring support.

He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Sharon Fuller; brother, Steven Fuller; and brother-in-law, Eddie Cavender.

Joel had a passion for boating, snowmobiling, motor bikes and music. He loved saltwater fishing with Ted, Randy, family and friends.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him, and appreciated his own unique sense of humor.

He had a special place in his heart for snowmobiling at his camp in Vermont with lifelong memories made with close friends and family.

A celebration of his life will be held at the American Legion Post 197 at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 9.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Roy B. Pettengill Ambulance Association of Marlborough, or to a charity of your choice.

Hebron

Elizabeth Barbara Gonci

Elizabeth Barbara Gonci, "Betty," of Windham, formerly of Coventry and Hebron, passed away Wednesday, May 18, at St. Joseph's Living Center in Windham at the age of 105. She was born May 11, 1917, in Bridgeport, daughter of the late Michael and Julia (Varga) Pollansky. She was the oldest of nine children and grew up on the family farm in rural Coventry. In 1936, Betty married Alex Gonci sharing over 65 years of marriage together until his passing in 2002.

In 2012, Coventry celebrated its 300-year anniversary and Betty, at age 94, was highlighted as part of the parade and other festivities. As part of that celebration, she was asked to describe some of her childhood memories which were later published. Those memories included the start of her education in the one-room little red Brick Schoolhouse on Merrow Road in Coventry. It still stands. Betty learned to speak and write English on the front stone steps of that schoolhouse while classmates had recess. Eight grades were taught at the school. Later, as an upper classman, she shared teaching responsibilities or tasks. One frequent task, she enjoyed describing, was to organize the preparation of a communal lunch soup, cooked on a multi-purpose wood stove. Classmates would pool whatever ingredients they had to create a hearty winter lunch.

She also helped her younger siblings learn English at home. Hungarian was the spoken language at the homestead. Her parents, her husband, and her parents-in-law were all born in Hungary. Consequently, her children were raised with a quite strong ethnic heritage, expressed in delicious cooking, festive music and large, boisterous family gatherings. As a matter of fact, her married name was originally spelled Gönczy before being "Americanized" at Ellis Island. Betty took close interest in each of the dozens of nephews and nieces that resulted from the merging of two very large families as well as the grand and great-grandchildren.

Betty enjoyed sharing her life experiences and challenges, from the very long walks to school (miles) in rural Coventry to taking a horse and buggy to meet a bus enroute to Windham High School. Until the final days of her life, she continued to absorb the news of the day and placed it in context of her whole life experience. During that lifetime, she lived through two pandemics, two world wars, and the Great Depression. In addition, she narrowly escaped, with her young family, from the 1944 Hartford circus fire.

She is survived by her children, Robert and his wife Mary-Ellen of Hebron; Donald and his wife Doina Lavoie-Gonci of Old Lyme; sister, Helen Chaponis of South Windsor; grandchildren Robin, Russell, Rob, Brian and Jeffrey (Gonci) and Mike Lavoie: great-grandchildren, Dallas, Teo, Jackson, Alysya, Declan and Dawson, and numerous extended family.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her siblings, John, Frank, Ernest, Andrew, Charles, and Emil Pollansky and Emma Saunders.

Betty had a private interment at the New Hebron Cemetery on Thursday, May 19.

For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

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In lieu of flowers, family and friends may consider a donation to the Coventry Historical Society at P.O. Box 534, Coventry, CT 06238 (please be sure to specify the Brick School in memory of Elizabeth Gonci), or the Hebron Fire Dept., at 44 Main Street. Such donations, in her memory, would be appreciated.

"Life is no brief candle to me; it is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the rest of my lifetime. And I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

Portland

Rita Randazzo Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of life dedicated to the memory of Rita Randazzo on Sunday, June 26, from 3-6 p.m., at her favorite restaurant, Campagna's, which is located at 151 Marlborough St., Portland. Come on over to help us honor our cherished mother, nana, great nana, and dear friend.

In case of any questions, contact her daughter, Lisa, at lisarandazzo1970@gmail.com.

Rita Irene Spencer Randazzo tragically passed away Tuesday, May 17, at the age of 72.

Colchester

Cheryl Ann Wheaton

Cheryl Ann Wheaton of Colchester, formerly of Lebanon, passed away into the arms of the Lord Friday morning, June 17, at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London, after a long and courageous struggle with illness.

Born in Springfield, Mass., on Feb. 24, 1947, she was a daughter of the late J. David and Edith (Cote) Perotti. Cheryl was a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University with a master's degree in science. She married Robert Wheaton on June 13, 1970 and the couple settled in Lebanon, where they made their home and raised their family. Robert predeceased her in 1996.

Cheryl worked as a bookkeeper for Mackey's in Willimantic for many years and then served for over 25 years as the parish secretary at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church where she was a communicant and also served with the Ladies Guild and the Parish Council. Cheryl was involved with Scouts when her children were young and also served on several Lebanon town committees, staying very active in her community. She loved putting together jigsaw puzzles, collecting stamps, coins and playing cards and backgammon with her close friend. Most importantly, she will be remembered as a soft-spoken, loving, and supportive mother, grandmother, and friend.

Cheryl's passing will be mourned by many but she will be remembered with love, especially by her son and daughter-in-law, David and Jennifer Wheaton, with whom she made her home in Colchester; her sister, Gail Kasuba and her husband Mike of Springfield, Mass.; four grandchildren, Crystal Wolf and her husband Christopher, Zachary Chesters, Rebecca Chesters Wheaton, Mallory Wheaton; and many extended family members and friends. She will also be very missed by her church community, to which she was very dedicated.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased in death by a daughter, Jennifer Chesters.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Palliative Care Unit and all departments that cared for Cheryl at L&M Hospital. A special thank you as well to the Colchester Senior Center for providing transportation to Cheryl for many years.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, June 30, at 10 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Church, West Town Street in Lebanon. Burial will follow in the New Lebanon Cemetery on Waterman Road. Donations in her memory may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 67 West Town St., Lebanon, CT 06249 or the Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415.

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Colchester

Sophia Olshesky

Sophia "Sunny" Olshesky passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 18, after a long decline due to dementia, and a recent partial hip replacement which she was slowly recovering from, and then took a turn for the worse. Sophia was born in Columbia Sept. 25, 1923, to the late John Szegda and Karolina Kendzior Szegda.



Sunny was predeceased her husband, John J. Olshesky, in 2012. John and Sophia met at a dance at the Polish National Home in Hartford, and were married Oct. 3, 1953. They shared a remarkable marriage that lasted for 59 years. At the time she met John, she was a bank employee of Willimantic Bank and Trust.

Sophia was a kind, caring and compassionate person. She spent her entire life making others feel loved and welcome. Alzheimer's may have taken Mom's memory but it did not change the loving and gentle person she was. She loved to make the world a more beautiful place by growing flowers, sewing, embroidery, quilting, nature walks, feeding the birds and quilting. Sophia and John were also avid duplicate bridge players for many, many years.

Sophia leaves two daughters, Janice M. Olshesky, a registered architect and business owner in Alexandria, Va., and Lauren M. Olshesky, a registered nurse in Connecticut and her husband John Sobanik.

Sophia was predeceased by her two brothers, Joseph Szegda and wife Laura, Johnny Szegda and his wife Jeannette, and sister Mary Szegda Thompson and her husband James.

She also leaves behind nephew, Joseph Paul Szegda, her godson, and his family; nephew, Richard Szegda and his wife Violet and family; nephew, Ron Szegda and family; niece, Jane Szegda Luthi and her husband Charlie and family; niece, Judy Szegda Ortiz and Tom and their families; and nephew Robert Szegda and wife Fran and family.

Sophia was an avid reader and enjoyed the resources of the Cragin Library for many years. Those who wish to make a donation in her memory can contribute to the Friends of Cragin Library, P.O. Box 68, Colchester, CT 06415 or to Connecticut College Arboretum, Caroline Black Garden.

The family wants to extend special gratitude to Kelly Bradway for her thoughtful, compassionate care of Sunny during the last 10 years of her life. And to caregivers Mandy Baiden, Mavis Asaomah and Joyce Awuah. We are also very grateful to the staff at Saybrook at Had-dam and Burke Health and the amazing staff at Capital Caring Hospice. And to Nelofer and Faustina who kindly cared for Mom seven days a week for the past two months in Virginia.

Services will be today, Friday, June 24.

Care of the arrangements has been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester. Visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

Holly Jean Stackowitz

Holly Jean (Choinski) Stackowitz, 67, was born Dec. 21, 1954, to Jennie (Kochuk) and Chet Choinski, in Hartford.



A beloved wife and mother passed away peacefully at her home in Bethel, Vt., on Sunday, May 15.

Holly lives on in the hearts of her husband of 42 years, Richard P. Stackowitz Jr., and her daughter, Ashley Stackowitz.

Raised in East Hampton, Holly made many connections and fond memories. She worked at Northeast Utilities as a drafter for many years, putting her artistic talents to great use. She enjoyed her time working at Marlborough Florist and Allen Institute.

Since the early 1970s, Holly enjoyed spending time in the Green Mountains of Vermont, especially on the Lilliesville Brook at her family's camp, and on the White River. She and her husband retired to the area in 2017.

She was a compassionate woman who loved her family, friends, and many pets throughout the years. She paid special attention to the small things in life that brought her joy, seeing deer in a field, the colors of a sunset, details of a flower blossom, bare feet on the earth, and the flavors of her delicious home-cooked meals and baked sweet treats.

Holly enjoyed fishing, photography, trips to the ocean in Rhode Island, reading, and riding around the back roads with her husband enjoying the views. Her loving and spirited heart will be missed by many.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Contributions in her memory can be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice: donate.vnhcare.org/vnh-donation-2020.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Marlborough Town Center/Lake Terramuggus Sewer DISTRICT 2022 - 2023 budget public hearing

The Marlborough Water Pollution Control Authority on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall will hold a public hearing for the following:
2022 - 2023 Operation, Maintenance, & Repair Budget
2022 - 2023 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) Allocation
2022 - 2023 Fee Schedule
2022 - 2023 EDU Charge \$541
At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communication will be received, if you are unable to attend written communication can be submitted to the Building/Land Use Office, in Town Hall, 26 North Main Street.
All of the above Public Hearing Documents are on file for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Town of Marlborough Website - Marlboroughct.net under the heading Meetings & Agenda then go to Agenda 2022 then go to WPCA. John A. Murray
Chair, Marlborough WPCA

2TB 6/17, 6/24

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF COLCHESTER ATTENTION COLCHESTER TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the Town of Colchester taxpayers that tax bills on the Grand List of October 1, 2021, are due and payable on July 1, 2022.

The Town of Colchester does not have an approved budget for FY 2022-2023. Therefore, at this time you are receiving ONLY the first installment of your real estate bill. Once the budget is approved, you will receive any and all adjustments in your 2nd installment, which will reflect the approved mill rate along with any credits, if applicable. Additionally, once the budget is approved, we will be sending personal property and motor vehicles bills ASAP.

If any tax due on July 1, 2022 is not paid on or before August 1, 2022, the tax installment shall be delinquent and interest at the rate of 18% per annum (1 1/2 % per month) shall be charged dating back to the original due date of the bill. Taxes that become delinquent after August 1, 2022 shall be charged delinquent interest for the months of July and August, 2022, or 3%. The minimum interest charge for delinquent taxes is \$2.00.

Taxpayers who did not receive a bill should contact the Tax Office immediately. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or any interest charged should the tax become delinquent. Taxpayers may access tax bill information and pay on-line from the homepage of the Town of Colchester website at www.colchesterct.gov and clicking the "View and Pay Tax Bills" link under Online Services - fees apply.

Avoid waiting in long lines by paying on-line under Online Services, return your payment by mail or use our night drop box located to the left of Colchester Town Hall's entrance. If a receipt is desired, please send a self addressed stamped envelope and two copies of the bill. Mail postmarked (US Postal Service postmark only) on or before August 1, 2022 will be considered as having been paid on time.

Payments dropped in the town hall's drop box after 4:30p.m. on August 1, 2022, will be considered as having been paid late on the following business day and will be deemed as paid late.

Please make all checks payable to the Tax Collector. Checks may be mailed to the Tax Office, 127 Norwich Avenue Colchester, CT, 06415. Questions concerning tax payments should be directed to the Tax Office, (860) 537-7210.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF HEBRON LEGAL NOTICE

At their meeting on June 16, 2022, the Board of Selectmen declared a vacancy on the RHAM Board of Education. The Selectmen designate Friday, June 24, 2022, as the posting date for the vacancy notice. The 35th and final day by which nominations shall be received is Friday, July 29, 2022. The Board of Selectmen are now notifying the political parties and the general public of this vacancy. Interested candidates should attend a meeting of the Commission and discuss with the Chairman the frequency of meetings and the time commitment involved. All residents of Hebron who are registered to vote are eligible. Letters of interest or questions may be addressed to Andrew J. Tierney, Town Manager, Town of Hebron, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, Connecticut 06248 or call 860-228-5971.

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TOWN OF PORTLAND

Legal notice to the taxpayers of the Town of Portland that the first installment of real estate and personal property taxes if over \$100.00 on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 are due and payable July 1, 2022. If the amount owed is \$100.00 or under the bill is due in full. Motor vehicle taxes are due and payable in full by August 2, 2022. Taxes not paid in full on or before August 2, 2022 become delinquent and are subject to interest of 1.5% from due date of July 1, 2022. Minimum interest charge will be \$2.00. Quarterly Water and/or sewer usage bills are due and payable July 15, 2022. Payment not made in full on or before August 16, 2022 will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month from due date. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax. Please contact the Collector of Revenue immediately if you do not have a bill, for tax information or to **PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE**. Visit our website www.portlandct.org. The Collector of Revenue and Revenue Collection Assistant are available by telephone (860) 342-6737 or email cgotta@portlandct.org. The staff will be out of the office on Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day. The normal staffing hours are as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cynthia L. Gotta CCMC Town of Portland Collector of Revenue

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TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Andover Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday June 29, 2022 to solicit comment on 1) The application of Nick Glowacki, 17 Lakeside Drive. The applicant is seeking relief from Sections 14.1 and 11.2 (dimensional requirements) of the Andover Zoning Regulations so as to construct a 26' x 32' attached barn on the property and 2) The application of Andrew Osgood, 161 Lake Road. The applicant is seeking relief from 11.2 (dimensional requirements) so as to reduce setback requirements so as to allow for the construction of two utility sheds. The meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM: Join by Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677064492> Join by Phone: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 886 7706 4492 Passcode: 284951 Comments/questions will be taken during the hearing. Written comments submitted a minimum of 48 hours prior to the hearing will be read aloud and entered into the public hearing record. Additional details can be found on the Town of Andover's web-site (andoverct.org - Zoning Board of Appeals page) or by visiting/contacting the Building & Land-Use Office at 860.742-4036 or at 17 School Road, Andover. Jim Hallisey Zoning Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE GLOBAL 17 LLC
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LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTIONS HEBRON CONSERVATION COMMISSION 15 GILEAD STREET, HEBRON CT

At its June 16, 2022 meeting, the Hebron Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission took the following actions:
Petition 17-09. 13 Church Street, Hebron, CT. SYM. LLC - Permit Extension Request; Commercial / Residential Development to be known as Toomey's Crossing - **granted and extended** by five years to a date not to exceed July 25, 2027 with the conditions of approval noted in the original Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission permit granted on July 26, 2017. Any alterations of the original approved plan that would have an impact on the wetlands or upland review areas regulated by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Hebron or CGS 22a-36 through 22a-45 will require a new application and permit approval by the Commission.
Petition 22-06. 51 Gilead Street Hebron, CT* Yashema Forrester - Cutting and removal of 3 dead trees and re-establishing lawn area within 100 feet of a wetland - **approved** with the following conditions:
1. The logs and brush from the dead trees that were cut be removed from the edge of the wetland and off the property and that the existing silt fencing in the area be reinstalled and remain there until the lawn is established.
2. The lawn area must be seeded and covered with hay or turf installed as soon as possible to prevent silt damage to the wetland.
3. By the end of September 2022, the property owner or landscaper must plant approximately 8 to 10 high-bush blueberry bushes (*vacinium corymbosum*) along the edge of the wetland in front of the silt fence for perimeter stabilization and cover.
4. The Conservation and Wetlands Agent must be notified when the bushes are to be planted or if any guidance is necessary toward the completion of the project.
<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/c455615ed20b-7d509912e85971ae4a51f1af74c1549bb2f01d1ee48a92d5be49>

1TB 6/24

TOWN OF HEBRON TAX COLLECTOR'S LEGAL NOTICE

Taxes levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 become due and payable on July 1, 2022. Real Estate tax bills of less than \$250, Personal Property tax bills, and Motor Vehicle tax bills shall be due in a single installment on July 1, 2022. Real Estate tax bills over \$250 shall be due and payable in two equal installments on July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Taxes received/postmarked by **August 1, 2022** will be considered timely. Payments received/postmarked August 3rd or later will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month or 18 % annually from the due date in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. Initial interest starting August 2nd is 3% of outstanding taxes with a **minimum** of \$2.00 per tax account. **State Statutes dictate that failure to receive a bill does not invalidate amount due.** Please make **checks payable to: Town of Hebron**. Payments may be mailed to: **Tax Collector, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248-0134**. A secured drop-off box is located on the lower level, south side of the building for payments. Please see the town's website www.hebronct.com for on-line payment options. The Collector's office is located in the lower level of the Town Hall at 15 Gilead Street. Our hours are Monday to Wednesday 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm, and Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Tax and Assessor's Offices will close from 12:30 to 1:15 Monday - Thursday for lunch to accommodate a reduction in staff. Respectfully, Adrian MacLean Hebron Revenue Collector

3TB 6/24, 7/1, 7/22

LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING Board of Selectmen Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm Town of Portland, CT 06480

Pursuant to Chapter XII Section 1203.4 of the Town Charter, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, Connecticut, regarding the proposed supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$127,500. At the hearing, all interested persons may be heard and written communications will be received. Public Access also through the Zoom link A - www.portlandct.org
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund fund balance in the amount of \$145,500. The allocation of transfers for the General Fund is an increase to 01-093-000-90012 Transfer Out - Cap Non Rec Town by \$145,500. The funds that would be transferred into Fund 08 in revenue account 08-141-000-00501 Transfer In-General Fund Town in the amount of \$145,500 and into expenditure accounts are as follows:

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08-141-000-89040	Fire Department		Refurbish/Replace Apparatus	\$45,500
			Total:	\$145,500

Dated at Portland, Connecticut this 16th day of June 2022.
Attest: Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

1TB 6/24

LEGAL NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 7:05 P.M. Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480

Pursuant to Chapter XII Section 1203.4 of the Town Charter, a Special Town Meeting will be held by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 7:05 P.M. in the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT for the following supplemental appropriation:
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TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Marlborough Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria, 25 School Drive, Marlborough, CT, 06447, to hear the following:
Sustainable Affordable Housing Plan 2022 - 2027
Interested parties may appear and/or submit written documentation. A copy of the Plan is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town Website for public review.
Dated at Marlborough, CT this 7th day of June 2022.
MARLBOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
Mark Stankiewicz
Chair, Marlborough Planning Commission

2TB 6/17, 6/24

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER REVENUE COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

To the property owners of the Town of Andover: The first installment of the taxes listed on the October 1, 2021 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Andover on July 1, 2022. Payments must be postmarked, paid on line, or brought to Town Hall by August 1, 2022 to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged starting August 2, 2022 on all delinquent bills at a rate of 18% per year (1½% per month) from the due date of July 1st, with a minimum charge of \$2 for each bill. All motor vehicle taxes that become delinquent will be reported to DMV on August 2, 2022. View or pay taxes online at www.andoverct.org. Cash, check or money order payments are accepted at the Town Hall during business hours. Payments by check or money order may be mailed to the Tax Collector's office or placed in the drop box outside Town Hall. Office hours in July are Monday 8:15 pm - 7:00 pm and Tuesday- Thursday 8:15 am - 4:00 pm. The office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022 in honor of Independence Day. Please refer to www.andoverct.org for updated office hours. Failure to receive a tax bill will not invalidate the tax or any interest which may, by State law, accrue. If you have any questions, please contact the tax office at 860-742-4035 option 4. Eileen Curtin, Tax Collector
Town of Andover
17 School Road
Andover, CT 06232

3TB 6/24, 7/1, 7/29

LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTIONS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions at their Regular Meeting/Public Hearing, which was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7:00pm on the following:
Petition 2022-6 - Petition of the Hebron Lions Agricultural Society requesting Special Permit approval for the sale of beer and wine on September 8th thru 11th, 2022, under Section 5.0.3 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, premise located at 347 Gilead Street, R-1 District. **Approved with conditions:** 1) The sale of beer and wine is permitted at the Hebron Harvest Fair during the period of September 8-11, 2022; 2) The approval is subject to all the operational aspects contained in the Narrative submitted with this application; 3) The location, layout and enclosure of the area for the sale and consumption of beer and wine shall be as shown on the Site Plan and drawings submitted with this application; 4) The hours of operation for the sale of beer and wine shall be limited to: Thursday: 4 pm - 10 pm; Friday: Noon - 10:30 pm; Saturday: Noon - 10:30 pm; and Sunday: Noon - 6 pm, but in no case later than 1 hour before the Fair closes for the day; and 5) Proof of dram shop liability protection shall be submitted to Town Staff.
Petition 2022-7 - Subdivision Application of Richard Matschulat & Elizabeth O'Callaghan of 7.753 acres at 155 Reidy Hill Road into two (2) lots, R-2 District. **Public Hearing set for July 12, 2022.**
The video recording of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting can be seen using the following link: <https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/e30f26b4b5e09cde5d-80f931ed7ea488e0cda5d2632623d2d6a77355ca84e95f>
Legal Notice will be published in the Rivereast News Bulletin on June 24, 2022.

1TB 6/24

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PARK ROAD AND NORTH MAIN STREET INTERSECTION TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, CONNECTICUT INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for the **Drainage Improvements Park Road and North Main Intersection** will be received by the **Town of Marlborough** by hard copy at the Issuing Office until **2:00 PM** local time on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022**. Received Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. **The Project primarily consists of the installation of approximately 100 to 230 linear feet of storm drainage.** Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form. Bidding Documents are available for free download from the Project's bidding service webpage. To download Bidding Documents: go to the bidding service homepage listed below; select this project's solicitation; sign in and/or register as directed; and select the Bidding Documents for download. Notify the Issuing Office with questions in this regard. Digital ID is not required for this online bid. Bidding service homepage: <http://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27674/home>. The Issuing Office is: **Town Clerk's Office, Marlborough Town Hall, 26 North Main Street, Marlborough, Connecticut (860-295-6200)**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents from the Bidding service or at the Issuing Office during Town Hall hours of operation. Printing Bidding Documents is the responsibility of the prospective Bidder. Printed copies will not be issued by the Town. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents that differ from documents available from the Project's bidding service webpage. A pre-bid conference will be held at **3:00 PM** local time on **Thursday, July 6, 2022 at Issuing Office**. Pre-bid conference attendance is encouraged but is not mandatory. The successful Bidder will be required to provide a Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract Price. The Surety Company shall be licensed in the State of Connecticut and listed on IRS Department Circular 570. A Payment Bond and Payment of Prevailing Wage Rates will not be required unless Contract amount is equal to or greater than \$100,000. Bid Bond is not required. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good, capable of being accepted, and may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty [30] days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of bids. The Town reserves the right to waive any technical defects in the bids; to reject bids which do not conform to the terms and conditions described in the specifications; to reject any, any part of, or all bids; to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process; and to accept that bid which the Town deems to be in its best interest, whether or not it is the lowest dollar proposed. All work to be performed in connection with the proposed project will be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations. If the Town determines, in its sole discretion, to proceed with the work, the successful bidder must execute and deliver the Contract for Construction of a Small Project and furnish a valid Certificate of Insurance with full policies, a Performance Bond, and Payment Bond if applicable, to the Town prior to the start of any work. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that it has received any and all addendums to this Invitation to Bid prior to submitting a bid. This Invitation to Bid is not binding on the Town. The Town reserves the right to revise or amend the plans and specifications from time to time as it deems necessary. This Invitation to Bid has been prepared solely to solicit bids and does not constitute a contract offer. The Town reserves the right to amend, cancel, postpone, withdraw, or resubmit this Invitation for Bid at any time if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. The Town is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply. Owner: Town of Marlborough, Connecticut
By: Gregory J. Lowrey, First Selectman
Date: June 15, 2022

2TB 6/17, 6/24

LIQUOR PERMIT Notice of Application
This is to give notice that I, **JOHN F VITALE**
77 TARRAGON DR
EAST HAMPTON, CT 06424-1759
Have filed an application placarded 06/16/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a MANUFACTURER BEER PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at **201 W HIGH ST UNIT B1**
EAST HAMPTON CT 06424-2139
The business will be owned by:
RULE OF 3 BREWING LLC
Entertainment will consist of:
Objections must be filed by: 07-28-2022
RULE OF 3 BREWING LLC

2TB 6/17, 6/24

LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 7:30 PM, to be held virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, concerning the following:
Petition 2022 - 2, Request of Allen Fichtel, Owner, for a variance to Section 2.E.5 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, to allow a 96 square foot shed 18 feet from the front property line where 25 is required and 4 feet from the side property line where 10 feet is required by the Regulations, on premise located at 203 Deepwood Drive, Amston Lake (AL) District. Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, on this 21st day of June 2022. Martin Halloran, Chairperson
Interested persons may appear and all written communications will be received.
Legal Notice will be published in the Rivereast News Bulletin on Friday, June 24, 2022 and Friday, July 1, 2022.
Legal Notice will be published on the Town of Hebron Website at <https://hebronct.com/agendas/>
Zoning Board of Appeals
Tue, Jul 5, 2022 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (EDT)
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2TB 6/24, 7/1

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ATTENTION ALL TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the Town of East Hampton taxpayers that taxes for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 are due and payable on July 1, 2022. The last day on which to pay without penalty is August 1, 2022. Real estate and personal property taxes over \$100 may be paid in two equal installments; July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Real estate and personal property taxes are based on a mill rate of 34.66 mills which equates to \$34.66 in taxes per \$1,000 of net assessed value. Motor vehicle tax is based on the state capped mill rate of 32.46 mills. Tax bills are mailed on June 29, 2022. Late payments will be subject to interest penalty at the rate of 1 ½% per month or a fraction thereof, 18 % per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130, 145 and 146. Payments legibly postmarked by the USPS on or before August 1, 2022 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Tax Office. Payments received August 2, 2022 and later, including payments postmarked August 2, and later, are considered past due. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes and interest charges should the tax become delinquent. Please make checks payable to: Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting www.easthamptonct.gov Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am - 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. Respectfully, Kristy L. Merrifield, CCMC Collector of Revenue

3TB 6/24, 7/8, 7/22

LEGAL NOTICE

Town of East Hampton

The following proposed water use rates or changes for owners of properties connected to the Village Center and Royal Oaks Water System were unanimously adopted by the Town Council at their regular scheduled meeting of June 14, 2022. Effective July 15, 2022.

A. Water Billing Schedule

- Monthly; if not paid within 30 days, such charges shall bear interest from due date at the interest rate charged for delinquent taxes.

B. Water Use and Meter Charges

- Monthly Meter Charge
 - \$40.00/EMU (5/8" meter)
 - larger meters incur a multiple of \$40.00/EMU
- Commodity Charge:
 - \$11.50/1000 gallons

Town Council
 Mark Philhower, Chairman
 Tim Feegel, Vice Chairman
 Pete Brown
 Kevin Reich
 Brandon Goff
 Alison Walck
 Eric Peterson

Dated on this day June 14, 2022
 The 2022/23 budget of \$237,924.00 will not require an increase in water commodity rates.

1TB 6/24

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH

TAX COLLECTOR'S LEGAL NOTICE

All persons liable to pay taxes to the Town of Marlborough as levied on the October 1, 2021 Grand List which includes Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle are hereby notified that the first installment is due July 1, 2022 and will be delinquent August 2, 2022. The second installment will be due January 1, 2023 and delinquent February 2, 2023. Delinquent bills will be subject to interest of one and half percent a month reverting to the due date or 18% a year. Minimum interest is \$2.00. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the interest or tax. If you do not receive a bill, please check online at marlboroughct.net, bill look up or call the tax office at 860-295-6205. Tax bills \$800.01 or less are due in one installment. Bills over 800.01 are due in two installments. The Motor Vehicle Mill Rate for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year is 32.46 and the Mill Rate for the Real Estate and Personal Property is 35.55. Tax payments can be mailed to Tax Collector, PO Box 29, Marlborough, CT 06447, placed in the DROP BOX located to the left of the Town Hall door, or brought into the Tax Collector's Office. Tax Collector's hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesdays 8:30 am to 7 pm and Fridays 8:30 am to 12 Noon. Tax payments can be paid online at www.marlboroughct.net with Master Card, Visa or ACH. Respectfully submitted, Barbara C. Murray Tax Collector

3TB 6/24, 7/8, 7/22

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Please contact Garry @ **860-280-6333** or gstraker319@gmail.com

REG-24-22

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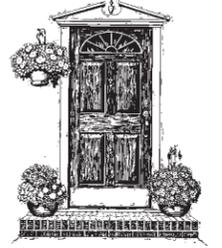
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