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Intro to Fire Service... Colchester Fire cadets John Marks, left, and Nicholas June, right, recently graduated from the Connecticut Fire Academy's Introduction to the Fire Service (ITTFS) 6-day residential program. Both cadets graduated in a ceremony at the Connecticut Fire Academy on July 16. The program is centered around respect, character, empowerment and team-building teaching the mission, culture and skill sets of the fire service. They participated in physical fitness training, classroom sessions and completed evolutions in basic fire ground operations. The two are shown here after the graduation ceremony, with Fire Chief Steve Hoffmann.

Parents Make Push For Armed Guards

By Jack Lakowsky

More than a dozen parents of East Hampton schoolchildren made their voices heard in a special school board meeting Monday night, with most advocating for the district to hire armed guards for the lower-level schools.

East Hampton High School already has an armed guard. The middle school, Center and Memorial do not.

The East Hampton Board of Education started this discussion in the wake of the Uvalde massacre and, locally, a racist, homophobic and antisemitic threat made by an EHHS student in May.

The meeting packed East Hampton Town Hall with residents, local officials like the town manager and the police chief, and TV news outlets.

The board made no firm decisions, and members mostly kept their own opinions mum. Talks will pick up at a special Aug. 15 meeting.

Smith said that if the board moves the topic ahead, guards would start in September 2023. Schools sent a survey to K-8 parents to gauge public opinion.

At least in this sampling of East Hampton, more supported the guards than opposed them. All speakers had kids in Belltown schools – current, former and prospective.

Parents Danielle Seretny, Sam Cruz and Kim Fentress were all in favor, saying armed guards deter violence.

Fentress also added that she felt school resource officers, or SROs, often build positive relationships with students. She also pointed out how geographically large East Hampton is, and that, in the event of a school shooting, by the time an officer responded from across town, it may be too late.

Seretny said stances on guns or politics are irrelevant, as they aren't the problems needing solutions. Keeping kids safe in schools, she said, is the issue at hand.

Seretny said, for example, entering Memorial school is easy, something another parent pointed out. Board member Ken Barber advised the superintendent to note these statements.

Resident Jordan Werme opposed adding the guards.

Werme said he knows evidence of how guards do not actually deter violence won't sway opinions on what he called a settled matter, assuming the board will introduce guards to the lower schools, "turning the schools into prisons" and putting more kids into the school-to-prison pipeline.

"It's easier to throw a gun at a problem than make effective policy changes," he said.

Werme stressed guards must have an iron-clad, clearly defined role of dealing exclusively with criminal behavior and that "normal" disciplinary issues must be dealt with by teachers and trained professionals.

Resident and one-time student of the Belltown district Stephanie Heine said this issue shouldn't be an "either/or" one, divided between advocates for better mental health resources and school guards.

Heine said that, while she doesn't immediately disagree with more armed guards, she'd have a problem if funding the three new positions – at a cost of \$150,000, according to Smith – took resources and education away from students.

No board members have balked at the price of armed guards, though in the budget cycle, the board nixed requests for another \$25,000

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Portland Selectmen Lend Support for Equality

By Jack Lakowsky

Last week the Portland Board of Selectmen symbolically testified its support for the Equality Act, a bill the U.S. House of Representatives passed in 2019 that prohibits discrimination against sex, sexual orientation and gender identity.

The bill, which is currently languishing on Capitol Hill, adds the above traits to those that can't legally be discriminated against.

The Equality Act forbids discrimination in "public accommodations"– education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit and the jury system.

A few years ago the United States Supreme Court ruled employers cannot discriminate against a person for their sexual orientation, gender identity or status under the 14th Amendment. This essentially expands that decision to

all public spheres.

John Board, founder and former chair of New Britain Pride, told the board he now works in LGBTQ outreach, spreading awareness of laws affecting the community like the 2019 state bill that banned the so-called "gay panic defense," used to acquit dozens of murderers, Gov. Ned Lamont's release on the bill reads.

Board has spent the last few months reaching out to Connecticut towns, asking them to write letters supporting the Equality Act and submitting them to Congress.

Board said Portland is the 16th town to pass the symbolic resolution, joining Middletown, New Britain, New London, Seymour, Windham, and others, "urban to rural, liberal to conservative," Board observed.

"Portland's voice will be heard" on Capitol

Hill, Board said.

Board got in touch with First Selectman Ryan Curley, who embraced the idea.

In the meeting, Curley said laws giving equality to millions of Americans are a no-brainer.

When the Republican-majority board passed the resolution unanimously, Curley was glad they all agreed on a "very important topic."

Selectperson and Democrat Ralph Zampano said people in town have the proposed-to-be-protected identities, and that he "supports their rights."

"[The] Board of Selectmen support[s] the rights, freedoms and equality of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ+)," the resolution reads.

"Individuals of this town who are LGBTQ
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have made and continue to make vital contributions to every aspect of our town, including in the fields of education, law, health, science, business, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sports, technology, music, civil rights, [and] politics," it continues.

The resolution concludes that the board and the town overall recognize that LGBTQ rights are Constitutionally protected human rights and must "strive to ensure that the promise of equality is realized for all", that all people should be treated fairly regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Waiting Game

Curley updated the board on a few major projects, many of which are inching towards decision-making desks in the state bureaucracy.

Portland residents will be familiar with the town's water challenges. While quality is good, price is not, with the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), Portland's water provider, raising prices at a fast rate.

Portland is locked in a contract with MDC until 2026. The town, starting under former town leader Susan Bransfield, has been seeking alternative sources, giving the town – and by extension, taxpayers – more say in water prices (and, ideally, better prices).

In 2020, Portland received a \$250,000 state grant to fund the search for water sources. Then, a panel of selectpersons and water and sewer commission members met and chose a firm to start the work.

However, the state Department of Public Health needs to approve the contractor.

"And that's where it's sat for several months," said Curley. "That's why there hasn't been much news."

The town's paperwork is "up to the deputy commissioner," and is expected to be signed very soon, the first selectman added.

"They've heard from me quite a bit at the state," he said. "This is a big project for the town, and I'm very optimistic we can find water and get it delivered to customers affordably."

Zampano, responding to complaints he's heard people make over their water bills, pointed out that this year there was no price increase, and advised people to check their meters are working properly.

On the project remediating and revitalizing the brownfield at 248 Brownstone Avenue, eyed for business development, the town's waiting on an approval from DEEP.

"DEEP has to sign off" on a flood management plan, Curley said. "I was told recently we should expect that certification any day."

Indeed, DEEP gave Portland permission to move ahead with the remediation, Curley said in a Tuesday follow-up. Curley estimates work will start in late September. Right now, the town is seeking collaboration with a private partner to help propel the project forward.

A \$725,000 small cities grant to renovate the Waverly Senior Center, upgrading the HVAC systems, adding a generator to make the center a cooling/warming center and improving the kitchen, was a fingertip away, with "one item left remaining" to address, Curley said.

That item was addressed last week, when the board gave Curley the go-ahead to authorize a 15-year restrictive use on the center, which means the town can't change its use. It entered a similar condition in 2002, the last time the center had a major facelift.

On Tuesday Curley said after the selectmen's approval, he immediately received approval from the state.

"There's a lot more work to do," said Curley, "but now we have the money to do it."

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Free Concert at Gazebo

The Andover Friends of the Library and the Andover Public Library Board of Directors will present a free evening of music for the whole family with Tex's Troubadours Friday, Aug. 5, at 6:30 p.m., at the Andover Gazebo, located in front of the Andover Elementary School, 35 School Rd. (The show will be held at the Town Hall community room in case of rain.)

Tex's Troubadours will perform traditional bluegrass and older country music. The band consists of veteran northeast bluegrass musicians, representing Connecticut, Massachusetts,

New Jersey and New York. Members include Dave "Tex" Orloski on guitar, Lillian Fraker on bass, Terry McGill on banjo, and Ben Fraker on the mandolin. Bring blankets and chairs.

This is the 14th summer show that the Andover Friends of the Library in cooperation with the Andover Public Library Board of Directors have presented for the community.

The Friends will sell ice cream, water and pizza.

For more information, call Andover Public Library at 860-742-7428.

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 Aug. 3. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Aug. 10.

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

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

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

Town Pondering Bridge Replacement

First Selectman Jeffery J. Maguire announced that the town is contemplating a project to replace the Long Hill Road Bridge over the Hop River. The bridge replacement project would receive federal funds under the Federal Local Bridge Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

If undertaken, the project design would be expected to begin in fall 2022, with construction likely in 2025 or 2026.

Maguire said local and state policy encourages early information to citizens on such projects and encourages people to raise any concerns

with municipal officials early in the planning process. Persons wanting additional information should contact Town Administrator Eric Anderson at 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232 or by phone at 860-742-4035 ext. 4210.

The cost of the bridge replacement would receive 80% reimbursement from federal aid with the remaining 20% paid from state funds. The federal aid for the project was authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP - 21) administered by the Federal Highway Administration and the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

History Museum Open Monthly

The Andover Historical Society will next open its Museum of Andover History on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 4-6 p.m. The museum is located in the Old Town Hall on Monument Lane.

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

New items are continuously being added to the display.

President's List

Christina Pelletier of Andover made the spring 2022 President's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford.

Dean's List

Meghan Davis of Andover made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Bridgewater State University.

Davis is a member of the class of 2024 majoring in communication sciences and disorders.

Farmers Market Aug. 3

The Andover Farmers Market will be Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 4-7 p.m., outdoors at First Congregational Church, 359 Route 6. There will be several farmers, bakers, a food truck and music.

The next markets will be Wednesdays, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, with the final market on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Nov. 5 market will include crafters. The markets are held outside.

Concert Rescheduled

The final concert of this year's Hop River Chamber Music Series was postponed this week, and has been rescheduled to Thursday, Aug. 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Congregational Church (UCC) of Andover, 359 Route 6.

The concert will feature music for string quartet performed by violinists Mary Ellen Briga and Barbara Vaughan, violist Laurel Thurman and cellist Fran Bard.

Admission is free. Suggested donation is \$10. Masking is required.

For more information, call 860-429-0865 or visit www.hoprvmusic.com.

Senior Movies

The next Andover Senior Movie will be Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m., in the Town Hall community room. The 2022 film *Rescued by Ruby* (rated G) will be shown.

The movie is open to all. Bring your own snacks and drinks. If you need a ride, call Cathy Palazzi two days in advance at 860-916-6122.

Dean's List

Andover residents Christina Pelletier and Morgan Wyslick made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford.

Resident Graduates

David S. Merry of Andover recently graduated cum laude from Western New England University in Springfield, Mass., with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in mechanical engineering.



Moon Over Andover... Marlborough town assessor Simon Robert Wake snapped this photo July 13 of a Super Moon over Hendee Road in Andover.

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.

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. Visit the senior page at andoverct.org for all senior events and information. A new events calendar will be posted for September and October.

Shopping Dates: To Willimantic Thursday, Aug. 4, and Tuesdays, Aug. 16 and 30. To Manchester Thursday, Aug. 11, and Tuesday, Aug. 23. Masks are available on all vehicles.

Luncheons: The next luncheon is Friday, Aug. 26, and will feature entertainment by Taire Kahana. The luncheon on Sept. 23 will feature special guests Congressman Joe Courtney and Wes Skorski, candidate for state House of Representatives. Reservations required.

Rides to Food Pantry: The bus is now avail-

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

New Seniors Welcome: New seniors are welcome to all events. Call Palazzi for all luncheon reservations and transportation needs. Call Judy Knox at 860-643-6824 to join Young at Heart, call Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947 for all trip information, and call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057 for all movie information.

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

By Mike Thompson

"I'm only happy when it rains" says a line in that great '90s song of the same name by the band Garbage. And while that's not particularly true for me, the fact of the matter is we definitely could use some liquid precipitation.

It's been a long, long time since there's been rain of any significance. It feels like whenever storms are in the forecast, they fizzle out like a wet firecracker by the time they make their way to Connecticut.

And while I prefer sunny days to rainy ones, we need the moisture. Things right now are pretty bleak – so bleak in fact that earlier this month, on July 14, the State of Connecticut's Interagency Drought Working Group declared that all eight Connecticut counties are experiencing Stage 2 Drought conditions due to precipitation across the state being below normal.

Now, since that time, there has been enough rain at least in the western part of the state to upgrade that part to "moderately dry." But for the rest of us – including all of *Rivereast*-land – we're still in "moderate drought" level. So, until Mother Nature decides to grace us with a deluge or three, it's up to us to do some water conservation.

"Residents should be mindful of their water consumption and take sensible steps to reduce impacts on other water uses and on the environment," Gov. Ned Lamont said in a July 14 press release. "We must begin early steps now to mitigate the potential for harm should the drought become prolonged."

Residents and businesses across the state have been asked to voluntarily take the following steps to help mitigate future drought impacts:

- Reduce automatic outdoor irrigation;
- Postpone the planting of any new lawns or vegetation;
- Minimize overall water use by fixing leaky

plumbing and fixtures; and

Follow any additional conservation requests issued by water suppliers or municipalities.

Hopefully some significant rain – emphasis on "significant;" sorry, a five-minute summer thunderstorm isn't going to cut it – is on the way. But until it does, it's up for us to do our part to help the drought situation from getting any worse.

We're all in this together.

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Looking for a good meal this weekend? Then I'd suggest swinging by the American Legion hall in Hebron, located on Main Street (a.k.a. Route 66) right next to Douglas Library and grab some delicious burgers.

The Legion will be selling its burgers – which, I can tell you from firsthand experience, are quite delicious – on Saturday, July 30, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Burgers with optional cheese and sauteed onions will be \$5, and fries \$4.

The burger sale supports several charitable programs offered by the American Legion.

For more information, contact Joe at 203-848-5913 or Ron at park1969@comcast.net.

As I said, these burgers are fantastic; I first became familiar with them nearly 20 years ago at the Hebron Maple Fest. You won't be disappointed.

* * *

Who doesn't love good – and by good I mean terrible – puns every once in a while? So to close this week, here are a few:

- Why did Adele cross the road? To say hello from the other side.
- What kind of concert only costs 45 cents? A 50 Cent concert featuring Nickelback.
- What did the grape say when it got crushed? Nothing, it just let out a little wine.

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Scouts' Week Out... Pictured is Marlborough Boy Scout Troop 39, which recently spent a week at the June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford. Note: one of the Scouts is holding a copy of the *Rivereast*!

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Remembering Glen

To the Editor:

On Saturday last (July 23), I attended a Celebration of Life in Marlborough for Glen Warstock. Although Glen died over a year ago, many (including me) were unaware of his passing at that time, due to their being no obituary. He left behind no family. I plan on rectifying this by writing Glen's obituary. Glen and I go way back to our high school days in RHAM's Audio-Visual Club.

At this time, I am asking that all who knew Glen to contact me with information about him. I do know that he worked for Pratt & Whitney, and that he was a longtime dispatcher for Troop K in Colchester. He was heavily involved in the Marlborough fire department, the Masons, the Shriners, and as a school bus driver for many years. Please contact me at mayor-of-gilead@sbglobal.net so I can add your input to what I will write.

Thank you,

Robert Norton Warner – Colchester

Book Not Invisible

To the Editor:

The July 15 newspaper stated that Librarian Byroade said the RuPaul book would not attract the attention of a 4-year-old. She said it would be "invisible" to them.

All of us here have had plenty of experience being with 4-year-olds. While some 4-year-olds are beginning readers, all 4-year-olds understand how a book is read. They open the book,

study the words and pictures, turning one page at a time, to the end of the book.

Four-year-olds understand books by both words and pictures. Any book in the library is available to young children. The library displays are eye-catching to young children. No book is "invisible" to children.

Thank you, First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, for your caring attitude. We appreciate that you care that our children matter.

Pat Kelly – Colchester

Supports Rivers

To the Editor:

I am writing to show my support for Chris Rivers, Democratic candidate for the Connecticut House of Representatives. Chris is running for the open seat in the 48th District, the seat currently held by Brian Smith. The district represents Colchester, Lebanon, Bozrah and Franklin.

Chris and volunteers are currently door knocking across the district. I've been campaigning with him, and am impressed with his energy, positivity, and ability to deeply listen and connect with people. As a Public Policy Professional with fifteen years of leadership and managerial experience, Chris is passionate about solving the challenges we face in our very complex world. His background in strategy and analysis keys into problem solving along with his priority for obtaining input from a variety of stakeholders.

Chris is currently on the Colchester Board

Bulletin Board

I admit to being caught up in the Mega Millions mania this week. The fact that you are reading this will indicate that I am presently \$2 poorer.

Actually, my wife picked up the ticket. In retrospect, this was probably not a great idea on my part. You may have heard the old joke (at least I think it's a joke) about the guy who comes home from work and his wife says, "Pack your bags, honey, I just won the lottery!"

Naturally, the guy is ecstatic. Finally, he can leave his job, buy an expensive sports car and spend the rest of his life on Easy Street. As he pulls out his phone to tell his boss he's quitting and good riddance, he excitedly asks his wife, "Where are we going?"

"I'm not sure where I'm going yet," she says, without looking up from her travel brochure. "But you're out of here. And take your damn golf clubs with you."

Anyway, our Mega Millions ticket wasn't a winner, so here I am.

Those of us who sometimes worry American Optimism is dead or dying have only to look at the Mega Millions frenzy to be disabused of that notion. Considering that your chances of winning are calculated at something like one in 302.6 million, you're more likely to catch Monkey Pox from a dolphin. But people cling to the dream and why not? Somebody has to win sooner or later and it might even be you.

TV reporters, of course, had a field day this week collaring optimists waiting in line to buy tickets and asking them what they would do with "all that money" if they won. I was surprised by how many people confessed, "I just don't know what I would do with over half a billion dollars!"

Oh, please.

I do not have that problem. Give me half a billion bucks and I would:

--Buy a long stretch of expensive beachfront and post guards to keep people like you off of it.

--I would buy my elderly mother a brand new ice scraper (the deluxe model with the brush on the handle) for her eight-year-old car. (You're welcome, Mom.)

--I would blow my nose on \$20 bills and cast them into the gutter for the crowd of sycophants and would-be minions following in my wake and then proceed to claim the money as a charitable write off.

--I would laugh and hang up the phone when rich politicians who talk about income equality and claim to be "just folks" who will never stop fighting evil on my behalf call me up to ask for a donation to their reelection campaign. (Oh wait, I already do that.)

--I would travel to exotic places and send post cards to all my relatives saying, "Wish you could afford to be here!"

--I would buy wine in bottles with real corks.

--As a community service, I would fund an elite team of vigilantes armed with crowbars to encourage robocallers and telephone scammers to find a new line of work once they get out of the hospital.

--I would fill my new in-ground pool with money and lie in it while smoking expensive cigars and feeling good about myself.

--I'd start a foundation to look into the most perplexing medical mysteries of our times, such as why I am able to sprout huge tufts of hair out of my nose and ears while losing all the hair on top of my head.

But first, before I did anything else, I'd buy so many toenail clippers that my wife would run out of places to hide them (she claims it's poltergeists).

I'm thinking maybe a few thousand would do the trick.

Jim Hallas

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of Education. He understands that COVID has impacted our schools and the need to continue support our students, school personnel and parents.

Chris is focused on the need to streamline the state's interface with small business.

Chris is pragmatic about issues facing the state and feels that it is important to have diverse points of view.

Chris recognizes the economic insecurity seniors and others face in this particular time of rising costs. He believes that state services can be streamlined (with cost savings) and still work for us.

Chris started as an infantry soldier and is a combat veteran, a West Point grad, an engineer, and former diplomat. He wants to hear from folks. So please reach out with any questions!

Sincerely,
Joanne Rose – Colchester

Trump: Devious or Demented

To the Editor:

Trump again this week is repeating the Big Lie regarding the election. He claims that he has run twice and won twice by huge margins. He is either deviously attempting to mislead his ever-shrinking cultish followers or he is truly insane if he believes his own lies and that his base still believes him.

He has incited violence against the country and has almost cost his V.P. Pence his life. He is guilty of a seditious conspiracy and deserves to be imprisoned and to forfeit any future role in government.

Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland

Mapping Hebron

To the Editor:

Attendees of Hebron's March 7, 2019, town meeting received an aerial photo of 88 acres. This aerial view is a valuable tool. It not only shows modern land boundaries and groundwater, but the thinking and history associated with early farming.

The photo displays square and rectangular farm plots and modestly dark areas, in the soil, where water is present. If you have not walked this land all year round you might have missed the groundwater clues, but they are there none-the-less and so are historical clues left behind from generations ago. Things like old growth trees, most of which survived in damp areas of the landscape. Or narrow laneways flanked by stone walls. Laneways, now over grown with vines and invasive plants. Older trees flank these laneways and if we stop long enough to listen, they tell us a great story.

By turning your map so that Church Street is on the bottom of the page, and ignoring modern markers for property lines, you will begin to see long rectangular plots of land running from west to east. Or from Church Street towards Millstream. Each strip of land is delineated by

a single stonewall or by pairs of stonewalls, known as wagon laneways, also running west to east. These wagon laneways were used, by farmers, to carry out their work and to easily reach their back plots of land, without damaging their front plots.

Many of these stonewall-lined laneways still exist on the land flanking Church Street, on Kinney Road, and elsewhere in town, and they deserve historic recognition and preservation. They are, in fact, our living history.

To print out an aerial photo of your own, go to Kinney Road Matters or visit Hebron, CT at Google Earth.

#save17KinneyRoad.

Jean Tulumieri – Amston

Ex-Cop Wrongfully Imprisoned

To the Editor:

I recently read that an ex-cop was sentenced to 2.5 years in prison. What did he do to deserve this? He held the legs of a career criminal that was resisting arrest! He held the legs of George Floyd while other police officers were attempting to subdue him before anyone else was harmed.

George Floyd died while resisting arrest. He would likely still be alive today if he was not resisting arrest! Anyone resisting arrest should automatically be denied any and all rights! When resisting arrest, that person is putting those that are attempting to get him under control in great danger of injury or loss of life.

If we keep imprisoning police officers for attempting to subdue criminals we will no longer have any police officers. Would you want to be a police officer? I certainly would not!

Frank Blume – Colchester

Only Sit if You Must!

To the Editor:

Memorial Day has varying meanings to the American public.

During the July 4th timeframe, on and around the American Legion building, several civilians, and some former military veterans, address a single concern while viewing/participating in the memorial service.

Just to note to the majority of the public: Memorial Day is not a celebration; it is to memorialize, the passing of former United States of America and other countries' military; for-the-most-part, in battle/time-of-war participants. When "prompted" to acknowledge a "clergy" or a guest speaker, most Americans adhere to the considered "norm" – i.e. stand if able, for a prayer, and stand for the entire program unless disabled, or experiencing a disability prohibiting standing for the entire program.

Exception: one individual remained "sitting" the entire memorial program.

It was a dichotomy, as no military member (veteran and/or active service), nor did any civilian, lay claim to knowing this "sitting person"!

out of spaghetti. You should've seen her face when I drove pasta.

-- I made a pun about the wind but it blows.

-- I knew a guy who collected candy canes; they were all in mint condition.

Alright, I better quit now before I lose what readers I have left. But hey, one more for the road:

-- What do you call the ghost of a chicken? A poultry-geist.

See you next week.

The consensus from the inquiring Hebron-area folks was that it was rude and disrespectful especially in view of the entire audience and most of the participating veterans at the green, to just sit! Just disrespectful, sitting a few feet from the speakers, ignoring the mission.

Memorial Day – this is to remember the fallen for one day, of whom gave up the right to sit in front of the monument, for our freedom and to respect the flag and the United States of America, so as another may exercise that right. To sit throughout the service without any acknowledgment, how rude!

Note: This is not necessarily the opinion of the veterans and/or units associated with American Legion Post 95, and the author.

Respectfully submitted, thru others,
R.A. Bob Mangillo, Adjutant
Hebron American Legion Post 95

Supports Shilosky

To the Editor:

I am writing to urge you to vote for Julianne Shilosky for the Republican registrar of voters for the Town of Colchester in the upcoming Aug. 9, 2022, primary. I have worked with Julie for the past four years. Since becoming the current Republican registrar of voters she has run two recounts, three referendums and two elections not counting her involvement as the deputy registrar before that. Her time also includes daily registering of voters and other duties that office requires.

Julie has lived in Colchester for 48 years and has done humanitarian service for Colchester for 35 years. Julie has the experience and dedication to ensure that all elections are run in a non-partisan, safe and secure manner. She dedicates her time over and above what is required to assist the citizens of Colchester.

With our current political climate, we need someone we can trust in that position, and I truly believe we can trust Julie. Please come out on August 9th and vote for Julie.

Gayle Furman, CCTC
Colchester Town Clerk

Supports Fuller

To the Editor:

Most people desire in their elected officials integrity, honesty and a willingness to defend positions in the best interests of citizens. Rachel Fuller, running in the upcoming Colchester Republican primary for the registrar of voters, is that person.

The registrar of voters is a very critical position to ensure our federal, state and municipal elections and other voting events, such as referendums, are conducted fairly and honestly. An effective registrar of voters must impeccably perform all assigned duties such as maintaining and updating voter registration information to ensure only eligible individuals are allowed to vote, training election workers per state statute, preparing election equipment and tabulators and ordering ballots, overseeing the absentee balloting process, and other essential duties, with the intended purpose of ensuring all elections are conducted timely, responsibly, and with the highest level of professional election standards.

Rachel Fuller is a perfect fit for this most critical position. As Colchester's Republican Party registrar of voters, Rachel will ensure to the best of her ability and authority that every

legally cast vote will count, and votes not legally cast will not count.

Rachel will bring a no-nonsense, straight-shooting work ethic to the position. A Marine veteran with vitality and youthfulness, her ethics are the highest. She will not 'go along to get along'; because of who she is, her only focus will be in carrying out the assigned duties without distraction or coercion. Colchester citizens will be assured that elections are carried out fairly and honestly, and individuals running for office who receive the most legally-cast votes are certified as the winning candidates.

What more could citizens ask for from a registrar of voters. I encourage all Colchester Republicans to cast their vote in the primary on Aug. 9 for Rachel Fuller.

Paul Bureau – Colchester

Julianne Shilosky Respected

To the Editor:

Julianne Shilosky has served the Republican Party and the Town of Colchester with honor, diligence and integrity, as the Republican registrar of voters.

The registrar's office is bipartisan – shared by both a Republican and a Democratic registrar. The office and elections run best when the two registrars work together to get the job done.

As the Democratic registrar of voters, I appreciate her dedication to work jointly to provide the voters of Colchester with smooth, free and fair elections. She has strived to treat all voters with respect in a non-partisan manner. She has worked hard, even during a pandemic, to keep the polls open, staffed, secure and sanitized.

As the endorsed Republican candidate, Julianne has earned the respect of the Colchester Republican voters, and she deserves their vote in the Republican primary on Aug. 9!

Karen Romero
Colchester Democratic Registrar of Voters

Huge Cost of Satisfying Everyone?

To the Editor:

Rivereast's July 22 announcement that Wall Street sidewalk costs are now higher is sad news. Public safety is important. Yet, it was disturbing to read the inference that this was due to preserving Hebron's African American heritage! If town officials had initially consulted the 2007 title search in the town vault of properties the sidewalk would impact, this would be a non-issue. Officials have had since September 2021 to lock in pre-inflationary costs, but didn't!

Hebron town government is ambivalent about its native and African American past, but this shouldn't be the rationale for increased costs. Initial failure to research historical factors before starting the project was a major shortcoming. Fortunately, this scenario turned out better than the Route 85 sidewalk, where the installation destroyed the archaeological site of Hebron's oldest house, defying Connecticut mandates.

I commend keeping costs down and enhanced public safety, but inflation was predicted months ago. Prompt action should have been taken. However, this project is cheaper than replacing the Douglas Library roof due to a building official's oversight of a need for re-

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-- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

-- Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? I heard the food was good but it had no atmosphere.

-- Can February March? No, but April May.

-- Need an ark to save two of every animal? I Noah guy.

-- I don't trust stairs because they're always up to something.

-- What was Forrest Gump's email password? Iforrest1

-- My sister bet that I couldn't build a car

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quired ventilation. It's, also, vastly cheaper than relocating Hebron's town center to justify the costs of Horton Boulevard, especially with a major recession predicted.

Hebron has never acquire public land based on historic associations alone despite recommendations in Hebron's Conservation and Development plans and selectmen's obligation to preserve Hebron's "rural historic character." Likewise, all open-space land has been acquired without adequate historical research. While it might be expedient to blame preservation of African-American heritage for a cost override, careful scrutiny of lost opportunities suggest otherwise.

Over \$400,000 was allocated for leisure time upgrades at Veteran's Memorial Park and a dog park, can't those American Rescue Plan allotments be trimmed to invest in public safety and African-American heritage?

John Baron - Hebron

ARPA Thanks

To the Editor:

On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed into law the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act that sent millions of dollars to communities across Connecticut and our country. Then-First Selectman Mary Bylone recommended to the Board of Selectmen to establish a community committee to assist and partner in the spending of the \$4.68 million in Colchester ARPA relief funding.

At the first committee meeting, I was humbled to be elected the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee's Chairman and have the opportunity to work with amazing, knowledgeable Colchester citizens with decades of community service to our town. From the beginning, I knew the experience and commitment of this team would shine bright and move us together through the uncharted waters of ARPA. The rules of the ARPA law were constantly being redefined as it was rolled out. The committee adapted with each clarification and kept moving forward.

Through all the fluidity of the rule clarifications, the ARPA Committee was able to work

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together and deliver positive results for the town. Seven nonprofits (501(c)(3)) and over 90 businesses received ARPA economic relief approval through our partnership with the Board of Selectmen and UHY (Colchester's ARPA consultant). Our work is not yet done as we now move to assess Colchester's municipal ARPA projects.

The ARPA team continues to demonstrate their dedication and expertise as we review each ARPA request. I would like to recognize the following current/past ARPA committee members for their tireless effort and incredible contributions: Greg Barden, Jennifer Cox, Jack Faski, Denise Mizla, Marge Mlodzinski, Stan Soby and Chuck Maynard (former member). I would also like to recognize those community members who advocated for the ARPA program and communicated the financial relief opportunities to local businesses. When we work together, great things can happen.

Sincerely,
Dave Koji, Chair
ARPA Committee
Colchester

Note: Koji said he is speaking as an individual, and not as the ARPA Committee chair.

The Centrist Candidate

To the Editor:

I am the party-endorsed candidate for the 34th state representative, which includes East Hampton, East Haddam and now portions of Salem.

The primary for the Democratic Party is Aug. 9. I am the centrist candidate with the principal focus to direct state legislation and state resources to support our local initiatives, such as our schools and infrastructure.

To my fellow Democrats, we must understand the voters of our district. A Republican has won this seat for the last 10 years. Let's not make the same mistake again of putting up candidates that cannot win in the general election in November.

Kurt Comisky – East Hampton

Enjoying the Heat Wave?

To the Editor:

Hi to Sam Prentice,
Hope you are enjoying heat wave across Europe and United States. Sure am glad this isn't global warming. I guess you live in Trump world.

Hope you have an air conditioner.
Sarah Shapiro – Andover

Shilosky for Registrar of Voters

To the Editor:

Aug. 9 is the Republican primary for registrar of voters for Colchester. You will vote in the designated polling place of your district.

Your vote is critical to support the candidate who has election experience. Julie Shilosky has served as Deputy registrar of voters and is the current registrar of voters. She is a member of ROVAC-Registrar of Voters Association that provides education conferences and training. She also receives continuing education under the secretary of the state. She attends the required training courses and webinars provided by the state. Julie is also a certified moderator with the state of Connecticut.

Julie has already managed referenda and recount elections. She managed the canvass that took place earlier this year that helps to maintain the voter database for the town. She continues to manage the database with new registrations, changes and removals.

The job of registrar comes under the laws and statutes of the secretary of the state and are monitored by the State Election Enforcement Commission.

Julie has the experience to run elections following election statutes. This begins from testing voting machines and ballots to hiring poll workers and moderators as well as the set-up of the polling places and managing the voting day from start to finish.

Julie is a friendly face in the registrar's office and at the polls. She is there to assist voters who wish to register, make changes to their registration and any other issue they may have.

It is imperative that we elect someone like Julie who can hit the ground running with the knowledge and skills to manage elections and all the duties of the registrar of voters.

I fully support Julie Shilosky, who will perform this job with integrity, professionalism and fairness.

Sincerely,
Denise Mizla – Colchester

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

Who Will Fight for the U.S.?

To the Editor:

Who will be willing to put their life on the line in combat with another nation? Who even will acknowledge that "America" exists? There are so many Americas these days. Will American Nazis fight to protect the freedom of gay people and immigrants? Will ultra-liberals fight to protect the 50% of a nation that would deny human rights, freedom of choice, and racial justice? Why would disparaged racial, ethnic, or cultural groups be willing to die for a nation that wants to repress them?

Assuming that some external force or event will coalesce all Americans into a common cause, as happened post-9/11, would the allegiance hold up on the field of battle, under stress? Would the United States armed forces have to train and equip disparate battalions and fleets, made up of like-minded citizens? Who would lead such a coalition? Will there be mutual support issues, friendly fire accidents, or mass desertion?

It seems that there is a very real prospect that such questions are relevant. Can we even agree on a common enemy, when a substantial portion of American voters back a man who cozied up to dictators and authoritarian regimes? Vladimir Putin may well be justified to think that the West will not contest his aggressions. He can see how America is divided, as are other democracies.

John Barnowski – Colchester

Hidden Agenda in Andover

To the Editor:

It should come as no surprise that First Selectman Jeff Maguire stated he "would get rid of the town meeting." It should also be noted that Maguire was not in attendance at the important Charter Revision presentation. Instead, he assigned his trusted political follower Adrian Mandeville, our vice first selectman, to present this last-minute major addendum to our charter.

The town budget meeting has always been our first step in the yearly budget process. It is the only opportunity for taxpayers to express their opinion and remove or reduce line items in the budget. Mandeville's claim that "we're not asking you to remove the vote" is a false statement. They were petitioning to have the town meeting reduced to an "informational presentation where there would be no vote taken.

Their claims that 120-150 people would be making the decision for the whole town are also not true. I've been to over 50 town meetings in my 30 years living in Andover and the attendance can vary depending if there is a controversial issue or an uptick in spending. It happens, but having the ability to have a say in how your town spends taxpayers' money has been our right and our privilege for decades and I see no reason to change.

I would still like to know where this idea came from. Mandeville also said that the idea "came up organically." What does that mean?

A sudden, decisive well-planned show of force in politics – That is the definition of coup d'état. That is what was attempted on Monday, July 11.

On Nov. 8, participate as an informed citizen of Andover; read the charter revisions, ask questions and get out and vote. This is important; it's the "Constitution" of our town. There will be at least four questions. It's our town and we should not be ruled by five selectmen.

Don Denley – Andover
Note: Denley is vice chair of the Andover Charter Revision Commission.

Hebron's Non-Hurdles

To the Editor:

I was surprised to read of "No Significant Hurdles" and "There's nothing to stop the project" regarding the proposed Public Works facility at 17 Kinney Rd. in Hebron. This is surprising for several reasons. The document the town received from archaeologist Sarah Holmes is an incomplete draft awaiting a historic title search and confirmation by the State Historical Preservation Office. I am also unaware that an environmental impact study or traffic study has been received by the town either. But what is most troubling is the statement, "The plans are to move forward on next steps, including commencing public hearings to hear from residents on the project."

So if I understand correctly, the archaeology report is incomplete, there has been no title search, environmental study or traffic study, and public hearings have not occurred yet? This appears to me to be quite a few non-hurdles. I imagine public hearings would be particularly important, as the selectmen's own Mission states they are "Acting as stewards of the Town

and agents of the people... while preserving our rural historic character."

While there are significant historic features, as raised in the archeology report and by historian John Baron, I believe the environmental risks weigh the heaviest against placing a Public Works facility at 17 Kinney Rd. Last week I shared with the Town an Environmental Review Team Report completed in June 2000. This scientific report addresses issues at the site including two fractures in the bedrock that pass through the property. As stated on page 9, "A corollary to increased water supply, greater fracture density also suggests increased permeability and faster rates of groundwater dispersal and also faster rates of dispersal of potential contaminants that may enter the groundwater system."

For more information, maps, and photos please visit Kinney Road Matters and #Save17.

Sincerely,
Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston

Fabricated Trash

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Edmund Smith. For those of you who didn't already know, Mr. Science is auditioning for multiple jobs which include *Wall Street Journal* columnist, CNN show host, and *NY Times* best-selling fiction writer. Each of these prestigious positions all share the same requirement: Pontification about a completely fabricated story and selling it like fact-based breaking news. C'mon, man!

If you read Edmund's "The Anti-Chicken Little" letter last week, and you are of reasonable sensibility, and you actually give a crap, you may appreciate what I'm about to write. Mr. Science pulled a "Joe Biden," which is simply code for communicating random thoughts into an astronomically preposterous word salad. Kamala Harris could not have done a better job.

I feel badly about bursting Edmund's bubble because his letter sounded truly personal. Unfortunately, making me the subject was a colossal folly as he has me confused with somebody else. To my knowledge, I have not written a letter about CO2 or climate change, farmers, fertilizers, or fossil fuel production. I don't know who Tony Heller (a.k.a. Steve Goddard) is, and I don't recall any of my previous letters in which I mentioned those names. If Mr. Science could cite those letters, I'd appreciate it. I did, however, like his list of nouns and adjectives he alleged I used (which I didn't) to describe climate scientists, such as "disingenuous," "corrupt," "charlatans" and "liars." I occasionally use those words to describe Democrats in general, and more specifically, certain *Rivereast* letter-writers. Congratulations, again, Edmund!

See folks? This is why you shouldn't trust CNN...or MSNBC...or Edmund Smith. Mistake-laden, fabricated trash. It's bad enough that Edmund keeps talking about science, now he's bludgeoning the basic tenets of reading and writing comprehension. No joke!

Regards,
Ed Kozlowski – Colchester

Humiliation Ritual

To the Editor:

Watching footage of Joe Biden, do you ever get the feeling like something just isn't right? That maybe Joe isn't doing as well as they say? Last week while making an appeal for greener industries, Ol' Joe told the crowd that he and almost everyone in his generation has cancer... due to the oil slicks on the frosted windshields of Delawarians' cars. Errr...what?

In response to his gaffe, the White House immediately rolled out the "Biden has COVID" narrative in a half-baked attempt at damage control and to spin the public discourse from disgust to pity. Thankfully Biden is double-jabbed, double-boosted, and looking forward to his next prick! Between Biden falling up stairs, off of bikes, not knowing what country he is in, or shaking hands with invisible people – something is definitely not right with the commander and chief.

Problems seems to be haunting the family, as Dr. Jill called Hispanics as diverse as breakfast tacos the week before and Hunter's cell phone got hacked, releasing dozens of insane videos of him buying crack, arguing with hookers, pleasing himself, and engaging in all sorts of compromising behavior with all manner of people.... surely nothing like this could ever be used as political blackmail material....errrrr. At least the cell phone didn't having anything related to showering with Biden...that was his daughter's own dairy describing her teenage years.

As the headaches mount, it's becoming clearer on an international stage that the US is in some serious trouble. While Trump could

speak for hours without the need for notes or a teleprompter, Biden literally reads aloud "repeat the line" from his speechwriter's copy... unaware that that was supposed to go unsaid. Our enemies and allies are paying attention, and they no longer see an America with strong leadership...but instead a country that's going through a humiliation ritual.

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

Give Rivers Your Support

To the Editor:

I am very proud to be supporting Chris Rivers for state representative for the 48th District.

Chris has proven himself time and time again to be a hardworking, extremely competent and passionate advocate for our country and for the citizens of eastern Connecticut.

His experience in serving our country after graduating from West Point as an engineer, both in the military and later as a diplomat, gives him unparalleled perspective as to how to solve problems and find ways to work together to solve the challenging issues of our state.

Chris understands that fiscally responsible investment is critical to sustainable growth and saving taxpayers money in the long run. He believes that involving people from the beginning in the process of making important decisions for our state is key to all of us owning our future.

He has worked hard as a member of the Colchester Board of Education fully supporting our kids and teachers as they face unprecedented challenges while representing those who want fiscal responsibility.

Most of all I value his relentless enthusiasm, his full commitment to honoring the promises he makes and his passion to make a difference.

I hope you will join me by giving Chris Rivers your support with your vote so he can continue to fight for our community.

Thank you for your attention,
Vincent Rose – Colchester

Taxpayers Will Stop It

To the Editor:

In last week's article concerning the \$50M municipal complex, Mr. Tierney is quoted as saying, "there's nothing to stop the project." But, there is one thing, for sure, Mr. Tierney: the collective sanity and common sense of the Hebron taxpayer. We don't need an obscure state law to stop the project; the stupidity, selfishness, and expense of this boondoggle will suffice. [Still, I believe Mr. Baron, and not the hired consultant, about the (pre)historic value of the Horton property and its importance in preserving the essence of Hebron.] The only question is will it go down 2 to 1 as with the RHAM turf proposal or, more likely, 5 to 1. This will happen, of course, only after the town has spent millions on consultants, glossy marketing materials and dog-and-pony shows trying to convince taxpayers that down is up, black is white and that Elvis is still alive.

Mr. Tierney states that the planned municipal complex is "not a \$50M price tag." How much is it then? (Actually, \$50M is a low estimate.) What the town would like you to forget is that once this "\$10M" (a pre-inflation, pre-COVID, pre-war cost estimate) Public Works facility is jammed through, the town plans to build a new town office and fire station there, too. Mr. Larson said, "We're not talking about that now." Well, we should be. If the PW facility is built, this once-beautiful land will be unsuitable for anything except scrapyards, dog parks, and Dollar Generals.

Mr. Tierney states that the responsibilities of the Board of Selectmen include "economic development." How does putting an ugly, noisy, unproductive facility on prime land in the center of town stimulate economic development? The answer is that it doesn't. Obviously.

John Collins – Amston

The Enemy from Within

To the Editor:

How did we arrive at this point where red conservatives and blue liberals are diametrically and intractably opposed? The 'Selective Attention Test,' a.k.a. 'The Invisible Gorilla,' provides clues. Viewers of a video are told to count how many times a basketball is tossed by three students dressed in white shirts while mixed in and interweaving with three students in dark shirts. Many or most viewers, focused solely on white-shirted students, fail to notice a gorilla walking through the group, beating his chest, and then departing. Only by replaying the video can viewers recognize their observational powers had been compromised from focusing on one criterion.

Today, red conservative minds are likewise
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Scholarship Winners... On Sunday, July 17, Knights of Columbus Council 15734 of Marlborough awarded \$500 scholarships to two RHAM High School seniors. Teresa Hooker, daughter of Jeffrey and Anne Hooker of Marlborough and Alexander Demosthenous, son of Michael and Stacey Demosthenous, also of Marlborough, were honored following services at St. John Fisher Church. Based on their individual achievements in academics, music, athletics and extracurricular community service, and including their submissions of a required essay, each recipient was awarded a certificate in recognition of their selection as winners. Hooker will enter Wellesley College in the fall. Demosthenous will study accounting at Bentley University. Pictured from left are Dan Jordan, Knights of Columbus Selection Committee chairman and presenter; Demosthenous; the Rev. Thomas Sas, pastor of St. John Fisher Church; Hooker; and James Castellani, Knights of Columbus committee member.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

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

COVID-19 Protocol: For the fully vaccinated, masks are 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).

Senior Center News and Notes

Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Dr., is open for activities. Call 860-295-6209 for the center's hours and more information. The senior center has announced the following:

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

distancing. **Assistance** is offered each day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Residents Sought to Serve

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

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

Economic Development Commission (two alternates); Conservation Commission (alternate); Water Pollution Control Authority (two alternates); Nature Trails and Sidewalks Commission (alternate); Commission on Aging

(alternate); Planning Commission (alternate).

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

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

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

Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday worship services at Marlborough Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, located at 35 S. Main St., are at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Sabbatical: Church pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber is on sabbatical in July. For pastoral needs, contact Pastoral Associate Val Seaver through the church office at 860-295-9050.

Sunday, July 31: Worship will be led by Seaver.

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: The shop will be closed July and August, and will reopen Sept. 9; however, appointments to shop during the summer can be made by calling the church office. The shop sells 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 on the church or its programs, call the church office.

New Polling Location

Normally Marlborough voters cast their ballots at the Marlborough Elementary School. However, for the Aug. 9 Democratic and Republican primaries, the polling location will be at Marlborough Senior Center. The voting hours will remain the same: 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

The reason for the change of the polling location is the community room at the elementary school is being renovated.

Copies of the Republican and Democratic ballots are available for review on the Town of Marlborough website, www.marlbroughct.net.

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@marlbrough-history.org.

Dean's List

Reilly Kleinhenn of Marlborough made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y.

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 a Double Winner

Marlborough's William Sanders won both the MJP Fairfield Half Marathon and 5K the weekend of June 4-5.

On Saturday, June 4, Sanders won the 5K in 15:23, and on Sunday, June 5, Sanders won the half marathon in 69:45. Over 2,500 runners participated in the weekend's races, held at Fairfield's Jennings Beach.

Dean's List

Caitlyn Leahy of Marlborough was named to the spring 2022 Dean's List at Penn State University. She achieved a 4.0 GPA during the semester.

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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.

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.

Library at the Lake: Friday, Aug. 5, from 2-4 p.m., or Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 1-3 p.m. There will be library books for all age groups, activities on hand, and people can even register for a library card. The event is weather permitting.

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 through Aug. 20.

Babytime in the Sunshine: Wednesdays through Aug. 24, at 10:30 a.m., outdoors, though inclement weather will move the program indoors. There will be stories, songs, lap bounces and rhymes for babies and toddlers ages birth to 2 and their caregivers. Registration is highly recommended as space is limited.

Nature Explorer Backpacks: Now available at the library. Each backpack is organized around a different outdoor theme (Beach Walk, Bird Watch, Bug Hunt, Discovering Trees, and Nature Trail) and contains a book, a set of binoculars, magnifying glass, compass, activity sheets, and a dry erase marker. The Bug Hunt and Nature Trail backpacks also contain a bug-catching kit. The backpacks are available due to funding raised the Friends of the Richmond Memorial Library.

The Secret Lives of Owls: Horizon Wings will bring several of their owls to the library on Wednesday, Aug. 3, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Discover the features of owls and meet them up close. This program will be geared toward children and teens, and will be held outdoors unless weather requires it be brought indoors. Registration is required; contact the library to do so.

STEM Explorers: For children ages 5-12. Tuesdays in August beginning at 4 p.m. The theme for Aug. 2 is Upcycled Engineering. Use recyclable supplies to create functional items. Registration is required; contact the library to do so.

Family Fun Night: Thursday, Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m., for families with children between the ages of 3-15. The theme will be What a Puzzle and the evening will include jigsaw puzzles, logic puzzles, and design your own puzzles. Registration is recommended; contact the library to do so.

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compromised by puppet masters at Fox News and other conservative media outlets who continuously tell their viewers to associate Democrats with all things going wrong. Viewers never see the conservative gorilla that is causing the greatest mischief in our country and world today. Thus did Fox News avoid airing some of the Congressional Jan. 6 hearings that provided a steady parade of conservative Republicans testifying about the nefarious actions of Trump and his lackeys.

When Fox did air hearings, almost half the viewers switched off. The latter's actions, a psychological phenomenon called 'motivated cognition,' proves many conservatives choose willful ignorance over truthfulness. They don't want to know facts. They don't want to compromise to arrive at some middle ground. They openly ignore and walk away from evidence. But the Jan. 6 hearings have the videos and sworn testimonies of Republicans implicating Republicans. Today there are far fewer Trump flags flying as the evidence piles up. The Windham 'Let's Go Brandon' store closed, stuck with huge unsold inventory. Those still promoting Trump through word or deed are simply outing themselves as proud, ignorant, angry, implacable fools. The enemy from within.

Edmund Smith – Andover

choosing to identify with a pseudonym for several years. After being outed, he resumed using his real name.

It's obvious that Smith et al have never read Heller's site, and until they stop relying on their current sources for information they will continue remaining oblivious to factual truth. But this climate lunacy is religion to them and their cognitive dissonance prevents the consideration of anything challenging their false narratives. I doubt Smith even realizes Texas foolishly depends on solar and wind for electricity – not petroleum.

Biden is fully responsible for the debacles we're all living through. He promised to destroy the oil/gas/coal industries and now he and his minions blame those industries for not increasing production. The fertilizer shortage is a direct result of his inane policies and the coming shortages and spikes in food prices are directly his doing. And worse, this is all intentional and by design. And now this demented fool wants to triple-down on his idiocy and declare a "Climate Emergency" where he'll proceed to illegally dismantle our economy and cripple our people's well-being.

This is the globalist's "Great Reset" and those not recognizing this as the scam it is are gullible dupes.

Sam Prentice – Andover

Not the Brightest Bulb

To the Editor:

Edmund Smith isn't the brightest bulb and his dim-wittedness was on full display as he responded to the wrong writer when it should've been directed to me. And I stand behind all of the comments I've made to which this dim-bulb took exception. But his cluelessness is typical as he's normally wrong about almost everything.

The original "birther" is Obama himself, when he self-described as being Kenyan-born in the marketing materials for his two books ghostwritten by Bill Ayers. As a software engineer, Tony Heller sought to avoid the professional retaliation directed at climate realists by

Voter Registration Deadlines

Voter registration deadlines are as follows:
-- Mail-in registration must be postmarked by Thursday, Aug. 4.

-- Online voter registration (from the Secretary of the State website, portal.ct.gov/sots) will close Thursday, Aug. 4, at midnight.

-- In-person until Monday, Aug. 8, at noon; however, any active serviceman, former serviceman who have been discharged within the calendar year, or any person who is out of the country may register until 5 p.m. on this same date.

No registered members of any Democrat-

ic, Republican or any minor party can change their party affiliation at this time and still be eligible to vote in this primary.

A Marlborough voter who is registered with no party (unaffiliated) can change their voter information to a Democratic or Republican based on the above deadlines.

Applications for absentee ballots are also available in the town clerk's office.

For more information, call the registrars at 860 306-8769 or the town clerk at 860-295-6206.

Parks and Rec Programs

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

Youth Programs: Netto Summer Day Camp: For grades K-7. Weekly through Aug. 12, at Blish Park. There will be camp games, arts & crafts, swimming, sports, field trips and special events. All campers are supervised by counselors and lifeguards trained in CPR/First Aid. Fee per week is \$175/resident, \$185/non-resident.

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball): Aug. 1-5, 9 a.m.-noon, at Blish Park, for ages 4-6. Fee: \$140/residents, \$145/non-residents.

Dog Obedience – Polite Dog Manners: Mondays, Aug. 1-Sept. 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Beginner-level classes for dogs 5 months and older. Fee: \$120/resident, \$125/non-resident.

Summer Running Training Camp: Mon-

day, Aug. 1, through Thursday, Aug. 4, 8:30-10:30 a.m., at the RHAM High School track. The goal of the program is to help middle and high school athletes build their fitness for the fall, and learn some tips and tricks for a successful season. Fee is \$80/resident, \$85/non-resident.

Tennis Lessons: Tuesdays, Aug. 8-11, at Blish Park. Ages 4-7 meet 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and fee is \$70/resident, \$75/non-resident. Ages 8-13 meet 10:30-11:30 a.m. and fee is \$85/resident, \$90/non-resident.

Horseback Riding Lessons: For ages 5 and up; English or Western style instruction. Lessons are private and are an hour in length. Days and times are flexible. Fee is four lessons for \$175 residents/\$180 non-residents.

Adult Programs: Zumba: Tuesdays through Aug. 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Blish Park pavilion. Drop-in fee is \$12 each week.

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

OFF MY WAVE.

Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.

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Senior Center News & Notes

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

Bus Trip: Aqua Turf – Lunch and a Show: Tuesday, Aug. 16. See “Tom Jones & Engelbert – The Way it Used to Be!!” performed by Joe Saimer. Lunch is served family-style and the main course is marinated flank steak/chicken marsala and served with sides, bread, and dessert. Lunch and the show are from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The bus will leave the senior center at 10:15 a.m. and return approximately 4:15 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$52, which covers lunch, the show, and transportation. You must pay for the trip for us to hold your spot. There are no refunds after Tuesday, Aug. 9. Limited number of spots available; there must be a minimum of six people by Aug. 3 to run the trip. To sign-up call or stop by the senior center.

AARP Driving Course: Tuesday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the senior center. Class is 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and you need to arrive by 8:50 a.m. and bring something to write with. Cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members, and is payable to the instructor day of class. You must pre-register by Friday, Aug. 19, at noon. Insurance discounts are possible. To register, call the senior center.

Friday Shopping: Fridays at 10 a.m. The schedule is: Big Y, Aug. 12 and Aug. 15; Walmart, Aug. 5 and 19. Call the center to sign up by Wednesdays at noon.

Monthly Movie: Monday, Aug. 9, 12:45 p.m. *Jerry and Marge Go Large* (rated PG-13) will be shown. Have lunch beforehand, at noon, for \$3. To sign up for the movie or lunch and a movie, call the center.

All-Levels Yoga Class: Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 a.m. The current session runs through Aug. 3 (cost is \$5 per class to drop-in), and the next session runs Aug. 10-Sept. 7 (cost is 5 classes for \$15), or \$5 per class for drop-in. Bring a yoga mat if you will not be using a chair. To register, call the center.

Renters Rebate: State law provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut 65+ and totally disabled renters. The filing period for this program runs through Oct. 1. Details/eligibility

requirements for the program are available in the April newsletter or at the senior center. Applications will be taken by appointment only by calling the senior center.

Community Café: Onsite meals take place Monday-Thursday at noon. Reservations due by 10 a.m. the day before the meal, and by 10 a.m. Friday for Monday’s lunch. Requested donation is \$3. Reservations required; call the center to register. For the full month’s menu, check the newsletter, the website, or at the senior center.

Stamping Class: Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m. Learn the basics as well as advanced techniques of rubber stamping and card-making. Cost is \$35 for four consecutive weeks. You can pay the instructor at your first class, but must pre-register for the class by contacting the senior center. **Enhance Fitness via Zoom:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9-10 a.m. The class is free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required, by calling the center.

Bingo: Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. The first card costs \$1 and entitles a player to play in all bingo games. Each additional card is then 50 cents each. Prizes awarded each game. To register, or to volunteer to be a bingo caller, call the center.

Hand & Foot Canasta Cards: Tuesdays, 1-3:15 p.m. This is a variation on the rummy type game of Canasta and is played with 2-6 people. Registration required.

Exercise Equipment Room: Open by reservation only, in 45-minute time slots, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon Friday. Call the center to reserve a time.

Sunshine Singers: Meet Thursdays, 10:10-11:40 a.m. This is a free program, but registration is required.

Knitting/Crocheting/Needle Group: Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Registration required.

Senior Transportation: Offered to ages 60 and up and all adult disabled individuals, for medical care, personal needs care, grocery shopping, or other pre-approved needs. Transportation available Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Appointments must be scheduled a minimum of 24 hours, but 48 hours is recommended; it is first-come, first-served. New riders need to schedule their first appointment a minimum of 48 hours in advance. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the center.

Residents Asked to Complete Survey

The Hebron Greater Together Community Fund is asking Hebron residents to take part in a survey for the 2022 grant program.

Responders will be asked to score items listed under the following topics: New Events, New Activities, New Services, New Special Interest Groups. This is the chance for Hebron residents to influence the guidelines to support applications for “new” projects in town.

The survey can be found online at tinyurl.com/36v58jpi.

Hard copies of the survey and drop-off boxes are available at Town Hall, the Russell Mercier Senior Center, the Douglas Library and Ted’s IGA Supermarket.

The deadline for the survey to be completed is Aug. 12.

Dean’s List

Amston residents Josh Susman and Patrick Emmons, and Hebron residents Griffin Pileski and Jacob D’onofrio, made the spring 2022 Dean’s List at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

Susman and D’onofrio are in the computing security program, Emmons is in the game design and development program, and Pileski is in the chemistry program.

Absentee Ballots Available for Primaries

Absentee ballots for the Democratic and Republican state and district offices primaries are available at the town clerk’s office located at 15 Gilead St.

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

The primaries for the Democratic and Republican state and district offices will be held at the Hebron Elementary School, 92 Church St. Voting will take place between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Resident Graduates

Katherine Grabowski of Hebron recently graduated cum laude from Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

Dean’s List

Amston resident Madelyn Brown made the spring 2022 Dean’s List at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.

Brown is a member of the Class of 2025 and majoring in business.

Historical Sites Open House

On Sunday, Aug. 7, from 1-3 p.m., the flags will be flying and the doors will be open at the Civilian Aircraft Observation Post and the Gull Schoolhouse. Both sites are accessible from the parking lot at Hebron’s Town Office Building at 15 Gilead Street.

The Gull Schoolhouse was originally located in District VI of Hebron’s eleven school districts. The first building, located at the intersection of Grayville Road and Old Colchester Road, burned and this replacement was built in about 1815. By 1949, when Hebron Elementary School was opened, all of the town’s one-room schools were closed. Henrietta Green bought the Gull School, had it

moved to her property, and restored it to how it appeared when she taught there in the early 1930s.

The Observation Post, built in 1942, just over the Columbia line, served as the Hebron and Columbia location for skyward observation. During World War II the fear was that the Germans would attack the east coast of the United States, so these little posts were established. The “spotting posts” were covered 24/7, with all planes reported to the Boston Control Center. Stop for a visit and members of the Hebron Historic Properties Commission will tell you about the “Red Flash” warning system and more.

Douglas Library News & Notes

Douglas Library, located at 22 Main St., has announced the following. For more info and full program descriptions, and to register, call the library at 860-228-9312 or visit www.douglaslibrary.org.

Friday Film: The library will show the film *Infinite Storm* (rated R) Friday, July 29, at 1 p.m. Bottled water and individually wrapped snacks will be provided. The movie will be shown on the library’s 80-inch 4K TV with surround sound speakers.

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

Summer Reading: Register for summer reading on douglaslibrary.org or by visiting the

library and picking up an activity sheet. Adults and teens can play Summer Reading Bingo, where they need to make lines by completing various tasks and challenges. Each completed line gets the player a prize and an entry into the grand prize drawings, which will take place at the end of August. Fill out your whole sheet and get an extra ticket for the raffle. Summer Reading packets for children are available on the third floor. Here’s how it works: Read for 20 minutes every day. Visit the library each week to get your reading log stamped, pick a prize and get a ticket for one of four grand prizes to be drawn Aug. 26.

Church of the Holy Family News

The Church of The Holy Family, 185 Church St. (Route 85), celebrates weekend Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; and weekday Masses Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

Visit holyfamilyhebron.org for more information. The church office can be reached at 860-228-0096.

Church Collecting for Homeless Shelter: The church collects items for the Windham Region No Freeze Hospitality Center, which provides assistance to homeless adults. Greatest needs: heavy-duty backpacks (new or used, clean and in good condition); AA and AAA batteries; men’s and women’s stick deodorant; men’s boxer briefs (always needed; sizes M and L at this time); \$10-\$15 Stop and Shop gift cards for gasoline to mainly support clients who are living in their cars; cellphone charging cords with plugs; \$10 Walmart gift cards; travel-size shampoo and conditioner; finger and toenail clippers; shea butter or aloe Epsom salts for the foot spa; women’s briefs (sizes 5-9); laundry detergent pods (no liquid; pods handed out individually); 13-gallon trash bags; and

water bottles. Additional needs: insect repellent with Deet (wipes, if possible); bath soap; body lotion; large-size body wipes; travel size shaving cream; razors; men’s flip-flops (M, L, XL; used as shower shoes); rain ponchos; large tarps (10’x12’ or larger; dark colors, no bright blue); and disinfectant spray. Place donations of goods in the designated collection box next to the church’s Cry Room. Place large quantities of donations in the Cry Room. For more information, call Monica or John McKerracher at 860-228-4211.

Famous Legion Burgers

The Veterans’ Famous Legion Burgers will be sold Saturday, July 30, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in front of the American Legion building, 18 Main St.

Burgers with optional cheese and sauteed onions will be \$5, and fries \$4.

The burger sale supports several charitable programs offered by the American Legion.

For more information, contact Joe at 203-848-5913 or Ron at park1969@comcast.net.



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College-Bound Athlete: Kayla LaMalfa

By Josh Howard

During the first half of her senior year at Portland High School, three-season runner Kayla LaMalfa was unsure if she wanted to compete in college.

Then in April, she announced on Instagram, “So excited to announce my commitment to ECSU xc/track and field. Thank you to my family, friends and coaches for pushing me.”

LaMalfa said she came to the realization midway through her senior year that she had the desire to keep competing and will now make Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic her next destination.

“I love doing it, so I thought why not keep doing it for the next four years,” LaMalfa said of her decision.

LaMalfa added that the closeness of the track teams at PHS team and the fact that three of her Highlander teammates – Owen Delisle, Jake Thompson and Lindsey King – all committed to ECSU made her decision easier.

“I’m really excited. There is a bond between us,” LaMalfa said about the Eastern-bound four. “As a team we are always so close and this cross country season was our best one yet. The team spirit this year was amazing.”

Deb Rooth, who coached LaMalfa during winter’s indoor track and field season, said that LaMalfa was the “glue that held the team together.”

“She is the kind of kid that I could always

depend on. I called her my communication specialist. If I needed to communicate with the kids, I would tell her and she would make sure everybody knew,” added Rooth, who added that LaMalfa was willing to run any distance that team needed. “She is one of those kids that everybody loved.”

This past indoor season was a highlight for LaMalfa, who set personal bests in the 3200 meters (14:00.49) to finish 4th overall at the Shoreline Conference (SLC) championship. At Shorelines, she also placed 4th in the 1000 meters.

During spring’s outdoor season, she set a personal-best mark in the 1600 meters (6:09.94).

She first started to take running more seriously following the COVID-19 pandemic, which washed away her outdoor season as a sophomore. She used quarantine to increase her running, improving her times as she coped with the stresses of the outside world.

“When I run, I feel free,” said LaMalfa, who also played the clarinet in the band at PHS.

LaMalfa will study health sciences at Eastern as she joins a Warriors team under the guidance of first-year head coach David Nicholson, who was a former All-American runner at the school and a member of the ECSU hall of fame.

“It will be exciting to have that different experience with the whole different team,” said LaMalfa.



Kayla LaMalfa will run cross country and track & field for Eastern Connecticut State University.

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.

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. Monday, Aug. 1, 11 a.m., at the gazebo on the Town Green. Bring a blanket and listen to stories, rhymes and songs. Registration is required.

Summer Camp-Capades! For kids going into grades 3-5. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 11 a.m. Registration is required.

Camping Capers: For kids going into grades K-2. Wednesday, Aug. 3, 11 a.m., on the library lawn. Registration is required.

Free Family Show – StoryFaces: Wednesday, Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m., on the Town Green. Artist Christopher Agostino will bring a classic folk tale to life by painting the faces of volunteers to help set the scene as he tells his story.

Join Us for a Nature Hike: Saturday, Aug. 6, at 10:30 a.m., for ages 5-10; Friday, Aug. 12, at 10:30 a.m., for ages 2-5. Come to the Portland Reservoir for a guided hike and learn about some of Portland’s history and wildlife from rising high school senior Annette LeShane. LeShane runs the Hiking Club at Portland High School and has been hiking at the reservoir since her childhood. She is leading these hikes as part of her high school Capstone project. Registration is required and space is very limited.

Chalk the Walks: Tuesday, Aug. 16, 10:30 a.m. Decorate the library sidewalks with images and messages of kindness. Chalk and popsicles will be supplied. Registration is not required for this drop-in event for all ages.

School Supply Bingo: Wednesday, Aug. 24, 6:30 p.m., on the Town Green and win some

school supplies! Registration is not required for this drop-in event.

Teen Programs: National Library Lock-In: Friday, July 29, 7-10 p.m. Teens are invited to visit the library after closing time. The night will include games, crafts and food. Registration is required and space is limited.

Adult Programs: Adult Summer Reading Program: When you sign up for the program, you receive a coupon for a free book/books (up to \$2 in value) from the Friends’ Ongoing Book Sale, and another coupon when you log 2,000 pages. For every 250 pages the Adult Summer Reading participants of Portland Library log as a group, the library will donate funding for two musical instrument rental scholarships for the 2022-23 school year for two students at Brownstone Intermediate School.

Historical Society Exhibit: The library’s 125+2 celebration continues with Portland Historical Society’s exhibit in two cases at the library. The exhibit brings back Portland’s days as an important economic force in the late 1890s, the time of the library’s birth. Also, many Portland residents and state and local dignitaries have sent in their comments in honor of Portland Library. Ask to view the comments on the “Library Love” video.

Movie: Wednesday, Aug. 10, 1 p.m. *Downton Abbey: A New Era* will be shown.

Trees in Connecticut: Tuesday, Aug. 16, 6:30 p.m. This will be an Audubon Society presentation.

Multi-Generational Drumming Circle: Monday, Aug. 22, 6:30 p.m., on Waverly Green, or indoors at the library if weather is inclement.

Portland Library App: Wherever you find your apps, look for Library Connection Mobile. Find eBooks, the library’s webpage and Facebook; reserve items including books, DVDs, yard, and museum passes. Connect to the library calendar to find out what is happening at the library including public meetings and library programs. Search the library catalog and many online resources.

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

YFS News & Notes

Portland Youth & Family Services has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, visit www.portlandct.org/youth-services or the YFS Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth, email Jrevicki@portlandct.org, or call 860-342-6758. To receive email updates about YFS programs and events, sign up at eepurl.com/h5m35.

Drop-In for Board Games: The YFS board games groups continue over the summer in the community room. Middle and high school-aged kids can come from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Backpacks Program: YFS is 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.

Little Hikers: There are multiple hikes scheduled for August. There will be an inter-generational one Friday, Aug. 5, at 10:30 a.m., at the Rec Complex, where local seniors are going to join in. Local high school student Annette LeShane will lead two other hikes as part of her capstone project and the library’s “Off the Beaten Path” Summer Reading Program. The first is Saturday, Aug. 6, at 10:30 a.m., at the Portland Reservoir for kids ages 6 to 8. The

second hike is on Friday, Aug. 12, at 10:30 a.m., at the Portland Reservoir for kids ages 3 to 5. Check out the YFS or library websites for more info and to sign up.

Drop-in and Draw: July’s Drop-in and Draw was this week. The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 1:30-4:30 p.m., in the YFS Community Room, 265 Main St. This mostly unstructured program gives youth of all ages a chance to meet up and 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. Kids can come when they want and stay for as long as they want.

“This is Us, Portland” Prevention Council & Wellness Council: YFS is building up its Prevention & Wellness Council to work on local issues, such as: education about drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products; coordination of healthy community events; promotion of positive mental health and wellness; and prevention through programs and community discussions. If interested in learning more, including how to get involved, call 860-342-6758 or email Meg at mecat@portlandct.org.

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‘So Many Positives’ to Public Art

By Jack Lakowsky

Burger Heaven & Smooth Acai commissioned local artist Brian Wentworth to beautify with his stylish, bold art the new Portland restaurant, which opened at the start of the year.

Working through scorching heat, Wentworth spraypainted the side of Burger Heaven over five days of intensive work, creating a bold, standout mural of an astronaut reaching for a smoothie, a Saturn-like egg sandwich planet afloat in the glimmering cosmos.

Burger Heaven co-owner Matt Carroll saw another of Wentworth’s murals in a Colchester business, proceeding to reach out to the artist.

“He does great work,” Carroll said Monday. “It’s very eye-catching and conveys the message we want sent.”

Wentworth also created some beautiful interior pieces as well. The interior pieces’ motif, Wentworth told the *Rivereast*, was to put a spin on familiar classics – the Mona Lisa about to devour a burger and an ode to famous street artist Banksy to name just two.

Wentworth said Burger Heaven’s walls were “screaming for some art,” saying he and Carroll wanted something unique, bold, envelope-pushing, with a little bit of edge, eschewing bland corporate designs.

For Carroll, this take is very on-brand. Some of the restaurant’s burgers have toppings like jalapeno-brined bacon and pecanwood-smoked bacon, peanut butter and bananas, and mac ‘n cheese.

When he started the outside, Wentworth had recent scientific strides in mind.

His work coincided with the publication of stunning images from NASA’s James Webb telescope, capturing galactic bodies and formations more than 13 billion light years away.

Plus, Burger Heaven’s food is “out of this world,” he said. The celestial imagery also vibes with the restaurant’s name.

The art itself flowed, Wentworth said. The

project’s biggest challenge was the sweltering temperatures he had to work through.

“The painting process was straightforward,” he said, “I carved out five days and really grinded on it. Once I’m in that flow state, it’s like I don’t exist. It went really smooth. I love painting ‘big,’ that’s my happy place.”

Many artists create alone, in studios and other workspaces. A distinction of creating a public piece is real-time, as-you-go feedback from passersby. Wentworth experienced this as he brought his vision to fruition, all critiques positive.

“People were driving by honking their horns and yelling about how good it looked,” Wentworth said. “Those reactions keep me fueled.”

For Wentworth, Burger Heaven’s mural isn’t a one-off, but a highlight in a portfolio. Wentworth is aiming to be a prolific creator of outdoor art and public murals.

Wentworth has created art for private residents too, on sheds and homes.

Several Wentworth pieces emblazon businesses in his hometown of Colchester, where he still lives. He’s painted pieces for Fornarelli’s, Green Valley Glass, Tim’s Bistro, and he’s finishing up a project at Robbie D’s barbershop.

Public art’s benefit to communities, Wentworth said, is manifold. Public art commissions support local artists and give communities a sense of pride. “If you know what you’re doing and knock it out of the park, art has an undeniable impact,” he said.

An article on LinkedIn by media CEO Alex Leonard said murals and art pay businesses dividends, bringing in more foot traffic, garnering social media posts – essentially free advertising, highlighting brand values and inspiring employees.

Another simple, but important, boon of public art, Wentworth said, is just making people feel good.

Co-owner Carroll said public art sets the feel

fighters and corrections officers who have given their lives in the performance of their duties. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, and can be purchased at the gate. Hot dogs, ice cream and refreshments will be available for purchase. Parking is free.

If you have a vehicle of any type for the Touch A Truck event, call Jamie Leonard at 860-301-6998.

Portland Exchange ‘Touch A Truck’ Event

The Exchange Club of Portland will hold its annual “Touch A Truck” event Sunday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Portland Exchange Fairgrounds.

The Exchange will have trucks and vehicles of all types for children to come and sit in. The event will be horn-free from 11 a.m.-noon.

All proceeds from the event will benefit The 100 Club of Connecticut, a nonprofit that provides support for surviving spouse and children of fallen police officers, volunteer and paid fire-

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

The First Congregational Church of Portland invites all to its annual Ecumenical Vacation Bible School program – which this year is entitled “Food Truck Party.”

Vacation Bible School will be held Thursday and Friday, Aug. 25 and 26, from 5-7 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be recreational games, crafts, music, skits, stories, snacks and more. Each registered camper will receive a custom-made “Food Truck Party” T-shirt and a music CD.

Four-year olds (it is recommended that they have completed a year of preschool) through fifth-graders are invited. Registration is now open. Cost is \$40 per child. Download registra-

tion forms from www.firstchurchportlandct.org

Deadline to register is Aug. 1.

Also, adult and teen/tween volunteers are needed. For more information, call the church at 860-342-3244 or email Ann Labby at labbyann@gmail.com.

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.



Brian Wentworth, a Colchester-based artist, just completed a stunning mural for Burger Heaven & Smooth Acai at 870 Portland-Cobalt Rd. (Route 17), embellishing a main gateway road into Portland. Burger Heaven owners sought Wentworth out after seeing his art in Colchester.

of a place, “takes a cold area and gives it life” and promotes the business itself.

Ambitious Wentworth, who’s also apprenticing as a tattooist at a shop in Rhode Island, said at the top of his bucket list is a mission to “have a mural on every building. I’m hungry, figu-

ratively and literally. Throw something at me and I’ll tackle it with a lot of effort, I’ll make it high-quality.”

Wentworth can be found on Facebook and Instagram (@wentpaint) and his website, brianwentworthstudio.com.

First Congregational Church News

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

On Sunday, July 31, church member Nancy Johnson will conduct the worship and deliver the sermon.

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.

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D'Amico Champs!... The East Hampton D'Amico tournament was won by East Hampton's 11U All-Star team. They had an undefeated tournament, winning the last game against Portland, 5-4. This year was the 10-year anniversary of the tournament and East Hampton's first time bringing home the trophy.

CDHR Pop-Up Event

All are invited to come visit the volunteers of the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue at a pop-up event at Paul & Sandy's Too, 93 East High St., on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This event will feature artisans, crafters, and local businesses. There will be CDHR retail items for sale, including T-shirts, tank tops, baseball hats, stuffed unicorns, and shopping bags. There will also be information on the organization, upcoming events, and volunteering opportunities.

For more information, go to fb.me/e/3RfZnmODZ.

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.

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.

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.

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Hall of Fame Nominations Open

The East Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame Association (EHAHOFA) is accepting nominations for 2022.

If a nomination for 2020 or 2021 was submitted there is no need to do so again; the induction process has been on hold the past two years due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns. EHAHOFA's intent is to hold an induction banquet Friday, Oct. 28, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Nominations will close Sept. 10. If you are interested in nominating an athlete, coach or

contributor, email seidl@sbglobal.net to request a nomination packet.

Association members continue to search for volunteers as well to serve on nomination and scholarship committees. There is not much commitment other than attending a couple of Zoom meetings, the association said. EHAHOFA is non-profit and seeks to recognize past athletic achievements in East Hampton as well as reward two high school seniors with scholarships annually. If interested in helping, contact Tom Seidl at seidl@sbglobal.net.

Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Zoom availability is also available for this service. Coffee hour follows worship.

For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-267-0287 or Donna Hryb, senior warden, at 860-633-0472. Current information regarding parish activities can be found by

visiting www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com.

Retired Bishop Jim Curry will preside at the 10 a.m. service Sunday, July 31, and explain his work with the Swords to Plowshares ministry. Following the service, he will provide a live demonstration of the forge used to transform gun barrels into gardening tools or other life giving items. Audience members will be invited to participate in this activity.

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-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Through Labor Day, the library will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 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.

Mindful Movements – Outside: Mondays, 10:30 a.m., at Seamster Park/Memorial School. For ages 18 months and up; siblings welcome. Register online.

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.

Teacher Read-Aloud Series: Monday, Aug. 8, 4-5 p.m. Center and Memorial School educators will read stories at the library.

Take and Make Little Learners: Tuesday, Aug. 9, for ages 3-5. This month, make a decorative starfish using paper and buttons.

Take and Make School-Age: Tuesday, Aug. 9. This month, learn the art of origami and fold your own whale.

Amazing Animals – Fishy Fun: Thursday, Aug. 11, 2-3 p.m., for ages 5 and up. Hosted by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Learn about fish anatomy, lifecycle and interesting adaptations. Check out art that fishermen create with the fish they catch and practice making

your own fish prints. Siblings welcome. Registration required.

Teen Programs: Teen Trivia: Monday, Aug. 1, 2 p.m., for grades 6-12. The theme is *Avatar* (ATLA and LoK). A fandom-related prize will be awarded to the winner.

Creative Writing: Thursdays, 3:30 p.m., for grades 6-12. Explore various forms of creative writing with exercises and lessons. All levels of experience and expertise are welcome. All materials will be provided.

Anime Club: Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2 p.m. Come watch anime, have some snacks, and socialize. For ages 14 and up, or with parental consent.

Teen Switch Tournament: Just Dance: Friday, Aug. 5, 2 p.m. All skill levels are welcome to a Nintendo Switch game tournament. There will also be a Switch tournament Aug. 12, at the same time.

Dungeons and Dragons: Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2-4 p.m., for grades 8-12. No previous playing experience required. The library will provide basic, fifth edition, level three characters, all supplies and snacks.

Adult Programs: Cookbook Club – Spicy Spices!: Tuesday, Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m. Bring a spice-filled dish and 12 copies of the recipe to share. Sample everyone's creations, and discuss cooking methods and recipes.

Focus on Fitness: Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m., with certified personal trainer and nutrition coach Amie Meacham. Celebrate successes, sympathize with struggles and maintain motivation in your physical fitness, whether you are just starting out or have been at it for a long time. Registration is required, space is limited and masks must be worn.

Book Club: Tuesday, Aug. 16, 6:30 p.m., at the library. *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean will be discussed.

Public Input Wanted

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments has completed a draft of the first Regional Housing Plan for the RiverCOG region – which includes the towns of East Hampton and Portland – and is seeking public comment on the plan.

The draft is open to comment through Wednesday, July 27. Visit www.rivercog.org/projects/rhp to view the draft plan and fill in the comment form. Comments also may be emailed to info@rivercog.org.

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Scranton Honored... Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5095 Adjutant Lou Carillo, right, presents East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department fireman Michael Scranton with the VFW National Firefighters Award and the VFW Post 5095 Public Servant Plaque.

Haddam Neck Fair Truck Pulls

Haddam Neck Fair, a major Connecticut agricultural fair, will be held Friday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 5 – and one of the fair’s major attractions are the motorsport competitions, including truck pulls and tractor pulls.

On Friday, Sept. 2, the truck pull starts at 7 p.m., and on Saturday, Sept. 3, the truck pull starts at 6 p.m. Mike and Mary Jean Wall of East Hampton are longtime chairs of the truck pull events at the fair; this is the 20th year they’ve been running the truck pull.

The Friday night events include the following classes: Street Gas, 6500 lbs.; Street Enhanced, 6700 lbs.; Street Diesel, 8000 lbs.; Work Stock Diesel, 8500 lbs.; and Open Diesel, 9000 lbs. The Saturday night classes include Super Stock 4x4, TWD, Modified 4x4, 9000 Open Diesel, Big Block Modified Tractor and Super Farm Tractor.

For detailed information about the truck pulls and how to register, go to www.HaddamNeckFair.com.

Lake-Smart Award Program

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug group is sponsoring a Lake-Smart Award Program of free grants of up to \$150, to folks who complete certain Lake Pocotopaug-friendly projects.

To have property evaluated to see what you can do to get the award, and learn what projects to work on, contact Jeremy Hall of the Parks & Recreation Department (860-267-7300 or jhall@easthamptonct.gov) or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning & Zoning Department (860-267-7450 or jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov) or any members of the Conservation & Lake Commission. An appointment will be arranged for a C&LC member(s) to visit the owners and help them evaluate their property. If there is a deficiency, owners will be given suggestions on improving their property. If they achieve all the goals, they will receive a Lake-Smart Award.

The seven criteria property owners will be evaluated on are:

A “buffer zone” between their property and the lake; rain gardens and diversion ditches, etc., that contain stormwater runoff before it reaches the lake; refraining from using chemical fertilizers containing phosphates and nitrates or using pesticides and herbicides; when mowing their lawn, keeping their lawn at 2 ½-3 inches and use a mulching blade instead of bagging grass clippings; covering bare soil areas with mulch or plantings; refraining from feeding water fowl, and discouraging them from coming onto their property; and preventing leaves and grass clippings from entering the lake.

Once you know what projects you need to do to improve your property, get a grant application by contacting Friends member Cap Nelson at capegan2015@gmail.com, or by mail to: Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, c/o Cap Nelson, 6 Lakewood Rd., East Hampton, CT 06424.

Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. All participants should register for programs prior to the event, online at myactivecenter.com or by contacting the center at 860-267-4426 or seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov. Senior center hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Masks are encouraged, but not required. Visit the senior center online at www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center.

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

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

Wii Bowling: Thursdays, Aug. 4 and 18, 10 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date Aug. 3), at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise it will be indoors or via Zoom. Register online.

MyActiveCenter.com Instruction: Stop in for a half hour session on Aug. 9 at 9:30 a.m. to learn and re-learn the ins and outs of the senior center’s online registration site.

Corn Hole: Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 10:30 a.m. Played inside or outside. Pre-register.

Virtual Walking Tour of Palma de Mallorca, Spain: Thursday, Aug. 18, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., via Zoom. Beeyond, a virtual travel company providing live and interactive walking tours, presents this special event as an alterna-

tive to summer travel. You can watch at the senior center or from your own home. Gazpacho will be served. Pre-registration required.

Movie and a Treat: Friday, Aug. 19, at 1:30 p.m. The movie will be *Copying Beethoven*. Pre-registration requested.

Birthday Celebration: Tuesday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m. All June, July, and August birthday babies. All are invited, even if it’s not your birthday. There will be cake, drinks and gifts. Pre-registration requested.

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. Walking is involved. **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.

Camps Run Through Aug. 12

Parks and Recreation offers 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.

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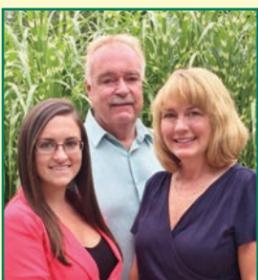
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Guiding Light... Alice Rowley of Marlborough and her daughter Jessica Trusz of Colchester recently visited Highland Light at Cape Cod.



Life's a Beach... Here are the Witschys and Fourniers (both of Portland) enjoying a beach day in Misquamicutt with the *Rivereast*! From left are Connor, 6; Aidan, 9; Maura, 4; Liam, 11; and Reid, 9.



Under the Sea... Mark and Delores Morgano of East Hampton are shown at about 70' below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean (Caribbean), at the Chien Tong long-liner wreck dive site in Sint Eustatius, Dutch Antilles.



Off to Aruba... Photo of John Price and his daughter Aubrey Price of Amston with the *Rivereast* at the Divi Phoenix in sunny Aruba!



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Belltown Resident Publishes First Book

By Kate Corliss

A local resident has published her first book, exploring the roots of baptism and how readers can apply these ideas in their daily lives.

Patricia Gauthier of East Hampton released her first book, *One Baptism: The Power of Water and the Spirit*, on June 17. According to Gauthier, who is a Christian, her work offers some insight into Jesus' Jewish perspective on the notion of baptism and analyzes the development of baptismal theology from both Testaments to the present day.

"There's a quote from Ephesians 4:5 and it says, 'There's one Lord, one faith and one baptism.' And then there's Jesus's prayer in John 17:1 about wanting his disciples to be one as he is one with God," Gauthier said. "So when I was in divinity school, I had to write on various topics and I was writing on Colossians and I was writing on that scripture that I just quoted ... and the Holy Spirit impressed upon my heart that we don't have a unified church."

Gauthier hopes that her book will open the door for a stronger sense of unity in the church. She also tried to appeal to Jewish readers with

the subject matter, which she said was not something she had initially set out to do.

"I'm writing away and I definitely heard these words — I'm not saying they're audible words, I'm just saying in my spirit — I definitely heard the words: 'Make this for Jewish readers too,'" Gauthier said. "And I thought that was kind of silly. I'm writing a book about Christian baptism, so I just discarded them. However, those same words came back shortly later and I said, 'This is the Holy Spirit' and I changed my whole approach to writing the book."

Gauthier said researching John the Baptist was one of her favorite parts of the writing process.

"I believe his prophecy and Isaiah's point to John the Baptist as the prophet who would clear the way for the Messiah to enter human history. That is one of the reasons it is a book for Jews, non-believers and Christians to explore," Gauthier said. "It is so much more than a book on baptism. It is a book that invites all to examine their own beliefs and the meaning and power of baptism."

While Gauthier enjoyed the research process,

she said that figuring out how to articulate her message "in a clear, concise way" was her biggest challenge.

"The research, the writing and the publishing process is quite amazing," Gauthier said. "I had no idea before I published this book. It's an education in itself."

Gauthier, who earned her Master of Theological Studies degree from the Regent University School of Divinity in 2018, said that in publishing the book, she hopes to be a role model for senior citizens with ambitions they might be

hesitant to pursue.

"It's never too late to accomplish your goals, your dreams, your purposes," Gauthier said. "And I believe we all have those."

One Baptism: The Power of Water and the Spirit is available at area bookstores and at Amazon.com. Gauthier, along with other local authors, will be present at a special Author Trail event taking place at the shops on Main Street, in East Hampton's Village Center, on Sunday, Aug. 14, from 1-4 p.m., to discuss her work with readers and sign copies of the book.

Middle Haddam Public Library News

Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd., Middle Haddam, has announced the following. To register or more information on any program, email middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com, 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: Thomas McLean will present "My Back Pages," an art show inspired by light and music, through Sept. 9.

Communi-Tea: Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.-

noon. Take out a book and have a cup of tea. Coffee-drinkers welcome.

Writer's Workshop: The workshop is full. If you would like to put on the waiting list, contact the library.

Writers Writing Together: Wednesday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. Write at the library in the company of other writers. No experience necessary. Open to all.

Painting with an Artist: Saturday, Aug. 20, 3 p.m., with artist Bill McDonald on the lawn. Bring your paints and brushes and paint next to McDonald or bring your wine or beverage and watch he do a watercolor demonstration.

Bridge: Are you interested in playing bridge? A group is forming and looking for players. Contact the library for more information.

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.

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.

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 will resume in September.

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.

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 benefit the East Hampton Food & Fuel Bank. To register, email John Tuttle at tuttlekahn@gmail.com.

Barbecue Chicken Dinner

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, located at 59 Main St., will hold a Take-Out Barbecue Chicken Dinner Saturday, July 30, from 4:30-6 p.m. The menu will include a barbecue chicken leg quarter, corn on the cob, coleslaw and chocolate chip cookies for dessert.

Price is \$14, via cash or check made out to CCEH. Pre-order at 860-918-1170 by noon Saturday.

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 meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. through Aug. 9, at Creative Dance Center, 2 Barton Hill Rd.

Children and their grown-ups will dance, sing, wiggle, bounce and more. Cost is \$15 per class.

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.

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Police News

7/3: Robert Kelsey, 51, of 15 Oak Ridge, Colchester, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and failure to obey a traffic signal, East Hampton Police said.

7/7: Jesse Brunson, 33, of 20 Cone Rd., was issued a summons for operating an unregistered motor vehicle and misuse of a marker plate, police said.

7/9: After an investigation into a two-car motor vehicle accident at the intersection of West High Street (Route 66), and Childs Road, Paul Fachini, 63, of 42 Champion Hill Rd., East Hampton was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, operating a motor vehicle while using a cell phone, distracted driving and failure to drive right, police said.

7/13: Douglas Collisson, 21, of no certain

address, was arrested and charged with first-degree criminal trespass, police said.

7/20: Kristin Kossack, 45, of 35 Old Middletown Ave., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal mischief and risk of injury to a minor, police said.

7/21: Robert Walton, 43, of 1 Wilkes Rd., was arrested and charged with criminal violation of a protective order and pursuant to an active warrant for his arrest for a separate incident was also charged with interfering/resisting a police officer, illegal operation of a motor vehicle while under suspension, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, failure to renew registration, misuse of marker plates and criminal violation of a protective order, police said.

Concert Series to Wrap Up

The Joseph N. Goff House Concert Series will wrap up with a show Thursday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m., at the Center School Gazebo in the East Hampton Village Center. Big Deal Rock will perform hits from the 1970s to the present.

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

Visit goffhousehct.blogspot.com for more information.

Residents Graduate

Zach Coutu of East Hampton and Alec Gilarde of Cobalt recently graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

Coutu of received an ME in engineering management, and Gilarde received an MS in applied statistics.

Man Severely Damages Holding Cell

By Jack Lakowsky

East Hampton police are still calculating the damages caused by 31-year-old East Hampton man Michael Bower, who allegedly did "significant damage" to a police department holding cell.

Police Chief Dennis Woessner estimated repairs will end up with a price tag well over \$1,000.

On July 10, police charged Bower, 31, of 230 Old West High St., with first-degree criminal mischief – a felony – as a result of the damage. He was originally brought in on charges of violating the conditions of his release from an arrest the prior day, as well as disorderly conduct.

On July 9, Woessner said, Bower was arrested for an alleged domestic incident, charged with disorderly conduct and criminal mischief in the third degree. Bower's release was conditioned on him not returning to the victim's home, an agreement he quickly violated.

"He ripped the holding bench of its supports," Woessner told the *Rivereast* on Monday.

The chief said Bower also ripped a camera off the wall. Then, police put him in a regular cell.

"He was punching and kicking the cell

door so much that he bloodied his knuckles," Woessner said.

Officers then handcuffed Bower, and he proceeded to scrape the handcuffs on safety glass, scratching it.

Woessner said it cost \$600 to get the bench fixed and another \$200 to sanitize the cell of Bower's blood. The cost of replacing the security glass is to-be-determined; the chief estimated repairs will surpass \$1,000.

As far as town budgets go, a grand is a drop in the bucket, but on a small departmental budget, Woessner said, every dollar counts. Money spent fixing the aftermath of Bower's supposed rampage could've gone to something better, he said.

Bower was "under of the influence of an alcoholic beverage," but not any drugs, Woessner said.

"He was just unhappy," Woessner said. "He was very upset he was locked up."

Bower did not harm any officers during his episode, Woessner said.

Bower had a court date scheduled on July 11, after which he was released. His next court date is in August.

In November, Bower also ran into local police. Police allege Bower was drinking while driving and driving without a license.

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Vintage Motorcar Meet

The Belltown Antique Car Club will present the 55th annual Belltown Vintage Motorcar Meet Sunday, Aug. 7, rain or shine (field conditions permitting), at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds. Gates open at 8 a.m., show car registration closes at 11 a.m., and judging begins at noon.

This is a judged show for stock antique cars and trucks that are at least 40 years old; 1982 is the cut-off year. "Belltown Bell" trophies will be awarded in 17 classes. There will be brass-era cars, pre-war classics, '50s cars, sports cars, muscle cars, pickups and more. This year's Featured Marque is the Ford Model T.

The show also includes a flea market catering to the old car hobby, a car corral and two display-only classes for non-stock collector cars and hot rods built up to 1982 (not judged).

Show car registration is \$10 and includes event admission for occupants (Ford Model Ts get in for free). General admission is \$5; children un-

der 12 are free. Food service will be provided by the East Hampton Masonic Lodge.

Haddam Neck is on the east side of the Connecticut River; head south on Route 151 from Cobalt or north from East Haddam and watch for signs. For more information, visit www.belltownantiquecarclub.org.

Light Up the Lake

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug will hold "Light Up the Lake" Saturday, Aug. 6, starting at 7:30 p.m. (Rain date is Aug. 7.)

The Friends invite people to decorate their boat, dock, Lake Association beach or home on the lake with lights. Boats are encouraged to cruise around the lake at no wake speed starting at 7:30 p.m.

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Bacon Grad to Play Baseball at Mitchell

By Josh Howard

Following an all-state selection this spring, college baseball was the natural next step for Bacon Academy High School's departing do-it-all team captain Jack Novak.

"I am excited to announce my commitment to Mitchell College to further my academic and athletic career," Novak posted on Instagram. "I would like to thank all of my coaches, family and teammates for their support and guidance."

After starring on the fields in Colchester, Novak will head to the southern coast of Connecticut to play for the Mariners of Mitchell College, based in New London.

Novak is coming off a phenomenal spring from both the plate and the mound, leading the Bobcats in both areas. He had a team-high 34 hits and 34 RBIs – including seven home runs – and tied for a team lead with 24 runs scored. He also won eight of his 10 starts from the hill, pitching five complete games, striking out 72 and allowing only 55 hits.

The Bobcats won 17 of 20 regular season games, highlighted by 10 straight wins to start spring. During the 10-game streak, Novak smacked two home runs in a game against Morgan, connecting on three hits to drive in three runs and score three others. He also earned the win, striking out 10 in six innings of work.

Novak called his performance against Morgan his best yet, adding, "It made me feel like all that extra work I put in the off-seasons and all the weekends I skipped hanging with my friends had paid off."

Along with those special moments on the field, he said he will also miss the support he's received from his hometown. He recalled going through a hitting slump this spring, but was able to break it thanks to the trust from his coaches and teammates.

"It was great to have all that support we have here," Novak said of the Colchester community.

"My friends and teammates were always there to help me and it was one of the greatest things to get out of my head mentally and start enjoying the game."

Baseball beyond high school was something that Novak knew he wanted from an early age.

His athletic path to college started in tee-ball at the age of six and soon followed in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, who both played baseball. It's a sport that has consumed him from the moment he first put on a glove.

"I try and always live my life around it. It's a sport that I never get tired of," said Novak, an avid Red Sox fan.

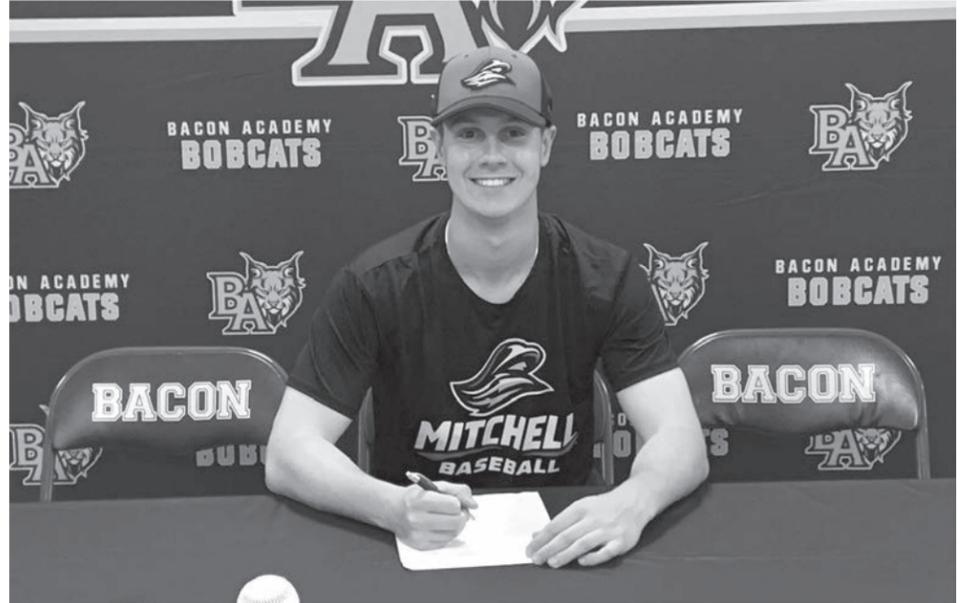
As a sophomore in high school, Novak skipped "fall ball" and instead focused on getting stronger with an increased weight training regime. Then his spring season that year was canceled because of COVID-19, but he used that time to his advantage.

"As soon as I found out my spring season was canceled I was devastated because after my freshman year we had a good team coming back and I was really looking forward to playing with them again," recalled Novak. "I kept hitting the weight room and finding ways I could continue baseball. I did anything I could do and it really paid off my junior year."

Over the last two years, he was a regular starter and played at multiple positions around the field. That versatility will serve him well at his next stop where he will enter college as a two-way player for the Mariners of Mitchell College.

The Mariners have become a Division III powerhouse, making the NCAA tournament six times and winning an equal number of New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) titles during 10 full seasons under head coach Travis Beausoleil.

Prior to committing, Novak showcased his



Jack Novak, a 2022 graduate of Bacon Academy, will play baseball at Mitchell College.

skills for several schools before meeting Beausoleil and realizing that Mitchell was the place to be.

"I love the way he coaches and the approach he takes," Novak said of Beausoleil. "Overall I knew I could fit right in and that we could end up winning a lot of games."

Novak, who will study health sciences, said he can't wait to experience all that college has to offer and is willing to fill whatever role his coaches at Mitchell ask of him, adding, "I'm super excited to get on my new team and meet new people that will be in my life for a long time."

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 wel-

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

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

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

Vacation Bible School: Registration closes July 10. VBS is a free program open to the community and 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.

CareVan Mobile Medical Services

Colchester Senior Center has scheduled a new community service through Hartford Healthcare's Neighborhood Health division. The CareVan Clinic will take place Monday, Aug. 8, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The CareVan Clinic will offer medical services both by appointment and by walk-in for all ages. Insurance is accepted, but not required. Facemasks are required and provided if needed.

Many medical services are available including urgent care, medical screenings, lab testing, various immunizations, and referrals for follow-up care. Come into the senior center, located at 95 Norwich Ave., to pick up an informational flyer.

For more information, call the senior center at 860-537-3911.

Dean's List

Colchester residents Julian Prignano, Carolyn Burnham and Grant Barber made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

Prignano has a primary major of exploratory studies, Burnham has a primary major of health science/pre-physician assistant, and Barber has a primary major of psychology.

Dean's List

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

Angeline Bogle, Joyce Bylek, Jenna Kiernan, Colin Larkin, Bethany Leitkowski, Kayden Sargent, Stanley Seabrook, Tybal Slattery, Lucas Slomski, Emily Tellar and Lillian Wonderly.






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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.

Cragin Family Fun Nights

Family Fun Nights at Cragin Library are back on Wednesdays this summer, offering entertainment for the whole family. The schedule is:

Book Bingo: Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m. Play bingo to win books.

Carnival: Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m. Attend an ocean-themed carnival with games, prizes and more.

Cragin Memorial Library is located at 8 Linwood Ave. For more information, call the Cragin children's department at 860-537-7201.



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Town Officials' Tensions Escalate Online

By Michael Sinkewicz

Tensions between Colchester's elected officials boiled over on social media this week, resulting in private text messages between First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos and selectman Jason LaChapelle being revealed to the public.

Earlier this week, James McNair III – the publisher of Colchester Citizens Watch – posted on Facebook his opinions on what he called “far-right” officials in Colchester.

The post was in regards to Taras Rudko, chairman of the Republican Town Committee, and LaChapelle, a Republican on the Board of Selectmen.

McNair wrote that LaChapelle is “Taras’ main advocate and ally.”

Later in the post, McNair stated that “Jason is outspoken against naming months to recognize diversity and women. Again, I see this as far right.”

McNair presented a pair of old posts from June 2020 and March 2021 made by LaChapelle. In the posts, LaChapelle expressed disdain for International Women’s Day as well as Pride and Black History months, as he felt “the idea of celebrating your immutable characteristics is bogus,” and that “there’s no justice in relegating people to a specific day or month.”

In response, LaChapelle questioned how McNair obtained the posts, and he claimed that they were provided by Bisbikos.

LaChapelle asserted that during the last Board of Selectmen meeting, Bisbikos told him he would be “held accountable very soon.” He told the *Rivereast* that he believed these posts were what Bisbikos was ultimately referring to.

Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* he had nothing to do with the posts.

“Mr. LaChapelle has a history of making public inflammatory posts. The only person responsible for the content of those posts are Mr. LaChapelle himself,” Bisbikos said, and added, “One must wonder what else is out there.”

In another post this week, McNair again made comments about Rudko and other politicians he deemed ‘far-right.’

After one citizen commented below the post that officials, including LaChapelle, are responsible for an “extremist tone” in town discourse, LaChapelle offered a different explanation.

“What if I told you the person who drove that tone was Andreas [Bisbikos] and I have text messages to prove it?”

LaChapelle then provided screenshots of text message exchanges he said he’d had with Bisbikos.

In one, from last year, Bisbikos provides information about Monica Egan, who was a member of the Democratic Town Committee at the time and is currently the chair of the committee.

Bisbikos writes that he has a “weapon” and that it’s “for Monica when she gets out of line.”

In another text from April, Bisbikos shares a theory he has about a member of the town’s American Rescue Plan Committee – Dave Koji, chairman of the ARPA committee, and LaChapelle both stated this theory was false.

Bisbikos, during the same conversation, tells LaChapelle to “definitely hit Michelle.” LaChapelle responds by stating, “I did hit Michelle just now. Just woke up and took care of her lol.”

LaChapelle told the *Rivereast* that the text was referring to Michelle Gilman, the former chairman of the Democratic Town Committee.

He expressed that Bisbikos would instruct him to go attack people in the opposition party, and that “hit” would mean “go after her online.”

“During the campaign, I went after people when I shouldn’t have,” LaChapelle said.

He regrets that he went after them as “people,” instead of their positions or policy.

“I should be better.”

LaChapelle said that often the online attacks were coordinated and that Bisbikos would provide him with information to include.

Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* that he was not bothered by the texts being publicized.

“During the campaign and other political meetings, there have been many conversations about many concerns and issues,” he said. “What people decide to do with that information is ultimately in their hands, not mine.”

“As for all communications, Jason has his free will to disseminate it. I, personally, lost zero sleep over it,” he added.

LaChapelle, who also posted on Facebook to address the “drama” that took place on the Citizens Watch page, said he was “annoyed” to see his old posts resurfacing online – he believes they were not shown in their full context.

Although he told the *Rivereast* he stands by the comments he previously made in the posts,

he said he didn’t realize that they were “trying to get each other canceled,” referring to Bisbikos.

LaChapelle hopes that moving forward, the discussions online won’t be as personal.

“I’d like it to be dialed back but I don’t have much to lose,” he said. “I am who I am.”

McNair told the *Rivereast* this week how his original posts were formed and the background surrounding them.

“I have long gone on record stating a desire to keep the far right from controlling Colchester,” he said.

He said he had conversations with Bisbikos during the past few months and that Bisbikos provided information to him earlier this month regarding Rudko and LaChapelle’s posts.

McNair said he was sitting on the posts about LaChapelle and that it had nothing to do with the “threat” Bisbikos made during the last selectmen meeting, calling it a “coincidence.”

“I alone chose when and how to release them. I even chose not to post the more inflammatory writings,” he said.

McNair expressed that his focus is to “increase public awareness” of the far-right influence in town.

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.

Baby & Me

The Collaborative for Colchester’s Children (C3) is offering a free mini-session of Baby & Me Mondays through Aug. 1 at 10:30 a.m., at the Colchester Jazzercise Studio.

This class, for parents and caregivers with their child up to 2 years old, features music, movement and activities designed to promote healthy development and social connections for families.

For more information and to register, go to ColchesterC3.org.

Splashpad: 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.

Town-Wide Tag Sale: Saturday, Aug. 6. Maps are at www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department.

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.

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.

Upcoming Programs: Elder Abuse-Elder Law Presentation: Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m. Physical battering, psychological abuse, neglect and financial exploitation take away senior’s dignity, security and safety. How do you recognize the signs and where do you go for help? Presenter’s Christine Foster is a certified domestic violence counselor and Sheila Horvitz is an attorney with experience in domestic violence and abuse cases. Pre-registration required.

Cornhole Tournament

The third annual #ForEthanM Cornhole Tournament will be held Saturday, July 30, at 11:30 a.m., at Hop Culture Brewery in Colchester.

The tournament is held in honor of Bacon Academy Class of 2016 graduate Ethan Maynard, who passed away in 2020 at the age of 21. All proceeds go to a scholarship fund for a Bacon Academy senior.

Email forethanm@aol.com to register.

President’s List

Colchester residents Martha Beringer, Allyson Knorr-Anderson, Jennifer Foley, Adrianna Lami, Stephanie Plateroti, Ashley Varjenski and Amanda West all made the spring 2022 President’s List at Goodwin University in East Hartford.

Absentee Ballots Available for Primaries

Town Clerk Gayle Furman informs voters that absentee ballots for the Tuesday, Aug. 9, Democratic and Republican state primaries are available in her office at Town Hall through Monday, Aug. 8.

Absentee ballot instructions: Fill out an application for an absentee ballot. You may obtain an application in the town clerk’s office or online at tinyurl.com/yckm8jbd. You must be a current Colchester voter at the time of the application and enrolled in the party that you wish to vote for.

After the town clerk’s office receives the completed application, you will be given an absentee ballot to fill out. If you apply in person

you can fill out the ballot at that time or take it with you to return later. The town clerk’s office must receive the fully filled-out ballot and enclosed envelopes by:

If delivered in person, no later than Monday, Aug. 8, at 4:30 p.m.; if delivered in person by a family member or qualified designee (such as a caregiver, police officer or registrar of voters), by the close of polls Tuesday, Aug. 9;

if put in the election drop box in front of Town Hall, no later than 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9; and if delivered by mail, the ballot must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

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Selectmen Press Bisbikos on Legal Opinion

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Colchester Board of Selectmen last week pressed First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos for details regarding his communication with an attorney earlier this month.

During their July 21 meeting, selectmen told Bisbikos they wanted to discuss an email exchange he had with Shipman and Goodwin attorney Matthew Ritter on July 13 regarding the powers of the first selectman.

Bisbikos reached out for legal analysis less than a week after the Board of Selectmen unanimously passed a motion rescinding Bisbikos' controversial directive for the library director to review all the books in the children's department.

Bisbikos previously told the *Rivereast* that based upon that legal opinion, "The motion to rescind the book audit was an overreach of the Board of Selectmen's powers."

During the meeting, held via Zoom, Jason LaChapelle, a Republican on the board, asked Bisbikos if they could discuss the email. Bisbikos declined, arguing that it was not on the meeting agenda.

LaChapelle then made a motion to add that discussion to the agenda, which passed 4-0 - Bisbikos also voted in favor of the motion. (Board of Selectmen member Deb Bates was absent from the meeting.)

LaChapelle asked Bisbikos what the intent of his email to the attorney was and how James McNair III - the publisher of Colchester Citizens Watch - obtained a copy to post on social media.

Bisbikos said that he was asking about the authority of the first selectman, and that the email only became public due to a Freedom of

Information request. Citizens Watch previously posted that the email was obtained through FOI and published with "permission of the first selectman."

When Rosemary Coyle, a Democrat on the board, asked how McNair was even aware that email existed, Bisbikos again stated that it was through an FOI request.

The selectmen then said they wanted to see the full list of questions Bisbikos sent Ritter, as well as the FOI request.

Bisbikos expressed that he would provide all of that information to the board in the upcoming days.

"This is not a firing squad," he said. "Send me a list of questions."

During this discussion, which got contentious, Bisbikos asserted that LaChapelle will be in the one answering questions in the future.

"You're going to be held accountable very soon," he told LaChapelle.

LaChapelle said he viewed that as a threat and wanted to adjourn the meeting. However, Coyle expressed that they should continue and proceed onto "citizens comments."

This week, Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* what he meant by his comments to LaChapelle.

"All elected officials, including myself, are to be held accountable by the voters," Bisbikos said. "Mr. LaChapelle has been rapidly losing support from Colchester voters for his inflammatory conduct and his perpetual habit of spreading misinformation."

Bisbikos also said he was prepared for the "surprise" discussion of the email with Ritter.

LaChapelle told the *Rivereast* that he found Bisbikos' comments "a little worrying."

He was also surprised by Bisbikos' reaction to the request to add a discussion of the email to the meeting agenda.

Bisbikos previously stated that the book inventory would not be moving forward.

He told the *Rivereast* last week that there will be "a review of decades-old library policy to see if it reflects current community values."

This week he said he was "shocked" to learn there was not an inventory policy, and that it was something that he will look to address with the Board of Selectmen moving forward.

Bisbikos also shared the questions that he asked Ritter in the email. They were not included in the initial post by Citizens Watch.

He asked three questions, all relating to the authority of the Board of Selectmen and the first selectman.

Bisbikos asked if the board has the authority to "negate directives given to department heads by the first selectman."

He asked if the board has the authority to "create policy guiding the operations of departments."

The last question was regarding whether the board has the authority to "provide oversight of town departments."

Bisbikos told Ritter that these were "broad questions that arose from a recent situation."

LaChapelle, who confirmed that Bisbikos did provide the questions to the board, expressed that he was concerned with the first selectman's intent.

"[Bisbikos] seems to be trying to find power he doesn't have," he told the *Rivereast*.

Ritter wrote in the email that the "town charter grants the first selectman the authority to direct and supervise the activities of town departments and these department heads report to the first selectman."

He continued by stating he cannot see "how the [Board of Selectmen] can 'negate' a directive as long as the directive is consistent with the Town Charter, Town ordinances and the general statutes."

Regarding policy, Ritter expressed in the email that the board is responsible for overseeing the internal operations of the departments.

"I would argue that they can create policies and guidelines in certain circumstances but said policies must be related to the internal operations of a department and cannot, for example, limit the authority of the first selectman to direct and supervise town departments," he wrote.

Ritter also provided "relevant town charter sections" at the bottom of the email.

Special Olympics Golf Fundraiser

Colchester Special Olympics will hold its 13th annual Golf Fundraiser at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron Friday, Aug. 12. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., and there is a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

People are invited to play, be a sponsor, or donate a raffle prize - 100% of contributions support the local team. This fundraiser provides the opportunity for Colchester Special Olympics to offer year-round sports training and competition in bowling, swimming, track &

field, and golf for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Colchester Special Olympics is a registered nonprofit organization and any donation made would be tax-deductible. A light breakfast, lunch and a buffet dinner are included in golf registration.

Golf and sponsorship registration is at give.soct.org/colchestergolf. Email any questions to Tim at teamcolchesterso@gmail.com.

New BOE Member, Special Ed Director

The Colchester Board of Education this week welcomed a new board member, as well as a new director of pupil services and special education for Colchester Public Schools.

Colchester resident Michelle Millington has been named to the Board of Education. She and her family have been residents of Colchester since 2004. Millington has been involved in social services for almost 20 years and has worked with children and school staff in many districts

throughout the state.

Meanwhile, Amy Emory is joining Colchester Public Schools as the new director of pupil services and special education. Emory has a background of more than 30 years in special education. She has been the director of special education in Billerica, Mass., for the past five years, and was the director of pupil services for Connecticut Region 13 for 14 years prior to that.

Dean's List

Samantha Gauthier of Colchester made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y.

Gauthier is a member of the Class of 2025.

Resident Graduates

Gillian Lewis of Colchester recently graduated cum laude from Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

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.

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.

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

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 - featuring the bar mitzvah of Eddie and Jack Uscilla; Tuesday, Aggadatah 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.

Stroller Walks

The Collaborative for Colchester's Children (C3) will host Stroller Walks on the Air Line Trail Tuesday, Aug. 9, and Thursday, Aug. 25, at 9:30 a.m. each day.

The walks are free and all are welcome. Meet at the dirt parking area at Route 149/Westchester Road.

For more information and to register, go to ColchesterC3.org.



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Obituaries

Colchester

Terry Faipler Jr.

Terry (TJ) Faipler Jr., 33, of Colchester, sadly passed away Sunday, July 3. TJ was born in New Britain Oct. 12, 1988.



He is survived by his father, Terry Faipler Sr., Terry's fiancée, Kim Zaveron; brother, Jesse; as well as his great-grandmother, Ellen Holzer; grandparents, Holly and Andy, Uncle Chuck and Aunt Jill, Uncle Fred and Aunt Cara, Aunt Brenda and Uncle Mark and Uncle Tom. He was preceded in death by his mother, Heidi Faipler; grandfather, David Holmes; grandmother, Louise Faipler and her lifetime companion Albert Moseley; and grandfather, Frederick Faipler. TJ is also survived by many, many cousins and friends who adored TJ.

TJ was a true adventurer who loved life, four-wheeling, traveling cross-country, extreme sports and a true lover of all animals. He especially enjoyed working on motor vehicles with his father Terry. He was a kind soul, best friend to all and a kind and thoughtful person. His smile was infectious and would light up a room whenever he entered it.

TJ was the greatest gift in our lives and we will cherish every memory of him today, tomorrow and forever.

There are no calling hours. However, a celebration of life will be held at the convenience of the family. Please be aware of any changes to service information at www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home in Colchester has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Colchester

Eileen Culhane

Eileen Culhane, of Brooklyn, N.Y., formerly of Colchester, passed away at her home Tuesday, July 19. She was 57 years old. Born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on Feb. 24, 1965, she was a daughter of the late John and Marion (McCarthy) Culhane.



Eileen grew up in Colchester and graduated from Bacon Academy with the class of 1983. While living in Colchester, Eileen was a communicant at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church. Soon after graduating, she moved to New York where she began a long and successful career as an office manager/bookkeeper with Central Mechanical Systems in Brooklyn.

Eileen had an affinity for cats and rescued countless abandoned cats in New York where she would care for them, neuter them, and then find a safe happy home where they could live out their lives. Fortunately, she had a large family and many wonderful friends who also loved cats and found themselves to be the recipients of many of the cats in their own safe, happy homes.

Eileen had no children of her own but was known by her many nieces and nephews as "The Cool Aunt," fun-loving, with a great sense of humor and a contagious laugh. She will be

remembered fondly for the kindness she generously showed to others and for her beautiful smile. Eileen's loss will be mourned by many, but her memory will be a blessing for all who knew her.

She is survived by her siblings, Kathleen Culhane of Colchester, Thomas and his wife, Patricia Culhane of Colchester, Gary and his wife, Lucille Culhane of Parker, Colo., Vincent Culhane and his wife, Carolyn Milhiser of Westfield, N.J.; numerous nieces, nephews, three great-nephews; a special godson, Steven Culhane; extended family members, especially Aunt Mary and Uncle John Driscoll of North Andover, Mass., and their family; and her cousin, John English of Oceanside, N.Y., and his children Johnny, Ryan, Lindsey and Casey, who were her family in New York; and her many friends.

A graveside funeral service was held Wednesday, July 27, at noon, at New St. Andrew Cemetery, Gillette's Lane, Colchester.

Donations in her memory may be made to the aspc.org/donate/memorial or the Colchester Hayward Fire Department 52 Old Hartford Road, 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.

East Hampton

Linda Roberts

On Friday, June 3, Linda Roberts passed away at the age of 69. Linda Jeanne Stone Roberts was born April 19, 1953 in Hartford. She was the daughter of the late Henry J. Stone Jr. and Jeanne N. Goodrich Stone, and was a graduate of East Hampton High School.



Linda worked directly for the Air Force for over 40 years and functioned at all levels across the service: installation, major command, and Headquarters Air Force. She went by "Lin," was a Master Instructor at the Emergency Management Technical School, and fought in Operation Desert Storm.

Lin served throughout the world; across America, to Europe, to the Pacific, and to the Middle East. Among her many honors, Lin was awarded four separate Meritorious Service Medals. Lin leaves behind a widespread legacy in the emergency management career field as she was instrumental in developing the response procedures the Air Force currently uses against adversary attacks involving chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.

Lin was both personable and passionate about her beliefs, a rare and wonderful combination. She raised her son, Stephen, her daughter, Jennifer, and her granddaughter, Catherine. She also loved all her furry children, and enjoyed taking loving care of them.

She is predeceased by her husband, Matthew Roberts; daughter, Jennifer Gilbert Thompson; and sisters, Pamela Elaine Stone and Catherine Mary Stone.

She is survived by her son, Stephen Gilbert and his wife Lisa, and their daughters Hannah and Kaitlyn Gilbert, and Jennifer's daughters Catherine Gilbert and McKenzie Thompson. She also leaves behind her sister Carol Stone, brother Jody Stone, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Monday, Aug. 1, at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Church on High Street in East Hampton.

Amston

Theodore M. Fabrycki Sr.

Theodore M. Fabrycki Sr., 82, of Amston, passed away Tuesday, July 26, at Windham Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Shirley J. (Burnsworth) Fabrycki.



Born Dec. 19, 1939, in Martin, Pa., Theodore was the son of the late Frank and Sophie (Dudkiewicz) Fabrycki. He graduated Redstone High School.

Theodore moved to Hartford in 1962, eventually moved to Hebron where he raised his family and spent his remaining years. He was employed by Horst Engineering for over 30 years. He was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a loving father and was devoted to his family. He enjoyed his vegetable garden and spent most of his time outdoors. He will be most remembered for his laughter and his generosity towards family and friends. He was an avid Washington Redskins fan and enjoyed watching UConn women's basketball.

In addition to his wife, Theodore is survived by his two sons, Theodore M. Fabrycki Jr. and his wife Noreen of Massachusetts, Scott Fabrycki of Amston; his daughter, Tammy Porter and her husband Scott of Hebron; his sister, Sylvia Burnsworth and her husband Sterling Jr.; his grandchildren, Jason, Brandon, Peter, Dale, Ryan, Jordan, Conor, Dalton, Cody and Jillian; as well as his great-granddaughter, Mia.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Frank, John, Richard, Walter and Stanley; his sisters,

Viola and Antoinette.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 28, at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Burial was in New Hebron Cemetery, Hebron. Friends called Thursday, July 28, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hebron Fire Department, 44 Main St., Hebron, CT 06248.

For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

Marlborough

Marie Jones

Marie Jones, 70, of Marlborough, passed away at Apple Rehab in Colchester Wednesday, July 20. Born Aug. 29, 1951, she was the daughter of the late Sidney and Anna Rose Jones.

Marie was a graduate of Nathan Hale Ray High School in Moodus, and worked for Brownell Company in Moodus for many years. Marie was living in the Florence Lord Senior Housing in Marlborough and had many friends there, including Joy, John, Deb, Vivian, Crystal and Susan. She loved to play cards, bingo, and get together with family and friends and the Jones Girls.

She leaves behind Uncle Bob Jones of Colchester, Uncle Kenneth Jones of East Hampton, Aunt Alice Jones of Colchester, Uncle Don Emerson of East Hampton, and many cousins.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family. There will be a memorial at a later date and burial will be in Hebron Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sandy Pieszynski Breast Cancer Foundation, 93 East High St., East Hampton, CT 06424.

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

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★ Push for Armed Guards cont. from page 1

for more supplies.

Guard-proponent Leanne Abbott said 30 years ago, when she was in school, school shootings were not on schools' radars. She said schools should focus both on mental health and security.

Board members were careful not to be explicit in their stance on the guards.

Republican Nancy Oakley, vice chair of the school board, said armed guards are just one facet of keeping kids safe, and safety is always a school district's top priority. She said guards are the "last piece" of a fully fleshed safety network.

Oakley also said the board has to fight for every dollar, and this may be the same.

Democrat Martha Wick said there are other safety efforts that could come before more armed guards, like metal detectors.

In a Wednesday follow-up phone interview, Smith said metal detectors haven't been brought up, and likely aren't an option. They make for a cumbersome start to the day, with students filling through detectors, and schools would need staff to monitor them, to search students if a detector goes off.

However, Wick said, "it all comes down to money."

While addressing the crowd, Smith mentioned previous discussions about armed guards a few years ago. Smith later told the *Rivereast* that when schools surveyed students at that time, the vast majority supported adding armed security.

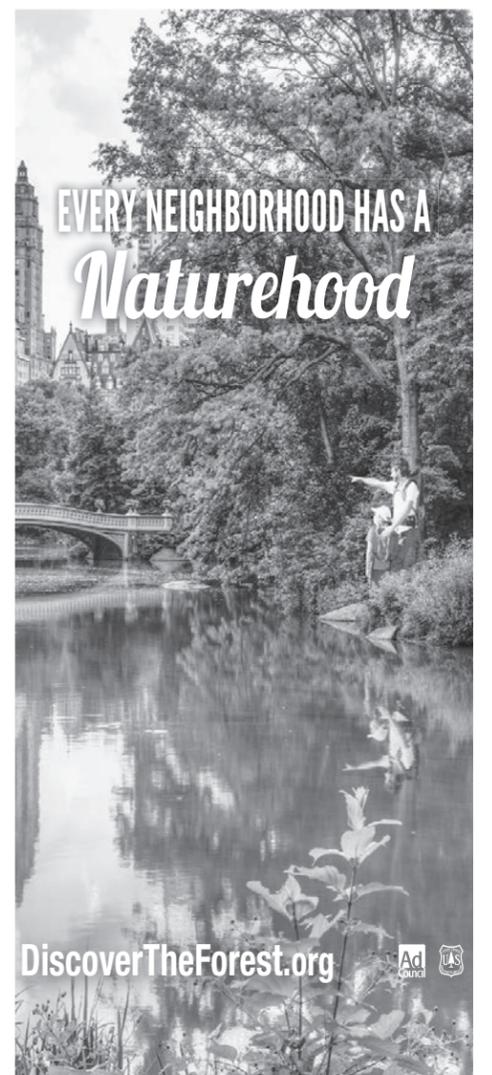
Smith also named new and existing security measures besides the guards, like visitor checks and revitalization of the Students Against

Violence Everywhere (SAVE) club. Smith anticipates members of this club will speak to the board.

In direct response to the local threat in May, schools introduced an anonymous reporting system for students. Smith said it took 13 hours for anyone to report that student's threat, and added he believed anonymity will encourage faster student reporting.

The *Rivereast* also asked Smith if, after the May threat, the administration performed a comprehensive district security audit.

Smith didn't say there'd been anything thorough, but that schools are working with local police to tighten security, and that every week he and administrators discuss safety and security.



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Resident Receives Yale MBA

Evelyn Elizabeth Jane Murphy, daughter of William Murphy and Jeanne Rodman-Murphy of Andover, received her Master of Business Administration degree from Yale University at its 321st commencement ceremony on May 23 in New Haven.



Murphy attended The Yale School of Management (SOM) graduate program as a Forté Fellow. Forté Fellowships are prestigious, competitive awards to women who exhibit

exemplary leadership, represent diverse backgrounds, and demonstrate a commitment to advancing women in business.

Murphy served as co-president of the Yale SOM Marketing Club in 2021-22. She also worked as an MBA marketing intern at Mattel, Inc., in brand marketing for Mattel's toy and entertainment creations.

Prior to attending Yale University, Evie worked as a communications strategy supervisor for Generator Media + Analytics, an advertising agency in Manhattan.

Murphy is a 2016 graduate of Cornell University and a 2012 graduate of RHAM High School.

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 by 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.

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.

Bingo & Baskets Night

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Bingo & Baskets night Friday, July 29, 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.

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Eagle Project... For his Eagle Project, Jarret Lundberg had the idea to improve the recycling area at the Andover Transfer Station where the Collecting Andover's Returnable Treasurers (C.A.R.T.) volunteers work each Saturday. The project included a sorting table that swings out for easier sorting; removal of an old storage fence cage; placing five bins with wheels and labels for easy moving where recyclables are to be deposited; and the removal of old tires to a more secure area.

Ice Cream Social

The Andover Friends of the Library will offer free ice cream for everyone Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m., at the Friends' tent on the lawn of Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6.

All are welcome to stop by for free ice cream and toppings, while supplies last.

Local ECSU Graduates

Andover residents Jessica Golemba and Megan Schreiner recently graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University.

Golemba graduated cum laude with Bachelor of Science degrees in elementary education and English, and Schreiner graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminology.

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Tri-County Legion Fall Baseball

Tri-County's American Legion baseball program is looking for prospective players for its fall season.

Serious players whose parent resides in Andover, Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, Lebanon or Marlborough are eligible. The fall league is primarily designed for players who will be between the ages of 12-19 in 2023, and teams will be organized at several age groups, depending on interest.

Go to www.tcleion.com for more details on the fall format, team makeup and fees. Deadline to register is Aug. 8, but some age-group teams are expected to fill up prior to that date.

The fall program will serve as a preliminary tryout for selection to Tri-County's summer 2023 Legion teams, which will be filled through the fall program as well as winter tryouts.

Interested players are encouraged to contact General Manager Len Lampugnale at 860-295-0437 or at Lampugnale@comcast.net for more information.

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Class of '82 40th Reunion

There will be a 40th reunion of the RHAM High School Class of 1982 at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron on Saturday, Aug. 13. The event will be in the evening; specific time and additional details will follow.

Find out more by joining the Facebook group "RHAM High School Class of '82" or email Sara Tarca at sarastarc@comcast.net for information or an RSVP.

Music with Mallory

AHM Youth and Family Services will present Music with Mallory, a free evening of music, on Monday, Aug. 1, from 6-7 p.m., at AHM Community Center, 25 Pendleton Drive, Hebron.

Children and their grownups will dance, wiggle, sing, bounce, explore instruments, and more. This program is designed for children ages 2-6; siblings are also welcome. Adults participate alongside their children.

LEGALS

Town of Marlborough CORRECTED Official Notice of Republican Primary State and District Offices NEW POLL LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the Republican party listed below will be held in Marlborough on August 9, 2022 for nomination to each office indicated below.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street addresses of said candidates.

Office	Party	Candidate	Address
United States Senator	Republican	*Themis Klarides	66 Governors Way, Madison, CT 06443
		Leora R. Levy	59 Pecksland Rd., Greenwich, CT 06831
		Peter Lumaj	745 Mill Plain Rd. Fairfield, Fairfield 06824
Secretary of the State	Republican	*Dominic Rapini	4 Mariners Way, Branford, CT 06405
		Brock Weber	17 Lancewood Ln., Wolcott CT 06716
		Terrie E. Wood	50 Saint Nicholas Rd., Darien, CT 06820

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 22 day of June, 2022.

DENISE W. MERRILL
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State, in accordance with Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided in said notice, a primary of the referenced party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 9, 2022. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

HOURS OF VOTING: 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Marlborough Senior Center	VOTING DISTRICT
17 School Drive Marlborough Connecticut 06447	1

Dated at Marlborough Connecticut this 22nd day of July 2022

Lauren A. Griffin
Town Clerk
Town of Marlborough

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TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm on August 8, 2022 at the East Hampton Town Hall - 1 Community Drive and via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:

Application ZBA-22-004: Christopher Burt, 21 & 23 Day Point Road., Lot line revision to add for reconstruction of existing home, includes setback variance and size variance. Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 30.

Application ZBA-22-005: Benjamin Leitch, 12 Lakewood Road, Increase lot coverage from 23.24% to 25.03% for covered deck. Map 03A/ Block 44/ Lot C-73.

Application ZBA-22-006: Tyler Thompson, 127 Tartia Road, Reduce the side setback from 25' to 22' for barn addition. Map 27/ Block 53/ Lot 18B.

Application ZBA-007: Appeal of Zoning Enforcement Officer, Rand Construction, 368 West High Street, Install 4 x 6 internally lit sign. Map 01C/ Block 7/ Lot 6C.

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Public Notice Town of East Hampton, Connecticut Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency Wetlands Agent Approval

Pursuant to CGS Section 22a-42a (c) (2) the following application has been approved by the duly authorized agent of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency of the Town of East Hampton for an activity within the Upland Review Area.

Number: IW-22-017
Applicant: Shawn Dickinson - SD Home Improvement
Location: 52 North Maple Street
Activity: Replace existing deck with new 12' x 16' sunroom and 20' x 12' deck at rear of home in Upland Review Area
Jeffrey M. Foran
Duly Authorized Agent
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

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LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING Marlborough Town Hall (26 No Main.)

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM at 26 No Main St. (Marlborough Town Hall)

APPLICATIONS
#Z-04-22 - Marlborough One, LLC - Regulation Amendment to Article 8 (A) D Design Business Industrial Park Zone (DBIPZ) Permitted Uses in DBIPZ #2 - to add Self-Storage Facility as a permitted use & Amendment to Article Ten E.2 Off-Street Parking to add the parking requirement for SelfStorage Facility.

#Z-05-22 - Marlborough One, LLC (Property Owner) - Zoning Map Amendment - 37 Hebron Road - Change Zone from DBIPZ #1 to DBIPZ #2.

#Z -06-22 - Marlborough One, LLC (Property Owner) - 37 Hebron Road, Special Permit - Self Storage Facility.

Amendment to Article Six F - Floating Zones - Design Multiple Residents, Adult Living Development, & Planned Residential Recreational Developmental Public Hearing 8/4

Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building & Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. All testimony and application materials will be available to the public on the Town Website, www.Marlboroughct.net, under Minutes/ Agendas then Agenda 2022 then Zoning Commission.
Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

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Town of Marlborough CORRECTED Notice of Democratic Primary State and District offices NEW LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the Democratic party listed below will be held in Marlborough on August 9, 2022 for nomination to each office indicated below.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street addresses of said candidates.

Office	Party	Candidate	Address
Secretary of the State	Democratic	*Stephanie Thomas	81 William St., Norwalk, CT 06851
		Maritza Bond	784 Quinipiac Ave., New Haven, CT 06531
Treasurer	Democratic	*Erick Russell	215 Stevenson Rd., New Haven, CT 06515
		Dita Bhargava	502 Cognewaugh Rd., Greenwich, CT 06807
		Karen DuBois-Walton	58 Pearl Street, New Haven, CT 06513

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 22nd day of June, 2022

DENISE W. MERRILL
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

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HOURS OF VOTING: 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Marlborough Senior Center	Voting District
17 School Drive Marlborough CT 06447	1

Dated at Marlborough, Connecticut, this 22nd day of July, 2022

Lauren A. Griffin
Town Clerk
Town of Marlborough

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TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ACTION NOTICE

Please be advised that the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals took the following action at a Special Meeting held on July 20, 2022: **APPROVED** the application of the Town of Andover, property at 15 Center Street. The Board provided relief from Sections 11.2 of the zoning regulations (front and side yard reductions) so as to replace the Old Fire House with a new structure to be used for a parking facility for municipal vehicles and ancillary storage in accordance with the approved application/plan. **APPROVED** the application of Andrew Osgood, 161 Lake Road. Provided relief from Section 11.2 (reduction in sideyard setbacks) of the zoning regulations so as to construct two (2) utility sheds in accordance with the application/plan. Please direct any inquiries to the Zoning Agent at the Town Hall, 17 School Road or zoning@andoverct.org. Jim Hallisey Zoning Agent

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TOWN OF PORTLAND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buck Foreman Room (2nd Floor), 265 Main Street, Portland, CT. Public access through Zoom link A at www.portlandct.org to consider the following: Application #21-18: Proposed Amendment to Section 9 of the Town of Portland Zoning Regulations to add a new Section 9.18 under "Special Regulations" for a Cannabis Moratorium. PZC Application #22-01: Main Street, Marlborough Street and west side of Perry Avenue. Request for Special Permit Modification. Application of BRT DiMarco PTP, LLC. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for review in the Portland Land Use Department. Dated at Portland, CT. this 20th day of July 2022 Robert Ellsworth, Chairman Planning & Zoning Commission

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Legal Notice Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

The Duly Authorized Agent of the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission **APPROVED** the following application on July 20th, 2022: • Application #IWWC 22-07: Samuel Aregood, 196 Lake Road- Construction of a new mudroom and front entryway to replace an existing porch/entry, and construction of a wood deck to replace an existing deck in the 200-foot Upland Review Area of Andover Lake. The above decisions may be appealed to the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission pursuant to Section 12.2 of the Town of Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, available at www.andoverconnecticut.org.

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PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF LAKE HAYWARD LEGAL NOTICE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

All persons liable to pay real estate taxes to the Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward as levied on the October 1, 2021, Grand List are hereby notified that the taxes are due and payable on July 1, 2022, at the mill rate of 4.6120. The taxes will become delinquent on August 1, 2022, if not paid by this date. Delinquent tax bills shall be subject to interest of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month reverting to the due date, July 1, 2022. The minimum interest charge is \$2.00. All persons in the Tax District who do not receive a tax bill should call the Tax Collector at 860-295-8769 to obtain their bill before the end of the grace period, August 1, 2022. Failure to receive a property tax bill does not invalidate the payment of the tax or related delinquent interest charge if not paid by August 1, 2022. Tax payments shall be made by mail to Tax Collector, Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward, Post Office Box 230, Colchester, CT 06415. Edward F. Bader Tax Collector

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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, August 2, 2022, at 7:30 PM, to be held virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, concerning the following: **Petition 2022 - 3**, Request of Frank Teodosio, Owner, for a variance to Section 2.E.4 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, to allow a portion of a 520 square foot carport 8.1 feet from the side property line where 20 feet is required by the Regulations, on premise located at 3 Lebanon Road, Residence 1 (R-1) District. Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, on this 14th day of July 2022. Martin Halloran, Chairperson **Interested persons may appear and all written communications will be received.** Legal Notice will be published in the **Riverast News Bulletin on Friday, July 22, 2022 and Friday, July 29, 2022.** Legal Notice will be published on the Town of Hebron Website at <https://hebronct.com/agendas/> Zoning Board of Appeals Tue, Aug 2, 2022 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (EDT) **Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.** <https://meet.goto.com/951130925> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (571) 317-3112 **Access Code:** 951-130-925 Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://meet.goto.com/install>

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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

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