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Touchdown!... The RHAM High School Raptors fell to Berlin last weekend, by a score of 47-6. Here is senior captain Mike Marques punching in RHAM's lone touchdown. Read more about the game on page 30. Photo by Manny Nysten.

Hebron Residents Slam Public Works Plan

By Michael Sinkewicz

A public hearing was held Monday on the new Hebron Public Works complex proposed for Kinney Road – and many of the residents in attendance spoke out against the project.

The Hebron Public Building Committee held a public hearing to present information regarding the proposed complex. The hearing featured a panel of specialists and community input.

The Sept. 19 meeting – held in-person at the Douglas Library and livestreamed online – represented a significant moment for the town to address remaining questions with the proposal and receive feedback from residents, who will ultimately deliver a verdict if it heads to a referendum in the future.

Members of the public, including many from Kinney Road, spoke mainly in opposition to the project. The controversial proposal has prompted much discussion – and generated many Rivereast letters to the editor – over the past several months.

Residents' comments came after a presentation led by consulting engineer Thomas Fenton and Terri Hahn of Landscape Architectural Design Associates P.C. Land Planners. They outlined the limitations of the current Public Works facility and how the 88-acre property on Kinney Road purchased by the town would be an ideal location for a new complex.

Residents of Kinney Road brought up a variety of issues with the proposal, including a number of environmental and historical concerns. Many said they were afraid of potential water contamination from salt – the site would feature a salt storage building.

Kevin Tulimieri, a Kinney Road resident, has consistently raised objections to the site being built on the property. During the meeting, he told the Public Building Committee he felt there were major concerns with moving forward with the site.

"I don't think this was particularly well-chosen," he said of the location.

After the meeting, Town Manager Andy Tierney told the Rivereast that he'll be reviewing the questions raised by the community and will have discussions with the Board of Selectmen, who will decide what the next steps should be.

"We heard the people loud and clear, but that doesn't make the problem go away," Tierney said, referring to the current state of the Public Works facility.

While Tierney said he continues to support the Kinney Road site, he also said residents have legitimate questions.

"People are clearly concerned or even scared about the salt, and that's valid," he said. "We want to do what's right."

He said he felt the people who expressed those concerns "were very polite about it."

One of the only members of the public who spoke in support of the town's proposal and presentation was Dan Larson, chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

"A tremendous amount of work has been done," he said. "It's time to move forward."

Following the meeting – which every community member was given three minutes to speak at – Tulimieri told the Rivereast that his takeaway was the number of people speaking in opposition to the proposal, emphasizing how

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Police Surveillance on the Rise in Marlborough

By Jack Lakowsky

With speed and body cameras and automatic license plate readers, which read any and all plates police cruisers pass, detecting issues stretching from expired registrations to a stolen vehicle, surveillance in Marlborough is undeniably on the rise.

Public safety director Jay Kehoe discussed the readers and other police activities in a talk with the community this Tuesday, outlining department goals and statistics.

Kehoe said Marlborough got the automatic license plate readers earlier than other local small towns, though nearby Glastonbury, about four times bigger than Marlborough, is in the process of getting stationary readers.

Marlborough's readers are on the police department's vehicles. Kehoe said the readers are highly effective, reading about every car that passes an officer, or that a cop drives by in a parking lot.

Kehoe said the cruisers' readers have a wide

range; he noted that, when officers are driving on Route 2, the readers can catch plates on the opposite side of the divided highway.

Kehoe said constables or the local state trooper won't "get after" someone over minor infractions like an expired registration, saying the state transportation department is notorious for notifying drivers late.

He said officers may "remind" drivers about any fixes they need to make, and that officers only use them for "reasonable suspicion," not for arrests.

The readers can't discriminate between public and private spaces, reading plates on cars parked on driveways. Kehoe said officers would need a very good reason to enter private property based on a hit.

There are also three speed monitors in town now, placed on the busiest roads like North Main Street and Jones Hollow Road.

"They tell us how fast people are going," said

Kehoe. "People get used to them, but it at least makes people think."

The third speed reader is a mobile one, moved based on complaints.

Because of the 2020 Police Accountability Bill, all state and local police in Connecticut must wear body cameras. Kehoe has special insight into this, having been involved in the initial development of these devices, taking part in studies by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Kehoe said the cameras are a good thing for police. He said, in most cases when someone complains against an officer, camera recordings clear the officer.

Nonpartisan policy institute the Brennan Center conducted a 2020 study on automatic license plate readers, sometimes called ALPRs.

The center writes: "Americans drive. According to one survey, 83 percent of U.S. adults

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

By Mike Thompson

Seeing gas prices climb to heretofore unseen highs was most unpleasant – but seeing them crater these past couple of months has been most satisfying.

I filled my tank on Monday night after work, and it cost more than \$25 less than it did to fill my tank, from roughly the same level, early this summer.

That, friends, was a very good feeling.

And I noticed when I drove past that same gas station Wednesday morning, the price was even lower.

Yes, at long last gas prices are about where they were at the beginning of the year – and that's a very good feeling. Are gas prices what they were in the summer of 2020? No, but don't forget much of the country was still locked down at that time, as we tried to figure out how to deal with COVID-19. I know that at one point there I was only getting gas once every month or six weeks.

As much as I'd like to see gas in the low-to-mid-\$2 range again, I could live without another pandemic-induced months-long nationwide lockdown.

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Floating across my email inbox this week was some news from state Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33), who announced that East Hampton and Portland were approved to receive grant funding through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program, which supports small towns for economic development, community conservation and quality-of-life capital projects.

Approximately \$900,000 in state funds will aid streetscape and sidewalk improvements in East Hampton's Village Center – home to a variety of small businesses including restaurants, stores and entertainment spots – and replacement of Portland's Main Street sidewalks.

"I'm grateful to Governor Lamont in making these approvals, which will aid pedestrian

infrastructure and local small businesses, making our communities more walkable," said Needleman. "It's especially encouraging that these projects receiving support will receive joint funding from both the state and municipal leaders, allowing for them to work together."

The funding approvals include:

\$500,000 in state funding for streetscape and sidewalk improvements in East Hampton's Village Center, matched by \$125,000 from the town;

\$400,000 in state funding for the replacement of the sidewalks on Main Street in Portland, matched by \$100,000 from the town.

Shortly after Needleman's announcement, East Hampton Economic Development Commission Chair Matt Reich and Vice Chair Jase Doane issued a joint statement welcoming the approval of the funds.

"East Hampton's Village Center is a destination that attracts both town residents and tourists to enjoy great food & drink, shopping, and much more," the two said. "The vibrant small business community that resides in the downtown will be boosted by the approval of this key funding for the Village Center streetscape improvement project. A more pedestrian-friendly Village Center will support local business growth and space for community gathering."

Like Needleman, Reich and Doane offered thanks to Lamont, and added, "Thank you also to all the town leaders, town hall officials and staff, and most importantly the Village Center community for their hard work on and support of the application. The input from the downtown's businesses, property owners, and residents helped shape this endeavor. We look forward to the progression of this project."

Be sure to look for in-depth stories about the funding by reporter Jack Lakowsky in next week's *Rivereast*.

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Spirit of Portland... The Ralph Paley Spirit of Portland Awards Ceremony was held recently, honoring residents for their contributions to the community. From left are selectman Ralph Zampano, state Rep. Christie Carpino (R-32), First Selectman Ryan Curley, award recipient Frank Winiski, Senior Center Director Lynn Tracey, award recipient Jim Tripp, and selectman Michael Pelton. See story on page 12.

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We Need Criminal Accountability

To the Editor:

As summer comes to an end and we welcome the change in seasons, we are fortunate to have varying temperatures and bright fall colors. While the seasons are changing, what hasn't changed is that our law-abiding citizens continue to be plagued by groups of criminals committing crimes of property and of violence. Seemingly not a week goes by without a post to a community social media page regarding catalytic converter theft, vehicles being ransacked or stolen from a citizen's driveway. What typically follows are some comments of consolation and others of admonishment where the victim is asked if the doors were locked. My small business in Glastonbury was affected by the theft of catalytic converters from multiple vehicles, despite the presence of security lighting and cameras. We recently passed the one-year anniversary of a violent attack against one of our community members in Marlborough, when she was abducted and assaulted by two men, who have been connected to multiple thefts and violent crimes. Our communities' citizens should expect the quiet enjoyment of our properties, without having to worry about senseless crime, when we know a solution is at hand.

The Democratic-controlled legislature in Hartford has sat by and tacitly approved this behavior to continue by failing to convene to correct the many flawed parts of the "Police Accountability" bill, passed in 2020. This bill has taken away many of the tools that police use to fight crime. This bill has also helped lead to a

problem with recruiting and retaining qualified officers and troopers. Until criminals are deterred by the prospect of a fitting consequence, they will continue to boldly attack our citizens and property. We need legislators in Hartford who will work to protect our citizens by amending this flawed bill to make it more of a "Criminal Accountability" bill.

Steve Weir – Hebron

Note: Weir is a candidate for state representative for the 55th district, serving Andover, Bolton, Glastonbury, Hebron and Marlborough.

Supporting Skorski

To the Editor:

The people of Marlborough, Hebron, Bolton, Andover, and Glastonbury need representatives that will fight for working people and their families. That representative is Wes Skorski. Wes is a Marlborough resident, father, and small business owner. He is also the chair of the Marlborough Board of Education. He is getting endorsements from some of the most prominent organizations in the state.

Recently, he has received endorsements from AFT of Connecticut and AFL-CIO. AFT is one of the most diverse unions in the state representing more than 30,000 men and women working in the areas of PreK-12 education, paraprofessional and school related personnel, higher education, health care, and municipal and state government. AFL-CIO is a labor organization that works tirelessly to improve the lives of hundreds of working people in the state. These endorsements demonstrate Wes' commitment to supporting the working families and profes-

Bulletin Board

I must admit to being a little bemused by local TV newscasts.

This is not to say I don't watch them—on the contrary, I tune in religiously, if for no other reason than to learn how not to dress. (Really, guys, this sports coat with no tie informality thing is degenerating to where it's starting to look like you're pulling your clothes out of the nearest Goodwill box.)

As a dedicated viewer, I've gotten to the point that our local news anchors and many of the reporters seem almost like quirky family members—sort of like your elderly aunt who audibly breaks wind at the Thanksgiving dinner table then looks quizzically around the room like maybe a flock of ducks flew in through an open window. They're horrible and loveable at the same time.

You may have noticed that TV news folks march to their own unique priority drumbeat with weather almost invariably at the top of the list. Nothing is more important than the five-day forecast. I swear, if local TV news stations learned the North Koreans had dropped a nuclear bomb on New London, they would still lead the evening news with the weather forecast (presuming there wasn't a water main break in Torrington, of course).

"The five-day forecast looks a little iffy, folks, with mixed showers on Tuesday followed by warmer temperatures later in the week and a high probability of radioactive rain over the next few days in what used to be Southeastern Connecticut."

Then they'll haul some reporter out to stand next to a mountain of salt in some state truck yard to reassure us that come what may we're ready for the worst.

Some folks probably find this sort of thing annoying.

I love it.

Where else can you learn from some reporter in a jazzed-up "weather vehicle" what the road temperature is in Harwinton (wherever that is) or be treated to a variety of valuable insights from crack investigative news teams who reveal that ice is slippery, snow is cold and there's a beached whale in California?

I mention all of this for a reason (lest you think I merely forgot to take my medication this morning).

The other night I waited through several commercial breaks for a local TV news report (promised at the head of the broadcast) that sounded like it could be a potential lifesaver.

After pointing out there had been at least two head-on crashes that week on state highways, the teaser for the upcoming segment asked, "What would you do if a wrong-way driver approached you on the highway?"

Ah, I thought. A survival skill. I love survival skills. I want to be ready when Armageddon arrives and who's to say that catastrophic event won't be accompanied by a substantial number of wrong-way drivers?

And so I waited and I waited. And, finally, the segment came on.

What's the best course of action if a wrong-way driver approaches you on the highway?

The answer: "Think fast. Get out of the way."

Seriously. And all this time I figured the answer was "Scream in terror, close your eyes and hope there is a God."

Thanks, local TV news! You're a lifesaver! Can't wait for your upcoming segment on how to avoid shark attacks.

I'm thinking maybe stay out of the water?

Jim Hallas

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sionals of the 55th District. In a time where all of our wallets are getting squeezed, Wes will fight for families and strive for better wages, working conditions, and employee support.

As chair of the Marlborough BOE, he strives for the best education for our youth. He has also received a 100/100 candidate score from the Connecticut Education Association, further demonstrating his commitment to the education of America's future.

Please join me in voting for Wes Skorski for state House Representative for the 55th District on Election Day!

Jack Fidler – Marlborough

Note: Fidler is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance but said he is speaking as an individual.

Supports Carpino

To the Editor:

I support Christie Carpino for re-election this November because she works very hard for the residents of Cromwell and Portland. She has strongly supported special education, school safety, children and senior issues as well as families. She has worked in a bipartisan fashion on our state budget, mental health issues and addiction treatment for those that really need it.

Christie is a working mom so she is familiar with the issues families in our community face. She is always available to listen to concerns and is responsive and knowledgeable to help address those concerns on our behalf. Please support Christie in November!

William Donahue – Portland

Note: Donahue is an elected member of the Board of Assessment Appeals but is writing as an individual.

Kind, Calming Presence

To the Editor:

Chris Rivers. On Nov. 8, he will be on the ballot, hoping to become a state representative for Colchester, Bozrah, Franklin and Lebanon (48th District). Many of his supporters have written about his qualifications, which are impressive, and his sense of duty, which is unwavering and focused. Chris, humbly, has spoken eloquently about his reasons for running, which are all admirable.

Allow me to tell you why I will vote for him. It is not just that he has a degree in government policy, or has experienced war, or that he is an engineer with extensive technology expertise. I will vote for him because his goals are my goals. His goal is to unite. His goal is to make government more effective. His goal is to fix what is broken. His goal is to get things done.

Chris Rivers is a kind, calming presence in this chaotic time. He will not shout, but will passionately, quietly, make the changes needed to simplify and improve our quality of life. Chris is a surprising personality to run for office in this tumultuous time. He has accomplished much in his life, and will accomplish even more in public service.

I am excited to cast a ballot on Nov. 8 for Chris Rivers. If you know Chris and what he stands for, I bet you are too. If you have not yet met him yet, approach him when you see him. Then, you will also look forward to Nov. 8 so that you can vote for him.

Jennifer Cox – Colchester

PBC I

To the Editor:

Ooops! Monday night, Hebron leaders forgot to mention the middle stream. Wet 99.9% of its life, this small hidden stream asks for nothing as it faithfully delivers water to life downstream. Page 28 of the January 2000 ERT Report states the following,

“In the approximate middle of the property (The Raymond Brook Watershed) there is a wetland that forms the headwater to another tributary to Raymond Stream.” This wetland forms the middle stream. This is important for a number of reasons. This wetland area seems almost to act as a spring, feeding the middle stream. Only once in 21 years have I seen this stream bone dry, the fall of 2020. During a drought that, according to our firemen, brought more people to the fire station in search of water than at any other time they could remember. Otherwise, stones in this stream, are in water or dark gray, and damp. Moist air brushes your face as you look down into the ravine where it flows. So what? Right? Big deal? Well yes, actually, it is a big deal. This steady stream of fresh water is constantly supplying water to the bigger stream, which keeps that moving, which in turn feeds the marsh. Marshes flush with fresh water are far more productive than ones fed tainted waters.

The roadway connecting 17 Kinney to Cole-

brook will, legally, pass over this headwater. Double culverts will be installed and every truck passing over the water will contaminate the wetland little by little with salt and pollution. Day after day. Year after year.

If we know industrial vehicles cause extra pollution, do governments have a moral obligation to prevent it? Remember “the biggest barrier to clean water in our country today is not chemical, physical or financial, it is political.” -EB

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

Vote for Wes

To the Editor:

Who is Wes Skorski? For those of you that don't know, I'll share a few very important facts as we start our countdown to our local elections.

Wes is the Democratic candidate for state representative of the 55th District which includes Hebron, Andover, Marlborough and parts of Glastonbury and Bolton. Wes came from humble beginnings and he remains so. He is a single dad of two children that proudly attend public school.

Wes believes in women's reproductive health care, including the right to choose; he will work to lower prescription drug costs; he believes in worker's rights and was recently endorsed by the AFL-CIO and other unions. Wes Skorski, himself, is a small business owner.

Wes is a stand-up guy and will put in the work it takes to fully represent us. He asks questions and he listens. On Nov. 8, vote for Wes.

Kim Goldberg – Marlborough?

Trump at Last Embraces QAnon

To the Editor:

Trump has embraced white supremacists, neo-Nazis, anti-Semites, the Proud Boys, male chauvinists, and a host of other causes against immigrants. It sounds like the 1920s in America.

Like a cornered rat, he seeks to avoid the U.S. legal system which is closing in on this would-be dictator. He is now even more openly trying to incite violence by his ill-informed followers. QAnon is the final straw!

Meanwhile, the Party of Trump for the most part stays silent.

Elections count at all levels: city, state and national. Informed electors are essential to our democracy. Please remember that no man is above the law, and that our Democracy is at stake.

Ed Gyllenhammer – Portland

Leaving Connecticut

To the Editor:

Our young people are leaving Connecticut in droves as are our retirees. Personally, I have seen both my children move out of state. Two years ago, my son Justin and his family relocated to a new home they built outside of Phoenix and just this spring my daughter, Jessica, moved to Florida.

They are not leaving simply for the weather. They left to go to states where the taxes and cost of living are lower and where they are less restricted by stifling laws. This applies both to our young people as well as to our retirees.

My son has referred to the “dumpster fire” that is Connecticut. I grew up in Massachusetts, which we used to jokingly call “Taxachusetts,” but Connecticut has now surpassed our state to the north and is lagging behind other states when it comes to emerging from the COVID-19 years.

We have single party control at our State Capital and in Washington. If we are to see any changes, we need some balance. On November 8th we need to elect candidates who will help to turn us around.

Four decades of one party monopolizing the

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legislature in Hartford has gotten us to where we are today and only two years of that same party's strangle hold in Washington has been even more devastating.

Please join me in supporting Steve Weir for state representative, Rocky Camardella for state Senate, Mike France for the U.S. Congress, Leora Levy for U.S. Senate and Bob Stefanowski for governor along with other Republican candidates for the various other state offices.

Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough

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

Another Successful Cruise

To the Editor:

Our community's patriotism, generosity and appreciation for our veterans was clearly evident last Saturday. Hundreds of townspeople as well as folks from neighboring towns made the 9th Annual Markham Meadows Car Cruise another success.

More than 100 vehicles of every year and vintage filled the field. The drivers and spectators help raise \$7,000 that will be donated to the Wounded Warrior fund administered by VFW Post 5095, the Flags Across East Hampton project and East Hampton's K-9 dog, Ardo.

As well, many, many businesses donated to the raffle. See ad on page 13.

Our volunteers worked hard, our local businesses were very kind and the car enthusiasts were incredibly generous.

Many thanks to all!

With appreciation, Melissa Engel – East Hampton

No-Confidence Vote

To the Editor:

I am writing about the “No-Confidence Vote” (coup) against Andreas Bisbikos. First Selectman Bisbikos is the first politician that I have ever respected. I am proud that he represents our town. He is honest, well-meaning and is trying to do the right thing. The RINOs on the Colchester Republican Town Committee who voted against Andreas have a personal vendetta against him. RTC Chairman Taras Rudko is angry because Bisbikos fired his wife from her position as Bisbikos' executive assistant due to poor performance.

Democratic selectwoman Rosemary Coyle, along with the vice chair of the RTC, Jason LaChapelle, Republican selectwoman Deborah Bates and Democratic selectwoman Denise Turner, signed a letter two weeks ago saying, “We want the first selectman to stop using board meetings and social media to attack, threaten and belittle elected officials, and worse, private citizens.” They have a nerve! They are the ones who have attacked the first selectman every chance they get.

I don't know how many unsavory, demeaning editorials I have seen published in the *Rivereast* by Jason LaChapelle every week regarding An-

dreas' job performance and character. LaChapelle needs to work with Andreas instead of writing disparaging, derogatory comments about him. The same goes for the rest of the select board and the RTC! Let Andreas do his job instead of gutlessly casting “No-Confidence” votes behind his back while he is out of town unable to defend himself.

Sharon Coakley – Colchester

Fascism

To the Editor:

First, they came for civil rights. Then they came for voting rights. Then they came for LBGTQ rights. Then they came for Miranda rights. Then they came for the right to a warrant. Then they came for reproductive rights. Then they came for contraception. Then they came for our true history. Then they came for books such as *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Then they came for veterans' health care. Then they came for the right to marry whom-ever you choose.

Then they came for separation of church and state.

Soon they will come for the Espionage Act. Soon they will come for Social Security. Soon they will come for Medicare.

When they get control of the military, they will come for our guns.

This movement is a belief that white Christians must take control of government and all aspects of society under the name of God. According to Ginni Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, this is known as the Seven Mountains Mandate. It's roughly 18% of the population in America. These fascist movements are happening in democracies around the globe. They are pro-Putin, complete with propaganda and violence under the name of God and patriotism. We've been going down this path for a while.

Annie Steinbrecher – Marlborough

Theocracy

To the Editor:

Iran. The Taliban. Are these our models? They are theocracies: a system of government in which priests rule in the name of God or a god. We are supposedly a democracy: a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state. Actually, the United States is a republic: a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch.

With the Christian Right in ascendance, they are very apparently trying to rule by their view of religion, in the name of their god. The most radical elements of the Christian Right are a minority, yet they hold sway over a larger segment of the American population by wrapping their

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See you next week.

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More information on the announcement by Governor Lamont's office can be found

at the following link: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2022/09-2022/Governor-Lamont-Approves-State-Grants-to-77-Towns-for-Infrastructure-Improvements>

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views in biblical allusion and interpretation. Regular Christians, otherwise good people, get sucked into the vortex of hate that the Christian Right generates, purporting to be followers of Jesus.

I was raised in the Christian traditions, a Catholic. As best I can recall, Jesus is about love, not hate. Charity, forgiveness, inclusion. Methinks the Christian Right tends more old

school, Old Testament: a vengeful, vindictive God. Woe be to the transgressor! Nice Christians are a much larger portion of the American population, yet a minority of their over-zealous brethren have usurped rights from the majority of us. I don't think Jesus will be beaming beneficence on those zealots if there is a Judgment Day. I'm not sure what Abraham or Mohammed will think.

John Barnowski – Colchester

Decency on the Ballot

To the Editor:

This November we have an impressive choice for state senate, Wes Skorski. Many ingredients go into making a good representative. Most important is decency. Wes Skorski is a decent individual and we desperately need decency in government.

A representative's primary purpose is to

pass legislation that provides needed aid to our towns. Our representatives must be willing to listen to their constituents and reach across the aisle to find a reasonable compromise.

Wes believes that Connecticut should use its financial surplus to invest in families and provide tax relief to the working-class and struggling local businesses.

He has expressed his desire for his first bill in the legislature to be allowing seniors to purchase prescription drugs online from Canadian pharmacies. Wes wants to enact legislation to lower prescription drug costs. "It's a travesty that American citizens cannot buy safe, needed medications from Canada to save money. Instead, our government forces people to pay 10 times the cost, when the same medication can be purchased and imported from Canada. That's morally wrong."

On Nov. 8, vote for decency. Vote Wes Skorski and "Win with Wes."

Catherine Magaldi-Lewis
Chair, Andover Democratic Town Committee

Voting 'No' with Regret

To the Editor:

I've written and spoken often about the need to support town budgets in Colchester. Sadly, I don't see how I could vote 'yes' in good conscience to the budget set for referendum on Wednesday, Sept. 28. There are too many questions left hanging for me to make an informed decision on this budget.

Many have raised concerns about the way the budget accounts (or fails to account) for the cost of fuel. Others have spoken out about the decision to include funds to purchase expensive financial software while removing a bus driver for senior citizen medical appointments.

I share these concerns, but my biggest concern is the mounting evidence that the town overspent its 2021-22 fiscal year budget. Recently, the first selectman requested a \$255,000 transfer from our reserve funds to backfill expenses for the fiscal year that ended June 30. This came as part of a larger request to move

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around over \$700,000 within last year's budget due to numerous departments which overspent their accounts.

It's no surprise that inflation impacted the town, but the First Selectman and Board of Finance leadership are still publicly denying that they went over budget. Until the facts about last year's budget are known and addressed, how can we trust the numbers we are being asked to approve on Wednesday?

Bernie Dennler III – Colchester

Raimondo Supports Weir

To the Editor:

I support Steve Weir for the 55th District House Seat. I believe that Steve will represent all of us by working hard and keeping his campaign promises.

I met Steve many years ago at Gilead Congregational Church where he was always willing to volunteer to help by being a guest preacher and chairing on the Board of Trustees. I worked with Steve on a couple of blood drives in Hebron which were his idea and turned out to be successful and were very much needed during the pandemic.

Steve had a previous career in law enforcement and understands the challenges facing the law enforcement professionals today. He wants to make sure they have the proper tools to combat crime to make and keep our community safe. He will work to revise and improve the Police Accountability Bill passed in 2020 so criminals are less apt to commit a crime and police officers can be more proactive.

Steve is currently a small business owner of a commercial property restoration company he started in 2005. He has experience in helping people and businesses that have encountered an unexpected disaster. In addition, he has created hundreds of jobs for people over the years. His business experience will help him achieve measurable results in Connecticut.

Steve is very energized to win and fully committed to communicate what he stands for. I encourage you to reach out to him if you have questions at Steve@steveweirforct.com

Overall, Steve Weir has the experience, integrity and personal commitment to represent the people of the 55th District. Please consider supporting him with your vote on Nov. 8.

**Sincerely,
Elizabeth Raimondo – Hebron**

Reichstag Fire

To the Editor:

"Hitler and the cabinet quickly drew up a more permanent and expansive Decree for the Protection of the People and the State (known as the Reichstag Fire Decree), which suspended the right to assembly, freedom of the press, freedom of speech and other constitutional protections within Germany.

The decree also removed all restraints on police investigations, allowing the Nazis to arrest and jail their political opponents indiscriminately. That night, the stormtroopers of the Sturmabteilung (SA) rounded up some 4,000 people, many of whom were tortured as well as imprisoned.

The swift and brutal response to the Reichstag Fire bolstered Hitler's image as Germany's strong-willed savior from the dreaded 'Bolshevism.'

On March 23, meeting at the Kroll Opera House in Berlin, the Reichstag passed the Enabling Act, giving full powers to Hitler. The meeting, which supposedly marked the union of National Socialism with Hindenburg and the German establishment, essentially turned the country over to the Nazis.

By the end of the year, all non-Nazi politi-

cal parties, labor unions and other organizations had ceased to exist. When Hindenburg died in 1934, the German Army sanctioned Hitler's decision to combine the posts of president and chancellor, cementing his absolute power in Germany.

No matter who may have started the Reichstag Fire, it's importance in aiding Hitler and the Nazi Party's rise to absolute power in Germany is clear. In fact, in the years since that pivotal event, the phrase 'Reichstag Fire' has become a powerful metaphor in modern-day politics. Politicians and pundits on different ends of the political spectrum have invoked it to describe a crisis that a politician or government has supposedly manufactured to sow fear in the public in order to grab more power or achieve a desired political end." From history.com

**Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Manning – Andover**

Early In-Person Voting

To the Editor:

We need to increase voter turnout. One way to do this is to have early in-person voting. It makes it easier for all voters, including disabled people, seniors, commuters and workers to cast their ballots and vote early, in person and not have to resort to absentee ballots. Forty-six states allow early in-person voting. The four that do not are Alabama, Mississippi, New Hampshire and Connecticut. This coming election we have the chance to change this in Connecticut.

The question on the ballot for the Nov. 8 election will be "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?" Rose Aletta, candidate for state representative for Portland and Cromwell supports early in-person voting. I am voting for Rose Aletta and voting 'yes' for the question on early in-person voting.

**Thank you,
Susan S. Bransfield – Portland**

Advocating Aletta

To the Editor:

I am writing to offer my wholehearted support for Rose Aletta, the Democratic candidate for state representative for Portland and Cromwell.

I have known Rose for several years. She was born and raised in Cromwell, and now is a business-owner in Portland. She is a hard worker, and totally committed to Democratic principles. She wants everyone to be treated fairly. As our state representative, she will serve the folks of Portland and Cromwell honorably and ensure that our voice is heard in the state capitol.

Rose has the common-sense approach and drive needed to make a difference in the future of our towns. I cannot stress enough my confidence in Rose Aletta.

**Sincerely,
Barbara Sequenzia – Portland**

Harvest Fair Thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Hebron Harvest Fair arts and crafts volunteers, we extend our thanks for making the Hebron Harvest Fair a successful community event.

An important thanks to all the arts and crafts entrants, and the patrons/viewers of the Handiwork, and the skill as to presenting floral arrangements, and plants, displaying bounty of produce, special mixtures of jellies, jams and relishes, and the joy of viewing the younger artisans skills as they view their respective craft, the creativity of the crafters as to precision woodworking, metal craftsmanship and other creative crafts. Of course, the baked goods –

a plethora of categories – and to the judges of whom take a great deal of time and pride judging the various venues.

Just a note: The arts and crafts are often the first site visited prior to starting the trek through the fairgrounds, and often the last building upon exiting the fair.

A special thanks to the Hebron Lions department heads, who counsel/mentor us volunteers over the years, and to acknowledge the "behind the scenes" tasks of which maintain the integrity of the Hebron Harvest Fair arts and crafts throughout the years and throughout the fair, and entrust us to ensure the integrity of the entrants possessions throughout the operation of the HHF, a community endeavor encircling the theme of Hebron, as the Harvest Fair is depicted within the arts and crafts building and throughout the fairgrounds.

Best regards and God bless the Hebron Lions, patrons, exhibitors their respective families and "Circle of Friends!" To all, be well, stay safe.

**Hebron Harvest Fair Arts & Crafts
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Lowrey Supports Weir

To the Editor:

Please vote for Steve Weir for state representative this November.

We expect great things from our elected officials. These expectations represent the hopes we have for the future combined with what we know of the training and experiences of the candidates. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to choose from candidates that each serve as parents, small business owners and active members of boards that serve the community. One of the many positive attributes that puts Steve Weir ahead in the race for the 55th District is his willingness to step up, and the experiences he derived from, his years of service as a local police officer.

Every day our community benefits from the work of public safety officials. Although violent crime is infrequent in Marlborough, we are not immune. We have seen crime escalate from pilferage from unlocked cars, to theft, damage and abandonment of cars, to the violent abduction, assault and subsequent arson of a motor vehicle. The citizens of the 55th need an advocate for public safety in Hartford so that we can continue to plan for, prepare for and mitigate threats to public safety. Let's send a subject matter expert to Hartford as our state representative.

We want elected leaders that understand public safety, an essential government function, as we plan the way forward. Steve Weir has what we need to represent our community in Hartford.

Greg Lowrey – Marlborough

Note: Lowrey is a member of the Marlborough Board of Selectmen, but said he is speaking as an individual.

Flags Over East Hampton

To the Editor:

I would like to thank those who so generously donated to the Flags Over East Hampton fund drive. The donations as well as the notes of support have been truly appreciated. We have received to date about half of our goal of \$2,500 for this year. Your outpouring of support will enable the Flags Over East Hampton Committee to once again display the flags next year. A very special thank you to the East Hampton

Volunteer Fire Department who once again assisted with the installation of the flags for the season.

The Flags Over East Hampton Committee could not continue this very worthwhile project without the fire department's help. Those interested in making a donation for the 2023 Flags Over East Hampton fund drive may want to consider making a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone who served our country proudly in the armed forces.

Please make your check out to "Flags Over East Hampton", c/o The Town of East Hampton and send your donation to the attention of Renee Bafumi, Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Your donation will assist the committee in maintaining this worthy program.

**Kevin Reich, Chairman
Flags Over East Hampton Committee**

A Great Asset

To the Editor:

There is a sign on the Connecticut River in Portland which says "Come on Over." It has been there for decades and I would guess the idea was to promote business in Portland. In 2022, it's possible that this statement may have a future in the coming years. During the last few months as I approached the bridge to Middletown there seemed to be more light each time I passed the spot which for years was the Elmcrest Psychiatric Facility. After the facility closed it was neglected and obscured by trees and overgrowth. Now as we approach Main Street and look left there is a quick open view of the bridge, Middletown and the hills beyond.

Recrossing the bridge to Portland I was startled to see a handsome neo-classic facade with pillars and two additional mansions facing the river. These buildings are a great asset to the Town of Portland which I hope will be treasured and restored to their former glory

Ronald W. McCutcheon – Middle Haddam

Hit a Nerve

To the Editor:

(My first draft ran over 1000 words. I knew I could not cut enough; I've posted the [slightly shortened] original alongside this version at <http://letters.sauyet.com/#/2022-09-23/>)

I hit a nerve for Sam Prentice. He suggests I don't do my own research, adopting the consensus view because I am a sheep or because of sinister motives. Then he tells us water vapor absorbs on two of the bands that CO2 does and therefore must dwarf the effect of the relatively small amount of CO2 in the atmosphere.

I really want to know how did Mr. Prentice, a champion of independent thinking, calculate the absorption bands for CO2 and water? What equipment did he use? What were the experimental controls? What was his mathematical model?

When he tells us "humans only produce about 4% of annual atmospheric CO2 volumes," what does he mean to suggest? Is he saying 4% of total atmospheric CO2 is due to human activity? Or that 4% of the annual increase is anthropogenic? Something else? And how did he calculate this? What is his test grid granularity? Did he travel the world to collect samples? How did he collect the higher altitude ones, or did he use some projection? How does his model account for land use change and decreasing water

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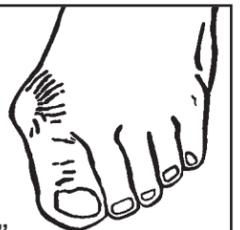
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solubility at higher temperatures? What other factors does he use? Does his model incorporate specific solar radiation changes, or does it smooth them over?

I'm 99.9+% certain Mr. Prentice is not a scientist and did not derive this information himself.

Did he accept all this information on the authority of someone else? Did he get it from a source he found that avoids information "contrary to his biased narrative"? Can he provide any reason to trust his source over the consensus ones? Quackery (yes, quackery: <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/real-climate-science/>) sites don't count.

Sincerely,
Scott Sauyet – Andover

Supports Haines

To the Editor:

I am writing to support Irene Haines as our representative for the 34th District of the legislature. Irene has been a steady voice for us for all of her time in office and deserves a chance to continue her good work. She has been a consistent voice in her opposition to unnecessary spending and supports local issues. She also has never missed a vote.

In November vote for Irene Haines
Margaret Walker Jacobson – East Hampton

Thank You, Hebron

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all the concerned citizens that came out to Monday's Public Building Committee meeting to support the movement to Save 17. I am also grateful to the PBC for the opportunity for residents to comment on the proposed Public Works facility. It is true that the unacceptable situation at the current facility needs to be addressed immediately. However, during the PBC meeting, it was clear that the vast majority of the residents in attendance opposed placing a new facility at 17 Kinney Rd. The most common concern was the contamination of ground water and drinking water wells from road salt that would be used and stored at the facility.

Interestingly, I recently received a letter from Mr. William Warzecha, a hydrogeologist and supervising environmental analyst with 36 years of experience at CT DEEP. I forwarded Mr. Warzecha's letter to the PBC and it is now posted on Kinney Road Matters on Facebook. Mr. Warzecha expressed deep concerns that drinking water wells down gradient from the proposed public works site, all along Kinney Road and as far away as Millstream Road, would be in danger of road salt contamination if this facility is constructed. As stated by Mr. Warzecha, "Once road salt dissolves in ground water, it can travel great distances and is very difficult, if not impossible, to remove from the ground water."

Mr. Warzecha also notes that under Connecticut's potable water program, Section 22a-471 of the General Statutes, any polluter (including municipalities) that contaminates groundwater

are liable for the clean-up and remediation of the drinking water wells affected. This includes the cost of expanding town water to impacted properties and payment of 10 years of drinking water bills for residents. And this does not even begin to address the damage to wetlands and wildlife.

Sincerely,
Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston

Voting for Rivers

To the Editor:

Hello! My name is Amy and I am voting for Chris Rivers this November. Chris is a West Point and Georgetown grad who now serves on the Colchester Board of Education. This experience has prepared Chris to represent us in Hartford. Most important to me, Chris cares about education and the environment. I hope you will check out Chris' website: ChrisRivers.com and vote for him on 11/8!

Regards,
Amy Domeika – Colchester

Note: Rivers is running to be state representative for the 48th Assembly District, which covers Colchester, Bozrah, Franklin and Lebanon.

Troop 72 Thanks You

To the Editor:

Boy Scout Troop 72 had a very successful "Financial Records Shredding event" on Sept. 17. The shredding company told us that 9,000 pounds of records were destroyed. We also had many requests to do another shredding project. We will certainly think about doing it again. Start collecting your financial and personal records for another project in April or May 2023. We would like to thank all the people we saw during our event for their support.

Alphonse Letendre – Colchester

Vote No!

To the Editor:

Colchester is again being asked to vote on a proposed town budget on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Voting will take place at the regular polling places, and the polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This latest budget proposal is a fraudulent one. Our first selectman is on record, both in writing and on video, stating he is not filling the director of operations position yet he is continuing to collect the near \$100,000 in taxes for it so that he can have, to quote his own words, "financial flexibility." If I lied to my boss about my department's budgetary needs and how I planned to spend those funds, I'd be fired. When our government does it, it's just considered typical government trickery.

While I understand the desire for some to go ahead and approve of the budget so they can finally get their tax bills, this is not the right approach. We should not approve of government's bad behavior, no matter how inconvenient it may be for us. If we do not tell our elected officials "No!" they will never learn. Instead they will continue to act with impunity which is never beneficial to those they are supposed to

represent.

Also consider our first selectman's need to raid \$255,000 out of the Capital Reserve Fund, with nearly \$500k in additional transfers, in order to balance last year's budget. I've personally asked multiple times over the past month for last year's reports so I could get an understanding of where the town ended up with regards to last year's budget. I have been stonewalled and ignored at every step. How can we trust a first selectman with a budget when he's proven he can't follow one – and will attempt to hide it when he gets caught?

Jason LaChapelle – Colchester

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

Re-Elect Irene Haines

To the Editor:

Irene Haines is committed to working on issues that matter to the 34th District – controlling state spending, supporting small businesses, caring about our environment and keeping our small-town identity. She promotes common sense policies and opposes raising taxes when inflation is at a forty year high and taxpayers are faced with huge increases in the cost of food, electricity and home heating oil.

Irene is accessible, listens to her constituents, is incredibly smart and works hard for us. She has been a strong voice for us in Hartford and will continue to be a strong voice that brings some common sense to the legislative process.

Please join me in re-electing Irene Haines as our state representative.

Barbara Angelico – East Hampton

Support John Olin

To the Editor:

I am supporting Democrat John Olin as the best candidate for state representative in the 34th District. He is a man of honesty and integrity and is running for this seat because the people of East Hampton, East Haddam and Salem deserve a full-time legislator representing their interests!

John is going door to door, listening to the issues and concerns of voters, and explaining his positions at every opportunity. John knows that economic issues are important and that inflation and high energy costs are a problem for all of us.

High energy prices are rooted in international conflict. Our Democratic Congressional delegation, including Senator Richard Blumenthal and Representative Joe Courtney are working to secure more funds for the low-income heating assistance program. At the state level, Governor Lamont and Democratic leaders are considering the use of a portion of the state surplus for energy assistance, when the General Assembly convenes in January. They suspended the sales

tax on gasoline to ease the pinch at the pump and used tax dollars to provide more aid to cities and towns.

John's answer to economic security is job creation, investing in a more robust community college and technical school program to train people in building trades and to use the transition to a green economy to create new businesses and additional well paying manufacturing and service jobs.

I'm using my vote to make sure our state and our district's economic interests are protected by supporting John Olin and the Democratic ticket!

Ted Turner – East Hampton

Note: Turner is a member of the East Hampton Board of Finance, but said he is speaking as an individual.

Activists with Agendas

To the Editor:

How brave for the Portland library to hold a banned books event where all of the books they mentioned are available in libraries, schools and bookstores nationwide. If you attend this event, I encourage you to ask for a copy of *Irreversible Damage* by Abigail Shrier. As a book banned from advertising on Amazon and pulled from Target shelves, let's see how true to their word they are.

This book received "Book of the Year" awards from *The Times of London* and *The Economist*. Shrier is a WSJ journalist and Yale law graduate. Yet the book is considered "extreme" here in the US. I know my local library is not interested in protecting against book banning. Over a year ago I asked for Shirer's book. I was told in a voicemail message that they would not order this book nor, unbelievably, books from this publisher. On a later call I was told this decision was not based on money or shelf space, they just considered the book and publisher "extreme." Neither would any library in their extensive consortium agree to purchase the book.

Portland Library mentions they follow ALA guidance. The ALA president-elect is Emily Drabinski, a self-described "Marxist" who's quoted as saying "As ALA President, I will... advance a public agenda that puts organizing for justice at the center of library work." Make no mistake, the ALA, like many local libraries, are run by activists with agendas.

When activist media and coerced retail businesses work together to ban books perhaps our public libraries should step up, not follow suit and participate. Maybe arguing about the location of a potentially explicit book within a library is less important than a public discussion as to the extent librarians actively censor books from their shelves in the first place.

Jared Stearns – Marlborough

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Rivereast in the Heartland... Kim Melluzzo of Marlborough brought the *Rivereast* with her on a trip to Bottineau, N.D., where she attended her nephew's wedding.

Where in the World is the *Rivereast*?

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.



A Ventnor Adventure... Hebron residents Dianne and MaryAnn Welch and Pat Asher recently enjoyed a beach vacation in Ventnor City, N.J. with family members Maureen and Emile Chevrette, Tom, Megan, Logan and Lucas McGrew and Mark, Bethany and Jack Longmore.



Nordic News... The Zinkermans of East Hampton recently journeyed eight nights through Denmark, Holland and Germany. Here, in Copenhagen, Denmark, are Worthington, 12, and his sister Marley, 13.



Honoring the Scrantons... Bill Weir of East Hampton recently took a vintage biplane tour of Martha's Vineyard and dedicated the amazing ride in memory of Don and Mim Scranton (with thanks to the Scranton Family of Middle Haddam).

Where in the World?

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Senior Center News & Notes

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

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

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

Next Week's Programs: Monday: Light aerobics, 9:30 a.m.; Crafts with Tracy, 10 a.m.; Foodshare, 1 p.m. **Tuesday:** Bears on a Journey, 9:30-11 a.m. – making fleece teddy bears for cancer patients; donations are sought of light fleece, one yard or more for making teddy bears for cancer patients throughout Connecticut. If you would like to donate, call 860-342-0809; Watercolor Lessons, 9:30 a.m.-noon (to register, email bivenne@yahoo.com); Coupons for Troops, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Stretch & Flex, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Coupons for Troops, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; setback, 1 p.m.; Exercise Tap Class, 1:30 p.m.; Dulcimer Class, 6 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 Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Free Hearing Screenings: The second Tues-

day 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.

Trip: New Britain Museum of Art and Bistro Lunch: Thursday, Sept. 29, \$10 museum fee paid in advance. Bus leaves the senior center lot at 9:30 a.m. If you need a ride from home, let the senior center know in advance. Cost is \$5 per van ride.

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.

Rally Day and Celebration at Zion

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., will kick off its Sunday School season and celebrate the culmination of its Team Crumb Cake's summer walking fundraiser Sunday, Oct. 2, at 10:15 a.m.

All are welcome to come for an outdoor lawn party that morning. There will be crafts and games for the kids, and light refreshments for all – including crumb cake. Rain will move the party indoors.

Zion's Sunday School meets on the first and third Sundays at 10:15 a.m. during the school year. Children ages 3 to 16 are welcome to attend. Registration will take place at the Rally Day event or by calling the church office at 860-342-2860.

PHS Class of '63 Reunion

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

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

In Team Crumb Cake's summer walking fundraiser, 31 members of Zion walked and bicycled 5,860 miles, separately and together. They raised \$1,100 to support Camp Calumet, a year-round resident and day camp for youth and families located in Freedom, N.H. The camp is a ministry of the Lutheran Church, ELCA. Teams throughout New England tallied over 271,000 miles during July and August. More information about the camp is at calumet.org.

All are welcome to attend these and other special events at Zion. Worship is held Sundays at 9 a.m. The service is conducted in person and masks are optional.

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.

Trainer Charged with Abuse Pleads Not Guilty

By Jack Lakowsky

Last month, state animal control police charged East Hampton resident and employee of White Birch Farm in Portland Alexis Wall with 20 counts of animal cruelty after she allegedly brutalized customers' horses.

Last week, Wall pleaded not guilty to the charges, according to court records.

Police said a customer of White Birch, who boarded their horse there in late 2021 to May of this year, stated they witnessed Wall subjecting to "several horses" to "cruel punishments, such as withholding food and water, tying for long periods of time, excessive use of spurs and being ridden hard for long periods of time."

Another witness told police they saw "horses tied for hours with no access to water" and "observed more than one horse bleeding from the mouth after being ridden or having their head tied tightly to the saddle, and horses whipped excessively."

Police spoke to owner Amy Rader Wimler, who stated that "you needed to have a specific training philosophy to understand" Wall's allegedly abusive methods.

Wimler confirmed that horses were tied for up to 10 hours, then backtracked that statement, according to police.

In late May Connecticut animal control officers returned to the Sand Hill Road property. Police observed a horse saddled and tied to the wall, fully equipped, confined indoors, unsupervised.

In June, police received a statement from a White Birch customer who boarded their horse there. The witness alleged two horses training under Wall panicked and collapsed, still tied to a wall where they were tied for hours. The witness said they saw a stallion without access to food or water for three hours, then brought out, ran by Wall at a lope, the saddle so tight the horse couldn't fully lift its head.

The warrant also alleges Wall, annoyed with a miniature horse named "Scout", "took his head and slammed it into the wall", then when the horse didn't act how she wanted, "slammed him again."

The warrant also says Wall told students "pain is an important part of training."

In June, police received a written statement also saying Wall confined horses and did not give them food or water. The statement described Wall tying one horse to a wall and

then riding a horse into the tied one.

This witness, who also boarded at White Birch, said she started noticing cuts on her horse. Her horse, one time, bolted, causing Wall to fall. Wimler told the witness Wall wanted to use "the prison method" on the animal, chaining it in a remote, dark, single stall with no food or water for 24 hours, alone.

Wall said a if a horse "ain't listening [I] have to make it painful so she will listen."

The witness said they saw welts on the horse's hip. The witness also said they saw Wall ride Bling into a horse named "Checkers," then whipped Checkers to make him move.

The witness also claimed they saw Wall whip Checkers in the face with a lead rope. Then the witness said that Wall told her casually she hit a horse named Goose with a pipe for "coming at her."

Wall reportedly told her classes: "Horses listen to pain, and the pain must be great enough to make a lasting impression," encouraging attendees to strike their horses as she did.

Police describe Wall's methods as "inhumane"; overworking, not providing water, "mutilating or cruelly beating or unjustifiably injuring", and torturous.

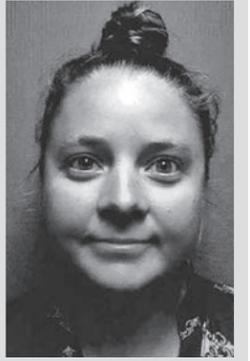
Since then, the farm appears to have dissolved.

The White Birch Facebook has been erased or made private; on Google, the business reads as "No Name", and as a pie shop; the sign facing Route 66 has been taken down, replaced by a private property sign.

The farm's outgoing voicemail message said "for public statements" that White Birch Farm is officially closed and will rebrand as a "private family farm."

This week, *The Middletown Press* reported protestors demonstrated outside Middlesex Superior Courthouse waving signs decrying animal cruelty.

Wall's next court date is Oct. 13.



Alexis Wall

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.

Youth Services Advisory Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 27, 4:30 p.m., in the Buck-Foreman Community Center, 265 Main St. This is a public meeting of the board.

"This is Us, Portland" Prevention Council & Wellness Council Meeting: Wednesday,

Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m., in the YFS community room, 265 Main St. YFS is building up its Prevention & Wellness Council to work on local issues, such as education about drugs, alcohol and tobacco products; coordination of healthy community events; promotion of positive mental health and wellness; and prevention through programs and community discussions.

Little Hikers: Friday, Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m., at the Depot Hill Road parking lot of the Portland Air Line Trail.

Drop-In & Draw: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m., in the Buck-Foreman Community Center, 265 Main St.

Knights of Columbus Raffle

Tickets are now available (\$5 per ticket) for the Knights of Columbus Freestone Council No. 7 annual raffle. Proceeds from the raffle helps the Freestone Council accomplish great work in the community. The prizes are:

Grand Prize: \$1,500; 2nd Prize: \$500; 3rd Prize: \$550 gift certificate to Malloves Jewelers in Middletown; 4th Prize: \$500 Gift Certificate at Adams Hometown Market, Connecticut

stores; 5th Prize: green fees for four persons for 18 holes of golf, including use of carts at Portland West Golf Course;

6th Prize: Nintendo Switch console – with 12-month membership.

The drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m., at St. Mary Church Hall, 45 Freestone Ave. Winners do not need to be present.



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Parents Seem Open to Closing Gildersleeve

By Jack Lakowsky

Throughout the summer, Superintendent of Schools Charles Britton and members of the school facilities study committee have engaged the community on the planned \$34 million redo of the entire district.

The plan is based on an architectural firm's evaluation of the district's buildings, which found \$30 million in needed projects.

Last week, while meeting a small group of parents, Britton said this cost has nudged up slightly, from \$30 to \$34 million, and this week he told the *Rivereast* he expects with inflation, that price is likely to rise.

"We don't know for sure," said Britton, "but year over year I'd say add 2.5-3%."

Determining the overhaul's timeline is a bit down the road, but Britton said the final plan the committee develops, expected to be finished by the end of the calendar year, will guide work for five to 10 years.

Britton said, for example, that Valley View, Gildersleeve and Brownstone all bleed heat energy in the winter, driving up the district's expensive. Overall, utilities at the three schools cost nearly \$400,000, the most expensive of which is Gildersleeve.

Britton presented parents with three routes, all options costing between \$30 and \$35 million at current estimates.

"The cheapest option would be doing nothing, which isn't a good idea," Britton told the *Rivereast*, saying buildings have old windows

and old boilers, that a chimney needs to come down and that, a persistent problem, the lower schools don't have air conditioning.

HVAC improvements, with the pandemic highlighting the importance of good air quality and filtration, are a priority of the overhaul. The lack of AC can disrupt learning, Britton said. Too-high temperatures can force a shortened school day.

"Will things fall apart tomorrow? No," said Britton. "Next year? Probably not. But I give it five years before serious degradations and problems start impacting the usefulness of the schools. In my uneducated guess, I'd say five years is about it; otherwise, they'll start looking like the track."

The first option, maintaining all five schools and fixing up infrastructure and utilities, was coolly received last week, and Britton said this has been consistent.

Another option would be reducing from five schools to four. This option has three variations: one would make Valley View pre-kindergarten through second grade and Brownstone third through fifth grade, moving sixth grade to the middle school; one would make Valley View pre-kindergarten through third grade and Brownstone fourth through sixth grade; and one would make Brownstone pre-kindergarten through third grade and Valley View fourth through sixth grade. Both variations of this option call for selling or repurposing Gildersleeve.

Britton's third option is cutting two schools, enlarging Valley View to pre-k through grade six, and selling both Brownstone and Gildersleeve. Reception on this option was mixed last week.

Getting Gildersleeve off the district's hands, parents said, seems the most cost-effective option, option two. This plan is eligible for significant state reimbursement, Britton said. The school is awkwardly located away from the other school buildings, is outdated and needs quite a bit of work.

Running three schools for the district's relatively small number of elementary school kids is costly and demanding, Britton has said.

Brownstone, though it desperately needs air conditioning, has historical and aesthetic value, and Valley View is directly adjacent to the secondary school complex.

No matter what path the town takes, "there's no cheap way out," said Britton. Since the cost of each project is similar, planners have the benefit of looking beyond price, at the project's real tangible benefits.

After the meeting, Britton had good news on the HVAC front; just after he saw parents, he got an email from the state with new information about a state grant for HVAC improvements.

Britton said the pandemic changed perspectives on the necessity of the HVAC parts of HVAC, that venting and air conditioning are no longer considered wants, but needs.

It won't be right away, and it's too late to factor the grant opportunity into this stage of planning, Britton said, but grant money could go a long way to offsetting some of this project's significant cost.

Preschool Screening

Connecticut public schools are responsible for identifying children who are eligible to receive special education services. Valley View School will conduct a preschool screening Friday, Sept. 30, for children ages 3-4. The screening is designed to answer any questions or concerns about a child's development as well as identify children who may be eligible for the preschool selection process.

During the screening, children will meet with members from the preschool team and participate in a variety of activities. These activities assess different developmental areas including cognition, communication, fine

and gross motor skills and social interaction. Meanwhile, the parent/caregiver will meet with another member of the team to discuss the child's adaptive and personal social skills. Following the screening, parents/caregivers will receive a letter stating the child's results.

In order for a child to attend Valley View's preschool program, they must participate in the screening process. Peer role models are determined on a year-to-year basis.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Valley View at 860-342-3131.

Youth Soccer Recap

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

Portland Red Crush (U12): Cruised to a 5-0 win over Suffield on Saturday. Goal-scorers Ryan Quinn, Jaxson Vodola, Ian Xiao and Luke Lawrence (with two) paced the team's offense. The team's passing and running allowed them to control possession for the majority of the match and keep Suffield's defense busy. Facing a depleted roster and a strong Manchester opponent on Sunday, the Red Crush lost a 4-1 match. A quality strike by Tyler Fornier from outside the box cut Manchester's 2-0 lead in half, and the outcome wasn't certain until the opponent netted two well-placed shots to seal

the win in the final minutes. Defender Cameron Kopytko had his most impressive showing of the season, while goalkeepers Ray Vardon and Nathan Clark along with center defender Ryan Clark did everything they could to thwart Manchester's efforts.

Portland Earthquake (U10): Started the 2022 season strong with a 5-2 win over Glastonbury. Ben Martinez put Portland on the board with the first goal, followed by a goal from James Kowalchik. The second half started with a goal from Logan Duberry and two more from Martinez, notching him a hat trick to start the season.

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

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

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

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.

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.



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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.

Art Exhibits are Back: The Friends of Portland Library provide monthly artist receptions. Paula Slym Lee will exhibit in October, and the reception will take place Saturday, Oct. 8, from 1-3 p.m.

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. The Friends' **Annual Book Sale** will be Oct. 21-23, with proceeds benefiting library services.

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 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: 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: 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.

Residents Win 'Spirit of Portland' Awards

Earlier this month town officials presented to two local activists heavily involved in local government and volunteerism.

The award remembers the late Ralph "Mickey" Paley, who passed away in 2011. He was a Portland businessperson who demonstrated unwavering dedication to the town, and his family sponsors the award in his memory.

This year the awards went to Jim Tripp and Frank Winiski.

The nominations for Tripp list his many years of community service to the town of Portland. As president of the Brownstone Quorum, Tripp directed the development and expansion of Riverfront Park.

Tripp also volunteered and offered his expertise in park development via his membership on both the Parks and Recreation Commission and the New Route 17 Park Committee.

While serving on the Board of Education and becoming a member of the Board of Selectmen, Tripp also coached youth sports. During his time serving as one of the Board of Selectmen, Tripp also served as chairperson of the BOS Water and Sewer Committee, and dedicated many hours to research.

Additional town committees found Tripp offering his time and service coinciding with his time as a selectman. In 2017, Tripp became president of the newly re-chartered Portland Lions Club. His past leadership helped to launch a youth division of the Lions Club entitled The Leos. He also helps students through his work on the Lions Club scholar-

ship committee.

Currently, Tripp is the chairperson of the Democratic Town Committee, continues to volunteer his time to assist with Foodshare for the local food bank, and offers his time toward local food drives. Tripp has also shaved his head for the St. Baldrick's cancer fundraiser.

Winiski is a longtime Portland resident who, like Tripp, serves on the Brownstone Quorum and helped create the Brownstone Riverfront Park.

Portland residents and visitors alike continue to enjoy the offerings of the park, such as concerts on a band shell overlooking the Connecticut River, meetings under the pavilion, serenity at the labyrinth, a gazebo, trails, a variety of events, and more. Winiski in fact designed the new labyrinth and played a major role in raising funds for its development.

At the Waverly Center, Winiski dedicated time via the Lions Club to create an open mic coffeehouse, to feature our local artists. He continues to work behind the scenes with design and entertainment venues. An artist himself, you can find some of Winiski's art displayed at Owen's Emporium.

For Halloween, Winiski has worked many hours helping to decorate the town, offering a very successful evening of hauntings and fun for all ages.

Winiski is also an active member in town government and served on the Economic Development Council and he has recently joined the Portland Historical Society.

Police News

9/11: Hardy Hodges, 32, of Middletown, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, third-degree assault and second-degree threatening, Portland Police said.

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.

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

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free Household Hazardous Waste collection Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Haddam Elementary School, 272 Saybrook Rd., Higganum. 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.

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 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.

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.

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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

accepted 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.

CCC Reunion Oct. 9

On Sunday, Oct. 9, a reunion of Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) alumni, family, & friends will meet at 1 p.m. at the Connecticut CCC Museum at 166 Chestnut Hill Rd. (Route 190) in Stafford Springs.

They will celebrate the 89th anniversary of the founding of the CCC by sharing their stories and pictures of the CCC camps. All that are interested in the CCC are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The CCC began March 31, 1933, under President Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. The U.S. Army supervised the camps, which had approximately 200 men each. The first year, 13 camps were set up in Connecticut, including one in Cobalt. In the following years, eight more camps were added, including ones in East Hampton and Portland.

Single and unemployed men age 18-25 (with fathers on relief) enrolled for six months and worked a 40-hour week for \$30/mo. The govt.

sent \$25 a month home to their parents. The men received food, uniforms, shelter, and medical care. During the summer of 1933 they lived in tents; later they moved into wooden buildings.

Workers built trails, roads, campsites and dams, stocked fish, built and maintained fire tower observers' cabins and telephone lines, fought fires, and planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in World War II.

At the Oct. 9 reunion, Marty Podskoch, author of *Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Its History, Memories and Legacy of the CCC*, will give a brief history of the CCC camps in Connecticut. Then CCC alumni, family and friends will share their stories of their CCC camps both in Conn. and other states. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Podskoch at 860-267-2442 or podskoch@comcast.net or visit martinpodskoch.com.

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

Mindful Movements – Outside: Mondays, 10:30 a.m., at Sears Park/the lake. For ages 18 months and up; siblings welcome.

Baby Rhyme Time – Outside: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., in the library community room.

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

Middle-Grade Program: Pre-Teen Advisory Board: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5 p.m., for grades 5-8. New members are welcome. The library wants to know what you want, from program ideas, to community service, new materials recommendations and more.

Teen Programs: Dungeons & Dragons: Wednesdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 5:30-7:30 p.m., for grades 8-12. No previous playing

experience required. The library will provide basic, fifth edition, level four characters, all supplies and snacks.

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

Teen Nintendo Switch Tournament: Saturday, Oct. 1, 2-3 p.m., for grades 6-12. All skill levels welcome.

Teen Advisory Board: Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5 p.m., for grades 6-12. New members are welcome. The library wants to know what you want, from program ideas, to community service, new materials recommendations and more.

Fandom Showdown: Friday, Oct. 7, 3:30-5:30 p.m., for grades 8-12. Explore fandoms such as *Stranger Things*, *Marvel*, *Harry Potter*, and more.

Adult Program: 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.

Book Club: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. *In: The Graphic Novel* by Will McPhail will be discussed.

EHACC Accepting Grant Applications

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission is accepting applications from East Hampton High School juniors and seniors for \$200 grants to support an annual East Hampton High School capstone project.

The grant will help support two students' proposed capstone projects. The capstone project is a multifaceted assignment that serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students. Capstone projects may take a wide variety of forms including a long-term investigative project that culminates in a final product,

presentation, or performance.

Applicants for the EHACC Capstone Grant will be invited to present his/her Capstone Project idea to commission members during an agreed upon commission meeting. Deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

Applications are available at www.arts-foreasthamptonct.org and can be submitted to arts@easthamptonct.org or can be mailed/dropped off at the town manager's office at the East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Epoch Arts Tag Sale Continues

Epoch Arts will continue its tag sale this weekend, Sept. 23-25, at Epoch, 27 Skinner St.

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.

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. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sept. 24 and 25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.epocharts.org.

Town Ordinance Hurting Prospective Business

By Jack Lakowsky

A somewhat bizarre ordinance the town passed in 1981 has reemerged and is hindering the business that owner Bryan Joy wants to bring to town, an arcade machine repair and reselling operation.

The ordinance requires entertainment businesses with "amusement devices" to pay the East Hampton Police Department \$100 per machine yearly.

In addition, a business needs to add \$100 for every machine brought on site, whether it's temporary or not.

Joy said he has zoning approval for 24 machines at a time, but this would be a rotating number. Joy said he'd service between 50 and 100 machines per year, potentially costing him thousands.

"This is the only thing holding me back," Joy told the *Rivereast* recently. "I don't want to not open my businesses over a couple grand, but at the same time that could be 10% of my profits."

In an East Hampton Town Council meeting last week, Joy vehemently expressed his grievance to the council.

The ordinance also says owners of these types of businesses must be investigated by the town police chief, to ensure a "moral character"; the law's stated purpose is to protect the town's "moral integrity."

Joy said it's odd the fees go to the police department, rather than state gaming officials or other authorities.

Joy said, when arcades were popular in the 1980s, crime organizations sometimes used them as money-laundering fronts.

"They were considered gambling devices," said Joy. "Arcade halls were dark, there were kids smoking, people loitering, there were negative connotations. People didn't want those types of characters in their town."

There are a few local businesses and campgrounds that pay this gaming device fee, but

none have the volume Joy does.

"Let's update this ordinance," Joy said. "It doesn't work for 2022."

Joy said Middletown has a similar ordinance, which he thinks East Hampton copied. He said he's not sure if the city enforces it.

Joy said he doesn't want a "huge argument," but added he has a client who's an attorney, and said they're "foaming at that mouth" over this.

Town Manager Dave Cox said the council will discuss this matter Tuesday.

Council Chair Mark Philhower said he wasn't previously aware of the ordinance and said he's not sure about next steps.

"My feeling of what happened is that this thing was created in 1981 over a place that wasn't a great hangout," he said.

Philhower said he believes the town's mentality at the time was to prevent more undesirable businesses.

"I don't appreciate the way he went about it," Philhower said of Joy's confronting the council. "We can't go back and forth in public session."

Philhower said the council will be happy to have the issue as a future agenda item.

Philhower did seem to hold ground on the police vetting, saying daycare owners are also subject to such checks.

"It's definitely different," he said of the ordinance. "I didn't even know it was on the books. The fees per machine does seem a little high and on the ridiculous side."

Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church holds live in-person services Sundays at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. Enter via the front door and ushers will assist you. There is also a livestream link will be at the church's Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH.

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...to all of you who attended the 9th Annual Markham Meadows Car Cruise last Saturday. Whether you drove in a beautiful vehicle, ate a hot dog, bought a raffle ticket or contributed to our Wounded Warriors Jar your generosity helped us raise \$7,000 for our local Wounded Warriors and other patriotic efforts in Town. Terrific job!

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Square Dance Sunday

The Chatham Historical Society will sponsor a square dance at the Bay Point Club, 24 Spellman Point Rd., on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. All are welcome for a \$5 donation.

Call 860-267-8953 for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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

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Another Alleged Larceny at Stop & Shop

By Jack Lakowsky

Earlier this month, East Hampton police again went to the local Stop & Shop, responding to an alleged shoplifting in progress.

Police arrested Luis Delgado, 52, of Middletown, charging him with larceny.

The department dealt with multiple incidents of alleged larceny and trespass between Aug. 29 and 31 as well, all at the local Stop & Shop.

When they arrived at the store Aug. 31, the complainant pointed to a vehicle backing out of a parking space.

Officers lit their lights and sounded their sirens, but the vehicle allegedly did not stop, instead fleeing the parking lot "at a high rate of speed."

The suspect, police allege, engaged officers in a pursuit on Route 66. Police ended the pursuit, per state statute preventing police chases for theft cases.

A short time later Middletown police contacted East Hampton to report the suspect, identified as 60-year-old Robert Deroches of Waterbury, had collided with a utility pole in their city.

Belltown police retrieved Deroches, charging him with larceny, interfering with police, disobeying a red light and driving an unregistered, uninsured vehicle with a suspended license. He was arraigned in court Sept. 1. He

is due in court Sept. 15, according to the state judicial branch's online records.

The day before, Aug. 30, East Hampton police responded to an alleged larceny in progress at the grocery store.

Jason Pinney, 41, of Lebanon, was arrested and charged with sixth-degree larceny. Belltown police then released Pinney to Berlin police, where Pinney had an active warrant for his arrest.

And on Aug. 29 East Hampton officers responded to an active larceny at Stop & Shop, alleging when they arrived, the suspect fled in a vehicle.

Officers pulled the vehicle over shortly, charging Sarah Kammerman, 39, of Colchester, with fifth-degree larceny and operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

Police said Kammerman's passenger, Neil Evan Johnson, 38, also of Colchester, had an active warrant out for his arrest, allegedly failing to appear in a prior court date.

Also on Aug. 29, police charged 37-year-old Christopher Scalpen, of East Hampton, was the first in this series of supposed larcenies, charging him with criminal trespass and theft.

Scalpen also had warrants from state police in Westbrook, where he's charged with escaping from custody and larceny.

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 \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors. Children 6-12 are \$5, and children under 5 eat for free. The meal will include a salad,

bread, dessert, coffee, tea and punch drinks. Soda and water are not included; they are sold separately for \$1 each. 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.

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.

Nimble Knitters: Thursdays at 1 p.m.

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

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 at-

tendees 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 tinurl.com/mudvvm7u.

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.

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.

All preschoolers must present completed documentation of a current physical and adequate immunizations (including the flu shot) before the start of the program.

Ice Cream Social for New Garden

East Hampton Public Schools will celebrate the new Memorial School garden with an ice cream social on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m. The event will take place outside by the garden, which is across from the playground.

There will be ice cream, arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. All members of the community are invited to attend and promote healthy eating and student connections with food and nature.

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.

Epoch Arts Fall Classes

Epoch Arts will start its fall classes later this month. From ceramics, to art, to photography, to original theater productions and the annual haunted house, there is a variety of classes and programs for preschool-12th grade students.

Check out all programs and class descriptions at www.epocharts.org. Classes are held at 27 Skinner St.

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. Carpool if you can, as parking is limited. RSVP to MiddleHaddamGardenClub@gmail.com.

Donations are welcome to help the garden club care for village gardens.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

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

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

Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date Sept. 28), at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise it will be indoors or via Zoom. Register online.

Wii Bowling: Thursday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

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.

Corn Hole: Wednesdays, Oct. 13 and 27, at 10:30 a.m. Played inside or outside. This is a friendly competition with junior rules. Pre-registration requested.

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.



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Electric Car Show Sept. 24

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

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

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

powered by electricity are also welcome.

Registration is free; to do so, go to www.tinyurl.com/ehcarshow. Owners can also email the East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force at ehctf@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 ehctf@gmail.com.

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

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.

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. 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.

Independent Party Endorses Olin

The Independent Party of Connecticut has endorsed John Olin of East Haddam, the Democratic candidate for the 34th General Assembly District. Olin has also been endorsed by the Working Families Party.

In a press release, the Independent Party said Olin is "by far the best candidate to serve the constituents of the 34th District." The district covers East Hampton, East Haddam and part of Salem. Republican Irene Haines of East Haddam is the incumbent Olin will be looking to unseat.

"John is a down-to-earth, genuine human be-

ing who will solve problems and work across the aisle to provide a better life for all his constituents," the press release stated. "He is very diplomatic and a great active listener. He is a Democrat that we are pleased to endorse."

In the press release, the party said its objective "has always been to run our own candidate unless there is a candidate strong enough in a major party that holds the views of our party. John Olin fits that criteria perfectly and we are very happy to endorse him for the 34th District." Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

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.

Lunch Bunch at the Turquoise Table: 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.

Police News

9/4: A 17-year-old juvenile of East Hampton was issued a summons for passenger restrictions, more passengers than seatbelts and speeding, East Hampton Police said.

9/5: The East Hampton Police Department was dispatched to Stop and Shop at 11 East High St., for a shoplifting in progress. Luis Delgado, 52, of Middletown, was arrested and charged with sixth-degree larceny, police said.

9/7: Dylan Barthell, 34, of 55 Midwood Farm Rd., was arrested and charged with failure to respond to an infraction, police said.

9/8: Todd Bower, 33, of 230 Old West High St., was issued a summons for operating under suspension, police said.

9/10: Christina Bernard, 56, of 21 Holly Drive, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, police said.

9/12: Margaret Leonard, 55, of 30 Barbara Ave., was arrested and charged with breach of peace and interfering with an officer, police said.

9/13: Jeffrey Rigoletti, 42, of 21 N. Main St., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, second-degree threatening and first-degree reckless endangerment, police said.

9/16: Sean McGovern-Cullen, 32, of 74 Barton Hill Rd., was arrested and charged with sixth-degree larceny, police said.

Also, from Sept. 5-18, officers responded to 31 medical calls, six motor vehicle crashes and 18 alarms, and made 61 traffic stops, police said.

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 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.

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 one 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.

Armed School Security Moves Ahead

By Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton Board of Finance on Monday approved moving from the town's unassigned funds \$105,000 to pay for three new armed security officers at the town's elementary and middle schools.

Next, the East Hampton Town Council will vote on the issue.

Schools superintendent Paul Smith said he expects to hire the guards in January, assuming powers that be approve the move.

All members but finance board chair Alannah Coshow approved the measure. Coshow said she wanted more time to consider, moving to postpone talks, a motion no one embraced.

"It's a bad time economically to put someone on the payrolls," Coshow said before the vote. "I need time to mull the decision."

Smith said the council has a few options to take if it wants the armed security, including sending it to voters for "another layer or approval."

This way, each armed security officer will cost \$35,000 for this year. In upcoming budget cycles Smith plans to include the guard in school district budgets, something school board member Ken Barber, at a previous school board meeting, asked not to happen, saying it could hamper the board's job of helping teach students.

At that point the price hikes up to \$50,000 each employee, making for \$150,000 of wage

costs, plus another \$50,000 for other costs. Smith said the position is full time without benefits; armed security officers are usually retired police officers or state troopers, already getting retirement benefits from the state.

Smith said he expects wages for the guards will increase at a usual rate, "in small increments" year-to-year.

The district has an armed guard at the high school, paid about \$50,000 per year.

On asking the town this go-around, Smith said he felt misgivings about siphoning it from this already-voter-approved current budget, potentially diverting money from hiring paraeducators or other staff.

The school board directed Smith to pursue hiring armed guards in August, after a unanimous vote.

Parents largely supported the measure. Opponents cited the lack of definitive research on armed guards' effectiveness, others said historically the council has combated school board budgets and that adding this expense will come at the cost of educational needs.

There was, however, a common thread among detractors and supporters alike; an armed guard can't and won't be a catch-all, it has to be part of a multilayered preventative approach to school violence, including early intervention, mental health resources and structural security.

EHVFD Designing Commemorative Patch

In 2023, the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department will proudly celebrate its 100th anniversary. Several events are being planned to commemorate this important milestone, one of which involves the creation of a special uniform patch.

The department is inviting members of the community to submit their own designs for a 100th Anniversary patch.

The patch needs to measure 4.0 inches wide (at its widest point) by 4.5 inches tall and each prospective design shall include:

- "East Hampton Fire Department"
- "Est. 1923"

Residents Sought for EHACC

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission (EHACC) is accepting applications from East Hampton residents to serve on the commission.

The commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Joseph N. Goff House Museum, 2 Barton Hill Rd., and help support and promote arts and culture in East Hampton.

EHACC offers several initiatives to the East Hampton community, including its annual Community Grant, which supports organizations and individuals with programs and/or projects that enrich the lives of East Hampton residents through the arts; the Capstone Grant, which sup-

ports East Hampton High School students' proposed Capstone projects; the Student Art Award program; and the Art Purchase Award, through which locally made artwork is presented to a town facility as a way to support local artists.

EHACC also hosted a garden tour in July, which featured a plein air painting opportunity for local artists and self-guided tours of six community and private gardens in East Hampton.

Applications to serve on the commission are available in the town manager's office at Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

For more information on EHACC, visit www.artsforeasthamptonct.org or email arts@easthamptonct.org.

Reflection in Your Garden

The Belltown Garden Club will meet in the Community Room at East Hampton Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26. The club will welcome Len Giddix as he presents "Reflection in your Garden: Finding Your Garden Personality Type."

Members of the public and prospective members are always welcome.

The 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.

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In the spring, the East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission gave \$250 to the Memorial School Community Garden initiative. Pictured are some clay pot mushrooms made by children in local summer camps and donated to the garden.

Memorial School Creates Garden

In the spring, the East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission gave a donation of \$250 to the Memorial School Community Garden initiative, which was built with the intention of creating a garden space that is welcoming and inviting to all, allows students and families to connect to nature, and encourages all types of experiential learning.

Specific objectives were to weave the garden into the art curriculum and showcase students' art in the garden and to showcase a local artisan by having a locally designed sign over the entrance.

Volunteers started to build the garden in June, and some fall vegetables will be planted that the students can harvest in the fall. Throughout the fall semester, a garden committee at Memorial School will be developing curriculum in math,

science, writing and literature, and art around the school garden.

There is a large open space in the garden plan to allow students to gather for classes and garden experiences, and there is also a space designated to showcase student's outdoor-friendly art. By spring 2023 students will be involved with all aspects of the garden and the new curriculum will be in use.

Jennifer Bove, the nutritional services director for East Hampton Public Schools, said there are plans to create a flag banner, with different drawings by students to be hung at the Memorial School Garden Ice Cream Social this fall.

More information on the East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission can be found at www.artsforeasthamptonct.org.

Standout Athletes of the Week

By Josh Howard

Here are the *Rivereast* Standouts of the Week for the week of Sept. 12 - 18:

Ethan Marshall - East Hampton High School (Soccer): Marshall scored a pair of goals as the Bellringers defeated Valley Regional 6-1 at EHHS on Sept. 14. Brennan Johnson, Parker Gustine, Colin Marshall and David Castiblanco also netted goals in the victory. East Hampton improved to 3-0 with a 4-1 road win at Old Lyme on Sept. 16, getting goals from Colin Marshall (2), Joshua Landon, and Johnson. Today (Sept. 23), the Bellringers welcome Morgan to EHHS for a game at 3:45 p.m.

Ally Hadley - RHAM High School (Volleyball): Hadley had back-to-back fantastic performances in a pair of three set wins over Southington (9/13) and Tolland (9/15). The senior combined for 29 kills, 25 digs, and six aces in the two wins as the Raptors improved to 3-0. RHAM's next home game is Tuesday, Sept. 27 against East Hartford, starting at 6 p.m.

Cooper Beck - Portland High School (Soccer): Beck scored the game's only goal as the Highlanders defeated Coginchaug 1-0 during the team's home opener on Sept. 16. The junior's goal secured the Highlanders first win of the young season. The team doesn't play again at home until Tuesday, Oct. 4 when they welcome E.O. Smith to Portland High School for a game at 6 p.m. It will be the first of three straight home games for the Highlanders.

Grace Gorreck - Bacon Academy High School (Volleyball): Gorreck tallied six kills and had three aces as Bacon Academy defeated



Ethan Marshall scored a pair of goals as East Hampton defeated Valley Regional 6-1 last week.

Norwich Free Academy in three sets on Sept. 16. The senior has helped lead the Bobcats to three wins in their first four matches this year. The Bobcats have back-to-back home games coming up with Waterford coming to town on Monday, Sept. 26 and Griswold visiting on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Both matches start at 5:30

Chatham Health Pilots Overdose Prevention Plan

By Jack Lakowsky

This week the Chatham Health District (CHD) announced the launch of a Naloxone Leave-Behind Program, a new weapon in the fight against the opioid epidemic, which claims tens of thousands of lives yearly.

Through a partnership between CHD, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), and local Emergency Medical Services (EMS), this program will complement other statewide and local harm-reduction efforts by arming more residents with the opioid reversal drug, Naloxone.

Under state protocol, EMS providers may leave behind a Naloxone Overdose Prevention Kit with the patient, family, friends or bystanders following suspected opioid overdose calls.

Under this program, CHD will be supplying kits to local EMS for that purpose. CHD has already secured commitments to pilot the program from EMS providers in Colchester and Portland, with EMS providers in several other towns also expressing interest.

"Unfortunately, one of the single greatest predictors of a future opioid overdose is recently having experienced an opioid overdose," Director of Health Russell Melmed said. "Leaving a kit behind with the medicine needed to reverse a future opioid overdose can save lives."

Under the Leave-Behind Program, EMS will leave behind a kit that includes two doses of Naloxone, a CPR shield, gloves, and information on how to access other harm reduction or substance use disorder treatment services. EMS will also provide instructions on how to administer a dose of Naloxone in the event that a suspected opioid overdose has occurred.

"The Colchester Hayward Fire Department has linked up with the Chatham Health District to provide these essential prevention

kits that are left behind by EMS providers." Colchester Fire Department Chief, Steve Hoffmann, said. "This will put the needed medication in the hands of the of the public in an effort to reverse the effect of an opioid overdose. This is a great opportunity for us to work with a community partner to be proactive in reducing the opioid overdose deaths that occur. We want to still ensure that those who have and use these kits still contact 911 immediately."

Officials stressed this is not a replacement for contacting 911, but an effort to administer the needed medication prior to EMS arrival to reverse the effects quickly and enhance survival rates.

The initial supply of kits was provided by DPH, with CHD deciding that piloting a leave-behind program was the best way to target those at highest risk of a future opioid overdose.

After a kit is left behind, the EMS provider reports to the Connecticut Poison Control Center, and CHD monitors and reports regional metrics associated with the program. If the pilot is successful, CHD will seek funding to purchase additional kits to continue the program.

"What we are witnessing is a shift in the paradigm of how critical public health initiatives are administered, beginning with front-line EMS personnel." Tomasz Michalewski, Portland EMS chief, said. "Having witnessed countless avoidable deaths over the years, these dedicated and knowledgeable professionals now have tools to pass along directly to the public at the scene of these incidents so as to help prevent future tragedies, as our communities continue to recover from the opioid epidemic."

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.

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.chatham-health.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.

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;

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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.

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

Fall Storytime: Wednesdays at 10 a.m., indoors in the Storytime Room, for children ages 3-5. Session 1 is underway, but Session 2 runs Oct. 26-Dec. 7 (no storytime Nov. 23).

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.: 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.

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.

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.

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

Adult Volleyball: Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., at MES. Fee is \$5 per week to drop-in. Session begins Oct. 5.

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: Monday, Sept. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or Tuesday, Sept. 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class is either in person or virtual. There is an \$18 drop-in fee.

Yogalates: Thursday, Sept. 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m. All levels welcome; bring a mat. There is an \$18 drop-in fee each week.

Pilates/Barre: Wednesdays, Oct. 6-27, 6-6:45 p.m. All levels welcome. Fee: \$40/resident, \$45/non-resident, or a \$10 drop-in fee. Class instruction is virtual.

ZUMBA Class Fall Session: Tuesdays through Nov. 23 (started Sept. 18), 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 Kickboxing: 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.



Recently, Marlborough Lion Club Secretary Ken Hjulstrom constructed several new drop boxes, where folks can deposit used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Hjulstrom, left, and fellow Lion Richard Shonk are displaying one of these new drop boxes.

Lions Eyeglass Collection Boxes

The Marlborough Lions collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids, which are then provided to people in impoverished countries all around the world.

Recently, Marlborough Lion Club Secretary, Ken Hjulstrom, constructed several new drop boxes for the eyeglasses and hearing aids. The drop boxes are located at Town Hall, Liberty Bank, the Marlborough Senior Center and at the office of Dr. Steven Rafalowsky on Saner Road. The Lions collect the eyeglasses and hearing aids all year long and once a year Lions Clubs from all over Connecticut meet to turn in the collected items. Eyeglass cases are also appreciated.

Also, in early October, the Lions will also

conduct free vision screenings at Marlborough Elementary School, which is done to help provide early identification of any children with vision issues. Often issues can go undetected without such screenings. The eye screenings are non-intrusive and utilizes a camera that detects any anomalies.

For more information or to learn more about the Lions, call Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 or Lions President Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537.

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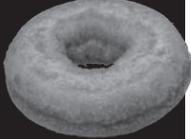
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History of American Women

A living History of American Women, through the words of the award-winning interpretive oral historian Gwendolyn Quezaira-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, Quezaira-Presutti has portrayed historical women, drawing on an array of primary historical resources. She speaks in the first person as she tells their stories.

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.

Residents Sought to Serve

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Sept. 25 is Harvest Sunday. Parishioners are invited to bring fresh produce from their gardens, orchards or from the local supermarket. The fruits and vegetables will be delivered to the Marlborough Food Bank by the Sunday School children and others during the worship service.

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

come.

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.

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.

Music on the Vine

The Connecticut chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) and Chateau Le Gari will host Music on the Vine on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 2:30-7 p.m. at Chateau Le Gari, 303 S. Main St.

Admission is \$20; children under 12 years old will have free entry. One hundred percent of the proceeds support HDSA's mission to improve the lives of people affected by Huntington's disease (HD) and their families.

"We are excited to have comedian D-Rum-mz as emcee, live music by the Gatecrashers band, Nanni's Bella Cucina food truck, raffles and children's activities for a fun, safe family-friendly event to raise awareness and funds to improve the lives of everyone affected by

HD," said Susan McGann, HDSA's Connecticut chapter president. "We thank our sponsors: Gold Sponsor, Beacon Prescriptions of Bristol; Silver Sponsors, UConn Health HD Program and Fresh River Healthcare and Bronze Sponsors, Care-one of Lowell, Hartford Healthcare Chase Family Movement Disorder Center, La Grippe Research, Truelieve, Kathy Cassella and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. as well as the emcee and musicians who are donating their time and talents."

For more information about the event, contact McGann at cthdsa@gmail.com or 860-267-0288. Online registration and donation information is at connecticut.hdsa.org/musiconthevine.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

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

COVID-19 Protocol: For the fully vaccinated, masks are not required. For the unvaccinated, masks continue to be encouraged. Call the office for more information.

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

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

Family Faith Formation: This is a new program to focus on active faith formation within the family is underway for families of kindergarten through middle school students; registration is required on the church's Faith Formation website and will close at the end of September.

Confirmation Community: The church's active 9th- and 10th-grade confirmation pro-

gram continues. Registration is required as well.

Adult Worship Choir: Meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. All are welcome to join. More information can be found on the church website.

Community Outreach and Service: Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank; you may also bring non-perishable food or household donations directly to the Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. The Community Garden to benefit Marlborough Food Bank continues to supply fresh produce each week and volunteers are always welcome. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website and are scheduled monthly.

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

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 can also be done at marlboroughlionsclubfall5k.itsyourrace.com.

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.

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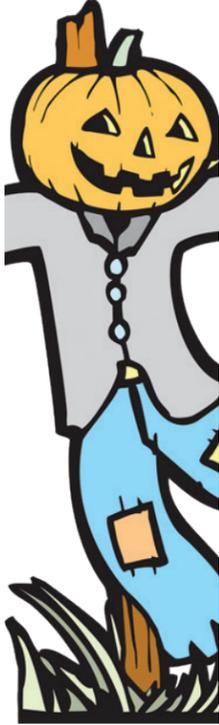
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Town-Wide Tag Sale Coming

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.

Calling all Artists and Creatives

Marlborough Arts Center invites all artists and creatives to participate in The Artisan Gift and Art Sale, running Nov. 12-Dec. 18, at the center, 231 North Main St. Each artist can submit up to five art items priced at under \$100. There is no submission fee. Full details and submission forms can be found at www.marlborougharts.org. Drop-off dates are Nov. 6 and 7. The Marlborough Arts Center is a nonprofit regional center for the arts that is housed in the historic Charles W. Hall Gallery. The center is handicapped-accessible and has on-site parking. For more information about events offered at the center, go to www.marlborougharts.org.



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The objectives are to improve diverse participation and impact through new projects and to encourage the creation of innovative new projects for underserved populations.

For further details and information, email hebroncommunityfund@gmail.com.

Hebron DTC Event

The Hebron Democratic Town Committee will hold its fall fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Gilead Grange Hall, 667 Gilead St.

Guests will enjoy a variety of sweet and savory desserts, an assortment of beverages (adult and other) and the company of Congressman Joe Courtney (2nd Congressional District), state Sen. Cathy Osten (19th District) and state representative candidate Wes Skorski (55th District).

There is a suggested donation of \$25 per person. Complimentary parking will be provided. For more information, visit Hebrondems.com or go to facebook.com/HebronDems.

Christ Lutheran News & Notes

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

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

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

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

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Residents Come Together to Celebrate Colchester

By Michael Sinkewicz

For years, the Colchester community gathered for the annual 57 Fest at the end of the summer, making it one of the largest spectacles for the town. The event wasn't held in 2020 or 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but a reimagined version returned last weekend.

The new event, labeled "Celebrate Colchester," featured many of the past 57 Fest traditions, including tasty food, booths for local organizations, and games for kids. This time, however, the festivities shifted to the Town Green, away from its traditional home at the recreation fields.

Those who stopped by on Saturday enjoyed a variety of activities to enjoy – including a dunk tank with First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos.

There were also notable organizations in attendance, including Choose Love – a non-profit group that aims at creating safer communities. Scarlett Lewis, the founder of the organization spoke briefly in front of a crowd early in the afternoon.

For those interested, a stand was set up for people to receive the latest covid booster vaccine against the omicron variant.

The aroma of burgers and hot dogs concealed the inevitable return of autumn, and the weather appeared to favor summer, too.

The music could be heard from blocks away and many children showed off their dance moves – some parents turned back the clock, as well. Overall, the event generated the vibe that many have been longing for.

"For years, we had the 57 Fest in September to celebrate Colchester being the 57th best town in the country, but COVID kind of squashed a lot of events," said Parks and Recreation Director Tiffany Quinn.

The event was organized by the Parks and Rec department and did not require any tax dollars. Quinn emphasized that it was an opportunity to bring Colchester together.

"I think everyone is craving that interaction with the community and we realize that we're all a part of the same community and we're all serving the same community," Quinn said. "We're all here for the same reasons. It's really

nice to be together."

In 2005, Colchester was ranked as the 57th best place to live in the country, according to CNN/Money Magazine – spawning the "57 Fest."

Over the years, there were discussions about potentially changing the name. Moving forward, it looks like "Celebrate Colchester" is here to stay.

"The community really wanted a different name so we came up with 'Celebrate Colchester' because really that's what we're here to do is celebrate Colchester," Quinn explained.

The return of the event is also significant for local organizations, restaurants and businesses who were welcomed to showcase their brands. Attendees did not need to pay an admission fee, but donations and raffles all went to future town events.

"Today, money we raise from the dunk tank, from the raffle, from the t-shirts will go to concerts next summer, right here on the Town Green," Quinn said.

But would Quinn hop into the dunk tank? "Oh no," she said.

Apparently, the dunk tank was reserved for Bisbikos for the entire afternoon.

"He's been waiting for this," she said. "He was very excited about it."

Despite cloudy skies, it was a warm day at the Town Green. However, the water in the dunk tank was undeniably frigid.

Many kids had surprisingly good aim, and Bisbikos was frequently taken out from his perch.

"I'm here from 1 to 5 and I'll be there all the way through," a shivering Bisbikos said as he took a brief moment to dry off. "If I can make people laugh and have fun then it's worth it."

Some people may have cheated the system, though.

"Art Shilosky [a member of the finance board and former first selectman] just walked up and dunked me and I probably deserved it after all those years of giving him a hard time when I was on the Board of Finance," Bisbikos joked.

While Bisbikos had been previewing the

dunk tank for weeks in advance, he expressed that his main objective with the event was returning the town to a sense of normalcy.

"Celebrate Colchester" is now a new event that's a remixed version of the 57 Fest and we wanted to bring it back and bring the community together and remind ourselves that we have a lot in common," he said. "It's important to bring our town together as many times as possible."

Like Quinn, he emphasized the impact of the pandemic and hoped that period has now passed.

"People were afraid to come out and enjoy life and we're getting out of that stage and getting back to normal. Seeing everyone smile and have a good time and just enjoy life – that's what it's all about."

For Jah Marley, a recording artist based in Colchester, the event was another opportunity to perform. He sang "EVOVLE!" – a song he

wrote specifically about Colchester.

"It's an ode to this town and I love performing it," he said.

Jah Marley booked his first show in Boston over the summer and also played across Conn. Still, he enjoys coming back to his hometown.

"Doing a performance on the Town Green makes it all worthwhile," he said, adding that the town represents growing up to him. "When I look at Colchester, I see growth, I see love. I see a community that all wants the best for each other. Colchester has a deep place in my heart and I'm always going to represent it."

While the event may not have matched the original spectacle of the 57 Fest, the core themes still remain.

One elderly citizen, who wished to remain anonymous, may have best summarized the day, saying, "I'm realizing that there is a lot in Colchester."



Senior Center Update... Tony Tarnowski, chairman of the Senior Center Building Committee, presented an update on the new senior center at the September meeting of Colchester AARP 4019.

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The Cougars Micros team lost last weekend, but it was another hard-fought battle. Pictured from left are PJ Brodeur, Parker Chaplinsky, Connor Peck, Connor Brayman, Keith Charbonnier Jr., Gabe Titterington, Jakob Sheehan, Jayden Lirette, Aiden Francis, Stone Warwick, Bo Thody, Owen Cote, Tristan Cote, Hunter Mosdale, Dayton Hindle, Sam Gorman, Monty Ramer and Brandon Hopkins. In front are cheerleaders Amya Laureano, Juliana Gonzales, Kennedy Cove, London Peterson, Aubrey Proudman, Harper Brenek, Grace Wissler, Giuliana Arrigoni and Samarie Collazo.

Youth Football Recap

The Colchester Cougars youth football squads matched up last Sunday the Cougars matched up against Killingly. Here is how they fared:

Pee Wee: Lost, 32-31. The two teams were pretty evenly matched and saw the lead change several times throughout the match. Highlights were a 40-yard pick six by Xavier Smith early in the game, a 75-yard touchdown run by Ty Corraro while time expired in the first half, rushes up the middle by Christian Nunez Melendez, blocking by the offensive line, and clutch tackling by Jude Billiot and the linebacker crew.

Micros: Lost, but it was another hard-fought battle. The Cougars were in it right until the end, with a last-minute touchdown by Aiden Francis with the help of the entire offensive line Jayden Lirette, Parker Chaplinsky, Dayton Hindle, Keith Charbonnier Jr., PJ Brodeur and Connor Peck. Starting quarterback Tristian Cote returned from injury and had some impressive

plays. On defense, corners Monty Ramer and Connor Peck had incredible games.

Juniors: Lost, 13-6. The Cougars scored when Niko Ibrahim's pass connected with Gavin King for touchdown. The Cougars' defense was led by Adam Bigelow with a big interception and aggressive play by Cody Obryon, Charlie Gorman, Colton LaFlash, Samdiel Collozo, Mason Howard, Ryan Browning, Jack Ploski, Jake Hashem and Brady Bigelow.

Seniors: Won, 35-6. The Colchester offensive line made up of Kai Ruitto, Carmine Rossi, James Wissler, Lilliana Anderson and Tyler McLaughlin had key blocks to lead the way for Eddie Gignac to score three rushing touchdowns. The Cougars defense had multiple turnovers with Noah Garvie recovering a fumble and Elijah Ancil snagging an interception. Garvie also had a sack and multiple tackles for a loss. The senior team will be hosting East Lyme this Saturday at 8 p.m., under the lights.

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.

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: 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.

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/r8x-vtd8.

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.

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Senior Center News & Notes

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

Monday, Sept. 26: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Stitch & Fix with Maria; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 12:45 p.m., Setback; 1 p.m., Bridge.

Tuesday, Sept. 27: 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle, In the Know; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., SCBC meeting via Zoom.

Wednesday, Sept. 28: 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; 1:30 p.m., Seasonal Crafting.

Thursday, Sept. 29: 9 a.m., Exercise w/ Anne; 9:30 a.m., Strategic Planning Team Meeting; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

Friday, Sept. 30: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga, Lunch Bunch Outing to The Main Moose; noon, Apple A Day Lunch Contest Drawing; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Upcoming Programs: AARP 'Meet the Candidates' Forum: Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1:30 p.m. All are invited to come learn the platforms and positions of the local politicians running in the election this November. AARP will host and moderate this event which is open to the public.

"Be Alert, Never Get Hurt" Fire Safety: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m. October is National Fire Prevention Month. All are invited to this fire safety presentation with members of our fire department, as they discuss ways to prevent fires as well as reduce risk in the event of one. This presentation is sponsored by the Commission on Aging. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration requested.

Flu Vaccination Clinic: Friday, Oct. 14, 9-11 a.m., conducted by Chatham Public Health. Be sure to bring any Medicare and/or insurance

Musicians Sought for CCO

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

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

Rehearsals started this week. 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.

For more information, visit www.colchester-choirorchestra.org.

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.

cards. Call the senior center to schedule an appointment.

Ham Radio Presentation: Monday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. Amateur radio (ham radio) is a hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. All are invited to come learn more about ham radio and the center's idea to set up a broadcasting site at the senior center. This presentation is free.

Bavarian Pretzel Demo: Monday, Oct. 17, 1:30 p.m. Go through the steps of making Bavarian pretzels. Sign up in the office. Cost is \$3. A sample will be provided at the end of the demonstration.

Oktoberfest Luncheon: Wednesday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m. All are invited for some accordion and keyboard music by Bellows & Ivory, followed by a German-style meal of bratwurst with sauerkraut, German potato salad, red braised cabbage, rolls, warm pumpkin doughnuts and apple juice. Tickets are \$9 each and available until Oct. 12 or sold out.

Mask-Making with Jodi: All are invited to create a felt mask for the Halloween season. All materials will be provided for a Cost of \$3; registration is required.

Funeral Preplanning Presentation: Monday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. Pat McCarthy from Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home will offer a presentation on the preplanning process and answer any questions. Refreshments will be served. This is a free program, but registration is required by Oct. 19.

Annual Halloween Costume & Pizza Party: Monday, Oct. 31. Engage in traditional Halloween festivities including a costume parade, contests, and games. Tickets are \$7 each. Costumes are encouraged; if you show up in one, the center will refund you \$1. Registration is required and can be done by visiting the office. Space is limited.

Giant Tag Sale

St. Andrew Church will hold its 13th Multi-Family Tag Sale Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., at the church hall, 128 Norwich Ave. Proceeds from this event will go toward the purchase of a new outdoor creche (nativity manger scene) for the church.

All donations will be accepted Friday, Sept. 30, from 1-7 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Please no clothing, shoes, or large furniture/appliances.

This event will include household, collectibles, glassware, jewelry, toys, sports, holiday, and baby items. Doors will open at 8 a.m. on Saturday for early-bird entry (fee of \$5).

For donation information, call Carol at 860-303-1842.

Westchester Church News

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

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

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.

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, Aggadawah 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.

Colchester Federated Church News

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

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

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

ary. Visit the church website to register youth for Sunday School.

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

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

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

Festival on the Green Craft Show

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

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

Exhibitors are expected to include a variety of arts and crafts, including woodworking, painting, photography, pottery, stained glass and more.

For more information, call 860-222-0796 or email ColchesterLionsCraftFair@gmail.com.

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.

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Budget Heads to Third Referendum

By Michael Sinkewicz

Residents this week advanced the proposed 2022-23 town budget to referendum next Wednesday, Sept. 28. It will be the third attempt to get voters to pass a budget for a fiscal year that started nearly three months ago.

While the school board has had an approved budget since May, municipal spending has not been so fortunate, failing at referendum in May and then again in June. The town entered a budget freeze in August.

The budget voters will be deciding on next week is a \$15.63 million proposal – or \$231,516 less than the number rejected in June. It's also \$70,000 less than the 2021-22 budget.

The proposed mill rate is 26.83.

It has been an extended budget season for Colchester that has sparked heated debate between finance board members and selectmen – debate that continues with this latest proposal.

Jason LaChapelle, a Republican on the Board of Selectmen, has stated the proposal is fraudulent – a claim shot down but other town leaders, including First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos.

Bisbikos also clashed with other selectmen after they voted against sending an identical spending plan to a town meeting last month. His frustrations became clear after he reached out to Matthew Ritter, a lawyer with Shipman and Goodman LLP, for legal clarity on how to proceed.

This week, Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* that it's "important for the public to get out and vote."

He reflected on the contentious budget season, expressing that the debate "gets a little louder" when you're facing a third referendum. "There might've been moments where peo-

ples' behavior was elevated and it's okay to have passion and drive for what you believe in," he said. "The Board of Finance worked very well together to provide what we needed for departments."

At previous meetings, Bisbikos has warned that another failed referendum would likely result in cuts to town services and potential layoffs.

Selectmen Debate FOI Log

In other news, at its meeting last week the Board of Selectmen debated a policy that would require Bisbikos to maintain an electronic Freedom of Information (FOI) log that is accessible to the public.

During the Sept. 15 meeting, LaChapelle introduced the policy. The log would include a number of different items including the date of the FOI request, the name of the person making it and the nature of the request.

The log would need to be presented to the selectmen at least once a month.

After the new policy was proposed, the board had heated debate regarding the general process of creating policies. Mainly, Bisbikos said he was concerned with the way the policy was brought up without sufficient notice.

"You're throwing in new policies every week without the first selectman having a chance to review it," Bisbikos told LaChapelle during the meeting – calling this approach "dishonest."

Bisbikos suggested prior to voting on the policy, it should be sent to a lawyer and Tom Hennick, the public education officer at the state FOI office, for review.

In response, LaChapelle argued that the board had an opportunity to review the policy

during the meeting.

"What's your complaint with this policy?" he asked Bisbikos.

Bisbikos expressed that he did not have a concern with the policy itself, but rather the way it was handled by the board.

"It's not going to be a road for productive success," he told the selectmen.

The other selectmen agreed with LaChapelle, and stated that they saw no issue with moving forward with the policy.

"I don't have a problem with the motion," said Rosemary Coyle, a Democrat on the board, who added that she sees "no reason why this needs to go to the attorney."

Ultimately, LaChapelle decided to table to motion until the next meeting in a "gesture of goodwill."

Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* that it was a "dangerous path" to introduce policies at the last second.

"I didn't have an opportunity to review it," he said, adding, "I needed time to do some research."

When asked why he did not support the policy if he did not have any issue with it, Bisbikos

pointed to a few hesitations.

Bisbikos stated that people could "shame" the individuals making the FOI requests and that he did not want an FOI to be used as a "weapon." He suggested that highlighting FOI requests at meetings, for example, could potentially discourage others from filing future requests.

The first selectman said he did not reach out to an attorney regarding the policy. However, he did still seek input from Hennick.

Earlier this week, Bisbikos emailed Hennick a series of questions, including whether or not the FOI format in the policy was acceptable for a town to follow.

In response, Hennick told Bisbikos that nothing jumped out to him as inappropriate.

"While I can't give you any kind of official ruling on this policy, it certainly seems as if there's nothing in it that runs afoul of the law," Hennick wrote. "Many towns keep FOI logs and make them available to the public, especially in times when the number of requests seems to be on the rise."

Hennick did state that he has "not seen too many policies requiring a monthly 'FOI report,'" but that "there is 'nothing improper' with it.

Ukrainian Catholic Church News

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

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

History Museum Open Sundays

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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 RecPlex Pavilion, from 3-4 p.m.

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

Resident Finishes in Top 20

Colchester resident Jordan Malloy was among three members of the Stonehill College women's cross country team that finished in the top 20 out of 285 entries at the UMass Dartmouth Invitational, hosted last weekend at Dartmouth's Robert Dowd Cross Country Course.

Malloy, a Bacon Academy graduate, finished in 10th place with her time of 18:21.00.

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.

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Selectmen Seek to Recognize Residents

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Andover Board of Selectmen will look for ways to recognize outstanding citizens in the community by highlighting their actions and achievements.

Paula King, a member of the board, suggested during the selectmen's Sept. 12 meeting that the town pursue ideas that would acknowledge the work Andover citizens are doing.

King told the *Rivereast* that a resident recently swam the English Channel, which the town highlighted on social media. Then, another community member suggested that future accomplishments and extraordinary feats should also be spotlighted.

"I agreed and brought it up at the meeting. We have some really talented and special people in town who are artists, athletes, speakers," King said.

King expressed that coming up with a system or strategy to recognize those community members could be beneficial for both them and the town.

"I thought it would be great to congratulate them from a town perspective on their achievements," she said.

King added the discussion to the meeting's agenda and it received positive feedback.

First Selectman Jeff Maguire called it a "great idea," and something worth looking into.

"I think it's a good idea for the town to give recognition for positive things," he said during the meeting.

While ideas are still being formulated, it's

possible that achievements could be posted on the town website and on social media.

"We are just in the beginning stages of how this will look," King said. "We did mention in the meeting that we could need public input so that when someone writes a book, is recognized from the state or nation, we would need to be notified so we can recognize them."

King gave an example of a veteran in town who traveled around the country talking about Agent Orange and raised money for a new monument in town.

She said the veteran, Gerry Wright, would be a good person to honor and is someone who demonstrated "extraordinary work in the community or personally."

Another possible way to recognize community members could be to bring them into the selectmen meetings and celebrate their achievements there.

King expressed that one idea Maguire came up with would be to honor people with a hall of fame plaque in the town's community room. She emphasized that everything is still being figured out and she'll meet with Maguire to go over more ideas.

The selectmen also received an update from Catherine Magaldi-Lewis, chairman of the 175th Anniversary Committee.

The committee is tasked with organizing events in recognition of Andover's 175 years of

incorporation. In the spring of 2023, there are a series of events planned that are crafted to focus on the town's history.

Magaldi-Lewis stressed that they committee needs more donations in order to adequately prepare the events.

"Without funding, we won't be able to pull it off," she said during the meeting.

Maguire said he would try to help raise additional funds for the committee.

"I will do my best to help [the committee] get the money they need," he said.

King is the board liaison to the 175th Anniversary Committee and expressed that she will continue to facilitate communications between the selectmen and committee.

The committee is currently working on a number of different items to sell including calendars, ornaments, cookbooks and T-shirts in

order to raise funds for the planned events.

"They have done an amazing amount of work to date," she told the *Rivereast*.

Still, the committee has not raised as much money as they as hoped. King encouraged people to continue buying the items and support the upcoming celebration.

The town has posted online many times to advertise the anniversary. King said she is going to keep spreading the message and is confident the event will be a positive moment for the community.

"They have a lot of fun events for our residents to take in on those days," she said. "We just have to keep promoting and getting the word out there."

Currently, there are two days of events planned for next May and one event in June.

Andover Pumpkin Patch

Andover Food Pantry is sponsoring 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: Tuesday, Sept. 27, to Willimantic. Masks are available on all vehicles.

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. Call Palazzi for more information.

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.

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.

Children's Church: Sunday school is provided.

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 Oct. 5.

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

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

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

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many problems exist with it.

"The problem is the Public Works facility is outdated and the workers – we respect them, we honor them and we're so grateful to all they do – so we need that solution but we need it to come in a reasonable, thoughtful manner," he said.

Tulimieri said John Collins – a former member of the Board of Selectmen and outspoken critic of the proposal – has suggested alternative ideas and sites that he said would be less expensive and more practical. Tulimieri urged the Public Building Committee to pivot to another plan.

"They have a building in search of a location," Tulimieri said. "I think that's a flawed premise. I think we need a solution and work with what we have to find a solution."

Like a number of residents, Tulimieri pointed out concerns with water contamination. He referenced fractured bedrock, a high-water table, the proximity to wetlands and the gradient of the land all as a recipe for contamination.

"It's not a matter of 'if' ground water will be contaminated, it's a matter of 'when,'" he said. "We don't want the legacy of Hebron to be pollution and contaminated ground water."

After the meeting, Tierney acknowledged that salt has built-in concerns, which all towns deal with the best they can. He's expressed that the new site would manage and store salt in the safest ways possible.

Regarding the concerns brought up by Tulimieri and others during the meeting, Tierney said he understood their position and that he welcomes the feedback.

"I get it," he said. "I think the people in this town are very smart and [Tulimieri] has done his research."

Tulimieri shared a letter he received from William Warzecha, a retired hydrogeologist with the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection [DEEP] on Sept. 16.

In the letter, Warzecha states that he reviewed the proposal for Kinney Road and that the "potential for road salt-impacted ground water emanating from the site to directly adversely affect those potable wells is very concerning." He added that it's almost "impossible" to remove salt once it's dissolved in ground water.

Warzecha outlined that the site is classified

as "GA" by DEEP, meaning that it is suitable for drinking without treatment. He suggested that ideally, he'd recommend building the facility on a "GB" site, or an area that has impaired groundwater.

"It is not environmentally conscious to locate the facility in an area that represents a significant risk to drinking water quality," he wrote.

Warzecha concluded the letter by stating that "because of the threat to ground and drinking water quality to the residential properties located on Kinney and Millstream Roads, it is recommended that other sites be evaluated first."

Leading up to the presentation, the town was seeking clarity on a number of potential issues, including wetlands impact, whether the site location should be closer to Kinney Road and archeological concerns.

During her portion of the presentation, Hahn explained that the locations closer to the road each had additional hurdles, unlike the site they landed on.

She also highlighted that the State Historic Preservation Office [SHPO] wrote a letter to the town, stating that it had "no objection to the development of the currently proposed APE."

"This is what we're taking as their final correspondence on the issue," Hahn said.

Fenton said the Department of Public Health wrote a letter to the town stating that groundwater contamination was not a concern to the department, in relation to the site.

Fenton also addressed the possibility of upgrading the existing Public Works facility, arguing that it was not achievable.

"When you take all those factors into consideration, it's not feasible," he said, adding that the town "went through great lengths to try and make it work."

Aside from the numerous flaws with the current facility, Fenton expressed that there was not enough room for expansion at the site and that its topography was not ideal.

"There just isn't enough area on that site to fit a new Public Works facility," he said.

The Public Building Committee did not take a vote or make a recommendation that the Board of Selectmen take action to have the engineers and architects draw up the final plan and costs of the project.

Library News & Notes

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

The Town of Iron Toys: The Mechanical Banks of the J. & E. Stevens Company: Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30p.m. The J. & E. Stevens Company was formed in 1843 in Cromwell by brothers John and Elisha Stevens, who had the intention of manufacturing cast-iron hardware, hammers, and a few iron toys. Eventually, they became the largest manufacturer of cast-iron toys in the country. In 1869, the company produced its first mechanical banks, and those originals can sell for thousands of dollars at auction. During this program, Cromwell Town Historian Richard Franklin Donohue will show his collection of banks, talk about their history, and share tales that inspired their design. This program is free and open to the public. An RSVP is appreciated, but not required.

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.

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.

There will be glassware, Christmas items, household goods, furniture and more. Vendors will sell cards, nail products, crochet items, dips and soup mixes, and plants. There will be entertainment for the children with a bounce house, fingerpainting and free popcorn.

Proceeds help support the Senior Luncheon program.

Call Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122 for more information.

History Museum Open Monthly

The Andover Historical Society will next open its Museum of Andover History on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 4-6 p.m. The museum is located in the Old Town Hall on Monument Lane.

The museum will also be open Saturday, Nov. 19, from 4-6 p.m.

New items are continuously being added to the display.

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.

Obituaries

Hebron

Ernie E. Browning

Ernie E. Browning, 76, of Hebron, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Hartford Hospital. He was the husband of Linda Browning. Born on Oct. 17, 1945, in Verner, W.Va., he was the son of the late Landon and Mae Browning.

Ernie was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He worked for 33 years at Pratt & Whitney. In addition to being passionate about his family, he was an avid sports fan. He helped coach his sons' little league teams and he'd often be seen cheering for the Dallas Cowboys or the West Virginia Mountaineers. He also played horse shoes and bowled for many years. He enjoyed tinkering with vehicles and equipment and always needed a project.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Browning; daughter, Wanda Bane and her husband Liam of Hebron; and his two sons, Brian Browning and his wife Ashley of Coventry, and Mark Browning of Hebron; three grandchildren, Rylee Bane, and Caleb and Cameron Browning. He is also survived by brothers, Lonnie Browning of Patriot, Ohio, and Bobbie Browning and his wife JoAnn of Gallipolis, Ohio, and sisters Millie Cyrus of North Ridgeville, Ohio, and Ruth Browning of Parma, Ohio, in addition to many cousins, nieces, nephews and sister in laws and brother in laws.

He was predeceased by his brother, Delmas Browning, of Gilbert, W.Va.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, CT 06415.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Kidney Fund, www.kidneyfund.org.

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



Colchester

William Normand Bruneau Sr.

William Normand Bruneau Sr., of Bozrah, formerly of Colchester and Jupiter, Fla., passed away at Elmbrook Village Monday, Sept. 19. He was 95 years old. Born on Nov. 26, 1926, in Woonsocket, R.I., he was a son of the late Alcide and Anna (Laferrriere) Bruneau.

William attended Hill College in Woonsocket and went on to serve with the U.S. Navy during both World War II and the Korean War. He married Marie Wilson in 1948 and the couple made their home and raised their family in Colchester, where they also attended St. Andrews Church. Marie predeceased William in 1993 and he then later married Evelyn Michaud who also predeceased him. William retired in 1983 as a Supervisor of Inventory Control at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft after 31 years of service.

William was an active member of his community participating as a former Grand Knight with the Spellman Council KofC, and deacon at St. Andrews Church in Colchester. In Jupiter he was a member of the Elks BPOE 2469, a communicant of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, the American Legion, Post 271, and a volunteer at Jupiter Hospital.

William will be remembered as a loving and well-loved family man who was devoted to God, country and community. He will be sadly missed and remembered with love by his children, Dianne Slopak and husband Dennis of Norwich, Karen Staszko and husband Meron of North Ridgeville, Ohio, Jane Chalmers and husband Donald of Colchester, William N. Bruneau Jr. and wife Stephanie of Colchester; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous extended family members and friends.

William was predeceased by two brothers, Roland Bruneau and Alcide Bruneau.

Funeral services will be held at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, with calling hours Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 10-11:30 a.m., followed by a Mass at St. Andrews Church at noon. Burial will be in the Neipsic Cemetery with full military honors.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Leukemia Society or Wounded Warriors.

To share a memory or sign William's online guestbook, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.



Colchester

Howard Standish

Howard Standish, fondly known as Howie, of Colchester, passed away at his home Sunday, Sept. 18. He was 60 years old. Born May 21, 1962 in Hartford, he was a son of Arthur M. Standish and the late Mary Ann (Shea) Standish.

Howie was a 1980 graduate of Bacon Academy and went on to hone his craft in auto body repair. For over 40 years, from his start at Eddie's Auto Body through his time at M&J Bus and the many side projects for family and friends, he was widely known in the Colchester area and beyond as a magician in the trade. Howie loved anything that had a loud motor and moved fast; classic rock was the soundtrack to his life. Most importantly, he was a great son, brother, uncle and friend, and quickly gained the love of all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Howie's loss will be mourned by many, but he'll be remembered with love, especially by his father and stepmother, Arthur and Kathy Standish of Colchester; brother, Jim Standish; sisters, Sarah (Michael) Beebe, Kaitlyn Standish; step brother, Ryan (Madeleine) Davis; Aunt, Evelyn Standish Taggart; uncle, Frank (June) Shea; cousins, Darrel, Ron, Shelby, Erin, Rick and Robbie; nieces, Lexy, Devyn, Aubrey; great niece, Avianna; and many extended family members and dear friends.

In addition to his mother, he was predeceased by his grandparents, Howard Standish, Helen Standish Raymond (Bill), Sophie and Jim Shea, and a niece, Olivia Beebe.

Funeral services will be held at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, on Saturday, Sept. 24, with calling hours from noon-3 p.m., followed by a reception at the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department, 52 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, CT 06415.

To share a memory or sign Howie's online guestbook, please visit: www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.



Portland

Vivian Arrigoni

Vivian (Toot) Arrigoni, 87, passed away Thursday, Sept. 15, at Marlborough Health Center. She was born Oct. 14, 1934, to Harry and Lillian Ferry of South Glastonbury (Nay-aug Farm). She was the youngest of 16 children.

Growing up, everyone had to work hard. But also there was loads of fun. Her family loved to tell and hear stories of "life on the farm."

After graduating from Glastonbury High School, she worked for Aetna. She married Carl F. Arrigoni (deceased) in 1956 and had two children. Vivian, never without a job, became a successful business woman. She was always the life of the party and lived life to the fullest.

Vivian is survived by her son Carl A. Arrigoni of Atlanta, Georgia, and her daughter Theresa and son-in-law Jerome Zabiski of Portland. She has one granddaughter, Hannah Arrigoni of California. She is also survived by three sisters, Lovejoy, Bea, and Anne, and one brother Hank.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, September 26th, at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Portland. Burial will be at a later date. The Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks contributions be sent to St. Mary's Church, Bereavement Committee, 51 Freestone Ave, Portland, CT, 06480.

Portland

Mildred C. Day

Mildred C. Day, 85, of Portland, wife of the late James Day, passed away Sunday, Sept. 18, in Middletown. She was born on Jan. 22, 1937, in Middletown, and was the daughter of the late Burr and Myrtle (Barker) Jordan.

She had lived in Portland most of her life and enjoyed gardening and the outdoors.

Mildred is survived by her loving family; four daughters and sons-in-law: Sheila and John Dorgeloh of Florida, Donna and Steve Duteau of Tennessee, Jamie Cupples of Tennessee, and Arleen and Rich Milardo of Middletown. She had seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Mildred was predeceased by four sisters: Alice Becket, Laura Amatore, Caroline Day, and Grace Lombardo; and two brothers: Wilfred Jordan and Pike Jordan.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Sept. 22, in Center Cemetery, Portland. Friends called at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

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 was held Friday, Sept. 16, at Daniels & Hutchison Funeral Home, 212 N. Broad St., Middletown, Del., with funeral services on Saturday, Sept. 17, at St. Joseph's Parish, 371 E. Main St., also in Middletown, Del. A Christian burial took 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.

Andover

Gary C. Meister

Gary C. Meister, 81, of Willimantic, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 17, at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut, with his wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Karen, by his side. He was born in Bath, Maine, to Carl P. Meister and Margaret Brimigion Meister, both deceased.

Gary, at the age of 12, had his own radio and TV show with his band, "The Little Maine Ramblers," then formed another band later when he was older called, "Gary Meister and the Dreamers." Gary graduated from Morse High School Class of 1959 in Bath and worked in Bath Hospital before deciding to become a full-time singer, songwriter, musician and recording artist, with 10 national and three international record releases. He performed as a single in many clubs before putting together a traveling band called, "Gary Meister and the Travelers"; later decided to add his wife to the band naming it, "The Gary Meister and Carolyn Carpenter Show and North Country"; both began traveling, performing and recording together for a number of years.

After sadly retiring from the music business, Gary became a mental health worker at a hospital in Connecticut for over 21 years, but always enjoyed singing and playing at gatherings. He loved to read. His hobbies were many: canoeing, kayaking, camping, fishing, mountain climbing, hiking. He also did tarot card readings, astrology and numerology charts for people, spent hours writing spiritual material, studying comparative religions, and at some point, becoming an ordained minister.

Gary had an excellent command of the written word and an unending vocabulary. He was so intelligent and accomplished in many ways and absolutely loved to write articles on different subjects. He loved to laugh, tell jokes and was very witty. He was such a gentle man, loving, forgiving, and non-judgmental. He loved his family, near and far, with his whole heart and always so happy getting together with them whenever possible. He will be sadly missed forever and always by all. We will meet again!

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Carolyn Carpenter-Meister from Connecticut; his two sons, Guy and Gus Meister of Maine; three daughters, Toni Sauer and husband Joe of Leavenworth Wash., Julie Nolan and husband John



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



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of Pawtucket, R.I., and husband Pat of Andover. He has 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, of Maine – Gail Snipe, Didi Rollins (deceased) and husband Jon Rollins; two brothers-in-law, Daniel and Donald Lorie of Connecticut; many nieces and nephews, mostly all of Maine, including many fans and friends.

A Celebration of Life memorial was held Saturday, Sept. 10. Burial will be once his wife can join him at a later time.

Please share a memory of Gary or your condolences at this email: carolyn@buyershighway.com.

Colchester

Lauren Rys Parsons



Lauren Rys Parsons, 41, of Colchester, passed away peacefully at home Sunday, Sept. 18, surrounded by her loving family. Lauren was born in Norwich on March 29, 1981. She grew up in Oakdale, and graduated from Montville High School in 1999.

Lauren earned a master's degree in occupational therapy from the University of New Hampshire, where she met her husband, Matt Parsons. He may have had to win her over with lots of Friendly's ice cream at first to get her attention, but he soon became the love of her life and they later got married in August 2007. They settled in Colchester, where they made their home and were raising their two beautiful children, Molly, 10, and Connor, 7.

For the last five years, she was employed by Colchester Public Schools as an Occupational Therapist at both Colchester Elementary and Jack Jackter. Prior to this, she worked in various pediatric settings including Advanced Therapy Solutions and Rehabilitation Associates of Connecticut, Birth to Three, helping countless children and families navigate social and physical challenges in order to thrive in everyday life.

Lauren will be remembered for her strength of character and grace with which she lived with terminal cancer for the past seven years. Despite her diagnosis, she didn't let it define her and continued to engage in all life had to offer, never taking for granted an opportunity to travel and spend time with those she loved. She always looked forward to an annual vacation in Hampton Beach, N.H., with family and friends. She enjoyed being a member of the Colchester community, participating in local activities and always lending a helping hand to neighbors/friends. She was an extremely devoted mother, always supporting her children in their friendships, in school, and in all their activities.

Lauren was a member of the Colontown cancer support group, where she not only found a great deal of help and friendship, but she also gave support to others facing their diagnosis.

Lauren's family would like to express their enduring and heartfelt gratitude to the nurses, clinicians and medical staff at Eastern Connecticut Hematology & Oncology, Memorial Sloan Kettering, and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for caring for and supporting her through these years.

Her loss will be mourned by many, but she will be forever loved and remembered by her husband, Matt Parsons of Colchester, children, Molly and Connor Parsons; parents, Steve and Susan (Krysiwicz) Rys of Oakdale; sister, Kristin (Chris) McDermott, and nephew, Reece McDermott, of Quincy, Mass.; and numerous extended family members and dear friends.

Calling hours will be held Sunday, Sept. 25, from noon-3 p.m., at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home at 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colches-

ter. A celebration of Lauren's life will be held Monday, Sept. 26, gathering at 10:30 a.m., with services starting at 11 a.m., at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the New Saint Andrews Cemetery.

Lauren, during her cancer journey, received treatment from top-notch research facilities. Her wishes were to help those with a similar diagnosis by supporting research towards improved treatment options and a cure for colorectal cancer. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to one of the following institutions in Lauren's memory:

Dana Farber Young Onset Colorectal Cancer Center, danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/lauren-parsons; Memorial Sloan Kettering Colorectal Cancer Research and Care, mskcc.convio.net/goto/Laurenparsons; and Eastern Connecticut Hematology and Oncology. Monetary donations can be sent in memory of Lauren Parsons to 330 Washington St., Suite 220, Norwich, CT 06360.

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

Marlborough

Dorothy West Graveside Service

A graveside service will be held for Dorothy (Blish) West Saturday, Oct. 1, at 11 a.m., at Marlboro Cemetery in Marlborough.

West, 96, formerly of Marlborough, passed away in her sleep at The Garnet of Casa Grande in Casa Grande, Ariz., on Jan. 2.

East Hampton

Francis J. Doherty

Francis "Sam, Buddy" J. Doherty, 65, of East Hampton, transitioned peacefully Sunday, Sept. 11, in his home, surrounded by family. Born March 29, 1957, in Meriden, to parents James T. and Barbara W. Doherty.

The youngest of five, Sam grew up in Fairfax, Va. His parents moved back to Connecticut in 1971, in time for him to attend high school at Woodrow Wilson, graduating in 1975. After high school, Sam began to work for Olin Ski, then retired as a steeple jack with Russask Restoration, where he was deemed the nickname Splat. He was an avid biker and firearms enthusiast. Sam raised his family in the motorcycle world, using a Harley and sidecar as a family vehicle for years.

His family meant the world to him. Sam was predeceased by his parents, then his wife Louanne Doherty. He is survived by his daughter Naomi DeVoid and son James Doherty and their spouses. His granddaughter Olivia was the light of his life since the day she was born. He even was her man for the first year of her life. Along with his longtime friend and partner Cynthia Singer. Also survived by four older siblings: Jim Doherty and his wife Patti, Patty Doherty and her significant other Jack, Mary-Jo Lane and Tommy Doherty.

Sam was a proud member of the CMRA, East Hampton Lion's Club, Sons of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the NRA where he enjoyed serving his community and fellow bikers.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 2-7 p.m., at the American Legion in Marlborough.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St. Jude or another cancer research institute.

**LEGAL NOTICE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
HEBRON, CONNECTICUT**

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Information Meeting at a Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., to be held virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, on the following:
The Planning and Zoning Commission will present a draft of the Conservation Section of the 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development. An opportunity for public comment will follow the presentation.
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 21st day of September, 2022.
Natalie Wood, Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission
Tue, Sep 27, 2022 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EDT)
Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
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You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (408) 650-3123
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Vote Weir for State Rep

To the Editor:

Having known Steve Weir for several years, I am confident he will be a worthy, hard-working representative in Hartford. In 2020 Steve challenged an incumbent state senator, winning Marlborough and Hebron handily despite being edged out overall in larger towns such as Norwich. Now, with the 55th District being Marlborough, Hebron, Andover including parts of Bolton and Glastonbury, Steve is re-energized and pushing forward to represent us in the 55th District.

Have you met Steve? Perhaps you have – he has been actively knocking on doors chatting with us, seeking to understand what is important and what we are looking for in Hartford. Personally, I have walked with Steve and am impressed at his ability to connect and engage with our community. As a longtime small business owner and former police officer he is easy to speak with and will readily share his platform which is derived from issues that are important to us. He cares about our community, schools, safety and economy. Steve wants each of these sustainable for the future. Reach out to Steve by phone or email if you want to learn more. He will follow-up with you.

Vote Weir on Nov. 8!

Rob Picone – Marlborough

DeCaprio for State Representative

Dear Colchester Residents:

I am Mark DeCaprio from Lebanon and I'm running for state representative for the 48th District, which in January will include all of Colchester and the towns of Bozrah, Franklin and Lebanon.

I am a candidate that will work to make Connecticut more affordable and safer. To the first point, in the last 10 years Connecticut has seen some \$6 billion in tax increases. These tax increases have put added pressure on many already stressed working families in our state. I will be a voice to fight for both short- and long-term relief, including an income tax cut for Connecticut's working families.

We need a safer Connecticut. Communities around the state are facing increased problems with crime, from car thefts to home break-ins. The legislature needs to take a tougher stance on crime, and put more emphasis on the victims of crime, instead of those that commit the crimes. I believe in the rule of law and supporting our police force both at the local and state levels. Currently, the Connecticut State Police is down some 300 troopers and in my opinion we need to work to refill the ranks.

From my experience on the Lebanon Board of Education, I believe we should work harder to make our schools safer. I will support providing the necessary resources to our local school districts to harden our school campuses and facilities to keep our children safer.

I love Connecticut and I am committed to a brighter future for us and the new 48th District! Please contact me if you have questions or visit decaprio4ct48th.com for more information. Thank you!

Sincerely,

**Mark DeCaprio – Lebanon
Republican Candidate for the 48th District
Facebook: @DeCaprio4CT48th
Website: decaprio4ct48th.com
Email: decaprio4ct48th@gmail.com**

Skorski for Seniors

To the Editor:

Hello, I'm your candidate for state representative in the 55th District, which includes Andover, Bolton, Hebron, Marlborough and Glastonbury.

Inflation and taxes are particularly difficult on seniors. When the cost of living increases, many seniors living on a fixed income have to pick and choose what to cut from their budgets in order to afford basics such as health care, food and housing.

I've been meeting with seniors and have had many one-on-one conversations; I understand their concerns. Many have shared the same concerns that my own 84-year-old mother experiences daily. She subsists only on her monthly Social Security check, as she was never given the option in her work to have a pension or 401k. I help her with her bills, navigate the complicated Medicare system, and avoid despicable scammers that target seniors. She doesn't have much to spare but she's always willing to spend on her grandkids!

In the last several years many good things have come out of Hartford that target helping seniors. These include increasing property tax

credits, working towards eliminating income taxes from social security payments, pensions and annuities. These items were all opposed by Republicans in Hartford.

This past legislative session alone had over 20 acts passed that helped seniors! These acts ran the spectrum and included elder abuse training, strengthening home care regulations, creating a stroke registry, and accelerating the elimination of taxes on annuity and pensions.

When elected, I pledge to continue to work with seniors and help their cause through targeted and effective legislation. Seniors have paid their dues and deserve all the benefits they've worked to receive.

Please vote for me on Nov. 8 and support a candidate that will bring the needs of seniors forward in the legislature!

Warmest regards,

Wes Skorski – Marlborough

Democratic Candidate for 55th District

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

Voting 'No' in Colchester!

Dear Colchester Citizens,

Remember during the November elections, when Colchester's first selectman, Andreas Bisbikos, made a campaign promise to end out-of-control government spending and reduce taxes? What happened?

How is FS Bisbikos and BOF chairman Andrea Migliaccio looking out for the best interests of Colchester citizens, seniors, small businesses, and farmers when they have proposed another town budget that increases spending and raise taxes again!!

FS Bisbikos and BOF Chairman Migliaccio haven't been able to balance last year's budget! Together they have proposed taking \$250,000 from reserve funds to cover up over expenditures that FS Bisbikos is responsible for. Now they are asking us – the taxpayers – to approve the town budget without allowing for citizens and fellow board members the chance to review the year-end reports?!

What are FS Bisbikos and BOF Chairman Migliaccio trying to hide???

Where is the campaign promise of fiscal responsibility and transparency in government?

True be told, there is none!

Inflation is at a 40-year high and food prices continue to rise! When is enough, enough?

Isn't it time to tell the politicians to stop 'rigging the system'?

Shouldn't government work for the people?

Tell FS Bisbikos to fulfill his campaign promises!

Demand fiscal responsibility and transparency in Colchester!

Please vote 'no' on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Don't be fooled again!!!

Deanna E. Bouchard – Colchester

Note: Bouchard is chairman of the Colchester Independent Party, but said she is writing as an individual.

Early Bulbs for Early Rising Bees

To the Editor:

Doug Tallamy, the pollinator conservation guru, tells us that if we plant 70% native and 30% non-native, non-invasive species, we will be doing a tremendous service to biodiversity. And so it is with selecting spring bulbs, that are not all native, but are a great service to pollinators given the advantage of their early bloom time. There is plenty of planting time to add more native perennials, shrubs, and trees but for early blooms we make exceptions.

Fall is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs. This is because they need 14-16 weeks of cold treatment, stratification, to bloom properly. Generally, the best time to plant is between mid-September to the end of November, when soil temperatures have dropped below 60 degrees. Choose carefully for unhybridized species because they retain the pollen and nectar. While Tulips and Daffodils may be the most popular for their aesthetics and long bloom period, they provide little pollen and nectar because they have been bred for their more showy characteristics at the expense of their nutritional value to wildlife. As well, tulips and daff are often very popular with deer and other wildlife.

So this year be more specific when reading the labels on bulb packages and think more about our early bee risers. Many of the early risers are solitary bees who lead solitary lives rather than living in a multi bee nest. They dig their own burrow and live in it alone.

For early spring: Snowdrops (Galanthus), Winter Aconite (Eranthis), Crocuses (Crocus),

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Siberian Squill (Scilla siberica), Wood Anemone (Anemone nemorosa), Iris reticulata. Mid Spring: Grape Hyacinth (Muscari), Hyacinth (Hyacinthus), Crown Imperial (Fritillaria), Late spring: Spanish Bluebells (Hyacinthoides) and Ornamental Onions (Allium).

Michele Sinkez – Amston

Elect DeCaprio

To the Editor:

The town of Colchester made the right choice when they elected Andreas Bisbikos as first selectman. He has proven that he is the right choice by his caring attitude, integrity and strength. We could not ask for a better first selectman. He is the best.

Now we have the opportunity to choose a new state representative for our area. The right choice is Mark DeCaprio. Without a doubt he will serve us best. He is a hardworking man who makes good choices.

Elect him on Nov. 8.

Pat Kelly – Colchester

Support for Chris Rivers

To the Editor:

I have gotten to know the Democratic candidate for the 48th state Congressional District, Chris Rivers. I will be honest, nothing I can say about him, his demeanor, his experience, or his qualifications can even remotely capture how special I person he is. Right now, we need people like him, from both parties, to commit to public service. In short, he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army as an enlisted man after 9/11 and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom after graduating from high school. He attended Basic Training between his junior and senior years in high school. He applied to West Point while deployed, was accepted, and after graduating West Point where he studied Physics and Nuclear Engineer eventually did a tour in Afghanistan. After leaving active-duty Chris worked for the Department of State, and with private consulting firms that worked in government and public service as a strategy and analytics manager and got his Master of Science in Foreign Policy in Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

He is an exceptional individual and the 48th District and the State of Connecticut are extremely fortunate that we have a talented, experienced person like Chris Rivers looking to serve. He was also recently appointed to the Colchester Board of Education to fill a vacant

position and has quickly garnered the respect and admiration from that entire Board for his insight, demeanor and thoughtfulness. To learn more about Chris, go to his website, chrisrivers.com, and talk to him at the many events he attends or when his is knocking on doors in Colchester, Lebanon, Franklin, or Bozrah. I think you will be impressed.

Mike Egan – Colchester

Public Works Alternative

To the Editor:

I would like to propose an alternative to the plan to build new Public Works facilities in the center of Hebron at a tremendous cost to taxpayers and the environment. The town should consider contracting out Public Works operations. Contract for snowplowing, paving, lawn-mowing, and tree-pruning, among other services. Companies who have the staff, experience and proper equipment can do this work under competitive bidding. Emergency work can also be covered under competitive bid contracts. Hebron would have no need to invest so much of our taxpayer dollars in new equipment and vehicles, and large new facilities to accommodate them.

If the population of Hebron is not growing, why are we increasing our Public Works operations and expenses? Let's be better stewards of what we have and act as responsible fiscal and environmental citizens.

Jack Scully – Amston

Vote for Brandon Goff

To the Editor:

Brandon Goff, candidate for state Senate, would never do to you what Norm Needleman did. With his constituents facing the highest inflation in 40 years, Needleman joined his fellow Democrats in passing a budget this year that raised your taxes. The state received \$6 billion in federal funds in 2021 and has a surplus in 2022 of \$4.3 billion, but they couldn't resist raising your taxes. Why? Because they can. They have the majority in the House and in the Senate and they can do whatever they want.

Had enough? Start by sending a message that you do care about higher taxes especially when we have inflation at 8.3% and you are already dealing with huge increases in food, fuel and electricity costs. Brandon opposes irresponsible budgets, unnecessary tax increases and excessive borrowing. He knows that the 2017 budget,

the only bipartisan budget in decades, passed a constitutional spending cap that required the Dems to pay down \$5 billion in unfunded teacher pensions this year. Otherwise, they would not have done it.

Our state has become unaffordable with increasing taxes and cost-of-living. Brandon is especially concerned about the economic impact on our seniors. He is proud to serve in the Naval Reserves, loves our country and state and exemplifies the principles of honesty, hard work and integrity.

Please send the message that you have had enough and vote to elect Brandon Goff.

Linda Ursin – East Hampton

Weir for the 55th

To the residents of Marlborough, Hebron, Andover, Bolton and Glastonbury:

I am writing on behalf of Steve Weir, who is running for the 55th State House District. I first met Steve early in 2021 at our first in person Republican Town Committee meeting since COVID-19. We were meeting for our party caucus to nominate municipal candidates for the November elections. I found it impressive

how many of the attendees knew Steve personally and had such candid and friendly conversations with him. It makes sense why he is so well liked by everyday people, because he is one. He has the humility and willingness to listen to people's concerns, and to also understand them in a way that voters can recognize.

These traits alone make him more than qualified to serve in the legislature. But what makes Steve truly qualified to be our next state representative is his real-world experience; his role as a father helps him understand the unique challenges parents face such as affordability, budgeting, and having a say in their kids' education process; his experience as a police officer gives him the knowledge and insight to support law enforcement and understand why the Democrats' recent police bill is making our state less safe; his experience as a small business owner makes him greatly qualified to enact policy to help small businesses thrive and grow in a state where the current economic policies have struggled to meet their demands.

It is for these reasons why I am honored to give my support to Steve Weir this November, and respectfully ask that you do so as well.

Gabe Marques – Hebron

"Pet of the Week"



Bonjour! C'est Moi Gigi! I am a super sweet, fun loving, happy 10 year old Yorkie. Before meeting my BFFs at POA, I suffered for a long time with ear infections, terribly itchy skin and sores caused by allergies. My new family will need to continue the special diet and medicines I am on so I will stay healthy and lovin' life! As I am a petite pooch, I prefer children over 10 years of age.

Two-year-old Farrah is a friendly calico who loves attention. She is a sweet and friendly feline who craves human affection. There isn't a part of Farrah that doesn't like to be petted as she is constantly purring the second you make any contact with her. Head, neck, back scratch you name it, she loves it. As great as Farrah is around people, she prefers to be in a single cat household.



For more information on adopting CATS or DOGS, call 860-569-0722 VOLUNTEERS & FOSTER HOMES NEEDED - For information call: 860-569-0722



Protectors of Animals, Inc. 144 Main St., Unit O, E. Hartford, CT 06118

A non-profit, all volunteer animal rescue organization, rescuing abandoned, abused and impounded cats and dogs. Check us out on our website - www.poinc.org

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The Marlborough Zoning Commission took the following action at its meeting held on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Continued Public Hearing to 10/6/22-Application #Z-10-22 - C&B Marlborough Associates LLC (Applicant/Property Owner), 41-45 Hebron Rd - Amend the text for the DPIPZ-4 zone to allow for Public Utility Installation continued. Continued Public Hearing to 10/6/2022-Application #Z-06-22 - Marlborough One, LLC (Property Owner) - 37 Hebron Road, Special Permit - Self Storage Facility Approved-Application #Z-09-22 - James Marino Jr. (applicant/property owner) 212-214 E. Hampton Rd. Zone change from DCD to VCD5 Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEMOLISH STRUCTURES TOWN OF COLCHESTER OFFICE OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

Notice is hereby made of intent to demolish one (1) structure at 10 West Rd, Colchester, CT, Assessor's Map MBL#03-09/019-000 Information regarding the intended demolition may be obtained from the Office of the Building Official, Municipal Office Complex, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT, 860-537-7285 - Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday evenings until 7:00 p.m. N. Reed Gustafson Building Official

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall located at 26 North Main Street. Application #Z-06-22 - Marlborough One, LLC (Property Owner) - 37 Hebron Road, Special Permit - Self Storage Facility Application #Z-08-22- Austin HGB, LLC Bill Gjonbalaj (Applicant / Property Owner), Map 6 Block 28 Lots 4,5,6, 12 and #25 South Main Street Provide apartment housing by building (2) 48-unit buildings Application Application #Z-10-22 - C&B Marlborough Associates LLC (Applicant/Property Owner), 41-45 Hebron Rd - Amend the text for the DPIPZ-4 zone to allow for Public Utility Installation continued. Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building/Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON- WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY ATTENTION SEWER USERS

Notice is hereby given to all property owners connected to the sewers in the Town of East Hampton that the sewer use payment is due and payable on October 1, 2022. East Hampton Sewer Use bills may be paid in two equal installments: October 1 and April 1. The last day to pay the Sewer Use fee for the October 1, 2022 installment without a penalty is November 1, 2022. Property owners will not receive a second sewer use bill for the installment due on April 1, 2023. The October bill is a three-part form which includes the April installment. Payments received November 1, 2022 and later, including payments postmarked November 1, 2022 and later, are considered past due and will be subject to an interest penalty of 1.50% per month, or a fraction thereof, 18% per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Connecticut General State Statutes 12-130 and 146. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. Payments legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before November 1, 2022 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Collector of Revenue. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have sent or received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes, interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments. There are no exceptions. Please make checks payable to Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting our website at www.easthamptonct.gov. Note: Your sewer account number is required when making a payment online. Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am - 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. Respectively Submitted, Scott Clayton Public Utilities Administrator

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TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF ACTION

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm on September 12, 2022 at the East Hampton Town Hall - 1 Community Drive to consider the following: Application ZBA-22-005: Benjamin Leitch, 12 Lakewood Road, Increase lot coverage from 23.24% to 25.03% for covered deck. Map 03A/ Block 44/ Lot C-73 - Approved Application ZBA-22-006: Tyler Thompson, 127 Tartia Road, Reduce the side setback from 25' to 22' for barn addition. Map 27/ Block 53/ Lot 18B - Approved Application ZBA-22-008: William & Kim Massie, 53 Depot Hill Road, Reduce the side setback from 25' to 10' and front setback from 50' to 15' for a shed. Map 05/ Block 3/ Lot 3D-1 - Approved Application ZBA-22-009: Helena Gatto-Supino, 6 Brook Trail, Reduce side setback from 15' to 1' for deck stairs. Map 10A/ Block 79/Lot 9 - Approved Application ZBA-22-010: Kyle St. George, 4 Terp Road, Reduce the front setback from 50' to 25' for a detached garage. Map 06/ Lot 14 Block 5-4 - Approved Application ZBA-22-011: Chris Burt, 23 Day Point, Christopher Burt, 23 Day Point Road, Reduce side setback from 15' to 12.2'. Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 31 - Approved

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TOWN OF PORTLAND OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR LEGAL NOTICE

Portland Business Owners, Declaration of Personal Property are DUE November 1, 2022 In accordance with Connecticut General Statute, 12-40, all Portland business owners and residents liable to pay taxes on tangible personal property belonging to them on October 1, 2022 are hereby notified, declaration of personal property must be filed on or before November 1, 2022 with the Assessor. Non-filers, omissions and late declarations are subject to estimated assessment and a 25% penalty. Various exemptions are explained within the declaration and available if filed on time. If you have closed, terminated or moved your business out of town as of the October 1, 2022 assessment date, a business-closing affidavit with supporting documents attached must be submitted to the assessor for review and removal from future Portland tax rolls. Public act PA 490: applications for farmland and forestland classification must be received by October 31, 2022. Disability Exemption: Disabled taxpayers receiving SSD benefits may be eligible for a property exemption. Application including proof of disability must be submitted by January 31, 2023. Veterans: Honorably discharged Veterans that have served at least 90 days during a time of war must have their DD214 filed within the land records on or before October 1, 2022. Veterans that are disabled and/or low income Veterans (over 65 years of age) must bi-annually file to the Assessor on or before December 31, 2022 to receive additional exemptions. Elderly/Totally Disabled Home Owners tax benefits: Bi-annual application period starts on February 1 through May 15. Proof of income for calendar year 2022 is required. The Assessor will notify those currently on the program when time to re-new. Active Duty Military: Service members who are actively serving as of the assessment date (October 1) are eligible for tax exemption on one motor vehicle registered in their name. Applications are due by December 31, 2022 following the date the taxes are due. The Assessor's Office is open to receive the above lists and applications Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Tuesday 8:30AM to 7:00PM and Friday 8:30AM to noon. ALL FORMS AND APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT https://www.portlandct.org/assessor

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EAST HAMPTON SEWER BILLS DUE OCTOBER 1ST

To all property owners connected to the sewers in the Town of East Hampton. The sewer use payment is due and payable on October 1, 2022. East Hampton Sewer Use bills may be paid in two equal installments: October 1 and April 1. The last day to pay the Sewer Use fee for the October 1, 2022 installment without a penalty is November 1, 2022. Property owners will not receive a second sewer use bill for the installment due on April 1, 2023. The October bill is a three-part form which includes the April installment. Payments received November 1, 2022 and later, including payments postmarked November 1, 2022 and later, are considered past due and will be subject to an interest penalty of 1.50% per month, or a fraction thereof, 18% per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Connecticut General State Statutes 12-130 and 146. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. Payments legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before November 1, 2022 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Collector of Revenue. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have sent or received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes, interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments. There are no exceptions. Please make checks payable to Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting our website at www.easthamptonct.gov. Note: Your sewer account number is required when making a payment online. Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am - 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm.

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TOWN OF HEBRON ASSESSOR'S LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all persons conducting business (including home-based businesses) or having personal property in the Town of Hebron must file with the Assessor's Office a declaration of all personal property belonging to them as of October 1, 2022. Failure to declare by November 1, 2022, as required by law, will result in a 25% penalty assessment. Taxable personal property includes: unregistered motor vehicles, motor vehicles located in Hebron but registered in another state, mobile manufactured homes not assessed as real estate, construction equipment, manufacturing machinery and equipment, business furniture and fixtures, farm machinery, farming tools, mechanics tools, computers, telecommunication equipment, cables, conduits, pipes, poles, business expensed supplies and other property such as billboards, video games, vending machines, leasehold improvements, etc. The Assessor's Office has mailed declarations to anyone the office is aware of conducting business in Hebron. Failure to receive a declaration in the mail does not negate the filing requirement. Blank declarations are available online (hebronct.com), as well as in the Assessor's Office. Declarations must be hand-delivered, mailed, faxed, or emailed by November 1, 2022. Contact the Assessor's Office with questions about exemptions, filing requirements, or extensions of time to file. Email: assessor@hebronct.com Phone: 860-228-5971 ext. 147 Fax: 860-228-4859 Address: 15 Gilead St., Hebron, CT 06248 Tina Corrievau, CCMA I Assessor, Town of Hebron

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LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF ACTION**

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals took the following action at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Upheld ZEO Decision-APPLICATION #ZBA-03-22 – Richard & Joan Doucette - 222 West Road (appellant/property owner) is appealing the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer concerning the issuance of a Zoning Permit to the Town of Marlborough for an Emergency Communication Pole located at 200 West Road.
Alan W. Miller Chair

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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

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**LEGAL NOTICE
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ACTION**

The Marlborough Conservation Commission took the following action at its meeting held on Thursday, September 12, 2022. Continued Public Hearing to 10/6/2022-APPLICATION – #10-22 – 21 Austin HGB, LLC Bill Gjonbalaj (Applicant / Property Owner), Map 6 Block 28 Lots 4,5,6, 12 and #25 South Main Street Provide apartment housing by building (2) 48-unit buildings. Issued a corrective order to keep the cease-and-desist order in effect and issued a corrective work order-VIOLATIONS-51 Cheney Rd Restoration Plan
Yvonne Bolton, CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIR

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**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

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**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Hearing**

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on October 5, 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:
• Amendments to East Hampton Zoning Regulations in Accordance with Public Act 21-29, Articles 1 – 9.
• Amendments to Zoning Regulations: Proposed Section 8.4.Q - Adult Use Cannabis and Medical Marijuana.
Ray Zatorski, Chairman
Note* any question re: Proposed Changes are on file in the Land Use Office 860-267-7450.

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**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
COLCHESTER CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
NOTICE OF DECISION**

At the regular meeting of the Colchester Conservation Commission held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, the following action was taken:
W2022-3074- 44 Amston Road, Rodney Goldberg-Applicant, Town of Colchester-Owner, Assessor's Map 15-00 Lot 020-001, site improvements at Diamond Sparkle Car Wash.
-Approved.
Respectfully Submitted,
Falk von Plachecki, Chairman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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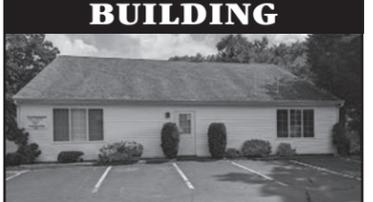
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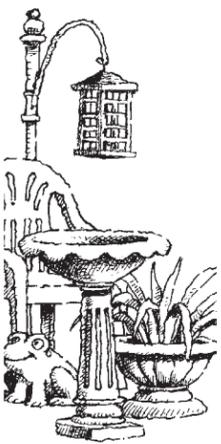
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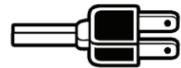
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