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Young Firefighters... This past Saturday, two of the Andover Volunteer Fire Department's youngest members, Leah and Tim O'Brien, graduated from the Connecticut Fire Academy's Introduction to the Fire Service – Advanced Skills and Concepts class. This is a week-long residency at the academy in Windsor Locks and is a follow-up to the basics class they both completed last summer. Also this past academic year, they both completed the EMT class at RHAM High School. This ceremony caps a summer where five of Andover's junior members added to their skill sets to help the community. Pictured from left are AVFD Captain Chris O'Brien (Leah and Tim's father), Leah, Tim and Chief Ron Mike Jr.

Portland Schools Aim for Stability

By Jack Lakowsky

"We've been through an interesting two years."

Between a pandemic, social upheaval, economic turmoil and a youth mental health crisis, schools face huge, unprecedented challenges. Portland Superintendent of Schools Charles Britton said this school year, starting next week, is one "where we need to regain a sense of stability."

"Last year had its ups and downs, and it wasn't quite entirely normal," he said. "This year, feeling like we're getting back to normal is key."

Britton said last year was one for recovery, and this one is a year to "figure out what to do to get back to the business of teaching and learning."

To that end, all school activities – athletics, extracurriculars – are set to go.

Britton outlined five goals. The first is promoting student wellbeing and ensuring a secure school environment.

Britton didn't say exactly if there are plans to bring in armed guards to the schools, where local police have a presence.

"It may come up," he said.

The next goal, he said, is deepening the district's understanding of social/emotional learning, making sure it provides all students a supportive environment.

"We're building programming to make kids feel loved and welcomed in school, to have access to the resources they need," he said.

Teacher teaching, he said, will be redoubled, "making sure we keep delivering high quality curriculum and assessment."

Another goal that has carried over a few years and has been a focus of Britton's administration

and the school board; continuing an ongoing commitment to equity, fulfilling the district's obligation to "bend the arc of history to justice."

"It's not about indoctrination or teaching critical race theory," he said, "it's about making sure all our students, no matter who they are, are respected, loved, cared for and given agency. Everyone has a home here."

Finally, work that will continue over the next 5-10 years, the development, and eventual implementation, of a districtwide modernization plan, work to cost \$30 million.

At a Board of Selectmen meeting earlier this month Britton said one option is reducing the number of schools by as many as two, a move entailing staff cuts.

Britton said he isn't concerned with this possibility affecting staff morale.

"There's no anxiety needed," he said. "Anything we propose won't happen this year, or next. If we make any changes it likely wouldn't be until the '24-'25 year, assuming there'll even be changes."

Britton said with the number of retirements slated for the next few years, and in general staff turnover, he's confident there won't be "cuts" per se, but positions eliminated after they are voluntarily vacated.

The ongoing youth mental health crisis has been well publicized, and Portland is as affected as any town.

"We've done a good job using local resources to bolster our mental health services," said Britton. Schools partner with the Community Health Center in Middletown and used federal money to increase its number of school counselors, psychologists, special education teach-

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New Beginning for Bobcats Football

By Josh Howard

The Bacon Academy High School football team has encountered some rough waters the last two years.

First was the COVID-19 cancellation in the fall of 2020 and then last season the bottom fell out of the boat as the Bobcats lost seven straight games before forfeiting the final three games following allegations of Title IX violations.

Enter new head coach Bill Chaffin, who brings a new attitude and fresh perspective to a program that is primed for a redemption story.

"I'm a big action guy; less words and more action," said Chaffin, who took over the program in the spring after Mark Farnsworth resigned following one year at the school.

Bacon Academy's athletic director Kevin Burke said in a statement that Chaffin "understands the importance of providing student-

athletes with a positive high school experience with a family-type atmosphere within the football program.

Chaffin "brings a wealth of football knowledge and experience as a player and coach to our football program," Burke added. "I'm excited for Bill to lead our football team with outstanding character, respect and leadership for years to come."

Chaffin comes to Colchester equipped with a vast knowledge of the game from his multiple stops around the high school and college football circles.

After earning all-state as a senior in high school playing for the Coventry/Windham Tech co-op team, Chaffin played four seasons for Southern Connecticut State University where he was an all-conference offensive lineman for

the Owls.

Following his graduation from SCSU in 2013, his coaching career began with stops at Peru State College in Nebraska and Lindenwood University-Belleveille in Illinois before returning to his roots and serving under his former high school coach and mentor, Tony Bonito, during Coventry's undefeated regular season in 2017.

Chaffin would then follow Bonito to Prince Tech in Hartford for a season, before spending the last two years as an assistant at Xavier High School.

The coaching carousel has provided Chaffin a better understanding of how he wants to approach his first head coaching gig.

During his handful of coaching ventures, he

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A 'Re-Imagined' Approach for School

By Michael Sinkewicz

With Andover Elementary School's first day approaching on Aug. 31, the top priorities for the school are emerging, along with new perspectives.

Superintendent of Schools Valerie Bruneau outlined how back-to-school preparation this year involved some of the same steps, but it also required her to think more broadly about critical issues – including school security.

Following May's mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, Bruneau began the process of "re-imagining" how Andover should be approaching general security, as well as medical emergencies.

"We see what the lesson learned was," she told the *Rivereast*.

Bruneau described how students at that school – faced with an unimaginable circumstance – attempted to call law enforcement, which was one of their main tools and immediate reactions.

However, after seeing how the response can be difficult to predict, Bruneau decided that her school needed to take steps to be better prepared.

One way to approach this, she said, was to think of additional tools from "a child's perspective."

For fifth- and sixth-graders, they will be given CPR and first aid instruction from professionals, including paramedics. She also emphasized that teachers and staff are trained in

these areas, as well, making them prepared and allowing them to be informed leaders.

Bruneau expressed that this concept and mindset has been brought up with parents, and additional information will be passed along as the school year gets underway.

The elementary school does receive assistance from a resident state trooper, but he is not there every day.

For Bruneau, the new approach is not just meant for school-related incidents or emergencies. Her hope is that this re-imagined strategy will help students in their everyday lives and instill "life skills" that they can take with back home.

"It's not just for crisis," she said. "Some kids live rurally and having that skill helps them at home."

The school is trying to take a fresh approach with a variety of items, and Bruneau expressed that Taylor Parker, who is entering her first year as the new principal, has been helpful with bringing in that mindset.

"It's been great," Bruneau said. "[Parker] brings a new perspective, especially post-COVID."

She credits Parker with the ability to rethink normal plans and working together to come up with the best ideas.

Bruneau said Parker brings a "change of experience" that allows a variety of perspectives to be introduced.

Formerly an assistant principal in Vernon, Parker is ready to get started in her new role in and began settling in during the summer.

"It's been very exciting getting to know the staff and community," she told the *Rivereast* last week.

Parker described that having the students be 100% in-person learning would bring back a sense of normalcy for students.

Bruneau expressed that in her mind, there's a sense of returning to normal, but that it doesn't exactly describe her personal view.

Since the fall of 2020, she said that the majority of students were still attending school in-person full-time.

While that aspect may not be that different, the pandemic has also made Bruneau reconsider certain aspects of learning.

"We learned to look at things different," she said. "It makes you rethink what's important."

As a result, a "new normal" has been established, which Bruneau believes is good, but it also takes time to adjust to and evolve as a school.

She expressed that social emotional learning was something that is beginning to be integrated into everyday learning – but they have to figure out exactly how to do that and the most

effective avenues to pursue.

"We were able to focus on things we should've been measuring," said Bruneau, who emphasized that social emotional lessons or facets weren't previously considered.

There are new programs and approaches that will be incorporated more this year at the elementary school.

Bruneau stated that i-Ready – online assessment and instruction for math and reading – will be used.

She expressed that unlike some other schools, the elementary school will be fully staffed, which she is grateful for.

Like Parker, pointed out that a back-to-school event on Sept. 22 will hopefully bring the school community together, and allow parents to meet staff and be served dinner.

Last year, the event brought in hundreds of people, according to Bruneau – something she hopes to duplicate.

Parker said it was a chance to "bring the school to life."

Bruneau said she is ready for the year to begin and said she's seen teachers putting the final touches on their classrooms as she walks by, confirming that they're in good shape.

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AHM Awards Honor Community Pillars

By Jack Lakowsky

For nearly 20 years Andover, Hebron, Marlborough Youth and Family Services (AHM) has hosted an annual golf tournament at Blackledge Country Club.

The 2022 tournament, according to a letter from AHM fund development director Joel Rosenberg, set a participation record, women and young people included.

At the July afternoon celebration, AHM gave two awards to leaders who've supported the organization wholeheartedly.

Marlborough's Louise Concodello, a member of many local boards including the school board, received the Theodore Armata Leadership Award, recognized for her 30 years of service. She accepted the award at a barbecue in late July.

"Thank you for your years of encouragement, your enthusiasm and your commitment to this work," wrote Rosenberg and AHM executive director Teresa Giordano. "Thank you for your decades of service in the field of early childhood, serving generations of children from this region."

Concodello previously ran a local daycare center.

The other award recipients were Hebron Town

Manager Andy Tierney and Hebron's Director of Administrative Services Donna Lanza, receiving an award named for the late Howard Dean, a former Marlborough first selectperson.

AHM honored the pair for their commitment to building strong inter-town relationships.

The 2022 charity golf tournament raised over \$23,000 for AHM programs like family counseling, recovery groups for young adults, family resource center programs, performing arts programs, mentoring, programs for seniors and more.

Youth Baseball Fall Registration

RHAM Youth Baseball fall registration closes soon. Families residing in Hebron, Andover and Marlborough should visit www.rhamyouthbaseball.org to create a profile and register their children. Registration will close Sept. 1.

RHAM Youth Baseball has a scholarship fund for families that have experienced a financial hardship. Contact league treasurer Eric May at ericmay51@gmail.com for more information.

Congregational Church News

Andover Congregational Church, UCC, located at 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m. 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. The **Foodshare Van** comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Aug. 31. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Sept. 7.

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.

Route 6 Prayer Card: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-6 p.m. All are invited to stop by to receive free drive-thru prayer.

National Back to Church Sunday: Sept. 18, 10 a.m. Children's church will begin, and there will be a potluck lunch following the morning worship service.

Annual Steak Dinner

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department's annual steak dinner will be Saturday, Sept. 24, from 5-7 p.m., at the firehouse on School Road. This meal includes sirloin steak, baked potato, salad, fresh-baked bread, beverages and dessert. Eat-in or takeout.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased from any member on Wednesday evenings at the firehouse, or by calling Deputy Chief Mindy Hegener at 860-706-3074 or Chief Ron Mike at 860-335-0264. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Farmers Market Sept. 7

The next Andover Farmers Market will be Wednesday, Sept. 7, 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 market after this one will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, with the final market on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Nov. 5 market will include crafters.

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ers and a behavior analyst.

"We have the resources to support kids," he said.

Precautions against covid, Britton said, are now largely up to "personal responsibility and common sense," a stark departure from the last two years, each of which started with masks required.

Just about all pandemic protocols have been relaxed this year.

"We're now treating COVID like other diseases," said Britton.

Excitingly for the community, schools selected a firm to drum up conceptual work for the high school track, long in disrepair. Britton predicted physical work would begin sometime in the late spring or early summer of 2023.

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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

There are three sure-fire signs that fall in the way: Octoberfest beers in the package store, pumpkin muffins at Dunkin' Donuts, and the new school year starting up.

And while I could talk forever about Octoberfest beers (overrated) and pumpkin muffins (also overrated? Sorry not sorry), this is the back-to-school issue of the *Rivereast*, so I'll be focusing on the academics today.

Throughout this week's paper, you'll see stories from each of our towns about the new school year starting up. Previews of upcoming sports seasons are here too, as are the guidelines for free and reduced-price lunches.

So it's a good time to share some other related information. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) recently sent me some tips on how prevent emergencies and keep children safe – both in and out of the classroom.

"Take the time to schedule necessary medical appointments and discuss important safety information with children, no matter how old they are," said Dr. Gillian Schmitz, president of ACEP. "A little bit of planning ahead can help keep children as safe as possible throughout the school year."

The tips are:

Get Vaccinated. Vaccines help protect classmates, families, and education professionals from getting or spreading COVID-19 or other viruses, the ACEP said. Safe and effective COVID vaccines are available for children ages 6 months and up. Peak flu season is around the corner; the beginning of the school year is the right time to make sure children get a flu shot and other vaccinations recommended by a physician.

Schedule routine check-ups and keep medical information current. Prioritize appointments for medical and dental check-ups before school starts, if possible. Be sure to update a child's medical history, including current prescriptions, medical issues, and family health history. Take steps to ensure that any necessary emergency medications, such as EpiPens for severe allergic reactions, are available in school and at home.

Create an Emergency Action Plan. Teach children how to call for help in an emergency and who to contact. Emergency contact information should be accessible right next to each telephone in the home. Encourage children to learn when to call 911 and teach them to give their name, address, and a brief description of the problem to appropriate health or safety officials. Parents of children with known health issues, such as asthma or allergies, should work with the school nurse and appropriate physicians or caregivers so that everyone knows what to do if an emergency occurs.

Avoid Common Injuries. Reduce the chance of a playground injury by teaching children proper etiquette and safe play behavior. Injuries from overstuffed backpacks are common and emergency physicians suggest that students wear both shoulder straps to avoid neck or back strain. From 2017 to 2019, an estimated annual average of 7,500 children under 19 years old were treated in the emergency department for a backpack-related injury, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Before participating in a sport or recreational activity, children should complete a routine physical examination.

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Bulletin Board

We hear a lot about technology these days—the impact of the computer on modern life, iPads in the schools, laser eye surgery—and yet it seems to me that some of the truly heroic advances in civilization's never-ending march are all too frequently overlooked.

What would we do, for instance, without the Ronco pocket fisherman—a fishing rod that actually fits in your pocket? Or those amazing binocular spectacles they sell on TV? Or the legendary Garden Weasel tool or those cool little cutting gadgets that transform a radish into a floral rosette that is a culinary work of art.

Most of us can come up with the name of the guy who invented the telephone, but how many of you can name the inventor of the Dial-O-Matic Food Slicer, which will "slice your onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, sweet potatoes, squash, and other vegetables incredibly thin. You can even use it to shred cabbage for coleslaw, or make hundreds of potatoes into French fries in minutes. Use it for salads, snacks, and all recipes that call for sliced vegetables or fruits! The perfect gift!" (The inventor's name, by the way, was Ron Popeil.)

Ah, yes, sing of your complicated phone apps and the CERN atom smasher and other wonders. I prefer technology I can understand. Where are the honors for the inventions of Ron Popeil and his fellow geniuses?

Allow me to cite a few candidates for my list of "Inventions You Can Actually Understand and that Changed the World as We Know It." (This is a title in progress, by the way.)

The Spork: The "spork," of course, is that legendary cross between a plastic spoon and a fork, the result being a sort of toothed spoon that allows you to eat soup and fried fish without the bother of changing eating utensils. There are those who mock this hermaphrodite of eating utensils as lacking class. Such critics fail to take into account the fact that the spork is not only the greatest advance in eating utensils since the spoon replaced the burned hand as a soup ladle, it is also among our safest eating utensils: sporks are especially well regarded in high security prisons and in families where sibling rivalry runs high.

Liquid Leather: It is a little known fact that Liquid Leather—the stuff you goop onto a hole in a leather seat or jacket to make an invisible repair—has been responsible for saving countless lives through the years. Among those lives was one of my boyhood friends, who burned a hole in his father's car seat with a carelessly discarded cigarette. A nearly invisible repair with Liquid Leather ensured that he survived to attend college, where he met a young lady from Buffalo and managed to get into a situation even Liquid Leather couldn't resolve. (More on that some other time.)

The Toilet Paper Roll: The evolution of the toilet paper roll is almost too painful to contemplate, progressing as it has from reliance on whatever vegetation was at hand, to corn crop byproducts, to Sears & Roebucks catalogs and finally to the luxury we enjoy today. What unknown hero, sitting in deep contemplation, came up with the idea of putting toilet tissue on a convenient roll? In one flash of creative brilliance, he (or she) created the cornerstone of what many of us today like to think of as true "quality time."

The Pop-Top Beer Can: There are those among us who remember a time when the only way to access the contents of a beer can was with a special opener that punched a triangular-shaped hole through the top. People often went on picnics and forgot the can opener (resulting in severe lacerations and even tooth loss among desperate celebrants resorting to less efficient alternative devices).

Inebriated fishermen had a tendency to drop the can opener overboard, which resulted in unnecessary drownings. Partygoers who had indulged in too much drink sometimes mistook the top of their hand for a beer can. The pop-top changed all that. It's so easy to use, a child could do it (and, as our weekly police report indicates, sometimes they do).

Coleslaw: I realize there are people out there who really like coleslaw. Not being one of them, I still must congratulate the inventor on finding a viable use for cabbage—it gives me something to throw at the seagulls when I go out for seafood.

Incidentally, to come full circle, the spork makes an excellent catapult for slinging coleslaw.

Jim Hallas

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Congrats, Cadets!... Pictured with Colchester Fire Chief Steve Hoffmann are fire cadets Lt. Matthew LaRosa and Capt. Gina Didato, who graduated from the Connecticut Fire Academy's week-long Advanced Skills and Concepts class on Aug. 20. This advanced class built on skills learned last year in the introduction class. At graduation, the class put on a demonstration by responding to a simulated call involving fire, vehicle extrication, standpipe operations and high-angle rope rescue.

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Thanks for Lunch

To the Editor:

On behalf of the residents of the East Hampton Housing Authority, we would like to thank Hope Church and all of the volunteers who came and provided a barbecue lunch and fellowship at both our Chatham Acres and Bellwood Court locations on Saturday, Aug. 13. The weather was perfect to enjoy the delicious food, play games and socialize! We are grateful for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,
Sheryl Dougherty, BSW
Resident Services Coordinator
East Hampton Housing Authority

Greenhouse Equity

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Mike Greenhouse for stepping up and showing his true colors – ego-centric and self-centered as they may be, a solid member of the "Me" Generation – and sharing his quote "We can take all of the COVID money and blindly dump it into a senior center." I shook my head when I read it but I was reminded of how the Board of Education and the "bleacher" parents hijacked the town meeting budget process in 2021 until they passed the spending package they needed to make themselves feel good. Private schools can cost around \$13k to send your child; here in Andover we spend \$22k per student.

Andover's foundation came from the "elders" who were here before my arrival 30 years

ago. It was a middle-class, mostly blue-collar town with conservative spending. We did, however, finance many quality projects: the fire department complex, multiple renovations to the elementary school and of course the majestic multimillion-dollar RHAM project. It's time to return that support so we who have been paying in for decades can get our much-needed and deserved senior/community center. The seniors were housed – if you can call it that – in a decrepit, mold-infested building for years; a building, Mr. Greenhouse, you would have never allowed your children to enter.

Now you're so shallow that you have the audacity to make such an insulting statement yet claim that you're not "anti-senior." You speak with forked tongue. You also advocate eliminating the town budget meeting and the voting rights that go with it but I'm sure that you're opposed to bifurcation which would clearing show how much and what percentage of the yearly budget goes to education. As for the referendum costing \$4K you had better check your sources on that one as well – I'd call that "fake news."

Don Denley – Andover

Time for a Plan B

To the Editor:

Last week's *Rivereast* left me grateful for the continued and growing support in opposition to the proposed Public Works at 17 Kinney Rd. Unfortunately, it also left me dismayed by the comments of our town leaders. The article "Next Steps with Public Works Building Pro-

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posal” by Michael Sinkewicz featured several surprising statements. Among them was that the town agrees the information on the proposed Public Works facility on their website is difficult to navigate, but will not provide clarification. This was followed by the revelation that the town has “new information,” but “did not want to reveal the exact information.” But perhaps most shocking was the incomprehensible statement, “We don’t have a Plan B.”

All of this comes after the town received the report by its own archeologist and a letter from the State Historic Preservation Office requesting additional research as the property may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The opportunity to receive this distinguished designation should be celebrated and eagerly pursued by our town leaders. Even a brief investigation into the history of this pristine landscape offers many connections to an important past. This land connects the Mohegan sachem Attawanhood, Hebron’s first colonial settlers, enslaved and free African Americans, including Henry Peters the son of the noted Cesar Peters, Hon. Sylvester Gilbert and his successful children with hearing loss.

It is time to search for a Plan B. In fact, an alternative is found in the 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development, page 178, where “added efficiencies” could be achieved by combining storage and maintenance functions for PW and Parks and Rec. at Burnt Hill. If the town would only take the time to listen, I am sure there are many other options available. Please visit Kinney Road Matters on Facebook and #Save17.

Sincerely,
Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston

Thank You, Everyone!

To the Editor:
On behalf of Portland Youth & Family Services, the Town of Portland, and everyone we serve in town, I would like to thank you for the generous donations that we receive throughout the year. Most of these donations are received anonymously through local United Way chapters or Frontstream. We have also received donations from groups like the CT Society of Santas, Michael Beck’s calendar fundraiser, High School Capstone projects, The Community Foundation of Middlesex County, and many other individual donors.

We thank you all for your generosity and support! We love to hear from you, and like to learn about your ideas for programs or events we can run and what Portland needs that we can help with. You can contact me at jrevicki@portland-ct.org or 860-342-6758.

Thank you,
Jesse Revicki, Administrator
Portland Youth & Family Services

Best Show in Town

To the Editor:
The best show in town is watching MAGA herd contortionists struggle mightily to present Trump as a victim of a progressive-left witch hunt. Ed Kozlowski, Don Denley and Sam Prentice grow increasingly shrill and wacky, painting themselves deeper into corners from which there is no escape. They are clueless that the FBI is an extremely conservative and Republican-majority bureau. Trump appointed the current director. Every past director had Republican credentials and bona fides. It’s the only federal law enforcement agency never to have had a woman or person of color lead it. Yet to MAGA simplicios, it’s time to shut the FBI down. Go for it, guys!
The FBI should have been to Mar-a-Lago a long time ago, and not waited months before retrieving stolen top secret files. They probably don’t have all of them yet. Because Trump, a pathological narcissist, is only another scavenger seagull portrayed in the movie *Finding Nemo* – endlessly squawking “Mine, mine, mine, mine, mine, ad nauseam. “My generals.” “My presidency.” “My secret files.”
The same for climate change. MAGA misfits with their far-right beer goggles still think their

CO2 mistress is winsome. Future sobriety must be avoided at all cost, lest they have to face the uncomfortable truth and resulting humiliation for all the nonsense they sent in to Rivereast, extolling CO2’s virtues.

At National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., before questions are read to the middle or high school students, they and their answers are publicly vetted in a room filled with scientists and professors from all over the country, experts tasked with pre-reading and then challenging any they disagree with. Once logic, knowledge, facts and articulation are brought to bear, group consensus remedies the errors. But MAGA pseudo-scientists? Ignorance, bias and Fox News addictions keep them perpetual bedfellows with ‘Flat Earthers’.

Edmund Smith – Andover

Thanks for the Muffins

To the Editor:
I would like to thank the Flour Girl Bakery in Hebron for supporting us by delivering free corn muffins for inclusion in the American Legion Post 95 in Hebron grilled chicken dinners on Saturday, the 20th. The bakery is our good next door neighbor.

Michael Kovacs – Amston

Dangerous Diatribes

To the Editor:
There are varying levels of danger in recent diatribes.

At the lowest level we have the tripe Ed Kozlowski writes. He can do little more than hurl insults and invent his own facts. He’s so absurd that his diatribes are mostly humorous.

Don Denley’s diatribe is different. A former government official stole top-secret material when vacating his office. In any other case, conservatives would be calling for his head. But because the official is Donald Trump, Mr. Denley attributes it all to politics. Never before, he said, has a president been so mistreated. Well, never before has a president been so deceitful and traitorous. This diatribe is an attack on the rule of law, a fundamental tenet of our democracy. (His comments on guns are of less concern; they’re simply lies. The past 15 years of my letters are online. You can check for yourself if I ever suggested confiscating guns: <http://letters.sauyet.com/#/search/gun>. If he doesn’t think an individual right to bear arms includes tanks, it’s up to him to explain where to draw the line: cap guns, AR-15s, howitzers, nukes, where?)

As usual, Sam Prentice is in an entirely different category. His diatribes threaten the existence of a livable planet. His claim: “We need more CO2, not less.” He wants you to think that he’s an island of sanity in an ocean of madness. All paranoid people think that. The overwhelming majority of scientists believe that our release of greenhouses gasses, especially CO2, is heating our planet at an alarming rate; I’ll believe them unless Mr. Prentice demonstrates amazing credentials. He tells us that CO2 levels used to be higher. That’s true, back when solar radiation was weaker and all life was single-celled. If

he’s trying to hearken back to those times, then he’s the most dangerous of the lot.

Sincerely,
Scott Sauyet – Andover

A Democratic Duck

To the Editor:
Last week, Marlborough Selectman Deb Bourbeau chastised the *Rivereast* for referring to her as a Democrat. Well, in spite of Deb Bourbeau claiming throughout the spring campaign that she was “Unaffiliated,” she ran on the Democratic ticket, running side by side with Democrat Betty O’Brien. And according to state statutes, when you are elected to office after running on a political party’s ticket, that seat is associated and designated as belonging to that political party.

And then there is Deb Bourbeau’s performance since taking office in May. Deb has voted lock step with Amy Traversa and Betty O’Brien, including her party line 3-2 vote to enable Amy’s power grab of the Board of Selectmen’s chairman spot and with that, Amy claiming the position of Acting Town Manager. Amy then literally kicked the elected first selectman, Greg Lowrey, out of his office at Town Hall. Furthermore, when discussing the selection of members for the Town Manager Search Committee, Deb Bourbeau insisted on having the individual Selectmen hand pick members, while tossing applications from other interested persons into the old circular file.

So, for Deb Bourbeau to continue to claim that she is an “Unaffiliated” and “independent” Selectman is being extremely disingenuous. I would say that when someone walks like a Democratic duck and quacks like a Democratic duck..... that person is a Democratic duck. To claim otherwise is simply quackers.

Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough
Note: Hjulstrom is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance, but said he is writing as an individual.

20% Insurance Increase?

To the Editor:
Last Monday, Aug. 15, I spent the day at the Connecticut Legislative Office building in Hartford where the State Insurance Commissioner heard requests from health insurance carriers on why they think they need a 20% increase in health insurance premiums. I gave testimony on why the proposal must be rejected!

Insurance companies have requested rate increases averaging 20.4%. Insurers claim this proposed hike is a result of the rising costs of healthcare and pharmaceuticals, but it comes at a time when we are already facing the highest inflation rates in 40 years.

Everyone in attendance lambasted the insurance representatives for the audacity to request such an increase when they are enjoying records profits, CEO’s earn tens of millions of dollars, and several companies had record stock buyback programs – all on the backs small business and the middle class.

My testimony included these points:

-- Small businesses are having a difficult time with rising cost of goods across the board
-- Businesses may have to switch to higher deductible plans or not offer health insurance
-- High deductible plans make healthcare inaccessible to the average person who can’t afford thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket expense

-- Small business owners typically buy on the open market; this increase would be a deterrent to starting a new business in the state

-- In Marlborough, where I’m the chair of the Board of Education, we are part of a health insurance consortium and our rates for the upcoming year went down by over 6%! If our group can do it then certainly the big companies can

I made it clear to the commissioner that this rate increase must be rejected!

When elected as your representative, I will keep fighting to make health insurance accessible and affordable for everyone. Health care isn’t a privilege, it’s a right!

Regards,
Wes Skorski – Marlborough
Candidate, 55th Assembly District

Note: Skorski is also chair of the Marlborough Board of Education, but said he is speaking as a citizen.

Whoever Smelt It...

To the Editor:

The United Nations recently unveiled its “thinkbeforesharing” campaign where it declared war on “conspiracy theories” and put out a whole media packet and series of infographics to aid both the public and the press in their ability to see through these “worrying and dangerous” views. They partnered with the European Commission and the World Jewish Congress to let us all know that there isn’t a secret group of elites that control the world’s politics, media, and banking. Although conspiracy theories aren’t new, they have been growing in popularity over the last couple of years as powerful political and corporate interests have colluded to lock down the populace, force liability free injections, and stifle or censor all dissent. It’s good to know that people in the highest halls of power are focused on saving us from alternative information that portrays them in extremely unflattering light. Hallelujah!

The infographics illustrate what a conspiracy theory is, encourages you to examine your own beliefs, gives you methods to prebunk/debunk outlandish theories, and encourages you to report them to the proper authorities if you hear people talking about them. They also warn us that many of these theories are actually deeply rooted in anti-Semitism and to not question the motives of the Rothschild’s, George Soros, or the State of Israel...because doing so would be hateful!

It’s all sort of weird, that so much effort and attention is being spent to help squash such “outlandish ideas”. Why are the powers that be so worried about the ideas of a bunch of nutters? The people in charge have control of the

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money, the media, and the levers of power but are still threatened by half-baked tales of political innuendo and bioweapon lab intrigue? Seems strange, but take a look for yourself at en.unesco.org/themes/gced/thinkbeforesharing.

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

Facts are Stubborn Things

To the Editor:

Several recent letters are either misleading or purposely ignoring reality.

Fact: Congressional hearings are not trials. There are no cross examinations. They only gather data to understand what has occurred in hopes of preventing future problems. This is simply misleading.

Fact: there was no raid. no panty-raid, no fishing expedition, no invasion. There was a court order to retrieve government property purposely withheld by the ex-president. This was a democratic process, not a Communist-like action.

Don Denley and Ed Kozlowski rant and rave continually about the Donald and how much he is abused. They are purposely ignoring reality.

Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland

No Plan B?

To the Editor:

As a local historian, I have strongly advocated that Hebron preserve significant historical features of the Horton properties, the proposed site of the new Public Works Complex. This does not preclude development, but ensures historic features are not needlessly bulldozed and lost, like Burnt Hill Park, and replaced with a mega-complex with a 20-year lifespan.

Statements made by Hebron's town manager, Andrew Tierney, that the PW "proposal is not only necessary but also the only viable option" ... "we don't have a Plan B," immediately raised other concerns. If this is true, Hebron's government has failed to plan adequately. Not having a Plan B or viable alternatives lacks common sense, foresight, and just good project planning. Despite having a professional town planner and an extensive zoning plan to oversee this initiative, the town has miscarried a critical responsibility by not including alternative sites. What if the concerns/problems that have already arisen cannot be resolved? What will happen to this facility in 20 years, when it is no longer adequate or relevant?

Town government needing to hire a public relations consultant to sell this proposal to the voting public as the "only viable option" also underscores this mismanagement. Hiring a PR consultant will also use taxpayers' dollars.

Withholding "new information" from tax-

payers until the September 19th Public Hearing contradicts the democratic obligation of our Selectmen being "agents of the people". Citizens are entitled to information. This information should be released now.

The admission of these realities reframes the question for September's public hearing. The question is no longer How the Horton property should be used, but rather How did the Hebron government so misuse its authority to plan for this PW project inadequately? Hebron citizens deserve an explanation!

John Baron – Hebron

Pronouns

To the Editor:

As a retired vet, I try to stay active. I recently came across an interesting statement: "The American Federation of Teachers Unions promotes a method for teachers to help kids change their pronouns without parents knowing."

As a former student and educator, I see teachers as only people who are paid to teach a subject. They do not rank higher than parents or families of students.

Pat Kelly – Colchester

Budget Transparency

To the Editor:

Colchester selectmen Denise Turner (D) and Jason LaChapelle (R) may not have a lot in common politically, but they both deserve credit for standing up for fiscal transparency at last week's Board of Selectmen meeting.

This month, the town's new finance director warned the Board of Finance that they had used outdated numbers when calculating the fuel budget. The numbers used to plan the town's 2022-23 fuel spending were clearly from before the dramatic rise in prices we've all been feeling since winter. The result was a potential \$100,000 hole in the latest budget they planned to send to referendum.

In a 4-2 party-line vote, the BOF's Republican majority disregarded her warnings and forwarded the budget as-is to the selectmen – the board responsible for sending the budget to town meeting and referendum. According to the town charter, it is also the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen to ensure at town meeting that voters can review "a summary of each department's proposed budget and the **amount estimated to be actually expended in the current fiscal year**." The decision to knowingly forward false numbers made it impossible for the BOS to fulfill its obligations under the charter.

Denise and Jason did the right thing and voted against sending these imaginary numbers to town meeting. Now, BOF will have to actu-

ally tell us how it plans to address the shortfall. In doing so, they guaranteed that voters will be given the full picture before being asked to approve a town budget.

There's been a lot of division in this town lately, but Jason and Denise showed that it is still possible for Democrats and Republicans to work together toward common-sense solutions for Colchester. For that, they both deserve our thanks.

Bernie Dennler – Colchester

Barriers

To the Editor:

"We cannot ignore these problems any longer. The biggest barrier to clean water in our country today is not chemical, physical or financial, it's political. Our political system has run amok and is taking down our most precious resource-water. This is not business as usual. We are at a turning point where we all need to fight before there's not a drop of water left to drink. Our issues are about right versus wrong, not left versus right. From the crisis in Flint, Mich., to the toxic water discharges from Lake Okeechobee in Florida, the root cause is always a politically driven process. When the community and the consumers are actively involved and armed with the knowledge of what's truly happening with their water and allowed to participate in the process, real change and progress can happen.

"More often than not, decisions are made by those who have the most to gain or the most to lose. The community that will ultimately be dumped on or the consumers who are forced to drink dangerous water are often not a part of the process, cut out by powerful corporations and big lobby dollars. In almost all of these cases, facts get twisted and misinformation campaigns are launched. Yes, these issues are complicated, but all of us in the United States must take no-

tice, become educated and become engaged. We cannot wait around any longer while our government continues to pander to special interest groups. This is not a partisan issue, it's a human rights issue. ... Our environmental policies have been seriously forgotten, rolled back and de-prioritized.... agencies we thought were looking out for us have been looking the other way."

-- Erin Brockovich

"... it's not only permissible to question our elected leaders, it's our responsibility." – Joe Stevens

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

Gone are the Barn Swallows

To the Editor:

Adios fair friend. You'll return when spring is in the air and next year's crop of flying insects are numerous. But dear barn swallow, how do you know when to start your yearly winged journey to Central America?

You gave me the pleasure of two broods. The second was robust and fast-paced. You tended your nestlings well and they fledged. But they didn't camp out at night in the barn. Usually there are rows of fledglings sleeping on the upper wires. Nestlings a short time ago are brothers and sisters in flight. You scolded them to fly and get strong. You practiced endlessly squawking and twittering whilst circling the skies in aerobic flight.

Then, one late morning you had your annual "Swallow convention", a rather noisy event on the roof of the barn. I knew what that meant. It is time to start the journey south. Parents become coaches and lead the way. I would think this could be a human comparison. It is like asking a 2-year-old child to hike the Appalachian Trail!

How do these small avian wonders know when to start their journey? Can they "feel" at-

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Prioritize Safety When Traveling To and From School. Any child that bikes, rides a scooter, or skateboard should wear a helmet that meets safety standards to reduce the risk of injury. Make sure that children who take the bus are taught the safest way to enter and exit a school bus, use a crosswalk, and pay close attention to traffic signals. Choose the most direct route with intersections that have crossing guards whenever possible, and establish a consistent, safe, and visible pick up and drop off spot. Don't text and walk, especially when crossing streets. A distracted pedestrian can quickly be in danger, just like a distracted driver.

Ultimately, following these simple tips could prevent a lot of heartache later on down the line.

"Fortunately, most school-related injuries are preventable," said Schmitz. "As parents and students prepare for a return to the classroom, health and safety should be a priority on everyone's back-to-school list."

In some non-school-related news, a local promoter is bringing an "exceptional" guitarist, James Oliver, across the Atlantic to play a high-energy performance. It will be part of Oliver's U.S. debut.

Rivereast reporter Jack Lakowsky wrote

about Oliver's appearance last week. But frankly it seems so cool I think it bears repeating. Oliver will perform from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at the Farm at Carter Hill, 86 East Hampton Rd. For tickets visit Eventbrite.com and search "James Oliver." For more information call 860-558-8165 or email grholley01@yahoo.com.

Oliver is from South Wales, and this will be his American debut. He'll be making other appearances that weekend in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Oliver plays a mix of blues, rockabilly, rock-n-roll and country. Giles Robson, a multi-award-winning blues harmonica icon from the UK, called Oliver "one of the UK's most revered and incredible next generation guitar masters."

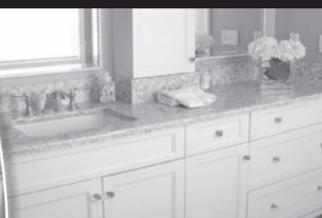
These sentiments were echoed by John Leckie, the legendary producer for John Lennon, Pink Floyd and Sammy Hagar who called Oliver the "best guitarist in the UK."

Oliver was named the 2020 "UK Emerging Artists of the Year" at the UK Blues Awards. So if you love live music and you're looking for something to do Sept. 4, you might want to head on over to the Farm at Carter Hill. It sounds like you'll be in for a treat.

See you next week.

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atmospheric disturbances that could potentially throw them off-course? A tail wind to Central America would certainly be advantageous, wouldn't it? The ultimate Nantucket sleigh ride in the sky.

Now Orion has risen in the East. The mornings are silent and still. The noise of the Barn Swallow is no more. Autumn is fast approaching.

And I, who does the same routine 365 days a year tending the horses, feel a seasonal change in the air too. Or maybe the barn swallows lead me to that conclusion with our complementary morning rituals. Thank you swallows for the show, the endless gliding and steeply banked turns. We are both pilots and truly you inspire me to fly again.

Alison Walck – East Hampton

A Bit of History

To the Editor:

A bit of history – from 19 Aug 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler. On 19 Aug 1934, Adolf Hitler, already chancellor, is also elected president of Germany in an unprecedented consolidation of power in the short history of the republic.

"In 1932 German President Paul von Hindenburg had won re-election as president but had lost a considerable portion of his right/conservative support to the Nazi Party. Those close to the president wanted a cozier relationship to Hitler and the Nazis. Hindenburg had contempt for the Nazis lawlessness but ultimately agreed

to oust his chancellor, Heinrich Brüning, for Franz Von Papen, who was willing to appease the Nazis by lifting the ban on Hitler's Brown Shirts.

But Hitler was not appeased. He wanted the chancellorship for himself. Papen's policies failed on another front: His authoritarian rule alienated his supporters, and he too was forced to resign. He then made a common cause with Hitler, persuading President Hindenburg to appoint Hitler chancellor and himself vice-chancellor. He promised the president that he would restrain Hitler's worst tendencies and that a majority of the Cabinet would go to non-Nazis. As Hindenburg's current chancellor could no longer gain a majority in the Reichstag, and Hitler could bring together a larger swath of the masses and a unified right/conservative/nationalist coalition, the president gave in. In January 1933, Hitler was named chancellor of Germany. But that was not enough for Hitler either." The text is quoted from history.com.

More to come and my own thoughts on the matter. Maybe I might learn something.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Manning – Andover

Reminiscing

To the Editor:

Reminiscing on senior citizen's day (Aug. 21):

Getting old isn't all it's cracked up to be. Some people think our adventure is done, but we feel that it's only just starting. In this new chapter of our lives, we enjoy being able to say

whatever the heck is on our minds. We know that we can get into mischief and pretend that we forgot what we did. Instead of taking care of everyone else, we get taken care of. Our children that used to be a twinkle in our eye are now starting to make us feel proud. We feel proud of our senior veterans who helped build the world we have and keep our freedom. We feel good about handing down the things we accomplished in our lives to the next generation. We get to enjoy life because we don't know how much life we have left. When we were younger, we wish we had known all the joy life has to offer. We really enjoyed growing old, but we don't recommend it.

Mary McMurray, Don Standish
and Pauline Wirzbicki
on behalf of the residents
at Complete Care at
Harrington Court Colchester

Questionable Decision

To the Editor:

My family has long supported our volunteer East Hampton Ambulance Association. However, I was quite dismayed on July 7 when my mother fainted at our Town Hall and laid there for 40 minutes before an East Hampton ambulance arrived.

I am very grateful to the Town Hall employees who tended to her so well during this lengthy period of time.

I assumed the delay was in assembling an EMT crew to travel the 2.5 miles to the Town Hall.

Surprisingly, what I learned regarding the lapse of time told a very different story – one that we should all find disturbing.

In fact, the delay was actually because one of our two ambulances was on "loan" to East Haddam! So, an East Haddam EMT was responsible for getting our ambulance from that town to ours ... a total of 11 miles. Our other ambulance was out on another call. Meanwhile, my mother lay on the floor unresponsive for a good while.

While I appreciate the mutual aid that all our surrounding towns participate in, I find "loaning" one of only two East Hampton ambulances to any town to be a questionable decision. It should be noted that the ambulance was "on loan" for more than a week.

Had this been a life-or-death situation the outcome would have been gravely different. I think the residents of East Hampton deserve access to their ambulances first.

Sincerely,
Lori Lanzi – East Hampton
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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.

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. In August, worship services are held upstairs in the air-conditioned Thienes Lounge. A separate area is set aside for children and activity bags are available. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided downstairs in the nursery; however, children are always welcome at the worship service.

Aug. 28: Worship will be led by Christian Education Director Gwen Lawson along with several youth. Her sermon title is "Where's My Helper?"

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 reopen for the fall season on Sept. 9; however, appointments to shop 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 at 860-295-9050.

School Starts Aug. 31

Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School in Marlborough will open on Wednesday, Aug. 31. School hours are: Grades K-6: 8:35 a.m.-3:05 p.m.; Morning Pre-K: 8:15-11 a.m. (M, T, Th, F); Afternoon Pre-K: 12:15-3 p.m. (M-F).

Registration of New Students: New residents with children entering the elementary school are asked to register them before the first day of school. The school office is open from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer. Families registering children for school (K-6) are required to provide proof of their child's age, most recent physical, immunization record and proof of residency.

Transportation: Bus schedules are posted on the school website, www.marlborough.k12.ct.us. The school arranges transportation to and from the child's home address. If transportation will be different from the home address, please contact the school as early as possible so adjustments can be made before school starts. This includes children attending MECCA. Families must notify the school office in writing whenever a child will be picked up from school. The note must include the child's full name, the teacher's name, the full name of the person picking up the child, and the full legal signature of the parent/guardian. Anyone picking up a child from school may be asked for a photo ID.

Health Assessments: All students entering the school for the first time (such as kindergarteners or new students) must have the blue

State of Connecticut Health Assessment Record on file with the school nurse before the start of school. Incoming kindergarten children must have all immunizations completed prior to the first day of school. Call the health room at 860-295-6225 with any questions or medical concerns.

School Supplies: Classroom supply lists are available on the school website.

School Cafeteria: Money for meals, snacks and bottled water may be sent to the Marlborough School Lunch Program (checks should be made to Marlborough School Lunch Program, with your child's name and ID number on the envelope). Free or reduced-price meal application completion for Marlborough Elementary School (applications available at the school office or on the school's website) provides Marlborough Public School information to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches and other programs. (i.e., Season of Sharing in December, field trip assistance). Information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Families can also use MySchoolBucks.com, an online payment system that allows families to deposit funds via a credit card into student meal accounts. Through this online system, families are automatically notified by email when the meal account goes below \$20.00 to allow time to replenish the account before no funds remain.

For more information, call the school office at 860-295-6220.



Marlborough's local festival makes its long-awaited return this Sunday at 11 a.m. at Blish Park, rain or shine, coming back with exciting new prizes and giveaways.

Marlborough Day to Return Sunday

By Jack Lakowsky

After a four-year hiatus, Marlborough Day returns Sunday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Blish Park, with "all the activities that people gave some to know and love," said Jessica Olander, event planner.

Olander is president of the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce, which includes Glastonbury, East Hartford and Marlborough.

Olander said locals can expect live entertainment, food trucks, booths with the area's "beloved" civic organizations and town commissions.

"We really put a focus on our kids area this year, that's always popular," Olander said. Return attractions include the roaming, trackless railroad, and a prize walk. This year Marshall the Fire Dog, from the popular *Paw Patrol* kids' show, will be there to discuss fire safety tips.

Olander expects the festival to return to exactly what it was before the hiatus, which resulted from a mix of the pandemic and Marlborough's joining the river valley chamber.

Entry is free, she said and there are some

amazing door prizes, a stand-up paddleboard of a full membership to the Glenbrook Sports Center in East Hartford, a \$1,300 dollar value.

Already looking ahead to next year, Olander said she hopes for more activities, more vendors, and plans to get the word out sooner.

Craig Robinson, event chair, said Marlborough Day has been held on and off for the last 30 years, and has always been a day of fun and pleasure, even in inclement weather.

"It looks like Mother Nature is gonna be kind to us this year," he said. "It'll be comfortable for people to get out for a few hours, go down to the lake, take in the festivities, the fire department water spouting, the train and a lot of local associations."

Robinson owns It's So Ranunculus Flower Shoppe on North Main Street.

Robinson praised Olander's work, calling her highly organized.

"Ownership of the whole thing comes down to Jessica," he said. "She's a delight to work with."

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Town-Wide Tag Sale Coming

All are reminded to save the date for the Marlborough Town-Wide Tag Sale, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Watch for more info.

Historical Society at Marlborough Day

The Marlborough Historical Society will be at this year's Marlborough Day Sunday, Aug. 28, at Blish Park.

All are invited to learn about the preservation goals, upcoming events and services the society offers the community. There will be books, maps, raffles, literature, artifacts and old directories on display, as well as membership information.

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MES Looks to Bring Back Annual Events

By Jack Lakowsky

While providing quality education and a supportive school environment remains a top priority, Marlborough Elementary School (MES) principal Dan White and vice principal Kim Kelley want to bring back some fun times.

With the pandemic, MES's movie nights, book fairs and ice cream socials were way-laid, they said.

White said this year they want to revamp these activities, along with keeping the momentum driving the annual success of the school's trunk-or-treat in Halloween.

"We have a great plan of activities coming," said White, saying they also want to bring kids back on trips to see Hartford Wolf Pack hockey games.

Kelley said there's an idea to have some schoolwide celebration of math and science sometime this year.

White said resuming events will aid the goal of improving MES communication with parents, a topic that's recently come up at school board meetings. Events give an opportunity to take photos and write up small articles about the even.

School security's been a major topic among all schools, and after the school shooting in

Uvalde, the Board of Education began discussing hiring an armed guard at MES. This issue is not under White or Kelley's purview, and they were mum on if other more immediate security measures were reviewed or enhanced.

White said security was on the agenda to be discussed at the school board's Thursday night meeting, which was held after press time.

Exciting for the whole community, MES and the town replaced the community room floor this year.

"We're unveiling that to the kids next week," said White. The community room is aptly named, used for voting, plays and other gatherings.

Kids and teens are living through a mental health crisis, and White believes MES has the resources to help those in need.

"We're lucky that our teachers have a good pulse of the kids," White said. MES has a full time social worker, and contracts through AHM two school psychologists. White meets with the mental health team weekly to discuss any students of concern.

MES welcomes its learners Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Watercolor Classes at Arts Center

Local artist Mary Horrigan will offer watercolor classes at Marlborough Arts Center this September. Thursday classes will run Sept. 15-Oct. 22, and Saturday classes will run Sept. 17-Oct. 22. All classes are from 10 a.m.-noon.

This set of lessons is designed for "All Levels of Beginner." Material lists will be sent once the class is confirmed with enough students registered.

Cost for the class is \$120. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.marlborougharts.org, and a check mailed to Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main St., Marlborough, CT 06447.

Horrigan has taught watercolor classes for Manchester Community College, Middletown Adult Education, the Glastonbury Art Guild, the Guilford Art Center and for the Marlborough Arts Center. Her paintings have been exhibited in Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, and have won several awards. For more information, email her at mehorrigan@comcast.net or call 860-467-6353.

CERT Training Starting Soon

Marlborough Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is starting up soon.

CERT is a program that teaches basic disaster management and response skills to prepare individual citizens and their families before a disaster strikes. The Department of Emergency Management sponsors the training and educates residents to ensure that the population has the best possible chance of surviving and recovering from a disaster.

Training consists of 16 classroom hours and a

four-hour field exercise to test your skills.

Marlborough CERT's next training course will be Sundays, noon-3 p.m., from Sept. 11 through Oct. 16. Graduation will take place at the final class. The class will be taught at the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Dept Station No. 2 on 200 West Rd.

Registration is free. For more information or to register, email your name, address and phone number (cell recommended), to Ashley Jacques at ashley.jacques8@gmail.com, or Todd Giannetti at Toddswl@currently.com.

Police News

8/19: Davis Owusu, 31, of Springfield, Mass., was arrested and charged with DUI and reckless driving, state police said, adding that they clocked Owusu traveling 101 mph in a 65-mph zone.

Mums Sale Sept. 10

The Marlborough Republican Town Committee will conduct its annual mums sale Saturday, Sept. 10, at Town Hall. Mums will be available for pickup from 9-11 a.m., on a first-come, first-served basis.

The mums, in nine-inch containers, are available in several colors including white, yellow, orange, purple and burgundy, and cost \$10 each.

For more information, call Sue Stolfi at 860-593-4763.

Parks and Rec Programs

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

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

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



Last Chance for T-Shirts... It's the last chance to get your Marlborough T-shirts! Sponsored by the Marlborough Democratic Town Committee, over 100 people now have the shirts. The shirts will be available at Marlborough Day, Sunday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. People can also email Karen directly at: karenpakulis@yahoo.com. Pictured at Lake Terramuggus are, from left, Alejandro Danburg, Nina Paul and Tyler Danburg.

Residents Sought to Serve

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.stjchurch.org.

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

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Brainerd Project Struggling to Lease Business Spaces

By Jack Lakowsky

The Brainerd Place mixed use development project is struggling to lease business tenants and last Thursday, Aug. 18, a project official asked the town's permission to change the project's plans.

Dan Bertram, manager of the firm overseeing the project, asked the town's Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) to let him delay development of major business spaces until after more apartments and a smaller commercial space are leased.

Bertram believes having this space full will be more attractive to businesses looking to lease a spot. Brainerd has struggled to lease with businesses, Bertram said. He said this is a nationwide issue, Portland no exception.

To put it in Bertram's terms, the project went from two phases with equal amounts of business and apartment development to a less concurrent three phases.

Now, most of the apartments will be developed in the first two phases with some commercial buildout, including a 10,000 square foot restaurant space. A majority of retail buildout will now occur in the third phase, about 60%.

Though members were skeptical and wary of the change, grilling Bertram and several engineers, zoning commissioners unanimously approved Bertram's request.

Commissioner Chantal Foster, who was quite skeptical of the plan, attended the meeting re-

motely and before the vote was cast her feed cut off, and her vote had to be treated as an abstention.

At least at first commissioner Victoria Tchetchet questioned if Portland's regulations even permitted Bertram's proposal, saying this type of change can't go through without the applicant proving hardships caused by circumstances beyond their control.

"The proposal we're making here is to try to do more now, not change the plan," said Bertram before the approval.

Bertram repeatedly said leasing commercial spaces is incredibly difficult right now, a factor beyond his firm's control. He said he's gone through three different leasing brokers.

"Our headwinds are significant," he said.

Bertram said when he came on in 2015, CVS was supposedly "locked-in" to lease a large piece of the property. That is no longer the case, Bertram said, mentioning the pharmacy chain's recent announcement it plans to close hundreds of stores.

Bertram also discussed the property's Hart Jarvis house, a historic building, saying it'll be completely used for office space. Prior plans said it would house at least one restaurant.

Foster said the request changes "the construction timing of the commercial retail development so 60% will start after almost all the apartments are completed."

Foster said this means most retail operations won't start until three or four years after apartment construction finishes.

She said delaying the retail buildout is risky, that it might have the opposite effect of the company's stated intent, could dampen their motivation to fill commercial spaces.

Tchetchet said if after all this time demand hasn't improved, she questioned if accelerating apartment development would really bring in leases.

Commissioners said Bertram's investing a lot in the "build it and they will come" line of thought, and were concerned about further delays in Brainerd's retail operations.

Bertram said a bustling space with growth potential is far more appealing to businesses than the shell of a development.

Bertram said, regardless of action taken that night, he expected to at some point stand be-

fore the commission again asking for another change, given the volatility of the present economy.

Town planner Dan Bourett added the commission still has power to withhold occupancy certificates if the project doesn't meet deadlines and requirements.

Bertram said the company faces financial penalties if it doesn't meet deadlines, including the loss of a tax abatement.

This tax abatement has also been a topic between Bertram and the Portland selectboard, which granted Bertram several extensions of permit deadlines, the last of which was in July.

At that time, First Selectman Ryan Curley said he and the board will be keeping a close eye on the project – that there's no appetite for further allowances.

He said the select board will be stern about holding the developer accountable.

Electric Car Show Sept. 24

The East Hampton and Portland Clean Energy Task Forces will hold the fourth annual Electric Car Show Saturday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at East Hampton High School, 15 North Maple St. (Rain date is Sept. 25.)

The show is part of National Drive Electric Week. Electric, hybrid and alternative fuel cars will be showcased, from private owners and various dealerships.

Owners who want their cars to be on display at the show are asked to register before the event. Bikes, scooters and anything else pow-

ered by electricity are also welcome.

Registration is free; to do so, go to www.ti-nyurl.com/ehcarshow. Owners can also email the East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force at ehcettf@gmail.com or call 860-748-5165 and request a registration form.

Groups, nonprofits, clubs and associations interested in using less fossil fuel for vehicles can request booth space at the show, by emailing ehcettf@gmail.com.

There will be food, ice cream and music as well.

First Congregational Church News

The First Congregational Church of Portland, located at 554 Main St., is a member of the United Church of Christ. The church is an "open and affirming" congregation, welcoming everyone. Facial mask-wearing is optional.

Summer worship services are on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The worship service is live-streamed as well as available for later viewing on the church's YouTube channel: First Church of Portland CT.

On Sunday, Aug. 28, the service will include the lectionary readings Psalm 112 and Luke 14:1, 7-14 and the Rev. Jane Hawken's sermon "Mind Your Manners." Kasha Breaux's special musical piece is "God's Way" by Bryce Inman.

First Church Nursery School offers a program for 3-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday, and one for 4-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday

and Friday. Contact Amy Jahnke at 860-342-1111 or 1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com for more information.

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

The church emails a weekly newsletter, *The Weekly Word*. To join church mailing lists (both email and regular mail), email first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net or call 860-342-3244. For more info, look for the church on Facebook at The First Congregational Church of Portland, or visit www.firstchurchportlandct.org. Those who wish to follow the church on Facebook may do so at The First Congregational Church of Portland, CT.

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/h5m35f.

Backpacks Program: The YFS backpacks program has come to an end for the year. In just two days at the Food Bank, YFS was able to help 62 youths get backpacks and 66 youths get supplies for school or college. The Food Bank, through a donation from our local Salvation Army post, was also able to help 26 families with a gift card to help with more back-to-school shopping. YFS accepts donations to go toward the program.

Little Hikers: Friday, Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m., at Riverfront Park. Take a quick hike around the park

Drop-in and Draw: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m., in the YFS Community Room, 265 Main St, Portland. This mostly unstructured program gives youth of all ages a chance to meet and spend some time doing artwork of whatever they want. Drawing materials, paints,

stencils, stamps, and more will be available. Parents of younger children are encouraged to participate. Come when you want, stay as long as you want. Students that want to attend should notify their parents and the school and take the bus to our building after school.

"This is Us, Portland" Prevention Council & Wellness Council Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m., in the YFS community room, 265 Main St. YFS is building up our Prevention & Wellness Council to work on local issues, such as education about drugs, alcohol and tobacco products; coordination of healthy community events; promotion of positive mental health and wellness; and prevention through programs and community discussions. To learn more or get involved, call 860-342-6758 or email Meg at mescata@portlandct.org.

Police News

8/13: Robert McLellan, 39, of Middletown, was arrested and charged with third-degree assault and breach of peace, Portland Police said.

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.

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.

Local Artisan Showcase

On Sunday, Sept. 11, Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., will host a reception from 3- 5 p.m., showcasing local artists.

All are invited to meet and chat with Portland artists of all levels and abilities from professional to hobbyist. Original paintings and drawings, as well as photography, ceramics, textiles, folk art, wood carvings, collages and jewelry, will be for sale.

There will be a silent auction of donated artwork from 30 participating artisans, a raffle by Zion's Grace Guild and a spinning wheel demonstration of fiber being turned into yarn. One of the featured tables at the showcase will highlight the TV series, *The Chosen*, a multi-season

series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. *The Chosen's* display table will have information about this "totally free show" that is available to download onto one's cell phone or computer, DVDs from the first and second seasons, and the artwork commissioned by the show's producers, entitled "You Are Mine."

Light refreshments, consisting of wine, cheese, and crackers, will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

Funds raised from the silent auction and raffle will be used towards the renovation of the church lounge. Call 860-342-2860 for more information.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

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

Foodshare: Monday, Sept. 26.

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

Next Week's Programs: **Monday:** Light aerobics, 9 a.m. **Tuesday:** Bears on a Journey, 9:30-11 a.m. – making fleece teddy bears for cancer patients; donations are sought of light fleece, one yard or more for making teddy bears for cancer patients throughout Connecticut. If you would like to donate, call 860-342-0809; **Watercolor Lessons,** 9:30 a.m.-noon – to register, email bivenne@yahoo.com; **Coupons for Troops,** 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; **Stretch & Flex:** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; **setback,** 1 p.m. **Wednesday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.;

SynCoCize Exercise, 10:15-11 a.m.; **Social Duplicate Bridge,** 12:30-4 p.m. **Thursday:** Knit & Stitch, 10 a.m.; **Stretch & Flex,** 11:30 a.m.; **Mahjong,** 12:30-4 p.m. **Friday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Transfer Station Summer Hours

Through Sept. 24, 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.

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Cromwell/Portland Football Primed to Repeat?

By Josh Howard

It's hard to top an undefeated state championship season.

But if anyone can, it's the Cromwell/Portland co-op football team that has been sweating swagger since head coach Randell Bennett took over the program in 2017.

The Panthers are coming off a 13-0 season, which culminated with a 21-6 Class S state championship victory over Bloomfield last December. It was the program's first state championship since Cromwell and Portland first combined forces on the field in 2015.

"The mentality is definitely still there, but we have to make sure we are sharpening any skills that we need to sharpen going into the season," Bennett said of the team's confident aura.

And there is a reason for the team maintaining that championship confidence. They have a slew of talent returning to the roster, including 9 of 11 starters coming back on the defensive side of the ball.

Defensive coordinator Jack Wilson, who was named the state's Assistant Coach of the Year, returns to lead a unit that created 33 turnovers and scored a half dozen touchdowns, while allowing a mere seven points per game a season ago.

Portland High School senior Alex Hair returns to start on both sides of the ball – serving as the team's primary ball carrier offensively and a disruptive defensive end.

"Honestly I haven't approached it differently," Hair said of entering his senior season. "Maybe now I'm passing on the things I know to the younger guys, but I'm still working as hard as I possibly can like I did last year."

In the championship quest last fall, Hair led the team with nearly 900 rushing yards and scored a dozen touchdowns. His 12 trips to the end zone were second on the team behind only Teddy Williams, who scored 30 times.

Williams and Owen Brunk, both 2022-PHS graduates, will be the team's two biggest departures. The prolific pair made the Connecticut

High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) Top-25 Players in the State list a season ago.

Despite losing two all-state players, the Panthers have experienced pieces coming back in key positions.

Senior quarterback Cole Brisson is back behind center and four of five starters will be returning along the offensive line.

Brisson, who has started since his freshman year, threw 30 touchdowns compared to only five interceptions a season ago. He is now the undisputed leader of an offense that averaged nearly 38 points per game last fall.

"We're not satisfied," said Brisson. "We had a lot of playmakers on the field and we're really deep. It gives me a lot of confidence that we have a ton of experience coming back."

Senior Ryan Rozich, who started alongside Williams and Brunk to create a fierce linebacking trio last year, steps into a larger leadership role.

"I'm ready, I'm so excited. I can't wait to get back out here," said Rozich, who missed the final two games last fall due to an injury. "We are coming into this year with the same attitude we had last year. We have the same goal."

Emeka Yearwood, who led the team with eight sacks, and Jack Nolan, who nabbed a team-high seven interceptions, will also be back to impact both sides of the ball.

Allen Cohen can play both ways in the trenches and will return to handle the kicking duties on special teams.

Jack Williams – the younger brother of Teddy Williams – will also be back to anchor the lines after posting six sacks a season ago. Williams, who will be a junior at PHS, and Matt Binezewski are the team's two linemen that will be back following all-conference seasons.

Bennett added that Brandon Rose, Daevyon Lovelace, Ashton Rambrose, Ray Boudreau, Alex McKiernan, and Eric Treglia will be asked to play major roles again, while young studs like sophomores Vaughn Payne and Matt Gish, along with a few freshmen could make waves



Portland High School's Alex Hair (#14) returns from an all-conference season last fall to be a senior leader on a Cromwell/Portland co-op team aiming to defend their title from a season ago.

this season.

So what can we expect from a team that is coming off a historic season?

"More of the same, we want to channel that same energy. It's not broke; it works for us," answered Bennett. "We know we have 10 games and we are hoping to play 13 again this year."

The Panthers open the 2022 season at home on Thursday, Sept. 8, against Morgan. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m., at Pierson Park on West

Street in Cromwell.

"We have the same mentality. In my eyes nothing has really changed from last year," Hair said about approaching the first game. "We're still going to come out and we're still going to go as hard as we possibly can."

Both Brisson and Rozich said to expect "a show" in the opener, and if last season was any indication, the show may continue into December.

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.

All who are vaccinated may remove their masks for the service. All who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear their masks.

The church will hold services on the church lawn at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4 (weather permitting). All are invited; bring a chair.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, there will be a free movie night on the church lawn. Bring a chair and join us at 6 p.m. for a barbecue. The family-friendly movie will start at dusk.

The following day, Sunday, Sept. 18, will be Homecoming Sunday. All are invited to come,

meet the Rev. Darryl Burke, and enjoy a celebration of fellowship. The service will be on the lawn at 9:30 a.m. Bring family, friends and chairs and stay for refreshments after the service.

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 Burke, email trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com or call 860-342-0458.



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Concert to Benefit Police Union

Local rocker Tony Rome will wrap up a successful 2022 Reckless Records tour of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut where it all began – with a concert in Portland.

Tony Rome and The Excuses will play a concert to benefit the Portland Police Union on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 2 p.m., at Concentric Brewing, 91 Main St.

Rome said contributions to the police union can be sent to the Portland Police Department, 265 Main St., Portland, CT 06480 – attn: Sgt. Scott Cunningham.

Fire Company 2 Old Timers' Night

Portland Fire Company 2 will celebrate its annual Old Timers' Night Saturday, Aug. 27, at the picnic grounds. Happy Hour and appetizers will begin at 13:00, followed by a steak dinner at 16:00.

PVFD will attempt to contact all the folks we have addresses for, as well as some folks we may have lost contact with. If you plan on attending and know of any other members who would like to, please stop by the lounge to sign up, or call Lieutenant Matt Breece at 860-970-7900.

Arrangements for transportation can be made upon request.

PHS Class of '63 Reunion

The Portland High School Class of 1963 will hold its Reunion Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Farrell's Tavern, 245 Marlborough St. Attendees will order off the menu; pay as you go.

If interested in attending, call or text Linda at 860-262-1398, Lenore at 860-550-2873, or email Bill at williammorganek@gmail.com as soon as possible.





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PZC Bans Retail Pot Until February

By Jack Lakowsky

Limiting its scope to retail sales exclusively, the Portland Planning and Zoning Commission last week unanimously enacted a moratorium on cannabis sales, set to expire Feb. 19.

New cannabis retailers are now forbidden until the moratorium ends.

Members have said they need to research how to craft the board's regulations on pot retailers, removing the 1/25,000 people rule.

Commissioner Rob Taylor was adamant that a ban should apply only to retail; he said

cultivators and sellers of medical marijuana should not be disrupted.

The board approved a cannabis retailer some months ago (on Marlborough Street), and the town has a medicinal provider, CT-PHARMA, on Main Street, which is looking to expand into adult use and microcultivation.

In its last meeting, PZC and town planner Dan Bourett said the moratorium won't affect these businesses.

Portland's neighbor East Hampton also has a moratorium, set to expire in October.

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.

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.

Soccer Club Fall Registration

Portland Soccer Club (PSC) is now accepting registrations for the fall 2022 club soccer season. Registrations will be accepted until Sept. 11, and those received after Aug. 21 will be charged an additional \$25 late fee.

PSC will only accept registrations online, at www.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub.

Pre-K sessions will be \$60, and will play 8:45-9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Dribbler will be \$75, and will be 9:15-10:15 a.m. Saturdays. Kicker and Striker sessions will also be \$75, and will have games Saturdays from 10-11 a.m., with practice on Wednesdays. (Note: If there aren't enough Striker-aged players, they will be mixed in with Kicker.)

Full team uniforms for Dribbler, Kicker and Striker divisions, and shirts and balls for Pre-K, are included in the registration fees and will be

available for distribution prior to and during the first day of play. The club-recreational program will run Sept. 10-Oct. 29 (eight-week session). All games will take place at the Portland Recreational Complex.

U4 (born in 2019) will be in Pre-K Club Recreational; U5 (2018) and U6 (2017) will be in Dribbler Club Recreational; U7 (2016) and U8 (2015) will be in Kicker-Club Recreational; and U9 (2014) and U10 (2013) will be in Striker-Club Recreational.

For more information, contact PSC president Chad Wilson at nosliw.dahe@gmail.com or 205-999-8842; vice president Chris Donahue at donahuecj@sbcglobal.net or 860-638-7400; or registrar Stephanie Bolstridge at stephaniebolstridge@gmail.com or 860-478-9693.

Second-Hand Prose Bookshop

The Friends of the Portland Library have an assortment of DVDs as well as fiction, romance, teen and children's used books in the Second-Hand Prose Bookshop at Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., during regular library hours. Books are 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books, \$1 for trade paperbacks and \$2 for hardcover. DVDs are 50 cents each disc unless marked otherwise.

There are also mystery, general fiction, teen and children's books that have been removed from the library collection, all for the special

price of four books for \$1.

FPL also has "I Love CT Libraries" reusable bags on sale for \$1 each. See a sample at the front desk and purchase them from the library staff.

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

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

Spirit of Portland Award Winners

The Portland Senior Center has announced Jim Tripp and Frank Winiski are the winners of its "Ralph Paley Spirit of Portland Award" for 2022.

The nominations for Tripp list his many years of community service to the town of Portland. As president of the Brownstone Quorum, Tripp directed the development and expansion of Riverfront Park. He also volunteered and offered his expertise in park development via his membership on both the Parks and Rec Commission and the New Route 17 Park Committee. While serving on the Board of Education and becoming a member of the Board of Selectmen, Tripp also coached youth sports. During his time serving as one of the Board of Selectmen, Tripp also served as chairperson of the BOS Water and Sewer Committee. Tripp dedicated an abundance of hours to research.

In 2017, Tripp became president of the newly (re) chartered Portland Lions Club, and he helped to launch a youth division of the Lions Club entitled The Leos. The Lions Club scholarship committee find Jim working on continuous efforts toward offering assistance to more students.

Currently, Tripp is chairperson of the Portland Democratic Town Committee, volunteers with Foodshare for the town Food Bank, and offers his time toward local food drives. He also shaved his head for the St. Baldrick's Cancer

Fundraiser.

Winiski is a longtime Portland resident, and was born and raised here. He also has contributed endless hours to improve Riverfront Park. Winiski serves on the Brownstone Quorum and has helped bring the Brownstone Riverfront Park to where it is today. Winiski designed the new labyrinth and also played a major role in raising funds for its development. At the Waverly Center, he dedicated much time via the Lions Club to create an open mic coffeehouse, to feature local artists. He continues to work behind the scenes with design and entertainment venues.

As an artist himself, you can find some of Winiski's art displayed at Owen's Emporium. For Halloween, he offered hours toward decorating the town, offering an evening of hauntings and fun for all ages. Winiski is also an active member in town government and served on the Economic Development Council and he has recently joined the Portland Historical Society.

The awards are named for the late Ralph "Mickey" Paley, who passed away in October 2011. Paley was a Portland businessman who demonstrated unwavering dedication to the town. His daughters and their families agreed to sponsor this award in his memory.

A reception will be held at the Waverly Center, located at 7 Waverly Ave., on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 6-8 p.m. The ceremony is sold out.

Vocal Chords Looking for Singers

The Portland-based Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords (MHVC) is looking for new members. New members in voice parts alto, tenors and basses are especially welcome.

No auditions are necessary; just a love of music, singing and a commitment to rehearse every Tuesday night. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required for all members.

Rehearsals start Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 6:45 p.m., at St. Francis Church, Msgr. Fox Parish

Hall, 10 Elm St. Middletown, in preparation the group's winter concert on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m., at Portland High School.

New members will be accepted through Sept. 13.

For more information, visit www.vocalchords20.org, find the group on Facebook (search for Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords) or Instagram (mhvocalchords), or call Joyce at 860-342-3120 or Diane at 860-347-2787.

Lawn Irrigation Inspections

During 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.

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.

Class of '77 Reunion

The 1977 Portland class reunion is Friday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m., at Campagna Restaurant, 151 Marlborough St., Portland.

All Class of 1977 graduates from Portland High School, Mercy, Xavier and Vinal are invited. Cost is \$45 per person, and includes a buffet dinner and music. There will be a cash bar.

Email Colleen Kimball @kimball7984@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP. Venmo payment to Colleen Kimball @Colleen-Kimball-4.

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.

Cut-A-Thon for CDHR

A Cut-A-Thon to benefit CT Draft Horse Rescue will take place Saturday, Aug. 27, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Scissor Happy Salon, 864 Portland-Cobalt Rd., Portland. For a \$25 donation, people can get their hair cut, styled or braided. No appointments necessary.

Those who can't attend but still want to donate to CDHR can visit www.ctdraftrescue.org. For more information on this event, visit www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue. The CDHR is 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 heading for slaughter.

Hemlock Grange Tag Sale

Hemlock Grange will have a tag sale Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Grange Hall, 17 Sage Hollow Rd.

Individuals may join the tag sale and have a space in the parking lot for a \$10 fee. Individuals need to provide their own table. The Grange will also accept donations of most items, including small workable appliances. No furniture or clothes will be accepted.

For more information on the tag sale, call Betty Jane at 860-267-7512. Leave a message with your name and number, and your call will be returned.

KoC Soccer Challenge

The Freestone Council 7 Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Soccer Challenge at the Portland Recreational Complex, 301 Gospel Lane, on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m.

Girls and boys, ages 9 through 14, can participate and there is no charge to enter the competition. Sign up will be held onsite on the day of the event.

Scoring is based on 15 attempts from the penalty kick line at roped targets within the soccer goal.

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Portland Exchange 'Touch A Truck' Event

The Exchange Club of Portland will hold its annual "Touch A Truck" event Sunday, Aug. 28,

From 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Portland Exchange Fairgrounds.

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

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

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

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

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

Health and Wellness Fair

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., will hold a Health and Wellness Fair Monday, Sept. 12, from 1-3 p.m. There will be free admission and parking.

Health practitioners and vendors include Juniper Home Care, Joanie on the Spot Massage, QMedic, Chatham Health District, Caption Call, Autumn Lake Rehab, Symmetry Physical Therapy, All Ears Hearing Services, Mark Lee & Associates, Middlesex Hospital – breast care awareness, Beacon Hospice, The Residence at Ferry Park, Visiting Angels, Ed Cleveland --

sound therapy, High Hopes – equine therapy, Dr. Micheal Vajda – acupuncture, Inner Balance – Reiki, October Kitchen -- fresh meals prepared and delivered daily.

There will also be a Fall Prevention Presentation by Yale student Julie Zeller, given promptly at 3 p.m., at the conclusion of the fair. There will also be raffles, refreshments, and Kasha Breau on harp.

To register or for more information, call Lynn or Alexis at the center, at 860-342-6761.

Resident Named a Distinguished Citizen

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce will hold its 126th annual Awards Dinner Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station in Haddam – and at the dinner, a Portland resident will be honored.

During the annual dinner, the Middlesex Chamber's 2022 Distinguished Citizens will be honored. Among the three honorees is Richard Carella, Esq., of Portland.

Carella is an Attorney, vice president and shareholder at Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., in the firm's Middletown office. He has been in the private practice of law since 1993. A graduate of Xavier High School in Middletown and Fairfield University, Carella obtained his law degree in 1991 from Quinnipiac University School of Law. He started his own law firm in 1993 and eventually merged with Updike, Kelly & Spellacy in 2010 to head the Middletown office.

Although born in Stamford, Carella is a Portland native, having lived in town since 1968. Carella and his wife Tamara are raising their two children, Caroline and Mitchell, in the same house he grew up in. He and his family frequent the Air Line Trail, the county's golf courses, the Connecticut River, and Powder Ridge.

Carella's law practice focuses on commercial, industrial and coastal land use matters, zoning and real estate development, as well as business succession and estate planning for business owners. Some of his notable projects include several propane distribution facilities,

retail gasoline franchises, recreational sports complexes, marina and campground facilities on the banks of the Connecticut River, commercial solar electrical generation projects, the redevelopment of blighted properties using state funding, and the expansion of public water service to municipalities requiring clean drinking water to resolve local environmental remediation issues.

Carella is past chairman and currently serves on the executive and legislative committees of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce. He is a former president and Paul Harris Fellow of the Middletown Rotary Club, past chairman of the Board of Directors of the Northern Middlesex County YMCA, and most recently president of the Middlesex County Bar Association. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Xavier High School and is a long-standing incorporator of Middlesex Hospital and Liberty Bank. Professionally, his clients include local family-owned businesses and small and large local companies. Carella serves as general counsel to many local boards and agencies including the Middletown Long Hill Estate Authority, Middlesex County Revitalization Commission and East Haddam Redevelopment Agency. He presently serves as Town Attorney to the Towns of Haddam and East Hampton.

The cost to attend the Sept. 21 dinner is \$65 per person. Advance registration is required; register at www.middlesexchamber.com.

Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., is open, with no appointments needed. Wireless is available. Registration required for all programs unless noted. For more info, to register, and full program descriptions, visit www.portlandlibraryct.org or call 860-342-6770. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Curbside delivery of requested items continues; call the library or reserve items online and you will receive a notice or call when your materials are available.

Holiday Closing: The library will be closed Saturday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day Weekend.

Save the Date – Read & Recycle: Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.- noon. The Friends of the Portland Library will collect gently-used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games. Sales of these items benefit library services.

Youth Programs: Fall Storytimes: Registration begins Monday, Aug. 29. Storytimes are: Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 13-Nov. 15 (no program Nov. 8), with a craft offered weekly; Storytime for Toddlers and Tots: Mother Goose on the Loose: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m., Sept. 14-Nov. 16), an interactive session using rhymes, a story, songs, puppets, scarves and more. Two sessions will be offered each Wednesday to keep group sizes small.

Become the Ultimate "Ologist": Thursday, 3:30 p.m., Sept. 15-Oct. 6, for grades 3-5. The *Ologies* is a book series that delves into following lost journals and investigating unusual topics. Each week, explore one of the books in-depth. Registration begins Monday, Aug. 29.

Teen Advisory Group: Monday, Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m. The group is taking on a new, more serious direction. Teens can come share thoughts on what they'd like to see the library offer in terms of programs, materials and more, while having some snacks. Teens will earn community service hours for each meeting they attend.

Adult Programs: Book Clubs: FTNBC (First Thursday Night Book Club): Thursday, Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m. *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman will be discussed. **Talk About Books (T.A.B.):** Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1 p.m. *Things You Save in a Fire* by Katherine Center will be discussed. **Mystery Lovers' Book Club:** Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 1 p.m., via Zoom. *Velvet was the Night* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia will be discussed.

Movie: Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1 p.m. *Let Them All Talk* will be shown. Directed by Steven Soderbergh, this is the story of a celebrated author (Meryl Streep) who takes a journey with some old friends (Candice Bergen and Dianne Wiest) to have some fun and heal old wounds. The comedy-drama runs one hour and 53 minutes.

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.

St. Mary Church News

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

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

website for more information.

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

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

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

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.

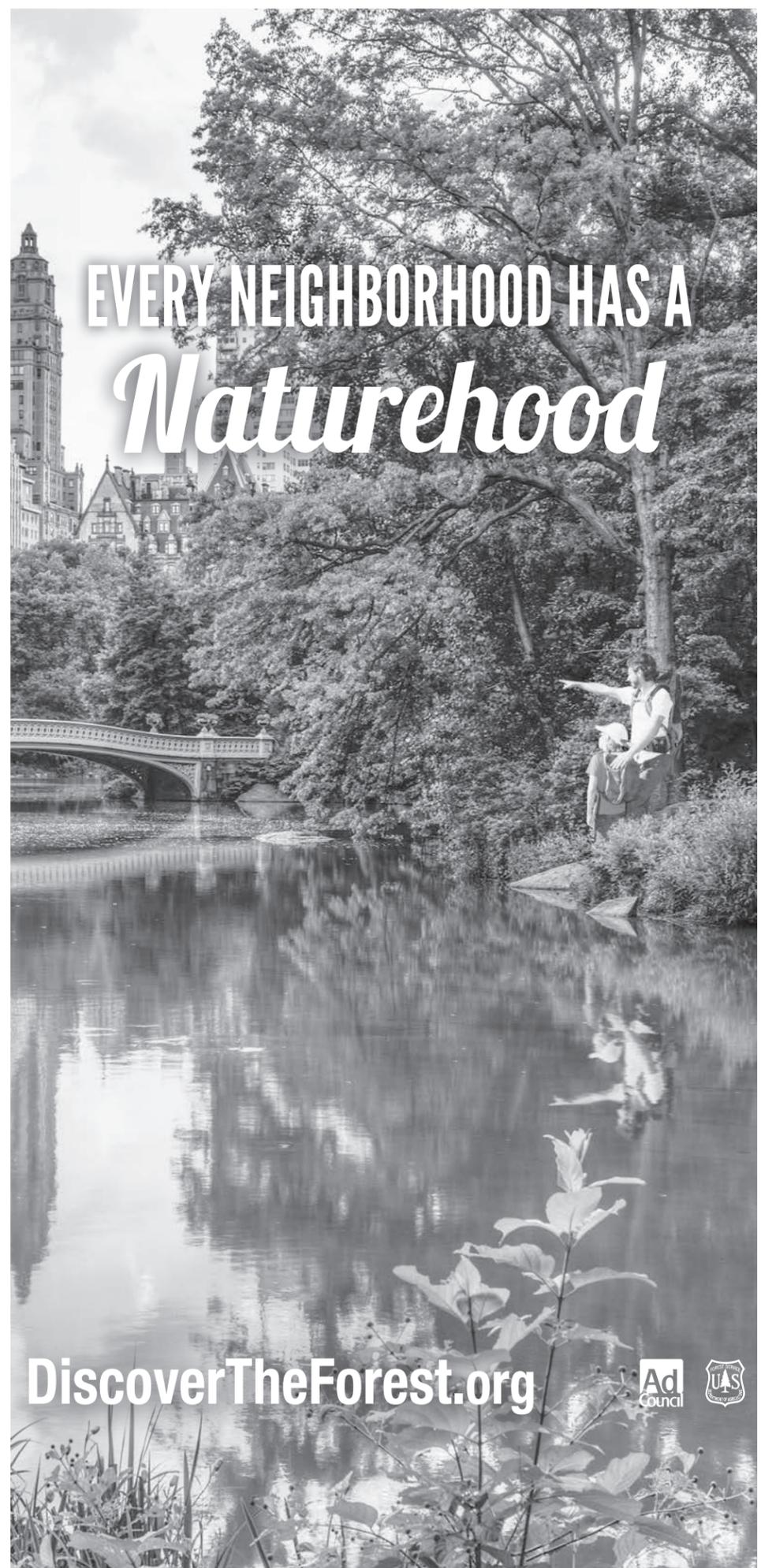
Tai Chi for Long Life: Wednesdays through Oct. 5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., at Buck Foreman Community Center, or Saturdays through Oct. 1, 10:30-11:15 a.m., at Riverfront Park. Fee: \$7 to drop in.

Junior Golf Workshops: Registration is currently open for these workshops for children in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. This program takes place on Mondays from Sept. 12-Oct. 3.

Sunset Yin Yoga: Wednesdays, Sept. 7-28, from 6-7 p.m., at the Riverfront Park stage. Fee is \$65 for the four-week session, or \$20 to drop in.

Children's Yoga: Wednesdays, Sept. 7-28, from 5-5:45 p.m., for ages 5-10. Fee: \$60 for the four-week session.

Saturday Morning Yoga: Saturdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 1, on the Riverfront Park stage. **Parent/Toddler Yoga** is 9-9:30 a.m., and **Yoga for Beginners** is 7:45-8:45 a.m. Fee for each four-week session is \$40, or \$15 to drop in. Contact instructor Cyndi Mazzotta for more information at anandayoga.20ct@gmail.com.



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This Year, Schools Will Serve Farm-Fresh Food

By Jack Lakowsky

At an East Hampton Board of Education meeting Monday night, the school district's food services director Jen Bove revealed this year, every school cafeteria in Belltown will serve fresh food sourced from local farms.

"You can taste the difference," Bove told the board.

The schools are buying fare from farms in Colchester and Glastonbury, a small woman-owned company and others. At least a few morsels will come from right within the district itself, like parsley picked from the garden at Memorial School.

Bove said with ongoing supply issues, local sources are more reliable than national companies.

The Memorial School garden, Bove said, is a pillar of the farm-to-school program. It was a community effort too, with families and kids volunteering time to raise beds and feel the dirt between their fingers.

The garden is self-watering, Bove said, making it all the more sustainable. The garden's crops will mostly go to Memorial, but its herbs

will go to all schools. Bove said teachers are incorporating the gardening experience into their teaching.

"The kids were huge helpers," said Bove. "She made a real commitment," Superintendent Smith said of Bove. "It's a win-win."

Smith said a few schools have farm-to-cafeteria programs, but that "Jen is really leading the charge on this."

Schools Getting off Social Media

Smith announced Monday that effective immediately, the district is off Facebook.

"We're no longer using Facebook as social media," he said, adding there are plenty of ways for schools get communications out to students, parents and the community.

Smith said schools are reviewing and enhancing security measures this year, and cutting Facebook is a step toward that goal.

"Every time we post we're giving the names and pictures of students, the insides of the buildings, announcing big events," said Smith. "Just where we're at with security, it doesn't make sense."

Smith said there's no way to know every account that views social media posts.

This month the school board voted to add armed guards to the elementary and middle schools. The Board of Finance is set to discuss how to fund the \$150,000 price tag at its Sept. 19 meeting, Smith said, followed by a Town Council meeting Sept. 27.

The guards are expected to start next fall.

"We're really addressing any security concerns this year; however that doesn't mean we're going to stop any of our creative, exciting, indoor or outdoor plans, or our before, during and after school plans," Smith told the *Rivereast*.

"Security won't dampen our return to a normal school year," he said.

He said after years of COVID-19 dominating school operations, this should be a year of getting back to normal. To that end all school activities are slated to run. Library hours are also increasing, and the district's funding clubs that, previously, were all volunteer.

Also, something like normalcy, there are basically no COVID restrictions. Schools encourage masks but don't require them, and Smith said the district has a full stock of PPE.

Smith expressed a little frustration with current pandemic guidelines from state and federal officials, which say infected people "should" stay home for five days.

Because of its ambiguity, Smith said, "A superintendent's least favorite word is 'should.'"

Facilities Upgrades, Staff Changes

Steve Fontanella, the district's facilities director, said oversaw significant work at Center School. Workers removed an asbestos contaminated floor on the second floor, improved lighting and redid the floor of the gym.

Fontanella said the recently completed tennis courts at the high school are "super busy."

Mary Clark, the district's curriculum director, said the district has many new hires in a variety of positions, using the summer to ensure a "strong and talented team."

Clark said that after a grueling few years, teachers are excited to work and highly collaborative with each other.

East Hampton High School principal Eric Verner said the high school's counseling is two-thirds new this year. On Monday, the high school will welcome the class of 2026, while the elementary schools will welcome the class of 2035.

Haddam Neck Fair Opens Sept. 2

The Haddam Neck Fair, a Labor Day weekend tradition for over 100 years, begins Friday.

Sept. 2, at 4 p.m., and runs through Monday, Sept. 5 at 5 pm.

Every day there will be rides, fair food, petting zoo, exhibits, displays, children and adult contests and live music. Helicopter rides will be available Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The traditional animal pulls include the pony pull on Saturday, the horse pull on Sunday and the oxen pull on Monday.

Motorized pulls include the truck pulls on Friday and Saturday nights and the Lawn and Tractor Pull on Sunday. Tractor pulling will be held Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday night is the Demon Derby, with the Kids' Power Wheels (ages 4-9) at 7 p.m. and the Demo Derby (ages 16 and older) to follow the

Kids' Power Wheels class.

A popular event is the Haddam Neck Fair 5K Road Race on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The race starts and ends at the fairgrounds and stays on relatively flat country roads, with two moderate declines and one steep incline. Registration for the Road Race can be done by mail or on the day of the race.

The animal entries this year include sheep, goats, dairy and beef cattle, rabbits and baby chicks. Unfortunately, the presence of Avian Flu in Connecticut made it necessary to cancel the Poultry Exhibit this year. The poultry exhibit will return to the fair in 2023, organizers said.

For further information about the Haddam Neck Fair, go to www.HaddamNeckFair.com or consult the 2022 Fair Book.

Middle Haddam Public Library News

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

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

Yoga: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m., with Erin Day of Ten Summit Yoga. Cost: drop-in \$10. Register at tensummitst@gmail.com.

Mahjong: Mondays at 11 a.m. All players welcome.

Featured Artist: Thomas McLean will present "My Back Pages," an art show inspired by light and music, through Sept. 9.

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

Church Accepting 'Bits and Pieces' Donations

Haddam Neck Congregational Church Ladies Aid is accepting donations of fabric, yarn and sewing notions for an upcoming "Bits and Pieces" sale in October. For drop-off and pick-up information, call Darcy at 860-301-4994.

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Lake-Smart Award Program

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

To have property evaluated to see what you can do to get the award, and learn what projects to work on, contact Jeremy Hall of the Parks & Recreation Department (860-267-7300 or jhall@easthamptonct.gov) or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning & Zoning Department (860-267-7450 or jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov) or any members of the Conservation & Lake

Commission. An appointment will be arranged for a C&LC member(s) to visit the owners and help them evaluate their property. If there is a deficiency, owners will be given suggestions on improving their property. If they achieve all the goals, they will receive a Lake-Smart Award.

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

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.

STEM Project Bags: Tuesday, Sept. 6. Explore science, technology, engineering, and math with take-home bags full of guided hands-on activities. First come, first-served, while supplies last. No registration required.

STEMtastic: Roller Coaster: Monday, Sept. 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m., for grades 1-5, in the library community room, Registration required. Learn science and math skills through hands-on building activities. This week, build your own roller coaster and learn about how they work.

DIY Days: Saturday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., for ages 5-14. Children and families in grades K-8 are invited to create a different toy, game, or treat together. These activities are available while supplies last. No registration required; just drop in.

Middle-Grade Programs: Back to Hogwarts: Friday, Sept. 16, 3:30-5 p.m., for grades 4-8. This is an event filled with Harry Potter-themed games and crafts to celebrate back to school with witches, wizards and magical beasts. Register online.

Pre-Teen Advisory Board: Tuesday, Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m., for grades 5-8. New members are sought, to offer program ideas, community service, new materials recommendations and more.

Teen Programs: Teen Dungeons & Dragons: Wednesday, Sept. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m., for grades 8-12. No previous playing experience required. The library will provide basic, fifth edition, level four characters, all supplies and snacks.

Teen Friday: Friday, Sept. 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m., for grades 6-12. Kick back, relax, and start the weekend off with fun, crafts, games, and more! Grades 6-12.

Adult Programs: Cookbook Club – Time to Tailgate: Tuesday, Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m. Bring game-day favorites and 12 copies of the recipe to share. The library will provide plates and utensils. Bring your own chair and head for the upper parking lot. Cookbook Club will meet indoors if the weather doesn't cooperate.

Focus on Fitness: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m. Talk about your fitness successes and struggles with guidance from certified personal trainer and nutrition coach Amie Meacham and other guest speakers. People can also engage in a monthly challenge, with prizes.

Book Club: Tuesday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. Anita Shreve's *The Stars Are Fire* will be discussed.

RCIA Session to Start

The St. John Paul II community invites any adult with an interest in discovering or rediscovering Catholicism to attend the RCIA program, which focuses on the teachings of Jesus and the church and prepares individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season.

Sessions will start Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 6-7 p.m., in St. Patrick Church Hall. For more information, contact Dani Annino in the Faith Formation Office at 860-267-6644 ext. 11 or stpatehctdre@gmail.com, or email deacon Dan D'Amelio at deacondandamelio@gmail.com.

Red McKinney Golf Tournament

The East Hampton Rotary Club invites all to participate in its 29th annual Golf Tournament – which, for the second straight year, will be in honor of the late Red McKinney.

The tournament will take place at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron on Wednesday, Oct. 5; rain date is to be determined.

Registration is from 8-10 a.m., and there will be a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Format: scramble, with prizes for first-, second- and third-place teams, as well as closest to the pin, longest drive, and closest to the line.

This year's swag includes a golf vest (for those who register by Sept. 14; sizes are XS

– 6XL, with ladies up to 4XL). All attendees are also asked to wear a red golf shirt.

Lunch will be a grab-and-go (between hole nine on Anderson Glen and hole 10 on Gilead Heights). Dinner will follow the tournament, and there will be a 50/50 raffle, live auction, and a tee-cup raffle after the dinner.

Cost is \$125, or \$25 for dinner only. Various sponsorship levels are also available. All proceeds fund the East Hampton Rotary Club and 100% of the proceeds will be supporting community service projects.

For more information and to register, visit tinyurl.com/mudvvm7u.

Driving for Drafts

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

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

proceeds benefit the rescue horses of the CDHR.

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

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

Hall of Fame Nominations Open

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

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

Nominations will close Sept. 10. If you are interested in nominating an athlete, coach or contributor, email seidlt@sbcglobal.net to request a nomination packet.

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

EHVAA to Host EMT Class

The East Hampton Volunteer Ambulance Association will host an EMT class starting Sept. 6. Classes are Tuesdays from 6-10 p.m. and two Saturdays a month from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and will run until Dec. 20. The class is conducted by On Scene Training.

The training includes the textbook and an AHA CPR card. Email onscenetraining911@gmail.com to register. Financial help may be available by contacting info@ehems.org.

You do not have to be a town resident to take the class. Some previous members have gone on to medical school to become doctors, physician assistants and nurses, and have also become paramedics, career EMTs, policemen and firemen.

One Nite Out

The Tuesday Night Women's League is looking for individual bowlers (either full-time or subs) as well as full teams of 5. The league will start Sept. 6; practice is at 6:20 p.m., and bowling starts at 6:30 p.m. No experience needed.

For more information, email kickbacknbowl@gmail.com or call 860-267-4800.

Police News

8/16: Michael Bower, 31, of 230 Old West High St., was arrested and charged with second-degree violation of conditions of release, East Hampton Police said.

Also, from Aug. 15-21, officers responded to 20 medical calls, three motor vehicle crashes and eight alarms, and made 32 traffic stops, police said.

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Back to School

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Congregational Church News & Notes

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., is open for in-person services every Sunday at 10 a.m. Pastor is Amie McCarthy. All services can also be accessed via Zoom by going to cc-eh.org. Nursery care is available during Sunday services for children under 3 years. Sunday school classes will resume in September.

The Yarners meet every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-noon in the Fellowship Hall. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. For more information about CCEH and its activities, visit cc-eh.org or call the church office at 860-267-4959 during office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.

Electric Car Show Sept. 24

The East Hampton and Portland Clean Energy Task Forces will hold the fourth annual Electric Car Show Saturday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at East Hampton High School, 15 North Maple St. (Rain date is Sept. 25.) The show is part of National Drive Electric Week. Electric, hybrid and alternative fuel cars will be showcased, from private owners and various dealerships. Owners who want their cars to be on display at the show are asked to register before the event. Bikes, scooters and anything else powered by electricity are also welcome.

Registration is free; to do so, go to www.tinyurl.com/ehcarshow. Owners can also email the East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force at ehcetf@gmail.com or call 860-748-5165 and request a registration form. Groups, nonprofits, clubs and associations interested in using less fossil fuel for vehicles can request booth space at the show, by emailing ehcetf@gmail.com. There will be food, ice cream and music as well.

Rotary Awards Grants

East Hampton/Marlborough Rotary awarded grants to several local organizations over the last year, and there is the potential for additional small grants. Here is a list of organizations/projects the Rotary supported over the past year: East Hampton Parks & Recreation, East Hampton Public Library, East Hampton Fire Department, East Hampton Food Bank, Red McKinney Scholarship Fund, ABC Women's Shelter, Haitian Health Foundation, Town of East Hampton (funded LED lights to decorate

downtown for Christmas, and provided one third of the funds for replacing the lights on Center School grounds with LED lights), East Hampton Little League, a local family who had a house fire, Middle School Media Center, East Hampton Interact, Two East Hampton Eagle Scout projects, Friends of the East Hampton Library, Marlborough Fife & Drum, East Hampton High School Boosters and the Jan Soloman Scholarship Fund. Email easthamptonctrotary@gmail.com to request an application.

Lions Holding Raffle

The East Hampton Lions Club is holding a raffle to support the funding of scholarships for graduating seniors from the East Hampton community. The grand prize is \$2,022. There will be two first-place winners, at \$222 each; two second-place winners at \$122; and two third-place winners at \$52. The first-, second- and third-place winners are reentered for the grand prize drawing.

Cost is \$10 per ticket. A total of 750 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place at 2:22 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 62 N. Main St. Tickets will be sold right up until the drawing date. For tickets or more information, call Tom Denman of the East Hampton Lions at 860-519-4951 or 860-267-4512.

Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Zoom availability is also available for this service. Coffee hour follows worship. For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-267-0287 or Donna Hryb, senior warden, at 860-633-0472. Current information regarding parish activities can be found by visiting www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com.

Looking for Volunteer Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed for the CRT Meals-on-Wheels program at the East Hampton Senior Center. Commit to one hour a week or a month, be a regular or substitute driver. Driver opportunities available Monday through Friday. Call the senior center at 860-267-4426 or email seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov for more details.

Live Acoustic Music Concert Fundraiser

All are invited to Hootenanny for the Horses at Autumn Ridge, the CT Draft Horse Rescue (113 Chestnut Hill Rd.) on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 6-9 p.m. People can learn about the rescue, meet the horses, take a tour of the farm, and enjoy an evening of live acoustic music while helping the herd and supporting local musicians. The musicians are acoustic singers/songwriters and play their own material as well as covers from Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon, The Low Anthem, and more. Have a picnic and bring your

family, friends, lawn chairs and blankets. There are farm tours from 6-7 p.m., and live music from 7-9 p.m. Performers are Karen Stein, Terri LaChance, Sweet Polly and Kevin Day. Tickets are \$25 per person (free for kids 10 and under) and must be purchased online (tinyurl.com/mty94ury). No dogs allowed on the property. For more information – read before purchasing your ticket – visit www.ctdraftrescue.org/hootenannyforhorses.

Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to worship Sundays at 9 a.m. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger. Refreshments are served after the service. **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. **Barbecue Chicken:** The church will be at the Haddam Neck Fair selling its barbecue chicken with fresh, locally grown corn on the

cob. A portion of the proceeds supports charities and mission work. **Praise Music:** All are invited to the Haddam Neck Fair Bandstand on Sunday, September 4 at 11 a.m. for contemporary praise music provided by the HNCC Choir accompanied by keyboard, bass guitar, guitar and drums. **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.

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. **Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date Aug. 31), at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise it will be indoors or via Zoom. Register online. **Wii Bowling:** Thursdays, Sept. 1, 15 and 29, at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is required. **Art w/Karen:** Sunday, Aug. 28, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will take people through the beginning steps of creating an acrylic painting. Cost is \$5 for supplies; pay Karen the day of the event. Pre-registration is necessary. **Corn Hole:** Wednesdays, Sept. 7 and 21, at 10:30 a.m. Played inside or outside. Pre-registration requested. **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.

Class of '67 Reunion

The East Hampton High School class of 1967 will celebrate its 55th Class Reunion Sunday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m., in the upper room of Lakeside Bar and Grill, 81 North Main St. Attendees will order off the menu; pay as you go. If interested in attending, call Rita at 860-798-1092, Lauralei at 860-424-2284 or GERALYN at 860-682-2067 as soon as possible, as a head count has been requested by management.

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.

Prevention Partnership Seeks Members

The East Hampton Prevention Partnership (EHPP) is looking for more community members to participate in the prevention meetings that take place on the third Tuesday of every month. Members have an opportunity to help EHPP's mission of reducing substance abuse among young people and promoting mental health initiatives. The committee works with different partners to pinpoint the needs of the community and provide programming. Call or email Prevention Coordinator Courtney Widrick Fitzkee at 860-267-4468 ext. 3227 or cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov for more information.

Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

Applications for the eighth annual East Hampton Ambulance Jim Morris memorial scholarship are currently being accepted. The scholarship is available to East Hampton or Haddam Neck residents who have completed on year of studies at a four-year college or community college in an Allied Health field. Applications must be submitted no later than Sept. 6. Any applications received after this date will not be accepted. Forms are at www.ehems.org under the "contact us" tab. Completed applications should be sent to Liz Whitty, Scholarship Chairperson, East Hampton Ambulance, P.O. Box 144, East Hampton, CT 06424.



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Hebron, RHAM Schools Return Next Week

By Michael Sinkewicz

Hebron schools are gearing up for the start of the school year, and administrators are putting the final touches on their preparation and looking ahead at what will make the year successful for them.

Hebron Public Schools, which covers the Gilead Hill and Hebron Elementary schools, start Aug. 31, while the RHAM middle and high schools start September 1 respectively, both have plans to help advance their schools.

Thomas Baird, Hebron Public Schools Superintendent, there are a few programs that stand out to him as having the strongest impact on students.

The main focuses for Baird are student wellness and academic support. Baird also said he is working to update the social studies curriculum to the state standards.

For student wellness, Baird expressed that the Choose Love program is entering its third year, and it will hopefully continue to help students.

“The Choose Love program provides students with lessons and strategies to build good relationships with others and self-regulate their emotions to be ready to focus on academics,” Baird told the *Rivereast*.

Baird believes that the program generates results that foster a healthy learning environment for students, while giving them an avenue to de-stress.

“We have found that these lessons help students manage peer relationships and give students ways to calm themselves at times when they are upset,” he said.

There will also be an additional school psychologist that was covered through grant funds.

Baird said that grant funds will also be used to continue their academic tutoring program that “provides additional reading and math support to students who need extra assistance.”

He said he is proud of the program, expressing that it provides high-quality resources.

“Our tutoring program is above and beyond our regular intervention program and is designed for students who need less help but would still benefit from extra support,” he said.

Handling the pandemic continues to be a top priority for districts across the state. Baird stated that his schools will follow Chatham Health and state guidance.

He stated that protocols are the same for students are vaccinated or not against the virus.

Baird is also focused on school safety and is taking steps to ensure that the schools are equipped and prepared for any emergency.

“We continue to conduct training on safety procedures with our staff throughout the year,” he said. “In addition, we have asked the town to provide an additional school resource officer so that both of our schools will have a dedicated full-time SRO.”

Last week, the Board of Selectmen began discussions on that issue. Selectmen ultimately held off on approving the request made by the education board for an additional officer, at least for the start of the school year.

During their meeting, the board acknowledged the basis for the request, but determined that it was impractical to approve it before the academic year began.

Baird believes the staff are ready to get started. He stated that student enrollment has increased by 10% over the last two years.

“We had a great hiring season this year and are in the best position to start the year in years,” he said.

Along with increased enrollment, the district added nine certified teachers for the year.

RHAM Ready to Go

As for RHAM, Superintendent of Schools Colin McNamara updated the Board of Education during a meeting Aug. 22, expressing that both the middle school and high school are prepared for the year.

He stated that the schools will be fully staffed, and that there’s a “palpable energy” when they come back.

One of the issues McNamara did warn the board about was a potential bus driver shortage.

While there should be enough, if a regular

driver is absent, then there could be a potential problem.

One of the main topics McNamara updated the board about was COVID-19.

He stated that the administration has 2,000 test kits available, but encourages at home testing for students.

“We have to learn to live with the virus,” he said.

McNamara gave general guidelines that he hopes parents will follow. If students are experiencing symptoms before heading out to school, they should test themselves.

If those symptoms are mild and the test result is negative, the student can still go to school but should consider wearing a mask.

Overall, masking is “generally” recommended but not required. If the number of community cases begins to spike, additional measures may have to be brought back upon review.

Continuing from the past year, the district will have a COVID dashboard online, which parents can visit to see the number of confirmed cases at the schools.

“It’s important to communicate the number of positive cases,” McNamara said during the meeting.

On Wednesday, McNamara added that his main focus for 2022-23 is getting equated with his new role as superintendent, including “getting to know the students, staff, and community stakeholders.”

Along the way, he hopes that he’ll be able to

address certain areas.

“I will learn more about the programs and services for students and families that are currently in place and identify needs that may exist,” he said.

He stated that regarding COVID, the guidelines will be in line with what’s been provided by the state Department of Education, Department of Health and Office of Early Childhood. There will be communication sent out to staff and families explaining what these guidelines include. One of the main mitigation steps that students can take is testing.

Regarding school security, McNamara is confident the schools are prepared, and will make improvements if found to be necessary.

“Working to create and maintain a safe and secure school environment is the most important job we have as educators,” he said. “School districts are constantly seeking ways to improve in this area. RHAM is no different and it is certainly something that will continue to be a focus of our work.”

While staffing shortages have been a problem with many school districts, RHAM remains in good shape.

“We are fortunate that RHAM is a desirable place to work, and our administrative team has worked hard to fill vacancies that have come up over the past several months with qualified candidates,” McNamara said. “We will continue to work on filling the small number of vacancies we have.”

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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.

Douglas Library News & Notes

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

Friday Film: On Friday, Aug. 26, at 1 p.m., *The Woman in the Window* (rated R) will be shown on the library’s 80-inch 4K TV with surround sound speakers. Bottled water and individually wrapped snacks will be provided.

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

Biblio+: This is a new streaming service full of film, TV and documentary content without any credits or watch limits. Visit biblioplus.com to register with your valid library card.

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The local American Legion is seeking sponsors and golfers for its Hebron-area Veterans Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Chantclair Golf course, in Colchester.

The Legion is looking for people and organizations to endorse the tournament with a contribution, a donated door prize, or sponsoring golfers. Tee sponsor signs and golf cart signs bearing your individual and/or business name are also available. People can also donate for a three-tier, silver, gold or platinum sponsorship fee.

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

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BOS Rejects Latest Proposal, Town Enters Budget Freeze

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Board of Selectmen last Thursday, Aug. 18, voted against sending the latest town budget proposal to town meeting and referendum, extending an arduous budget season.

Then, on Wednesday, the town entered a budget freeze.

The selectmen voted 2-1 against the \$15.63 million spending package – a \$231,516 cut from the proposal that failed at referendum for a second time in June and nearly \$70,000 below current-year spending.

Deborah Bates, a Republican on the board, represented the lone vote in favor of passing along the budget. Jason LaChapelle, a Republican, and Denise Turner, a Democrat, voted against the motion. First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos and Democrat Rosemary Coyle were absent from the meeting.

The selectmen were considering a budget proposal approved on a party-line vote the night before by the Board of Finance. The town meeting date would have been set for Sept. 8 with the potential referendum scheduled for Sept. 20.

The finance board was set to hold its next meeting Wednesday night, after press time.

On Wednesday, the Bisbikos sent a memo to department heads stating that the town was entering a budget freeze and that any purchases will need his approval or that of the town finance director.

He also stated that there will be no overtime unless there is an emergency.

In the memo, Bisbikos stated that the Director of Operations position will not be needed

moving forward, opening up nearly \$90,000 in funds for the town.

The vote last week to advance to budget to the public – often viewed as a procedural vote – came after several questions about the latest proposal lingered.

During the selectmen meeting, Turner expressed that there was confusion over whether some new initiatives remained or were removed from the proposal – specifically the new senior services bus driver and new “transparency software,” which have drawn heavy debate during finance board deliberations.

“I don’t know if I can support pushing this onto the town for a vote,” Turner said.

LaChapelle stated that he was “uncomfortable” with the proposal. He elaborated on why he voted against advancing the budget forward in a Facebook post on Aug. 19.

LaChapelle – who also voted against sending the proposed budget to the second failed referendum – defended his decision, expressing that selectmen voted based on “approval” of the budget.

He referenced discussions the finance board had regarding new initiatives earlier this month, and argued that the board had bypassed additional public conversation on the topic. The finance board removed the senior services bus driver and kept the new software; there had been planned discussions to potentially keep or remove both the initiatives from the proposal.

“I do not believe this latest budget was presented to the citizens in an honest or transparent

way,” LaChapelle wrote in the post.

Another major question with the proposal revolved around commodity spending. At a previous finance board meeting, members raised concerns that the new budget was potentially underestimating the cost of items such as fuel and diesel. There were discussions that these numbers would need to be adjusted to account for the potential increase in spending.

“I firmly believe the citizens need full clarity on this issue before we present them with a budget. They need to have the confidence that they are not approving a budget that has known built-in holes,” LaChapelle wrote.

Andrea Migliaccio, chairman of the finance board, previously told the Rivereast that the fuel concern had “flattened” and that new information indicated that those costs would not be over budget.

Debbie Kratochvil, town finance director, told the Rivereast that Migliaccio was “correct” in stating that commodity pricing is going down, but it fluctuates every day.

“I am working with Public Works and our fuel contact to determine when we should lock in. We are watching the number daily,” she said.

Kratochvil confirmed that the town has bought fuel since July 1, the start of the fiscal year, but not heating fuel or diesel.

She added that the Public Works department is “on top of this and we are communicating regularly.”

The finance board at its Aug. 17 meeting approved the budget proposal by a 4-2 vote – Democrats Mike Egan and Mike Hayes voted against it.

The meeting began with John Thomas, a Republican on the board, making a motion to send the bottom-line number to the selectmen – a motion the two Democrats were caught off guard by.

“None of these issues are seen in this budget,” Egan said, referring to the board’s previous discussion on commodities.

Later in the meeting, Egan criticized a decision to remove the senior services bus driver from the proposal, while keeping the software, expressing that those discussions happened outside of the public lens.

“You completely cut us out of the loop,” Egan said, adding that it was a “slap in the face” and “disconcerting.”

Migliaccio did not immediately return a request for comment before print time.

Migliaccio expressed during the meeting that the board needed to approve of the town expenditures and then they can move onto to adjusting revenue and setting the mill rate.

She also stood by decision not to adjust the estimates for fuel and to remove the senior services driver.

Migliaccio stated that the board was not going to further discuss the new initiatives, which she called “hot political items.” When Hayes attempted to discuss bringing the driver back into the budget, she told him not to “bring it to me at the last minute.”

Hayes told the Rivereast that the budget “was not transparent to me and was forced forward by the Republicans.”

“This is a travesty and the people of Colchester need to be made aware of the lack of transparency by the Republican party in their attempt to force a budget through to a town meeting,” he said.

Hayes outlined several issues he had with the latest finance board meeting, including the initial motion to approve the budget at the beginning, which was later withdrawn to allow for further budget discussion.

According to Hayes, when Democrats on the board attempted to have additional conversations about the cost of fuel, the “BOF chair closed the discussion on that matter.”

Hayes expressed that at a previous meeting, the possibility of removing all new initiatives from the budget was proposed and that he had several conversations with Migliaccio discussing this issue – this topic was also discussed during the finance board’s Aug. 10 meeting.

Hayes questioned how the funds for a new promotion of a police sergeant were removed from the proposal – the board previously discussed potentially removing that item, but a final determination was not reached during a public finance board meeting.

There are also questions regarding the increase of revenue, which Hayes said was discussed during a Republican caucus.

Specifically, Hayes expressed doubt with potentially estimating Ambulance fees. He stated that the fire chief wrote to the finance board stating that ambulance was “not aggressive in collecting overdue fees.”

According to Hayes, town Finance Director Debbie Kratochvil advised the finance board that bringing the budget in at nearly \$70,000 below current spending would not be recommended due to “increasing costs of running the town.”

Kratochvil confirmed to the Rivereast that this was her assessment.

“I recommended that they not decrease the expense number below that of the 21-22 budget,” she said.

Musicians Sought for CCO

The Colchester Choir & Orchestra (CCO) is looking for new members. Seats are open in all sections – both choir and orchestra.

CCO will perform two concerts in the 2022-23 season. Sponsored by Colchester Parks & Recreation, the group plays a wide variety of music, from pops to classical. The group rehearses weekly at Bacon Academy, and looks forward to welcoming new members looking for a social orchestra and choir

with a passion for music.

Choir rehearses Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m., and orchestra rehearses Thursdays from 7:30-9 p.m.

To register, go to colchesterctrec.recdesk.com and look for “CCO 22-23” under registration.

For more information, visit www.colchesterchoirorchestra.org.

Upcoming Senior Center Trips

The Colchester Senior Center is planning the following trips. 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.

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 sev-

en 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.

Police News

8/15: Victor Cho, 30, of Norwich, was arrested and charged with first-degree failure to appear, state police said.

8/20: James Gerent Jr., 32, of 101 Mill Hill Rd., was arrested and charged with DUI and failure to drive upon the right, police said.

JJIS Meet-and-Greet

Jack Jackter Intermediate School will hold a Meet-and-Greet on Monday, Aug. 29, from 3-4 p.m., for all incoming and returning third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students.

This is an opportunity for students to meet their teachers and see their rooms. To support current safety protocols, JJIS will divide the community into three groups. Enter through the main building entrance (double doors in the front) and exit through the double doors leading to the large staff/bus parking lot.

Dean’s List

Chelsea Kranc, a rising senior, made the spring 2022 Dean’s List at Simmons University in Boston, where she is majoring in social work.

She is the daughter of Andrea and Herman Kranc of Colchester.



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Ham Radio Shack at Senior Center

The Colchester Senior Center is establishing an amateur radio shack in order to serve the needs of its members and the community.

Seniors are often subject to change-of-life issues in which many have to refocus their lives. The licensing procedure, technical aspects and outreach to hams throughout the state and the world will do just that.

This will not only be a club but a broadcast facility with secured, shared electronics that will allow licensed amateur radio operators to talk to the world and provide support during

local events and natural disasters. Club organizers expect to help seniors qualify for their FCC amateur radio license and put them on the air. Over time, involved seniors will provide programs open to the entire community on this hobby. Doing this involves reaching out to existing local amateur radio hams and community supporters to help bring this program together by donating time, equipment or funds.

Contact Georg Papp Sr. at the senior center at 860-537-3911 to join the committee or for additional information on how you may help.

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 sanctu-

ary. 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.

Annual Tag Sale: The church will hold its annual Tag Sale Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the church. There will be toys, home and garden, vintage items, and a name-your-own-price room. For more information, call Avis Hull 860-537-2094 or the church office at 860-537-5189.

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

Festival on the Green Craft Show

The 31st annual Festival on the Green Craft Show will take place Saturday, Sept. 24. Admission is free for the craft show, which is held on the town green.

More than 50 craft vendors are expected for the Craft Show, sponsored by the Colchester Lions Club, which continues to work closely with the Colchester Historical Society, the group that founded the event.

Exhibitors are expected to include a variety of arts and crafts, including woodworking,

painting, photography, pottery, stained glass and more.

A limited number of booths (10' by 10') are still available, at \$75 for a single space, or \$135 for a double space. All products must be personally crafted; no imports or mass-produced items are allowed.

For more information, call the event hotline at 860-222-0796 or email ColchesterLions-CraftFair@gmail.com.

Choose Love Bus Coming to Town?

The People Empowering People Class of 2022, Collaborative for Colchester's Children (C3) and the Town of Colchester are working together to secure funding, through donations, to bring the Choose Love Bus to the Celebrating Colchester event Saturday, Sept. 17, from 1-5 p.m., on the Town Green.

Organizers say Celebrating Colchester aims to bring the community together to celebrate the unique features of the town and to create a safer and more loving community for all.

The Choose Love movement was created in 2013 by Scarlett Lewis, in memory of her son Jesse, after he was tragically killed in the Sandy Hook massacre. In the wake of the shooting, she opted to spread the message of forgiveness by embracing the core values of nurtur-

ing, healing, and love. She teaches others how to enhance their social and emotional skills and develop their qualities of kindness, gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion in action.

One of the ways Lewis shares her valuable knowledge and impacts communities is by speaking at community events. Lewis and her team have recently begun to travel across the country in what she calls the "Choose Love on the Move Bus Tour." The bus tour includes a set-up of four stations in which the Choose Love team explores the values of courage, gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion in action. There are also various games and activities, and a keynote speech from Lewis.

For more information, or to donate to the event on Sept. 17, go to ColchesterC3.org.

Cragin Book Club to Meet

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m., outdoors at Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave.; bring a chair. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be inside at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave.

The Missing Treasures of Amy Ashton by Eleanor Ray will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk.

For weather-related updates, visit tinyurl.com/cmlbookclub. For more information, call 860-537-5752.

Polish Dinner, Polka Dance

St. Joseph's Polish Club, located at 395 S. Main St., will host a Polish dinner and Polka dance to benefit Karen Olszewski Polisky on Friday, Sept. 16. Polisky was diagnosed February with cholangiocarcinoma, a cancer that is inoperable and is incurable.

A Polish dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The Maestro's Men will begin playing at 6 p.m. Dinner includes pierogies, golumpki, keilbasa, kapusta, rye bread and butter. Tickets are \$20 each, limited, and on sale at the club now during business hours. Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

A Court of Fantasy Readers

Cragin Memorial Library's newest book club will meet Thursday, Sept. 8, at 5:30 p.m., to discuss *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova.

Books are available for checkout at the adult circulation desk at Cragin, 8 Linwood Ave. The book club will be walking at the Cohen Woodlands if it is a nice day. If the weather is inclement, the meeting will be in the library's Norton Room B.

Call the library at 860-537-5752 to register, or register online via Facebook for email updates.

Dems to Open Headquarters

The Colchester Democrats will hold the grand opening of their campaign headquarters at 392 S. Main St. Unit 7 (across from McDonald's) on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 11 a.m.

This location will serve as the official campaign headquarters for the Norm Needleman for State Senate (33rd District) and the Chris Rivers for State Representative (48th District) campaigns and support the Democrats running for all state and federal offices in November.

The public is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Volunteers are also needed to help with all types of campaign activities this fall. Call Monica Egan at 860-465-7909 if interested.

Fall Market Vendor Fair

Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., will host its annual Fall Market Vendor Fair Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring crafters, vendors, food trucks and more.

If interested in being a vendor at the fair, email Renee Misbach at rouillette01@snet.net for more information.

AARP to Meet

Colchester AARP 4019 invites all people ages 50 and up to its next meeting, taking place Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m., at Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave.

There will be an update on the new senior center by Tony Tarnowsky, the chairman of the building committee. There will be a short business meeting at 1:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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, Aggadath class from the Talmud, 6 p.m.; Talmud class, 6:30 p.m.; Kabbalah class, 8 p.m., on Zoom.

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

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

Resident Graduates

Emma Fritz of Colchester recently graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a B.S. in animal science and technology and a B.S. in wildlife and conservation biology.

Dean's List

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

Hannah Benoit, Martha Beringer, Chantal Best, Tharshana Chandrakumar, Jennifer Clemons, Jennifer Foley, Kara Gorski, Allyson Knorr-Anderson, Adrianna Lami, Anne Pederezani, Stephanie Plateroti, Maureen Pycko, Leeauna Stagni, Ashley Varjenski, Amanda West and Meghan Young.

Walk To End Alzheimer's

All are invited to accompany the Colchester Senior Center Saturday, Sept. 24, at 9:30 a.m., at Ocean Beach Park in New London, as the center joins in on the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

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Head of Schools Previews Upcoming Year

By Michael Sinkewicz

Thomas McDowell, interim superintendent of Colchester schools, outlined a post-pandemic plan for the district and new initiatives he'd like to enact moving forward.

As the first day of school approaches on Aug. 31, McDowell is mainly focusing on student and staff wellness, something that he feels is essential for the district.

McDowell told the Rivereast that following a retreat last week with the district's principals and administrators, he hopes the message is clear that students need to be supported properly at school.

He stated that kids need to be ready to learn, but that after gaps in learning formed due to the pandemic, it's up to each school to create the right atmosphere where students feel welcome and excited to learn.

"Kids need to know that they're cared for," he said.

There should be a sense of normalcy in Colchester schools, according to McDowell, due to declining COVID-19 case numbers.

Still, he is focused on making sure that the schools are ready for any potential outbreak and are up to equipped to handle it.

"We're ensuring that schools are a safe place to go," McDowell said. "We'll keep parents up

to date with cases."

Once the school year gets underway, McDowell will begin working on a major issue facing schools across the state – security.

Colchester employs a school resource officer (SRO) who splits time between its four schools. McDowell said he is aware that additional measures may need to be taken – but he wants to get community and parent input before making any official proposals.

His plan is the send a survey out to parents, asking them if they would be in favor of armed security at the schools. While McDowell couldn't estimate the exact cost of putting an armed officer at each school, it would likely cost the district hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"It's staring us in the face," McDowell said. "It's the world we're living in."

The specific details of the survey or when it will be sent out have not been finalized, but McDowell expects the majority of parents will be in favor of adding the armed officers.

Colchester is also facing a staffing challenge, with nine certified teacher openings remaining.

McDowell is confident that a few of those positions will likely be filled by the end of the week, and that the district has already hired 17

certified people this summer.

In general, McDowell said it's a "tough time of year" but he's "optimistic" the district will be able to find qualified individuals.

During a Board of Education meeting Aug. 23, McDowell told the board that it's been challenging to find the right people.

"We don't want to put just anyone in front of our kids," he said.

Shannon Ramsby, director of human resources, expressed that it's been a "challenging environment" to navigate for hiring new people.

One thing that will be fixed in the district, at least at some levels, is class sizes.

"They were way too high last year," McDowell said during the meeting.

He stated that this year, Kindergarten class sizes will most likely be around 15-16 students, as opposed to 21 last year.

"I'm excited about that," he said.

Bacon Academy is still searching for a new principal following the departure of Matthew Peel in July.

McDowell told the Rivereast that he's assembled an interview team and has narrowed down the list of potential candidates. He hopes that

interview process can begin next week, despite the anticipated scheduling difficulties with the school year beginning.

In the meantime, Charles Hewes will continue as acting principal. Hewes was also recently promoted to Assistant Superintendent.

McDowell described Hewes as "scary smart." On Monday, McDowell will be addressing all of the district's faculty and staff.

He described how during those moments and as school starts up, he "still gets butterflies."

"There's a real sense of excitement," he said. "You can't do this job if you don't have that enthusiasm."

During the education board meeting, McDowell asked the board to approve a new special education supervisor position. However, due to a mix-up on the agenda, the board decided to hold off on taking any potential action until their next meeting.

McDowell expressed that the position would be funded through a grant this year, but would need to be added to the operating budget after.

"Principals need help with delivering the services," McDowell said. "We need to do this."

Parks & Rec News & Notes

Colchester Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For more information, call 860-537-7297 or visit www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department.

Summer Concert in the Park: Thursday, Sept. 1, 6-8 p.m. This will be a Community Dance Party with DJ Montez. All are invited to come and dance the night away.

Splashpad Time Running Short: The Splashpad is open weekdays from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. It will close for the season Sept. 6.

Fall Events: Scarecrow Contest on the Town Green – scarecrow set-up is Oct. 3-7, and voting is Oct. 8-31; Costume Parade on the Town Green – Oct. 7; Pumpkin Painting on the RecPlex Pavilion, from 3-4 p.m.

Fireworks & Trick or Trunk: Saturday, Oct. 29, from 4-8 p.m., at the RecPlex. Register your "trunk" to hand out candy to all of the trick-or-treaters. Fireworks will follow at dark. Parents are asked to donate two bags of candy per child which will be distributed to the trunks to hand out.

Westchester Church News

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

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

Senior Center News & Notes

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following. For full descriptions, call 860-537-3911, email csc@colchesterct.gov, or visit www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center.

Monday, Aug. 29: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Stitch & Fix; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mahjong; 12:45 p.m., Setback; 1 p.m., bridge.

Tuesday, Aug. 30: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Senior Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:30 a.m., Golf League Banquet; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Wednesday, Aug. 31: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meetup at the Airline Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 1:30 a.m., Gelli Printing with Jodi; 4:30-6 p.m., Ultimate Bingo.

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

Friday, Sept. 2: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, Hearing Clinic; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group, free 'Falling Apples' Bingo, 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Upcoming Programs: 'Falling Apples' Free Bingo: Friday, Sept. 2, 10:30 a.m. Come win some apple-themed prizes in this free game, sponsored by Apple Rehab. Apple cider doughnuts and fresh apple cider will be served. Pre-registration requested.

Back-to-School Breakfast: Friday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m. Pancakes, bacon, fruit cup, orange juice, tea and coffee will be served. There will also be some Back-to-School Trivia. All are asked to help fill the giant Lunch Box too, as the se-

nior center collects non-perishable food items suitable for a lunch box (such as peanut butter, jelly, cookies, crackers, granola bars and juice boxes) to benefit the Colchester Food Bank. Cost is \$5. Register by Sept. 6.

Flavors of Fall Cooking Demo: Monday, Sept. 12, 1:30 p.m. Create a butternut squash soup and pumpkin whoopee pies with cinnamon cream cheese frosting. Samples and recipes will be provided during the demo. Sign up in the office. Cost is \$3.

Equine Experience Trip to High Hopes Farm: Tuesday, Sept. 20, bus departs at 10 a.m. Discover the world of equine-assisted activities through hands-on interactions with horses and ponies. Cost for this trip is \$25, which includes bus transportation. Bring some extra cash for a lunch stop at Subway on the way home.

Color Your World Cabaret Luncheon: Wednesday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m. Don your most colorful outfit and celebrate fall with the soulful sounds of Ashly Cruz, followed by a lunch of breaded chicken with country-style gravy, biscuit, garden salad, orange juice and apple crumb pie. Tickets are \$9 each and will be available for purchase at the senior center until Sept. 14 or sold out.

Falls Prevention Lunch: Friday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m. In recognition of Falls Prevention Month, National Healthcare will present an informative program that covers strategies to help keep people safe from falls at home and in the community. The presentation will be followed by a complimentary lunch of tuna or turkey sandwich, chips, cookies and bottled water. This is a free program. Register by Sept. 16; space is limited.



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A Groovy Time... For the past few weeks, the residents at Complete Care at Harrington Court in Colchester had been making tie dyed tee shirts and bandanas to prepare for their Woodstock Celebration on Aug. 15-17. On Aug. 15, they learned some interesting facts about Woodstock, and on Aug. 16, they enjoyed live music with a band called The Guinea Pigs (pictured at left). Then on Aug. 17, the residents participated in the program “What’s in a Song: Woodstock Edition.” They learned about some of the songs performed at Woodstock and watched recordings of the live performances. They also got some temporary tattoos to get in the spirit of things. Some of the residents at Harrington Court attended, or almost attended, the festival. Pictured at right is resident Tom Foley and Recreation Director Nancy Michaud. Foley reminisced that he almost went to Woodstock, but he decided to pick up a few shifts at his job. (Also, his mother had threatened to call the cops on him.)

Celebrate Colchester

All are invited to Parks and Recreation’s new community event Celebrate Colchester, being held Saturday, Sept. 17, from 1-5 p.m., on the Town Green. There will be community games and activities.

Also, all Colchester businesses and organizations are invited to set up a booth to share more information about their business/organization. There is no fee to set up a booth; people are asked to donate one item or basket to be used in the silent drawing. The funds raised by the silent drawing will be used to continue offering community events such as the summer concerts. Parks and Rec. will sell

tickets for the silent drawings and winners will be picked at the end of the event. Donations are due in the Parks and Rec. office at Town Hall by Sept. 5.

Booths may not have access to electricity, and the participating business/organization will have to provide any booth requirements (such as tent, table, chairs, etc.).

Parks and Rec. asks that there be no campaigning, and nothing that can be viewed as inappropriate or controversial at a family-friendly event.

Register to participate online at www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department.

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.

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.

Resident a Student Ambassador

Olivia Berard of Colchester has been selected to serve as a Student Ambassador at Bob Jones University for the 2022-23 academic year. Berard is a nursing major.

Student ambassadors provide information for the campus community, welcome and provide assistance to guests and promote BJU at events on and off campus throughout the year.

“We are thrilled to welcome Olivia as a Student Ambassador,” said Andrew Carter, University Host. “Olivia is an excellent student with a heart for service and a passion for others. We are excited to see them serve and grow in this position!”

Bob Jones University is located in Greenville, S.C.

Community CPR

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

The 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.

To sign up, contact fire headquarters at 860-537-2512 or firedepartment@colchesterct.gov.

Next Boy Scout Shredding Event

Boy Scout Troop 72 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.

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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Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

Sunday Services: Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the main service is at 10:30 a.m. There is also Children’s Church available for ages 4-11. All are welcome. The main service is also

broadcast live each week on Facebook. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.

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



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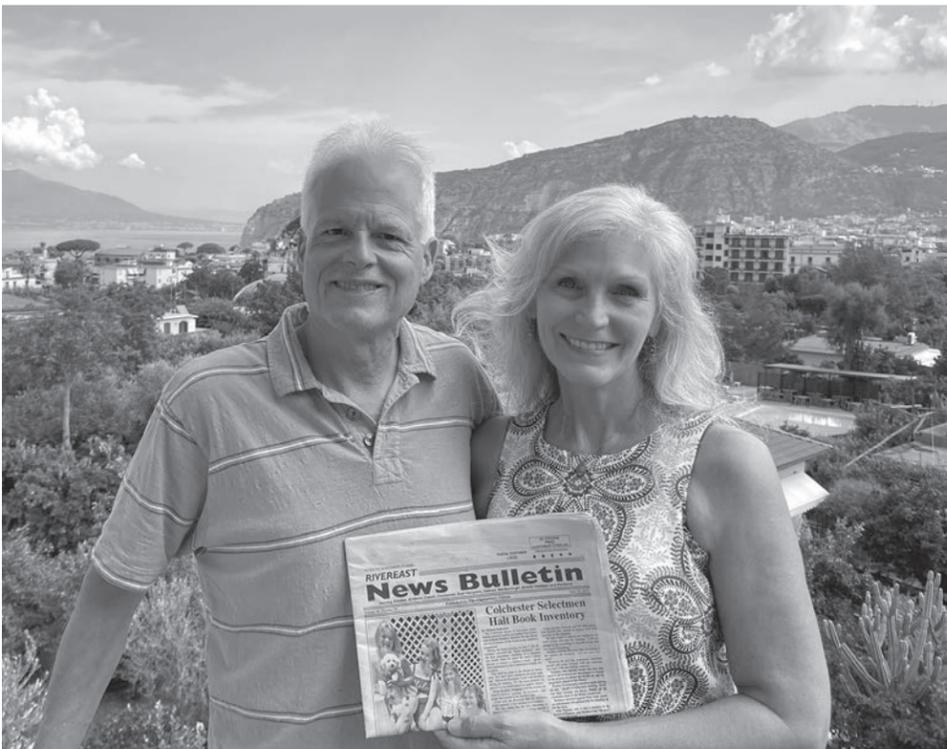
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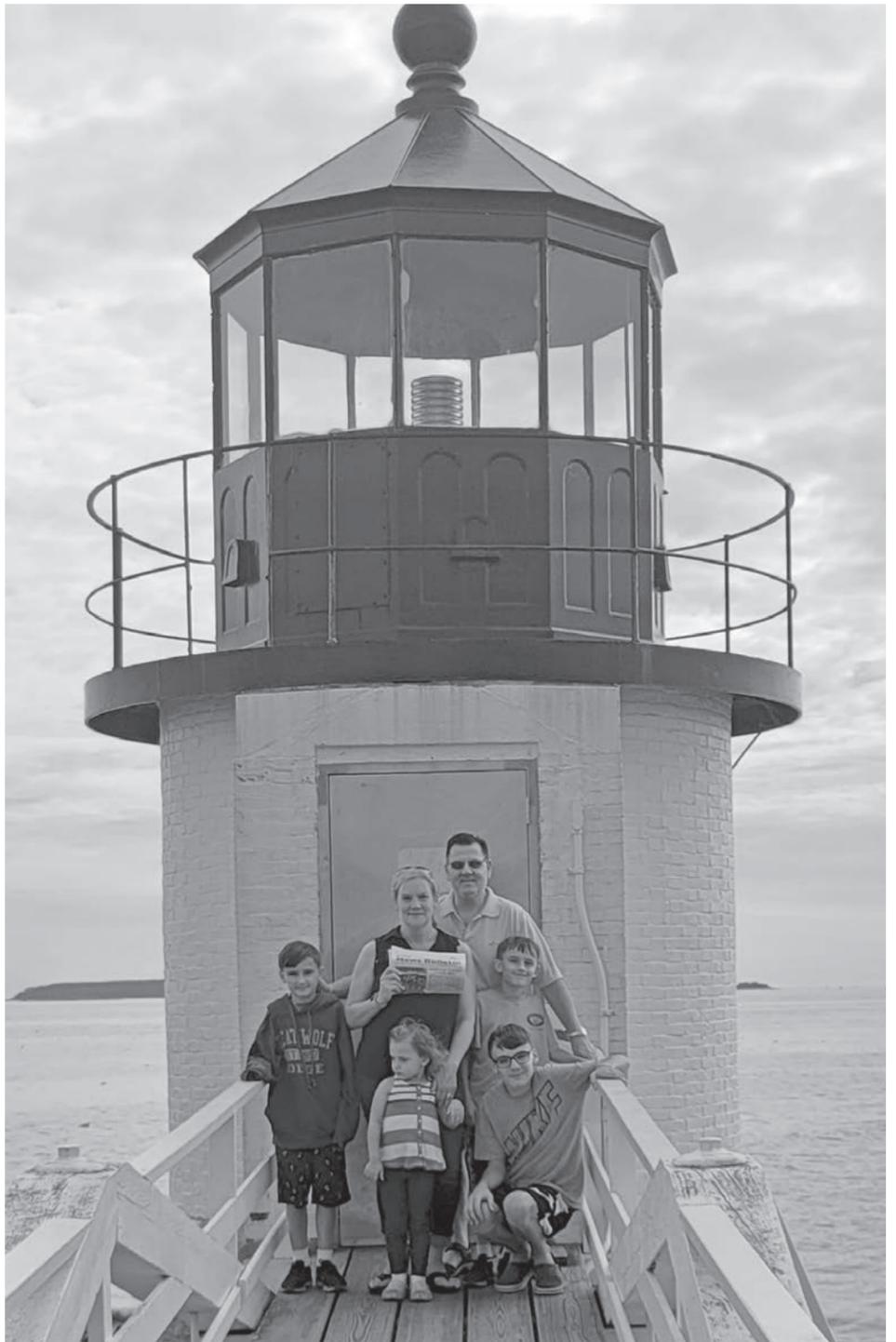
Food, Folks and Fun... East Hampton residents Berniece Vallee, Mary Sims and Joan Ferwerda (pictured from left) recently brought the *Rivereast* out to dinner, at Campagna in Portland! Thanks, ladies! The *Rivereast* loves a good meal!



From Marlborough to Maine... The Howe and Jung-Magnan families of Marlborough spent a week on Gardner Lake in eastern Maine, complete with a copy of the *Rivereast*!



From Belltown to Bella Italia... Edmond and Cheryl Gioielli of East Hampton are shown in Sorrento, Italy. Behind them on the left is Mount Vesuvius towering over the bay of Naples. They enjoyed a side trip to the Amalfi coast as part of their month-long summer stay in the beautiful mountain village of Volturara Irpina, Italy, where their family home is located. Their youngest son, Nicolas (not pictured), was also with them enjoying the Mediterranean sun and fun!



A Look at a Lighthouse... Sarah and Billy Caratasios of Portland, and their four children, recently visited the Marshall Point Lighthouse in Port Clyde, Maine.

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Obituaries

East Hampton

Daniel Patrick O'Brien

Daniel Patrick O'Brien, 52, of East Hampton, passed away suddenly in his home Tuesday, Aug. 16. Born March 11, 1970, in Hartford, he was a son of David and Gail (Lepak) O'Brien.



Daniel attended Emmanuel Christian Academy in Newington, and also earned his Bachelor of Arts in public relations from Central Connecticut State University, his Master of Business Administration from University of New Haven and his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Connecticut.

Dan was a lifelong sports fan; especially of the New York Yankees. He was also an avid fan of all types of music and enjoyed attending music festivals with his friends. Dan was also a self-professed born-again Christian.

He is survived by his parents, David and Gail O'Brien; his daughter, Isabelle, and his sons, Rowan and Seamus; his siblings and their spouses, Susan (Alan) Chartier of Willimantic; Timothy (Beth Ann) O'Brien of Powell, Ohio, Todd (Shawna) O'Brien of Jupiter, Fla.; and numerous other nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

A celebration of Daniel's life will be held at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Oakdale, 900 Route 163, on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m.

Care of arrangements has been entrusted to Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Portland

Ruth E. Brown

Ruth E. (Evans) Brown, 81, of Portland, formerly of Middletown and Cromwell, went home to her Lord and Savior Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Middlesex Hospital after a brief illness.

Ruth was born in Winooski, Vt., the daughter of the late Herbert W. Evans Sr. and the late Laura J. (Jewett) Evans. She grew up on Church Street and was a 1958 graduate of Middletown High School. Prior to her retirement Ruth was employed in the claims department of The Trust Insurance Co., and started her career in the claims department at Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company.

Ruth loved singing classic Christian hymns and also playing the piano and organ at the churches she attended over the years. After retirement, she sang with the Middletuners Choir for a short time and was a volunteer at Middlesex Hospital for many years.

She was quiet, soft spoken and one of the kindest, nicest people you would ever meet. Occasionally, her alter ego "Rose" would make an appearance. There would be a sparkle in her eye with mischief, laughter and often silliness not far behind. She was a loving and faithful wife, mother, daughter, sister, cousin and friend.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Pamela (Brown) Phillips and husband Robert of Portland; two sons, David Brown and wife Miguela of Sharon, Pa., and Robert Brown of Essex; her brother, Herbert Evans Jr., of Sharon, Pa.; nine grandchildren, Joshua and Sabrina Phillips, Janella and John Vincent Canete, Ashley, Alyse, Alex, Adam and Austin Brown; two

cousins, Everett Jewett of Lilburn, Ga., and Lenora (Jewett) Konow of Windham.

Ruth was predeceased by her sister, Margaret Evans (2021), and former husband, Warren Brown (2017).

The family would like to thank the dedicated and caring staff of the Intensive Care and Hospice Units at Middlesex Hospital for their exceptional care and kindness.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Middlesex Hospital Hospice Department.

To share memories or express condolences online, please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

Paul J. Dellano

"Beloved husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather"

Mr. Paul J. Dellano, 80, of East Hampton, formerly of Waterbury, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the Marlborough Health & Rehabilitation Center in Marlborough. He was the loving husband of Linda (Aurigemma) Dellano.

Paul was born in Waterbury on June 2, 1942, the son of the late John and Mary (Marino) Dellano. He was a graduate of Croft High School Class of 1961. He worked as the deli manager for Adams Hometown Market and Pathmark for many years until his retirement. Paul especially enjoyed his family, golf, gardening, and all of his many friends. He loved his wife's cooking, red wine, and was an avid New York Yankees fan.

Besides his wife, Linda, of 58 years, he leaves his children, Michael Dellano of Waterbury, Maria Hanlon and her husband, John, of Plantsville and Melissa Balda and her husband, Mike, of East Hampton. He also leaves his four loving grandchildren, Chelsea Romano and her husband, Andrew, Jillian Dellano, Hannah and Emily Balda; and two great-grandchildren, Reid and Della Romano.

His funeral will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m., from Chase Parkway Memorial/The Albini Family Funeral Home, 430 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery, Waterbury. Calling hours will be held on Friday evening, Aug. 26, from 6-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorial donations can be made in Paul's name to: Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, P.O. Box 1950, Clarksburg, MD 20871-1950.

Portland

Edward N. Dunham

Edward N. Dunham, son of Lewis and Alice Dunham, passed away Tuesday, July 12, in Sebastian, Fla., after a short illness. He was an Army veteran and served in Vietnam in the '60s. He moved to Florida sometime in the '70s.

He leaves behind his daughter, Michele Dunham Laventure and her husband Jeffery Laventure of Cranston, R.I. He also leaves his grandchildren, Emily Laventure and Evan Laventure. He is survived by his brothers, Burton Dunham of Middletown and Allen Dunham (Rita) of East Hampton; his niece, Linda Dunham; his sisters, Martha Dunham of Portland and Sharon Dunham Migliore of Manchester; and his sisters-in-law, Rita Dunham and Betty Dunham.

Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Carl E. Dunham, Douglas R.

Dunham; his sister-in-law, Joanne Dunham; and niece, Patricia Dunham of California.

I would like to thank the rehab workers of Sea Breeze Rehab, and also some of his close friends Johann Rosano, Jay Stemmler and Dennis Rau.

There are no services at this time but there will be some either in December or January.

East Hampton

Maxine Ring Senger

Maxine Ring Senger, beloved mother of Linda Rittman and son-in-law Douglas, passed away peacefully at Chestelm Nursing Home early Sunday morning, Aug. 21.

She was predeceased by her first husband of 50 years, Harry Ring, and her second husband of 12 years, Phillip Senger. She is also predeceased by her daughter, Michele Ring, and her son, Scott Ring.

She is survived by her daughter Linda Rittman and son-in-law Douglas of East Hampton; her three grandchildren, Jamie Godwin and her husband Matthew of East Hampton, Keith Rittman of East Hampton, and Scott Ring and his wife Emily of North Port, Fla.; two great-grandchildren, Dylan and Madison; and three great-great-grandchildren, Lily, Daisy and Weston.

Maxine retired from Northeast Utilities after 15 years and moved to Venice, Fla., where she met many wonderful friends. She lived in Harbor Isles Retirement Community where she enjoyed tap dancing, golfing, bowling, bingo and card games. After 20 years, Maxine was diagnosed with dementia and moved back to Connecticut to live with her daughter. In 2016 Maxine was moved to Chestelm where she spent the rest of her days with wonderful care and surrounded by nurturing Staff. She will be greatly missed by her family and all that knew her.

There will be a Celebration of Life held for Maxine at a later date, at the convenience of her family. Her final resting place will be at Gulf Pines Memorial Park in Englewood, Fla.

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



Glastonbury

Constance Pelletier

Constance Frances (Gregorian) Pelletier of Glastonbury died peacefully in her home Saturday, Aug. 13, surrounded by family. She married her one true love, George Pelletier predeceased, of Hartford. They married in February 1950 and celebrated 49 years of wedded bliss.



Born June 2, 1932, the eldest of two children to Marie (Desfosses) Gregorian and Dikran (Richard) Gregorian. She is predeceased by her brother, Dick Grigorian of South Windsor. She is survived by her three devoted children, Douglas & Stephanie Pelletier and Greg Pelletier, both of Hartford, and Susanne Colantonio of Glastonbury; as well as two grandchildren, Eric and Angela Colantonio of Marlborough, Jaclyn and Rob Brancato of South Glastonbury, and four great-grandchildren who were her heart's joy; as well as multiple nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Connie was always a working mother. In the early years she worked as a laboratory technician for the State of Connecticut and local private industries. Her career led her to becoming an electroencephalographer at Hartford Hospital where she became the first EEG Technician in the state to achieve national certification. She went on to establish an EEG lab at the Newington Home for Crippled Children. She remained director of that department as the home evolved to Newington Children's Hospital and then Connecticut Children's Medical Center and earned an international reputation in her field.

She was an avid traveler in her later years, exploring sites of import to American, Western and Eastern cultures.

A dynamic presence at any gathering, her loss will be greatly felt by friends, family, and all who knew her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be today, Friday, Aug. 26, at 1:30 p.m., in SS Isidore and Maria Parish at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury. Friends may call at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Children's Foundation for CCMC, 282 Washington St., Hartford, CT. 06106.

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Dems' Solution to Assault Weapons

To the Editor:

Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., is introducing two pieces of legislation targeting the manufacturers of assault weapons. The proposed legislation includes a bill that would impose a 20 percent tax on the

total revenue earned by manufacturers of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and a bill that would require each firearm manufacturer to create and implement a system to track and analyze crimes committed with firearms.

A system to track and analyze crimes committed with firearms should not be required of the manufacturer. If the government wants that done then they should foot the expense. Do we require car manufacturers to look into every motor vehicle accident? No!

In my opinion, this is an attempt to put all

gun manufacturers out of business because a 20 percent tax on all their revenue would do that, unless each gun manufacturer doubled the cost of all firearms!

I think these politicians should be looking at how to reduce assault gun crimes and make severe punishment their top priority. Sending murderers to a resort (a.k.a. prison) with all expenses paid is not punishment. Punishment should be so severe that it would make people think twice before committing these crimes.

Frank Blume - Colchester

DeCaprio for State Representative

Dear Colchester Residents:

I am Mark DeCaprio from Lebanon and I'm running for state representative for the 48th District which includes all of Colchester, and the towns of Bozrah, Franklin and Lebanon.

Many of our friends and neighbors that live in the Colchester and the towns of the 48th have new financial challenges caused by today's economy. Current inflation is costing all of us more for all products and seems like many items in our supermarkets have gone up a dollar or more, not to mention the high cost of gasoline, diesel and heating oil.

So with the cost of living in Connecticut being already high, plus inflation, we really don't need to have new taxes imposed on us - like the new truck tax passed by the current legislature that will be taking effect January 2023. This new truck tax will only exacerbate and increase the already high costs for most all products and goods!

My focus and emphasis is that it is time to reduce taxes and unnecessary/obsolete regulation to make Connecticut more affordable and competitive. Being a US Navy veteran, I use a term: "Change Course Connecticut." Connecticut needs to set a new course/direction to make our state more affordable so people can continue to live and retire here. Our goal should be to work

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"A monument should cost no more than a family can afford."

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★ **Bobcats Football cont. from page 1**

has taught multiple offensive systems – from the triple option to the air raid to the spread option.

Chaffin said he plans to blend together the offensive approaches and tailor it towards his personnel, adding, “I’m going to run whatever gives us the best chance to win.”

But before the team sees results on the field, Chaffin wants to help set a standard of excellence off of it.

“When I first got the job in March, I didn’t know what to expect, but once I got to know the players I realized that we have a group of great kids with the right attitude,” said Chaffin, a resident of Marlborough.

What surprised him was how eager the players were to get to work, even before they touched a football.

Over the summer, the team spent Saturday mornings cleaning up the grounds around Bacon Academy – mowing, weed-whacking, cutting down tree vines. They also accomplished one of Chaffin’s main goals: connecting with the town’s youth football program, the Colchester Cougars. The high school players spent time mentoring the next generation of Bobcats, and “they did it with enthusiasm,” Chaffin said.

“They were genuinely excited to do it,” he added, “because they are excited to change people’s perceptions of them.”

Setting Up Success

Chaffin said one of his first orders of business for his new players was to teach them the importance of the weight room and he was pleased with how the team responded to the summer lifting program.

He also wanted to show them what a high-level high school team should look like, so he brought the players to a summer football camp run by Springfield College at Xavier High School. The camp included the host Falcons, a Class LL contender, and Class M powerhouse Berlin.

“What happened was tremendous,” recalled Chaffin, who said his Class SS Bobcats had a group of 40 players that embraced the challenge. “We competed against two quality football programs. The confidence that they got from the camp has carried throughout the entire summer.”

Following the camp, Chaffin began to realize that he has a core group of guys that are capable of leading and competing on a weekly basis.

Senior quarterback Jack Holmes will be tasked with running a complex offense. Holmes, who is also an all-conference lacrosse player at the high school, said the new regime is just what the team needed.

“I’m really excited,” he said. “I feel the offensive really compliments everybody this year.”

Because of the size of the roster, many players will have to play on offense and defense.



Bacon Academy football is entering a new era under first-year head coach Bill Chaffin, seen in the photo at left. In the photo above is a core group of players returning to help turn the program around; from left are Jack Holmes, Aiden Holt, Colin Olbrias, Brady Gould and Aidan Fritz.

This included Aiden Holt and Aidan Fritz, who will each play linebacker and a skill position on the offensive end.

“Coach Chaffin brought in an entirely new offense and it’s unbelievable,” said Holt. “It’s a brand new culture and we are extremely motivated.”

Fritz added, “We’re becoming more of a family and working together just trying to get better. Everyone is putting in a lot more effort.”

Brady Gould, a junior, will also join the linebacker room.

“The culture is way different, I can already see it,” said Gould, who will also play tight end. “It’s very much a family aspect and I’m just ready for the season.”

All the players agree that the practices are more engaging and upbeat, which has increased their confidence heading into competition.

Whether or not the confidence translates to wins and losses on the field is yet to be known. However, Chaffin believes that this group has a

chance to lay the groundwork.

“At the point and time I took over the program it was essentially at rock bottom,” said Chaffin, who also works for an insurance agency out of Wallingford. “Every team that has had continued success has had a group of players that started it. There was always that group of guys that kick-started that rise. What is to stop this group from being that group?”

Part of his plan to change the culture in the locker room was bringing in an entirely new group of assistant coaches. Joining Chaffin on the sidelines will be position coaches Jamie Lawton (defensive line/running backs), Pat Walsh (offensive line/linebackers, Ryan Gorra (tight ends/safeties), Lamar Mikel (wide receivers/cornerbacks), and Chris Gould (offensive line/linebackers).

“I’m a big believer that the head coach sets the standards of the program and assistant coaches buy into that philosophy and get the players to buy in,” stated Chaffin. “If you continue to do

all the right stuff and change the perception of the program, that is going to result in a product on the field that is respectable and competes.”

The Bobcats, which last won a game in the 2019 regular season finale, will open the 2022 season at home against East Catholic on Saturday, Sept. 10, starting at noon.

By the time the game kicks off, it will have been 1,016 days since Bacon Academy last won a football game.

Chaffin is just hoping to see a confident group on the field that expects to succeed.

For the players, this season is a chance at redemption.

“You can already see a difference from the team. I just want to shock the league,” said senior Colin Olbrias, who will play wide receiver and defensive back. “After coming off a really rough year last year we’ve improved a lot and I don’t think anybody has been working harder than us in the offseason.”

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to attract high paying job creating companies to our state, while at the same time working to bring fiscal discipline and efficiency to Hartford and our state government.

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**Sincerely,
Mark DeCaprio
Republican Candidate for the 48th District**

Let’s Vote!

To the Editor:

The municipal complex “report” and 10 years of Public Building Committee meeting minutes makes it clear that the PBC was not competent to fulfill the site-selection task and was only chosen to reliably conclude what Town Hall wanted. They say there isn’t enough land at Old Colchester for a Public Works Building but, in fact, there were sound architectural plans drawn up for that very purpose. This was rejected by Town Hall as they held out for a larger, more expensive municipal complex – something that, as Mr. Larson has said, “they deserve.” There is plenty of room at Old Colchester if you want to build a common-sense, functional and safe PW building.

Town ownership of the 90-acre Horton property should allow the town to control sprawl and plan a livable downtown. The proposed project brings infrastructure and sewers that benefit just a few and will ruin Hebron.

Selectman Larson complains that citizens (referred to by a town official as “the f*** neighbors”) have opinions and has asked us to

consider their “personal benefit.” Well, for sure, none have had extensive contracts with the town like Mr. Larson. None were employed by the town like Selectman Rubera. (Both have voted on town budgets in which they benefit.) None have a spouse who works for the town like Selectman Richmond. These conflicts of interest are relevant and should be reported.

A citizen writes she “...cannot stomach BOS meetings and the flirting...” She and many others. The town has serious business. Meantime, the selectmen flirt with one another.

The selectmen COI, the unprofessional BOS meetings, and the politicization of the PBC have everything to do with why a boondoggle like the \$50M municipal complex is even considered. No more delays! Let’s vote!

John Collins – Amston

But Her Emails

To the Editor:

Trump supporters have always had very strong feelings about protecting classified material. It formed part of Trump’s 2016 campaign. They called for Hillary Clinton to be locked up. It became a Trump rally cry: “Lock Her Up.” The FBI served four search warrants in the Hillary Clinton email investigation. She complied with the DOJ. There was no call then to defund the FBI, dox FBI agents or calling for a Civil War.

Trump signed a law that strengthened the penalty for mishandling classified documents from 1 year in prison to 5 years and made it a felony in an attempt to punish Clinton. For a good chunk of Trump’s presidency, there was a flurry of correspondence between the White House & National Archives and Records Ad-

ministration (NARA) about the preservation of presidential records and adherence to the Presidential Records Act (PRA) and White House counsel circulated memos about following the law.

Then stories started circulating in 2018 that Trump was destroying presidential records by tearing them up. That prompted another discussion with NARA officials. NARA also learned White House staff conducted official business using non-official electronic messaging accounts. On classified information, Trump was engaged and educated on this topic.

No one is above the law, not Clinton and not Trump. Let the FBI do their job.

Annie Steinbrecher – Marlborough

Plan to Save Democracy

To the Editor:

All elections matter: local, state and national. Your vote counts. It’s your duty as a citizen, one of the rights that people have fought and died for. Every citizen has the right to vote and we should not let that be taken away from us by subversive legislation or conspiracy-minded sycophants.

Conspiracies and misinformation are undermining America. It has been noted that misinformation is almost always accepted as fact — a staggering 99.6% of the time — whereas attempts to correct it succeed in only 83% of cases. Other studies indicate that greater exposure to traditional media (television, radio, newspapers) is associated with lower conspiracy and misinformation beliefs, while exposure to politicians and digital media and personal contacts are associated with greater conspiracy and misinformation beliefs.

If, as reported frequently in the press, some states’ election processes are being hijacked by paranoid, far-right operatives, democracy is in trouble. It is your civic duty to ensure that Colchester and Connecticut remain bulwarks against this anti-democratic slide. Just as national politics have trickled down to the local level, election results at the local level can undermine American democracy – or bolster it. Help to bolster democracy; vote, and vote against the agents of bias, bigotry and authoritarianism.

John Barnowski – Colchester

Fireworks Thanks

To the Editor:

The members of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department graciously thank all those who attended our Fireworks Display on Saturday, August 20th. We were fortunate to have a beautiful evening as we paid tribute to all our veterans whose dedication to their duties enable all of us to enjoy our freedoms.

In addition to the many local business concerns and the hundreds of residents who generously helped to “fill-the-boots”, the following business donations were received after the deadline for submitting last week’s *Rivereast* full-page acknowledgement: LaBella’s Sweet Shop, Performance Tire, Oil and Lube, and Rally Cap Media.

The department encourages all to support our benefactors whose continued generosity makes these events possible.

**Respectfully,
James J. Burke
Public Information Officer
Chairman, Fireworks Committee
East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department**

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TOWN OF PORTLAND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REVISED LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION

At the August 18, 2022 meeting, the following action was taken: **APPROVED PZC Application #21-18:** Amendment to Section 9 of the Town of Portland Zoning Regulations to add a new Section 9.18 under "Special Regulations" for a Cannabis Moratorium. **APPROVED PZC Waiver and Application #22-01:** Main Street, Marlborough Street and west side of Perry Avenue. Request for Special Permit Modification. Application and property of BRT DiMarco PTP, LLC. Assessor's Map 19 Lot 68. Zone B3/TCVD. **APPROVED With Conditions PZC Application #21-13:** 264 Freestone Ave Site Plan Application for excavation work to construct a new 18,000 SF building for Contractor Trade Units. Application and property of Global Freestone LLC. Assessor's Map 20, Lot 179. Zone I (Industrial). Dated at Portland, CT. this 23rd day of August 2022
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission

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TOWN OF PORTLAND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Inland Wetlands Commission will hold a Public Hearing at a Regular Meeting on September 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Portland Public Library, 20 Freestone Avenue, to consider the following:
IWC Application #22-01: 40 Great Hill Pond Road. Request for in ground pool and patios with 2 ft retaining wall on south side and fence surrounding pool in the upland review area. Application and property of Mark and Sandra Sokoloff. Assessor's Map 26, Lot 80-2. Zone RR.
IWC Application #22-02: Penfield Hill Road and Stephen Tom Road. Proposed 8 lot re-subdivision with wetlands on site. Application and property of Robert W. Olson. Assessor's Map 61, Lot 14. Zone RR.
At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of these applications are available for review at the Town of Portland Town Hall.
Dated in Portland, CT. this 22nd day of August 2022
Richard Morin, Chairman of the Inland Wetlands Commission

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LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall located at 26 North Main Street.
Application #Z-10-22 – C&B Marlborough Associates LLC (Applicant/Property Owner), 41-45 Hebron Rd – Amend the text for the DPIZ-4 zone to allow for Public Utility Installation continued.
Application #Z -06-22 – Marlborough One, LLC (Property Owner) – 37 Hebron Road, Special Permit – Self Storage Facility
Application #Z-09-22 – James Marino Jr. (applicant/property owner) 212-214 E. Hampton Rd. Zone change from DCD to VCD5
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.
Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Water Pollution Control Authority Town of East Hampton September 6, 2022

The Town of East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority does hereby establish a Public Hearing in accordance with Chapter 103, Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, at 6:30 P.M. on September 6, 2022. The purpose of the hearing is to allow property owners to which charges will be levied for use of the sewer system to be heard regarding the proposed annual sewer use rates effective on October 1, 2022. A copy of the charges is on file in the Town Clerk's office and is available for inspection by the public.

Effective October 1, 2022 the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of East Hampton does hereby establish the gravity sewer user rate at \$520.00 per EDU unit and an additional \$300.00 for properties with grinder pumps maintained by the WPCA. Sewer Use charges shall be made on the basis of an October 1 through September 30 year, payable in one payment in advance on October 1 or in two equal payments on October 1 and April 1 of each year.
The sewer connection fee remains the same for a residential single-family home at \$2,500.00 "unless otherwise established" that are connecting to the existing wastewater system "unless otherwise established". Furthermore, all other connectors will pay a multiple of the residential connection fee equivalent to their assessed Equivalent Development Unit (EDU) at the time of connection. All rates are to be effective October 1, 2022.

Affected property owners, electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Hampton, Connecticut, are invited to attend and participate in such public hearing. Information to log into the meeting will be available on the Public Hearing agenda on the WPCA webpage at www.easthamptonct.gov. Written comments on the amendment will be accepted via email at scclayton@easthamptonct.gov or by mail to the East Hampton WPCA, PO Box 218, East Hampton, CT 06424. Dated at East Hampton, Connecticut, this 2nd day of August 2022.

The East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority
By: Scott Clayton, Public Utilities Administrator

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TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, CONNECTICUT STONY BROOK DRIVE STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS SYSTEM NO. 1 & SYSTEM NO. 4 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for **Stony Brook Drive Storm Drainage Improvements, System No. 1 & System No. 4** will be received by the **Town of Marlborough** electronically via the internet bidding service or by hard copy via mail or drop box at the Issuing Office until **10:00 AM** local time on **August 31, 2022** at which time the Bids received will be opened and read aloud via teleconference open to the public. The bid opening teleconference meeting number is 877 304 9269 and access code to listen is 4236945.

The Project primarily consists of the installation of approximately 310 linear feet of storm drainage pipe and storm drainage structures for System No. 1 and approximately 560 linear feet of storm drainage pipe and storm drainage structures for System No. 4 and trench pavement and curb placement. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents are available for free download from the Project's bidding service webpage. To download Bidding Documents: go to the bidding service homepage listed below; select this project's solicitation; sign in and/or register as directed; and select the Bidding Documents for download. A non-refundable \$35 fee to the bidding service is required to submit an electronic Bid. Notify the Issuing Office with questions in this regard. Digital ID is not required for this online bid.

Bidding service homepage: <http://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27674/home>.

The Issuing Office is the **Town Clerk's Office, Marlborough Town Hall, 26 North Main Street, Marlborough, Connecticut (860-295-6200)**. Printing Bidding Documents is the responsibility of the prospective Bidder. Printed copies will not be issued by the Town. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents that differ from documents available from the Project's bidding service webpage.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM** local time on **August 24, 2022** at **Town Hall**. Notices of a virtual meeting will be available on the Town website and the Project's bidding service webpage. Pre-bid conference attendance is encouraged but is not mandatory. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent of the Bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to provide Performance and Payment Bonds each in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract Price.

The successful Bidder shall comply with the requirements of Prevailing Wage Rate Laws in accordance with Section 31-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Contract Documents require affirmative action of the Contractor and any subcontractors to ensure equal employment opportunity as noted in Governor's Executive Orders 3 and 17.

The Owner is exempt from payment of Sales and Use Taxes on all materials and equipment to be permanently incorporated in the Work. These taxes shall not be included in the Bid.

Unless provided for by the Instructions to Bidders, no Bid may be withdrawn until sixty (60) days after the Bid Opening. The Town reserves the right to: reject any or all Bids; waive informalities or defects in Bids; make extensions to review Bids; and accept the Bid(s) that, in the Town's judgment, will be in its best interests.

The Town of Marlborough is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

Owner: Town of Marlborough, Connecticut

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Portland Board of Selectmen Legal Notice of Decision

In accordance with Section 1213 of the Portland Town Charter, at a regular meeting held on August 17, 2022, the Board of Selectmen adopted the following ordinance:

TOWN OF PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT
Chapter 12
Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions

Article 1. In General Section 12-5. Right to Farm Ordinance Purpose and Intent

Agriculture plays a significant role in Portland's heritage and future. It is the declared policy of the Town of Portland to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products and for its natural and ecological value. This Right to Farm ordinance encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmland within Portland by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies.

This ordinance is not to be construed as modifying or abridging state law relative to the abatement of nuisances, but is to be used in the interpretation and characterization of activities and in considering and implementing enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinances of the Town of Portland and other applicable Town regulations, consistent with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §19a-341.

Definitions

The terms "agriculture" and "farming" shall have all those meanings set forth in Section 1-1(q) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. "Farm" means a premises on which farming is conducted, including, without limitation, farm buildings, and accessory buildings thereto, nurseries, creameries, orchards, vineyards, ranges, greenhouses, hoop houses and other temporary structures or other structures used primarily for the raising and, as incidental and adjunctive to ordinary farming operations, the sale of locally grown or raised agricultural or horticultural products.

"Agriculture" and "Farming" shall include cultivation of the soil, dairying, forestry, raising or harvesting of any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including the raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training and management of livestock, including horses, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals and wildlife, and the operation management, conservation, improvement or maintenance of a farm and its buildings, tools and equipment, or salvaging timber or cleared land of brush or other debris left by a storm, as an incident to such farming operations; the production or harvesting of maple syrup or maple sugar, or any agricultural commodity, including lumber, as an incident to ordinary farming operations or the harvesting of mushrooms, the hatching of poultry, or the construction, operation of maintenance of ditches, canals, reservoirs or waterways used exclusively for packaging, processing, freezing, grading, storing or delivering to storage or to market, or to a carrier for transportation to market, or for direct sale any agricultural or horticultural commodity as an incident to ordinary farming operations, or, in preparation of such fruits or vegetables as an incident to the direct sale.

Right to Farm

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Portland. No present or future agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility, or any of its appurtenances, or the operation thereof, shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance, either public or private, due to alleged objectionable:

- 1) Odors from livestock, manure, fertilizer or feed;
- 2) Noise from livestock or farm equipment used in normal, generally acceptable farming practices;
- 3) Dust created during plowing or cultivation operations;
- 4) The use of agricultural chemicals, provided such chemicals and the method of their application conform to practices approved by the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Environmental Protection or, where applicable, the Commissioner of Public Health; and
- 5) Water pollution from livestock or crop production activities, except the pollution of public or private drinking water supplies, provided such activities conform to acceptable management practices from pollution control approved by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection; provided such agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility has been in operation for one year or more and has not been substantially changed, and such operation follows generally accepted agricultural practices.

Willful or Reckless Misconduct

These provisions shall not apply whenever a nuisance results from negligence or willful or reckless misconduct in the operation of any such agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility, or any of its appurtenances. Inspection and approval of the agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility by the Commission of Agriculture or his/her designee shall be prima facie evidence that such operations follow generally accepted agricultural practices.

Impact on Local Codes and Regulations

Nothing contained in this ordinance shall restrict the powers of Portland's Inland Wetlands Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Regulation, Land Use or Health Departments under Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Adopted: 8/17/2022

A copy of the ordinance is available for public inspection on file in the Town Clerk's office located on the ground floor in the Portland Town Hall at 33 East Main Street, and online at www.portlandct.org.

This ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first (31st) day after such publication in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Portland.

ATTEST: Michael V. Tierney

Town Clerk of Portland

Dated at Portland, Connecticut this 22nd day of August, 2022

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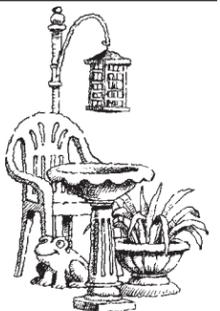
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**Town of Hebron
Parks & Recreation Department
Office Assistant**

The Town of Hebron is seeking an individual to serve as Office Assistant within the Parks & Recreation Department. This is a part-time 20 hours per week position. The applicant will be responsible for administration of all office functions and possess knowledge in Microsoft 365. The candidate will be required to learn the Parks & Recreation Department's program software and work in a service oriented atmosphere. Candidate must be a high school graduate and possess office administration experience. Send a cover letter and resume by September 9, 2022, to Andrew J. Tierney, Town Manager, Town of Hebron, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248. EOE. 1TB 8/26



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