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Climb Every Mountain... Crystal Cochrane of Portland recently traveled to Millinocket, Maine, and Baxter State Park for some outdoor adventures, and hiked up Mount Katahdin. She shared this picture of her with the *Rivereast* at Baxter Peak on the summit. Taking a trip soon? Bring the *Rivereast* along, snap a picture with it, and email it to bulletin@glicitizen.com. You may win a prize!

Library Association Slams 'Egregious Act'

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Connecticut Library Association has condemned the actions of Colchester First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, after Bisbikos late last month asked the town's library director to remove a children's book.

Bisbikos had received a complaint about "graphic depictions of women" on one of pages of *Who is RuPaul?*, a biography of well-known drag queen and TV host RuPaul Andre Charles. The book was part of a Pride Month display in the children's section at Cragin Memorial Library.

The image in question was a drawing of female dancers spelling out the word "VIVA."

Bisbikos also requested Cragin Memorial Library Director Kate Byroade conduct an inventory of all 26,000 books in Cragin's children's department – a request Byroade has said would be an "enormous undertaking."

In a statement issued late last week, the Connecticut Library Association condemned Bisbikos' actions.

In the statement, the CLA accused Bisbikos of acting "unilaterally in an attempt to remove a children's book title from the library's collection."

It continued by stating that "Bisbikos chose to ignore long-standing town policies and procedures, and to subvert due process. He took to social media to express his personal views, calling on Colchester residents to target the library's collection."

The CLA called Bisbikos' actions an "egregious act of governmental overreach" and an "attack on the First Amendment rights of Colchester's residents to access free speech in the library."

In response, Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* that he "strongly disagrees" with the claims made by the CLA.

"Nothing has been banned or censored," he said. "All that is being asked is that the book is placed in the age-appropriate section of the library."

He added that "we need to be advocates for our children, too."

CLA President Douglas Lord, director of the C.H Booth Library in Newton, was also quoted in the group's statement, defending Byroade.

"I have known Cragin Memorial Library's director Kate Byroade for over 20 years," Lord wrote. "She would never do anything to harm a child – nor anyone else."

He continued by stating that Byroade is a "consummate professional, a former president of CLA, champion of civil rights and passionate library leader."

Lord urged Bisbikos and other politicians to "trust the professional librarians working tirelessly in their communities."

Inventory of Books 'Still Underway'

As for the inventory Bisbikos requested, Byroade said it would involve reviewing every image in every book. She estimated that even if the review took one minute per book, it would require around 450 work hours per staff member to finish the request.

Byroade said she is hopeful that other members of the Board of Selectmen will urge Bisbikos to retract that request. However, she said based on her conversations with Bisbikos, it was her understanding that the inventory was still going to happen.

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New Pastor Healing 'Bruised Faith'

By Sloan Brewster

The Rev. Gary Boye hopes some healing will bring folks back to God and Christ Lutheran Church in Hebron.

An intentional interim pastor who took the helm at Christ Lutheran on Church Street in May, Boye will be at the church for at least 12 months.

If the congregation asks for an extension, he said he could remain longer but he will not be there permanently as church rules do not allow intentional interims to take permanent placement – or settle – in a church.

Formerly a settled pastor, Boye retired in 2013. Since then, he has been an intentional interim at several churches.

Healing the Hurt

His role, Boye said, is to help a church deal with issues, such as grief, which can prevent an

upcoming pastor from growing a church.

A congregation grieving the loss of a former beloved pastor is sometimes unable to wrap itself around the idea of a replacement, he said. In such a case, he will help folks say their farewells and grieve.

There are also other issues an interim pastor may be working to overcome, Boye said.

"I'm here like a trouble shooter to talk turkey with them or to get them to own up to, let's say, some bad habits," he said. "For example, if they're fighting."

Boye said he sometimes helps a congregation move past another kind of hurt, which he said is the case in Hebron.

Boye said church members need "to be affirmed and built up and to heal."

"I think they had some very weak pastoral

leadership – in fact, they've said this – and it drove some people away," he said. "They need to be loved and they need to go through some healing. A lot of peoples' feelings were hurt, if not their faith was bruised. They need patience on my part."

All the hurt, Boye said has left some people disenchanted and disillusioned and caused some to leave the church. He is optimistic that with patience, they will return to the fold, no longer "estrangle themselves from God's family" and that attendance at services and gatherings will increase.

"When you have whatever it is, an illness or bruise, when you start to heal you feel better so I would be hoping for and looking for people who are happier, who look forward to coming

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Bridge Replacement to be Funded by Feds

By Sloan Brewster

Two local bridges are getting makeovers and the town likely won't have to pay a penny.

Selectman Jeff Murray, in a phone call Tuesday, lauded the plans to replace the Bunker Hill and Long Hill Road bridges with federal funding.

"We're going to get those [bridges] 100% federal funded instead of having to put taxpayers' funds into it," Murray said.

The plan also includes adding sidewalks to the Long Hill Road Bridge via a connectivity grant the town has received, Murray said.

"It's going to tie everything together," he said.

The town has been accepted into the Federal Local Bridge Program for the Bunker Hill Road Bridge replacement and opted into the Design Managed by State program, which means the state manages the design phase and pays for it with federal money, which saves the town time and money, Town Administrator Eric Anderson said.

Normally in replacing bridges, the town would be responsible for 20% of construction costs, Anderson said. But that cost is being covered by funding in the Investment in Jobs Act (IIA), "which means basically that the federal government is paying the whole thing."

This spring, Anderson said, the town also applied for and learned it was accepted into the same program to replace the Long Hill Road Bridge.

Opting into the program now could mean the town also gets the increased funding through the IIA, Anderson said.

"That's super cool," he said. "That's about

1.2 million less in town tax dollars that we have to spend in the next six years."

Anderson said the grants for the two bridges will total approximately \$7 million.

Bunker Hill Sinkholes and Status

The project to replace the 60-year old Bunker Hill Bridge, which suffered from three sinkholes last year, has completed the 30% design phase or all the preliminary designs Anderson said.

The project has now been turned over to CDR Maguire Engineering, of Rocky Hill, Anderson said. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2024.

After the appearance of the sinkholes – two of which were the result of flooding caused by Tropical Storm Elsa last July and one that opened last September in the wake of pelting rain caused by Tropical Storm Ida – the town completed temporary fixes on the bridge using flowable fill concrete.

The material won't wash out, Anderson said. Since then the bridge has only been open to one lane of traffic.

"The repairs seem to be holding so we haven't seen any degradation," Anderson said.

Long Hill Sidewalks and Status

The Long Hill Road Bridge is an 85- or 86-year old concrete bridge that is "scour-critical," Anderson said, meaning the bridge support – or abutments – are not deep enough to prevent the bridge taking significant structural damage in a big flood event.

"It's actually at the point where we should be inspecting it after storms," Anderson said.

Last week, the town signed the agreement for the funding and the first project scope meeting will be next week, Anderson said.

He said he anticipates construction will begin in the spring of 2026.

The project will be enhanced with funds from a \$297,000 connectivity grant the town received in 2020, Anderson said.

So far the grant has paid for improvements at the Andover Library, including a hand rail and sidewalk in front, a crosswalk to Andover Congregational Church and also across Route 6 to the rail trail.

Funds from the grant will be used to bring sidewalks to Long Hill Road and the bridge "to make sure it fits in with all our connectivity goals," Anderson said.

Including the sidewalks in the project scope was part of the initial ask for the grant, he said.

Grants and More Grants

Besides the grants for the bridge replacements and connectivity in town, the town is also using funds from a Small Town Economic Assistance

Program (STEAP) grant to replace Shoddy Mill and Long Hill roads, Anderson said.

A grant through the Federal Department of Transportation is bringing a new 15-passenger senior transportation bus to town. The only drawback is that the vehicle is on backorder and won't arrive until next spring.

Anderson said the town just applied for grant through Eversource to get public car chargers installed at Town Hall.

He is also working on an application for a STEAP grant for \$250,000 to cover the cost of razing the old firehouse on Center Street, which was shut down in October 2018 due to a mold infestation. The grant comes with a 20% town match.

The firehouse was previously used for a meeting space for the town and as a senior center.

The town will use \$1 million of funding it is getting from the American Rescue Plan Act to build a new community center between Town Hall and Andover Elementary School.

Congregational Church News

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

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

church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is July 20. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is July 13.

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.

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 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.

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.

Readers are encouraged to read any book they like, as long as it's checked out from

Andover Public Library. (Books borrowed through interlibrary loan, audiobooks, and ebooks checked out via Libby or the Palace Project count as well.) Sometime in August – date to be determined – the library will host an ice cream social.

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

Cars Sought for Show

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

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

Farmers Market July 13

The Andover Farmers Market will be Wednesday, July 13, 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, Aug. 3, 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.

Senior Movies

Andover Senior Movies are open to all and are shown in the Andover Town Hall Community Room on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Bring your own snacks and drinks. If you need a ride, call Cathy Palazzi two days in advance at 860-916-6122. The movies are:

July 20: *Going in Style*. In the movie, three seniors, who have been wronged by the company they worked for 30 years and are living social security check to check, decide they have had enough. So, they plan to rob the bank. With

Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, Alan Arkin, Ann-Margret and Matt Dillon. Rated PG-13, this 2017 film runs one hour and 36 minutes.

Aug. 17: *Rescued by Ruby*. In the film, an energetic dog named Ruby is hours away from being euthanized when a police officer meets her, is smitten, and decides to pursue his dream of being a canine officer. This is the true story of how these two underdogs found their dream together. Rated G, this 2022 movie runs one hour and 32 minutes.

Library News & Notes

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

Summer Activities: The library is planning a summer of activities for kids and adults. A flyer with all of the details is available at the library, but here's a short version: Monday, July 11, 6 p.m., "A Whale of a Tale," with Storytime and Craft; Wednesday, July 16, 6 p.m., Beginners Origami, Tuesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.; Toad vs. Frog, with wildlife biologist Julie Victoria; Wednesday, July 20, 10:30 a.m., Western Storytime & Horse Craft; Monday, July 25, 6 p.m., Christmas in July with Mrs. Merry Claus and

a Christmas-themed Craft; Thursday, July 28, 6:30 p.m., Monster Storytime and Puppet-Making with Ellen Repay.

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

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.

Shopping Dates: Willimantic on Tuesday, July 19; Manchester on Tuesdays, July 12 and 26. Masks are available on all vehicles.

Luncheon: Friday, July 22. Carolyn Bourget will provide entertainment. Next luncheon is Aug. 26. All luncheons outside, unless rainy weather.

Rides to Food Pantry: The bus is now available for the Food Pantry on Mondays at 5 p.m. and for the Wednesday Foodshare or food pan-

try – 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.

Gazebo Concert July 8

The Andover Friends of the Library and Andover Public Library Board of Trustees will present a free evening of music for the whole family with The Hot Flashes Friday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Andover Gazebo, located in front of Andover Elementary School, 35 School Rd.

The show will be held in the Town Hall community room in the event of rain.

The Andover Friends of the Library will sell ice cream.

For more information, call the library at 860-742-7428.



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

By Mike Thompson

Greetings and salutations, everyone. I hope you had a pleasant Fourth of July weekend.

The Binghamton Rumble Ponies were in town over the weekend – their series against the Hartford Yard Goats actually started last Wednesday – and I wound up taking in four of the five games. Was it a lot? Maybe. But, come on, it's baseball; the sport that's as American as apple pie. It's a fitting way to celebrate our nation's birthday.

The games were a lot of fun. I know the stadium's a few years old now, but it bears repeating: Dunkin' Donuts Park is just a great place to take in a game. There's not a bad seat in the house; the concourses are wide and easy to move around in; and the food and drink options are fantastic – and local.

The local craft beer options are abundant, and while everyone who's even seen a picture of the stadium knows there's a Bear's Smokehouse location there, there's another interesting food option that you might not be aware of.

There's a small kiosk in the stadium that features a different Hartford restaurant each game. There are so many great places to eat in Hartford, and this rotating kiosk is a great way to introduce you to all the tastes our capital city has to offer.

And of course, Dunkin' Donuts Park still has the goats. From the day it opened, the stadium has featured goats from Circle K Farm, right in East Hampton. There's even a little corral, where kids can meet the goats. It's a lot of fun.

Last, but certainly not least: it's still affordable. The cost of seemingly everything has gone up, and that's no different for the Yard Goats – but it's still a fantastic deal. You can get a seat on the field level, right by home plate, for less than \$20. There are also plentiful safe parking garages around the stadium, which charge a mere \$5.

At a time where it you practically have to take out a loan to take a family of four or five to a big-league game, it's nice to know the Yard Goats are still there, giving you good baseball at a great price.

And it really is good baseball. The Yard Goats are having a great season this year – so much so that they gave the excellent pitcher Max Scherzer a run for his money when he made a rehab appearance there last week. They've played smart, crisp baseball – so much so that the Yard Goats are in first place. As of Wednesday they're 47-29, tied with Somerset (the Yankees affiliate) for first place in the Eastern League Northeast standings.

The Goats are grazing in New Hampshire this weekend, but they'll be back home starting next Tuesday, July 12 – and there's even a baseball cap giveaway that night.

Really, it's tough to say enough about the Yard Goats experience. Next time you want to see some live baseball but you don't want to drive too far (or pay too much), head on over to Dunkin' Donuts Park. You'll like it.

See you next week.

Bulletin Board

Normally, I am not allowed to go to the supermarket unless accompanied by a responsible adult. It seems I lack judgment when it comes to picking up stuff for the larder. Just to cite a couple of examples from my personal history:

- 1) Salted peanuts are not a vegetable.
- 2) If you've always wondered what mangoes taste like, limit yourself to buying one, not a dozen, as a sample.
- 3) It defies logic, but "whole milk" is not necessarily better than less "whole" alternatives.
- 4) The deli guy was not being rude when he asked if I was joking when I asked for 10 pounds of sliced ham.
- 5) Stores do not take returns on sliced ham.

I will admit that I don't feel comfortable at the supermarket. For one thing, I always seem to pick out a shopping cart with a defective wheel that either wobbles me into store displays or screeches like some sort of mechanical banshee as I head down the aisle. I like attention as much as the next person, but not the kind you get from knocking over a stack of canned goods with a cart that sounds like an out-of-control dive bomber.

I also seem to lack what, for lack of a better phrase, I will call "supermarket grace." How is it that people who spend 20 minutes unsuccessfully trying to parallel park their car on an empty street can smoothly negotiate crowded supermarket aisles like professional ballet dancers? This while I am narrowly avoiding one head-on collision after another; routinely blocking traffic by parking in what everyone else seems to recognize as a no-parking zone; and evoking pitying looks from fellow shoppers as I attempt to wheel my wretched cart the wrong way down what are apparently unmarked one-way aisles that are perfectly obvious to everyone else.

This is not to say I have not made progress through observation of more gifted shoppers when allowed to tag along on supermarket excursions with qualified adults. I have finally come to understand, for instance, that the bachelor shopping approach of grabbing the first bag of potato chips within easy reach and closest to the beer may not be the most cost-effective shopping technique.

On the other hand, I have never been able to master comparison shopping, which seems to be the modern-day equivalent of medieval alchemy. Why is the more expensive brand name tomato soup a poor price choice, but the less expensive generic pea soup is to be avoided at all costs? This sort of deductive reasoning remains far above my pay grade.

And so I was a little apprehensive last week when my wife, who is recovering from Covid, was forced to send me out to the supermarket for "a few things." Fully aware of the danger, she made a specific list: one (just one) watermelon, two cucumbers, two diet Cokes (in liter bottles), two seltzer waters (liter bottles) and one box of "nutty ice cream cones." No mangoes. No salted peanuts. And no ham.

Entering the supermarket, I was relieved to see they did not have some sort of public safety poster with my mug shot warning the shopping community to be on their guard. I also managed to obtain a fully operable cart on my very first try.

For once, the supermarket gods continued to smile on me. I am proud to say that I eventually found every single item on my list and it only took me about an hour and maybe 40 trips down each aisle.

They really do need to organize these places better. An overhead sign reading "Nutty Ice Cream Cones" with a flashing neon arrow pointing to the appropriate freezer case would be especially helpful.

Jim Hallas

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Stands with Library Staff

To the Editor:

I stand with the staff of Cragin Memorial Library in support of not removing books from the library's collection.

Jeanne Lattanzio – Colchester

Note: Lattanzio is vice president of Friends of Cragin Memorial Library, but said she is writing as an individual.

Follow the Science

To the Editor:

It could be useful to those apoplectic with SCOTUS overturning 49 years of Roe v Wade, erroneously finding a right to abortion in the U.S. Constitution, to follow the science.

Embryology studies the prenatal development of gametes, fertilization and development of embryos and fetuses in the science of the beginning and development of human life a process we all experienced. That life begins at fertilization with the union of gametes of opposite sexes giving rise to a new individual human organism. He/she receive 23 chromosomes each from father and mother, creating a unique human being never existing before or ever to be duplicated. All that is required is nurturing and maturation from pre born stages to infant, child, adolescent, adult to the end of natural life. Any termination of that process along life's continuum ends a human life.

Residency, whether in the womb or not, does not justify its willful termination or negate its humanity. One could say ending pre-born life is the ultimate form of child abuse.

Those who are pro-life understand this science while those who are pro-abortion, euphemistically pro-choice, choose not to learn it or worse ignore it.

A civilized society has an obligation to protect the most vulnerable among us. We should

do all possible to protect these lives since the irreversible decision to end them in abortion has great dehumanizing consequences on society.

All women considering abortion should be fully informed of the science and impact on them and others and be provided all the support to have them choose life.

James Mathias – East Hampton

Freedom of Choice

To the Editor:

The Cragin Library in Colchester is a place where a person has the freedom of choice. Selecting a book or a media item is purely what will interest you. When the subject matter is offensive to you, choose something else.

I fully support and defend the ability of the library and of Kate and her staff to continue the pursuit of diversity, and the freedom of choice in our library.

Rick Waugh – Colchester

Soil Prep and Stratification...

To the Editor:

..... are fall options for spring wildflowers. After July 4, many garden centers offer their stock at deep discounts and that is great if you are looking to enhance the garden landscape that you now have to think ahead to fall planting of both container-grown and burlapped woody shrubs and trees. July is also the perfect time to turn our attention to planting seeds, especially the seeds that need special conditions to germinate in spring. Soil preparation is critical to success, while temperature and moisture need to be monitored for the requirements of the seeds in need of stratification.

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especially the prairie grasses and many prairie flowers. There is both dry and moist stratification, but most will germinate well with only Dry Stratification. Sowing seeds outdoors in the late fall on your grass and weed free seed bed, will simulate natural conditions where seeds drop from their parent plant and where they lay dormant over the winter. The best strategy is to plant after at least one or two killing frosts (temperatures below 24 degrees) where, hence, there is no chance for germination

But soil prep is critical and bare ground is best. To achieve a weed/grass free area one method is solarization. The Kinney Road Pollinator Garden site will soon be preparing a demonstration solarization site for just such flowers in need of stratification. Keep posted for updates on progress at Hebron Pollinator Pathway on Facebook

Michele Sinkez – Amston

Thanks for Noticing!

To the Editor:

Regarding the June 24 letter from Don Denley:

Just wanted to give a quick shout out to Mr. Denley for noticing our sign!

Mike Greenhouse – Andover

Do Not Remove Books

To the Editor:

Freedom of speech and expression is a fundamental right.

Parents do have a prior right to choose the kind of education and written material that shall be given to their own children.

Do not remove books from my public Library.

Sincerely,

Joan Rogers – Colchester

Kudos to Library Director

To the Editor:

Kudos to Colchester Library Director Kate Byroade for championing the Cragin Library's sensible procedure to examine appropriate material (7/1/22, "Library Head Stands by Removed Book"), and to the library staff for putting together a necessary LGBTQIA+ collection.

Most 9- through 12-year-olds (the age range for whom the display was curated) have questions on these topics, either for themselves or about loved ones. It is vital that they have a safe space to find answers, and Colchester parents are fortunate to have these resources right in town.

I have firsthand experience that for a LG-BTQIA+ child, this knowledge can be lifesaving.

Andy Bauer – Portland

Note: Bauer is a middle school teacher and former co-chair of the Portland Library Board of Directors.

Let Children Be Children

To the Editor:

I applaud First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos for removing the inappropriate book from the children's section of the town library. From the article I read in your newspaper, it sounds like he did not "ban" the book, but had the book placed in another section of the library.

My children are grown, so I never had to encounter this type of screening, when I brought my children to the library to take out books. Back then, the books children read were Dr. Seuss, Madeline, and the Hardy Boys mysteries. My children did not even know what a "drag queen" was, and I was glad they did not know of such things. Let children be children and enjoy being young and ingenuous. Children grow up too fast in our society, and do not need to be exposed to "adult issues" at such an innocent age.

Thank you, First Selectman Bisbikos, for taking a stand against the establishment.

Sharon Coakley – Colchester

Car Show Thanks

To the Editor:

The sixth annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Car Show was a huge success, due in part to the wonderful individuals that volunteered to staff the Friday, June 3, event at the Church of St. Mary.

Volunteering from the parish and community were Becky Aldrich, Marianne Bailey, Sue Bonjourn, Janet Capello, Rea Christi, Lilly Clark, Liam Curtin, Alex Dawson, Adam Deam, Gianni Discenza, Sandy Franco, Mary Garry, Carol Gilbert, Rene Johnson, Rick Johnson, Julia Laabs, Jackie Lagana, Rich Lagana,

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Forty-four Brother Knights, along with 20 Knights family members organized this fundraiser along with Linda Bordonaro (plus her five family members), Jackie and Rich Lagana, Tim Larson and Mima Burke. We are grateful for their outreach in organizing this fun event.

We apologize for not listing someone by mistake, the writer of this article may have not seen someone.

Also, thanks to all our guests who filled the parking lot on a "warm" evening.

Sincerely,

**John McNickle, Volunteer Coordinator
Joe Loban and Jerry Duclos,
Committee Co-Chairs
Freestone Council KofC, Portland**

Portland Trailer Owners

To the Editor:

Portland trailer owners, you are overtaxed. I own three trailers – one is a homemade 1988 (4x8) and it went up 200%. A 1996 horse trailer went up 100% and a 2007 dump trailer went up 10%.

The assessor's office tells you to go to the Board of Assessment Appeals. After filling out two pages of forms and waiting until September to go to a meeting where the Board of Appeals treats you fairly. They will give you back the overage from July. So it is back to the assessor's office for more forms.

Trailer owners, I will see you in September.

Francis Dwyer – Portland

Shouldn't Teachers Teach?

To the Editor:

Let's see if I have this right, teachers have to spend their own money for school supplies, are spending their own money for first aid kits (not just regular ones either), are trying to spend the time in the classroom teaching either a particular subject or several depending on the grade and now you want them to have a gun in the classroom (I understand that all states are not doing this). How much and what kind of training will they actually get and how much should they get?

It's enough that teachers are leaving their jobs because they're being told what/how to teach and what/how not to teach, now a firearm is being introduced to the classroom or kept elsewhere on the school premises. Long ago you might get hit across your knuckles with a ruler or a switch to your backside for acting out in class; with a gun in the room, what kind of punishment would there be now? And don't you think that there are some students that could overpower the teacher and take the gun? What then? This is a bad idea.

I thought a teacher was there to teach, to educate, to encourage their students, not be a cross between Florence Nightingale and a United States Marine Raider.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Manning – Andover**

Kinney Road History #1

To the Editor:

Unfortunately, Hebron's Board of Selectmen continues their push to place an industrial Public Works complex in historic farmland surrounded by sensitive wetlands at 17 Kinney Rd. I am hoping an exploration of the history of the area will underscore the significance of this particular piece of Hebron.

The story begins 230 million years ago with the break-up of the supercontinent of Pangea. Although North America was drifting away from Europe and Africa, the thick continental crust of the East Coast remained intact. The Connecticut River Valley is one of the rift valleys of Pangea, with the land to the east settling in place and the land to the west expanding and rising. The Cenozoic Ice Age began about 2.58 million years ago and between 95,000 and 20,000 years ago the Laurentide Ice Sheet extended from Canada to Long Island Sound. At its peak, the glacier over Connecticut was between .62 and 1.24 miles thick. As it receded it left behind a distinct pattern of wear and important pockets of sediments. These fertile deposits were sought after by both Native Americans and colonial settlers as the best fields for their crops.

Map No. 5 of Hebron's Plan of Conservation and Development shows an expanse of "Prime/Important Agricultural Soil" running from Skyline Farm down through the Raymond Brook

Preserve. Kinney Road sits right in the middle of this ancient bed of valuable soil. This is why Hebron's proprietors chose to build the center of their town here. To this day, the land continues to produce a bounty of crops and filter significant amounts of clean drinking water. To place a Public Works complex in this location is a choice to ignore history, the POCD and common sense.

Please visit Kinney Road Matters on Facebook for more information.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Tulumieri – Amston

Don't Stand Idly By

To the Editor:

Faith, family, tradition, hard work, accountability and the love for America can be the glue that holds the nuclear family together. So why can't these same principles apply to community, state and country? Isn't our great country made up of all of these smaller denominations?

We all agree that this great country is in the midst of change, evolution and to some revolution. What can we do as individuals do to mend wounds, rage and divisiveness?

Look to the list of essential principles, our glue, and practice one or some of them. Every little bit helps. And if practiced by many, for the greater good, meaningful change will come about.

And how can our sentiments be measured? By our privilege granted to us – the vote. Please, don't stand idly by and watch the changes go unchecked. Vote. Your voice is essential in keeping democracy alive.

Alison Walck – East Hampton

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

Censoring Books in Colchester?

To the Editor:

I was disturbed and appalled to read that our first selectman, Andreas Bisbikos went to Colchester's "free public library" to demand a book be removed from the shelf in the children's section because one parent did not feel it was appropriate for their child. This is totally unacceptable behavior for a first selectman.

Banning and removing books or in any way censoring what the citizens of our town are allowed to read should not be tolerated. Every responsible parent is aware of what their child is reading and it is their right not to allow their child to read any book they consider offensive or inappropriate. But no one (at least not yet) has the right to censor the reading choices of others. Surely the job of the first selectman does not include banning or removing any books from the public library.

I commend and support Library Director Kate Byroade for doing an excellent job all these years, and for coming forward to make Colchester citizens aware of Mr. Bisbikos' unprecedented actions. He needs to concentrate on his duties as first selectman. Moving/removing a book from our public library without following proper procedures is not his decision to make. Does he know what his actual responsibilities in his current position are? It seems he does not.

Bette Nikodemski – Colchester

The Great Swamp

To the Editor:

If you have never heard of The Great Swamp in New Jersey, I urge you to read the book *The Great Swamp (The People, The Power Brokers and The Wilderness)* by Cam Cavanaugh.

This is a true story. A story of residents banding together to save a large parcel of land and swamp in a successful effort to maintain the quality of life in their town as well as neighboring towns. Since then, thousands and thousands of migrating birds have continued to use this natural habitat as a resting place on their long migrations. In addition to the birds, thousands of people have had the chance to enjoy this land as well. Natural walking paths were installed with educational plaques to teach young and old the importance of this great swamp. Wildlife and humans sharing an important piece of wet land in an eco-friendly manner.

Think of what Hebron could do with its soggy land in the center of town.

The Great Swamp is important not only because it was saved for all to enjoy, but because people came together for a common cause that also kept their ecosystem in check.

Right now, Hebron has a chance to follow suit. To not develop the 88-plus acres in town between CVS and Kinney Road but, instead, to set it up, so we can share it. Natural walking

paths along with educational plaques to discuss the importance of watersheds, wetlands and wildlife. We are located near the University of Connecticut. Wouldn't it be nice to share the land with agricultural students to study the workings of watershed land and in turn, to share their findings with us? Sharing information with all generations while still keeping it working farm land sounds like a win-win.

Jean Tulumieri – Amston

Not Just Another July 4th

To the Editor:

As I am writing this I am preparing for the Fourth of July and thinking of all the other people getting ready to celebrate our Independence Day, with barbecues, fireworks and speeches, all in the remembrance of how this young country gained their independence from a tyrannical king.

But for me this Independence Day is a lot different; this year I am also thinking of another young nation fighting to regain their independence (secure their own lands, remove foreign soldiers, establish laws to ensure peace for their fellow man). Although our celebrations are over, we should not forget how several countries came to our aid so we could be a free nation and so we must not forget that Ukraine needs our aid, and continual support so they can overthrow a pseudo tyrannical king and his army.

Ralph Bianco – Colchester

Which America?

To the Editor:

Listened to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's "America in Song" tape the other day: "Over There," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "God Bless America," and others. I love that tape (which is quite old, as implied by the "tape" I refer to). Those songs have always given me goosebumps, even made my eyes misty. Songs of America are sentimental and emotional, inspiring thoughts of our inspiring nation.

I love America, the America I learned about in the primary grades. The America of George Washington, Davy Crockett, Jesse Owens and all such heroes. The America that helped save the world in two world wars. The America built by immigrants, patriots and mavericks: expansive, inclusive, grand.

Then I wondered, what America is the conservative right esteeming? What are they thinking when they express MAGA? How do they rationalize their dislike, even hatred, of liberal ideals such as those America was founded on? When they hear "This Land Is Our Land" who is "our" in their minds? Is America the land of the free only when it is they and their ilk who are free? Do they hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness? Or do they think such lofty words are meant for them only? Is liberty and justice only for men of European extraction, not all?

Within the context of the time of the Declaration of Independence it is clear that "all men" was a euphemism for "humanity." A collective body; humanity is all-inclusive of the human race, not just the white race, not just males.

What America do you believe in? Do you vote to uphold the American dream?

John Barnowski – Colchester

Preserving Hebron's Character

To the Editor:

As a 70-year-old suburban peasant living in Hebron, the town of my nativity, I should have realized that Hebron traded democracy for a five-person oligarchy long ago and that their perception of their charge to preserve Hebron's rural, historic character outweighs that of its 9,506 residents. Over time, I've learned that my taxes will always go up, but services will remain the same. As long as I pay my taxes, town officials usually leave me alone to pursue my own version of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. However, I do take strong exception to the dispersal of the American Rescue Plan funds of \$2,800,000, allocated at the sole discretion of five selectmen, which seems more suburban than rural and doesn't promote the Hebron's historic character.

I fully realize that members of the Hebron Board of Selectmen may not have lived in Hebron long enough to fully comprehend the concept of rural and historic and I do understand the desire to garner votes. However, I'm dismayed that none of the approved items address Hebron's rural crisis as town-owned open spaces are almost inaccessible due to invasive

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species. With dying ash trees and power line tree-trimming, invasive species like Japanese honeysuckle, barberry, and multiflora rose choke out what's left of Hebron's native species along town roads and in abandoned fields. Likewise, there are no provisions for promoting Hebron's historic character. This is a major oversight.

Now is the time to halt this invasion before it forever changes Hebron's ecosystem. Town-owned properties are a breeding ground for

ticks harbored by barberry and inaccessible except along trails making these land preserves unnatural environments. Save the land and promote Hebron's past, before it is too late. Please use these once-in-lifetime funds wisely!

John Baron – Hebron

Our Worthless U.S. Senators

To the Editor:

Our worthless U.S. senators need to be replaced! They have both been in there too long and they are the reason we are in the mess we

are in. They have two solutions to all our problems: Spend more money on things that have failed in the past and pass more laws that only affect law-abiding citizens.

Mass shootings are at an all-time high. It's time to make drastic, effective changes! We treat criminals better than our veterans and homeless persons. There must be penalties harsh enough to stop these crimes. Convicted murders are often released within a few number of years. Murderers sentenced to death are still appealing their convictions 25 years after con-

viction, at taxpayers' expense!

We need to enact and carry out effective deterrents. Anyone who murders or attempts to murder another must be put to death in a short period of time, like 30 days after being convicted. If you think this is too harsh than suggest something else that may be just as effective.

This November, it's time to flush the toilet!
Frank Blume – Colchester

Library is 'Open to All'

To the Editor:

On July 6, 1905, the Cragin Memorial Library was donated by Dr. Edwin B. Cragin with the hope "that this should not be a mute monument to the dead, but a living force, acting for the uplift of the town in all that is noble, all that is good." The Colchester community respects this purpose and will continue to support Dr. Cragin's legacy.

Any request to ban literature is a request to allow libraries to become mute monuments to the dead. Literature is our connection to knowledge; our connection to feeling included and accepted in the world. Asking to ban literature is unplugging the connections to our humanity.

I stand with Cragin Memorial Library in support of not removing books from the collection.

Sincerely,

Noreen A. Bibee – Colchester

Note: Bibee is president of Friends of Cragin Memorial Library, but said she is writing as an individual.

The Children's Library

Colchester Citizens:

Misleading headlines from sensationalist media outlets and abrasive rhetoric from local political extremists have tarnished a parent's concern regarding the placement of a book.

Recently, a parent brought forward a complaint over a sexually provocative graphic in a book about RuPaul. The parent felt the book was not properly located in an age-appropriate section of the children's library and came to me expressing those concerns. These concerns were brought to our library director for review of placement. The book was temporarily removed from circulation but only until an age-appropriate location could be identified. The book is still available for anyone in the public to review; it is just not located in the children's section. Clearly, we need to review existing policy to ensure that books are properly placed in the age-appropriate sections of the library.

No book is being censored or banned. The question is whether we can find a more age-appropriate section of the library for the book with the consideration of the sexually provocative image that is being displayed. The concerns are with the placement of a book containing a sexually provocative image, not the book itself. The decision to review the book has nothing to do with anyone's sexual orientation or any social issues. None of the other Pride books were pulled. If this image was found in a book about George Washington in the children's section, there would have been an identical response.

I have also instructed our library director to conduct an inventory of the children's section. Protecting our children is important. It is imperative that we review to see if there are any other books that may contain sexually suggestive imagery and whether to consider placing them in a more age-appropriate location. Our kids matter.

Sincerely,

**Andreas Bisbikos
Colchester First Selectman**

On Watch for Censorship

To the Editor:

Bravo to Kate Byroade for defending her principles and standing up to a bully. As libraries continue to come under attack even in a progressive state like Connecticut, it would be wise to heed her courage.

Colchester First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos can claim that he meant no censorship when he demanded "Who is RuPaul?" be removed from the Cragin Memorial Library shelves. He can further state that this is not about social issues, nor that he is overstepping his authority by demanding that all the books in the children's section be reviewed for content.

Bisbikos' actions tell a completely different story, and he is rightly being called out locally and nationally.

Sadly, this is not the first recent time that the library censorship has reared its head locally. Last November, the East Hampton Board of Education wrestled with the topic, once again under the guise of "age-appropriate" literature.

A resident raised a concern that *The Fearless*

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Flights of Hazel Ying Lee, which his daughter had brought home from a classroom library, had anti-American sentiment. The board responded by requesting that the school librarians present on how literature is selected. In the process, the members bypassed several layers checks and balances, including principals and central office leadership.

The issue faded away when board chair Jim Radavich quietly resigned, and the East Hampton board avoided a black eye to the extent of what Colchester is experiencing. However, we cannot ignore what took place: an abuse of power attempting to usurp the expertise of librarians and teachers to determine appropriate content.

These attempts at censorship and abuse of authority are only going to continue, and we need to be mindful. May we all have Byroade's courage of conviction to fight back and protect our community institutions.

Sincerely,
Matt Engelhardt – East Hampton

Protect Books

To the Editor:

Across the country and right here in our backyard, individuals and members of government are trying to restrict Americans' freedom to read. Thankfully, librarians are fighting back. Simply put, it's up to you to decide what you read and it's up to a parent to decide what is most appropriate for their child.

Librarians' first and most important responsibility right now is to promote and defend our constitutionally protected freedom to read. Individuals, including those in places of government power, are seeking to strip away those freedoms because they think they know what is best for everyone. As a librarian, I urge people to vigorously defend their freedom to read and push back on those who would seek to censor library materials.

We don't want to live in a society where the government decides what we can and cannot read. The door in front of the Cragin Memorial Library reads: Open to All. Let's make sure the books inside stay protected for anyone who wishes to read them.

Ellen Paul – East Hampton
Executive Director, CT Library Consortium

July 4

To the Editor:

As we celebrated this year's "Independence Day," it was a very reflective day for me. It was our first "free" celebration since 2019. My wife and I drove to Middletown on Sunday to participate in the happy relaxing day and to enjoy the fireworks display. The Arrigoni Bridge has always been one of our favorites. The crowd was huge – thousands of people; an amazing mixed bag of sizes, shapes and colors, all enjoying the

day. It was a delight to see and be part of; very few people wearing the dreaded mask (my personal opinion). No six feet separation and no gathering limits. We survived – I hope!!

Some of our Bill of Rights have been restored – Freedom of Speech, Freedom to Assemble come to mind. The feds and our stooge governor Ned Lamont took them away in one swoop in March 2020 when he declared himself dictator and used "executive powers" to usurp and table our Constitution in the name of safety – Lamont's "go-to" political phrase. I personally will never forget his abuse of power and hope he is defeated this November.

Next topic: Joe Biden – 38% of Americans think this mindless puppet is doing a good job. He is an embarrassment; the leader of the free world – this talking head is our guy. I'd even bring back Jimmy Carter!! Biden proclaimed that the Second Amendment is not an absolute right. No, Joe, it most certainly is, as we have witnessed the oppressive government our forefathers had the vision for 250 years ago. We have charter members of the 38% here in our midst -- "Beto" Sauyet favors gun confiscation for law-abiding gun owners, "Mr. Science" Edmund Smith advocates another Civil War, and Joe Stevens supports illegal immigrants because he says they're hungry.

Don Denley – Andover

'Free Will,' Not Murder

To the Editor:

What the recent SCOTUS Dobbs ruling on abortion did and did not do:

The Dobbs Court reversed the legal flaw in the 1973 Roe v Wade ruling that fabricated an ideological "right" that does not exist in the Constitution. Contrary to an opinion in a letter last week, presumptuous with its opening words, "Like most people, I feel sad, angry and fearful about the Supreme Court's gutting of Roe v. Wade." It was not the Dobbs Court, but the 1973 Roe v Wade "Court, blinded by ideology, (that) bent the law ... and force(d) us to conform to their beliefs" for almost 50 years, and over 63 million abortions!

The Dobbs Court did not ban abortion. It is a lie that pro-abortionists would have us believe. The Dobbs Court did not ban abortions, but returned decisions on abortion back to the states.

As for the Bible scholar's views in the letter last week of God-given free will autonomy: "Free will" does not condone murder. Re: abortion, in a word-search on the word "womb" in the English Standard Version of the Bible the word occurs 80 times. Every instance presumes the existence of a human life. References to Samson in the Book of Judges are especially telling in this regard.

Peter Kushkowski
"Almost Heaven"
Portland

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"I know that members of the Board of Selectmen aren't interested with the [inventory] happening," she said.

Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* that "the inventory is still underway."

He also stated that he doesn't plan on discussing the inventory with the other selectmen.

"No discussion on any matters pertaining to the library is scheduled with the Board of Selectmen," Bisbikos said.

One selectman, Jason LaChapelle, posted on Facebook that the first selectman does not have the power to remove a book or order the audits of books.

However, Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* last week that he does have the authority to order the inventory.

"As CEO, the [town] charter gives me authority to address concerns with department heads. The director reports to me and I am responsible for the library's budget for it is presented to the Board of Finance for final review," he said.

Complaint Formally Filed

When Bisbikos asked Byroade last week to remove the book, she informed him that wasn't proper protocol. She said there needed to be a formal, written request called a "statement of concern about library services."

That statement has now been formally filed, Byroade told the *Rivereast* this week.

Now that she has received the official complaint, Byroade said she has started reviewing the biography with the children's librarian and will respond to the complaint when the process is completed – which she said can take weeks.

The parent who filed the complaint spoke to the *Rivereast* anonymously and said they had received a "respectful response" from the li-

brary. He also said his concerns with the book "remained the same."

Byroade said she plans on reviewing other books in the series, including those about Harvey Milk – who was the first openly gay man to hold public office in California – and Andy Warhol.

She said she hopes to compare and contrast the different books for further context.

Byroade said that the majority of community members that have reached out to her in the past week have offered support to both her and the RuPaul biography, although a couple of people have agreed with the complaint.

"I think they understand that we try to follow procedures and policies," she said.

Byroade also said that even though the book is under review, she is still letting the public look at it upon request.

Cragin only has one copy of *Who is RuPaul?* Byroade said more copies have been ordered from other libraries and will be arriving shortly. She said that, once they do, she will allow the book to be checked out.

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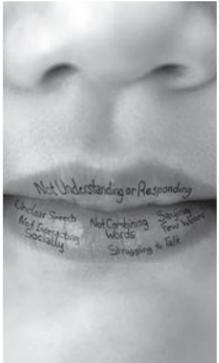
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AHM Charity Golf Tournament

AHM Youth and Family Services will hold its 19th AHM Charity Golf Tournament Friday, July 22, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m., with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost of this year's tournament is \$125, which includes a cart, 18 holes of golf, and entrance into Hole-in-One contests (donated by Ferguson and McGuire Insurance). Ted's IGA Supermarket will host an afternoon barbecue luncheon. A complimentary hospitality hot dog cart also donated by Ted's IGA will greet each player on the course. The tournament ends with the presentation of trophies in multiple divisions.

All proceeds from this tournament support a range of human and mental health services for Andover, Columbia, Hebron, and Marlborough children, teens, young adults and families. Each year, the tournament raises thousands of dollars for programs such as family counseling, child and youth mentoring, family resource center, recovery support groups for teens and young adults, and a youth worker program to assist local seniors.

Every player will receive a hospitality bag, with beverages, snacks, treats and a commemorative AHM logo golf shirt.

To register to play in the tournament, as a single or as part of a team, visit www.ahmyouth.org. Beginners and seasoned golfers welcome.

First Steps in Music

The AHM Family Resource Center will host First Steps in Music this summer for children and parents or caregivers:

The class will meet Thursdays, July 28-Aug. 11, from 9:30-10:15 a.m., at the AHM building, 25 Pendleton Drive. Fee is \$45/family. This group is a researched early child program developed by John Feierabend from Hartt School of music, facilitated by musician and teacher Mallory Kokus who is trained in this method.

Registration is at ahmyouth.org/programs-services/family-resource-center. Contact Becky Murray at beckym@ahmyouth.org or Laura Beeler at laurab@ahmyouth.org or 860-228-0871 for more information.

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.



Cub Scout Court of Honor... On June 21, Westchester Congregational Church in Colchester hosted a Court of Honor for the two Scout BSA units they sponsor: Troop 109 and Pack 109. Pictured are two members of Pack 109 and parents/leaders; from left, Christina Martin and Drew Martin, and Delaney Berta and Rebecca Berta. Drew and Delaney both received their Wolf Rank and six activity belt loops: Adventures in Coins, Running With the Pack, Call of the Wild, Air of the Wolf, Council Fire, and Howling at the Moon. They also crossed over to the Bear Rank. For more information about activities and joining, email westconchurch@gmail.com.

Honors List

Kellen Beauton of Colchester, from the Class of 2022, made the spring 2022 Head of School Scholar Honors List at Pomfret School in Pomfret.

Resident Graduates

Ashley Dummitt of Colchester recently graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Washington College in Chestertown, Md.

President's List

Colchester residents Sarah Brigandi and Ariana Golias made the spring 2022 President's List at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H.

Headmaster's, Principal's Lists

The following Colchester students made Xavier High School's Headmaster's and Principal's lists for the 2021-22 school year. Those who qualified for the Headmaster's List needed a year-end GPA of 3.75 or higher, with no course average below a B. Those who made the Principal's List had a year-end GPA between 3.25 and 3.74, with no course average below a C.

Headmaster's List: Austin Zwick, Class of 2022; Noah Bergquist, '24.

Principal's List: Chase Bischoff, David DeTuccio III, '22.

Community CPR

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

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

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

Westchester Church News

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

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

Dean's List

Colchester residents Madison Bis and Hannah Corsa each made the spring 2022 Dean's List at American International College in Springfield, Mass.

Maile Blumberger of Colchester made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

Blumberger is a nursing major.

Colchester residents Samaia Barton-Faucher, Torrie Fitzpatrick and Brandon Kauffman made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

Ukrainian Catholic Church News

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

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

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Town Honored as Top Charity Contributor

By Michael Sinkewicz

Every year leading up to the start of the Major League Baseball season, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund launch the Rally Against Cancer fundraising program to help raise funds from local communities.

This year, Colchester was honored as the top fundraising school district – raising \$11,111.11 for the Jimmy Fund.

Matthew Parsons, an instructional coach and interventionist at Bacon Academy, has chaired a fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund for six years and led the effort in Colchester.

“I was astounded that this district rallied behind such an important cause,” Parsons told the Rivereast. “I was proud and I couldn’t believe that we raised that much money.”

Last year, Parsons said his fundraiser contributed around \$1,500 to the Jimmy Fund.

Parsons and his family were invited to Fenway Park in Boston on June 21 and were able to go on the field during the check presentation with the top fundraisers.

“It was a visual you never get to see,” said Parsons, a huge Red Sox fan. “I was there with my family and it’s a memory I won’t soon forget.”

Parsons described a dream-like sequence that involved he and his son trying on a 2004 Red Sox World Series ring and meeting a former player, calling it a “once in a lifetime moment.”

While Parsons’ love for baseball and the Red Sox – who partnered with the Jimmy Fund decades ago – motivated him to get involved with the fundraiser, the charity’s core mission is what truly inspired him.

In 2015, Parsons’ wife, Lauren, was diagnosed with cancer. The next year, he started leading the effort to raise funds for Dana Farber Institute, which holds a special place in his heart.

“There’s only so much I can do but I can help support her,” Parsons said. “This is a way of me giving back to the community of hospitals that have helped her.”

Parsons believes that by contributing to this year’s rally and the Jimmy Fund, it helps support the regional hospitals and workers in the area, who have provided his family with special treatment.

“They’ve always been there for outreach and support,” Parsons said.

Lauren Parsons emphasized how hard her

husband and the community worked this year to raise money and expressed how important this fundraiser is.

“It is unfair and Matt knows as a caregiver how helpless you can feel at times,” she said. “Our hope is that this fundraising money can help some of the families feel supported that are going through the unthinkable with their child.”

She added that they hope to continue the fundraiser in town going forward, and that the money will help “find a cure and drive research for better treatments and outcomes for cancer patients.”

The fundraising program ran from November through May. Parsons launched a page online, which allowed people in the community to donate. Unlike past years, he tried to advertise the fundraiser through social media and through email more aggressively. He organized his outreach plans with the schools and prepared months in advance.

“This year, I really put a lot of effort into getting students involved,” he said.

Through the community outreach and talking to parents, Parsons quickly realized that this year had the potential to be different. He suggested that after the pandemic, people may have been more willing to participate.

“People were looking to rally behind something,” he said.

Those that donated were eligible for prizes, including Yard Goats baseball tickets, and Parsons noticed that each school in the district was coming up with their own raffles and prizes that seemed to motivate students.

He recalled how students were coming into school and giving their teachers donations that outpaced his expectation, and that the fundraiser “escalated.”

“My goal was \$3,000 and then we quickly surpassed that,” Parsons explained.

It was at this point where he realized he needed to go “all in” with reaching out the community.

As a reward for being the top fundraiser, Parsons said the students will have a chance to meet a Red Sox player. While the details are still being worked out, Parsons hopes that, in the fall, either a virtual meeting or an in-person one will take place.

“I’m excited for the kids that put in all the work,” he said.

While Parsons enjoyed some of the awards



Colchester’s Matthew and Lauren Parsons – along with their kids Molly, 9, and Connor, 6 – recently attended a pregame presentation at Fenway Park as Colchester was honored as the top fundraising school district in the “Rally Against Cancer” program held by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund.

for leading the fundraiser, including 10 tickets his family received to the Red Sox game they were honored at, he expressed that this was a group celebration.

“You don’t go through this alone,” Parsons said. He wanted to express his gratitude to all the family and friends who supported he and his

wife.

Parsons also described the total amount raised as “the math teacher coming out in me.”

He explained that just minutes before the donation deadline, his family helped get ones across the board all the way to decimal point, which he thought was a nice touch.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

A Christmas for Carol at Newport Playhouse: Tuesday, Dec. 6, departing at 9:30 a.m. There will be a buffet lunch before the show and a cabaret show afterward. Proof of vaccination required. Cost is \$132/person and is non-refundable.

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:

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center: Beavers: July 13, 6:30 p.m. Wonder how beavers make their dam? Learn all about beaver engineering skills.

Timed Tickets Mystic Touch Tank: July 20, 6-8 p.m. There is special registration July 18-20. Register to get an up close and personal look at some underwater animals. Participants with tickets rotate every 20 minutes; see the li-

brary for tickets.

Lutz Children’s Museum: July 27, 6:30 p.m. Learn about the beach’s ecosystem and different animals that live there.

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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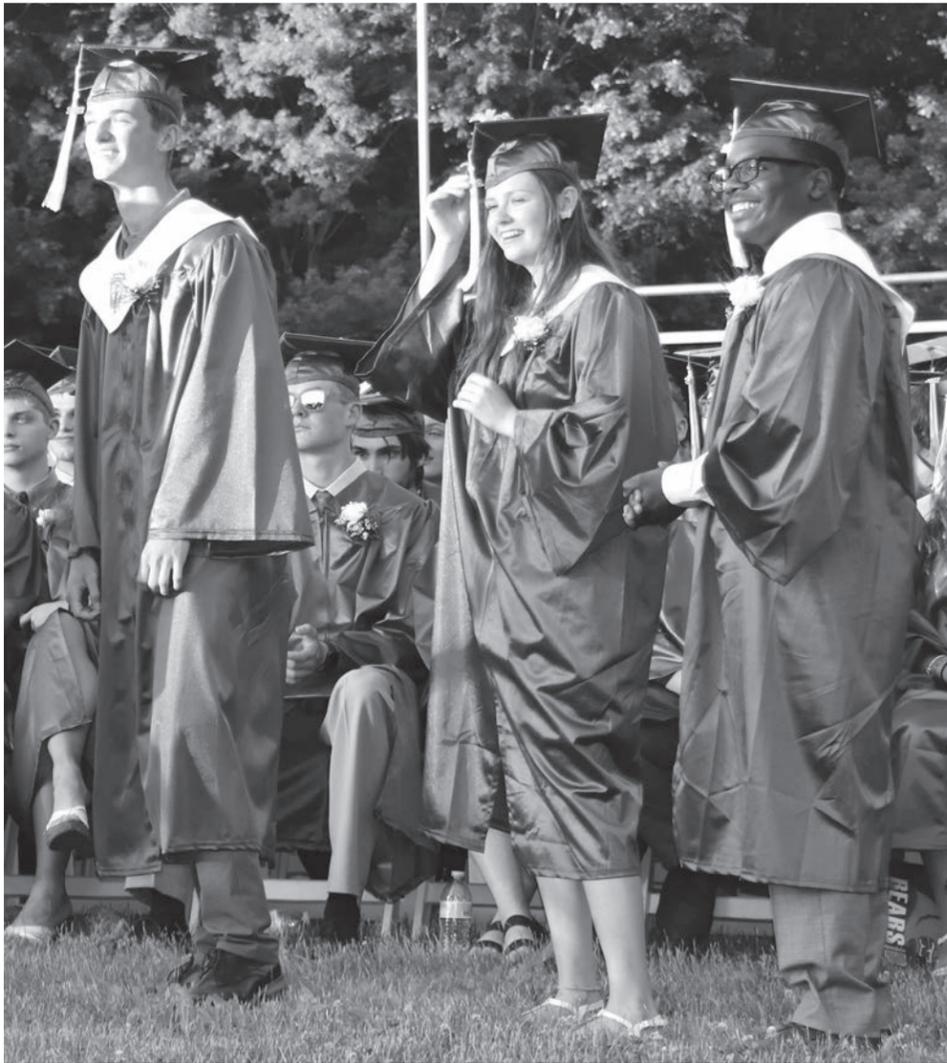
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These three are all smiles as they await receiving their diplomas at the Bacon Academy Class of 2022 graduation ceremony June 17. From left are Wilson Hathaway, Gilbert Lamb essayist; Kelly Goodwin, salutatorian; and Michael Barnett, valedictorian.

Bacon Academy Class of 2022

The members of the Bacon Academy Class of 2022 are:

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*Indicative of National Honor Society

Flip-Flop Fundraiser

On Sunday, July 16, the Colchester Lions will be at the Lions' Pond from 10 a.m.-noon, to collect new flip-flops. These flip-flops will be donated to local homeless shelters to be used as shower shoes.

The Lions need all sizes and for all genders. They will also accept cash donations to purchase more.

For more information, follow the Colchester Lions Facebook page.

Dean's List

Danielle York of Colchester made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford. York is studying nursing.

One Dead in House Fire

By Michael Sinkewicz

A man was killed in a house fire in Colchester Monday night, according to Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company Chief Steve Hoffman.

Hoffman told the Rivereast firefighters responded to a fire call with a "trapped occupant" at 105 Cato Corner Rd. at 11 p.m.

After arriving on the scene, the deputy chief upgraded the fire to a second alarm, bringing in more resources including tanker trucks.

According to Hoffman, a man in his "mid-to late-60s" died in the fire. His identity has not been confirmed as of press time.

In statement on Facebook, the fire department said, "crews operated two hand lines inside and located an unresponsive male at 11:31 while performing the primary search."

After removing the victim through the front window, "he was pronounced [dead] on scene," according to officials.

Lifestar had initially been called for the victim but was canceled before arriving.

Fire officials stated that the living room of the house had "heavy fire venting from the rear" and that crews searched for the missing occupant after "knocking down the main body of the fire."

The cause of the fire has not been determined and the Colchester fire marshal and state fire marshal are investigating the scene, according to Hoffman.

Hoffman stated that a second person was taken to the hospital and being treated for smoke inhalation. He confirmed that no firefighters were injured.

On Tuesday morning, First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos posted a statement on Facebook about the fire.

"The Bisbikos Administration would like to send its deepest condolences and sympathies to the families and friends of those involved in last night's tragic fire," he wrote. "May we all stand united in prayer."

The fire department also released a statement on the "behalf of all Colchester Fire and EMS personnel" sending their condolences.

Hoffman stated that there was "possible entrapment" with the fire.

He explained that the structure was a stone building so it "retained and held the heat."

He also stated that there were oxygen bottles inside and that one exploded during the fire, potentially intensifying the flames.

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.

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.

Girls' Basketball Clinic: July 18-22, 9:30 a.m.-noon, for girls entering grades 6-9 in the fall. John Shea, currently the girls' varsity coach for Bacon Academy, will be assisted by other high school coaches. The clinic administrator is Dave Shea. Cost: \$60/player for residents, \$65 for non-residents.

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

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

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

Dean's List

Colchester resident Madeline Sullivan made the spring 2022 Dean's List at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

Sullivan is majoring in communication sciences and disorders.

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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. Items marked with a Z are held via Zoom.

Monday, July 11: 8:30 a.m., CoA Meeting, Garden Club; 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 10:30 a.m., "Vegging Out"; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mahjongg; 12:45 p.m., Setback; 1 p.m., Bridge.

Tuesday, July 12: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Senior Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10 a.m., Regional LTC Ombudsman meeting; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 12:30-3:30 p.m., CHOICES Counseling; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., SCBC Meeting (Z).

Wednesday, July 13: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston (Route 85); 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 11 a.m., Live Well with Chronic Conditions (Z); 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing; 2:30 p.m., staff meeting.

Thursday, July 14: 9 a.m., Exercise w/ Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 10:30 a.m., Shopping Trip; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

Friday, July 15: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, Card-Making Workshop; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; no Bingo today; 1:30 p.m., Welcome Our New Program Coordinator.

Upcoming Programs: Patriotic Picnic: Wednesday, July 20, 11 a.m. Christine Cooney

Next Boy Scout Shredding Event

Due to the availability of a shredding truck, Boy Scout Troop 72 was not be able to run a financial records shredding event as it planned for this spring. However, one is tentatively scheduled for the fall.

The troop hopes to hold a shredding event Saturday, Sept. 17. Residents are advised to keep their financial, business and medical records until then, when they can be safely shredded.

Contact Al Letendre at letendrej@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Christian Life Chapel, located at 392 S. Main St., will hold free Vacation Bible School Monday, July 25, through Wednesday, July 27, from 9 a.m.-noon each day, for ages 5-12.

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

Cougars Registration Open

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

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

will perform an American-themed musical performance. Following the musical show, TVCCA will cater a traditional picnic feast of hamburgers with cheese, lettuce and tomato, potato salad, coleslaw and a "red, white and blue" berry shortcake for dessert. Tickets are \$9 each and will be available until July 13, or until they sell out.

Mystery Trip: Friday, July 22 10:30 a.m. There will be some walking involved in this outing, so wear comfortable shoes. Bring some spending money for lunch and shopping. Cost of \$5 covers transportation. Register by July 15.

AARP Driver Safety Class: Wednesday, July 27, noon-4 p.m. You'll learn how you can manage and accommodate age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time and may qualify for a discount from your insurance provider. Open to anyone 50 and over. Cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Register by July 20.

Sun Safety Lunch & Learn: Friday, July 29, 11 a.m. Katelyn Lebreton, OT, regional director of Fox Rehab, will share the importance of sun protection and hydration during the summer months. The presentation will be followed by a lunch of assorted wraps and salads sponsored by Colebrook Village. Pre-registration is required by July 22 for this free program. Space is limited to the first 30 to register.

Ahavath Achim Chicken Barbecue

Congregation Ahavath Achim will hold its kosher chicken barbecue will be held Sunday, July 24, at the synagogue, 84 Lebanon Ave. Dinners will be takeout-only and will be served from 3:30 p.m. until sold out.

Dinners are \$18 and include half a barbecue kosher chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and a dessert cookie.

Tickets will be available at the door the day of the event but advance sales are strongly recommended. No reservations will be accepted. Advance tickets can be obtained by remitting payment to Ahavath Achim, P.O. Box 5, Colchester, CT 06415 and tickets will be mailed to your address provided.

For more information, call the synagogue at 860-537-2809. Local delivery in Colchester will be available if requested.



From left are Katherine M. Kosiba, recipient of the Extension Master Gardener Project Pollinator Award, with Mike O'Neill, Associate Dean, CAHNR Extension and Diversity, and Sarah Bailey, UConn Master Gardener State Program Coordinator

Resident Wins Pollinator Award

Recently, the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (CAHNR) at the University of Connecticut honored several individuals at a Volunteer Recognition Award event held Auer Farm in Bloomfield.

Katherine M. Kosiba of Colchester was the first recipient of their Extension Master Gardener Project Pollinator Award.

Kosiba, a Master Gardener since 2007, earned her advanced certification in 2009, and is the current president of the Colchester Garden Club. She has been involved in pollinator gardening projects for many years. She contributed to the former Colchester Green Team's butterfly garden as an intern (2007), renovated and expanded the Butterfly Pollinator Garden at Cohen Woodlands (2014) and numerous other Colchester Garden Club (CGC) projects adding

natives and nectar/host plants for pollinators around Colchester.

Kosiba has also consulted or mentored others to deliver pollinator garden projects in East Windsor, Redding, East Hampton and Hebron, and now is supporting CGC member Melissa Deacon and her son Cole to create a butterfly garden at the Colchester Elementary School playground.

To learn more about the UConn Extension Master Gardener Program certification, including the 2023 program schedule and application process that opens in August 2022, go to <https://mastergardener.uconn.edu/master-gardener/>

For anyone interested in learning more about the CES Playground Butterfly Garden, or to donate, email colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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.

Dems Award Scholarship

The Colchester Democratic Town Committee has announced to announce that Caylin Davids was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship in honor of the late Dorothy Mrowka, who passed away last year.



Caylin Davids

The DTC called Mrowka, who was the town's Democratic register of voters for 25 years, a "Colchester woman of distinction who will always be remembered for her devotion and public service to her community, state, and country."

Davids' winning essay was about how Shirley Chisholm – who in 1968 became the first Black woman elected to the United States Congress – had inspired her.

Davids will attend Northeastern University in the fall.

Student Earns Honors

The Lasell University Athletics department saw 110 Laser student-athletes – including a Colchester resident – earn 2021-22 GNAC Academic All-Conference honors.

In order to be eligible for Academic All-Conference, a student-athlete must maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA and have reached/completed second-year academic status.

Casey Hart of Colchester, a junior at the university, was honored for men's lacrosse.

Vacancy on School Board

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

Anyone interested in applying for this appointment is asked to submit a letter of interest, resume, and a Boards and Commissions application no later than July 7 to:

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

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

Dean's List

Colchester residents Zachary Henkin, Cayden Bertrand and Jason Consiglio made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

They are all members of the Class of 2025.

Benefit for Ukraine

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

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

Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

Dean's List

Cierra Caron of Colchester made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

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Scholarships Awarded... The Colchester Lions Club recently awarded scholarships to 14 graduating Colchester seniors. These recipients were selected by the Scholarship Committee for their academic achievements and community service. Pictured are some of the winners; in the photo at left, Michael Barnett; in the photo at center, Ashlee Hamilton; and in the photo at right are, from left, Connor Denecour, Jacob Hosford, Heather Marvin, Erin Dalton and Evelyn Toennes. Not pictured are Sarah Caley, Samantha Ciaglo, Caitlin Wargat, Catherine Misbach, Gracy Kane, Matthew Kranc and Yuki Liu.



Rivereast in Wyoming!... Colchester residents Renee, Ken and Devon Kudrak recently visited Devils Tower in Wyoming – and brought the *Rivereast* with them! Taking a trip soon? Bring the *Rivereast* along, snap a picture with it, and email it to bulletin@gcitizen.com. You may win a prize!

Honors List

Colchester residents Erin Michelle Holt and Logan Thomas Hubbard made the spring 2022 Honors List at Husson University in Bangor, Maine.

Holt is enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, and Hubbard is enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Extended Reality (XR) program.

Dean's List

Ashley Dummitt of Colchester made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Washington College in Chestertown, Md.

History Museum Open Sundays

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

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



People Empowering People... The Collaborative for Colchester's Children (C3), recently offered UConn's People Empowering People program. This 10-week course is a personal and family development program with a strong community focus, which is designed to build on the unique strengths and life experiences of the participants by engaging in profound discussion and self-discovery. PEP emphasizes the connection between individual and community action. Pictured are Joy Lenares, facilitator, with program graduates Mel Goggin, Julia Lash, Abbey Dunbar-Willbanks and Casey Chasse.

Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

Sunday Services: Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the main service is at 10:30 a.m. There is also Children's Church available for ages 4-11. All are welcome. The main service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook. Visit

www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.

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

Christian Life Chapel News

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

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

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

Ahavath Achim News

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

Friday night service, 6:30 p.m., hybrid in-person and on Zoom; Shabbat morning service, 10 a.m., hybrid in-person and via Zoom; Tuesday, Aggadatan class from the Talmud, 6 p.m.; Talmud class, 6:30 p.m.; Kabbalah class, 8 p.m., on Zoom.

There are daily Facebook Live classes on Ken Alter's Facebook page.

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

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Parks and Rec Programs

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

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

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

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

Youth Programs: 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.

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

Dance Classes: All held at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. **Tiny Twirlers:** For ages 2-3. Wednesdays, 5:45-6:15 p.m., July 13-Aug. 17. Parent or caregiver will have to participate with child. Fee is \$72. **Funky Tumblers:** For ages 4-7. Wednesdays, 6:15-7 p.m., July 13-Aug. 17. Fee is \$108. **Dazzling Dancers 1:** For ages 3-5. Tuesdays, July 12-Aug. 16, 10:15-11 a.m.,

or Wednesdays, July 13-Aug. 17, 5-5:45 p.m. Fee is \$96. **Dazzling Dancers 2:** For ages 5-7. Tuesdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m., July 12-Aug. 16. Fee is \$108. **Diva Dancers Tap/Jazz:** For ages 7-9. Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m., July 12-Aug. 16. Fee is \$108. **Musical Theater - A Chorus Line:** For ages 10 and up. Tuesdays, 6:45-7:30 p.m., July 12-Aug. 16. Fee is \$96. **Ballet/Lyrical:** For ages 10 and up. Wednesdays, 7-7:45 p.m., July 13-Aug. 17. Fee is \$96.

Baby Ballet: For ages 2-4. Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-noon, July 11-Aug. 8, at Duggan's Dance Center in Marlborough. Fee: \$40/resident, \$45/non-resident.

Watercolor Painting: July 12-14, 9-11 a.m., at MES, for grades 3-6. Fee: \$80/resident, \$85/non-resident.

Peewee Craft Corner: July 12-14, noon-1 p.m., at MES, for grades 1-2. Fee: \$45/resident, \$50/non-resident.

Creative Movement: For ages 4-5. Wednesdays, 4:15 p.m., July 13-Aug. 10, at Duggan's Dance Center. Fee is \$80/resident, \$85/non-resident.

Breakdancing: For ages 7 and up. Wednesdays, July 13-Aug. 10, 4:15 p.m., at Duggan's Dance Center. Fee: \$80/resident, \$85/non-resident.

Safe Sitter Babysitting Course: For grades 6-8. Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Fee: \$97/resident, \$102/non-resident.

Safe At Home: For grades 4-6. Thursday, July 21, 5-6:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Fee: \$25/resident, \$30/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.

Arts Center Outdoor Concert

The Saturday, July 23, outdoor concert at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., features Sal Basile and David Spitzer - better known as "Dually Noted."

The two bring music of the '50s and '60s, along with folk, country and the blues. They also share personal stories of the music world. In this concert, in addition to singing, they

will also play various guitars, as well as bass, keyboard and synthesizer.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. and is free, but a \$10 donation per person is suggested. Bring your own seating. There is on-site parking. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to the Charles W. Hall Art Gallery.

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.

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

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

Dog Man and Friends Summer Camp

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

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.

Resident Graduates Fordham with Honors

John Marcin of Marlborough graduated summa cum laude Saturday, May 21, from Fordham University in New York. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences, with a minor in music.



John Marcin

Marcin was recognized with the William Steinglasser Prize as "the senior who has attained the best record of achievement" from the Biological Sciences Department. He was also elected as a member of several honor societies including: Sigma Xi, the scientific research society, Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Honor Society

of Students in Jesuit Colleges and Universities, and Phi Kappa Phi, which recognizes superior scholarship. At Fordham, Marcin was an active member of the Jazz Band, the pro-life community and Campus Ministry.

Marcin is a certified EMT in both Connecticut and New York, where he served East Hampton and the Fordham University community. His recent research at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, was focused on psychiatric trauma. At Fordham, his research was on hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Marcin will pursue a career in medicine at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine (HMSOM), where he was awarded a full tuition scholarship, beginning this fall.

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.

Dean's List

Marlborough residents Samantha Bove and Adam Whitmore made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I. Bove is a member of the Class of 2022, and Whitmore is a member of the Class of 2024.

Republicans to Host Wine-Tasting

The Marlborough Republicans will host a Wine-Tasting Event Friday, Aug. 12, from 6-9 p.m., at Crystal Ridge Winery, 257 Belltown Rd., South Glastonbury.

The night will include wine, refreshments and live music. Refreshments are courtesy of Sena Brothers, LLC.

Tickets are \$40 per person or two for \$75. Your ticket includes a free etched wine glass.

For more information, visit www.MarL-GOP.com and click on "fundraisers," or call Liz Giannelli at 860-841-1547 or Sue Stolfi at 860-593-4763, or email ecavanna85@gmail.com.

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.

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The shirts are sponsored by the Marlborough Democratic Town Committee. For details, email karenpakulis@yahoo.com.

Lakefest 2022

Lakefest 2022 will take place today, Friday, July 8, at 6 p.m. Marlborough-based band Seat of Our Pants will play to Lake Terramuggus, and all who paddle, float, motor or swim up.

This will be the seventh year the band has hosted this free concert, which sees the group playing from a dock at the south end of the lake.

Dean's List

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

Calderoni is an intelligence and national security studies major.

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

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

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

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

for sale; as well as prizes and free stuff – including a raffle for "Fred the Wonder Lobster."

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

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

Students Win Awards

Marlborough Elementary School students Tyler Gatto (Grade 2) and Giuliana McLaughlin (Grade 5) were recently honored as winners in the 17th annual eesmart's™ Student Contest.

Presented by Energize Connecticut in partnership with Eversource and United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas, subsidiaries of AVANGRID, Inc., the eesmart's Student Contest invites Connecticut students in grades K-12 to showcase their energy smarts.

Participants were able to choose from a variety of project formats, based on their grade level, including poems, essays, news articles, book reviews, posters, photographs, speeches, public service announcements, community-oriented projects, and more.

Tyler's poster, which took second place in the

second-grade category, was entitled "How to Save Energy," and showcased ways people can save energy in their homes.

Giuliana also received second place in the grade 5 category for her book review on *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss. She shared, "[*The Lorax*] was fun to read. ... [I]t teaches children about the importance of taking care of the environment and conserving natural resources and energy."

More than 100 students from 20 schools in 16 Connecticut communities submitted their work for consideration. Twenty-five entries were selected as this year's winners and each finalist received a prize box with a gift card and certificate.

For more information on the student contest and the eesmart's program, visit www.EnergizeCT.com/eesmarts.

Summer Watercolor Classes

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

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

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

Residents Sought to Serve

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

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

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

of Education (full seat).

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

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

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

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. During July and August worship services will be held upstairs in the air-conditioned Thienes Lounge.

Sabbatical: Church pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber is on sabbatical in July, with pastoral care provided by Pastoral Associate Val Seaver. Call the church office at 860-295-9050 for pastoral needs in July.

Sunday, July 10: Worship will be led by the church's director of Christian education and the Junior Youth Group, Gwen Lawson.

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.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

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

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

Weekend Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday and

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome.

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

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

Community Outreach and Service: Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank; you may also bring food or household donations directly to the Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. Seasonal outreach to include the Community Garden to benefit the Marlborough Food Bank and various giving programs to support area organizations continue. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website, www.stjfisherchurch.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).

Dean's List

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

Marlborough resident Caroline M. Meyer made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Fairfield University in Fairfield.



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Voters Approve Open Space Purchase

By Sloan Brewster

The town is adding another parcel of open space to its collection.

At a special town meeting last Tuesday, June 28, voters approved the \$16,000 purchase of an 8.5-acre property on Millstream Road.

Town Clerk Carla Pomproicz said the vote was taken by voice and passed unanimously, with no nays or abstentions.

Owned by the Raymond family, the parcel has been on the wish list for a number of years, Open Space Acquisition Committee Chairman Brian O’Connell said. All the family members, however, were scattered across the northeast.

The small piece of land has Raymond Brook running through it and 800 feet “a fairly long stretch” of land runs along Millstream Road, O’Connell said.

The initial thought when considering the purchase was that it could serve as a potential link to town center and the Air Line Trail, O’Connell said. But that was only one reason to buy it.

“It’s more of resource protection,” he said. According to a report on the property that

O’Connell forwarded the *Rivereast*, it is within the aquifer Protection zone, includes wetlands and flood plain soils and is part of the Raymond Brook Greenway Corridor. In addition, it provides a scenic streetscape and vista along Millstream Road.

“Acquisition of the parcel would protect the steep slopes and the water quality of Raymond Brook, continuing the (Open Space Acquisition) Committee’s extensive efforts in preserving open space upstream of Raymond Brook Marsh,” the report reads. “The parcel provides an expanded, undisturbed wildlife corridor and protects a known trout habitat area.”

Town Planner Matthew Bordeaux described the parcel as a “high functioning valued watershed.”

There are no plans at this time to develop trails on the parcel, Bordeaux said, explaining the property’s topography and location in the flood plain would require a bridge being put in, which is “not a priority currently.”

In a phone call Monday, Tiffany Thiele, a

member of the Board of Selectmen, said one question that arose during the meeting was how the property will be maintained.

O’Connell said maintenance falls under the purview of the town’s Parks & Recreation Department.

“[Maintenance is] important, I think, in everybody’s eyes,” he said. “It’ll probably have to be driven by Parks & Recreation.”

The department currently gets about \$10,000 to offset costs for taking care of local open space, including keeping brush under control and controlling the spread of invasive plants, O’Connell said.

O’Connell said the town may formalize the plan for maintenance and determine how much to spend on various projects.

“It takes money and resources,” he said.

Resident and local historian John Baron spoke at a public hearing after the vote. Though the hearing had a different agenda and was held to discuss the use of American Rescue Fund Plan funds, Baron, who said he missed the special meeting and vote, spoke about open space.

Baron said the town needs to perform more thorough title searches on properties it is considering for purchase. He said while the town looks into the most recent ownership of a property, it does not seek out the historic significance of a piece of land.

A deeper dive, he said brings out a property’s rich history.

By way of example, he mentioned the John E.

Horton Boulevard property, which he said was acquired in 1702 by John Tillotson. Tillotson gave the lot to his son Morris five years later.

Morris, Baron said, became captain of the local militia and was involved in setting up a tan yard at the corner of Kinney Road and Route 85. The tan yard was in operation for more than 100 years and formed part of a mill complex.

Stone walls on the property have marked boundaries for three centuries and should be preserved, Baron said.

Baron said he also wishes the town would name properties based on their connections to the past and the historic people who owned them.

“When the town acquires property, the usual procedure is to name it after the person it was acquired from rather than by its traditional name, which disrupts a sense of continuous history in a community,” he said.

Some local properties date back before the town was established and some have Native American and African American ties, which, Baron said, the town needs to know “from the get-go.”

Baron also said he hopes the town will pass an ordinance preventing metal detecting on open space.

Removing an object from its historical environment breaks it from links to its past, he said.

“Its context is lost; the archaeology is not there,” he said.

Christ Lutheran News & Notes

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

Sunday Worship: Sundays at 9 a.m. Masks are optional. People can also watch worship live at www.facebook.com/clchebron/live.

Sunday Coffee Hour: 10 a.m., after the morning service.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: At 10:15 a.m. Theme is “A Fresh Look at Some Old Sunday School Stories.”

Caring Shepherds: Has open pantry hours at Christ Lutheran. The next open pantry will be in September; date to be announced. Car-

ing Shepherds distributes household and hygiene items, as well as food pantry staples, Bibles, and prayers. For more information, call Caring Shepherds Ministry at 860-494-0431.

Early Childhood Center: Open to all faiths, the center offers childcare, preschool and before/after school educational opportunities, as well as a Summer Camp experience, in a Christian environment. Briana Manginelli is director. The camp registration is open now, call 860-228-5134 or email brigidutz@gmail.com for availability and pricing.

Parks and Recreation News

Hebron Parks and Recreation is offering the following programs. For full program descriptions and to register, visit hebronct.recdesk.com or call 860-530-1280.

Summer Adventure Camp – Spots Still Available: Camp runs weekly through Aug. 19, from 6:45 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, with a PM Extended Care option. There will be games, activities, sports, arts & crafts, nature and more. Field trips include Lake Compounce, the beach, zoo, bowling and more.

Wins 4 Life Basketball Camp: July 11-14, at RHAM Middle School. Available to boys in grades 4-8 from 9 a.m.-noon and girls in grades 5-9, from 12:45-3:45 p.m. Cost is \$200, and includes T-shirts for participants. Visit www.Wins4Life.com for more info and to register.

Running Training Camp: Week 1 is July 11-14, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., at the RHAM track. For students entering grades 7-12. Price

is \$100 per participant.

Build your Skills Basketball Camp: Aug. 1-4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at RHAM High School, with RHAM boys’ basketball coach Todd Dean. For kids entering grades 2-9. Price is \$275 per participant, with a sibling discount available. To register, email Dean at Todd.Dean@rham-schools.org.

Farmers and Artisans Market: Remaining markets are located at Hebron Elementary School on Saturdays, July 23, Aug. 6, and Aug. 20, from 9 a.m.-noon.

PREP Before and After School Program: Registration is open for the 2022-23 school year to all Hebron Public School students in grades K-6. There are also spots still available for the remainder of the current school year. Students participate in programing led by Parks and Rec. staff. Call or visit the website for more information and registration requirements.

St. Peter’s News & Notes

Summer services of Holy Eucharist at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, located at 30 Church St., are held each Sunday at 9 a.m. This schedule will run through September. Coffee Hour is held in-person at the church hall after the service.

Meetings and Events: Balancing Class: Mondays, 10-11 a.m. – cost is \$5; Buildings and Grounds Committee: first Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m.; Virtual Coffee Hours: Wednes-

days at 10 a.m.; Boy Scouts: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Vestry meetings: third Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m.; Building Networks International, Fridays, 7:30 a.m.

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

For more information, visit stpetershebron.com, search for St. Peter’s Hebron on Facebook, or email office@stpetershebron.com.

Residents Graduate

The following local residents recently graduated from Quinnipiac University in Hamden:

Amston: Ralph Meliso, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical.

Hebron: Nicolette Ciccarello, Bachelor of Science degree in nursing; Gretchen Kron, Master of Business Administration; Sara Phelps, Master of Science degree in special education.

Honor Society Inductee

Western New England University of Springfield, Mass., recently inducted 43 student-athletes – including Hebron resident David Kasper – into the Chi Alpha Sigma National Honor Society.

Kasper, a member of the men’s lacrosse team, is working toward a BSBA in business analytics & information management.

Church of Hope News & Notes

Hebron Church of Hope, 1 Main St., holds worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Church of Hope is a biblically-driven Christ-centered church.

Worship is in person and via livestream on the church website. For more information, and the guidelines for in-person worship, visit www.hebronchurchofhope.org.

The church office is closed until further notice. Pastor Jordan Brown can meet by appointment; use the church website to set up a time.

For more information about Hebron Church of Hope, visit the website or look for the church on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

Resident Graduates

Hebron resident Alexa DePersia recently graduated from Fairfield University in Fairfield.

Dean’s List

Gillian Denizkurt of Amston made the spring 2022 Dean’s List at the University of Utah.

Lauren Elizabeth Opocensky of Amston made the spring 2022 Dean’s List at Goodwin University.

Opocensky also graduated with an associate’s degree in health and science.

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Dean's List

East Hampton resident Katie Zimmer made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Fairfield University in Fairfield.

Dean's List

Cobalt resident Madison Starr made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

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The following East Hampton students made Xavier High School's Headmaster's and Principal's lists for the 2021-22 school year. Those who qualified for the Headmaster's List needed a year-end GPA of 3.75 or higher, with no course average below a B. Those who made the Principal's List had a year-end GPA between 3.25 and 3.74, with no course average below a C.

Headmaster's List: Nicholas Connors, Dylan Levesque, 2022; Wyatt McElroy, Liam Sheeley, Class of 2022; Christian Motto, Evan Riegler, '23; Euan Hall, Kyle Levesque, Calan Lindsay, '24; Gavin Peterson, '25.

Principal's List: Matthew Fuffo, Noah How-

ell, Shea Krassner, Christopher Michaud, Jake Oliva, Chase Vitale, '22; Julian Henderson, Peter O'Brien, Zachary Potter, '23; Luke DeAngelis, Jacob Fagan, Cameron Nephew, '24; Christopher Brown, Donovan Burke, Samuel Marsh, '25.

Resident Graduates

Ryan Mayhan of Middle Haddam recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y.

An interdisciplinary studies major, Mayhan graduated with departmental honors in interdisciplinary studies and completed a thesis titled *Delivery* (a short film).

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To register, visit raceroster.com/events/2022/60557/rails-to-trails. Last-minute registra-

tion will at the Old Home Days fairgrounds on Thursday night. Bib pickup is in the gym on Friday night. Shuttle buses will be provided starting at 6:15 p.m. from the Center School gazebo.

For more information, visit www.ehohd.org, email OHDrailstotrails@gmail.com, or call Elisha Milton at 860-655-2743 or Laura Engel-Peterson at 860-930-8596.

Dean's List

East Hampton residents Jillian Collingwood, Joshua Kearney and Zachary Porter made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

Collingwood and Kearney are members of the Class of 2022, and Porter is a member of the Class of 2024.

Residents Graduate

East Hampton residents Richard Goulet and Christopher Kishimoto recently graduated from Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

Each earned Master of Business Administration degrees.



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Old Home Days ‘Glorious Celebration’ is Back

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

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

Food vendors and a variety of fair booths will

be in operation all three days, selling a variety of the Old Home Days attendees’ favorite foods, handicrafts, jewelry, collectibles, health care items, home décor, and town and organization information booths.

There is still time to register a food booth or a sales booth. Those interested are asked to contact Vendors and Booths Chair Linda Wallace at VendorsOHD.PO213@aol.com or 860-267-9952. A packet of information will be sent to all interested parties by email. It will contain a contract and a statement of the rules and regulations along with the fee schedule for a space and electricity, if that is applicable.

Contracts will be signed and spots will be designated on a “first-come-first-served” basis.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household Hazardous Waste Collection – The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell.

The event is open to residents of the River-COG region, which includes Portland and East Hampton. No commercial or business waste is allowed.

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

Honor Society Inductee

Western New England University of Springfield, Mass., recently inducted 43 student-athletes – including East Hampton resident Lindsay Orbann – into the Chi Alpha Sigma National Honor Society.

Orbann, a member of the women’s basketball team, is working toward a BSBA in accounting.



Sand and Surf.....and Rivereast!... Christian and Sophia Czuchta of East Hampton recently had fun at Mayflower Beach on Cape Cod – and they brought the Rivereast with them! Taking a trip soon? Bring the Rivereast along, snap a picture with it, and email it to bulletin@glcitizen.com. You may win a prize!

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Meatball Madness

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

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

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

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

Summer Session of First Steps in Music

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

sing, wiggle, bounce and more. Cost is \$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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High School Honor Roll

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

High Honors

Grade 12: Christopher Lawrence Anderson, Kaitlyn Maria Baran, Brady Nicholas Battit, Daniel Christopher Beal, Joshua James Berg, Ty Douglas Bevin, Nathan Edward Bigelow, Jack Whiles Blakey, Sydney Lane Blyler, Charles Walter Bosco, Paige Elizabeth Botsacos, Caitlin Elizabeth Boyd, Jacob Christopher Brooks, Vincent Anthony Buccheri, Juliet Isabella Byrne, Daniel Thomas Cascio, Jacy Ray Conaway, Annin Emily Daley, Jose Thomas Diaz, Carys Patricia Dinunzio, Drew Mark DiStefano, Thomas Gray Engel, Emma Nicole Fentress, Abigail Marie Flynn, Mikayla Anne Franklin, Einin Mary Frost, Morgan Elizabeth Garcia, Jason Colby Gardiner, Patrick Gavrylchuk, Alyssa Brooke Godwin, Austin Michael Goldner, Kaylee Joy Gravel, Gianna Marie Guiliano, Alexander Michael Hickey, Reilly Joseph Howard, Sarah Ilene Johnson, Miller Aron Koziel; Serenity Lynn LaChance, Piper Nicole Lange, Hailey Rose Lefebvre, Jillian Victoria Lockwood, Bailey Rose Lombardi, Jye Andrew Lynch, Elizabeth Annmarie MacDonald, Connor Christian Michalowski, Brylee Lyons Montanari, Corey Allen Morrow, Benjamin Robert Nafis, Cheyane Elishia Nichols, Diyangi Nihara Perera, Madison Frances Phillips, Konrad Piech, Alyssa Marie Rau, Nicholas David Rivard-Lentz, Alexandra Karen Ruel, Victoria Paige Schiavoni, Carter Martin Scovill, Isabella Grace Searles, Joshua Anthony Shelto, Luke Edward Shinde, Kelsey Jean Smith, Finn Jacob Spooner, Jessica Avery Starr, Griffin Stockburger, Scarlett Rain Theobald, Jenna Rose Tigner, Jennifer Brooke Tripp, Madison Olivia Uliano, AJ Jane Vechinsky, Angel Velez, Julie Velez, Herminio Paul Viveiros, Jack Dudley Watkins, Sydney Lauren Weller, Madison Kate Yorker, Jaylencia Ashayla Young.

Grade 11: Isabella Amelia Bafumi, Reagan Leigh Burt, Ephraim Jacob Butson, Sophia Marie Cahoon, Abigail Christine Chrin, Kevin Richard Collins, Virginia Margaret Decker, Daniel Drlik, Michael Jameson Fauvel, Benjamin David Fazeakas, Jenna Marie Field, Matthew Gallmon, Caidyn Olivia Galovich, Meaghan Marie Hall, Melanie Linda Hurt, Danielle Virginia Johnson, Georgia Reese Jump, Eshani Vivek Karkun, Kaleigh Saige Kiernan, Noelle Orian Lavender, Kate Elizabeth Marshall, Brianne Elizabeth Miller, Jewel Elizabeth Miranda, Jenna Michele Murphy, Jordan Elizabeth Murphy, Benjamin Jeffrey Nolan, Ryan Patrick O'Sullivan, Matthew James Penn, Alexis Antoinette Pettine, Mikaela Jade Rich, Aiden Jace Robichaud, Madelyn Mary Rolland, Kira Lynn Roloff, Sophia Rose Shellenberger, Robert James Stanford, Julia Marie Stone, Taylor Marie Sylvester, Jaelyn Rain Taylor, Sophia Ray Theobald, Shea Michael Thibodeau, Josiah Ramon Torres, Alexander Jeffrey Urban, Adam Michael Wacht, Oren Michael Wilson, Benjamin Hobbs Wysor.

Grade 10: Kaitlyn Samantha Anderman, Bryce Aiden Bailey, Jayson Santo Beal, Austin Atwater Bigelow, Emma Grace Braga, Riley Julia Briggs, Erik Ryan Brody, Izabella Palma Buccheri, Robert Michael Buccheri, Nicole Margery Carl, Brian Kenneth Collisson, Audrey Rose Cooke, Abigail Grace Daley, Daniel Ryan DeLauro, Sean Robert Dickerman, Matthew Andrew Dickinson, Maya Taylor Dobson, Benjamin Gilman Donahue, Ethan Jacob Fields, Riley Kathleen Flatley, Teagan Elizabeth Frost, Lucas Patrick Gagne, Madison Rose Gay, Adriana Gonzalez, Raleigh Mae Govoni, Ryan William Govoni, Lyndsey Sarah Gravel, Michaela Rose Healy, Amarylla Jane Ingala, David Carlton Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Johnson; Samantha Lynn Kearney, Ella Renee Khongkham, Tyler John Khongkham, Leah Catherine Kohler, Brayden Asher Kramer, Nathaniel Aaron Laird, Christian Alexander Lanou, Sierra Ashley LaRose, Hailey Elizabeth Ledas, Britney Lin, Madison Marie Lockhart, Daniel Antonio Lopes, McKenzie Aika Magge, Aidan Michael Maiorino, Maya Elena Marino, Benjamin Jeremy Maynard, Felicia Frances McIntosh, Tyler Gregory Millett, Charlotte Rosalynn Minnick, Anthony Peter Miro, Julia Grace Morrell, Amber Nicole Murphy, Erica Leigh O'Connor, Liam Shane Stimpson Owen, Aiden Joseph Palen, Artur Piech, Baden Alexandre Plante, Shane Thomas Proxee, Holly Alexzandra Pugo, Madison Murphy Reola, Luisa Fernanda Rojas, Delaney Sinead Russell, Jacquelyn Dionne Russell, Katherine Rose Searles, Jaden Grace Sinsigalli, Aiden James Sones, Camryn Elizabeth Sprague, Delaney Ann Sullivan, Cadence Michael Thibodeau, Emily Mae Tinson, Kali Felicia Trapp, Louis John Uliano, John Henry Wilson, Chelsea Marie Woods, Alexander Jon Zimmerman.

Grade 9: William Robert Anderman, Alyssa Elizabeth Anderson, William Grube Bothamley, Rachael Sophia Boudreau, Macie Alexandra Brazal, Alicia Christine Colegrove, Lauren Cath-

erine Correa, Matthew Peter Correia, Jonathan Robert Crowley, Olivia Jane D'Agostino, Olivia Brooke DeMartino, Cassie Elizabeth Dugan, Keira Anne Marie Engel, Gavin John Michael Fazeakas, Skyler Sebastian Frosti, Elliott Reid Galovich, Kaitlyn Isabella Grenier, Danielle Elizabeth Healy, Kaitlyn Anne Ireland, Allison Lorraine Jacobsen, Emily Marie Jovel, Blake Pierce Kapernaros, Emma Grace Kelly, Jacqueline Teresa Laboy, Gavin Patrick Ledas, Kristoffer William Lintz, Brady Reed Lynch, Marissa Nancy Martin, Abbie Lynna Miller, Grace Elizabeth Montovani, Amanda Lynne Murphy, William John Nafis, Theodore Elias Nanos, Aiden Edward Nolan, Jillian Claire Oakley, Baylee Ann Olzacki, Jarod Alexander Ondas, Marley Mattea Paris, Addison Mackenzie Partridge, Sydney Anne Pettine, Lydia Ann Roloff, Liana Rosabella Salamone, Sierra Ann Selger, Zachary David Selger, Neha Sidana, Keenan Bernard Spooner, Aiden Patrick Sullivan, Zachary Robert Tassmer, Austin Sky Taylor, Sonja Elizabeth Venetianer, Gabriella Mackenzie Wiesner, Samantha Mackenzie Yorker.

Honors

Grade 12: Randi Hazel Baier, Sarah Grace Bochan, Julia Eleni Borrelli, Douglas Harvey Buchan, Cean Maritza DeStasio, Javier Andre Diaz, Conner Joseph Dixon, Allie May Dugan, Benjamin Joseph Fields, Troy Prescott Kauffman, Allison Deborah Kearney, Sophia Isabelle LaFleur, Rachel Grace Lee, Erin Elizabeth McGrath, Kane Aidan Meunier, Paul James Pignatella, Hailey Marie Porter, Maggie Marie Shea, Kylie Eileen Shoefeld, Vanessa Lee Stewart, Andrew James Weyrauch.

Grade 11: Bryce Steven Beuparlant, Tyler Brian Carrington, David David Castiblanco, Nicholas Ryan Chunko, Ashley Elizabeth Colegrove, Madeline Rose Crumb, Justin Michael Dewhurst, Lehan Methnula Dharmatilake, Savannah Grace Garcia, Mia Concetta Garuti, Alexander Thomas Gordon, Maddox Rocco Howland, Nathaniel Charles Ireland, Brennan Albert Johnson, Cody Elizabeth Keilbach, Joshua Michael Landon, Kayli Lynn Levenduski, Bella Brianna Lineberry, George William Magaldi, Ethan Tanner Markward, Sophia Eva Marie Martin, Coen Michael Phillips, Aiden Catherine Rine, Gavin Tyler Santillo, Joshua Lawrence Sattler, Emily Deborah Vick.

Grade 10: David Hunt Anderson, Enja Barry, Andrea Sarah Berg, Sophie Olivia Billings, Ethan Ira Blakey, Logan Maxwell Burnham, Thomas Anthony Fenton, Cameron Elizabeth Fraser, Kristan Adam Glaser, Francis Joseph Guiliano, Jason David Johnson, Jacob Robert Karrenberg, Maya Brianna Korczak, Noah Philip Leon, Logan Scott Markward, Ethan Patrick Marshall, Arianna Rose McCann, Evan Rene Michaud, Sadie Lynn Michaud, Valentina Rivera Morales, Kaitlyn Alexa Morrow, Kylie Shannon O'Brien, Tyler Joseph Paradise, Finn Roman Piper, Mackenzie Michelle Player, Ophelia Rose Pugliese, Hailey Elizabeth Pyrek, Jakub Remiszewski, Kathryn Jane Schiavoni, Alyssa Carolyn Snyder, Sonoma Claire Steiner, Bradley Michael Tracy, Hailey Rose VanBlaricom, Andrew James Wagner, Makayla Lee Wolf, Alexander Marc Zgorski.

Grade 9: Katherine Virginia Banack, Matthew Aaron Bowser, Micah Dakota Buckley, Charlotte Elizabeth Cascio, RubyGrace Eva Casey, Colton Michael Chrin, Lily Rose Cronin, Gabriel Frederic Cygan, Oliver Grace Dickson-Cotto, Tyler Drew Dixon, Jace Matthew Donohue, Addison Grace Fraser, Emma Lynn Giovannelli, Nicholas Tyler Guarino, Parker John Gustine, Madison Elizabeth Hall, Alison Nichole Hebb, Addison Mairead Howard, Zackary Kaiden Howland, Kathryn Virginia Johnson, Sean Keith Jones, Colin John Kosek, Jacob John LaPolt, Angela Glorianna Lombardo, Evan Hansen LoPresti, Lucia Emma McIntosh, Rylee Laine Montalvo, Thomas Carl Mount, Maximilian Mozerowski, James Joseph O'Brien, Avery Elizabeth Parmelee, Tess Renee Parmelee, Raleigh Reese Paulauskas, Charlotte Marie Pinaud, Julianna Catherine Rau, Kiersten Juliette Rolland, Christopher Stavros Ruggiero, Jadin Christopher Sawyer, Juliana Rose Sinsigalli, Aidan Christopher Trombino, Silas James Vai, Landon James Vaillancourt.

The Ladybug Who Lived on a Four Leaf Clover
Written by Emily Franke
Illustrated by Haley Franke

Children's Book-Signing Today... Today, Friday, July 8, from 4-7 p.m., Willow, located at 95 Main St., will host a book-signing by Wallingford resident Emily Franke and she's from Wallingford. Her sister did the illustrations. The book, entitled *The Ladybug Who Lived on a Four Leaf Clover*, was published in April.

Tax Bills Due

Tax bills have been mailed for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles levied on the Oct. 1, 2021 grand list. Taxes were due July 1, but won't become delinquent until after Aug. 1.

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

Make checks payable to: Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector

of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting www.easthamptonct.gov.

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

Senior Center Trip to Martha's Vineyard

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

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

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

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.

Residents can view the lights from Sears Park.

Visit www.flpeh.org for more information or call Cap Egan Nelson at 860-395-7844.

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East Hampton Library News & Notes

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

Library Hours: The library is open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-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: Mondays, July 11, July 25 and Aug. 8, 4-5 p.m. Center and Memorial school educators will read stories at the library.

Take and Make: Tuesday, July 12. **Little Learners** will create their own pom-pom caterpillar on a leaf. **School-Age** will create and decorate their own ring toss game out of paper plates.

Amazing Animals – Construction Zone: Beavers at Work: Thursday, July 14, 2-3 p.m. Amazing Animals is a four-part series of nature programs hosted by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Beavers are always at work, building their own habitat and building habitat for many other animals in the process. Come learn about nature's engineers, meet animals that share their habitat and build your own beaver dam to test. For ages 5 and up. Siblings welcome. Registration required. Masks optional.

Teen Programs: Teen Trivia – Pokémon: Monday, July 11, 2 p.m., for grades 6-12. Fandom-related prizes will be awarded to the winner each event!

Teen Take and Make: Tuesday, July 12, for grades 6-12. Make a ceramic rainbow box.

Dungeons & Dragons: Wednesday, July 12, 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.

Creative Writing: Thursday, July 14, 3:30 p.m., for grades 6-12. There will be opportunities to share and get feedback with your peers, as well as investigate new genres of writing. All levels of experience welcome. All materials will be provided.

Teen Friday: Friday, July 15, 3:30 p.m., for grades 6-12. There will be crafts, games, snacks and more.

Adult Programs: Adult Take and Make: Reusable Beeswax Wraps: Tuesday, July 12.

Focus on Fitness: Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m. Celebrate successes, sympathize with struggles and maintain motivation in your physical fitness. Registration required, space is limited and masks must be worn.

The Gen X Jump: Wednesday, July 13, 6 p.m., at Dexter's Tunes, Tales and Ales. A generation of readers jumped from Beverly Cleary to Stephen King. If this sounds like your experience as a young reader, then come and exchange stories about the books you read as a young adult that you might have been a little too young for. Bring a copy of your favorite childhood book along with the book that launched you into adult reading. If you don't own copies, the library can provide them; just let staff know when you register.



The late Red McKinney, longtime emcee of the Old Home Day Parade, will be honored at this year's "glorious celebration," which is returning July 14-16.

Paint the Town Red!

The East Hampton Old Home Day Parade Committee invites all groups, organizations, band or business to decorate a float, vehicle or marching unit to join the parade celebrate this year's theme – which is "Paint the Town Red," to honor Red McKinney.

The parade will be on Saturday, July 16, at 11 a.m., and it's the largest in the area, viewed by many citizens along the 1.5-mile parade route to the Center School Fairgrounds.

Red McKinney, who passed away in Decem-

ber 2019, was a driving force behind Old Home Days and longtime emcee of the Old Home Day Parade. In his honor, organizers are asking all parade viewers to wear anything red, such as a shirt or hat, wave a red flag or make a red sign to help honor McKinney's memory.

To join the parade, fill out the parade request form at www.ehohd.org. Note: this is a rain or shine event.

For more information, email ParadeOHD@gmail.com or text Kyle Dillon at 860-301-1601.

Garden Tour, Painting Event

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

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

Admittance is free, but attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Food Bank.

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

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

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

Concert Series Continues Weekly

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

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

The remaining schedule is July 21, Jessie Liam Band (pop favorites); July 28, Jolly Beggars (Celtic Folk); Aug. 4, Big Deal Rock (hits from the '70s to present).

Visit goffhouseehct.blogspot.com for more information.

Camps Underway

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.

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

Last Call for Class of '82!

The East Hampton High School Class of 1982 will hold its 40th class reunion Saturday, July 16, from 2-6 p.m., at Nelson's Campground, 71 Mott Hill Rd.

This is an outdoor (under cover), casual, picnic-style, catered event. BYOB; water and soft drinks will be provided. Cost is \$35 per person.

You may Venmo payments to @debmcKin82 or contact Deb Hass McKinney at huskyfan1213@sbcglobal.net. RSVP by Wednesday, July 13.

In the event of strong winds/rain, the event will take place on Sunday, July 17, at the same time.

and crocheters are welcome.

A chicken barbecue dinner will be Saturday, July 30.

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.

Artists Sought for Painting Event

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

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

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

EHVFD Fireworks Return

The East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department has announced its annual fireworks display will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, on the grounds of the East Hampton High School on North Maple Street. The rain date will be Sunday, Aug. 21.

Additional information will follow.

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.

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– Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

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Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. All participants should register for programs prior to the event, online at myactivecenter.com or by contacting the center at 860-267-4426 or seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov. Senior center hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Masks are 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: Thursday, July 21, 10 a.m. Pre-registration required.

Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date July 20), at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise it will be indoors or via Zoom. Register online.

Corn Hole: Wednesdays, July 13 and 24, 10:30 a.m. Played inside or outside. This is a competition with junior rules. Pre-registration required.

Art and Lunch at Studio 13: Wednesday, July 13, noon-1:30 p.m. Neurographic Art is a simple way to work with the subconscious mind through drawing. Amy Ordonez will host the senior center at Studio 13 on Main Street, with lunch from Two Brothers and then instruction and history about this therapeutic art form. Seats limited. Cost to be announced. Pre-registration required.

Resident a Runner-Up in Essay Contest

The Connecticut Bar Foundation and James W. Cooper Fellows recently announced the winners of the 22nd annual Quintin Johnstone State-wide High School Essay Contest – and one of the two runners-up, Caroline Dziekan, is a resident of East Hampton and just graduated from East Hampton High School.

As one of the runners-up, Dziekan was awarded a cash prize of \$1,000.

The James W. Cooper Fellows, a group of state and federal judges, law school professors, and practicing attorneys who volunteer their time to support foundation programming, evaluated all of the essays to select the winners. The contest is open to all high school students in Connecticut, and invites entrants to prepare an essay on a timely legal topic that is relevant to students.

This year's topic, "Throwing Away Our Shot?" addressed issues arising out of a high school's attempts to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, including a policy of excluding unvaccinated students from sports and extracurricular activities due to limited resources. Students were asked to consider whether that policy should be upheld, and whether a student who was vaccinated but had severe underlying health issues should be allowed to return to in-person learning.

The topic required that essayists act as an attorney advising the school district's Board of Education regarding student complaints and appeals scheduled for the next school board meeting.

Justices Raheem L. Mullins, Gregory T. D'Auria and Steven D. Ecker attended a special ceremony at the Connecticut Supreme Court on June 8th, 2022, to honor and present awards to

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

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

Trouble Signing Up?: Having trouble with signing up for programs on Myactivecenter.com? Stop in for a half-hour session on Tuesday, July 19, at 9:30 a.m., to learn and re-learn the ins and outs of the senior center's online registration site.

Art with Karen: Sunday, July 24, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will take people through beginner steps of creating an Acrylic Painting. The class cost is \$5 for supplies. Pay Williams the day of the event. Pre-registration is necessary.

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 Jewing@easthampton.gov. The shopper will call you before the drop-off to let you know the cost of the groceries. You can write out a check for the amount, payable to the Town of East Hampton. The volunteer will drop off the groceries at your door and pick up the check in a pre-arranged designated spot.

the contest winners, the first time the awards ceremony was held in person since 2019. Mullins said the winning students "did an excellent job analyzing this challenging issue."

Dziekan graduated last month from East Hampton High School as well as the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts' half-day program. Since her freshman year, Dziekan spent her mornings at EHHS and her afternoons at GHAA, where she studied musical theater.

Dziekan was a member of the Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA), Feminism Club, and served as an intern in the school library. She sits on the East Hampton Public Library's Teen Advisory Board, and has worked as an election official for polls since November 2020. As a junior, she received an award from the Society of Women Engineers.

Dziekan will continue her studies this fall at New College of Florida, where she will major in sociology. She hopes to eventually become a public librarian.

More information about the Connecticut Bar Foundation, the Fellows Program and the essay contest can be found at www.ctbarfdn.org.



Top Scholar-Athletes... Liz MacDonald (left) and Drew DiStefano were named the East Hampton High School scholar-athletes of the year. The Scholar-Athlete Program annually recognizes two high school seniors from each high school whose academic and athletic careers have been exemplary, whose personal standards and achievements are a model to others, and who possess high levels of integrity, self-discipline and courage. The two exceptional Bellringers received their plaques and were honored in May at the Aqua Turf in Southington.

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.

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.

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.

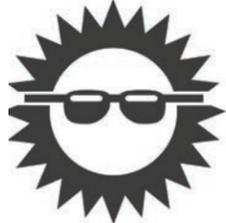
Office Info: The office can be reached at 860-267-2336; hours are Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. The church website is at www.hncovenantchurch.org.

Scholarships Presented

The East Hampton Lions Club recently presented three graduating seniors with \$1,000 scholarships.

Josh Berg was presented the Lions Scholarship. He plans on attending Endicott College in Beverly, Mass.; The Joseph Becker Memorial Scholarship went to Ben Nafis who plans on attending the University of Connecticut; and the Nelson Gustine Service Award was presented to Madison Evans, who will be going to either Sacred Heart University of Southern Connecticut State University.

The scholarship awards were presented at the June 9 EHHS Scholarship Evening.



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Books for the Beach Sale

All are invited to stock up on books for their vacation reading at the annual Friends of the Portland Library Books for the Beach sale, which runs until Friday, July 29.

Shop during regular library hours for mysteries, fiction, romance, teen and children's books. The library is located at 20 Freestone Ave.

Books are 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books, \$1 for trade paperbacks and \$2 for hardcover. There are also mystery and general fiction books that have been removed from the library collection, all for a special

price of four for \$1.

The Friends group also has "I Love CT Libraries" reusable bags on sale for \$1 each. Stop by the library and fill a bag with enough great titles to last through the summer.

All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends, such as the library's Museum Pass Program, children and adult summer reading programs, and the library's DVD collection.

Visit www.friendsofportlandlibraryct.org for more information or email questions to friendsoftheportlandlibrary@gmail.com.

Trinity Episcopal Church News

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

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

The church is open for prayer and meditation on Fridays from 2-4 p.m., and there will also be a gathering in the church office at the same time, for Anglican Prayer beading at the same

time. No prior beading experience is required. All are welcome.

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

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

Zion Lutheran Church News

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

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

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

other Sundays this summer.

Faces of Our Faith: Beginning in July, Zion will explore a new worship series, "Faces of Our Faith," focusing on the Bible's lesser-known stories. The church has selected eight stories of those often overlooked in Biblical narratives, and, using visual art and prompts for reflection, will dig deep into the worlds of these characters.

The community is welcome to participate in all worship services and special events. For more information about any church activities, or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email zion.lutheran@snet.net or visit zionlutheranportland.org. Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

Tai Chi for Long Life: Wednesdays through Aug. 10 (no class July 20), 9:15-10:15 a.m., at Buck Foreman Community Center, or Saturdays through July 30, 10:30-11:15 a.m., at Riverfront Park. Fee: \$7 to drop-in.

Summer Concert Series: Concerts are Tuesdays at Riverfront Park. The schedule is: July 12, Jamie's Junk Show; July 19, Great Hill Mountain Band; July 26, Changes in Latitude; Aug. 2, Mixed Signals; and Aug. 9, Juice Box.

Summer Quest: The camps (Kiddie Camp - age 3-5, Base Camp - entering grades 1-6, and Teen Camp - entering grades 7-9) are underway. More detailed information is on the Parks and Rec. website.

Yoga with Cyndi Mazzotta: For questions about either program, contact Mazzotta at anandayoga.20ct@gmail.com.

Sunset Yin Yoga: Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., through July 20, at the Riverfront Park stage; fee is \$29 to drop-in.

Parent/Toddler Yoga: For parents and chil-

dren 3 years old and under. Wednesdays, 9-9:45 a.m., through July 20, at the Riverfront Park stage. Fee is \$20 to drop-in.

Portland Youth Flag Football: There is an eight-week season and playoffs. Games and practices take place at Bransfield Park (Rose Hill). Visit CTFlagfootball.com to register. Each player receives a jersey and flag belt.

Summer Fun Runs: Wednesdays through Aug. 17 (started July 6), 5-7 p.m., at the Portland Rec. Complex. There are four different races based on age range: Kiddos (6 and under): 400 meters; Intermediate (7-10): 800 meters; Juniors (11-13): 1,800 meters; High School (14-18)/Open (19-44)/Masters (45-59)/Grand Masters (60+): 3,200 meters. All are invited.

Slamma-Jamma Basketball: Parks and Rec. is offering two sessions of Slamma-Jamma Basketball this summer, for children in grades 3-8. All participants will receive a free ball and a free shirt. The first session takes place July 18-22, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and the second is Aug. 8-12, also from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. These camps will be led by PHS head boys' basketball coach David Bradbury and members of the boys and girls high school basketball teams.

Personal Euphoria Exercise: Registration is underway for virtual Pilates, High Interval Training and Core Strength exercise classes. These programs start the week of July 11. Check the Parks and Rec. website for more information or to register.



Rivereast Goes Camping... Here are Logan Prince and Gerry Hall, Portland residents, enjoying their stay at Wawaloam Campground in West Kingston, R.I. They are shown in front of their favorite feature, the Hydro-Fury waterslides. Both boys are incoming freshmen at Portland High School. Taking a trip soon? Bring the Rivereast along, snap a picture with it, and email it to bulletin@glcitizen.com. You may win a prize!

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 and Draw: Tuesday, July 12, between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., in the YFS Community Room, 265 Main St. This mostly unstructured program gives kids of all ages a chance to spend some time doing artwork, of whatever they want. Drawing materials, paints, stencils, stamps, and more will be available. Parents of younger children are encouraged to participate. People can come when they want and stay as long as they want.

Drop-In for Board Games: The YFS board games groups continue over the summer in the community room. There will be a selection of board and card games available from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, for middle and high

school-aged kids. Next month, dates are Aug. 3 for Brownstone Intermediate students and Aug. 17 for middle and high school-aged kids.

Backpacks Program: YFS is already looking ahead to the start of the next school year, and will provide backpacks and school supplies for Portland students in need. Contact Jesse at YFS to sign up. Backpacks will be handed out in August.

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.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household Hazardous Waste Collection - The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell.

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

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

Portland Class Reunion

There will be a 1981 and 1982 Portland class reunion Saturday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m., at Campagna Restaurant, 151 Marlborough St., Portland.

All graduates from the Portland High School, Xavier, Mercy and Vinal classes of 1981 and 1982 are invited. Cost is \$40 per person, and includes a buffet dinner, music and more. There will be a cash bar.

Text Jill Weiner Marocchini at 860-634-4385 if interested. Details will follow.

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Scholarship Presented... Portland High School recent graduate Giuliana Discenza recently won the 2022 Portland Soccer Club's Bill Peterson Memorial Scholarship. Discenza is a former member of the Portland Soccer Club, where she played eight seasons in preparation for her high school career. Club President Chad Wilson presented Discenza with her \$500 scholarship award during a recent ceremony at the Portland Recreation Complex. This award is based on her accomplishments on and off the field.



Soccer Smiles... The girls U11/U12 Portland travel soccer team finished the spring season with a 1 and 13 record. Pictured, front row, are Neena Pereira, Genny Christensen, Teagan Piascik, Elena Guilmette, Alanna Eason; back row, Hailey Cote, Grace Sardinskas, Olivia Roy, Ally Harlow, Aeryn Hall and Laila Dietrichsen. Not shown: Aurelia Napp, Lilah Nolan, Liz Porter, Lena Trojanowski, Leah Cruz, Lea Rivera, Alyson Low, and coaches Jonah Piascik and Carol Hall.

High School Honor Roll

Principal Kathryn Lawson recently announced the Portland High School Honor Roll for the fourth marking term of the 2021-22 school year.

High Honors

Grade 12: Katelin Binezewski, Hannah Brunk, Julia Capello, Landry Carroll, Victoria Cohen, Molly Coleman, Sabrina Czapiga, Nicholas D'Angelo, Owen Delisle, Giuliana Discenza, Zachary Doncet, Connor Egan, Tara Fitzgibbons, Jacob Hanks, Brynn Hennessey, Matthew Hernandez, Caiden Hettrick-Rivera, Isabella Hettrick-Rivera, Ava Hurley, Tyler Judkins, Lindsey King, Anton Kiwimagi, Sierra Koss, Noah Lacaillade, Kayla LaMalfa, Mia Lapinski, Shawn Laverty, Megan Major, Gabriele Malu, Leah May, Sean Mazza, Isabella Nolan, Sophia Palma, Raymond Picard, Jodie Pickel, Dana Pierce, Michael Quesnel, Jenna Randazzo, Lindsay Renk, Rasheam Riley, Kendra Schoeps, Allison Scott, Paige Sorrell, Maxwell Strycharz, Brady Talerico, Derek Tewksbury, Jake Thompson, Kaitlyn Tripp, Jack Turecek, Theodore Williams, Joseph Wright and Didismay Yedra.

Grade 11: Victoria Bailey, Rowan Bell, Rachel Brown, Amelia Ciarleglio, Harrison Collins, Kayla Deckelman, Faith Doyle, Lauren Eckert, Ava Evison, Ryan Green, Gregory Ives, Tyler Ives, Camille Kopacz, McKenzie LaMalfa, Lily Larson, Annette LeShane, Ginia Lin, Caymus Lopez, Marley Malanczuk, Leah Masal, Heather McDougall, Brandon McPhee, Mya Mogulnicki, Katharine Nedobity, Olivia Porter, Natalie Przesztrzelski, Mia Quesnel, Maureen Reyes, Spencer Rosado, Madison Szymaszek, Mason Tuttle, Emma Warshaw and Joseph Woszczyna.

Grade 10: Sara Austin, Cooper Beck, Aleksandra Connolly, Gabriela DeLeon, Evan Guilmette, Kadir Hamidovic, Isaac Handel, Lincoln Hanks, Joshua Hanna, Erin Hunter, Abigail Kaveny, Sarah Kresser, Philip LeShane, Sunny Lin, Ava Maselek, Abbey Pickel, Tyler Quinn, Dorothy Riley, Selena Shukis, Benjamin Sorrell, Morgan Sundell, Lillian Tabellione, Pier-

son Webster, McKayla Wilk and Corinne Woszczyna.

Grade 9: Frederick Bailey, Elizabeth Bustamante, Emily DeRing, Amelia Dietrichsen, Abigail Doncet, Emelia Eckert, Paige Fitzgibbons, Evangeline Graham, Nathan Green, Alina Kroeber, Jack Larson, Kathryn Laverty, Raymond Lin, James Marquis, Annabelle Maruschock, Cassidy Maruschock, Ty Mazzotta, Owen McGinley, Sarah Mucinskas, Elizabeth Nedobity, Nicholas Oliva, Claire Palma, Aidan Peterson, Morganne Pineda, Michael Rambarose, Gracie Roberts, Elliott Rowland, Ella Royea, Anna Stone, Parker Thompson, Caitlin Walsh, Elizabeth Windnagle, Summer Wright and Maryn Yost.

Honors

Grade 12: Owen Brunk, Jenna Converse, Tess Currier, Evan Johnson, Chyann Markham, Blasia McAuliffe, Travis Poulin, Kendall Prince, Jaime Spooner and Genevieve Tatro.

Grade 11: Sophie Binezewski, Ethan Dean, Andrew DiMauro, Kyle Guibord, Alexander Hair, Yusuf Kadric, Ryan Kerr, Nathalie Liranzo, Gaspar Miranda-Ajpop, Griffin Shafer and Angelina Steele.

Grade 10: Matthew Binezewski, Alexander Dawson, Noah Decker, Aaron DeYoung, Camryn DiMauro, Giovanni Discenza, Ryan LaPila, Quinn Lapinski, Mason Lavallee, Rachel Mailhot, Benjamin McGrew, Meghan McPhee, Erik Medvecky, Carson Nicol, Hailey Randazzo, Cooper Rettich, Jackson Williams and Tyler Wydo.

Grade 9: Gabrielle Arnold, Chloe Brennan, Matteo Brousseau, Laurel Carroll, Keeleigh Christensen, Landon Currie, Ava Deckelman, Kevin Guibord, Kaitlyn Hickey, Abigail Leone, Gianna Phelps, Avery Quesnel and Teagan Strycharz.

Dean's List

Portland residents Nicholas Piersall and Nicholas Hasselman made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

Piersall is a member of the Class of 2022, and Hasselman is a member of the Class of 2023.

Headmaster's, Principal's Lists

The following Portland students made Xavier High School's Headmaster's and Principal's lists for the 2021-22 school year. Those who qualified for the Headmaster's List needed a year-end GPA of 3.75 or higher, with no course average below a B. Those who made the Principal's List had a year-end GPA between 3.25 and 3.74, with no course average below a C.

Headmaster's List: Mitchell Carella, Jack Gouin, Class of 2023; Nathan Nadolski, John Thompson, '24; Jordan Harley, Mateo Michalewski, '25.

Principal's List: Michael Backus, Aidan Fenton, Colin Wallace, '23; Matthew Sobieski, '24.

Art Show Save the Date

On Sunday, Sept. 11, Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., will host a reception from 3- 5 p.m. showcasing local artists in the Fellowship Hall – and participants for the event are sought.

The event will provide the community and church members the opportunity to meet and chat with the local artists, photographers, and hobbyists. Participating exhibitors will be asked to donate one of their artworks for a silent auction sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Zion's lounge renovation project.

The reception is free to the public and most artwork will be available for sale. Light refreshments, consisting of cheese and wine, will be served.

If interested in displaying your artwork, call Sue at 860-685-0593.

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

Camping Capers: For kids going into grades K-2. Wednesdays through Aug. 3, 11 a.m. Discover some of the best parts of camping in the great outdoors (or at least the library lawn). Set up a tent, make lanterns, and follow clues to see what animals have been at the campsite. There will also be s'mores, water balloon games, crafts, and ice cream too. Registration is required.

Summer Camp-Capades!: For kids going into grades 3-5. Tuesdays through Aug. 2, 11 a.m. Each week, enjoy a different aspect of summer, from traditional camp crafts to learning survival skills. Registration is required.

Free Family Shows: Wednesdays, July 13-Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m. Most shows are on the Town Green. Shows are: 7/13: **John "The Yo-Yo Guy" Higby:** Higby has performed comedy yo-yo show in 26 countries, and holds the world yo-yo champion title and four Guinness World Records. This is an interactive performance for all ages, with yo-yos, a unicycle, and a giant yo-yo Higby walks on. 7/20: **Animal Embassy:** Learn about (and meet) several types of animals, such as a pig, peahen, peacock, owl, rabbit, snakes, a chinchilla and others. 7/27: **Ben Anna Band:** This is a high-energy musical duo that performs children's songs with a twist, focusing on inclusion. 8/3: **StoryFaces:** Artist Christopher Agostino will bring a classic folktale to life by painting the faces of volunteers to help set the scene as he tells his story.

Teen Programs: Pickle Autopsy: Thursday, July 14, 3 p.m. A confrontation over missing items in the fridge has led to the demise of several pickles from the Claussen and Vlasic families. As a new CSI agent, you are called to the scene to determine the manner of death. Registration is required.

Line Art Embroidery: Thursday, July 21, 3 p.m. No painting or sewing experience required. The library will supply everything needed to create a line art masterpiece. Registration is required and space is limited.

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.

Multi-Generational Drumming Circles: Mondays, July 25 and Aug. 22, 6:30 p.m., on Waverly Green, or indoors at the library if weather is inclement.

Movie: Wednesday, July 13, 1 p.m. *Nomadland* will be shown.

Medicare 101: Thursday, July 14, 6:30 p.m., in the Mary Flood Room of the library. William Coleman of the American Senior Benefits Company will explain and explore Medicare benefits.

Paint Party for Adults: Thursday, July 21, 6 p.m. Registration required.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, July 11, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at Portland Waverly Center (Senior Center), 7 Waverly Ave.

To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Grace and Mercy Church News

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

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.

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Exciting Spring... The Portland U9/U10 girls travel team completed an exciting spring season. Pictured from left are, back row, Dan DeMerchant, Tony Trojanowski, Cora Chenier, Arora Larkin, Avery Catrone, Kristina Gonzalez, Luz Glick-Grappo and Erin Gatto; front row, Lauren DeMerchant, Tessa Napp, Juliana Martin, Whitney Gatto, Chloe Mesler and Sofia Trojanowski. Not pictured are Mia Puente, Selma Payne and Laura Grappo.



Soccer Fun... The Portland U13 Boys travel soccer team wrapped up its spring season with a two-day tournament on Father's Day Weekend. Pictured from left are, back row, Evan Piascik, Diego Puente, Aidan Currie, Remy Wilson, Nate Dietrichsen, Blake Harlow, Eli Eckert and Karly Cruz; front row, Shane Guilmette, Evan May, Liam Currie, Joseph LeCara, Levi Srb and Chad Gatto. Not pictured: Aiden Maselek, Cameron Szymaszek, and coaches Lucas Costa-Sousa, Erin Gatto, Heather Guilmette and Chad Wilson.



First Selectman Ryan Curley takes the first pledge to be a safe and responsible driver through Portland's Pace Car Program traffic-calming initiative.

Portland's New Pace Car Initiative

Portland's Complete Streets Group (CSG) invites Portland residents to participate in the Pace Car program by signing a pledge to drive safely, courteously, within the speed limit, and to share the road with pedestrians and cyclists.

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to enforce laws. Pace Car participants will receive a free decal to put on their back windshield upon signing the pledge.

Pledge forms can be found at the Portland Police Department and will be available soon on the Portland town website, www.portlandct.org. Completed forms must be submitted to the Portland Police Department to receive the decal.

For more information, visit the "Complete Streets Portland" Facebook page or call Portland PD at 860-342-6780.

Lawn Irrigation Inspections

During July and August, the town inspector will conduct inspections of irrigation systems on the public water supply.

In order to do this, your system must be activated. If for some reason it is not activated, call Public Works at 860-342-6733 to schedule an appointment for a different time.

If the inspector comes out and your system is not activated, you will still be charged the \$75 inspection fee.

Methodist Church News

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

President's List

Portland resident Autumn Tewksbury made the spring 2022 President's List at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

Tewksbury is majoring in intelligence analysis.

PHS Class of '72 Reunion

Portland High School Class of 1972 will have its 50th reunion Sept. 17 at Red Fox Restaurant in Middletown. If your address, phone or email has changed, you're asked to see PHS72 on Facebook to update.

For more information, call Dineen Coughlin Rivera at 860-833-3042 or Sue Sciacca Larson at 860-918-4906. Organizers are missing info on several class members, so people are asked to provide updates on Facebook.

President's List

Hannah Sroka of Portland made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Sroka is earning a Bachelor of Arts, Certificate degree in English: creative writing, professional writing, global readiness.

Dean's List

Portland resident Katie Dougherty made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island.

Carlie Hasselman of Portland made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y.

Ashley K. Benham of Portland made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

Benham is a junior kinesiology major in the university's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Megan H. Kostraba of Portland, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Haven, made the university's spring 2022 Dean's List.

Kostraba is working on a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

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Where in the World?... Portland resident Joe Balskus was recently at Starbase in Boca Chica, Texas, and had a copy of the *Rivereast News Bulletin* with him. He says he didn't see Elon Musk anywhere, but did spot lots of starships in the Rocket Garden at Stargate. Are you going on vacation this summer? Bring along a copy of the *Rivereast*, snap a picture with it, and email the picture to bulletin@glcitizen.com. You might win a prize!

UConn Graduates

The following area residents recently graduated from the University of Connecticut:

Amston: Joshua Joshua Peter Bulkovitch, who graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree; Peter Jacob Busa, Bachelor of Science degree in individualized major; Christopher Philip Epps Jr., Doctor of Pharmacy; Marley Bruce Forbes, Bachelor of Arts in psychological sciences; Noah Alexander Herington, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in chemical engineering; Ian Cameron Holm, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Christina Leigh Lewis, Bachelor of Science in nutritional sciences; Peter Daniel Ludwig, Bachelor of Science in computer science; Jessica Jeanne Mawson, Master of Science in civil engineering; Ryan Joseph O'Connor, Bachelor of Science in accounting; Jonathan William Roberts, Bachelor of Arts in mathematics/actuarial science; Andrew Jameson Savage, Bachelor of Science in finance; Christianne Rose Senechal, Master of Science in health care genetics.

Andover: Peter Bade, Master of Science in accounting and advanced business graduate certificate in accounting; Kobe Antony Davis, Bachelor of Arts in sociology; Blake Blumenfeld Gaines, Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and Bachelor of Science in computer science; Graham Stewart McNeil, Bachelor of Fine Arts in design/technical theater; Tyler James Moore, Bachelor of Science in biological sciences; Eric Andrew Nunes, Master of Arts in educational psychology; Julie Lorna Pace, Master of Science in surgical neurophysiology; Maya Anusha Preibisz-Kamat, Bachelor of Science in psychological sciences.

Colchester: Melissa Rose Barker, Master of Science in surgical neurophysiology; Rachel Laura Boislard, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in chemical engineering; Christian Bowers Bachelor of Science in physiology and neurobiology; Patrick Cartier, graduate certificate in long-term health care management; Christopher Condit, Master of Arts in educational psychology; David Joshua Fox, Bachelor of Science in marketing; Amanda M. Koss, Master of Science in health promotion; Elizabeth Kowalsky, Bachelor of Arts in communication; Jared Dieter Kunst, Bachelor of Science in ecology and evolutionary biology; Lucas Eric Lawley, Bachelor of Science in marketing; Braden Lohbusch, Master of Science in financial risk management; Jack Healy Matheson, Bachelor of Arts in sociology; Sean Duane McCormick, Bachelor of Science in music education; Sean Duane McCormick, Bachelor of Arts in general program in music; Elyssa DeLaine Mikolajczak, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Nicholas Terrence Obey, Bachelor of Arts in psychological sciences; Pamela G. Rochette, Master of Public Administration in public administration; Rytis Sidabras, Master of Science in applied microbial systems analysis; Joshua Stanavage, Bachelor of Fine Arts in digital media and design; Rayaissa Micah Tyles, Bachelor of Science in allied health sciences; Madison Samantha Zuckerman, Bachelor of Arts in psychological sciences.

East Hampton: Ally Brogan, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in chemical engineering; Jeffrey Griscom Colegrove, Master of Business Administration in business administration executive; Caroline J. Crean, Master of Arts in curriculum and instruction; Gabriella Marie Crean, Bachelor of Arts in journalism with communication as second; David Crowe, Bachelor of Science in finance; Peyton Matthew DeBowsky, Bachelor of Science in ecology in evolutionary biology; Tess Garber, Master of Social Work in social work; James Kendrick Gooch, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Timothy Lynch, Master of Science in advanced manufacturing for energy systems; James Morrison, Master of Business Administration in business administration; Nathaniel Joseph Mulonet, Bachelor of Arts in communication; Kyle D. Muncy, Master of Science in human resource management; Taylor Jackson Muncy, advanced business graduate certificate in human resource management; Taylor Jackson Muncy, Master of Business Administration in business administration; Nathan Scott Nye, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in civil engineering; Manu Ponnala, Bachelor of Science in biological sciences; Krista Romano, graduate certificate in long-term health care management; Brooke Elizabeth Roussel, Bachelor of Science in allied health sciences; Andrew J. Wilk, Master of Science in business analytics and project management.

Haddam Neck: Alison Nicole Chase, Bachelor of Science in physiology and neurobiology.

Hebron: Megan Elisabeth Alexander, Bachelor of Science in marketing; Jameson Robert Averill, Bachelor of Science in molecular and cell biology; Kathryn Ruth Beard, Bachelor

of Science in physiology and neurobiology, with psychological sciences as a second; Emily Bucior, Bachelor of Arts in communication; Lauren E. Burton, Bachelor of Science in allied health sciences; Nicole Shermaine Cruse, Doctor of Philosophy in speech, language and hearing sciences; Molly Mackenzie Cunningham, Master of Arts in curriculum and instruction; Joshua James Desjardins, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in mechanical engineering; Austin Dion, Bachelor of Arts in economics, with political science as a second; Jason Mark Luttrell, Master of Science in business analytics and project management; Katherine Carol Malgioglio, Bachelor of Social Work in social work; Walker Odell Melzen, Bachelor of Science in marine sciences; Aidan Geoffrey Pangilinan, Bachelor of Arts in economics; William Lazarus Roser, Bachelor of Science in psychological sciences; Alexa Rae Samuelson, Bachelor of Science in allied health sciences; Jack Tarca, Bachelor of Science in management.

Marlborough: Evan Anthony Alfano, Bachelor of Science in finance; Sophia Eleni Arruda, Bachelor of Science in biological sciences with French as a second; Taylor Rae Baran, Bachelor of Arts in communication; Jessica Lee Brophy, Bachelor of Arts in mathematics/actuarial science; Nicole L. Catarino, Bachelor of Arts in English; Erica Rose Deskus, Bachelor of Arts in mathematics/statistics; Sabrina Cheyenne Dibble, Bachelor of Arts in Spanish; Rithvik Eshwara, Bachelor of Arts in economics; Reileigh Seton Fleeher, Bachelor of Science in physiology and neurobiology; Adam Edward Hendrick, Bachelor of General Studies in general studies; Phoenix Holden, Bachelor of Science in history/social studies education; Weronika Gabriela Kaplon, Bachelor of Arts in political science; Melanie R. Keogh, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in mechanical engineering; Tara Preston Monge, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Kira Elizabeth Raymond, Master of Science in accounting; Melanie Sanclemente, Bachelor of Arts in political science; Allison Schmauder, graduate certificate in long-term health care management; Katlin Szemreylo, graduate certificate, pre-medical and health professional; Daphne Marie Wampold, Bachelor of Science in allied health sciences.

Portland: Rachel S. Bernard, Bachelor of Science in allied health sciences; Madison Bond, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Emily Ann Bradshaw, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Bettina Gabrielle Burke, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in mechanical engineering; Aliya Carta, Bachelor of Arts in English; Devin Kay Hay Cook, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in engineering physics; Jillian Lindsay Crawford, Bachelor of Arts in political science; Morgan Taylor Geres, Bachelor of Arts in psychological sciences; Sarah Jensen Kohs, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Keira Nicole Kopchyak, Bachelor of Science in exercise science; Yang Likuai Li, Bachelor of Arts in mathematics – actuarial – finance; Sophia Lin, Bachelor of Arts in communication; Samantha Joy Mizener, Bachelor of Science in finance; John Herbert Mosley VI, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in mechanical engineering; Luke Jacob Notaro-Roberts, Bachelor of Science in biological sciences; Allison Rose Tewksbury, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in mechanical engineering; Abner Velasco, Master of Science, accounting; Hunter Murphy Weitowitz, Bachelor of Science in ecology and evolutionary biology; Briana Nicole Wolff, Master of Business Administration in business administration.

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.

UConn Dean's List

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

Amston: Joshua Bulkovitch, Christopher Epps Jr., Marley Forbes, Ian Holm, Apaulo Kra-
wic, Maya Paprocki.

Andover: Aurora Buswell, Blake Gaines, Carson Gaines, Nathan Keeney, Andrew Perkins, Nicholas Xenophontos, Cameron Yanicky.

Colchester: Cameron Deslaurier, Taryn Formanek, Claire Galarneau, Andrew Gannon, Jamie Greene, Ryan Konon, Luke Maynard, Brady Noniewicz, Grace Palmer, Paul Perkins, Jessica Savage, Ariana Spearin, Joan Tremblay, Madison Zuckerman.

East Hampton: Danielle Adams, Ryan Adams, Irisa Burchsted-Glynn, Carter Chase, David Crowe, Peyton Debowsky, Emma Deveran, Katherine Flood, Ailis Frost, Tomas Lopes, Nathan Nye, Slawomir Piela, Colin Piteo, Manu

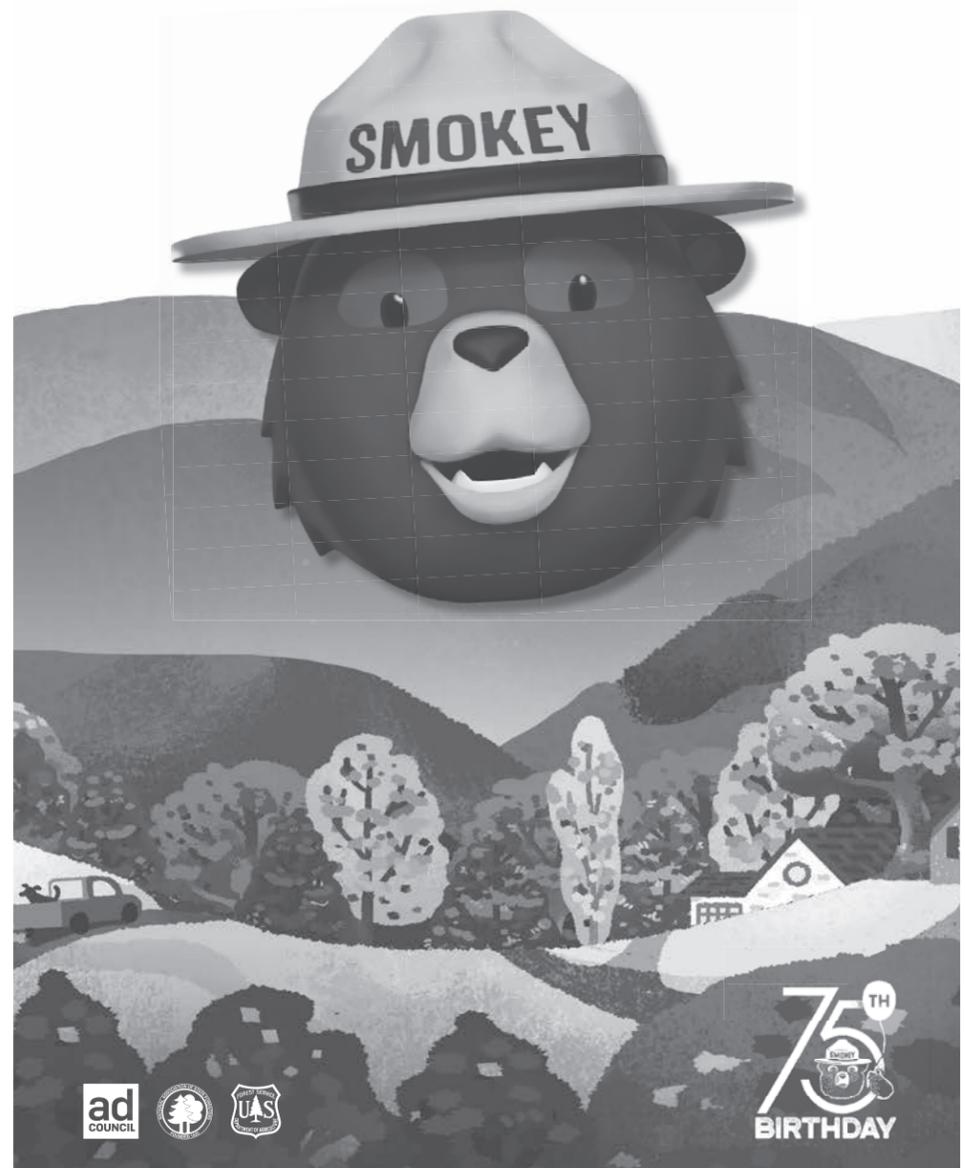
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Hebron: Morgan Balesano, Kathryn Beard, Trystin Cote, Joshua Desjardins, David Hart, Katherine Malgioglio, Nick Malgioglio, John Oei, Ethan Raymond, Katharine Santella, Emma Triantafyllou.

Marlborough: Gregory Aniolek, Rachel Antonelli, Lauren Bula, Zachary Catania, Erica Deskus, Reileigh Fleeher, Ian Gechas, Phoenix Holden, Erin Hughes, Madeline Kotsios, Andrew Lombardi, Austin Moreland, Tiffany Sanclemente, Molly Wampold.

Portland: Richard Bernard, Gracie Berthi-
aume, Emily Bradshaw, Bettina Burke, Justin Coe, Zachary Foster, Ashley Garen, Morgan Geres, Isabelle Guilmette, Sarah Kohs, Stephen Kohs, Keira Kopchyak, Yang Li, Luke Notaro-Roberts, Rebecca Tripp, Avery Turecek, Hunter Weitowitz.

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Obituaries

Portland

Catherine Ann Barillari

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Catherine Ann (Papallo) Barillari, 98, on Sunday, July 3. She was born in New Britain, daughter of the late Mary Scalise Papallo and Nicolas Papallo. She was raised in Meriden, and graduated from Meriden High School in 1941.



She was the beloved wife of Michael Barillari for 62 years, whom she met at Arthur Murray's Studio of Dance. Their love was a testimony to many as a match made in heaven. She was a longtime member of the Middletown Women's Elks club and a member of St. Mary Parish of Portland. She spent many memorable years with her family during the summers at Great Hill Lake in Portland. Catherine and Michael spent their later years in Glastonbury. Catherine was an avid reader, cribbage player, and bowler. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family. Catherine had an infectious love of life and always encouraged the best in others, whether it was while watching recitals and graduations, or lending a kind ear to her grandchildren.

Catherine's grace and love of life touched everyone she met, and the care she showed to others was second to none. She was a wonderful mother to Michael Barillari of Glastonbury, and to Lisa (Tony) Abbazia of Southport. She was a loving grandmother to Rachael and Lauren Barillari, Aiden Edwards, Tony Jr., Sara, Jessica, Maria, Dominic, and Lydia Abbazia; a devoted sister to her predeceased siblings: Eleanor Papallo, Joseph Papallo, Phyllis Papallo, Mary Papallo, Nicholas Papallo, Louis Papallo, and Pearl Papallo, and survived by her brother, Thomas Papallo; and a loving aunt to numerous nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Catherine's 4' 11" frame held a spirit larger than life. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A memorial Mass will be held Monday, July 11, at 11 a.m. in St. Mary Church, Portland. Friends may call at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, on Sunday, July 10, from 4-6 p.m. Burial will be private in St. Mary Cemetery, Portland.

East Hampton

George R. McFatter

George R. McFatter, 79, beloved husband to Nancy (Acasio) McFatter, passed away at Hartford Hospital Saturday, July 2. He was born in Dorchester, Mass., in 1943, and was the son of George I. and Barbara (Barron) McFatter.

He graduated from the University of Hartford and worked at the Aetna. He later graduated from nursing school and was an LPN at several convalescent homes.

Besides his wife of 57 years, he will be lovingly missed by his daughter, Susan Reitze of Maggie Valley, N.C., her son Joshua and his wife Angela of West Dover, Vt., her son Zachery Reitze and his wife Joselyn of Canton, N.C.; his son, Robert McFatter and his wife Christi of Bolton and their children Zoe and Andrew; his

sister-in-law, Anita Acasio of Houston, Texas; and his brother-in-law, Andrew Acasio of New Bern, N.C.

George proudly served his country in the Army during the Korean War. He loved fly-fishing and was often found casting on the Salmon River.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders at www.doctorswithoutborders.org.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

East Hampton

Elaine Sweet Celebration of Life

All are invited to celebrate the life of Elaine Julia Adams Sweet on Sunday, July 17, from noon-4 p.m., at Farrell's Restaurant, 245 Marlborough St.

Elaine, of East Hampton, passed away peacefully Jan. 4, at the age of 86.

Colchester

Richard G. Arsenault

Richard (Rich) G. Arsenault lost his courageous battle with kidney and heart disease on Thursday, June 30. Rich was born in Bangor, Maine, 75 years ago to Alfred and Florence Arsenault. He was married to his loving wife, Elaine K. Arsenault, for 52 years.



Rich was employed by Mohegan Sun for 21 years, while also working at Chantclair Golf Course for much longer than that. He served as president, then as treasurer for many years in the Sunday League Men's Club.

He leaves behind two sisters, Doreen and her husband John Steniger of Farmington, Sharron and her husband Ed Sterling of Bristol; and a brother, James, of Florida. Rich was loved and will be greatly missed by his in-laws, also Marcia and Ken McCarthy, Janet Fitch all of Coventry, and Tony and Vicki Cliff of London, England. Most of all, he leaves his adoring grandchildren AD2, Richard J. Arsenault, of Handford, California (third-generation Navy), Megan and Thomas Arsenault, and their mom Kathy Arsenault of Jacksonville, Fla.; also, Kiera and Bella Kress, and their dad Karl and mom Trish of Colchester. The grandkids have always been his greatest source of pride. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. He leaves behind his two cats Mitzi and Colby.

His biggest heartbreak was the loss of his son, Richard A Arsenault, who died in February 2007. He was also was predeceased by his parents and two older brothers Robert and Alfred.

The family would like to extend a huge thank you to Tim Shanks of Colchester, who has been the most devoted and thoughtful friend anyone could ever ask for. Without his help and support this past year it would have been impossible to get through. No matter what time of day or night, Tim would come to help. We will always be grateful.

Although services will be private, friends are welcome to share condolences at www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com. The Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home in Colchester is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marlborough

Mary Lou Dixon

Mary Lou (Stenham) Dixon, 78, of Marlborough, passed away peacefully Monday, June 27, at home surrounded by her loving family, after a battle with cancer. She was John W. Dixon's beloved wife for 51 years.

Born in New Haven, she was the daughter of the late George Edward and Louise Frances (Weber) Stenham. She was a graduate of East Haven High School, and Quinnipiac College in Hamden. Mary Lou was a teacher in the East Haven school system, later becoming a nursery school teacher, co-owner and director of The Children's Workshop in Marlborough for 30 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her two sons, David S. Dixon and his fiancée Amy Olsen of Austin, Texas, Christopher J. Dixon and his wife Michelle Buckley of Dayton, Maine; her daughter, Gretchen M. Versepunt and her husband Brian Versepunt of Louisville, Colo.; her grandchildren, Maddie and Finley Dixon, Avery Olsen, Jonathan, Henry, Caroline and George Versepunt; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary Lou was predeceased by her brother, Donald E. Stenham, in 1992, and her son, Jonathan E. Dixon, in 1998.

Mary Lou's greatest accomplishments were raising her four children and helping to mold the numerous children she taught throughout the years. She was a firm believer in doing the right thing and preached kindness to others. She had a gift for gab, and enjoyed decorating, gardening and gourmet cooking.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, July 6, at St. John Fisher Church, 30 Jones Hollow Rd., Marlborough. Burial was in Marlboro Cemetery. Friends and family called Tuesday, July 5, at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Brain and Research Foundation, 747 Third Avenue, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10017 (www.bbrfoundation.org).

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

Colchester

Patricia Courtright

Patricia (Pat) Courtright, 79, of Colchester, passed away Sunday, June 19, in the comfort of her home, with her family by her side, after a courageous battle with leukemia. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

Patricia was born Sept. 2, 1942, and grew up in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, marrying Amedee Courtright on Nov. 18, 1961, at St. Margaret's Parish in Old Orchard Beach. A 60-year marriage of love ensued.

Together they raised three children, Darren Courtright, Scott Courtright and Shannon Courtright-Abbotts, in Colchester, and extended their love of family to spouses and many adored grandchildren.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 60 years, Amedee H. Courtright; her children and spouses, Darren Courtright (Chelsey Courtright), Scott Courtright (Casia Courtright) and Shannon Abbotts (Michael Abbotts). Me'Me will be dearly missed by her many loving grandchildren: Maddison Brennehan, Owen Courtright, Emma Courtright and Lily Courtright (Darren and Chelsea); Weston Courtright and Faith Courtright (Scott and Casia); Zachary Abbotts, Justin Abbotts and Felicia Abbotts (Shannon and Michael).

At our mother's request, the services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, our family asks that you consider a donation to the Leukemia Research Foundation (allbloodcancers.org/donate), and/or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org/donate).

To share a memory or express a condolence, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

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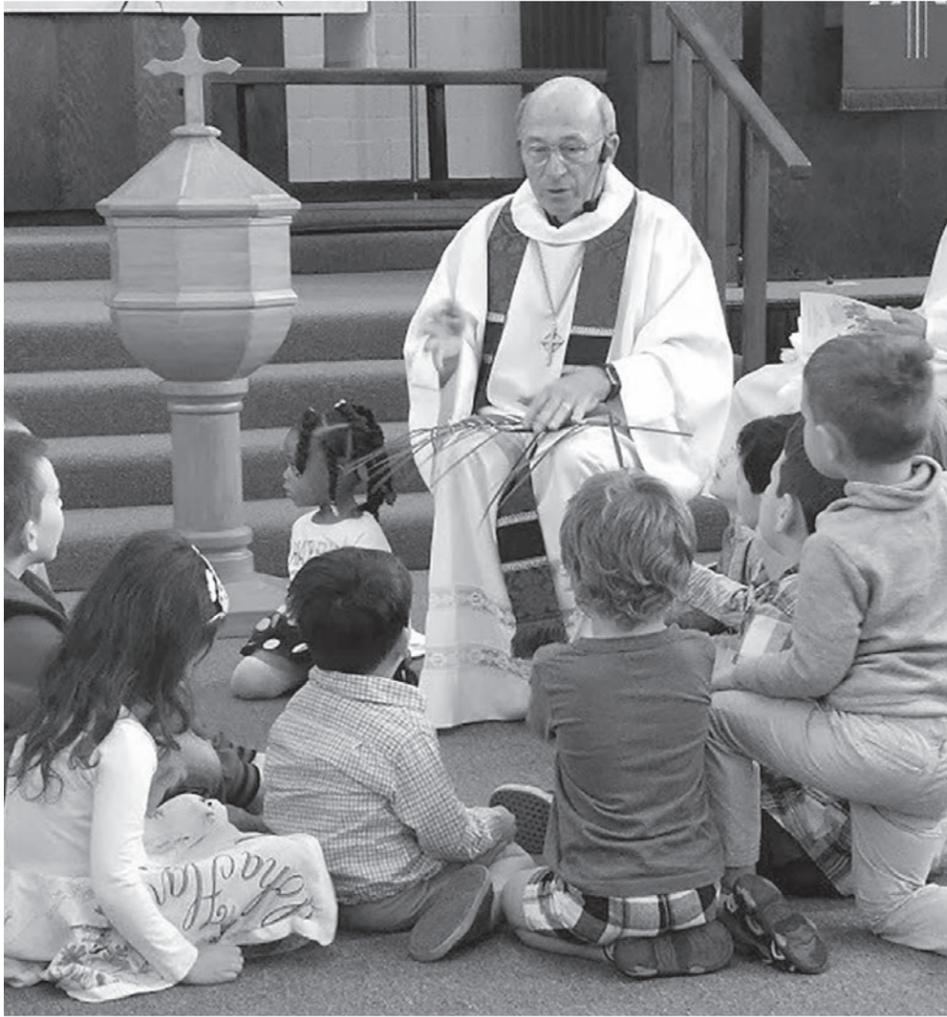
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Intentional Interim Pastor, the Rev. Gary Boye ministers to children at Hebron's Christ Lutheran Church.

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to church, who look forward to coming to our fellowship events," he said.

Karen Strid, church president, said so far the congregation is enjoying Boye, pointing out that he has a "great personality and sense of humor." She said Boye has "started up some interesting Bible studies" that have attracted new people.

She echoed Boye's comments about the need for healing and said Boye cares for people to whom he ministers.

"That's what makes people want to come back, feeling as though you're important and you matter," she said.

She said his desire to reach people is evidenced by his habit of coming down from the pulpit during services and looking at people "face to face."

Rather than sermons overly deep and rich in doctrine, Boye's tend to "come to the point and touch you where you're at," Strid said.

Lutheran ministers generally base sermons on prescribed scriptures and liturgical themes surfacing from them, Boye said. This Sunday the day before the Fourth of July, however, he has something else planned.

Boye said the service will be patriotic and will include patriotic songs and hymns and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Christian flags.

"So the emphasis will be our country is a blessing," he said.

With a working title of "American Christianity," his sermon will look at how being a Christian and an American overlap, he said.

"You're wearing two hats, what does the Bible say about that?" he said.

The key text he will quote with be First Timothy 2:1-3 which instructs followers to pray for kings and people in authority, Boye said.

"That's your job; you need to pray for these people so you have good government," he said. "That's a very specific and not a very hard one to do, pray for the president, pray for the congress."

Without prayer, the pastor said, there is no peace.

Raised in a Christian Home

Boye said he was raised in a Christian home with a father who was a pastor and the family lived in a parsonage. While he had many thoughts on what to do with his life, he saw the affect his father had on people and circled back to that calling.

In 1969, Boye attended Concord Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

Boye's last settled ministry was in Tempe, Ariz., where he owns a home. This, he said, is his first time in New England.

"I'm just overwhelmed by the beauty of this part of the country," he said. "Arizona doesn't have this deep green that Connecticut enjoys."

The Hebron congregation set him up in a parsonage owned by the Lutheran church's New

England District in Storrs. Boye said they "really knocked themselves out" renovating, polishing and painting the house.

Church members worked together to get the place "sparkly" and furnish it, Strid said.

"That was a kind of unifying thing for the church," she said. "It's really kind of funny how the whole church got together."

Boye said he lives alone in the beautiful home with his dog, whom, he joked, is the real attention-getter.

Strid, who said Boye brings the little dog everywhere, concurred.

"Everybody loves Moby," she said.

New Director at Preschool

The preschool at the church also has new leadership.

At the end of April, Briana Manginelli took over as director of Christ Lutheran Early Childhood Center.

Strid said Manginelli is bringing fresh ideas and a lot of energy to the role.

The center is undergoing some changes, including renovation and updates, Manginelli said.

She said she hopes to expand the center, which took a hit due to COVID-19, and get it to full-capacity.

The school's summer camp is in full-swing now, she said. Children enjoy picnic lunches at outdoor picnic tables and will get to play in bounce houses next Friday.

Later in the summer, Manginelli said, she is hoping to bring in a food truck.

The school playground is getting an upgrade too, Manginelli said, including brand new bikes for children and a new playhouse. She said she is having wood equipment installed instead of plastic and brining in a nature theme to coordinate the playground with the backdrop of the school, which is next to woods.

Manginelli said she loves coming to work and going in to visit the children on a daily basis and "snuggle some babies."

Another perk of the job is that everyone looks forward to coming to work, she said.

"I love to see people who love coming to work," she said.

Manginelli said Boye spends time with the children as well.

"He does chapel with the kids once a week," Manginelli said.

She said he "teaches them so many things" and "really puts it on their level."

LEGALS

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

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions at their Special Meeting/Workshop which was held on Wednesday June 29, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.:

Sign Application – The Flour Girl Bakery – 14-16 Main Street – Request for review of proposed permanent free-standing and wall sign in Hebron Green District. **APPROVED**
The video recording of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting can be seen using the following link:
<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/7eb82fe892a036f4c92e848fe8ff1644724024352ad34636a152a3dbc9e32626>

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**LEGAL NOTICE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
HEBRON, CONNECTICUT**

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at a Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., to be held virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, on the following:

Petition 2022-4 - Petition of the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Hebron Zoning Regulations pertaining to Accessory Apartments, permit detached accessory apartments in compliance with new state requirements, and update associated use tables and definitions. Application filed under Section 2.G.7, Section 2.D.4, and Section 9.C of the Hebron Zoning Regulations. (**Public Hearing Continued from June 14, 2022**)
Petition 2022-7 - Subdivision Application of Richard Matschulat & Elizabeth O'Callaghan of 7.753 acres at 155 Reidy Hill Road into two (2) lots, R-2 District
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 28th day of June, 2022.
Natalie Wood, Chair

Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing/Regular Meeting
Tue, Jul 12, 2022 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EDT)
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Legal Notice will be published in the Rivereast News Bulletin on July 1 and July 8, 2022.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COLCHESTER
ATTENTION COLCHESTER TAXPAYERS**

Notice is hereby given to the Town of Colchester taxpayers that tax bills on the Grand List of October 1, 2021, are due and payable on July 1, 2022.

The Town of Colchester does not have an approved budget for FY 2022-2023. Therefore, at this time you are receiving ONLY the first installment of your real estate bill. Once the budget is approved, you will receive any and all adjustments in your 2nd installment, which will reflect the approved mill rate along with any credits, if applicable. Additionally, once the budget is approved, we will be sending personal property and motor vehicles bills ASAP.

If any tax due on July 1, 2022 is not paid on or before August 1, 2022, the tax installment shall be delinquent and interest at the rate of 18% per annum (1 1/2 % per month) shall be charged dating back to the original due date of the bill. Taxes that become delinquent after August 1, 2022 shall be charged delinquent interest for the months of July and August, 2022, or 3%. The minimum interest charge for delinquent taxes is \$2.00.

Taxpayers who did not receive a bill should contact the Tax Office immediately. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or any interest charged should the tax become delinquent. Taxpayers may access tax bill information and pay on-line from the homepage of the Town of Colchester website at www.colchesterct.gov and clicking the "View and Pay Tax Bills" link under Online Services – fees apply.

Avoid waiting in long lines by paying on-line under Online Services, return your payment by mail or use our night drop box located to the left of Colchester Town Hall's entrance. If a receipt is desired, please send a self addressed stamped envelope and two copies of the bill. Mail postmarked (US Postal Service postmark only) on or before August 1, 2022 will be considered as having been paid on time.

Payments dropped in the town hall's drop box after 4:30p.m. on August 1, 2022, will be considered as having been made on the following business day and will be deemed as paid late.

Please make all checks payable to the Tax Collector. Checks may be mailed to the Tax Office, 127 Norwich Avenue Colchester, CT, 06415. Questions concerning tax payments should be directed to the Tax Office, (860) 537-7210.

Michele Wyatt, CCMC
Town of Colchester
Tax Collector

3TB 6/24, 7/8, 7/22

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

The Hebron Zoning Board of Appeals took the following action at a meeting held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, concerning the following:

Petition 2022 – 2, Request of Allen Fichtel, Owner, for a variance to Section 2.E.5 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, to allow a 96 square foot shed 18 feet from the front property line where 25 is required and 4 feet from the side property line where 10 feet is required by the Regulations, on premise located at 203 Deepwood Drive, Amston Lake (AL) District. **Approved**
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, on this 6th day of July 2022.
Martin J. Halloran, Chairperson

Legal Notice will be published on the Town of Hebron Website at <https://hebronct.com/agendas/>

Video Recording of the Hebron Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting:

<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/0ad4977c34c722763afe14ed479f2e249260134d34c17fa9cd76ad4413430e8b>

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**LEGAL NOTICE
MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Thursday, July 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall located at 26 North Main Street.

Amendment to Article Ten J Lake Terramuggus Overlay District – to add Article Ten J C.1 (f) to change the front Yard Setback from 50 feet to 35 feet.

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.Marlbroughct.net, under Minutes/Agendas then Agenda 2022 then Zoning Commission.

Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

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**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 17, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions:

1. **Town of Colchester Affordable Housing Plan** – The Commission will consider public testimony regarding the Affordable Housing Plan, prepared in accordance with Section 8-30j of the Connecticut General Statutes

At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is in the Planning Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Planning and Zoning Commission
Joseph Mathieu, Chair

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**TOWN OF ANDOVER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
7:00 P.M., JULY 20, 2022
COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL
17 SCHOOL ROAD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Andover Zoning Board of Appeals will host a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of July 20, 2022 to solicit public comment and entertain questions on the following applications:

APPLICATION OF MATT EUCALITTO - GARRETT HOMES, LLC/MCG ANDOVER, LLC, 580 LAKE ROAD.

Applicant seeking relief from Section 23.4.D of the Andover Zoning Regulations so as to eliminate the requirement that the driveway off Lake Road be a single property (as opposed to a common driveway).

APPLICATION OF EDEN CONTRACTORS, LLC - PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12 CENTER STREET.

Applicant seeking relief from Section 11.2 of the Andover Zoning Regulations so as to provide relief from front yard and side yard setbacks so as to construct a single family dwelling with a deck.

APPLICATION OF TOWN OF ANDOVER - PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15 CENTER STREET.

Applicant seeking relief from Section 1) 11.2 and 2) 5.0 of the Zoning Regulations so as to seek relief from the front and side-yard requirements in order to replace the existing structure (Old Fire House) with a new structure (garage/storage facility) and so as to allow for the construction of a structure to allow for parking of public vehicles and ancillary storage.

Comments and/or questions will be entertained during the hearing or written comment may be submitted prior to the hearing will be entered into the record. Such written comments shall be submitted to the Building and Land-Use Office at 17 School Road, Andover, or, electronically, at zoning@andoverct.org. Such written comments shall be submitted a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Jim Hallisey
Zoning Agent

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LEGALS

TOWN OF PORTLAND

Legal notice to the taxpayers of the Town of Portland that the first installment of real estate and personal property taxes if over \$100.00 on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 are due and payable July 1, 2022. If the amount owed is \$100.00 or under the bill is due in full. Motor vehicle taxes are due and payable in full by August 2, 2022. Taxes not paid in full on or before August 2, 2022 become delinquent and are subject to interest of 1.5% from due date of July 1, 2022. Minimum interest charge will be \$2.00. Quarterly Water and/or sewer usage bills are due and payable July 15, 2022. Payment not made in full on or before August 16, 2022 will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month from due date. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax. Please contact the Collector of Revenue immediately if you do not have a bill, for tax information or to **PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE**. Visit our website www.portlandct.org. The Collector of Revenue and Revenue Collection Assistant are available by telephone (860) 342-6737 or email cgotta@portlandct.org. The staff will be out of the office on Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day. The normal staffing hours are as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cynthia L. Gotta CCMC Town of Portland Collector of Revenue

3TB 6/24, 7/8, 7/22

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Andover Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., July 18, 2022 to solicit input on proposed amendments to its Zoning Regulation; more particularly Section 15 (signs) in their entirety and Section 17 (Alcoholic Establishments). The later, as proposed, would address the location of establishments intended for the sale of cannabis products. The hearing will be held via Zoom utilizing the following: Join by Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89771155135> Join by Phone: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 897 7115 5135 Passcode: 451994 Comments, concerns, and questions may be presented at the public hearing or be submitted to the Andover Building and Land-Use Office in writing a minimum of 48 hours prior to the time/date of the Public Hearing. Copies of the proposed changes are available for review on the Planning & Zoning Commission page of the town's web-site (andoverct.org) or at the Building and Land-use Office, 17 School Road. Jim Hallisey Zoning Agent

2TB 7/8, 7/15

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ATTENTION ALL TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the Town of East Hampton taxpayers that taxes for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 are due and payable on July 1, 2022. The last day on which to pay without penalty is August 1, 2022. Real estate and personal property taxes over \$100 may be paid in two equal installments; July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Real estate and personal property taxes are based on a mill rate of 34.66 mills which equates to \$34.66 in taxes per \$1,000 of net assessed value. Motor vehicle tax is based on the state capped mill rate of 32.46 mills. Tax bills are mailed on June 29, 2022. Late payments will be subject to interest penalty at the rate of 1 1/2% per month or a fraction thereof, 18% per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130, 145 and 146. Payments legibly postmarked by the USPS on or before August 1, 2022 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Tax Office. Payments received August 2, 2022 and later, including payments postmarked August 2, and later, are considered past due. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes and interest charges should the tax become delinquent. Please make checks payable to: Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting www.easthamptonct.gov Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. Respectfully, Kristy L. Merrifield, CCMC Collector of Revenue

3TB 6/24, 7/8, 7/22

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING 7:20 p.m., July 18, 2022 (or to immediately follow the previous Public Hearing slated for 7:00 p.m.) TO BE HELD VIRUTALLY

Join by Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89771155135> Join by Phone: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 897 7115 5135 Passcode: 451994 The Andover Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to solicit input on Public Act 21-29, more specifically the "opt out provisions" in Section 3, subsection 3(j). Public Act 21-29 establishes specific steps to encourage the development of affordable housing throughout the state. Opting out of specific requirements of the act would allow the Town of Andover to encourage affordable housing, and thereby comply with the intent of the act, while maintaining control at the local level through its land-use regulations. The hearing would provide a basis for a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to opt out in accordance the aforementioned Act. Comments can be made and/or questions raised at the hearing or submitted in writing a minimum of 24 hours prior to the hearing. Questions/comments may be submitted, or additional information requested, by contact the Building and Land-Use Office, 17 School Road, electronically at zoning@andoverct.org or via telephone at 860742-4035. Jim Hallisey Zoning Agent

2TB 7/8, 7/15

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR'S LEGAL NOTICE

All persons liable to pay taxes to the Town of Marlborough as levied on the October 1, 2021 Grand List which includes Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle are hereby notified that the first installment is due July 1, 2022 and will be delinquent August 2, 2022. The second installment will be due January 1, 2023 and delinquent February 2, 2023. Delinquent bills will be subject to interest of one and half percent a month reverting to the due date or 18% a year. Minimum interest is \$2.00. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the interest or tax. If you do not receive a bill, please check online at marlboroughct.net, bill look up or call the tax office at 860-295-6205. Tax bills \$800.01 or less are due in one installment. Bills over 800.01 are due in two installments. The Motor Vehicle Mill Rate for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year is 32.46 and the Mill Rate for the Real Estate and Personal Property is 35.55. Tax payments can be mailed to Tax Collector, PO Box 29, Marlborough, CT 06447, placed in the DROP BOX located to the left of the Town Hall door, or brought into the Tax Collector's Office. Tax Collector's hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesdays 8:30 am to 7 pm and Fridays 8:30 am to 12 Noon. Tax payments can be paid online at www.marlboroughct.net with Master Card, Visa or ACH. Respectfully submitted, Barbara C. Murray Tax Collector

3TB 6/24, 7/8, 7/22

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

3TB 7/8, 7/22, 7/29

Town of Marlborough Official Notice of Democratic Primary State and District Offices

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 24th 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.

Location	Voting District
Elmer Thienes Mary Hall Elementary School 25 School Drive Marlborough CT 06447	1

Dated at Marlborough, Connecticut, this 24th day of June, 2022

Lauren A. Griffin
Town Clerk
Town of Marlborough

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TOWN OF HEBRON CORRECTED OFFICIAL NOTICE OF REPUBLICAN PRIMARY STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICES

Notice is hereby given that a Republican Primary will be held in Hebron, CT 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, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party endorsed candidates 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, CT 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 24th day of June 2022

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

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES	VOTING DISTRICT
Hebron Elementary School 92 Church Street Hebron, CT	1

Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 24rd day of June 2022

Carla A. Pomprowicz,
Town Clerk
Town of Hebron

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Town of Marlborough Official Notice of Republican Primary State and District Offices

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
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 24 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.

Location	VOTING DISTRICT
Elmer Thienes Mary Hall Elementary School 25 School Drive Marlborough Connecticut	1

Dated at Marlborough Connecticut this 24th Day of June 2022

Lauren A. Griffin
Town Clerk
Town of Marlborough

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Full Time Maintenance Mechanic/Counter Assistance Help Wanted For Rental Business

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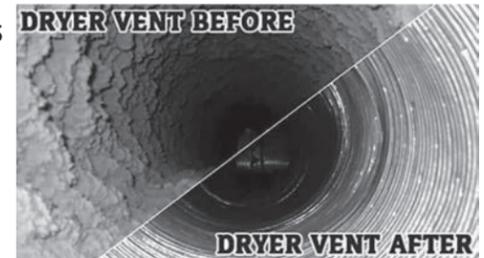
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