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Performers Extraordinaire... Parishioners and friends of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Hebron were entertained during last weekend's Sunday morning worship service with a duet performance of "The Prayer" (Foster/Sager/Testa/ Renis) and "Pie Jesu" (Andrew Lloyd Weber). Guest vocalist Sybil Chamberlin sang with parishioner Jason Castonguay, a nationally recognized vocalist and keyboard musician. Castonguay, blind since birth, accompanied Sybil and himself on the church's 1928 Mason and Hamelin baby grand piano. The church, consecrated in 1826, has curved high ceilings with acoustics that amplify and disperse the sounds of instruments and voice, alone and blended together.

Hebron Fair Again Draws Happy Crowds

By Jack Lakowsky

Perhaps a more apt name for the Hebron Harvest Fair would be the Hebron Harvest Extravaganza or Festival, anything that encompasses all the wonder of the 71-year-old event.

It's got the usual fair fare – great, indulgent, sweetly aromatic food, brightly colored rides strobing rainbow lights, the pure joy of kids and their parents forming lasting memories and, of course, seemingly everyone's favorite, a whole menagerie of farm animals.

But the Hebron Fair is so much more than your standard country fair.

Walking into the 2022 fair last Friday, under picture-perfect skies, an arts and crafts tent full of a huge variety of artforms first greeted fairgoers.

Paintings ranged from abstract to realistic, from depictions of Lovecraftian horrors to Santa Claus to sunflowers. There were sculptures and murals and dioramas, bouquets and carved pumpkins, collections of gemstones and Godzilla figurines, sports and wildlife photographs.

One didn't envy whoever judged the art entries for the fair's ribbon contests. It seemed impossible to decide a best-in-show among all the creative, beautiful, engaging pieces.

Another artform showcased was music, from live local bands to radios blasting Pat Benatar and Eminem.

Nature's art was also on display, with about every fruit and veggie you've heard of – and haven't (what the heck is a purple koh?) – as colorful as Christmas lights.

Julia Haverl, Andover resident and a former town selectwoman, has been a volunteer and entrant in the crafts tent since the 1980s.

"I never get tired of it," she told the *Rivereast*.

Haverl's also a past best-in-show winner, her plum jam a victorious sweetener.

Considering this past summer was one of drought, the number of flowers and crops entered into the contest was unexpected and heartening, Haverl said.

Into more rambunctious attractions? The fair had you covered too, with live music, trapeze artists and an old favorite, a pig race.

In one of this year's several pig races, competitors like Oscar Mayer and Shakin' Bacon, after some preparatory butt scratching on the starting gate, gave NASCAR drivers a run for their money, looping around the field until a winner crossed the finish line. In this match, Shakin' Bacon won by a snout.

At the start of the race spectators got to pick a pig as their own temporary racer. A youngster who identified herself a "Leah from Connecticut," thanks to Shakin' Bacon, took home a checkered flag, a first-place gold medal and a "sticky slime pig prize."

Possibly best of all, Leah was inducted into the International World of Swine Speedsters.

While some piggies ran, others lounged. The fair had a whole herd of plump piglets bugging mom and dad for some attention, and probably some food.

Other farm friends – doe-eyed cows swishing tails and flatulating, sheep baaing, impatient to get off the shearing table, goats and their kids, rabbits a tad unnerved by all the attention, all delighting kids and parents alike.

Multiple families, with and without young ones, said the animals are their favorite part of the fair. Reaching as far as their little arms

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GOP Issues No-Confidence Vote in Bisbikos

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Colchester Republican Town Committee passed a vote of no-confidence in First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos on Sept. 6, a serious admonishment from his own party that may signal a shakeup in next year's election.

In a public statement, RTC Chairman Taras Rudko wrote that the party "will no longer support an official that we put into office that does not reflect our values nor represent the Colchester Republican Town Committee."

The vote passed by a 15-10 margin – Bisbikos was not at the meeting.

"When a candidate fails to make good on their promises and/or fails in presenting himself/herself in a decorum that represents Republicans in a positive light, we have a problem," Rudko wrote. "The only way that such a problem can be addressed post-election is holding

that individual accountable for their actions."

In the statement, several justifications for the vote are outlined, including Bisbikos' conduct towards citizens and failure to reinstate the Police Commission.

Rudko also accused the first selectman of "misleading the public in this year's budget" and a "media stunt" that involved "an attempt to ban a book from the library."

At the end of the statement, Rudko states that he will be instructing the nominating committee to look for replacement candidates for the 2023 first selectman election.

Jason LaChapelle, vice chair of the RTC and a member of the Board of Selectmen, told the *Rivereast* that the vote was not planned or on the meeting agenda, but said he supported the motion.

"It was necessary for the party to make that statement," he said. "As vice chair, I have to ensure the Republican brand. Andreas doesn't represent our ideas."

Bisbikos criticized the circumstances surrounding the vote itself, stating that Rudko and LaChapelle took advantage of a moment where members of the RTC were out of town.

"This was a coordinated attack by a couple of extremists in the party," Bisbikos told the *Rivereast*, adding that he's "sleeping fine."

He argued that the vote would only benefit the local Democrats and that RTC leadership was retaliating because he would not be their "puppet."

"The real issue here is a personal vendetta to take out the first selectman," Bisbikos said.

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If only newspapers could print GIFs! This spinning ride's panels were painted with exquisite paintings, landscapes, portraits of stately women and even some religious imagery.

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allowed, kids clamoring to pet a goat or pat a sheep almost fell from their strollers.

Marlborough's Ashley Wolf spoke to the *Rivereast* while her two young boys rode in some whirling dragon bellies. Her older boy has been before, but it was her younger son's first ever fair, the family's first visit in five years.

"I'm feeling excited," said Wolf as her boys shouted something to the effect of "Look Ma, no hands!"

"It feels really good being back," said Wolf.

Fairgoer Linda Larson said she was enjoying the perfect weather and seeing everyone come out for some fun. She hadn't been to the fair since before the pandemic.

Larson said going to fairs is tough – all that tempting, delicious, artery-clogging fried food. Fried Oreos are especially hypnotic, she said.

Among the delicious offerings was Nicole Soulier's intriguing pair of food trucks.

Soulier, the trucks' owner, said young kids especially love her Instagram-worthy, food-filled waffle cones.

"We're doing mac-and-cheese in a waffle cone or chicken in a waffle cone," she said, saying chicken nuggets are put in a waffle cone and drizzled with sauces.

Soulier's other truck was a play on this same menu, just with tater tots in the cones.

Soulier said business was booming, that her hard work paid off and that reception has been glowing.

Last week, fair superintendent Mike Tarbell told the *Rivereast* Hebron's fair, put on annually by the Hebron Lions Agricultural Society, is the best one around.

Net proceeds go to different grants and support a number of local charities.

"It's the giveback," Tarbell said. "That's what I do it for."

★ *No-Confidence Vote cont. from page 3*

Bisbikos and LaChapelle have clashed publicly for months, often at selectmen meetings.

LaChapelle stated that the vote was a significant move for the party. He said that while he cannot recall a time where a similar vote was held in Colchester against a sitting first selectman, that it's happened in other towns.

"I'm not surprised that [Bisbikos] doesn't think he's doing a bad job," LaChapelle said. "It should've been a wakeup call and we shouldn't have gotten to this point."

LaChapelle pointed to the termination of Marli Rudko, the former executive assistant to the first selectman and the wife of Taras Rudko, as the tipping point.

Marli Rudko was accused last spring by Bisbikos of committing serious acts of misconduct – which she has denied – and was escorted out of Town Hall by police.

"He abused his police power for his own personal gain," LaChapelle said.

Bisbikos expressed that the concerns raised in the RTC Chairman's statement and by LaChapelle did not accurately represent the facts.

He did acknowledge that he "could've done some things differently," but said that an apology should come from both sides.

"I understand the circumstance but at the same time, I have a lot of support behind me," Bisbikos said, who added that he is "standing up for the truth."

As far as the long-term implications of the no-confidence vote, Bisbikos believes it will not have an effect on the next election.

"There's no implications," he said. "I feel confident that in any sort of face-off, I would win."

The vote represents an ongoing struggle over the direction of the town's Republican Party. LaChapelle suggested the disputes are part of

the "standard growing pains of a party."

LaChapelle said he believes that following the vote, Bisbikos will likely retaliate against him and Rudko. He is expecting that additional votes of no-confidence will be held during the next RTC meeting in October against them. LaChapelle said he believes Bisbikos would only organize that effort if he believed they would pass.

Bisbikos said there "might be a possible vote" against both LaChapelle and Rudko in the future.

Currently, the vote against Bisbikos is largely symbolic – he will still serve as first selectman. But LaChapelle – who supported Bisbikos leading up to and after the election – believes people will now see the flaws with Bisbikos.

"The issue of maturity was always the biggest concern with Andreas," he said. "The question was 'will he be able to step up?'"

He expressed that he did initially support Bisbikos because he was "naively optimistic."

Privately, LaChapelle said, other Republicans have told him they agree with his stance, but that it's important to "put out a united front."

But for LaChapelle, that is not an option given the circumstances.

"I hate that," he said.

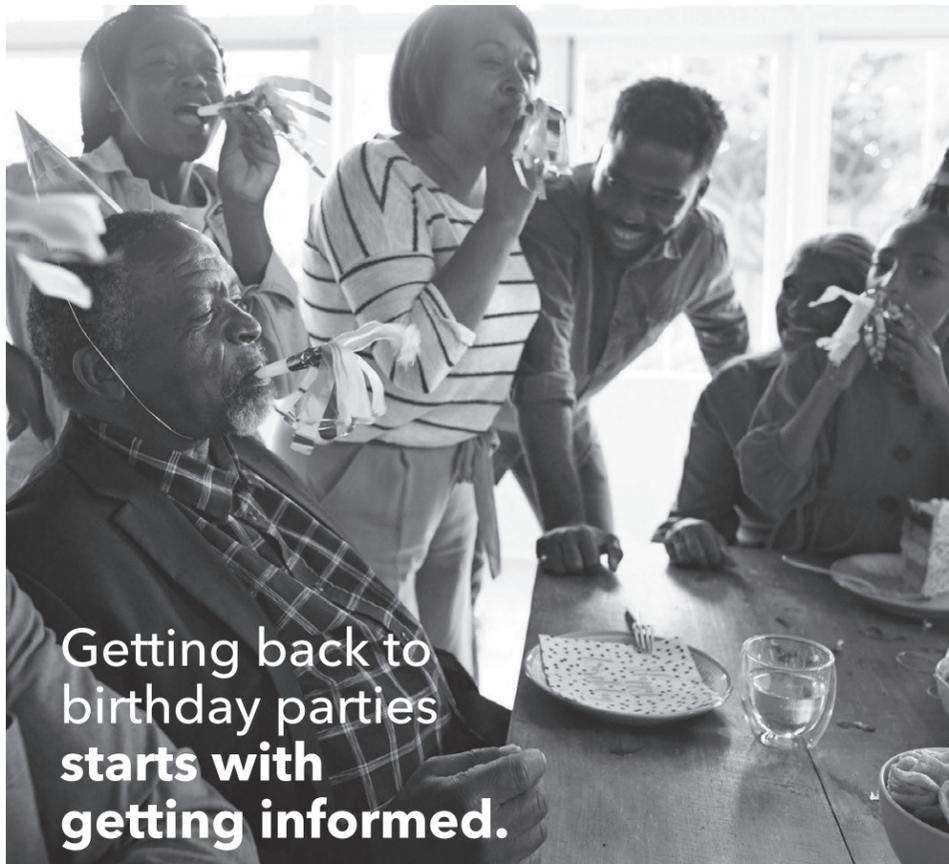
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*From the Editor's Desk***Observations & Ruminations**

By Mike Thompson

Before I get to my usual observing and ruminating, let me tell you all about a terrific meal my sister and I had Monday night at Bar Baja, a new Mexican restaurant located in Rocky Hill. The meal I feel is well worth the short drive from *Rivereast*-land.

We split two appetizers: the yucca fries and the steak and cheese egg rolls. The egg rolls were very tasty, but the yucca fries were a revelation. Smothered in a delicious queso, we simply couldn't eat enough of them.

The entrees were fantastic as well. I got a steak burrito and she got steak tacos, and we were both impressed with the quality of the meat: tender, juicy, and very flavorful.

For dessert we chose churros – those cylindrical pieces of fried dough. They were the perfect blend of crunchy and chewy, and came drizzled with a delicious chocolate sauce.

In case you haven't figured it out, I highly recommend Bar Baja; I will definitely be going back. You should visit too. The restaurant is located at 945B Cromwell Ave. in Rocky Hill, and can be reached at 860-372-4040.

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I still remember the call. It was late one August afternoon several years ago, and I had just finished up work here at the office, when a good friend of mine from college called me on my cell phone, completely out of the blue. "Hey dude!" I cheerfully said. "What's going on?"

My friend had a very somber tone in his voice. "Did you hear about Ted?" he asked. He then proceeded to tell me the horrible news: a mutual friend of ours from college, a member of our graduating class, had taken his own life.

That scene replayed in my head the other day when I learned September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) recently sent out a press release highlighting the dangers of suicide and how to identify, and re-

spond to, someone who might be at risk. I felt it very important to share some highlights.

"Emergency physicians see many people who are struggling silently with their mental health," said Dr. Gillian Schmitz, president of ACEP. "One of the most impactful things anyone can do to prevent a tragedy is to spot signs of trouble and simply start a conversation. Talking about mental health is an important first step that could make all the difference for somebody who needs help."

Horrifyingly, there was one death by suicide every 11 minutes in the United States in 2020, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). But before it gets to that point, there are warning signs to look out for. If there is an immediate health or safety risk, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department. ACEP said warning signs can include:

Talking about wanting to die, feeling hopeless, or being a burden; Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs; Engaging in reckless or risky behaviors; Having trouble sleeping or sleep all the time; Suddenly withdrawing or isolating from family or friends; Displaying extreme mood swings, rage, or revenge-seeking behaviors; or Experiencing unusual amounts of anxiety or agitation.

Anyone in suicidal crisis or experiencing mental health-related distress can get help through the new 988 Lifeline, formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The 988 Lifeline provides free and confidential support to people 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the country. People can call or text 988, or chat (988lifeline.org) for themselves or if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

Definitely, if you even think someone might need help, do everything you can to get them that help.

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See you next week.

Bulletin Board

Scientists say that of all our senses, the sense of smell is most likely to trigger vivid memories of the past. The fragrance of a certain perfume as you stroll through the mall may bring memories of a half-forgotten romance with someone you haven't seen for 40 years; an odiferous basket of dirty socks may inspire you to get on the phone to reminisce with a former college roommate; the aroma of a baking apple pie may evoke fond memories of your grandmother; the reek of Lysol may remind you of the kid in the fourth grade who was always throwing up in the hallway.

Memories aside, it occurs to me that we spend a large proportion of our time dealing with smells: either enhancing them, trying to cover them up, air them out, complaining about them, savoring them or, in dire cases, fleeing them.

My son has an air freshener in his car that makes the interior smell like a strawberry milkshake (odd, but preferable to the almost visible aroma emanating from his gym bag), while our house often smells like a pine forest—courtesy of some kind of aerosol spray my wife employs to (as she maintains) make my presence tolerable (I will spare you the sordid details). I would like to think this spray is bottled by elves in the High Rockies of Colorado, but logic tells me it is concocted by respirator-wearing trolls in Northern New Jersey from a variety of probably carcinogenic chemicals that are about as similar to real pine trees as cheese "product" is to real cheese.

Then, of course, there is the fresh outdoor scent we can achieve simply by adding a capful of this or that to our laundry. Why go to the trouble of actually hanging your wash outside when you can get that same freshness from modern science without going outdoors and risking being hit by a meteorite or having to actually talk to your neighbor? Hell, the man-made fresh air alternative probably smells better than the real thing anyway.

A few years ago, in a rather offbeat effort to capitalize on the "smell market," a company called J&D Foods introduced a product described as "Bacon-Scented Pillowcases" priced at a very reasonable \$12.99 plus shipping and handling.

According to J&D, "Our bacon-scented pillowcases use state-of-the-art printing technology we stole from NASA to allow the scent of bacon to permeate your dreams and expand your mind. That's right, the scent of bacon is embedded in the ink on these specially printed pillowcases ... if cared for according to the included instructions, this pleasing aroma should last for 6-12 months or more. It can even endure through multiple wash cycles and excessive sleep-drooling."

I am sad to report that the public reaction to this sensory innovation based on purloined space-age technology was apparently less than sizzling—I recently did an internet search and it appears the product is no longer available. On the other hand, there does seem to be an endless supply of bacon-scented soap on the market at about \$6 a bar, which indicates to me that the national supply chain has not completely broken down.

While intriguing, this is probably not the kind of soap you'd want to use before embarking on a hike through bear country or going out on a date with a vegan. As for me, I prefer my bacon-related stimulation to emanate from a freshly assembled BLT or maybe from a couple of greasy strips alongside a western omelet.

Now that's the stuff of memories.

Jim Hallas

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Huge Thank You

To the Editor:

East Hampton Memorial School would like to extend a huge thank you to the East Hampton Arts and Cultural Commission for their generous donation to help us bring art into our school garden. Over the summer, children attending summer camps led by one of our teachers created adorable adobe pot mushrooms and beaded plant stakes to enhance our growing space. The students love seeing these pieces in our garden and it spurs their creative thinking.

We are grateful to have the EHACC in our town – thank you!!!

**Jen Bove, MS, RD
Nutrition Services Director,
East Hampton Public Schools**

This is Irene Haines

To the Editor:

Those of you who personally know Irene can attest to her dedication to principles of honesty, hard work, accessibility and fiscal responsibility. I am one of those fortunate people who knows her and the values that she stands for. For those of you who do not, Irene:

- Supports the American values of hard work, dedication and integrity.
- Opposes tax increases, irresponsible budgets and excessive borrowing.
- Honors and protects those who built and defended our society – our veterans and seniors.
- Supports small businesses by voting for legislation that helps them and against legislation that hurts them.
- Advocates for our personal safety, both from crime and opioid drugs.
- Has pledged to fight to preserve parental

rights in choosing school curriculum.

Her opponent ran an ad in the *Rivereast* giving 10 reasons to elect him. However, he did not tell you what he stands for or what he would do to represent you. He did say he will "join the current majority party." That would be the Democrats that voted to increase your taxes in the midst of the highest inflation in 40 years and after getting \$6 billion from the federal government and running a \$4.3 billion surplus. Apparently, he is not concerned with your high food, fuel and electricity bills.

Please vote to re-elect Irene Haines.

Linda Ursin – East Hampton

No Confidence

To the Editor:

On Sept. 6, the Colchester Republican Town Committee held a vote of no confidence in Republican First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos. The reasons were numerous. He uses town meetings to attack, threaten and belittle anyone who is critical of his decisions or behavior, including the very citizens who pay his salary. He overstepped his authority and spit on our constitution and the First Amendment when he attempted to ban RuPaul's biography from our public library. As chief of police he has abused his power by using the police to try and intimidate critics and silence dissent. These are the marks of a tyrant. This is not the behavior of someone who truly believes in their promise to put the people before the government.

While there's still more that I don't have enough space to cover here, I must address the dishonest budget he *presented* to the BOF and BOS for a town meeting on Sept. 19. Bisbikos is on record stating he is eliminating the Director of Operations position and doing so will give

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him \$90,000+ in “financial flexibility.” In other words, he is taking the citizen’s hard earned money to fund a position he has no intention of filling, allowing him to spend that money away from citizen oversight. That, in my opinion, is defrauding the people of Colchester.

These are not merely mistakes. People admit honest mistakes, apologize, and do better. Our first selectman has never uttered the words “I was wrong.” Instead he has doubled down at every turn. I fully expect retribution from him and his surrogates in the coming Board of Selectmen and RTC meetings. My vote of no confidence was as much a statement about his past behaviors as it is about my distrust in his willingness to do better moving forward.

Jason LaChapelle – Colchester

Note: LaChapelle is vice chairman of the Colchester Republican Town Committee and is also a member of the Board of Selectmen, but said he is speaking as a citizen.

Figures Lie, Liars Figure

To the Editor:

I am reaching out to Colchester residents to remind them that there is yet another budget referendum on Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the Town Hall. This will be our third attempt in passing a budget. It would appear that the current administration will not take ‘no’ as an answer. In previous letters to the editor, I have laid out the facts concerning the budget and have talked about ARPA funds and the increased revenue. There should be no reason that residents see any type of increase this year. Moving figures around on a balance sheet will not change the fact the Town of Colchester has additional revenue that can be used to offset this year’s tax burden.

Intentionally and in my opinion, unethically, these funds are being withheld in this year’s calculations in an attempt to leverage them next year. So, the question everyone should ask themselves is why anyone would do such a thing. In conversations with our current first selectman his primary concern is his re-election efforts for 2023 and his goal is to sit on that revenue now to provide a decrease in the next election cycle. I personally find this completely unacceptable, as I would hope all the citizens of Colchester do.

I ask you to join me in voting down this budget until citizens see a tax relief.

Sincerely,

Taras W. Rudko – Colchester

Response to the Town

To the Editor:

Hebron is planning to build a municipal complex on the town-owned Horton property. My opinion is that this decision is unnecessary, poorly determined, prohibitively expensive, economically harmful and will destroy Hebron as we know it. A town representative writes that I am possibly “...purposefully lying...” So much for a civil public debate.

Chairman Warwick states that the “...town never suggested any site for the Public Works facility...” Actually, the PBC Report documents the town’s involvement at every step of the way: first in rejecting sites (see Timeline “Town Rejects Parcels visited”), in finally rejecting the Old Colchester site for a stand-alone PWB, and ultimately in choosing the Horton property for the municipal complex. On May 10, 2016, the Town Planner writes that he has asked his consultants to “develop a few conceptual plans on the Horton property as a potential municipal site complex, not only for the PW site, but for site of other town-owned buildings...” It is clear here who directed the site selection and that it was not just for a PW building, but for a large municipal complex.

Chairman Warwick states that “...the Public Building Committee “...do not advocate for or against any project.” Advocacy would, of course, discredit its recommendations. Yet, Chairman Warwick wrote to the BOS “strongly advocating...bringing this project to fruition”

(4-21-2021). In their report, the PBC say they “strongly advocate” for the project.

Chairman Warwick states “...PBC did not hire these consultants nor did we rely on them for our recommendation.” Yet, the PBC Report (page 3) acknowledges five consulting firms for their “...services, advice, assistance and support.” There are numerous examples of the PBC involvement in consultant selection. For example, in a 5/2012 communication, the PBC “recommends that the town retain CME...”

Let’s vote.

John Collins – Amston

Jumping Worm Identification

Dear Readers:

In this September’s issue of *Hebron Views*, the quarterly magazine published by the town and available on the hebronct.com website, there is an article on page 20 about non-native invasive jumping worms and ways to control their spread. The photo caption was not printed and explains how to identify jumping worms: The main way to identify jumping worms is by their clitellum, which they only get in their adult stage (late summer to frost). The clitellum on a jumping worm is a creamy-white, flattish band that completely encircles the body nearer the neck, as in this photo. The clitellum of a regular earthworm does not completely encircle the body, is raised, and further away from the head. In action, jumping worms typically have more pointed ends than in this photo and snake-like movement.

Dr. Gale Ridge of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has published Fact Sheets about the jumping worm. These can be found on the internet by typing into your computer browser: tinyurl.com/4zb2hb53. Dr. Ridge and other expert scientists are asking us all to engage in practices to slow down the spread of jumping worms because this non-native invasive worm changes soil so that many native plants, including trees and garden plants, cannot sprout or grow. It is important to know that jumping worm cocoons (not visible in dirt or mulch) can be spread by transporting mulch, leaves, or dirt from one place to another and to not move these materials around.

Sharing this information with other people is also very helpful. Thank you for reading this through!

Sincerely,

Ann Zitkus – Hebron

Concerns for Kinney Road Neighborhood

To the Editor:

Hebron Public Works is presently located at 550 Old Colchester Rd., which is an industrial zoned area and remote from residential neighborhoods. The town is proposing to move this facility to 17 Kinney Rd., head-to-head to Kinney Road’s residential neighborhood and the center of town.

Immediate concerns for this neighborhood are the environmental quality of life issues: groundwater safety, truck traffic, light and noise pollution.

Groundwater safety – this facility will house a salt shed, calcium chloride storage, diesel and gasoline storage, filling stations, truck washing bays and a storm water pond. What will prevent salt and chemical run-off to pollute nearby water resources, working fields, and most importantly, residential wells of Kinney and Millstream Roads?

Increased truck traffic – Kinney Road is a rural, scenic roadway with a posted speed limit of 25 mph. The facility would add major truck traffic of semi-truck trailers, dump trucks, snowplows and work vehicles to Kinney Road and Church Street. Speed is restricted to 30 mph with a police cruiser and flashing emergency lights at Hebron Elementary. Local residents know traffic comes to a standstill here. Trucks and emergency vehicles would exponentially add to the traffic backup. Hebron’s new Ray-

mond Brook Preserve is located directly across the street.

Noise and light pollution – this facility, when in operation, will be lit up like an airport and the equipment’s loud backup signal alarms during a storm event would be a 24-hour ceaseless noise intrusion. There will be loaders moving material and loading a constant flow of dump trucks.

This maintenance facility should not be moved to this location. Another more appropriate location needs to be found which meets the criteria of an industrial zoned area far from homes and potential damage from salt runoff and increased heavy truck traffic.

Andrea Lattanzi – Amston

The Someone We Support

To the Editor:

Who do you want to represent your voice in the Connecticut State Legislature?

We want:

A person of integrity.

Someone who has lived in the district for many years who understands the people in the district and their needs and goals.

Someone who intimately knows the challenges of small business owners who are the heart of our communities.

Someone who has raised a family here and knows both the public and private education systems available.

Someone who is a part of a faith community and has shown leadership and participation in that community.

Someone who knows law enforcement from the “inside” and supports law and order and public safety.

Someone who listens and someone who does not hesitate to take a stand.

Someone who has worked hard in personal, family and business life and will continue to work hard for all of us in the district.

Steve Weir is the someone who we support for State Representative.

Jack and Sandy Hooker – Hebron

Vote Your Conscience

To the Editor:

I could be wrong, but I believe that most of us vote for a candidate or party based on our own strongly held convictions. Nothing wrong with that. I also believe that most of us are not well-informed about most of society’s issues. In fact, we are often misinformed. We focus on the hot button issues. Hot to us. The usual array of such issues include taxes, welfare, education, human rights. We cannot build a candidate who exactly aligns with all of our views on every issue that is important to me, so we must prioritize our wants. We end up voting for someone we find less onerous than their opponent.

There is a significant problem with this method of vetting candidates: we get all the secondary and tertiary baggage that a candidate brings along. We may be happy with a politician’s stance on gun control, but disappointed with (or ignorant of) their positions on many other issues that they may be called upon to vote for or against.

My point? Do you really want the candidate who aligns with your one hot-button issue, then brings a lot of radical or neurotic baggage to their tenure? To keep your taxes to a minimum are you willing to elect bigots, racists, deniers, or homophobes? What price will you pay, figu-

ratively speaking, to have a person nominally aligned with your worldview hold office when they could very well influence thousands or millions of other people with narrowly defined authority? What can your conscience bear?

John Barnowski – Colchester

Great Race

To the Editor:

The Haddam Neck Fair celebrated its 110th year on Labor Day weekend and the 5K Road Race was a lively part of the festivities. Thank you to the generous area businesses that made the race (and our T-shirts) possible: Two Wrasslin’ Cats Café; Paul’s and Sandy’s, Too; Pizzeria Da Vinci, Cobalt; Belltown Tire Service Center; Po’s Rice and Spice; Suburban Sanitation; Hometown Market; Airline Cycles; Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supply; Cheers Package Store; William R. McDonald, Cabinetmaker; Town & Country Realtors and Classic Africa.

Congratulations to overall male winner Stephen Fenger who finished in 16 minutes 43 seconds and overall female winner Elizabeth Fenger who finished in 19 minutes 24 seconds – and to all 221 runners and walkers who participated in our race (especially Marion Roberts who was 100 years young at race time). We hope to see everyone next year!

**Margaret McCutcheon Faber, Race Director
Haddam Neck Fair**

Vote for Logic!

To the Editor:

I’d like to voice my support for Christie Carpino, running for the 32nd District House seat. History has shown how tuned in Christie is to the problems Connecticut is now facing. Whether voting for better school security for our children, supporting better healthcare for all of our citizens, or fighting to keep our taxes low, Christie is always at the front of the fight!

Thank you Christie for all of your past efforts, and you will always have my support in the future. I pray she has yours. The 32nd District needs a logical approach for its future!

Bob Wildermuth – Portland

Business Sense

To the Editor:

As a state representative, I will bring a diverse work background that will benefit small businesses in Cromwell and Portland.

After graduating from Cromwell High School, I earned a diploma in computer electronics, which lead me to work in manufacturing. The economy forced a layoff, and I landed a job with a Kraft food broker, selling to convenience stores across Connecticut. As a sales rep, I spoke with small business owners, building relationships and talking about the challenges faced by businesses. After 13 years, the economy slowed, and I took the opportunity to go back to school to earn a certified residential real estate appraisers license from the state of Connecticut.

Since receiving my appraisal license, I have owned a sole proprietorship appraisal business for the past 15 years working for lenders, and attorneys in Connecticut.

As state rep, I will bring the experience of working on both sides of the table, with businesses and as a business owner.

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My opponent's history shows no business experience working with small businesses or as a business owner. Instead, Rep. Carpino has spent 12 years as a career politician, representing large corporations and doing photo ops while voting against helping small businesses, labor, or expanding local economic development. In June, she voted against the Small Business Express Program that supports small businesses through the loan process and that included the Economic Action Plan. Carpino also voted against the Paid Family Leave bill that provides a safety net for small business owners in case of lost income from illness, family issues, or newborn care.

Small businesses are the backbone of our communities. As state representative I will bring experience and practical business sense

that supports local businesses and labor that benefits our district.

Rose Aletta – Portland Candidate for State Representative, 32nd District

Supports Wes Skorski

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again! Back to school, autumn leaves, mums, pumpkins, and lots of fun activities to enjoy. It also brings election season, a time when we can choose government representatives who care about the same things we do. What kind of world do we want to leave for our children and grandchildren? They deserve clean air and water, enough food to eat, affordable healthcare and a good education.

When Steve Weir has talked about his per-

spective and plans for the state, he's vague and generically maligns "spending" without addressing what cutting spending would impact. Children's education and social services are the areas where state and national Republicans have cut "spending" and Weir seems to support further stifling services our families and citizens deserve.

That's why I'm supporting Wes Skorski for Connecticut's 55th District (Hebron, Marlborough, Andover and parts of Bolton and Glastonbury). He has clearly stated what he stands for on these issues and he will answer questions about his beliefs. His opponent won't answer specific questions on these issues - why is that? Is he ashamed of his beliefs?

Our government is supposed to work for all of us and get things done to improve our lives, not just work for their own power and privilege.

Please join me in supporting Wes Skorski as our representative to the state of Connecticut for the 55th District.

Catherine McSweeney – Hebron

The Queen of England

To the Editor:

To the youngsters I address:

You are too young to realize the loss this world has suffered with the death of the Queen of England. Maybe your parents will tell you about her – not her family, but her and much of what she as an individual accomplished.

She loved. And she was loved. Fellow humans are grieving her loss world over. Not just in the streets of London and the green dales of England but all over this vast world.

She gave. This woman gave her best all the time whilst in the eyes of the public as well as in private affairs. She believed in protocol and decorum, tradition and manners. She said very little; no boisterous remarks, displays of righteousness or ill behavior. She did what was right at the right time.

She believed in the good of the people. Her life was filled with riches and the like but she remained humble and filled with humanity. She was an extraordinary woman who cast herself as ordinary as to not become a billboard or spectacle. Her smile spoke in every language.

The Queen means little to the younger folk, I realize that. She didn't portray herself as a rock star or athlete. She didn't bathe herself in the spotlight and thunderous applause.

She remained subtle, in good taste and true to her duty up to the very end of her life.

We shall miss The Queen. I am fortunate enough to have her as an example to which I could never live up to or reach. But I can try. I will try to follow an example set by her and make the smaller differences I can.

I will remain true as your public servant and listen, care and help where and when I am able. In profound sadness I end this letter with "God Bless the Queen" now and forever.

Sincerely,

Alison Walck – East Hampton

Note: Walck is a member of the East Hampton Town Council.

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Banned Books Week

To the Editor:
Public libraries offer a variety of materials and a diversity of opinion. Collection development policies are developed in accord with the American Library Association's Freedom to Read statement. To celebrate the freedom to read, ALA declares an annual Banned Books Week; occurring this year Sept. 18 through 24. Interested in reading a banned book? At Portland Library a current display will help you find a good read from among such titles as *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee; *Native Son* by Richard Wright; *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas; *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*; Orwell's 1984.

Libraries also are celebrating National Library Card Signup month! Following the pandemic, many users have let their cards lapse. Others are not aware of the many services available 24/7 with a card. Need a library card? Just bring in identification and if needed proof of residential address. You can even begin the process online from the library website. www.portlandlibraryct.org. Questions? Call 860-342-6770 or email PortlandLibrary@portlandct.org.

**Janet Nocek, Director
Portland Library**

Fuel Bank Fundraiser

Dear Colchester Neighbors:
This Saturday, Sept. 17, the Colchester Democrats will be accepting donations for the Colchester Fuel Bank at our booth at the Celebrate Colchester event on the Town Green from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sooner than we think, winter will be upon us. Every year, there are families in our community who struggle to heat their homes due to limited income and the cost of energy. For those who cannot afford fuel, there are programs available, but these programs are not perfect and deliveries are not always immediate. When it's cold and you're low on fuel or totally out, waiting isn't an option. The Colchester Fuel Bank helps fill the gaps with small deliveries to residents in significant need. This program is funded 100 percent by donations from community members like you.

I know we are all feeling the effects of rising energy prices, but if you are able please stop by our booth to donate. Checks can be made payable to "Colchester Fuel Bank."

Your support now will make a huge difference for Colchester families this winter.

**Thank you,
Bernie Dennler – Colchester**

False Profit

To the Editor:
Hebron's Raymond Brook Watershed is the hardest-working member of our community, providing a home for wildlife, fresh water to our marsh and a lovely historical backdrop for several neighborhoods.

In order to spend millions installing any development on this high functioning watershed, town leaders must win our votes by convincing people that their project will pose no threat to wetlands, groundwater, local wells or our historical heritage. The Sept. 19 PBC meeting will undoubtedly throw at the audience more double talk and eco-friendly catchwords like green, zero carbon, low impact, eco-friendly, and sustainable. Words advertising agencies use to sell

us happiness.

Despite their best efforts, countless problems remain. Here are just a few to be factored into the equation:

1. Watershed sits above the Raymond Brook Marsh.
2. A super high, seasonal, water table that varies greatly.
3. Gravity.
4. It's human to error.
5. Industrial pollution, including noise.
6. Adjacent to private wells.
7. Impact on Colebrook.
8. Flooding.
9. Road salts are an environmental nightmare found in private wells, eating through plumbing, cars, concrete and asphalt. Causing soil imbalances, fresh water salinization, plant die-offs and promoting blue-green algae by destroying zooplankton.
10. 16 out of 18 homeowners, on Kinney, said Yes to Scenic Road Designation and No to development.
11. The January 2000 Environmental Report states there is a small, basically, dome-shaped, stony area that could be developed but, this area comes with a laundry list of environmental concerns, including accidental introduction of salt and chemicals into groundwaters and Aquifer. To ensure water safety, the report lists numerous environmental regulations that need to be financed, engineered, implemented and properly maintained on a regular basis. The report is 52 pages long, 44 pages discuss complex water issues.

Hebron DPW needs an upgrade, but not on the RBWatershed.
#Save17.

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

Who Profits from Electric Vehicles?

To the Editor:

Want to buy an electric car next time? Look up CATL, the Chinese-owned, lithium-battery company whose value has skyrocketed since Joe Biden took office. Guess where there is a gold mine of lithium? Afghanistan!

Guess who owns 10% of CATL? Hunter Biden! Guess who is funding the Taliban now? You guessed it, China.

You're starting to see why ol' Pops was so quick to get us out of Afghanistan?

Taliban is set to make trillions on selling their lithium to China and the Biden's stand to make billions!

Always follow the money...and you will find the answers to the baffling decisions they make!

Hard to believe how crooked the Biden crime family is, and we just sit by and watch it happen. And hundreds lost their lives during his botched pull-out. But he really doesn't care because he is as evil as they come! His entire regime and family is evil.

The Bidens own 10% of a Chinese lithium ion battery company [Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CATL)] whose stock has soared. CATL, is a Chinese battery manufacturer and technology company founded in 2011 that specializes in the manufacturing of lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage systems, as well as battery management systems.

This should also explain why the Obama/Biden administration has shut down America's independence of energy and is pushing so hard

to force electric automobiles down Americans' throats.

Follow the money.
"Show me a politician who got rich while in office, and I will show you a crook." – Harry S. Truman.

Frank Blume – Colchester

Angry Joe and The Greenhouse Doctrine

To the Editor:

Joe Biden's most recent speech was hateful, accusatory and divisive and was delivered by mean-spirited failed leader. Presidents do not lecture the American people; they are supposed to offer hope to a nation that is trying to find some common ground and to bring us together.

Joe Biden did the opposite; he attacked 50% of Americans with his vile angry message about "MAGA Republicans," and conservatives in general. I grew up listening to JFK, Ronald Reagan and even Richard Nixon and never did any of these presidents threaten their fellow Americans. Biden reading from his prepared speech written by members of his far left regime made no mention of any of his failures, rising crime, the economy and the effect the record high inflation was having on working families, the huge trade imbalance we have with China, his family's financial dealings with China, the continuing flow of illegal aliens crossing our southern border. Instead Joe called half of Americans "domestic terrorists."

Then we have local flavor with Mike Greenhouse with his "if you don't like it here, then leave" and referring to myself as "your kind" He says he may have gotten off on the wrong foot – well, not exactly; we do not walk the same. And "my kind" is a 30-year resident of Andover, who has served my town on a high level on committees and as an elected official for eight years. My kind is a successful business owner with many longtime employees. My kind is a military veteran.

What is your kind, Mike? You make inflammatory prejudicial statements about someone

you've never met. I like my town very much but I don't like you, Mr. Greenhouse. So I will continue to fight for equity for us seniors here in Andover. Have a nice day.

Don Denley – Andover

Survey Says...

To the Editor:

The Hebron Greater Together Community Funds (HGTCF) Advisory Committee, sponsored by the Hartford Foundation, recently conducted a survey directed toward local residents. They were asked for their ideas regarding what they thought would improve and/or enhance the quality of life in Hebron. The intent of the survey was to give the Advisory Committee a more focused view of what to consider while assessing Letters of Interest (LOI) and applications for the second round of grants.

The survey featured 16 categories listed that were developed after receiving input from the public, using the Committee's "Kitchen Table Ideas" display, during town wide events such as the Hebron Harvest Moon Festival, Maple Festival, Library Book Sale, Hebron Day, June-teenth celebration, etc. More than 176 respondents participated and the information will be used to inform the Committee's decision making for the next round of grant-making.

In 2021 nine grants were awarded to eight individuals and/or groups for a total of \$25,000. It is our hope that if you have an idea that will benefit our community, HGTCF may be able to provide financial support for you. To have us consider it, just complete our Letter of Interest (LOI) laying out your project and anticipated monetary requirements.

Availability of the Letter of Interest will be announced in the *Rivereast News Bulletin*, area newspapers and online at www.hfpg.org/hebroncf.

**Sincerely,
The Hebron Greater Together
Community Fund Advisory Committee**

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A lack of reliable, up to date information can pose a significant hazard to quality dental health, which is why we present our bi-weekly column to our friends and neighbors. From taking care of children's teeth early on to helping seniors deal with the special circumstances inherent to the aging process, we've got our patients' needs covered. Our friendly, dedicated professional dental team has the experience with today's state-of-the-art dentistry to bring a smile to our patients' faces. Call for an appointment.

P.S. If a baby falls asleep easier with a bottle, the bottle should contain only water to avoid baby bottle tooth decay.

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Win with Wes

To the Editor:

On Nov. 8, voters have the opportunity to elect a candidate who will truly represent the 55th district. Wes Skorski, the Democratic candidate for state representative, is hoping to be the voice for the people of Andover, Hebron and Marlborough and portions of Bolton and Glastonbury.

Wes has been very open about where he stands on the issues, most recently answering a series of important questions from the Glastonbury Voter (check out Glastonburyvoter.com for more information). Anyone who follows his social media posts can see that he proudly supports a women's right to reproductive healthcare, including the right to choose. He believes in worker's rights, being endorsed by several unions including the AFL-CIO. He understands what it is like to struggle to make ends meet and he knows how prescription drug costs can have a negative impact on the lives of our loved ones.

Wes supports public schools and always has. In fact, he is the current Board of Education chairperson in Marlborough, where he has forged meaningful relationships with everyone from the superintendent to the custodial staff. He has gained the respect of fellow board members on both sides of the aisle. His two children proudly attend and excel at the local public schools. It was very important to him and his late wife that they provide a foundation for their children grounded in working hard and giving back. Additionally, Wes is a humble businessman, who recently opened a doggy day care due to his love of animals. If you would like to vote for a candidate who can answer questions that voters care about, I encourage you to visit winwithwes.org to learn more about why Wes is the right person for the job.

Erin Bussiere – Hebron

Kindness with Kids Thanks

To the Editor:

The East Hampton Housing Authority, we would like to thank Kindness with Kids, particularly Amie Meacham for organizing and donating 100 prize kits as part of a community engagement initiative here at EHHA! These prizes have been an encouragement to residents. We are all grateful for your thoughtful consideration.

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

Performance, Not Party

To the Editor:

The Colchester Republican Town Committee (RTC) last week approved a vote of no confidence in the performance of the town's first selectman, Mr. Andreas Bisbikos, a Republican who resoundingly beat his Democrat rival in the November 2021 election. Sixty percent (60%) of RTC members present at the September monthly meeting voted in favor of the motion.

The outcome of the vote is purely symbolic with regards to Mr. Bisbikos' standing as the elected first selectman. But the vote by the majority of RTC members present at the meeting sent a clear message to all Colchester citizens that accountability for performance must always outweigh any allegiance to a political party.

Few are born natural leaders but I believe many can become more effective leaders if egos and pride are set aside, leaders learn from their mistakes, and they remain focused on goals. The goal for a first selectman is to serve the community in the best manner possible. Of course along the way there will be disagreements, personality conflicts, and discussions that can become heated. That's all 'in bounds' and expected. But name-calling, threats and bullying are 'out of bounds,' especially when the behavior repeatedly occurs from a leader, and there is no indication the behavior will cease. Effective leadership is not easy; it takes hard work and an unselfish commitment. And an effective leader must not participate in mudslinging, and certainly must not initiate it.

Political party affiliation must have no bearing when assessing a politicians' performance but far too often, people go along to get along. Perhaps someday soon, political party tribalism will wane and job performance will be assessed objectively and not through political party lenses.

Paul Bureau – Colchester

Note: Bureau is a member of the Colchester Republican Town Committee, but said he is speaking as an individual.

Re-Elect Christie

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Christie Carpino for re-election as our state representative. Christie has served us well as our state representative and is personally engaged in our community. Most recently she has co-sponsored a blood drive at the Waverly Senior Center in Portland, and during the COVID-19 pandemic she was directly involved in bringing food boxes to families – not once, but twice. She has worked hard to pass critical mental health legislation and enhanced access for critical healthcare needs.

Christie is very responsive and accessible to our community. I have seen her attending many Portland events and, as a wife and mother of two, she often has her family by her side. She understands the needs of families and continues to work hard making our community a better place to live and work. Christie is engaged, listens to voters and takes positions that best reflect the needs of our community and all its citizens.

Please support Christie in the upcoming election. Reach out to her with questions – she is very responsive.

Sandie Lavoy – Portland

Plan B

To the Editor:

As a lifelong Hebron resident, I've observed that expensive town building projects like the library require rebuilding every 20+ years. If 17 Kinney Rd. is the only location in Hebron suitable for a Public Works Complex, what will Hebronites do in 2042!

The proposed site is part of the Hebron Village Green Historic District. The landscape remains unchanged, except for invasive species, since the French Hussars marched by it on their way to Yorktown to end the Revolutionary War! Preserved historic vistas are integral to Hebron's zoning plan. To destroy this vista, as at Burnt Hill Park, would squander one of Hebron's significant rural historic assets.

Ironically although Hebron Center has the most stringent preservation policies, it has suffered the greatest historical losses. Only one Revolutionary War era building still exist, the others were demolished by the town. Over half of the structures shown on the 1869 map have vanished. Thirteen buildings shown on the 1931 map are gone and from 1980 to the present, five historic structures were demolished, most for town building projects!

Once this historic landscape visible to Hebron Elementary students and Route 85 motorists is destroyed, it cannot be replaced. Regrettably, none of the proposed plans consider removing invasive species returning this area to its 18th century appearance.

Perhaps, an auxiliary public works site at Burnt Hill Park should be considered. Unfortunately, that historic landscape was destroyed in building the park. While not as centralized, it would allow snowplows more immediate access to town roads in each area than the proposed site where the salt-shed is a major concern. To insist on only one location, admits to leadership planning failure. Upgrading the current complex and supplementing with an auxiliary one allows the town to champion historic preservation and resident's needs.

John Baron – Hebron

Lamont

To the Editor:

Governor Lamont says he balanced the budget and created a surplus and didn't raise taxes, he must have forgot about raising the gas tax 24 cents on Jan. 1, 2021. He talks about stronger gun control so innocent people don't get killed, and then he advocates abortion? How about climate control and electric vehicles? It's amazing how everybody blames the guns for violence. Now I'll prove what I just said, I can put an AR-15, a shotgun, pistol or revolver, loaded, ready to go on my kitchen table and it'll sit there and collect dust, until someone picks it up and pulls the trigger. Our penal code should be corrected to counter this violence, not the guns, but will our elected officials do anything? No. They just take the easy way out.

I have a friend that has a Chevy Volt with 70,000 miles on it and needs a new electric battery. He showed me the installed bill of \$29,000. Guess what, he has a boat anchor now. Does Governor Lamont drive around in an electric vehicle? How about the electric transit buses that burnt up the other day, good thing no one was inside.

California advocates electric vehicles but the other day you were told not to plug it in cause there isn't enough power or suffer rolling blackouts. This sounds like the government wants to

control you again.

William Thong says he's looking out for scalping gas prices, how about diesel. It takes less energy to make diesel than gas so why are the prices so high? Manufacturers reduced the sulfur content of home heating oil so it's almost the same as diesel except for the dye in it; let's see if the price is different.

God bless this great country,
Butch Przekopski – Colchester

Biden, Learn from JFK!

To the Editor:

Growing up as a youngster in the mid-60s in Ohio as I did, or anywhere in the USA, kitchens or hallways of a lot of homes in America would proudly display a portrait of the Pope, Jesus Christ, and President Kennedy. Today JFK would be despised by Democrats and revered by Republicans. "Why?" you ask. JFK was for small government. Proof was in his inaugural speech, "Ask not what the country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." The complete opposite of Biden!

Kennedy had swagger and conviction that Khrushchev feared, and the Soviets understood, and they did not cross the red line during the Cuban Missile Crisis. JFK served proudly in the Navy, a hero on the famed PT-109, and because he was a devout Catholic, he may have cherished every life.

Because of JFK we held our heads up high with pride and were admired by the world. Now we hang our heads low in shame, for example, because of the abandonment of our allies in Afghanistan.

I'm a staunch Republican, and I truly believe JFK would be a Republican today because Democrats do not resemble him at all. No one can hold a candle to his legacy.

Kevin Berry – Andover

This Monday #Save17

To the Editor:

Your voice matters! I again urge the residents of Hebron to attend the Public Building Committee meeting at the Douglas Library at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, and oppose the placement of a destructive and expensive industrial Public Works facility at 17 Kinney Rd. Our grassroots effort needs you to join us and let the town know this is the wrong plan in the wrong location at the wrong price. Please help urge the PBC to find a Plan B, there are always options. Please explore the option offered in 2014 to combine DPW and Parks and Rec. maintenance facilities for "added efficiencies." Please explore the option of moving the transfer station to a centrally located commercial property and allow the DPW to expand on its current site.

There is a long list of reasons why it would be a grave error to place an industrial Public Works facility at 17 Kinney Rd. The 300-year-old farmland, stone walls and ancient white oaks have a potential to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and need to be fully investigated. The unusually high water table is found just 18" below the surface and leads directly into sensitive wetlands and two open fractures in the bedrock. An environmental review team report from June 2000 clearly states, "greater fracture density also suggests increased permeability and faster rates of groundwater dispersal and also greater rates of dispersal of potential contaminants that may enter the groundwater system." Road salt and its storage facilities are the leading polluter of groundwater in the state of Connecticut. And once road salt enters the groundwater it cannot be removed, it takes eons for the contamination to dissipate.

These are only two of the many reasons. Please visit Kinney Road Matters on Facebook and help #Save17.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Tulumieri – Amston

Tremendous Thank You

To the Editor:

On behalf of Zion Lutheran Church, I'd like to extend a tremendous thank you to everyone who supported and helped to make our "Local Artisan Showcase" outreach event held on Sunday, Sept. 11, such a success. We had an excellent turnout, with about 80 people in attendance.

My sincere gratitude to the following artists and hobbyists for showcasing their art items and for their donations to the silent auction sale: Gabriela Andrews, Michael Beck, Paula Brown, Lori Caruso of Budget Blinds, Dan Castelli, Sandy Chiasson, Elaine Cote, Linda Cunningham, Beau Doherty, Shannon Faust, Jessica Leah Fillback, Carol Gilbert, Jessica Garrison, Marra Giuliano, Holley Hetzel, Allen Hill, Jere-

my Hill, Paula S. Lee, Maryann Libera, Barbara Newsom, Mary Pickel, Richard Raicik, Darlene Rice, Valerie Schmidt, Drew Unikewicz, Steven Wells, Taylor Wicke and Frank Winiski.

I would also like to thank the following:

The committee members who volunteered so much of their time and energy to help with this event: Alyssa Anderson, Chad Anderson, Josh Anderson, Brenda Bell, Donna Berndtson, Lisa Brochu, Paula Brown, Sandy Chiasson, Fran Connolly, Elaine Cote, Marie DeGraff, Shannon Faust, Nancy Godwin, Allen Hill, Andrea Johnson, Carol Kapitzke, Donna Marlow, Carol Murphy, Pam Nordstrom, Elise O'Brien, Karen Olson, Phil Olson, Geri Pearson, Bill Richards, Kathleen Richards, Valerie Schmidt, Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan, Howard Swanson and Joan Tester.

The Leos youth helpers from the Lions Club: Carson Nicol, Reese Nicol, Dorothy Riley, and John Thompson.

The sponsors for their generous support: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Adams Hometown Market of Portland, Stop & Shop of East Hampton, Portland Discount Liquors, and to the Rivereast News Bulletin for publicizing our special event.

Proceeds raised from the Silent Auction, Grace Guild Raffles and free will offering will benefit Zion's lounge renovation project.

With warm regards,
Susanne Anderson
Chairperson, "Local Artisan Showcase"
Zion Lutheran Church – Portland

It's Not Quackery

To the Editor:

It's standard procedure for progressive climate liars to avoid debate over substance by attempting to mock or discredit those who present facts they can't contest. Scott Sauyet demonstrates this tactic when he mocks me as being a parody and once again defames Tony Heller's website as "quackery." He can't be bothered providing a single fact supporting his nonsense (because he can't).

Heller provides factual evidence produced by NOAA (before they revise it) and also historical newspaper articles from decades ago demonstrating that none of this alarmism is new. The only "quackery" about any of this belongs to the people calling it that. Sauyet dismisses this factual information but eagerly accepts the pronouncements of his fraudulent-bettors on nothing but faith. His proclivity for group-thinking prevents him from any independent thought outside of what he is told to believe. He searches for "fact-checkers" confirming his bias and then draws on his cognitive dissonance to avoid information contrary to his biased narrative.

He desperately wants/needs to believe human-generated CO2 is the key factor driving climate change. He needs to believe his arm-waving virtue-signaling is going to save the planet. But CO2 is a very ineffective greenhouse gas and is only sensitive to absorbing infra-red energy on three narrow bandwidths. Since water vapor also absorbs energy on two of those bands, its overwhelming atmospheric volumes significantly dwarfs any impact of CO2.

Humans only produce about 4% of annual atmospheric CO2 volumes, with the rest deriving from natural sources such as the oceans and organic decomposition. Fractionally reducing our contributions is like spitting in the wind towards controlling or reducing global temperatures.

All of those promoting this scam, deliberately or foolishly, are pushing us towards disaster. Economic collapse, ecological calamity and untold human misery are its inevitable consequences.

Sam Prentice – Andover

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Hey! Are you taking a vacation or a day trip soon? Bring the *Rivereast* along with you, snap a picture with it, and email the photo to bulletin@glcitizen.com.



Rivereast in the Midwest... Karen and Jim Seger of Colchester recently visited their daughter Pamela and family in Rochester, Minn., home of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic.



The News in Narragansett... Abriana Parente, Sophia Czuchta, Christian Czuchta and Olivia Parente, all of East Hampton, visited The Towers in Narragansett, R.I. – and brought along their favorite newspaper!



Island Adventure... Pictured are Sam Dixon, Maya Marozzi, Mark Marozzi and Sheri Spaulding, all from East Hampton, on August family vacation on the island of Vinalhaven, Maine!



Blue Hawaii... Amston residents Carmela and Francesca Orfitelli (age 14 and 11) visited Alaska, Hawaii, California and Las Vegas this summer – and they took a little piece of home with them: the *Rivereast*! Here they are in Hawaii.

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Clock Ticking on Town Manager Search

By Jack Lakowsky

With fewer than 30 days left in the charter-mandated 90-day limit on the town's acting CEO position – now filled by selectboard chair Amy Traversa – the Marlborough Board of Selectmen still hasn't made much progress.

Per the charter the CEO is supposed to bridge the gap between the end of the first selectperson's office and the finding of an interim town manager.

The selectboard hadn't been aware of this fact until July, after it elected Traversa as chair. Their deadline to find an interim town manager is Oct. 8. The charter, revised last year, says the chair "shall" exercise duties not more than 90 consecutive days, or until an interim manager gets hired.

It's unclear what happens after that date. Traversa hasn't directly stated whether she plans to apply for the town manager position. She refuses herself during town manager related discussions, but stays in the room, which Lowrey has questioned.

The board also hasn't decided how much to pay Traversa while she acts as town chief, again deferring the decision last week. Traversa has yet to be paid for the work.

Last week, selectmen Greg Lowrey motioned that the CEO be paid about \$227 per day for not more than 90 days, though his motion did not mention that Traversa must vacate the position Oct. 8. Charter language implies the CEO end their office after the period.

Once again, the board tabled discussion until its next meeting.

Lowrey said the charter says the interim manager may be a town official, but that that person would have to take a leave of absence from their

position.

"We continue with what we're doing until the end of 90 days," said Lowrey, and then the CEO becomes interim town manager.

Traversa consulted with labor attorney Nick Grello, who attended the meeting, saying that the interim manager and the CEO are essentially the same, a point Lowrey refuted, saying the charter "architecture" separate the two roles distinctly.

Saying the town chief's position is a 24/7 one, Lowrey included weekends in the 90-day counts, hastening the deadline. Grello said he's never seen it done this way before.

Selectwoman Betty O'Brien seemed to advocate for Traversa filling the interim position.

"Be honest right now, we have someone who's doing the job and has done it before," she said, adding she feels like there's a "hidden agenda."

O'Brien said it would be pointless to teach a new interim to fill the job for a short period.

Board vicechair Deb Bourbeau said the board has mulled this topic several times, and that "every time a subject comes up there's an objection."

She said objections are then handled, then there's a new objection, then the board tables talks – an assertion that held true last week.

"We're at that point again where personally, I'm confused," Bourbeau said.

O'Brien and Bourbeau both abstained when the board called a vote, prompting Lowrey to withdraw the motion.

In terms of steps forward, the Bourbeau and O'Brien this week presented a draft town manager job description. Lowrey and Traversa

praised their work, saying the agreement is a bit dense and hyper-specific, and could be trimmed for clarity.

"It's too detailed to be useful," said Traversa. "If we could cut half of out and generalize."

Traversa also said due to its small size, Marlborough might be a tough sell, that it might have to find someone from the "wilds of Maine."

She said in this particular career path, people typically look for advancement rather than lateral moves, wanting to work in more and more prominent cities.

The board didn't make a decision on the proposed description, with O'Brien and Bourbeau agreeing to shorten the draft. They suggested addressing it again next week, but Traversa said next week's agenda is too full.

Traversa said O'Brien and Bourbeau can send the revised document when it's ready, and then the board will arrange a special meeting.

In a follow-up Wednesday morning, Traversa criticized the charter itself, saying voters weren't fully informed about it before approving it last November, that it's "fatally flawed," and that she voted against it last year.

"It doesn't envision any of these circumstances," Traversa told the *Rivereast*.

She said if she would form a new charter revision committee, but doesn't want to before the town hires a manager.

As to exactly what happens at the end of the

90-day period, Traversa is unsure.

Getting in touch with search firms is about the only progress made, and Traversa also said no one will apply to a job without a description.

Without committing herself, Traversa said it wouldn't make sense to bring in a new interim unfamiliar with the town's ongoing projects, investing resources in a by-design temporary employee. Traversa said this would continue Marlborough's high chief executive turnover, going through multiple first selectpersons over a few decades.

Traversa said since taking the CEO job the town's made progress on library renovations that languished for two years, purchased a new emergency vehicle.

Citing minutes from the board's July 5 meeting, when town attorney Ken Slater said Lowrey had to vacate the first selectman's office, Traversa said reiterated that in the absence of a town manager the selectboard chair acts as CEO, adding after that period, the town continues with a CEO at the helm, one selected by at least four voting members of the board, a supermajority.

"At that point something will be proposed, and it'll pass or not be passed," said Traversa. "So my question is, what is the objection to continuing, and why not pay someone for the job?"

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: Acrylic Landscape Painting: Wednesdays, Oct. 5-26, 3:30-5 p.m., at Marlborough Elementary School, for grades 3-6. Students will be guided through the techniques of landscape painting. They can bring a photo of a landscape, or choose from a collection. All materials are provided. Students are encouraged to bring a snack. Fee is \$90 for residents/\$95 for non-residents.

Artventures – Where the Wild Things Art! Thursdays, Oct. 20-Dec. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at MES, for grades K-5. Kids will explore many original art forms and techniques, and also hear stories such as *Where the Wild Things Are* or *Nova the Robot*, that go hand-in-hand with each project. Kids will take home works of art each week. Fee is \$110/residents, \$115/non-residents. No class on Nov. 17 and 24.

After School Co-Ed Kickball: Wednesdays, Sept. 21-Oct. 26, 3:15-4:15 p.m., at the MES baseball field, for grades 5 and 6. Fee is \$30.

Soccer Shots: Saturdays, Sept. 17-Nov. 5, at the West Road upper field. Mini, for age 2, is 3-3:35 p.m., and Classic, for ages 3-5, is 3:45-4:30 p.m. Fee for Mini is \$102/resident, \$107/non-resident, and fee for Classic is \$108/residents, \$113/non-residents.

Safe at Home: Thursday, Sept. 29, 5-6:30 p.m., at the Marlborough Senior Center, for grades 4-6. Participants will learn skills to prepare them to be safe when home alone. Fee is \$38/residents, \$43/non-residents.

Safe Sitter: Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades 6-8. This class is designed to prepare students to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Fee: \$110/residents, \$115/non-residents.

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: Adult Tap: For ages 18 and over. Thursdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 15, 7:15-8 p.m., at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Fee: \$180/resident, \$185/non-resident.

Dog Obedience – Polite Dog Manners: Mondays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, 6-7 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. These are beginner-level classes for dogs 5 months and older. Fee: \$115/resident, \$120/non-resident.

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

Adult Sewing 101: Know Your Machine: Monday, Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Learn the basics of machine operating while creating a scrunchie. All participants must bring sewing machine. Fee: \$43/residents, \$48/non-residents.

Barlates: Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m., through Sept. 28. This is a complete exercise class with concentrated exercises for hips, legs and core. Fee: \$18 per week to drop in. Class instruction is virtual or in person.

Yoga: Mondays, Sept. 12-26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or Tuesdays, Sept. 13-27, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class is either in person or virtual. Fee: \$60/resident, or \$18 drop-in fee.

Yogalates: Thursdays, Sept. 8-29, 9:30-10:30 a.m. All levels welcome; bring a mat. Fee: \$75/resident, or \$18 drop-in fee.

ZUMBA Class Fall Session: Tuesdays, Sept. 18-Nov. 23, 7-8 p.m., at MES. Fee: \$60/residents, \$65/non-residents, or a \$10 drop-in fee. Register on the Parks and Rec. website.

Teen/Adult Parkboxing: For ages 11 and up. Saturdays, Oct. 1-Nov. 5, 1-1:45 p.m., at Champions Karate in Colchester. Fee: \$50.

Driveway Reflective Number Signs: Cost of the sign is \$35. Vertical sign is double sided 8" x 24" with 4" numbers on blue highway reflective metal. Order forms are online and at Town Hall.

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. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided downstairs in the nursery; however, children are always welcome at the worship service.

Sunday, Sept. 18 is Rally Day. The service will feature music by Joyful Blue Bluegrass Band, followed by a picnic on the front lawn, and a bounce house for children. The day also marks the start of the Sunday school year for children ages 3 through grade 8 and for the junior and senior youth groups. All children in the community are welcome and invited to attend Sunday School and the youth groups. Call Gwen Larson at the church office for more information.

Faith Formation (Bible Study) is led by Pastor Bob Faulhaber and meets Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. upstairs in the lounge. All are welcome.

Women's Circle will meet Wednesday, Sept.

21, at 6:30 p.m. upstairs in the lounge. The program is led by Pastoral Associate Val Seaver. All women are invited.

Mission-Giving through September will go to the Seminarian Fund for a local UCC seminarian and Christian Activities Council.

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 is now open for the fall season. The shop is open Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Second Blessings accepts donations during shopping hours. The shop also sells through eBay at <https://bit.ly/MCCebay>

General Info: Worship services and programs are open to all. The church is an Open and Affirming faith community. For more information on the church or its programs, call the church office at 860-295-9050.

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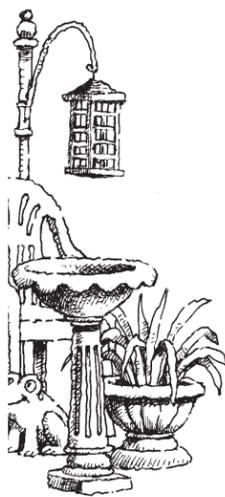
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The band Jukebox 45 will perform at the Farm at Carter Hill. From left are bandleader Jerry Fanfarelli, drummer Al Floyd, bassist Joe Carver, saxophonist Richard “Deke” Kanderian, and keyboardist Paul Scungio.

Doo-Wop Band at Carter Hill

The band Jukebox45, which is helmed by an East Hampton resident, will perform an Oldies Show & Dance at the Farm at Carter Hill, 86 East Hampton Rd., Marlborough, on Friday, Sept. 16, from 6-9:30 p.m.

Jukebox45 is a ‘50s and ‘60s oldies doo-wop show band. The Connecticut group plays shows throughout the tri-state area during the year, performing live doo-wop shows, featuring songs by such artists as The Duprees, Fred Parris & The 5 Satins, The Rays, Larry Chance & The Earls, The Classics, The Marcels, Bobby Mansfield & the Wrens, Danny & The Juniors, The Penguins, The Drifters, Little Anthony and The Imperials, The Cletones, The Willows, The Casinos, Paul Anka, Dion, Del Shannon, The Vogues and many more.

East Hampton resident Jerry Fanfarelli, formerly from New Haven, is the guitarist, lead singer and musical director of the group. He

has been performing for audiences for over 50 years. His love for doo-wop started at a very early age – just 7 years old, to be exact.

Joe Carver from New Britain is a founding member of the group. He has been performing music his entire life and now devotes his time as bassist with the group and he recreates vocal harmonies as first tenor.

Paul Scungio of West Haven, is on vocals and also keyboards. He has performed for over 50 years and now spends his time with Jukebox45 as second tenor.

On drums is Al Floyd of New Britain, who is also the baritone voice in The Jukebox45 Show Band.

For more information on the band, go to Jukebox45.us or look for Jukebox45 Show Band on Facebook. The group’s performances can also be seen on YouTube at youtu.be/8NQOD5K4MhU.

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 offers the following activities:

Transportation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Assistance, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Bingo: Monday, 1-3:30 p.m.; Setback: Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon; 8-Ball Pool: Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon; Grocery Shopping: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-noon;

Meals-on-Wheels: Monday through Friday, noon; Congregate Meals: Monday, Wednesday

and Friday, noon; Medical Appointments: Monday through Friday, by appointment; Exercise with Anne: Thursday, 3-4 p.m.; Tai Chi: Thursday, 10:30 a.m.; Not Just Quilting: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Cornhole and Bocce Ball will be played Monday through Friday, weather permitting; Food Bank: Tuesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sophisticated Ladies (Tap Dancing): Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

There will also be a flu shot and Moderna booster shot clinic Thursday, Oct. 27, from 9-11 a.m.

History of American Women

A living History of American Women, through the words of the award-winning interpretive oral historian Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti, is coming to the Marlborough Arts Center’s 4th Friday @ the Arts Café on Friday, Sept. 23.

Her program is titled “If I am not for myself who would be for me,” the actual words spoken by Ona Judge, who was enslaved by Martha and George Washington. For the past 22 years, Quezaire-Presutti has portrayed historical women, drawing on an array of primary historical resources. She speaks in the first person as she tells their stories.

Among her many awards, Quezaire-Presutti is an artist with New Hampshire Humanities to GO!, The National Women’s History Alli-

ance, Strawberry Banke Museum, New England Touring Artist Funding Program, Solo Together Interpreters, and is a charter member of The National Museum for African American History and Culture. She has received certificates of merit from the Office of the Secretary of State Connecticut, Greater Hartford Arts Council, Alliance Award from The Institute of Texas Cultures of San Antonio, the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, the Strawberry Banke Museum’s Award for Living, and took 1st Place in the International Interpretive Reading Toastmaster Award. She was also crowned Ms. Senior Connecticut in 2010.

Marlborough Arts Center is at 231 North Main St. Admission is \$10 per person. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7:30. Masks are suggested. There is ample parking and the arts center is ADA-accessible.

Chicken Barbecue

The Marlborough Fire Department will host its 66th annual Chicken Barbecue at station No. 1 on Route 66 in Marlborough center from noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2.

Tickets are \$18 each and will be sold door to door by Marlborough firefighters. The Women’s Auxiliary will also be hosting a bake sale.

Each ticket will buy half of chicken, freshly made coleslaw, a baked potato, dinner roll and dessert. The firehouse will be open for those who wish to eat their meal at the station. Meal

delivery is available to seniors and those unable to arrive at the firehouse to receive their meal. Notify the firefighter at time of purchase to be able to reserve a delivery.

Tickets are limited; residents are urged to call the firehouse at 860-295-6219 to get tickets if a firefighter has not stopped by. Leave a message with your name, address and number of tickets needed. All tickets are sold at a first-come, first-served basis.

Lions ‘Masquerade 5K Road Race’

The Marlborough Lions will hold their annual Masquerade 5K Road Race Sunday, Oct. 30. This 5K will feature runners in costume and will follow the same course around Lake Terramuggus as the Lions’ Memorial Day Weekend race. The race will utilize electronic timing with computerized race results and the course is a certified 5K. The race starts promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Entry fee is \$30. Those registering by Oct. 15 are guaranteed a T-shirt. There is also a \$60 package price for families participating in the race. Anyone wishing to register on the day of the race must arrive prior to 10 a.m. Runners will start near the entrance to Blish Park on Park Road and will proceed on a course that circles Lake Terramuggus.

The Lions are also seeking local businesses to sponsor the event in amounts of \$100, \$250 and \$500. All sponsors will be displayed on the race t-shirts.

The Lions Club supports programs which address various issues including blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness in addition to supporting local organizations such as the Marlborough Food and Fuel Banks.

To register or for additional information contact Lion Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 or tigerladee@snet.net. Registration forms are also available in Marlborough and at various other locations including Liberty Bank, as well as online at marlboroughlionsclubfall5k.itsyourrace.com.

Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has announced the following. Registration required unless noted; to do so, call the library at 860-295-6210 or email richmondprograms@gmail.com.

Book Donations: The Friends of the Library are currently accepting books for its annual Fall Book Sale, to be held Saturday, Oct. 1. Books must be in good, resalable condition and dropped off inside the library during open hours. Textbooks and moldy items should not be left at the library.

Pretzel Dessert Bombs: The Baking Coach will lead a virtual program, held on Zoom, for adults and teens on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to make pretzel dough and make a batch of 12 pretzel dessert bombs with various fillings like cinnamon apple, chocolate, cinnamon sugar, s’mores, and jelly. Email richmondprograms@gmail.com for the Zoom link and a list of necessary supplies.

Cards and Cuddles: September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and all kids are invited to stop by to sign up for their first library card. On Thursday, Sept. 22, at 4 p.m., volunteers from the Connecticut Humane Society will read Wendy Wahman’s Don’t Lick the Dog and they will bring life-sized plush dogs for kids to cuddle with. There will be additional dog-themed activities following the story. Registration is not required.

Babytime: Mondays, Sept. 19-Oct. 31 (no class Oct. 10), 10:30 a.m., for children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Registration is recommended but drop-ins are welcome if space allows. The program will be outdoors unless weather requires it to move inside.

TWOsdays: Tuesdays, Sept. 20-Dec. 20. This storytime series especially for children 18-36 months and their caregivers features songs, stories, and hands-on-learning

Fall Storytime: Children ages 3-5 can join

one of the storytime sessions on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., indoors in the Storytime Room. Session 1 started Sept. 14 and continues through Oct. 12. Session 2 runs Oct. 26-Dec. 7 (no storytime Nov. 23).

Talk Like a Pirate Day: Monday, Sept. 19. There will be a special pirate-themed program at 4 p.m. Pirate costumes are welcome but not required. Participants will receive an eye patch and a pirate hat. The program will be held outside, weather permitting; rain will move it indoors.

Lego Club: For children age 5 and up. The library will offer STEM-based challenges involving Legos for children ages 5 and up on the following Tuesdays at 4 p.m.: Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Nov. 29 and Dec. 13.

Kids Crafting Club: Creative kids will learn new techniques and project ideas. The club started this week and will meet the following Tuesdays at 4 p.m.: Sept. 27, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 8 and 22, and Dec. 6 and 20.

Food Explorers: Chopped! Energy Bites: Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 4 p.m., in the upstairs meeting room, for children ages 5 and up. Kids will be split into teams to design their own energy ball recipe. Choose from a variety of ingredients and test both teams’ creations to see whose is the tastiest. This program is nut-free. This program will be held in the upstairs meeting room.

Family Fun Night: Time to Build: Thursday, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. Try different materials to see what works best, get creative, and see what you can make.

Old-School Gamers Club: Once a month, the library will break out the Super Nintendo, PSOne, Xbox360 and more for some old-school gaming for ages 12-18. The program will meet Fridays at 4 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 14, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2. Registration is recommended.

Town-Wide

Tag Sale Coming

The Marlborough Town-Wide Tag Sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Registration forms are available at Town Hall or online at marlboroughct.recdesk.com. Fee is \$25 with a deadline of Sept. 29, no exceptions.

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Andover Pumpkin Patch

Starting this month, Andover Food Pantry will sponsor its first-ever "Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser" behind the pantry, in the historical field at 359 Route 6 in Andover.

This will run from the end of September throughout the entire month of October.

Featured for sale will be pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, bales of hay, apples, cider, jellies and jams, and more. Take a photo with your family in the photo-op area. Different events

will take place throughout October.

All are asked to consider donating their no-longer-needed wagon or special outdoor fall decoration to the pantry for this fundraiser. People can drop it off behind the Andover Congregational Church where the food drop-off boxes are. A tax donation letter will be given to you upon request.

For more information, call Food Pantry Director Joan Soucy at 860-208-3226.

Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following have been announced for Andover seniors, veterans and disabled. To attend any event, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122 to register. Visit the senior page at andoverct.org for all senior events and information. A new events calendar will be posted for September and October.

Shopping: Tuesdays, Sept. 20, to Manchester, and Sept. 27 to Willimantic. Masks are available on all vehicles.

Luncheon: The luncheon on Friday, Sept. 23, will feature special guests Congressman Joe Courtney and Wes Skorski, candidate for state House of Representatives. No one will be allowed without reservations; call Palazzi.

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

Rides to all town events, town meetings, referendums or board meetings, and all medical

appointments, are available by calling Palazzi. All seniors, veterans and disabled are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you. For a ride to the **Fire Department Steak Dinner** on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Tag and Vendor Sale: Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Town Hall. There will be vendors, as well as some tag sale items. To be a vendor, call Palazzi.

Flu Clinic: Thursday, Oct. 13, 2-5 p.m., at the Andover Elementary School gym. Call Palazzi for reservations.

New Seniors Welcome: New seniors are welcome to all events. Call Palazzi for all luncheon reservations and transportation needs including medicals, Foodshare, food pantry, weekly shopping, movie rides, Farmers Market, and town meetings and scheduled voting dates. Call Judy Knox at 860-643-6824 to join Young at Heart, call Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947 for all trip information, and call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057 for all movie information.

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.

Free Concert Saturday

There will be a free concert this Saturday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m., at the Andover Gazebo, located on School Road. The band Unit 415 will perform.

Bingo & Baskets

Andover Congregational Church, located at 359 Route 6, will hold a Bingo & Baskets night Friday, Sept. 23, starting with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The game starts at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 and includes dinner, drink, dessert and bingo. No reservations required.

For more information, call the church at 860-742-7696.

History Museum Open Monthly

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

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

New items are continuously being added to the display.

Farmers Market Oct. 5

The next Andover Farmers Market will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, 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 final market will be Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and it will include crafters.

Tag and Vendor Sale

Andover seniors will host a tag and vendor sale Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Town Hall, 17 School Rd.

Items for the home, furniture, Xmas items, plants, greeting cards, crocheted articles, and much more. All funds raised will be used for the Andover senior luncheon program.

Call 860-916-6122 for more information.



Happy Birthday!... Andover Seniors Young at Heart celebrated August and September birthdays with cake and ice cream at the Sept. 7 meeting. Pictured is George Knox with wife, and YAH president, Judy Knox cutting the birthday cake. Photo by Mary Duval.

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.

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.

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 Sept. 28. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Sept. 21.

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

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

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

Congregational Church Tag Sale

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Tag Sale Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a bag sale from 1-2 p.m.

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There are 10x10 spaces available on the lawn available. Spaces are \$20 and are non-refundable. Call the church at 860-742-7696 and leave a message with your contact information for more information or an application.

Veterans Meeting and Coffee

All veterans and military members are invited to the Andover Community Room on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 1-3 p.m. This meeting will be hosted by the newly-appointed Veterans Municipal Town Representatives, CSM (R) John Botti and COL (R) Susan Camoroda.

The purpose of this meeting is for Botti and Camoroda to introduce themselves, meet people and find out about any concerns or ideas to help the town support the veteran and military population. The goal is to make this a regular event.

For more information, call John at 860-839-3481 or Susan at 703-472-3209.

Vacancy on ZBA

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals should send a letter of interest to: Town of Andover, ZBA Vacancy, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232, or email it to townclerk@andoverct.org.

Courtney, Skorski to Visit

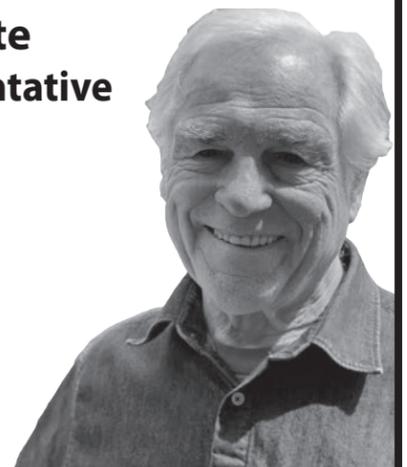
The Andover Senior Luncheon Program will host Congressman Joseph Courtney, as well as state representative hopeful Wes Skorski, on Friday, Sept. 23. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the speakers at 1 p.m.

Courtney, a Democrat, represents the Second Congressional District, which includes Andover. Skorski, also a Democrat, is running for the 55th Assembly District, which covers Andover, Hebron, Marlborough, part of Bolton and part of Glastonbury. Reservations are required due to the limited space.

Call Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122 to let her know if you want to have a reserved seat for lunch or if you just want to stop by at 1 p.m. to listen to Courtney's speech. No walk-ins will be permitted.

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More people are working from home, but others have left the workforce because affordable child care is unavailable. Low-wage work doesn't attract younger workers to service industry jobs. Immigrant labor has fallen off. The skilled labor jobs in manufacturing that fueled middle class prosperity a generation ago, have largely disappeared. Yet in each of these problems is an opportunity.

We need to develop more community college and technical school programs to train young people and workers in transition in the trades. These services are vital and the jobs can provide workers with a comfortable living. We need to resolve our immigration policies to give more people a chance to legally settle here and grow our workforce. And we need to embrace the economic benefits of a green economy, the new businesses that will be created and the well-paying manufacturing and service jobs that will follow.

This year, Connecticut passed legislation for transitioning to a zero-carbon electricity supply by 2040. Diversifying our economy by creating the industries of the future makes us more competitive, and rebuilding the economy from the middle out, rewarding hard work not merely wealth, is good for everyone.

Job growth in the state also depends on affordable housing, good worker protections and unions, a living minimum wage, paid family leave, and adequate child care — all measures the Connecticut General Assembly and Gov. Lamont have put into law. A heartening recent report, The State of Working Connecticut, shows greater gains in wages for low-and-middle wage workers than for high-wage earners. Such state-wide measures benefit our local communities by generating more income for residents and tax revenues. Job creation is a master plan that will protect the economic security of our residents and serve all our communities.

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Cardona Embracing Role as Athletic Director

By Josh Howard

Frank Cardona's professional journey has come full circle.

Cardona began his teaching and coaching careers in Portland before making stops in Newington, Hartford and West Hartford.

In July he returned to his small-town roots, taking over as the new athletic director at Portland's high school and middle school.

"I couldn't pass up the opportunity to come back to Portland. It was the perfect job," said Cardona.

Cardona graduated from Providence College in 1993 before teaching Spanish at the old middle school in Portland — now Brownstone Intermediate School — and coaching girls' soccer at Portland High School.

Following five years in Portland, Cardona went to teach and coach in Newington before working as an administrator at CREC Greater Hartford Academy of Arts High School in Hartford and Sedgwick Middle School in West Hartford.

During that time he had obtained a master's degree and sixth year certificate from Central Connecticut State University.

Cardona credits his time spent at the larger school districts in the Hartford area with helping him expand his horizon, yet Cardona's passion remained in the quaint communities that shaped him as a person. He was raised in East Hampton after moving with his family to the Belltown from El Salvador when he was 9 years old.

"Having grown up in East Hampton and being familiar with small towns, there are values that are just part of the community," said Cardona, who jumped at the opportunity to return to Portland. "I love Portland. It broke my heart to leave here. I needed to see what else was out there, but Portland has always had such a special place in my heart. It is such a great town with great people and the sense of community here is wonderful."

Working at a secondary level and staying around athletics was important to Cardona, who played semi-professional soccer while in Providence.

Cardona replaces Jennifer Bell, who served as the school's athletic coordinator last year on top of her normal position as a math teacher at the middle school.

Prior to Bell, Chris Serra served as the school's athletic director for six years.

Cardona said he is appreciative of Bell for making his transition to the position a smooth one.

"Jen did such a great job at showing me the details and all the ins and outs," added Cardona. "Last year she took on all the duties of being an athletic director on top of teaching. She worked so hard."

In his role of as athletic director, Cardona will manage all facets of an athletic program, including scheduling, hiring coaches, promoting programs and events, ordering equipment, constructing budgets, and facilitating operations

for both the middle and high school in Portland.

One of the unintended benefits of coming back to a school district after two decades is that Cardona is now around students that are the sons and daughters of students he coached and taught in Portland during his first stint.

Cardona called the family connection one of the "great character traits of a small community" and said that it has allowed him to maintain those connections he made over 20 years ago.

"I always pride myself on getting to know as many students as possible. You go into education to build those relationships and I've always enjoyed making those connections," added Cardona. "Towns like Portland give you that opportunity to see that we did create contributing members of society."

Upon taking the position, Cardona reflected on his journey and what he wanted to implement into the athletic programs at both the middle school and high school. He came up with two key components — "effort and grit."

"I believe that both of those traits are something that will help you the rest of your life," said Cardona, who has shared his message with his coaches, student athletes, and their families. "You always have to give your best effort no matter what you are doing. Grit because life is hard and you have to have the mental and physical strength to face adversity."

He continued, "Sometimes you win, sometimes you don't, but the fight has to be there. The only way you can get through life is to face



After teaching and coaching in Portland in the mid-to-late nineties, Frank Cardona has returned as the school's new athletic director.

challenges and work to overcome them or learn from them."

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, 9:30 a.m.; Joanie on the Spot Massage, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. — cost is \$50 per hour, contact Joanie directly at 860-301-6507 for appointments. **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.; Exercise Tap Class, 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:15-11 a.m.; Let That Stuff Go session, 11:30 a.m.; Social Duplicate Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m.; Qi Gong with Lisa, 1 p.m. **Thursday:** Knit & Stitch, 10 a.m.; Stretch & Flex, 11:30 a.m.; Mahjong, 12:30-4 p.m.; Scrabble, 1-4 p.m. **Friday:** Light Aero-

bics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Lunch and Learn with Lisa Gibson: Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1 p.m. Learn Tai Chi/Qi-Gong.

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.

Travel Basketball Registration

Registration for tryouts and evaluations for the 2022-23 season of girls' and boys' fourth through eighth grade travel basketball is open.

Registration is open to all boys and girls in Portland, including those who have never played on a travel team before. To register, visit www.portlandtravelbasketball.com and click on the registration button.

Registration will be open until Sept. 18. Tryouts will be held Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 19-20, but all players must be registered first to tryout.

See the website for additional details or email John Thompson at thompsonj963@yahoo.com.

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 nfolley@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 through Oct. 3.

Sunset Yin Yoga: Wednesdays, Oct. 5-26,

5-6 p.m., at the Riverfront Park stage. Fee: \$65 for the four-week session, or \$20 to drop in.

A Second Chance CPR and First Aid Classes: Check back soon for information about our upcoming First Aid classes with A Second Chance. We are offering an adult program on Sept. 23 and a two-day babysitting-focused program on Oct. 11 and Oct. 12.

'Come On Over' 5K Run and 2.1 Mile Walk: This year's event is taking place Saturday, Oct. 29, at 9:30 a.m. Register at runsignup.com/Race/CT/Portland/ComeonOver5KandWalk

Zumba: Zumba with Val is returning this October. Check back soon for more info.

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.

StoryWalk has Returned! Last week, about 25 people explored the new StoryWalk at Riverfront Park. They read *Duck on a Bike* by David Shannon and then made a little duck craft and had a snack. The StoryWalk story will change every three months. The project was a collaboration between YFS, Portland Library and Portland Parks & Recreation.

"This is Us, Portland" Prevention Council Free Paper-Shredding Event

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a paper-shredding event Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main St., Middlefield.

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

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

Oil & 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 mecat@portlandct.org.

Halloween Happenings: Halloween on Main Street: Friday, Oct. 28, 4-7 p.m.; **"Come on Over" 5k at Riverfront Park:** Saturday, Oct. 29, 9:30 a.m.; **Monster March at Riverfront Park:** Saturday, Oct. 29, noon-2 p.m. Look for more information and ways to participate in the coming weeks.

Pollinator and Native Plant Presentation

The Brownstone Quorum is hosting a talk by Jen McGuinness on the importance of pollinator and native plants on Monday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m., at Portland Senior Center (Waverly Center), 7 Waverly Ave.

McGuinness is an organic gardener, focusing on food and flowers along with pollinator-friendly and native plants in her Connecticut garden.

The public is invited, and light refreshments will be served following the presentation.

Concert to Benefit Police Union

Local rocker Tony Rome and his band The Excuses will perform a concert to benefit the Portland Police Union on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m., at Concentric Brewing, 91 Main St. (The show had been set for Sept. 4 but was postponed due to inclement weather.)

Contributions to the police union can be sent to the Portland Police Department, 265 Main St., Portland, CT 06480 — attn: Sgt. Scott Cunningham.



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Town Officials Honor Local Heroes

By Jack Lakowsky

Portland resident Miroslaw Kierz experienced what everyone hopes never, ever happens to them, their loved ones, or even their worst enemies—a near death experience.

In May, Kierz took a dip in Great Hill Pond, fending off an early summer swelter. He remembers nothing after wading in the cool water. Next thing he knew, he woke up in a hospital bed.

He nearly drowned. A group of Good Samaritans rescued him from certain death, breaking into action after they heard Kierz's cries for help.

"I remember walking up to my knees, and thinking the water was nice. I don't remember swimming across the lake," Kierz said in a Portland Board of Selectmen meeting last week.

"The hospital told me the memory rolls back," Kierz said. "My brain and heart flooded."

Kierz said his body shut down, and that he's alive because heroes heard his cries.

"Without them I would've died," he said, saying he's been swimming Great Hill Pond for many years.

Kierz also thanked first responders.

To honor Kierz's rescuers — Kelsey McGoff, Chris Poleck, Joseph Ruitto Jr. and Noah Galicia — first selectperson Ryan Curley and the selectboard presented the quadruplet with the Civilian Accolade for Bravery.

The four took charge independently, by boat and by the strength of their swimming.

Curley said they were heroic and decisive in a time of great need, worthy of respect and recognition.

"You all saved a life," Curley said, "that is incredible."

Curley said notably, each rescuer gave each other credit, taking none individually.

"No one wanted the recognition," Curley said.

The bravery award was not the only goodie the heroes got last week.

Portland fire chief Bob Shea gave them a second life-saving award, this one from the fire department.

"It's so important to care for our fellow citizens," said Shea.

Shea said the day of the near-drowning, most Portland firefighter were undergoing training in New Haven, so civilian intervention in this case proved crucial.

"It was so hot so early in the season, and this happens when the air is warm and the water's cold," said the chief. "Doesn't matter how strong you are, it happens to everyone."

Shea said Kierz's rescuers had him on shore by time first responders arrived. Ruitto Jr, Shea said, is a retired firefighter. Good Samaritans help emergency personnel do their jobs, Shea said.

Shea said it's often forgotten how through courageous acts, Good Samaritans put themselves in harm's way.

Shea called the heroes a "true example of dedication to helping others in need."

Portland Library News & Notes

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

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

Holiday Closing: The library will be closed Monday, Oct. 10.

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. The Friends' **Annual Book Sale** will be Oct. 21-23.

Youth Programs: Fall Storytimes: Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., through 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., through Nov. 16; this is an interactive session using rhymes, a story, songs, puppets, scarves and more.

Become the Ultimate "Ologist": Thursday, 3:30 p.m., through Oct. 6 (started Sept. 15), 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.

Save the Date: Pumpkin Painting for the Portland Fair: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m. Paint a pumpkin and library staff will bring it to

Class of '92 Reunion

Portland, Mercy, Xavier and Vinal high school Class of 1992 will have its 30th reunion Saturday, Oct. 22, from 6-10 p.m., at Concentric Brewing Company. For more information or tickets, email Dana DiMauro at danak1927@gmail.com.

the Portland Fair and enter it for you. Kids of all ages are invited to participate, but only those age 5 and up are eligible for fair entries. Pumpkins and paint will be supplied. A parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. Registration is required and space is limited.

Adult Programs: Book Clubs: Mystery Lovers' Book Club – September: Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 1 p.m., via Zoom. **Talk About Books (T.A.B.):** Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1 p.m. *Little Gods* by Meng Jin will be discussed. **1st Thursday Night Book Club:** Thursday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m. *Who is Maude Dixon?* by Alexandra Andrews will be discussed. **Mystery Lovers' Book Club – October:** Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1 p.m. *Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line* by Deepa Anappara will be discussed.

Movie: Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1 p.m. *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*, starring Isabelle Huppert and Leslie Manville, will be shown. The film runs one hour and 57 minutes.

America's Best Idea: Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m. In this program on the U.S. national parks, Richard Benfield will discuss the parks and their translation around the world.

Medicare 101: Thursday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m. Learn all about Medicare options with Ben Coleman.

Social Security Workshop: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. Tyler Boling, a VOYA retirement financial advisor, will discuss the ins and outs of Social Security.

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.

Class of '64 Reunion

Classmates of Portland High School 1964 will meet Saturday, Sept. 17, at noon, at Farrell's Restaurant, 245 Marlborough St. Order off the menu.

All classmates of other classes of PHS are also invited.

Youth Soccer Recap

The Portland youth soccer teams were in action last weekend. Here is how they fared:

On Saturday, the Portland U14 boys' team battled their first league opponent Wethersfield. Portland's Mason Fournier netted a hat trick of three goals in the first half. Wethersfield started the second half with a goal, but then Portland's Chad Gatto, Nate Dietrichson, Colin Martin, Pat Fraro and Evan Piascik added goals of their own to lead Portland to an 8-1 victory. Nate Dietrichson was awarded the game's Teammate Award. Sunday, Portland's second league opponent East Hartford displayed incredible speed and skills, delivering a decisive 12-0 loss to Portland. Portland's Pat Fraro and guest player Tyler Fournier were awarded the Teammate Awards for playing through adversity and never giving up.

The Boys U12 Red Crush kicked off the sea-

son Saturday with a 2-2 tie versus a competitive Berlin squad. The home team jumped out to an early 2-0 lead thanks to first half goals by Tyler Fournier and Jack Hendrickson. Defenders Nathan Clark, Ryan Quinn, and Ryan Mendes stymied Berlin's attack for the majority of the match. Sunday's road match versus the Tolland Mag Dogs was equally exciting, and ended with a well-earned 2-1 victory. Luke Lawrence found the back of the net in the first half to put the Red Crush ahead, and Tyler Fournier added an early second half goal to power the offensive result. Jackson Vodola's clever midfield play combined with Clark, Quinn, and Mendes' defensive cohesiveness helped the Red Crush hold off Tolland's second half pressure. Goalkeeper Ray Vardon made important saves throughout both games to keep the team poised to win each match.

First Congregational Church News

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

On Sunday, Sept. 18, Louise Wright, a retired police detective, will preach and share a message of remembrance from her experience of working in New York City for the first two weeks following 9/11. Her sermon title is "Unexpected Blessings." Pastor Jane Hawken and music director and organist Kasha Breau will help lead the service. The choir will sing the anthem "Praise the Lord with Joyful Song" composed by Hal Hopson. There is Church School this Sunday and Infant/Toddler Care. Coffee Hour follows the service.

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.

Book Sale, Read and Recycle

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 50 cents each.

Also, the Friends' Read and Recycle program will accept donations on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m.-noon, in the Mary Flood Room of the library. The Friends welcome donations of gently used books, puzzles,

CDs, DVDs and games. No textbooks, business books, computer books, self-help books, VHS videos or magazines, please. All donated items must be in "sellable" condition; the Friends cannot accept items that are dirty, moldy or in poor condition.

Donations must be dropped off at the library's side door, and volunteers will be available to receive the donations. Donations are tax-deductible and acknowledgement forms will be available. Donated items are sold at various Friends' book sales held throughout the year, and all proceeds are used to support programs of the Portland Library.

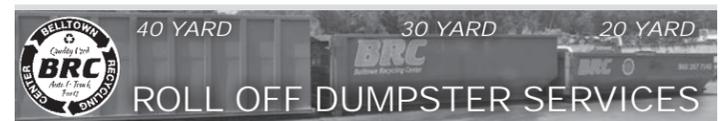
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Multimillion-Dollar Shipyard Steams Into Portland

By Jack Lakowsky

State Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) joined Gov. Ned Lamont, Lt. Gov. Bysiewicz, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and U.S. Rep. John Larson (D-1) for the opening of Birdon's manufacturing facility in Portland.

Officials toured the facility and the 47' Motor Lifeboat (MLB) U.S. Coast Guard rescue vessels in the process of refurbishment with Birdon leadership and U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Chad Jacoby.

Immediately after the tour there was an opening ceremony with remarks from officials; After the ceremony, Birdon held a supplier briefing for regional advanced manufacturing companies. It expected about 40 local companies at the event to hear what Birdon, both in USA and Australia, needs for components and meet the company's procurement team.

Portland First Selectman, who joined the state and federal officials, told the *Rivereast* the shipyard is a "big deal" for Portland.

Established in 1977 in New South Wales, Australia, Birdon is a family-owned group of companies.

It is a global group providing whole of life solutions to the maritime, military, infrastructure, and resource sectors. They are experts in project management and delivery through its business divisions including marine, dredging, and disposals.

Birdon expanded to the U.S. in 2009, where it has four core business divisions: ship building,

repair, engineering, and marine propulsion.

The Birdon Group's USA head office is in Denver, Colo.

Birdon currently employs 200 personnel. In addition to Portland, they have USA facilities in Denver and Bellingham, Wash.

Including the Coast Guard personnel, Curley said the shipyard could add almost 100 local jobs over the next few years.

"Connecticut's manufacturing industry plays such a vital role in our state's economy, employing countless people and protecting the strengths of our military," said Needleman in a statement.

"Birdon is doing great work to support the Coast Guard and our local communities," he added. "I'm proud to stand alongside my fellow officials to celebrate the opening of their new facility. It's a testament to the local business community and our state's workforce that Birdon has found such success."

In April, the company paid \$5.3 million for two marina properties totaling 31 acres along the Connecticut River in Portland.

The company is deciding on further investment up to \$10 million in the next three years for the expansion and refurbishment of the run-down site and river front property. The facility will remain a working marina serving Portland and Middletown.

The riverfront and buildings will be expanded and upgraded to accommodate the dry docking, refurbishment, and relaunching of the U.S.



From left, Coast Guard Rear Admiral Chad L. Jacoby, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, Birdon President Rob Scott, Gov. Ned Lamont, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, state Sen. Norm Needleman, Portland First Selectman Ryan Curley and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner David Lehman stand together during a visit to Birdon's new manufacturing facility in Portland.

Coast Guard 47' Motor Lifeboat (MLB) rescue vessels.

Under the U.S. Coast Guard's 10-year, \$220-million "service life extension program"

contract Birdon will completely engineer, procure, and refurbish up to 117 rescue vessels. Of the 117, 50+ of the vessels will be done in Portland.

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.

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 movie *The Greatest Showman* (rated PG) 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, the church's calendar of events, donate, or listen to past sermons at www.trinitychurchportlandct.org. If you have any other prayer requests to lift up, email the church office at trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com.

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

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.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.

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Knights to Host Breakfast

On Sunday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the Freestone Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a free breakfast in Saint Mary's Church Hall at 45 Freestone Ave.

The Portland Knights are hosting this social gathering in appreciation for its supporters in the parish and community.

Cub Scout Pack 2 Kickoff Meeting, Camporee

On Thursday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts Pack 2 Portland will hold its first pack meeting of the year at Portland's Riverfront Park. All boys and girls who are in kindergarten through fourth grades that are interested in joining Cub Scouts should attend this kickoff meeting.

Also, all Scouts and prospective Scouts are welcome to join Pack 2 for Scouting events at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds Camporee on Oct. 22. Pre-registration at the first pack meeting is required to attend the Camporee.

If you have any questions before the first meeting, write Pack2Portland@gmail.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection event Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown.

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

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

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Craft and Art Show

Quarry View Historic Park and Campground will have its third Artistic Craft and Art show Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; rain date is Oct. 16.

This is a large fundraiser for the park, which is a nonprofit 501c3 company. Vendors from all over the state will showcase their art and wares. There will also be food trucks located in the upper parking lot courtesy of the Brownstone Quorum.

Quarry View is still accepting applications for vendors to participate. If interested, email Darlene at quarryviewevents@gmail.com.



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.

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St. Mary Church News

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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.

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.

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The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a paper-shredding event Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main St., Middlefield. The event is open to residents of the RiverCOG region which includes East Hampton and Portland. No commercial or business shredding will be allowed. Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste to learn more.





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Square Dance

All are invited to a square dance at the Bay Point Club, 24 Spellman Point Rd., on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact Don Burr at 860 267 2974 or dburr10289@aol.com.

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 spatsehctdre@gmail.com, or email deacon Dan D'Amelio at deacondandamelio@gmail.com.

Homecoming Lunch

The Congregational Church of East Hampton is hosting a Homecoming Lunch on Sept. 18 after church. The church will serve hot dogs and various side dishes and desserts on the front lawn – near the new Turquoise Table. All are welcome to join us for the church service at 10 a.m. and then to stay for the lunch on the lawn afterwards.

Belltown Garden Club to Meet

The Belltown Garden Club will meet in the community room of East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26. The club welcomes Len Giddix as he presents "Reflection in Your Garden: Finding Your Garden Personality Type." Members of the public and prospective members are welcome to attend. East Hampton Belltown Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs. For more information, call Kathy Ritchie at 860-575-0077.

Class of '67 Reunion

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



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Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to worship each week. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger. Worship is at 9 a.m. Refreshments are served after the service.

Welcome Back Sunday: On Sunday, Sept. 18, a full breakfast will be served after church.

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.

Sunday School: Sunday school programs

are offered for children 3 through 11 during the service.

Adult Bible Study: Will be held each Sunday in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 25. The study traces God's covenant with his people, from its beginning in Genesis through its fulfillment through Jesus Christ.

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.

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.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

& Songs: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5.

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.

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.

Kids Comic Creators: DogMan: Wednesday, Sept. 21, 4:30 p.m., for grades 2-5. Learn how to make comics using DogMan as inspiration. This program includes read-alouds, drawing, games, prizes and more.

Nintendo Switch Game Tournament: Saturday, Sept. 24, 2-3:30 p.m., for grades 1-5. All skill levels welcome.

Middle-Grade Programs: 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 Program: Teen Friday: Friday, Sept. 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m., for grades 6-12. Start the weekend off with fun, crafts, games and more.

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

Cookbook Club – Time to Tailgate! Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m., in the library's upper parking lot; bring a chair. Bring game-day favorites and 12 copies of the recipe to share. There will be samples and discussions of the dishes. The library will provide plates and utensils. Rain location is indoors.



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Bright Season on Horizon for Bellringers Soccer

By Josh Howard

If the opening game is any indication, boys' soccer at East Hampton has the makings of a team that will make a deep tournament run this fall.

Playing under a glaring sun, the Bellringers blanked visiting Hale Ray 7-0 in the season opener at East Hampton High School on Sept. 9, scoring all seven goals in the first half.

Ethan Marshall got the scoring party started when he found the back of the net less than a minute into the game. He was one of six different players that scored with Colin Marshall scoring twice, while David Castiblanco, Gavin Ledas, Brennan Johnson and Parker Gustine each netted one.

Castiblanco scored 10 minutes into the game after receiving a pass from Ephraim Butson before Ledas scored a point-blank blast eight minutes later. Johnson then nailed a deep range shot from straight away with 11:22 to play in the half and less than a minute later Gustine found the left corner of the net. Colin Marshall then scored the final two goals with assists from Finn Piper and Gustine.

With the comfortable lead, head coach Rocco Christiana rotated in all 20 of his players in the second half as the team played ball control for the final 40 minutes.

"I was able to see what their composure was, how they move, and how they understand the plays we're supposed to be running," said Christiana, who believes the team's depth will be a key this season. "This year we have enough talent from front to back and back again. All 20 of those kids are stars."

Johnson, Butson, and Oren Wilson are Christiana's senior captains on the field. Johnson is a physical presence, Butson offers an abundance of speed on the outside, and Wilson is a vocal leader that controls the middle.

Christiana said the three have stepped right into the leadership position and offer a variety of skills, adding, "They are three talented players that I can put anywhere."

Manning the goal is Thomas Fenton, a junior who learned the ropes from senior captain Drew DiStefano a year ago.

Christiana called Fenton "one of the most intelligent keepers you'll find" and a "tremendous student of the game."

Newcomer William Nafis is a player that is primed for a potential breakout season. Nafis, a sophomore who previously played for Oakwood Academy, brings additional experience and athleticism to a roster loaded with versatility.

Christiana referred to Nafis as a "game changer" and believes he's a perfect addition to a team that will attack from the first whistle to the final one.

"It's insane what we have for talent this year. We can come at you from every angle, we're coming in hot," added Christiana, who added that the players also have the right mentality. "The kids are very respectful. If you're going to win every game, do it with class; if you're going to lose every game, do it with class."

The Bellringers have back-to-back home games coming up, starting with Morgan on Friday, Sept. 23 at 3:45 p.m. On Wednesday, Sept. 28, they play their first game under the lights at EHHS, welcoming Canton at 6 p.m.



Senior captain Oren Wilson controls the ball during East Hampton boys' soccer 7-0 victory over Hale Ray on Sept. 9.

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. 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/mudvwm7u.

Knights' Spaghetti Supper

The Knights of Columbus Belltown Council 6190 at St. Patrick Church in East Hampton will be sponsoring its semi-annual spaghetti and meatball dinner on Oct. 14, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., at the church parish center, located at 47 West High St. Rain date is Oct. 21.

Takeout and dine-in meals will be offered. Meal prices are \$13 for adults and \$12 for seniors. Children 5 and under eat for free. The meal will include a salad, bread, dessert, coffee, tea, soda, water and punch drinks. Proceeds will support local charitable programs. Raffle prizes and musical entertainment will be offered as well.

The Knights of Columbus will also collect non-perishable food items for the East Hampton Food Bank.

Contact Jim Radavich at 860-319-9288 or jradavich@yahoo.com for more information.

Garden Club Centennial Celebration

Middle Haddam Garden Club will hold a Centennial Celebration Sunday, Sept. 25, from 4-7 p.m., at Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd. All are invited.

Founded in 1922, the Middle Haddam Garden Club is returning to its roaring '20s roots. There will be memorabilia from past years, 1920s live music, refreshments (including a signature cocktail), pumpkin-painting for kids and the young at heart, and more.

The event will be held rain or shine. Car-pool if you can, as parking is limited. RSVP to MiddleHaddamGardenClub@gmail.com.

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Voter Registrar Charged with Criminal Mischief

By Jack Lakowsky

East Hampton police at the end of August arrested local Republican Registrar of Voters Lori Wilcox, alleging she spraypainted a neighbor's car.

According to the police affidavit Wilcox denied the accusation. In an email she refused comment to the *Rivereast*.

"There's not a clear reason why," Police Chief Dennis Woessner told the *Rivereast* Monday, speaking on Wilcox's motive.

Wilcox wrote nothing specific, spraying the car in random places.

Wilcox lives on Hawthorne Road, according to police. Police redacted from the case report the name and address of the alleged victim, as well as the names of witnesses.

The complainant said the damage was worth \$9,000, which makes the criminal mischief charge felonious. It can carry up to five years in prison, according to state documents. The reporting party placed the call after returning home about 10 p.m. on Aug. 27

According to police a home camera captured Wilcox approaching the vehicle, wearing a long light-colored shirt.

A nearby homeowner told police they've had issues with Wilcox before, calling her "crazy", and that a few years ago, at a wedding afterparty in the same neighborhood, multiple cars were spraypainted overnight.

Other nearby residents told police they didn't see anything.

Police found a blonde hair, the same color

as Wilcox's, stuck to the fresh spray paint on the vandalized car.

Police spoke to Wilcox, telling her about the vandalism while she possibly wore the same long, light-colored shirt. Wilcox said she knew nothing about it, according to police. Officers told her there was a recording of the incident, and Wilcox continued to claim she knew nothing.

After reviewing video evidence, officers arrested Wilcox, handcuffing her at her home and bringing her in for processing.

"Wilcox stated that she did not want to speak about the incident and stated that she wanted a lawyer, though she did not call one while in custody," police wrote. "Wilcox was not asked any questions during the processing, but she continued to cry and say 'I didn't do anything.'"

Because she's an elected official, the town cannot remove Wilcox from office, according to Town Manager Dave Cox. He added, though, that if Wilcox is proven guilty, any disciplinary actions would be in the hands of state elections officials.

In addition to her role as registrar, Wilcox previously sat on the Board of Finance.

Wilcox was released from custody on a \$2,500 bond, scheduled to appear in Middletown court Sept. 13. The state's judicial website does not say Wilcox entered a plea Tuesday. Her next hearing is Oct. 19.

Oktoberfest at CDHR

All are invited to Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue's 11th annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Autumn Ridge, 113 Chestnut Hill Rd. Admission is free.

Folks can meet the horses of CDHR, and there will also be vendors, raffles, wagon rides, food from Brick and Basil and Wayne's Wings and Things, and a variety of beers, stouts, ales and IPAs from Kinsmen Brewery.

For more information, visit www.ctdraftrescue.org or www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue.

This event is rain or shine.

The CDHR is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses as well as draft horses headed to slaughter. Their mission is to vet, quarantine, rehabilitate, train and re-home rescued horses with a strict contract for their life-long protection. Since its inception, CDHR has rescued more than 110 horses, with the majority placed in forever homes.

Meets every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Bring a bagged lunch.

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.

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. All are welcome.

Welcome Back BBQ: Sept. 18 following worship service.

Lunch Bunch at the Turquoise Table:

Epoch Arts Six-Day Tag Sale

Epoch Arts will hold its six-day tag sale Sept. 16-18 and Sept. 23-25, at Epoch, 27 Skinner St.

This year, Epoch is limiting the number of people again to 75 at a time. People are welcome to walk in at any time so long as there is capacity in the building, and Epoch asks that they limit their time shopping so that everyone gets an opportunity to shop.

The only reservations Epoch is taking is for the first time slot, Friday Sept. 16, from 10 a.m.-noon; this early bird special has a \$20 entrance fee, and

registration opens Sept. 9.

Cash registers will be outside and Epoch will not provide bags or be able to hold items for you, but people can cash out numerous times and bring their purchases to their car.

Kids of all ages can attend the tag sale this year, but children should stay with their parents at all times.

Hours are: Sept. 16 and 23, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sept. 17, 18, 24 and 25 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.epocharts.org.

Police News

8/24: After receiving several noise complaints regarding a house party at 78 Skinner St., David Lafave, Jr., 18, of the same address, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with an officer, East Hampton Police said.

8/25: David Hanson, 57, of 2 Old Marlborough Rd., was issued a summons for driving without a license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and improper use of a marker plate, police said.

8/29: Ashley Hanna, 31, of 27 Peach Farm Rd., was issued a summons for operating under suspension and traveling unreasonably fast, police said.

8/31: Bryan Wilson, 29, of 117 West High St., was arrested and charged with two counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance, police said.

9/1: Sabrina O'Brien-Mezzatesta 43, of 6 Julia Ter., was arrested and charged with second-degree assault, police said.

9/2: Robert Dickenson, 61, of 6 Daniel St., was arrested and charged with violation of probation, police said.

Also, from Aug. 22-Sept. 4, officers responded to 27 medical calls, four motor vehicle crashes and eight alarms, and made 104 traffic stops, police said.

Connecticut River Kayak Trip

The Chatham Historical Society and East Hampton Parks and Recreation will sponsor a leisurely kayak paddle from Hamburg Cove in Hamburg to just past the Baldwin Bridge in Old Lyme on Sunday, Sept. 18.

Paddlers will meet at Hamburg Cove at 9:30, then spend approximately two and a half hours floating down the Connecticut River. Folks will drive a few cars to the bridge beforehand, so no one will have to paddle back up the river.

Bring your own kayak, life jacket and water

shoes. Also, pack a picnic lunch and drink to be eaten on a small sandy beach on the river. This event is open to semi-experienced kayakers only, and everyone must pre-register.

A \$5 suggested donation to the Chatham Historical Society will be collected that day, and there is a maximum of 25 people for this event. The rain date will be Saturday, Sept. 24.

For more information or to register, call kayak leader Sandy Doran at 860-267-8953.

Calling All Artists!

All painters, photographers and fiber artists are invited to submit their work to "Save a Horse - Buy Art," a juried art show taking place at the Essex Art Association (10 North Main St., Essex) from Oct. 21-23. The show benefits Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue (CDHR) of East Hampton.

Awards will be: Best of Show, Viewers' Pick, Best Painting, Best Photo, Best Fiber Art. This year's theme is comprised of four words: Connecticut, Draft, Horse, and/or Rescue. All ac-

cepted entries will be notified via email and via the CDHR Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue) on Oct. 14.

Details regarding art show rules and how to enter are available at ctdraftrescue.org/events/save-a-horse-buy-art. Artwork must be submitted Oct. 4-7. Artists are also encouraged to attend the opening reception Friday, Oct. 21, from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, email CDHRartshow@outlook.com.

Beginner Bellringer Preschool

East Hampton High School's Beginner Bellringer Preschool Program is taking applications for the 2022-23 school year. Parents may have a preschool sent to them by contacting Kasey Tortora at 860-365-4030 ext. 1300 or ktortora@easthamptonct.org. All applications must be received by Nov. 4.

Preschool will be held three afternoons per week (Mondays, noon-2 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sessions are open to 3- to 5-year-olds as of Jan. 1, 2023; in some cases, older 2-year-olds will be accepted. There is a limit of 12 students per class.

The preschool program will begin Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, and will end May 26, 2023. The cost is \$200 per student. Enrollment is limited. Applications will be selected this year on a first come first serve basis. Further information may be obtained by contacting Kasey Tortora via telephone or email as listed above.

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Council Extends Marijuana Moratorium

By Jack Lakowsky

Last week the East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) reviewed a potential ordinance dealing with cannabis retailers drafted by zoning official Jeremy DeCarli, continuing talks, and adding a public hearing, to its next meeting.

PZC also sent to the East Hampton Town Council a request the council extend its marijuana sales moratorium, set to expire in October; PZC asked the council to extend the moratorium to the end of the year, needing time to work.

In its Tuesday meeting, the council granted the extension, pushing the moratorium out until Dec. 31, and setting a public hearing on the matter for Sept. 27.

The council wants regulations in place by the end of the year, DeCarli said last week. The council has discussed the topic several times,

with few members giving clear opinions. Republican Allison Walck is opposed and in the Town Council's Tuesday meeting hinted she'd only be open to it if local police have a trained drug recognition expert.

Walck asked the council amend the moratorium so that it lasts until a drug expert is hired, a suggestion Council Chair Mark Philhower quickly threw cold water on, saying moratoria aren't meant to go that far.

Republican Eric Peterson said no matter what East Hampton does, consumers can take a short drive to get their cannabis anyway.

"We're not preventing anything," he said.

The other council members have largely been reticent, while Republican Brandon Goff has stated support for allowing retail marijuana.

Regulations classify operations as either dispensary facilities, production facilities, and

adult-use cannabis retail, and cultivation.

Cannabis operations can't be within 1,500 feet of a similar establishment, or within 500 feet of a church, school or any childcare facility, libraries or a charitable institution, according to draft regulation.

If approved, the drafted regulation would forbid visible plants, products, paraphernalia, and any on-site consumption.

Product must be in a secure, permanent building, nothing in vehicles or trailers or the like.

Sites would also need a smell-control plan and a comprehensive security plan.

DeCarli based East Hampton's potential ordinance on those of similarly sized towns in Con-

necticut and Massachusetts.

Commission chair Ray Zatorski said he hopes for public input at the Oct. 3 hearing, and that no matter what the town decides, it'll have to adjust for changes at the state level.

Member Rowland Rux was adamant that cannabis operations do not advertise their products on prominent locations in town.

Angelus Tammara said he's not sure if "those types of things" would end up in East Hampton anyway, and that bars and liquor sellers have advertised on local billboards without local pushback.

PZC will continue talks at its Oct. 5 meeting.

Electric Car Show Coming

The fourth annual East Hampton/Portland Electric Car Show is coming up Sept. 24, and Mike Bula of Marlborough can't wait to chat up his Tesla. "I truly enjoy sharing my knowledge and experience with attendees," Bula said, adding that he "offers test drives and loves watching people experience a Tesla for the first time."

The show is sponsored by the two towns' Clean Energy Task Forces, and is at East Hampton High School, 15 North Maple St., from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; rain date is Sept. 25. The show is part of National Drive Electric Week. All are welcome.

With the price of energy on everyone's mind, Russ Kaplan and David Price, two East Hampton Task Force members, are both awaiting arrival of their all-electric Volkswagen ID.4s. "I am looking forward to driving right past the gas station and saying goodbye to oil changes and

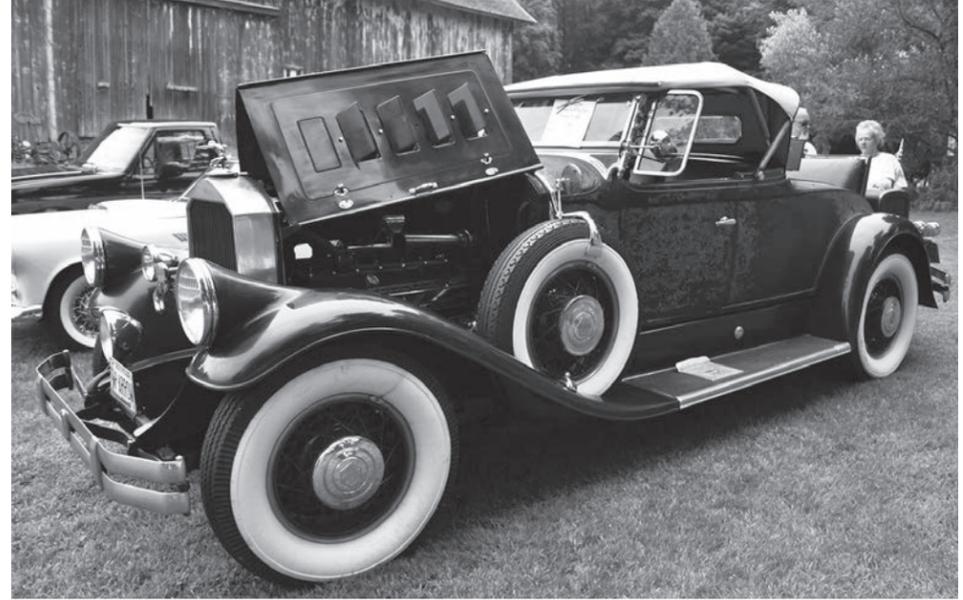
engine maintenance," said Kaplan.

"For anyone car shopping, put the EV Show on the calendar," said Andy Bauer of Portland, who drives a Nissan Leaf. "Twenty-five knowledgeable owners are bringing over a dozen different EV models to one spot. Come talk to them. It'll be a gold mine of useful information."

Bauer said he charges his EV almost exclusively at home with a solar array, and that a solar vendor will be on hand for those interested.

Marty Podskoch, one of the show's coordinators, is putting out the welcome mat for additional EV drivers. "Bikes, scooters and anything else powered by electricity are also welcome, and we are expecting our local bicycle shop to be on hand with new electric models." To assure a space, Podskoch will accept registrations to display an EV until Sept. 21 at www.tinyurl.com/ehcarshow.

East Hampton volunteer Lorry Belanger is also looking forward to the day, saying, "My 6-year-old grandson will be there with his electric quad so bring your families and enjoy music, food and ice cream. And learn about how to decrease our dependence on fossil fuel."



Wounded Warriors Car Cruise... The annual Markham Meadows Wounded Warrior Car Cruise will be held Saturday Sept. 17, from 3-7 p.m., at 5 Markham Rd. All are welcome. The cruise will feature classic, antique and muscle cars as well as trucks, bikes and tractors. There will also be music, food, raffles, and prizes. The proceeds will benefit local veterans in need, via East Hampton VFW Post 5095. Last year the event raised \$7,000; this year's goal is \$7,500. For more information, call Melissa at 860-267-9738. Pictured here is a classic Pierce-Arrow motor car.

See more East Hampton News on page 33

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.

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Church Choir Leader Departs After 30 Years

By Michael Sinkewicz

For nearly 30 years, Colleen Puscas has led the choir at St. Andrew Church, organizing countless shows and taking the group around the world.

Now, she is saying goodbye to a community she has come to love and heading to Indiana in order to be closer to family, leaving behind a legacy that touched the parish.

"I had wild visions for what we could do and we traveled the world," Puscas said. "I just say 'yes' to my dreams."

As music minister at the church, Puscas oversaw not only parish events, but town celebrations, as well. The choir performed for hours on the Town Green for Colchester's 300th anniversary in 1998.

"It was ambitious," Puscas said as she reflected on the event.

Ambition is a fitting theme for Puscas' leadership of the choir. During her time at the helm, the choir sang in numerous countries, including at the Vatican.

"It was a blessing," said Puscas about all the trips the choir embarked on. "The church was so ripe for activities."

While the choir performed in Italy, France and Greece, Puscas said her favorite spot was in the choir loft at St. Andrew Church, looking over the many people she got to know over the years.

She said what she will remember most is "just being there every Sunday."

"I'll remember the simple job of giving our parish music," she said. "It's not flashy, it's just purposeful."

The simple things are what Puscas will take along with her from Colchester. Her husband, Deacon Michael Puscas, died unexpectedly last year. They were married for over four decades. The relationships she formed in the choir and the community, are some of the most valuable ones she will hang onto.

She called her choir singers her "family." "I'm going to miss those simple things – the hugs, the prayers, the interactions. I love being with my family."

For those who attended St. Andrew Church, they may recall extravagant musical arrangements or beautiful harmonies. While the quality of the music is important, a church choir's true motivation is not to steal the show.

"We're the animators who sing music that engages peoples' hearts," Puscas said. "We want to leave them feeling closer to God, that's our role."

One major event that Puscas hoped achieved that goal was the church's "Passion Play," which has run for 15 years.

She was in charge of nearly all aspects of the performance, including writing the script, arranging the music, casting the show and much more.

"The Passion Play was a dream," she said. "It's a part of my Colchester heartbeat."

She expressed that people would attend the performance from not only St. Andrew Church, but from other parishes and other towns. In all, hundreds of people would view the show and the donations covered the cost of putting it on.

The choir has been a consistent presence

in town. There were other shows put on, such as "A Christmas Carol." The group sings the National Anthem at sporting events and at the town's Memorial Day Parade ceremony.

There is a planned celebration for Puscas this weekend. After all masses on both Saturday and Sunday, community members are encouraged to gather at the Parish Hall to honor her.

Puscas is shying away from any prolonged sendoff, but is beyond grateful.

"I didn't expect any of this to happen," she said. "St. Andrew's has been wonderful. I'm going to miss it so much."

It's even difficult to imagine those final good-byes before taking off.

"I can't even think about. I'm sure I'll be moved."

Terry Phillips, the choir director's assistant, organized the farewell gatherings.

She expressed that Puscas was not only a gifted choir leader, but a spiritual leader for the group.

"There's people in our lives we look up to, and that's what she does for people," Phillips said. "She gives opportunities for people to grow with their faith."

She described an atmosphere where choir members enjoyed going to rehearsal, and she viewed Puscas as more than a "boss."

"It's bittersweet for all of us," Phillips said.

September Programs at Cragin

Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave., has announced the following programs taking place this month. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752 during normal hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Storytime at Cohen Woodlands: Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. Bring a blanket.

Sensory Table: Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

FLYY Movement: Monday, Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m.; and Saturday, Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m. Families will move and groove together and learn simple mindfulness techniques – all with the goal of reducing stress and promoting mental health.

Teen Gaming: Tuesday, Sept. 20, 3 p.m., for grades 6-12. Try out a new board game or play with friends on the library's new Nintendo

"We're going to miss her terribly."

Puscas humbly accepted the praise from Phillips and acknowledged that perhaps she was meant for this job.

"I have the nuts and bolts on how to direct a choir and inspire people," she said.

Puscas will be taking a new position as director of music at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Noblesville, Ind.

"I'll never retire because I love what I do," she said. "I feel as good as I felt in my 20s."

One achievement Puscas wishes she could have done here in Colchester is setting the world record for longest sustained signing. However due the pandemic, an effort to break the record was never arranged and the record only got longer over time.

Of course, the choir will continue once Puscas departs in November. There will likely be a rotating director position until an official replacement is announced.

While her presence will be missed by many in the parish, Puscas is confident that the choir is mainly about the people involved and that regardless of who directs them, the same qualities will endure.

"They love being a part of the choir because it's so much more than just singing," Puscas said.

Switch.

Clay Leaf Dish: Wednesday, Sept. 21. Stop by the library to pick up a kit to make a leaf dish out of clay. Available while supplies last, this project is for teens and adults.

Teen Watercolor Leaves: Thursday, Sept. 22, 3 p.m., for grades 6-12. Drop by the teen room for a watercolor craft using all the colors of the rainbow.

Cragin Book Club: Monday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m. The club will meet outside at Colchester Senior Center if the weather is nice, and inside the library if it rains. September's book club pick is *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson.

Paint Night: Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, for teens and adults. You will receive an email when supplies are ready to be picked up from the library. Register at tinyurl.com/r8xvtd8.

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 or-

chestra and choir with a passion for music.

Rehearsals start Thursday, Sept. 22. Choir is from 6-7:30 p.m., and orchestra is from 7:30-9 p.m.

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

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Church Ladies Guild Fundraiser

The St. Andrew Church Ladies Guild in Colchester is sponsoring a Lyman Orchard fundraiser of pies and cookie dough. Sales run through Oct. 18. Pickup will be Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 6-8 p.m., at the St. Andrew parish hall.

Order forms are at all church entrances. People can also order online at my.mcmfundraising.com/2022-fall-st-andrew-ladies-guild/st.-andrew-ladies-guild.

Proceeds will be used for the guild's annual high school and college scholarships.

A Court of Fantasy Readers

Cragin Memorial Library's newest book club will meet Thursday, Oct. 6, at 5:30 p.m., at the library, 8 Linwood Ave., to discuss *The Book of Magic* by Alice Hoffman.

Books are available for check out at the adult circulation desk at the library. Call the library to register or register online via Facebook for email updates.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 860-537-5752.

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DTC Pasta Dinner Oct. 16

The Colchester Democratic Town Committee will host its annual pasta dinner Sunday, Oct. 16, from 5-7 p.m., at the St. Joseph's Polish Society, 395 S. Main St.
 This dinner has been renamed "Dot's Pasta Dinner" after the late Dot Mrowka, since she began the annual Spaghetti Supper tradition so many years ago. This year's event is dedicated to state Rep. Brian Smith on his

retirement from the state house. Guests will include Congressman Joe Courtney, state senators Norm Needleman and Cathy Osten, as well as other state and federal officials.
 Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased either at the door or online at secure.anedot.com/colchesterdemocrats/donate, or go to colchesterdemocrats.org and click on Donate.

Youth Football Recap

The Colchester Cougars youth football squads played Ellington last week at home. Here is how they fared.

Pee Wee: The Pee Wee Cougars start the season 2-0 with a 32-7 victory. The offensive line was anchored by Declan Struzik, Mason Petro, Sully King, and Ryker Matthew. Other stand-out performances were Jordan Costello's kick-off return for a TD and Cam Brodeur's kickoff recovery getting the Cougars the ball back for an extra possession. The Cougars made a statement defensively and the offensive highlight was Brennan King's touchdown run.

Micro: Lost, 20-7. The Cougars defense held strong led by Aidan Francis, Brandon Hopkins and Parker Chaplinsky. The offense battled with Jakob Sheehan executing a few strong runs up the middle. - the offensive line was holding strong with Jayden Lirette as center with excellent snaps and blocking throughout the whole game. PJ Brodeur had strong kicks, giving the Cougars good field position for defense. They scored their only touchdown in the final minutes of the fourth quarter.

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.
 To join the senior center's team, "The Memory Makers," named in honor of the center's Making Memories Program, call Program Coordinator Jodi Savage at 860-537-3911 to register.

Junior: Won, 7 to 0: The only touchdown of the game came on a run play by Niko Ibrahim. Ibrahim then connected with Gavin King on a pass to the end zone for the extra point. The defense held Ellington scoreless on the aggressive play of Gavin King, Charlie Gorman, Niko Ibrahim, Mason Howard, Carter Hebert, Ryan Browning and Jack Ploski.

Seniors: Colchester Seniors lost a nail biter 12-8 to Ellington under the lights on Saturday. Eddie Gignac ran in the lone touchdown. Lillian Anderson and Noah Garvie made some amazing tackles for losses. Dominic Helm and Chance Markovitz each broke up pass plays for the Cougars defense.

This Sunday, Sept. 18, the Cougars will be home again vs Killingly beginning at 9am

Fish and Game Club Clam Bake

Colchester Fish and Game Club's annual clam bake will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, starting at noon.

There will be burgers, dogs, steamer clams, cherry stone clams, chowder and fries throughout the day. The main meal of lobster or steak, potato, corn on the cob and salad will be at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 each, and must be purchased by Sept. 18.

For more information, call 860-537-2593.

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.

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 Rec-

Plex 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.

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, Sept. 19: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 12:45 p.m., Setback; 1 p.m., Bridge.

Tuesday, Sept. 20: 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10 a.m., Trip to High Hope Farm; 10:30 a.m., Book Club; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Wednesday, Sept. 21: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 11 a.m., Color Your World luncheon.

Thursday, Sept. 22: 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; 4:30 p.m., SECT Regional Event "Rockin' Block Party"

Friday, Sept. 23: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, card-making; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga, Falls Prevention Lunch & Learn; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Upcoming Programs: Walk to End Alzheimer's: Saturday, Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m. See Jodi Savage at the center to register to join the CSC team "The Memory Makers," named in honor of the center's Making Memories Program, at the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Ocean Beach Park in New London. The team to raise the most money will get a free ice cream social provided by the Connecticut Alzheimer's Association.

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.

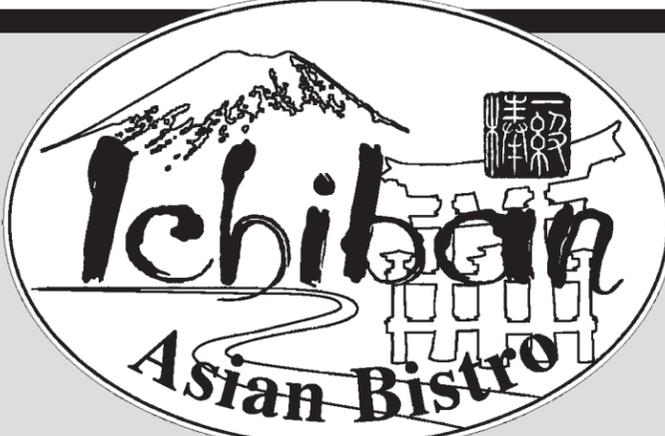
Sunday School: Sunday School is held during worship from September through June. Children in grades pre-K through 8 are welcome. The nursery is located just off the sanctu-

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.



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New Beginnings... On Sept. 1, Harrington Court celebrated its first-year anniversary under the management of Complete Care. As part of the celebration, the facility released 50 butterflies to symbolize new beginnings and moving forward. Members of the Board of Selectmen were in attendance, including Debbie Bates, Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner and First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos. Representatives from S&S Worldwide were also in attendance and brought a gift of activity supplies to the facility. There was also Pop Centric, a popsicle truck, a free raffle, yard games, and Gilbert the Party Pig. Pictured is resident Marcella Freidenfelds, who was helping to release the butterflies. The residents hope the butterflies stay around the facility and start families, so that they can enjoy them for years to come.

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 few 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 860-222-0796 or email ColchesterLionsCraftFair@gmail.com.

Book and Bake Sale

The Friends of Cragin Memorial Library will hold its Book and Bake Sale at the library, 8 Linwood Ave. All are invited.

The sale begins on Friday, Sept. 30, from 4-7 p.m., with a pre-sale admission of \$5. The sale continues with no admission charge on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 3 and 4, during regular library hours. Monday and Tuesday is the \$5 special; fill a box

or bag for \$5.

There will be books, music, movies and games. Baked goods will be individually wrapped for safety. All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends, which include museum passes, adult programs, children's programs, summer reading programs, and other materials to benefit patrons of Cragin Memorial Library.

Shredding Old Tax and Personal Records

Residents and businesses of Colchester and area towns are invited to safely shred their financial and personal records on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Town Hall parking lot.

Boy Scout Troop 72 will have a certified shredding company, FileShred, in place to accept and safely shred folks' financial records. People can watch the items being put into the shredder and destroyed. Old personal documents, tax information and medical records, etc., will be accepted. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, people must stay in their vehicle. Scouts will remove the items from your vehicle for you.

Costs are \$5 for a bag the size of a plastic grocery bag and \$10 for boxes the size of a case

of copy paper or case of beer. A bulk price can be negotiated for larger quantities of records. There is no need to take off paper clips or staples.

The Scouts will also collect returnable cans and bottles during the shredding event. People are asked to put the returnables in plastic bags.

Funds raised will be used to help Troop 72 maintain its equipment purchases, camping scholarships, enhance its monthly camping program, defray program costs, cost of summer camp and support the high adventure trips. Contact Al Letendre at letendrej@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Youth Basketball Registration

Registration for Colchester Youth Basketball is open, and can be done online at www.colchesterbasketball.org.

Colchester Youth Basketball offers a Travel Basketball program for grades 4-8 and a Recreation Basketball program for grade one through high school. Both programs are separated into boys' and girls' leagues.

The Travel Basketball program will have tryouts that may result in some kids not making the team. The Recreation Basketball program is separated into the following divisions: Grades 1 and 2 clinics; Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and High School. The Recreation Basketball program is open to all kids (no cuts) who will be assessed by Colchester Youth Basketball prior to the start of the season so that balanced teams can be formed in each division.

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.

High Holiday Services: Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 25, 7 p.m., via Zoom and in person; Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and 2, 10 a.m. via Zoom and in person. There is no cost to attend the services.

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

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Colchester • Colchester



An Eagle Court of Honor was held last month for new Eagle Scout Nicholas Paggioli. He's shown here with his parents, Michael and Rose Paggioli.

Troop 72's Newest Eagle Scout

An Eagle Court of Honor was held Aug. 13 at Colchester Federated Church, for Eagle Scout Nicholas Paggioli.

Paggioli had crossed over to Troop 72 from Pack 109 in 2014 and graduated from Bacon High School in 2021 with Honors. In addition to receiving Scouting's highest award Paggioli also earned a silver palm for completing 15 extra merit badges.

Paggioli joins 87 other Eagle Scouts in the troop's 83-year history. To advance to Eagle, the Scouts have to earn 13 required merit badges and at least eight elective merit badges, served in troop leadership positions for at least 16 months, and spend at least 13 hours on service projects, not including the many hours spent on their own Eagle Scout service project. In all, they have had to complete approximately 325 different requirements.

The Eagle project is the highlight of the path to Eagle. Its focus is for the Scout to be the project manager from concept, to funding and completion, including proposals, budgets and writeup. All physical work for the projects was done by Troop Scouts, leaders and some friends of Troop 72.

Paggioli's Eagle project was a renovation project of a trail behind Bacon Academy including relocating both ends of the trail, building a new bridge to replace one that had washed out and adding a total of 84 feet of new bridging over wetlands area. This was a large undertak-

ing that took weeks to complete. The expanded trail is used by the Bacon Academy cross country track team which Nicholas was a member of and is open to the public.

The ceremony also included guest speaker Manny Rodrigues a retired Marine veteran representing the American Legion. Paggioli also received several recognition awards from the U.S. and state capitols, and other organizations. Paggioli will start his second year at Drexel University majoring in architectural studies with minors in construction management and sustainability in the built environment.

Troop 72 meets at Colchester Federated Church. For more information about Troop 72, email Scoutmaster@Troop72ct.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 seven breakfasts, two lunches, and three dinners. Cost is \$3,249/person, double occupancy.

West Point Campus Tour: Thursday, Oct.

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

42nd Street at the Goodspeed Opera House: Wednesday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. Have lunch at La Vita restaurant then head over to the Goodspeed for a 2 p.m. matinee of a newly-imagined production of *42nd Street*. Cost is \$60 per person. Lunch is not included in the cost of the trip.

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

9/8: Anthony Fazio, 20, of 12 Balaban Rd., Apt. 203, was arrested and charged with third-degree assault, disorderly conduct, and third-degree strangulation/suffocation, Colchester Police said.

9/10: Paul Taradejna, 34, of Meriden, was arrested and charged with third-degree criminal trespass, interfering with an officer, and disorderly conduct, Colchester Police said.

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, kielbasa, 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.

Rookie of the Month

Jordan Malloy of Colchester, who runs women's cross country at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., was recently named the Northeast Conference Women's Cross Country Rookie of the Month.

Earlier this month at the Vermont Invitational, Malloy placed 18th of 64 runners. She clocked in with a time of 19:20.5 over the 5K course and was among four Stonehill Skyhawks to place in the top 20.

Trivia Night

There will be a Trivia Night at St. Joseph's Polish Club, located at 395 S. Main St., on Friday, Sept. 23. Doors open at 6 p.m. for registration, and trivia starts at 7 p.m.

Hosted by Brian Currie, the evening is to raise money for the St. Joseph's Polish Club Scholarship Fund. Bring a team, join a team that night, or be your own one-person team. Tickets are \$20 each and on sale at the bar. One person from your team will need a phone to register the team and submit the answers.

Cash prizes will be awarded.

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.



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The following companies generously supported the tournament through sponsorships or donations of raffle prizes, food and other services. We greatly appreciate their involvement and encourage you to patronize these businesses whenever you can.

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Also, thanks to Red Rose Deserts & More for providing breakfast, Illiano's of Colchester for providing lunch, Copies Plus More for printing the tournament program and Sign Professionals for providing the tee signs.

Obituaries

East Hampton

The Rev. Lawrence W. Flynn, M.M.

The Rev. Lawrence W. Flynn died Saturday, July 9, in the Assisted Living Unit at Maryknoll, N.Y. He was 93 years old and a Maryknoll priest for 35 years.

Lawrence William Flynn was born Oct. 10, 1928, in Cambridge, Mass., son of John and Ruth McGowan Flynn. He attended St. John the Evangelist Grammar School and St. John High School, both in Cambridge. After high school, he joined the Marine Corps in March 1946 and was honorably discharged in December 1947.

Lawrence joined Maryknoll in September 1948, but withdrew in August 1953. While in Maryknoll, Lawrence received a BA in philosophy in 1952. After leaving Maryknoll, he attended Boston College and received an MEd in social science and education. He taught high school for two years, and in 1957 he joined the Department of Defense, working in high schools conducted by the U.S. government in Germany and France. He joined the Peace Corps in 1961 and served in Togo, West Africa. In 1964 he joined Catholic Relief Services and worked in Leopoldville, the Congo, until 1966, when he again began work with the U.S. State Department, serving with U.S.A.I.D. During his time with U.S.A.I.D., he served in Vietnam, Morocco, Washington, D.C., and New Delhi, India.

It was while he was in the United States to attend a nephew's graduation that Lawrence decided to contact Maryknoll again to pursue re-entry into the Society. He rejoined Maryknoll in September 1981. His overseas training program experience was spent in Kowloon, Hong Kong, and Dar es Salaam and Musoma in Tanzania. He received an MDiv degree from the Maryknoll School of Theology in 1987 and was ordained on June 6, 1987.

Following ordination, Father Flynn was assigned to the Hong Kong region and began teaching English at Suzhou Railway Teachers College. He remained there until November 1989 when he taught at the Sheshan Regional Seminary in Shanghai. During his teaching years in China, he initiated the Chinese Seminary Teachers and Formators Project, which involved bringing Chinese students to the United States for study. He left his teaching assignments in 1994, but remained in Hong Kong and was involved in pastoral ministries there.

Father Flynn returned to the United States in September 1998 to care for his mother. He was formally assigned to the United States Region in October 2000 and to the Mission Promotion Department in December of that year. He continued working in this department until November 2002, when he was assigned to the Senior Missioner Community and took up residence at Maryknoll, N.Y. For several years, his ministry was principally at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He continued to reside at the society center in Maryknoll, N.Y.

Father Flynn is survived by his sister, Ruth Piercy of East Hampton; two nieces, Shawn Piercy and Nancy Selavka, both of East Hampton; and two nephews, Thomas Flynn of San Francisco, Calif., and John Piercy III and



his wife Shannon of Newington. He was predeceased by his brother John Flynn II and his nephew, John Flynn III.

Wake services were held Friday, July 15, in the Holy Spirit Chapel and the Queen of Apostles Chapel at the Maryknoll Society Center. Mass of Christian Burial followed that day and was celebrated in the Queen of Apostles Chapel. Father John Chen, S.J. was the celebrant and homilist. Father Peter Barry read the biography and Father Peter La Jacq read the Oath. Burial followed in the Maryknoll Society Cemetery with Father Lance Nadeau residing at the graveside prayers. A military honor guard of U.S. Marines was present to provide full military honors.

Each Maryknoll priest is requested to offer Mass for the repose of the soul of Father Flynn: all Maryknollers are requested to remember him in their private and public prayers.

A Mass of Remembrance will be held at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in East Hampton on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m.

Colchester

Mary Straker

Mary (May) Straker, of Colchester, passed away at home Tuesday, Sept. 6, with her loving family by her side. She was 90 years old. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, on Feb. 27, 1932, she was a daughter of the late Daniel and Margaret (Gorman) Collins.

May met her husband, Dennis Straker, in Yorkshire, England, and the couple were married in 1955. They emigrated to America in 1968 and settled in Colchester, where they made their home and raised five children. They shared 39 years together before Dennis predeceased her on Nov. 11, 1993.

May was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker who took great pride in caring for her home and family. She was proud of her Scottish heritage and was a longtime member of the British Overseas American Club in West Hartford.

May's loss will be mourned by many, especially by her children and their spouses, Gary and Brenda Straker of South Glastonbury, Paul and Rita Straker of Florida, Stephen and Marilou Straker of Roseville, Calif., Belinda Ordenez of Aptos, Calif., Sandra Straker of Colchester; 10 grandchildren, Derek, Marlene, Angeline, Phillip, Sarah, Liam, Daniel, Caleigh, Alex and Kayla; eight great-grandchildren, Penelope, Amelia, Elias, Theodore, Milo, Matteo, Baire, Olivia; and numerous extended family members and friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by eight siblings, Daniel, John, William, Rita, Caroline, Violet, Anna, and Jeanne.

The funeral service was held at the Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., in Colchester, on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

To share a memory or sign Mary's online guestbook, please visit: www.auroramccarthy-funeralhome.com.



Marlborough

Richard F. Mihok

Richard F. Mihok, 82, of Marlborough, passed away Friday, Sept. 9. He was born in Norwich on March, 10, 1940, the son of the late Andrew and Mary (Kolvek) Mihok.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Sonia (Arbelo) Mihok; children, Doug Mihok and Cathy Mihok and her spouse Karen Beard; grandchildren, Katie, Chloe, Anna and Justin; and brother, Roland Mihok.

Richard was a proud University of Connecticut alum and owned his own business as a civil engineer and land surveyor for over 40 years. As a youth, Richard was a competitive athlete and was proud of playing shortstop on his little league team. He was an avid Yankee baseball fan and loved to watch the greats play back in the day – Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio and Stan Musial. He was also an avid college basketball fan (culminating with March Madness). Richard always had a passion for nature, and he could spend hours walking through the forests, relaxing on the beaches of Cape Cod, or boating on Long Island sound. He had a soft spot in his heart for animals.

His family received relatives and friends Thursday, Sept. 15, at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St., Willimantic. His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today, Friday, Sept. 16, at the funeral home with the burial following at St. Joseph Cemetery, Club Road, Windham. The family requests that masks be worn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society of the United States or One Tree Planted, a nonprofit organization supporting global reforestation.

For a memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.



Andover

Stephen Bednarz

Stephen Michael Bednarz passed away Wednesday, Aug. 31, at age 61 in Florida, after a courageous and hard-fought battle with leukemia.

Steve was born in Springfield, Mass., on Aug. 6, 1961, to the late Richard and Margaret Bednarz. He made lots of lifelong friends throughout his childhood years in Chicopee playing soccer, hockey, street ball and other devious activities. He later attended WPI and received a B.S. in mechanical engineering, along with some memories and friends from his fraternity ATO.

After college, Steve spent 36 dedicated years at Pratt and Whitney doing what he loved. In his time, there he accomplished a lot, made more friends and may have created a few conflicts. He met his loving wife Kelly and the two were married in 1993. They lived in the house they built together in Andover, which they enjoyed with son Adam and daughter Casey.

Steve ran a very strict, clean household with items organized alphabetically by height but he loved more than anything to cook (way too much) and entertain for family and friends on any and even no occasion. Over the years, he was a dedicated father, spending countless hours at the sports fields with the kids, and at the dining room table succeeding in passing on his love for math and science. Even through



his adult years with a family of his own, as his loving wife always said, he never grew up; he played hard and partied harder.

After all of the years of dedication to his career and family, Steve and his wife fulfilled their dream of retiring to Florida and moved to Hobe Sound in July 2020 where he enjoyed sitting at the pavilion on the beach reading and listening to the local banter, hitting the bat out by the pool and still continuing to host and cook (way too much) usually accompanied by a bottle of jezynowka. Steve retired but he was not able to sit around and do nothing and he started volunteering his time to a local shelter, LAHIA, doing what he loved, cooking.

Steve is survived by his wife Kelly, son Adam and daughter Casey; his sister, Christine Sears, husband Ken and their children Ryan, Shannon, Katie and Emily; his sister, Ann Capitano and her children Andy and Lauren; his aunt, Alice Bednarz; and uncle, George Pouloupoulos.

Funeral services to honor Steve's life were held at St. James Church in Manchester Tuesday, Sept. 13, with a wake on Monday, Sept. 12, at Holmes and Watkins in Manchester. There was a private burial with family.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to L.A.H.A.I at 1760 SE Salerno Rd, Stuart, FL or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Please continue to honor Steve with his favorite, Roxanne.

Portland

Carol Margaret Foley

Carol Margaret Foley, 88, of Middletown, Del., formerly of Portland, passed away peacefully Monday, Sept. 5, after a wonderful visit with her loving family.

Born Nov. 20, 1933, in Washington, D.C., to the late Carl and Phyllis Specht, Carol graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1950, and from Mount Carmel School of Nursing in 1954.

She married Richard James Foley in Schweinfurt, Germany in 1958 and revisited the region multiple times for anniversaries and Oktoberfest, including on their 25th wedding anniversary when Richard surprised her with a new diamond ring at the church where they were married.

They bought their first house in Columbus, Ohio in 1959. They had five children between 1959 and 1964, then relocated to Portland in 1969. They moved to Middletown, Del., in 2004 for their retirement.

Carol showed her love in many ways including homemaking and cooking for her family of seven for several decades and creating a warm, loving and fun-loving home as a stay-at-home mom. She later resumed her nursing career and provided care to the sick and elderly at several nursing facilities. She was an accomplished pianist and instilled a love of music in all her children and grandchildren. Later in life, she embraced her creative streak and became an amazing quilter, often gifting her family and friends with a beautiful piece of fabric art, with each quilt feeling like her loving embrace.

Carol was warm and incredibly witty. She truly made her house an inviting home, hosting countless family, holiday and neighborhood gatherings over the years. She was a devoted Catholic, singing in multiple church choirs and leaving behind a legacy of music, faith, and love.

Carol is survived by her husband, Richard Foley; her five children: Kathleen (Brent) Slone, Michael (Loretta) Foley, Susan (Bob) Hinnant, Amy Hladney, and Matthew (Meaghen) Foley; 12 grandchildren: Shannan and Connor Slone; Monica, Benjamin, Christopher (Ashley) and Nicholas (Emily) Foley; Lindsey (Brian) Downing, Evan (Amy) Gustafson; Rocco, Lauren and Jacob Hladney; and Emma Foley; six great-grandchildren: Mason, Mia and McKenna Downing, Easton Gustafson, Jack Foley, and Cooper Foley; her sister, Sharon (Rich) Schenbeck; extended family, and friends, all of whom love her dearly.

She will be remembered for her intelligence, sharp wit, loyalty, compassion and generosity.

A wake will be held today, Friday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., at Daniels & Hutchison Funeral Home, 212 N. Broad St., Middletown, Del., with funeral services following Saturday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m., at St. Joseph's Parish, 371 E. Main St., also in Middletown, Del. A Christian burial will take place Monday, Sept. 19, at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Rd., in Bear, Del.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Project Linus at www.projectlinus.org/donations.

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Art Association Meets Next Week

The East Hampton Art Association will resume its monthly programs Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m., in the East Hampton Community Center at 105 Main St.

East Hampton resident and graphic designer Cheryl (Scutnik) Gioielli will touch upon her lifelong career as a professional artist and owner of Gioielli Design. She is a graduate of Paier College of Art and holds a bachelor's degree in graphic design. She will share how her travels to Italy, France and England visiting the homes and workplaces of Michelangelo, DaVinci, Van Gogh and Shakespeare have influenced her life as a designer and artist.

Gioielli recently joined the East Hampton Art Association as a personal commitment to become more immersed in the art of painting, and currently attends classes taught by founding member Elizabeth Sennett.

Gioielli will take on the role of the art association's program chair in organizing the monthly presenters and hopes to energize and engage the local art community.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend the program which is free to students and members, with a suggested donation of \$4 for non-members.



Cheryl Gioielli will speak at next week's meeting of the East Hampton Art Association. Here she is in August imitating art at Michelangelo's Cloister in Rome, Italy.

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.

Mushroom Walk: Saturday, Sept. 17. This is an informative walk and hike with mushroom expert and collector Judy Buonocore. Registration required.

Writers' Workshop: Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. This month, talk about dialog and transitions. Email the library for available space.

Medicare Explained: Monday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Learn about the changes to Medicare with Springli Sage.

Nimble Knitters: Thursdays at 1 p.m., starting Sept. 22

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

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.

Art with Karen: Sunday, Sept. 25, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will take people through beginner steps of creating an acrylic painting. Cost is \$5 for supplies. Pay Williams the day of the event. Pre-registration is necessary.

Autumn in Hurd Park/Boxed Lunch: Wednesday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet Master Naturalist Lynn Kochiss at the pavilion for a short walk to explore the surrounding forest, then return to the pavilion for a boxed lunch. Pre-register and call the senior center to get sandwich choices and give your selection - and also for directions.

Trip: In the Christmas Mood: See the Glenn Miller Orchestra Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$114 per person. Call for more information.

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.

Republicans to Meet

The next meeting of the East Hampton Republican Town Committee will be held Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Lakeside Bar and Grill (second floor), 81 North Main St. The public is welcome to attend.

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.

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission held a regular meeting on August 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Eaton Smith Council Chambers Room 107 and via ZOOM Virtual Meeting to consider the following:

- PZC-22-008: CLW Real Estate Developments LLC., Re-subdivision of Salmon Run Estates 26 lots on Salmon Run / Deer Meadow. Map 35/ Block 95/ Lot 7 - Approved with conditions.

Ray Zatorski, Chairman 1TB 9/16

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. 30. 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.

Standout Athletes of the Week

By Josh Howard

Here are the Rivereast Standouts of the Week for the week of Sept. 5-10:

Max Nylén - RHAM High School (Football): Trailing 20-0, Nylén ignited an epic comeback with an 80-yard touchdown run as the Raptors rallied for a 23-20 win. The senior also returned a kickoff for a touchdown in the fourth quarter before RHAM took the lead later in the quarter on a scoring run from Michael Marques. Nylén finished with 233 total yards and led a rushing attack that ran for over 250 yards behind an offensive line that featured Jack Smith, Thiago Delacruz, Caden Bellmore, Brody Magnanini, Anthony Wursthorn, and tight end Tommy Puetzer.

Lily Tabellione - Portland High School (Cross-Country): Tabellione placed 3rd overall at the Blue Dragon Invitational at Palmer Field in Middletown on Sept. 8. The junior's performance, along with Meaghan McPhee's 17th place finish, helped the Highlanders placed 4th

overall at the invite, which featured 10 schools.

Jordan Murphy - East Hampton High School (Volleyball): Murphy tallied a team-high in kills (14) and digs (13) as the Bellingers beat Valley Regional in four sets to open the season with a victory on Sept. 8. The senior captain also severed up a pair of aces three aces as East Hampton lost the first set before rallying to win the final three to capture the victory. Through the team's first two games, both wins, Murphy has registered the most kills and aces on the team.

Audrey Palmer - Bacon Academy High School (Soccer): Palmer scored the game-winning goal as the Bobcats topped East Hampton 2-1 at EHHS on Sept. 10. The sophomore attacker fired off three total shots in the win, which was the team's second win of the season - following a 3-2 win over Norwich Free Academy at Bacon Academy on Sept. 8.

Flu, COVID Booster Clinics

Chatham Health District, which serves as the municipal health department for Colchester, East Hampton, East Haddam, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland, has announced the following clinics for folks to receive the flu vaccine as well as the COVID booster vaccine.

No appointment necessary; see insurance information below.

All ages six months and over are welcome for flu, and 12 years and over for COVID-19 booster (Moderna Bivalent AND Pfizer Bivalent). Both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines may be received at the same time.

Area clinics are:

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 4-6 p.m., East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton; Thursday, Oct. 6, 3-5 p.m., Richmond Memorial Library, 15 School Drive; Wednesday, Oct. 12, 4-6 p.m., KOKO, 12 Long Crossing Rd., East Hampton; Friday, Oct. 14, 9-11 a.m., Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., Colchester; Monday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Portland Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., Portland; Wednesday, Oct. 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Gilead Hill School, 580 Gilead St., Hebron; Thursday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-noon, Russell Mercier Senior Center, 14 Stonecroft Drive, Hebron; Friday, Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m., RHAM High School, 85 Wall St, Hebron; Tuesday, Oct. 25, 9-11 a.m., East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., East Hampton;

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 9-11 a.m., Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Drive; Friday, Oct. 28, 4-6 p.m., Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Drive, Marlborough; Wednesday, Nov. 2, 3-5 p.m., Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester; Thursday, Nov. 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., Portland; Friday, Nov. 4, 9-11 a.m., Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., Colchester; Thursday, Nov. 17, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Russell Mercier Senior Center, 14 Stonecroft Drive, Hebron.

Bring a copy of your insurance card and a filled-out, printed copy of the consent forms (one for each vaccine) for each person receiving a vaccination. Forms are at www.chathamhealth.org.

The following health insurances are accepted: Medicare (Part B); ConnectiCare; Aetna; Cigna; Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. People who are covered by these insurance plans must bring their cards to the clinic. Note: UnitedHealthcare and other insurances are not accepted.

Call the Chatham Health District at 860-365-0884 for more information. Contact the office for proof of vaccination if needed.

TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of September 21, 2022 in the Community Room of the Town Hall, 17 School Road, Andover on the application of Stephen King, 126 Wales Road. The applicant is seeking relief from Sections 11.2 of the Andover Zoning Regulations to allow for the construction of garage additions. More particularly, the applicant is seeking a reduction in the side yard setback requirements from 25' to 19'.

Interested parties may present questions and/or concerns at the time of the hearing or submit written comment a minimum of 24 hours in advance to the Andover Building and Land-Use Office, Town Hall, 17 School Road or, electronically, at zoning@andoverct.org. Further information is available on the town's web-site or at the aforementioned office.

Jim Hallisey
Zoning Agent 2TB 9/9, 9/16

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON PUBLIC HEARING

The East Hampton Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. during the regular Town Council meeting in the East Hampton Town Hall Council Chambers, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424 and via Zoom. The Council will review an amendment to Chapter 155 of the Code of the Town of East Hampton Regarding Extending a Moratorium on Certain Activities Related to Adult-Use Cannabis. The Zoom login information will be included with the Town Council agenda posted on the Town website. A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available in the Office of the East Hampton Town Clerk and on the Town website at www.easthamptonct.gov.

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LIQUOR PERMIT Notice of Application
This is to give notice that I, **JOHN F VITALE**, 77 TARRAGON DR EAST HAMPTON, CT 06424-1759 Have filed an application placarded 09/14/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a CONNECTICUT CRAFT CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at: 201 W HIGH ST UNIT B1 EAST HAMPTON CT 06424-2139 The business will be owned by: **RULE OF 3 BREWING LLC** Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified), Live Bands Objections must be filed by: 10-26-2022 **RULE OF 3 BREWING LLC** 2TB 9/16, 9/23

LIQUOR PERMIT Notice of Application
This is to give notice that I, **HEMANGIBEN PATEL**, 30 MANSFIELD DR APT 105, NORTHFORD, CT 06472-1361 Have filed an application placarded 09/14/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 220 MAIN ST PORTLAND CT 06480-1861 The business will be owned by: **SABURI LLC** Entertainment will consist of: Objections must be filed by: 10-26-2022 **HEMANGIBEN PATEL** 2TB 9/16, 9/23

PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Princess Pocotopaug Association has levied upon 12 Wangonk Trail in East Hampton and slated it for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. The property is owned by Rhea J. DeBari, described at Volume 459 Page 324 of the East Hampton land records, and owes \$4,207.57 through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

Unless paid, this property will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 1:00 p.m. on November 29, 2022 at the Princess Pocotopaug Clubhouse at 9 Seminole Trail in East Hampton. Bidders must present \$5,000 in certified funds payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for Town taxes and certain other encumbrances. Details at www.cttaxsales.com. 1TB 9/16

Legal Notice Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

At their regular meeting, the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission RECEIVED the following applications on September 13th, 2022:

- **Permit Application IWWC #22-11:** Andover Lake Management Association, **Andover Lake**- Proposed Removal of aquatic vegetation in the South Cove of Andover Lake using a Hydro-Rake.
- **Permit Application IWWC #22-12:** Mark Reynolds (Engineer) and Judy Connelly (Property Owner), **Lot 22 Lake Road**- Proposed driveway and culvert construction within wetlands for a new single family residence.

If you have any questions, please contact the Andover Wetlands Agent at 860-742-7305 (extension 4221) or email (preferred) at wetlands@andoverct.org 1TB 9/16

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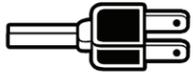
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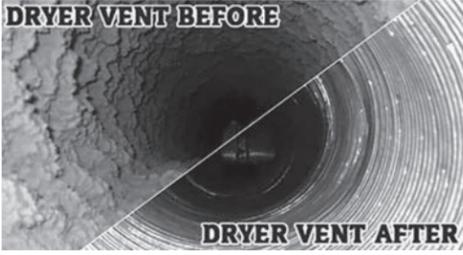
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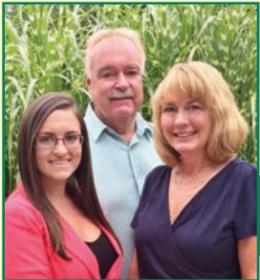
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