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Remembering the Village Smithy... This year's Hebron Colonial Day is dedicated to one of the event's founders, and its village blacksmith, Fred Brehant Sr., who passed away earlier this year at the age of 94. See more on Colonial Day on page 25.

Marlborough Church Celebrating 275 Years

By Jack Lakowsky

The Rev. Bob Faulhaber, pastor of the Congregational Church of Marlborough, said the church's founding in 1747 was essential to chartering Marlborough as part of the State of Connecticut.

"Back then, a town couldn't get a charter until it had a church and a pastor," said Faulhaber. "We like to say the town was built around the meetinghouse." He's been pastor for about 20 years.

A meetinghouse's functions were myriad, serving a town as a house of worship, a space for government business, a gathering place and a shelter.

Nearly 300 years later, the church still serves Marlborough in many different ways, albeit with electric lights, and now as an "open and affirming" church, welcome to all. Open and affirming congregational churches emphasize their openness to the LGBTQ+ community and can conduct LGBT marriages.

"The key thing that kicked up dust was gay rights," said Faulhaber. "It was a big statement to make."

The church's congregation, Faulhaber said, is even older than the building itself, dating back to at least 1736 according to church historical documents.

"When the church was started it could tax people to help pay for building it, this was before the nation was created and before separation between church and state, which I think is healthy," he said.

The current building, he said, is the third on the site, built in 1842. It harkens back to the original design of churches when organized Christian religions became more popular, a re-used boat. Boats were hollowed out and flipped

upside down, repurposed as places of worship, their iconic steeples reminiscent of an upcycled, upturned boat's rudder, which were the first church spires.

"Churches were, literally, arks," said Faulhaber, alluding to the story of Noah's Ark.

To celebrate its venerable history – and its bright future – the church will hold a year of celebrations starting with a Sept 18; "Rally Day", the pastor said.

The whole community is invited to a barbecue and exhibition of historical photos dating back to the church's construction. And, possibly most excitingly, there's a moon bounce!

But this isn't all, Faulhaber said. The church is getting together a "best of" cookbook; in the past, the church put out a new cookbook every few years.

"Now we're taking some of the best recipes from those, and making one last one," he said.

A date is still being sorted out, but there'll be a concert some time in the fall, along with another barbecue or some food trucks.

"We'll develop more ideas as the year goes on," he said. "At the end of June next year will be a big celebration of the church and its members."

Faulhaber said people have been baptized and married within the church's walls; for many it's an intensely meaningful place more than worth celebrating.

Many in town also started their educations at the church, attending its preschool program that dates back to the 1950s, the pastor said.

Because it sits at a high point in town, it's served as an evacuation site for floods and other crises.

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Colchester Budget Sent to Town Meeting

By Michael Sinkewicz

Following a heated, contentious meeting, the Colchester Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 last Thursday, Sept. 1, to send a revised 2022-23 budget proposal to town meeting.

The selectmen sent a proposed \$15.63 million town budget – a \$231,516 cut from the one that failed at referendum for a second time in June, and nearly \$70,000 below the 2021-22 budget. The proposed mill rate is 26.83.

Jason LaChapelle, a Republican on the board, represented the lone vote against the proposal.

The town meeting date is set for Sept. 19 with a potentially third referendum scheduled for Sept. 28. The town entered a budget freeze on Aug. 24 and has been operating during the current fiscal year without an approved spending plan for over two months.

Last month, the selectmen rejected an identical

bottom-line proposal, sparking heated debate between the board and leading First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos to contact Matthew Ritter, a lawyer with Shipman and Goodman LLP, for legal clarity on how to proceed.

Bisbikos previously stated that the lawyer recommended giving the selectmen "one more chance" to send the budget proposal to a town meeting. If the meeting date was not set, Bisbikos said he would be seeking a legal opinion from the attorney.

Following last week's heated selectmen meeting, Bisbikos told the *RiverEast* that he would not be reaching out to lawyer and expressed that the proposal now heads back to the voters.

"The overall outcome was a 4-1 motion to move the budget numbers to a town meeting and an eventual referendum for the people to

weigh in," he said. "I would say that is a win for the citizens of our community."

Bisbikos expressed that he was not surprised that the selectmen pushed back on the proposal, before ultimately approving it.

"I expected resistance, brought in the financial experts for clarification and laid the cards on the table regarding what further obstruction could result in," he said.

During the meeting, Bisbikos invited Debbie Kratochvil, the town finance director, and Andrea Migliaccio, the chairman of the Board of Finance, to speak to the importance of approving the town budget proposal.

Migliaccio – like Bisbikos, a Republican – criticized the board's previous vote rejecting the proposal and urged them to reconsider their

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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

I had a nice surprise when scrolling through social media the other day and saw a familiar-looking sight: one of my old columns for the Marist College student newspaper, *The Circle*.

My former editor at *The Circle* had posted the column, as a little throwback to coincide with the new school year starting up.

Seeing the column really took me back. It was a weekly feature in the paper's entertainment section, and it specifically dealt with television. Aply – if not very creatively – named "On TV with Mike Thompson," the column most weeks featured a review of a then-current television show. Sometimes I took requests; other times I had ideas of my own.

My hopes at the time were to wind up writing about entertainment and more specifically television for a publication after graduation. Then I got involved in the town news world and, well, I really came to like it. So my career goals, as they often do when you're in your 20s, shifted.

But it's nice to be reminded sometimes of how it all began, so with that in mind, here are some words about a show I recently wrapped up – and highly recommend.

I spent a good chunk of August watching the final two seasons of what has been one of my favorite shows of recent years: *Better Call Saul*. The series is a prequel (well, mostly) to the also-fantastic *Breaking Bad*, and tells the story of how a novice lawyer named Jimmy

McGill transformed himself to slippery, unethical, flashy Saul Goodman.

It was a riveting story – and it was expertly told, with fantastic dialogue delivered by tremendous actors. I admit that, before *Breaking Bad*, I thought of Bob Odenkirk as basically a sketch comedian. His turn as Saul on *Breaking Bad* showed me he could act – and then *Better Call Saul* drove home how talented and multi-faceted he is.

In *Saul*, Odenkirk proved to me he's more than capable of handling – and often balancing – hilarious comedy with emotional, gripping drama. He is definitely a pleasure to watch – and I eagerly await to see whatever role he tackles next.

Odenkirk's co-star on *Saul*, the superbly talented Rhea Seehorn, was a revelation. Unlike many of the characters on *Saul*, her Kim Wexler wasn't previously seen on *Breaking Bad*. She was an all-new creation, and while the actress had been around before (a glance at her IMDB page shows she had recurring roles on *Veep* and *Franklin & Bash*, and a co-starring role on the sitcom *Whitney*), I had never seen any of her work.

She delivered and then some on *Saul*, right through to the very end. Without giving anything away, in one of the final episodes of the series there is a scene in which Kim bursts into tears, and Seehorn delivers some of the most realistic, compelling crying I've ever seen, on any screen – big or small.

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Over the weekend I was left to my own devices for the better part of a day when my wife disappeared to run "some errands," which apparently involved journeying to the far side of the solar system. Overcome with hunger as the hours passed, I contemplated whether I should scrape something together for dinner or punish my absent wife by starving to death and depositing my emaciated corpse on the floor in front of the television as a sign of my displeasure. I eventually decided that she would be more suitably punished if I clung to life for as long as possible so I made myself some microwave popcorn.

I mention this personal inconvenience as an example of what author and activist Warren Farrell has described as "male powerlessness," though in my case the affliction might be better described as simple "helplessness."

The author of a number of books, including "Why Men Are the Way they Are," "The Liberated Man," and "The Myth of Male Power," Dr. Farrell (he received a Ph.D. in political science from New York University in 1974) seems to be a pretty ordinary-looking chap for a legendary thinker in the field of male-female dynamics.

Photos show a mild-looking fellow with a well-trimmed beard, the sort of character who would probably feel quite at home sipping cocktails at California fundraisers for the preservation of hermaphrodite whales, the propagation of the New Guinea bula tree and similar causes. Indeed, back in the '70s, his commitment to the feminist movement saw him elected three times to the Board of Directors of the National Organization for Women in New York City—the only man to be so honored, as I understand it.

Still, despite his apparent open mindedness regarding the sexes (or perhaps because of it), Dr. Farrell subsequently came in for some criticism for arguing that men are nowhere near as dominant as feminist credos would have us believe. In fact, he contends men are actually in pretty rough shape, all things considered. Among other items, he has noted in his writings:

*Husbands earn 76 percent of the family income, but seven times as much is spent on women's personal items as on men's. Power is in the spending, not the earning, he says.

*Men are obligated to register for the draft and "potential death," he notes. Women, on the other hand, get to stay home and make a good wage working in bomb factories.

He has mentioned a variety of other examples of men's "powerlessness" in past writings—some of which may be a bit dated at this point in time—but you get the idea.

Frankly, Dr. Farrell's thesis came as no surprise to me when I stumbled across one of his articles some years ago. The first intimation of my own male powerlessness arrived about two weeks after I was married when my wife approached me with one of those wallpaper sample books. At that time I was still bursting with masculine "let me help you little lady" self-assurance (viewed by most women as one of the more comic brands of male stupidity, I have since learned) and had no inkling of the true perilousness of my new situation.

She proceeded to show me a wallpaper sample all covered with little flowers and said, "Honey, how do you think this would look in the living room?"

"Terrible," I replied. "I hate it."

"Okay, I'll order four rolls and we can put it up this weekend."

"Wait a minute. I said I don't like it."

"You'll feel differently when you see it on the wall. Really. You're going to love it."

"No I won't. I want that other paper. The one with the duck hunters and the firemen."

"Not a chance, sweetie."

"Why did you ask my opinion if you were just going to ignore it?"

"Good breeding?"

I admit the wallpaper ended up looking just fine. I mean, in retrospect, the duck hunter motif probably wasn't appropriately color coordinated with the curtains, but it's the principle of the thing.

Now for all you guys out there who dismiss me as a weak-kneed weenie and who continue to think you have the power, here's a simple little test. This evening (I'd wait until after dinner if I were you), tell your wife you've decided the couch will look a lot better on the other side of the room.

Dollars to donuts says she'll give you a lesson in powerlessness you won't soon forget.

And that's all I have to say about that.

Jim Hallas

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We Knew It...

To the Editor:

Adolf Biden is hiring 78,000 new well-trained and armed IRS agents. Do you think these storm troopers will be collecting more than taxes? Like, maybe our guns?

Don Nowsch – Marlborough

Air Full of Yak-Yak

To the Editor:

It's only the midterms but the air is full of yak-yak and all guns are blazing trying to take down Trump and all the candidates that are also those semi-fascist misguided Trumpies and anyone else who dares to upset the mantra set by the bureaucratic establishment and propagandized by the press and social media.

But the fact remains that all those 70-something million Trump voters said that they would rather see the policies that Trump set rather than those we are living under now and are trying to eliminate the democratic republic that our founders created to let everyone have a say. So let's give back control of the country to those who live everywhere and see if we can't slow this machine down a bit.

Respectfully submitted, an older misguided semi-fascist Trumpie. Thank you for listening.

Michael Traphagen – East Hampton

Crimes

To the Editor:

The Mueller report was a roadmap for impeachment; you can look it up. Bill Barr covered for Trump. Felons Steve Bannon, Roger Stone and Michael Flynn were pardoned by their buddy Trump. IRS audits were placed on

James Comey and Andrew McCabe because they did not comply with Trump's wishes. Trump pressured Zelensky to just announce an investigation into the Bidens and threaten to withhold aid to Ukraine (extortion).

Trump appointed his unqualified family to top administration roles (nepotism) and when they didn't qualify for security clearances, he overrode our civil servants. Most top positions were "acting" positions so that they didn't need Senate confirmation. Trump ran a pay-for-pardon scheme while in office (bribery). Overcharged our Secret Service on his properties (fraud). Cheated on his taxes (tax evasion). Pressured election officials to change votes (racketeering). Trump took foreign money from Russia via the NRA (emoluments). Led an insurrection (seditious conspiracy). Trump stole our secrets (espionage).

Annie Steinbrecher – Marlborough

More History

To the Editor:

Continued from history.com:

"But that was not enough for Hitler either. In February 1933, Hitler blamed a devastating Reichstag fire on the communists (its true cause remains a mystery) and convinced President Hindenburg to sign a decree suspending individual and civil liberties, a decree Hitler used to silence his political enemies with false arrests. Hitler then proceeded to purge the Brown Shirts (his storm troopers), the head of which, Ernst Rohm, had begun voicing opposition to the Nazi Party's terror tactics. Hitler had Rohm executed without trial, which encouraged the army and other reactionary forces within the

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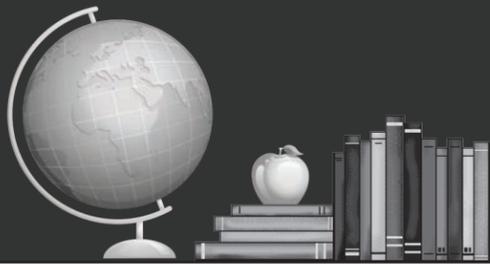
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country to urge Hitler to further consolidate his power by merging the presidency and the chancellorship. Hindenburg died of lung cancer on Aug. 2, 1934. A plebiscite vote was held on Aug. 19. Intimidation, and fear of the communists, brought Hitler a 90 percent majority. He was now, for all intents and purposes, dictator. About the fire, it occurred 27 Feb. 1933.

“Claiming the fire was part of a Communist attempt to overthrow the government, the newly named Reich Chancellor Adolf Hitler used the fire as an excuse to seize absolute power in Germany, paving the way for the rise of his Nazi regime. With elections set for early March, the Nazis set about suppressing their political opposition. On Feb. 4, Hitler’s cabinet issued the temporary Decree for the Protection of the German People, which restricted the German press and authorized the police to ban political meetings and marches. A few hours after the Reichstag fire, as Nazi propaganda spread

fears of a Communist revolt, Hitler convinced Hindenburg to invoke Article 48 of the Weimar Constitution, which gave the president dictatorial powers and allowed him to make laws for all of Germany’s territorial states.”

One more historical piece to go.

**Respectfully submitted,
Eric Manning – Andover**

Controlled Demolition

To the Editor:

Twenty-one years ago America was attacked by “violent religious extremists.” In Manhattan, they managed to level three buildings with two planes. In the late afternoon, despite never being hit by a plane, WTC7 fell neatly into its own footprint at free fall speed...something that could only have happened if every lower support was severed at the exact same time. In a PBS interview, Larry Silverstien (WTC’s owner) admitted to making the decision to “pull it” – a term used in the controlled demolition

industry when you drop a building. Shortly afterward W. gave an impassioned speech from ground zero saying that those who were responsible would soon be held accountable and that you are “either with us or you are with the terrorists.”

Currently our society is being torn apart by divisive rhetoric, the funding of radical NGOs, and the death spiral of rampant inflation causing money-printing. Our infrastructure is crumbling, our military is gutted, and our manufacturing base is long gone and yet Biden still claims “our best days are ahead of us.”

People cheered when W. created the DHS and signed the Patriot Act...only because they were too naive to see that they were both created to eventually target them. In Biden’s most recent speech, delivered from a blood-red lit podium in Philadelphia, he clearly stated that anyone who believes in Trump or the MAGA ideology is a “fundamental threat to our democracy” and must be dealt with accordingly. Calling MAGA people “extremists” and likening them to “domestic terrorists.” It’s almost as if he’s purposefully inflaming tensions and setting the stage for false flag attacks to be blamed on the MAGA crowd. Biden calls it a battle for the “soul of America”...but it certainly appears to be the controlled demolition of our country.

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

Self-Parody

To the Editor:

Sometimes it’s amusing to write parody; instead of acting all serious, we can gently poke fun at someone’s nonsense. Occasionally it’s too easy; the target gives you so much material, it’s simply boring. Every now and then it’s impossible; the material is so ridiculous that it serves as a self-parody. Sam Prentice hit that level recently.

He says that those of us sounding the climate alarm are simply “appealing to authority” and a few sentences later tells us that Tony Heller’s website, “has the historical data and proof.” Really? Who is it that’s appealing to authority? As I’ve pointed out recently, that site earns a Quackery rating from independent analysts. (Example at <http://letters.sauyet.com/#/pages/heller-shetland/>.)

He also asks, “If CO2 is so bad, why do commercial growers artificially increase their greenhouse CO2 volumes to 1000 ppm?” Well, I don’t know Sam, why do *you* think *greenhouses* are pumping in more *greenhouse gases*? I know this is snide and beside the point. But seriously, what sort of question is that? We’re not denying that CO2 promotes plant growth. We’re noting that it also causes the atmosphere to trap increasing amounts of solar radiation.

He asserts that “Consensus isn’t science.” Science is the process of observing the natural world, devising hypotheses about how it works, creating repeatable experiments to test these hypotheses, and disseminating the results in ways that convince ones’ peers. That consensus-building is essential; otherwise we’d never make progress. Tony Heller has not convinced many of his peers, and Sam Prentice convinces

no one.

Finally, note the irony of someone denying science bemoaning the state of science education in this country.

Really, this is far beyond parody.

**Sincerely,
Scott Sauyet – Andover**

Delightful Rain

To the Editor:

How delightful it is to hear the sound of rain. Lots of rain. The hiss of distant drops hitting water starved foliage. Not just a tease but bigger sized drops and more of them falling thousands of feet to the surface.

Our ponds, streams and brooks all remind us of how precious water is when they are dried, silent and motionless.

Let us be grateful for this occurrence of Nature. We need to hear water flowing again. Not just a trickle but a roar.

Plans may have to be changed to accommodate the storm but in the end we must be grateful.

Ah, the gentle sound of water. Listen and be so fortunate for the liquid bounty.

**Sincerely,
Alison Walck – East Hampton**

Rivers Cares

To the Editor:

I met Chris Rivers when he expressed interest in filling a Colchester Board of Education vacancy last winter. As soon as he was appointed, his wonderful personality became abundantly clear. Chris is intuitive, thoughtful, pragmatic, and very practical, especially when it comes to finances and procedures. Chris has strong listening skills, and he asks clarifying questions from stakeholders to make sure that he understands a situation fully before forming an opinion. And most importantly on the BOE, as a first-generation college graduate, Chris values education wholeheartedly.

Chris has vowed to retain his position on the BOE, a true testament to his character, if he wins his bid on Nov. 8 to become state representative to the 48th District representing Colchester, Bozrah, Franklin and Lebanon. As state representative, not only will Chris fight for the state to fully fund educational cost sharing, he’ll also stand up for our farmers, small business owners, middle-class families, and first responders. As a Veteran who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, he will advocate for others who have served our country. Chris wants to preserve everything that makes Connecticut special, including our beautiful outdoors and rural character.

I’ve observed Chris Rivers pour his heart and soul into his campaign. He knocks on voters’ doors every day and when he speaks to people, he listens intently and thinks about what he can do to make their lives better. There is no doubt in my mind that Chris Rivers cares about our state and the quality of life of everyone in it. I have full confidence that he is the right person to lead us in Hartford. You can learn more about him at chrisrivers.com.

**Sincerely,
Monica Egan, Chair
Colchester Democratic Town Committee**

Campaign Volunteers Sought

To the Editor:

With the Labor Day weekend behind us, and summer winding down, you’ll likely notice a lot more activity related to political campaigns. You’ll probably notice campaign signs, ads on TV, radio and social media. There will be flyers, mailers and postcards. You might even see groups waving signs or campaign supporters out door-knocking in support of a candidate.

While there is a lot of hard work that goes into a successful campaign, it can also be a lot of fun. Furthermore, it can be an educational experience as well. If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about volunteering on a political campaign, then read on. This might be a great learning opportunity for a young person considering studying political science to see more than just the theory of the subject. He or she can learn some of the many pieces of the larger campaign picture in the roughly 60 days left of this campaign cycle.

Since 2020, I’ve been fortunate to have dozens of high school and college students volunteer on different parts of the campaigns. The tradition continues, as this year, I’ve had students volunteer with social media, mailers, and even knocking on doors to meet the citizens of the district. Depending on the learning institution, some of this time may qualify for class credit and possibly community service. Campaigning is an activity for people of all ages. This may

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Much like Odenkirk, I look forward to seeing what Seehorn does next.

One of the things I’ll miss most about *Better Call Saul* is the direction and the cinematography. Anyone who’s seen *Breaking Bad* will know what I mean, as it’s very much the same style. Lots of incredibly inventive shots and camera angles, including point of view shots from literally *inside* objects, such as walls or microwaves or even garbage cans.

It may – and likely is – recency bias talking, but I think I liked *Better Call Saul* a little more than *Breaking Bad*, and that’s an out-

come I definitely didn’t see coming when *Saul* debuted in 2015. And – again, without giving any spoilers – it definitely stuck the landing. Its finale is one of the best I’ve seen. It was bittersweet but very satisfying.

I’ll miss *Better Call Saul*, for sure, but I certainly am glad I watched it – and I encourage anyone who hasn’t seen it yet to remedy that, as soon as possible. It’s such a terrific show.

See you next week.

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Steve Weir – Hebron

Note: Weir is running to be state representative for the 55th Assembly District, which covers Andover, Hebron, Marlborough, part of Bolton and part of Glastonbury.

Supports Weir

Dear Residents of Hebron, Andover, Marlborough, South Glastonbury and Half of Bolton:

I am writing today on behalf of Steve Weir, who is running for State Representative in the seat currently held by Robin Green. Robin has decided to move on and Steve Weir has decided to run for Robin's seat and dedicate his time and effort on behalf of our community. What can I tell you about Steve? We have worked together in many venues. Early on we became fast friends cheering our children on in basketball. Soon thereafter we both volunteered to coach said basketball team. Steve served as an excellent coach and mentor to our girls demonstrating patience and perseverance. Not long after, Steve encouraged me to get involved in the Hebron RTC, where I soon became aware of an opportunity to continue to give to my community and decided to run for office. Steve's support and encouragement guided me to a successful campaign and I now proudly serve.

Steve's demeanor is calm. He seeks to understand others perspectives before reacting to a situation. He believes in fiscal responsibility and is dedicated to ensuring Connecticut returns to a path where all of our citizens' voices are heard. Quality education, small business oppor-

tunity, support for our police and first responders are just some of the positions Steve stands for. Having been a police officer and currently a small business owner, Steve has the experience, knowledge and empathy to not only represent our community, but do so effectively.

Steve Weir has my vote and I hope you will consider giving yours too.

**Respectfully,
Mike Charron – Hebron**

Note: Charron is a member of the RHAM Board of Education, but is speaking as an individual.

Integrity

To the Editor:

"During the 1970s, a handful of the nation's wealthiest corporate captains felt overtaxed and over regulated and decided to fight back.

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As this plan lost ground, advertising agencies and techniques were employed. Subliminally destructive ideas were sold to the public. Money was raised and new wolves were groomed.

Changing America's thinking requires discrediting what Americans believe in, science,

history, biology, even the educational system. For decades, wolves have infiltrated school boards, town governments and the White House. As we have seen, the deck is now stacked in their favor. It is no longer red versus blue. It is old thinking versus a new regime. A regime full of like-minded people, on both sides of the aisle, and of both sexes.

Their long-range plan has been highly successful and highly destructive. Loopholes in environmental regulations have led to the dumping of forever chemicals, to the massive increase of cancer in the USA and to the loss of human rights. Negligence runs rampant while oppressive personalities dominate the news.

As we debate dismantling 17 Kinney Rd., I remind disillusioned people to read Mayer's

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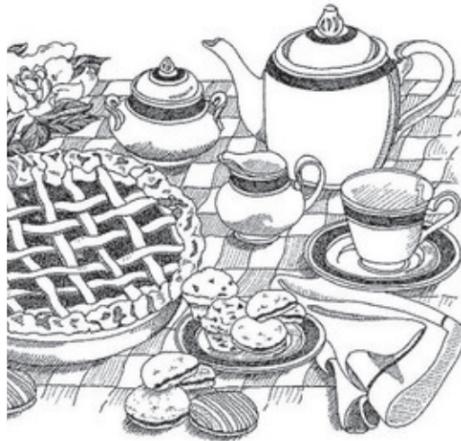


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Jean Tulimieri – Amston

Offensive Speech

To the Editor:

As if the illegal home invasion of Trump's personal residence and property wasn't outrageous enough, the demented impostor who calls himself president just gave the most offensive and inflammatory speech in our nation's history. This fool defamed and incited violence against half of our population. And the very next day he denied saying any of the things he's recorded saying!

He claimed anyone disputing the results of an election were threats to our "democracy." Did this hypocrite say that about Hillary who still hasn't accepted her loss in 2016? How about Stacy Abrams who thinks she's Georgia's governor and that Kemp stole that election from her? How about Gore and Kerry who both claimed their 2000 and 2004 election losses were fraudulent? Were they all threats to democracy?

And the presidential buffoon claimed we're always threatening political violence! What about all those "peaceful protesters" at Trump's inauguration who burned cars and buildings in D.C.? How about Madonna's threat to burn down the White House? How about all of those dunces in their ridiculous pink hats marching and chanting vulgar insults towards Trump?

What about Schumer and Biden inciting violence against the SCOTUS justices who overturned Roe v. Wade, leading protesters to harass their families in their homes and one crazed lunatic from California traveling to murder Kavanaugh? Was Kamala Harris' bailing out those arrested during the Floyd riots putting them back on the streets not fomenting additional violence?

Biden and his minions are clamoring for civil unrest to justify their excessive Jan. 6 persecu-

tions and to distract from their monstrous debacle of an administration. They're desperate because they can't run on their record. All they can do is attempt to cast their opponents as anti-American fascists. They should all look in the mirror.

Sam Prentice – Andover

Party-Line Career Politician

To the Editor:

Beware of a wolf in sheep's clothing or a career politician in a cute suit.

Here is HB 5460. Carpino voted 'no.'

"Vote to pass a bill that requires the Commissioners of Social Services, Children and Families, Developmental Services, Rehabilitation Services, and Mental Health and Addiction Services to adjust the rate methodology in all contracts with private human services providers to provide a minimum hourly wage of \$15.00."

Many of us have family or friends who work in this ever-expanding field of work. In today's society this is barely enough to get by on, but it is at least a base to start off on for people who are working hard for the betterment of society. It is difficult to understand why an elected representative would choose to vote against working people who are helping those who need it the most.

Here is HB 7223. Carpino voted 'no.'

"Vote to pass with amendment a bill that prohibits unattended firearms from being stored in unlocked vehicles."

Specifies that provisions of the aforementioned highlights do not apply to any weapon that is stored in accordance with an issuing or possessing public agency, department, municipality, organization force or entity (Sec 1)

This is a common-sense bill. This will not only protect the gun owner but will make it harder for guns to fall into the hands of juveniles or dishonest persons.

Why vote against this?

Thankfully, both of these bills were passed.

Please investigate the rest of Carpino's voting record and decide if you want a politician more concerned with her career than your rights, live-

lihood and safety. It is all available online.

Personally I will be voting for the non-career-motivated choice, Rose Aletta, who will work hard for people and not her career.

Deborah Calavas – Portland

A Little Gun History

To the Editor:

Germany established gun control in 1938. From 1939 to 1945, a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated. China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Fifty-six million defenseless people were rounded up and exterminated in the 20th century because of gun control. Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun control laws adversely affect only law-abiding citizens. With guns, we are 'citizens.' Without them, we are 'subjects.' During WWII, the Japanese decided not to invade America because they knew most Americans were armed! Gun-owners in the USA are the largest armed forces in the world!

Switzerland issues a gun to every household and trains every adult in the use of a rifle. Switzerland has the lowest gun related crime rate of any civilized country in the world!

It's a no-brainer. Don't let our government waste millions of our tax dollars in an effort to make all law-abiding citizens an easy target!!

Biden has repeatedly said he will take away our assault weapons. That's just the start. After that, is it all semi-automatic weapons? If someone, including our present government, decides to come and take away our weapons, do you think a bow and arrow would be an effective defense?

If you value your freedom, please spread this anti-gun-control message to all of your friends.

Frank Blume – Colchester

Biden's Problem

To the Editor:

After President Biden's speech last week, our president's primary problem became obvious.

President Biden's primary problem is not gas prices. We all simply need to switch over to electric vehicles powered with electricity generated by solar and windmills. It's not China. China provides us with cheap goods, solar panels and EV batteries. It's not inflation. We just need to print more money to provide never-ending handouts and to support loan forgiveness. It's not the rising cost of electricity. Just shut off your AC and refrain from charging those new EVs that we are being "encouraged" to buy.

It's not the rocketing costs for heating oil. Simply turn your thermostats down to 65 this winter. It's not crime. Just put up a sign by your front door saying that your home is a gun-free zone and criminals will leave you alone. It's not the "border crisis." We are a welcoming country

where following immigration laws no longer apply. It's not the Mexican and South American cartels. Are we really sure they are behind human trafficking and the influx of fentanyl in the form of Smarties candy?

Nope. Biden's primary problem is none of these things. Biden's main issue is with people who wear red baseball caps and who think that Washington should return to policies that don't exacerbate the aforementioned problems. Those people are the real enemies of the state.

We have found ourselves in George Orwell's *1984* and the November elections offer what might be our last chance to hit the reset. See you at the polls on Nov. 8. Your future, your children's future and our grandchildren's future are at stake. Vote wisely.

Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough

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

Thanks for Marlborough Day

To the Editor:

Members of Marlborough's Commission on Aging would like to thank the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce for organizing the fun-filled Marlborough Day event held this past Sunday.

The Commission on Aging had a booth at the event. Our purpose was to increase the community's awareness of the Commission and, more importantly, to gather ideas from town residents on events and activities needed for our active, older adults in town. Marlborough has a sizable, active population of residents aged 55+ for whom events and activities could be offered.

Visitors to our booth were asked to answer a question: what activities and events would you like to see offered in our town, as an active, older adult? In exchange for submitting ideas, visitors were given a chance to win a free oil change from Hebron Quick Lube. We received over 54 responses from visitors to our booth. Thank you all for the excellent ideas!

Last: a big shout-out to Hebron Quick Lube for their generous donation of three gift certificates for an oil change!

Sincerely,

Colleen Kaplan, Member
Marlborough Commission on Aging

Big Thanks to Rivereast

To the Editor:

Rivereast has been reminding readers each week now for over a month, that an important clean energy event is happening this month. This year, many events have again brought energy costs and availability, and climate degradation front and center. This a good time to explore the electric option for personal and business transportation due to technology improvements, rebate programs and expanding electric vehicle infrastructure.

The fourth annual East Hampton/Portland Electric Car Show 2022 is Saturday, Sept. 24th at the East Hampton High School at 15 North Maple St. from 11 am to 3 pm (rain date is September 25th). Dozens of owners and several dealerships will have their cars all in one place.

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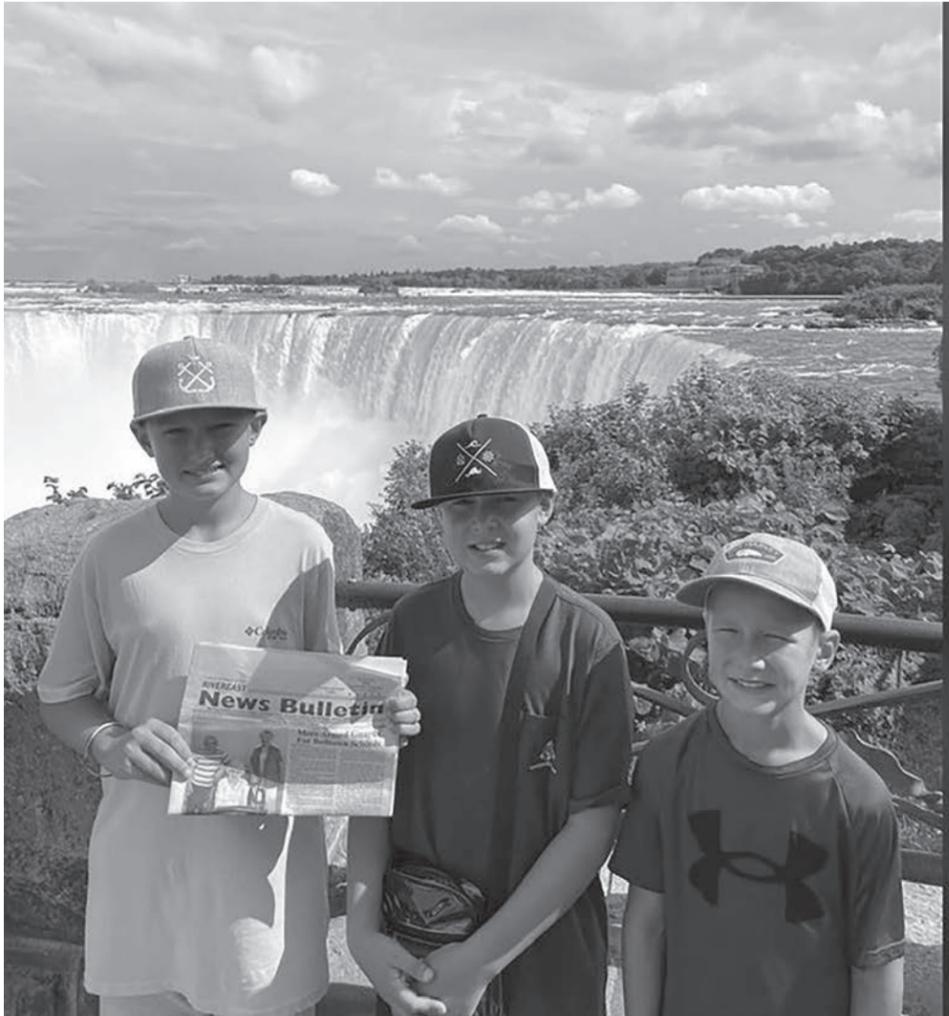
Atlantic City... East Hampton resident Geralyn Yocher (second from right – and holding the *Rivereast*!) and her family recently hit the beach at Atlantic City. Pictured with Yocher are, from left, grandchildren Kenny Yocher and Caroline Yocher and daughter-in-law Katie Yocher, all from Naugatuck; and daughter Sherisa Yocher, from Bridgeport.

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.



Cathedral of the Pines... Ida Spooner of Marlborough and Marge Bartlett of Colchester visited the Cathedral of the Pines while vacationing in Rindge, N.H., recently – and they brought along the *Rivereast*!



Over the Falls... The Supinski boys of East Hampton – from left, Logan, William and Hunter Supinski – recently took a trip to a Denver Broncos preseason game in New York, and then continued their getaway to Niagara Falls in Canada.



Day-Tripping... Elaine Anselmo and her husband Rich stopped off at the Hogback Mountain “Scenic Overlook” in Marlborough, Vt., just a few miles east of Wilmington, Vt., on a summer “Day Trip.” With the panoramic 100-mile view of three states, Elaine decided this was the perfect place to share her *Rivereast News Bulletin* – and we agree!!

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In July, members of the Marlborough Congregational Church Senior Youth Group traveled to Maryland to help out at Deep Roots at Clairvaux Farm. The group is pictured with the directors of Deep Roots and its trusty purple steed, Prayer Force One. From left are, from Deep Roots, Jessica Stone; from the Senior Youth Group, Rebecca Lynch, Patrick Lynch, Senior Youth Director Scott Reid, Terri Reid, Jon Allen and Alana Armfield; and from Deep Roots, Jeremy Plath and Claude Cornett.

Church Youth Group Helps Out

From July 3-9, members of the Marlborough Congregational Church Senior Youth Group traveled to Earlville, Md., to work and play at Deep Roots at Clairvaux Farm.

Deep Roots provides housing for families who have been displaced. Residents are given assistance in finding work, a vehicle and a new place to live during their stay, which usually lasts a few months. While living at Deep Roots, they are responsible for helping to cook and

serve meals for the community, maintain some outdoor areas, and perform other communal chores.

While at Deep Roots, the members of the Youth Group painted buildings, did a shed clean-out, organized the community pantry, cooked and served breakfast and most importantly, played and spent time with the families' children.

CERT Training Starting Soon

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

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

Training consists of 16 classroom hours and a

four-hour field exercise to test your skills.

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

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

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 Week-end race. The race will utilize electronic timing with computerized race results and the course is a certified 5K. The race starts promptly at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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.

Foodshare will be present Wednesday, Sept. 14. There will also be a flu shot and Moderna booster shot clinic Thursday, Oct. 27, from 9-11 a.m.

Second Blessings Fall Re-Opening

Second Blessings Thrift Shop, located at the Marlborough Congregational Church, 35 South Main St., will open for the fall Friday, Sept. 9, from noon-3 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m.-noon.

The shop will then be open every Friday and Saturday through Dec. 17.

Tables and shelves are full of merchandise for every age group, including signed prints, giftware, entertaining, linens, cookware and serving, glassware, toys, puzzles, side chairs,

vintage and antiques, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and more. The Bangles and Beads section includes handbags and totes and showcases a wide selection of name-brand jewelry from casual to formal wear. The Christmas Shop welcomes shoppers to a room filled with an assortment of everything Christmas.

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

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

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

Tiny Twirlers: Thursdays, Sept. 15-Nov. 17, 5:15-5:45 p.m., or Saturdays, Sept. 17-Nov. 19, 9-9:30 a.m., at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Fee: \$120 for each 10-week session.

Sparkling Spinners: Tuesdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 15, 4:15-5 p.m., at Dance Dynamics in Hebron, for ages 3-4. Fee: \$140.

Tennis Lessons: Tuesdays, Sept. 13-27, at the Blish Park tennis courts. Ages 4-7 are 3:45-4:30 p.m., and ages 8-12 are 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee for ages 4-7 is \$50/residents, \$55/non-residents; fee for ages 8-12 is \$70/residents, \$75/non-residents.

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

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

Safe Sitter: Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, for grades 6-8. This class is designed to prepare students to be safe when they're home alone, watching young-

er siblings, or babysitting. Fee: \$110/residents, \$115/non-residents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Teen/Adult 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.

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).

Watercolor Classes at Arts Center

Local artist Mary Horrigan will offer watercolor classes at Marlborough Arts Center this September. Thursday classes will run Sept. 15-Oct. 20, and Saturday classes will run Sept. 17-Oct. 22. All classes are from 10 a.m.-noon.

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

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

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.

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.



The band Jukebox 45 will perform at the Farm at Carter Hill next Friday, Sept. 16. From left are bandleader Jerry Fanfarelli, drummer Al Floyd, bassist Joe Carver, saxophonist Richard "Deke" Kanderian, and keyboardist Paul Scungio.

Doo-Wop Band at Carter Hill

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

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

East Hampton resident Jerry Fanfarelli, formerly from New Haven, is the guitarist, lead singer and musical director of the group. He has been performing for audiences for over 50 years. His love for doo-wop started at a very early age – just 7 years old, to be exact.

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

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

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

Band.

Also joining in for the Sept. 16 show is Richard "Deke" Kanderian, of Sturbridge, Mass. Kanderian has been performing for 50 years, and has been with Jukebox45 for two years.

Kanderian is filling in for Doug James, a founding member of Roomful of Blues, who joined the group in 2020 when he collaborated on the band's first album. James is a songwriter, arranger, record producer and audio engineer. In a career spanning 50 years, James has played on many albums, including those recorded by Roomful of Blues, Duke Robillard, Jimmie Vaughan, Joe Louis Walker, Colin James, Pat Benatar, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, and many others. In addition, James has released four albums bearing his name. On stage, James has backed blues musicians including Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson, Big Joe Turner, LaVern Baker, Helen Humes, Colin James, Freddie King, Charlie Musselwhite, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Junior Walker, Muddy Waters and Jimmy Witherspoon. James has had five nominations for a Grammy Award and has received a W. C. Handy Award.

Tickets for the Sept. 16 show are \$10 if purchased online via the Farm at Carter Hill's Facebook page (go to www.facebook.com/farmlifeonrt66). Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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

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Local Band to Perform... All are invited to see – and hear – Marlborough-based band *Seat Of Our Pants* at the Bay Point Club at 24 Spellman Point Rd. They will perform Friday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Don Burr at 860-267-2974 or dburr10289@aol.com. Pictured are band members Carolyn Brodginiski, Jeff Gorman (right), Mark Hall (front) and Mike Frantzen (left).

Over Three Days, Several Thefts Reported at Stop & Shop

By Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton Police Department dealt with multiple incidents of alleged larceny and trespass between Aug. 29 and 31, all at the local Stop & Shop.

On Aug. 31, police responded to Stop & Shop to a report of a theft. When they arrived, 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 police 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 thereafter, charging Sarah Kammerman, 39, of 52B Maple Drive, Colchester, with fifth-degree larceny and operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

Police said Kammerman’s passenger, Neil Evan Johnson, 38, of 52 Maple Drive, Colchester, had an active warrant out for his arrest, allegedly failing to appear in a prior court date.

Also on Aug. 29, police responded to another report of a shoplifting in progress, and arrested Christopher Scalpen, 37, of 24 Flinders Rd., on charges of sixth-degree larceny and first-degree criminal trespass and theft.

Scalpen also had warrants from state police in Westbrook, where he’s charged with escaping from custody as well as sixth-degree larceny.

Middle Haddam Public Library News

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

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

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

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

Featured Artist: Thomas McLean will present “My Back Pages,” an art show inspired by light and music, through Sept. 9. Closing reception will be Friday, Sept. 9, from 5-7 p.m.

Communi-Tea: Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-noon. This is a monthly gathering to visit with neighbors and patrons. Take out a book. Have a cup of tea. Coffee drinkers welcome.

Mushroom Talk: Saturday, Sept. 10, 1 p.m. In this informative talk, learn your local mushrooms.

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

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

Writers Writing Together: Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Write at the library in the company of other writers. No experience necessary. Open to all.

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

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

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

Driving for Drafts

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

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

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

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

Live Acoustic Music Concert Fundraiser

All are invited to Hootenanny for the Horses at Autumn Ridge, the CT Draft Horse Rescue (113 Chestnut Hill Rd.) on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 6-9 p.m.

People can learn about the rescue, meet the horses, take a tour of the farm, and enjoy an evening of live acoustic music while helping the herd and supporting local musicians. The musicians are acoustic singers/songwriters and

play their own material as well as covers from Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon, The Low Anthem, and more. Have a picnic and bring your family, friends, lawn chairs and blankets.

There are farm tours from 6-7 p.m., and live music from 7-9 p.m. Performers are Karen Stein, Terri LaChance, Sweet Polly and Kevin Day.

Tickets are \$25 per person (free for kids 10 and under) and must be purchased online (tinyurl.com/mt94ury). No dogs allowed on the property.

For more information – read before purchasing your ticket – visit www.ctdraftrescue.org/hootenannyforhorses.

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Police Benefit Bagpipe Band to Hold Celebration

By Jack Lakowsky

The Middletown Police Benefit Association (PBA) Bagpipes and Drums band will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its founding with an event at the “Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day” Irish Night at the Dublin restaurant at 42 East High St.

Showtime for the dual celebration is set for Saturday, Sept. 17 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., according to Ronald Lee, member of the Middletown PBA Bagpipes and Drums and a retired deputy chief with Middletown Police.

Sept. 17 is exactly six months before – or after, depending on how you look at it – St. Patrick’s Day, and for many is a reason to get together in high spirits for camaraderie, music, shenanigans and an overall fun time.

Throughout the world, people both Irish and not celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on March 17 each year commemorate the death date of Saint Patrick, Ireland’s foremost patron saint, and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland.

Everyone is invited to come to the celebration at the Dublin, have some food and maybe a pint or two while listening to the band. There

will also be performances by Irish Step Dancers from the Krane Irish Dance of Westbrook.

The Middletown PBA Pipes and Drums band began in 2012 when some active-duty officers and a few retirees of the Middletown Police Department got together to discuss the idea of forming a Bagpipe band. The Middletown Police Benefit Association agreed to fund the start-up band as a non-profit organization, formed for the purpose of promoting the traditions, culture, history, and music of the Irish, Scots and Celtic peoples and their American descendants.

Initially the band was made up of active and retired MPD Officers and their family members. After a few years, membership opened up to other interested people from outside of the Middletown Police Department.

Each year in October the band hosts an open house at the Middletown Elks Lodge on Maynard Street. Anyone interested in learning to play the bagpipes or Highland style drums, or who already play, can attend and potentially join the band.

The band has sizeable membership at 35 members, including several retired officers,



The Middletown Police Benefit Association (PBA) Bagpipes and Drum band will play at the Dublin on Sept. 17 to celebrate two special events: the band’s 10th birthday and Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day.

ranging from beginner to masters, representing public safety and other other career fields, all of them dedicated to playing bagpipes and drums and honoring Celtic traditions.

For a decade volunteer members of the Middletown PBA Pipes & Drums have participated in events like the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parades in Hartford, New Haven, Mystic and Essex; the popular St. Patrick’s Day Pub Crawl that visits locations in Hartford, East Hampton, Portland and Middletown; a concert at the Bushnell to mark the 10th anniversary of the

Sept. 11 attacks; the annual Scotland (Conn.) Highland Games and numerous other charity events, fund raisers, weddings and funerals when requested.

This year the Middletown PBA Bagpipes and Drums band was selected as the Best Pipe band marching in the 17th annual Mystic Irish parade.

For more information on the band, look for “Middletown PBA Pipes and Drums” on Facebook.

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 Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Starting Sept. 10, the library will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Children’s Programs: Toddler Time: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., for children ages 18 months to 3 years. Drop-ins welcome. **Stories & Songs:** Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5.

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

Baby Rhyme Time – Outside: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., in the Village Center by the gazebo. Bring a blanket or something to sit on. Parking is available at the Congregational Church/Center School.

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

Take & Make: Tuesday, Sept. 13, pick-up at 10 a.m. Registration required. **Little Learners** will welcome fall with a hedgehog, and **School-Age** will welcome fall with pony bead corn.

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

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

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

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

Teen Programs: Take & Make: Pom-Pom Cactus: Tuesday, Sept. 13, pick-up at 10 a.m. Registration required.

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

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

Adult Programs: Take & Make: Dot-Painted Rocks: Tuesday, Sept. 13, pick-up at 10 a.m. Registration required. Using household items, create a colorfully patterned painted rock.

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

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

Congregational Church News & Notes

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., is open for in-person services every Sunday at 10 a.m. Pastor is Amie McCarthy. All services can also be accessed via Zoom by going to cc-eh.org. All are welcome.

Welcome Back Sunday: Sept. 11, with Sunday School registration beginning at 9:45 a.m. There will also be a **Service of Installation** for McCarthy on Sept. 11 at 2 p.m., with a reception to follow.

Welcome Back BBQ: Sept. 18 following wor-

ship service.

Lunch Bunch at the Turquoise Table: Meets every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Bring a bagged lunch.

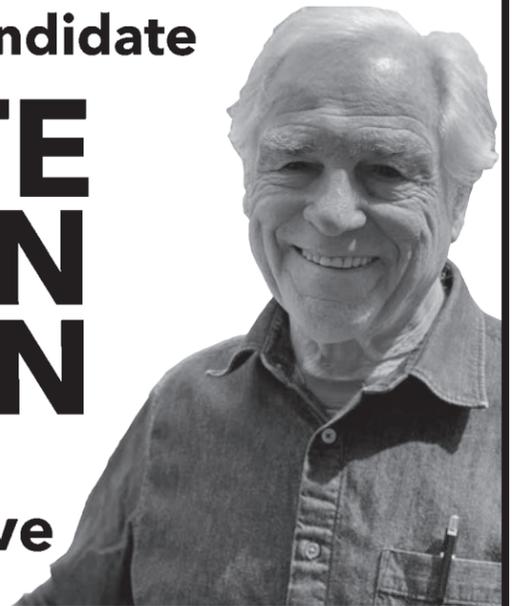
The Yarners meet every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-noon in the Fellowship Hall. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.

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.

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Dorene Nablo, a resident of Bay Road on Lake Pocotopaug, recently received a "Lake-Smart Award" from the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, for her and her husband's conservation work. She also received a \$150 "Lake-Smart Grant" to purchase plants to help stop water and impurities from flowing from her property into the lake. Photo by Marty Podskoch.

Resident Receives Lake-Smart Grant, Award

Dorene Nablo of Bay Road on Lake Pocotopaug recently received the first "Lake Smart Grant" of \$150 from the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug to purchase plants to help stop water and impurities from flowing from her property into the lake.

This grant helped Nablo and her husband George complete one of the seven tasks required by the East Hampton Conservation and Lake Commission (EHCLC) to receive the "Lake-Smart Award." She then had her property evaluated by the EHCLC. The evaluation showed that the Nablos had created rain gardens and buffer zones, used stones to stop soil erosion, and planted grass on steep slopes to prevent storm water carrying impurities from

entering the lake.

The Nablos also do not use fertilizers or pesticides on their lawn, mow with a mulching blade, and work to prevent water fowl on their property.

Residents who own properties on Lake Pocotopaug or in the watershed and would like to be evaluated should contact Jeremy Hall of the Parks & Recreation Department (860-267-7300 or jhall@easthamptonct.gov) or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning & Zoning Department (860-267-7450 or jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov) or any members of the C&LC.

Those wishing to apply for a Lake Improvement Award from the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug should contact cap.rourke@gmail.com.

Hall of Fame Nominations Open

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

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

Friday, Oct. 28, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

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

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

Church Accepting 'Bits and Pieces' Donations

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

Epoch Arts Six-Day Tag Sale

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

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

The only reservations Epoch is taking is for the first time slot, Friday Sept. 16, from 10 a.m.-noon; this early bird special has a \$20 entrance fee, and registration opens Sept. 9.

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

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

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

For more information, visit www.epoch-arts.org.

CERT Classes Start in September

East Hampton residents looking for an opportunity to support the town's first responders as well as their fellow citizens are invited to apply for membership in the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT).

CERT members are trained to provide local, immediate support to emergency responders during a disaster. They perform duties such as shelter support, crowd control, and assistance in evacuations. They also help year-round with preparedness outreach, drills, and fire safety education.

A new class will start Thursday, Sept. 15, in Hartford at the Capitol Region Council of Governments office, 241 Main St. There will be eight Thursday classes (7 p.m.) and one Saturday make-up class, if needed.

Topics covered include disaster preparedness, fire safety, first aid and medical operations, and

search and rescue methods. Volunteers must attend all classes or make special arrangements with the instructor. Registration ends soon.

Following training, members are provided with all needed supplies including safety vests, identifying clothing, hard hats, safety gloves, etc. Members meet once a month for additional training and activity updates.

If you have questions about CERT, or would like to register for the upcoming training, contact Emergency Management Director Rich Klotzbier at 860-267-0088 or firemarshal@easthamptonct.gov, or Karen Olson at 860-301-6486 or kayo4321@hotmail.com. Leave a message with your contact information.

Information about the national CERT program can be found at www.citizencorps.gov/cert.

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. 14), at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise it will be indoors or via Zoom. Register online.

Wii Bowling: Thursdays, Sept. 15 and 29, at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Corn Hole: Wednesdays, Sept. 7 and 21, at 10:30 a.m. Played inside or outside. Pre-registration requested.

Book Club Returns: Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 10:30 a.m., at the senior center and also held virtually. The book is *The Plot* by Jean Karelily. Pre-register.

Tai Chi & Qigong, Moving for Better Balance: Held virtually Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m., from Sept. 13-Nov. 15. Cost is \$50. Please register with a check, payable to the Town of East Hampton or with cash. Once payment is

received, instructor Tom Cushing will send you the link to the class. This class is also available via zoom at the Senior Center.

Beyond - Virtual Travel Program: Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10-11 a.m., via Zoom. Explore Tel Aviv, Israel. Special treats provided. Call for more detailed information if interested. Pre-registration required.

Cooking Demonstration - Easy Recipes with Chocolate: Thursday, Sept. 15, 1 p.m. Mary Lee Brody returns with One Bowl Brownies, Mini Oreo Cheesecakes and Classic Chocolate Cake. Samples will be provided. Registration required; cost is a \$3 donation.

Family Tree Friday: Friday, Sept. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ken Doney continues to help participants search the histories of their families. Bring your own mobile device to the program. Register in advance.

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

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

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

Volunteer Shopping: The center has a program where a volunteer will shop for you. Call in your list to 860-267-4426 or email it to Jewling@easthampton.gov. The shopper will call you before the drop-off to let you know the cost of the groceries. You can write out a check for the amount, payable to the Town of East Hampton. The volunteer will drop off the groceries at your door and pick up the check in a pre-arranged designated spot.



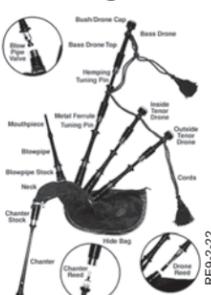
Learn the Bagpipes & Drums

You are invited to attend the **Middletown Police Benefit Association Bagpipe Band's Open House:**

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 at 7:00pm
Middletown Elks Hall
44 Maynard St., Middletown

No musical experience is needed, just a desire to learn the pipes or drums. There is no charge for the training. At the open house you will learn what it takes to play the bagpipe or the three different types of pipe band drums, as well as the resources and time commitment needed.

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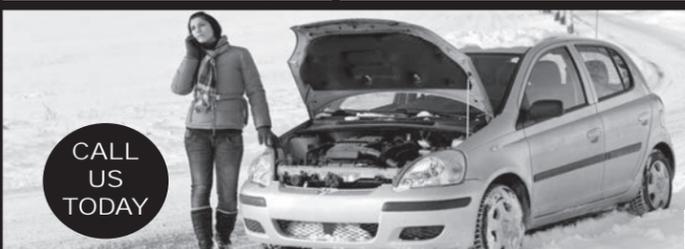




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Harm Reduction Mobile Van... Thanks to a collaboration between East Hampton Police Chief Dennis Woessner and the town's prevention coordinator Courtney Widrick with the Alliance for Prevention & Wellness, the town harm reduction mobile van makes weekly visits to East Hampton to help people struggling with opioid addiction. The van visits East Hampton on Thursdays between 10 a.m. to noon at the 254 West High St. commuter lot along Route 66. It provides services including distributing Narcan and fentanyl test kits. State Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) recently visited the mobile van with the police chief, prevention coordinator Andrew Penna, Pam Mautte of the Alliance for Prevention & Wellness, and team members of the Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance, to talk about local efforts to prevent opioid addiction and connect people to support services.

Connecticut River Kayak Trip

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

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

Bring your own kayak, life jacket and water shoes. Also, pack a picnic lunch and drink to be eaten on a small sandy beach on the river. This is open to semi-experienced kayakers only.

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

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

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.

Lions to Sponsor Coast Guard Band

The East Hampton Lions will host the U.S. Coast Guard Band Monday, Sept. 19, at the East Hampton High School auditorium for a free concert at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

In the past the Lions have hosted the Dixie Land Band, the full band and this time, the Symphony Band. The Symphony Band will consist of two large chamber groups of 15 musicians each and will perform for slightly over an hour.

At their last performance in East Hampton they played to a crowd in excess of 500 that cheered and applauded as the musicians played.

No food or beverages will be allowed in the school.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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

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

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

Christ Episcopal Church News

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

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

RCIA Session to Start

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

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

Lions Holding Raffle

The East Hampton Lions Club is holding a raffle to support the funding of scholarships for graduating seniors from the East Hampton community.

The grand prize is \$2,022. There will be two first-place winners, at \$222 each; two second-place winners at \$122; and two third-place winners at \$52. The first-, second- and third-place winners are reentered for the grand prize drawing. Cost is \$10 per ticket. A total of 750 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place at 2:22 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 62 N. Main St. Tickets will be sold right up until the drawing date.

For tickets or more information, call Tom Denman of the East Hampton Lions at 860-519-4951 or 860-267-4512.

DeMolay Open House

A local chapter of DeMolay International, a leadership organization for young men ages 12-21, is starting up, and there will be an Open House Saturday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at 111 Main St. (Anchor Lodge 112) in East Hampton.

There will be information, games and food. For more information on DeMolay, visit beademolay.org.



Pontiac Sneak Peek... Hal Riddle's 1986 Pontiac Grand Prix Aerocoupe 2+2 Richard Petty edition will be featured at the 9th annual Markham Meadows Wounded Warrior Car Cruise on Saturday Sept. 17, from 3-7 p.m., at 5 Markham Rd. The afternoon will feature music, food, raffles, and prizes. The proceeds will benefit local veterans in need, via East Hampton VFW Post 5095. Chairs and coolers welcome.

Red McKinney Golf Tournament

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information and to register, visit tinyurl.com/mudv7m7u.

Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

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

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

Puppet Ministry: Each Sunday, the church's Puppet Ministry features Digger the Dog and friends from Farmer M's Red Barn to help ex-

plain the meaning of the message topic.

Sunday School: Sunday school programs are offered for children 3 through 11 during the service.

Bible Study: In-person Bible Study after church will resume this fall.

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

Looking for Volunteer Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed for the CRT Meals-on-Wheels program at the East Hampton Senior Center. Commit to one hour a week or a month, be a regular or substitute driver.

Driver opportunities available Monday through Friday. Call the senior center at 860-267-4426 or email seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov for more details.

Prevention Partnership Seeks Members

The East Hampton Prevention Partnership (EHPP) is looking for more community members to participate in the prevention meetings that take place on the third Tuesday of every month.

Members have an opportunity to help EHPP's mission of reducing substance abuse among young people and promoting mental health initiatives. The committee works with different partners to pinpoint the needs of the community and provide programming.

Call or email Prevention Coordinator Courtney Widrick Fitzkee at 860-267-4468 ext. 3227 or cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov for more information.

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Fun Runs Wrap Up... Deb Rooth, the indoor track and field coach at Portland High School, organized a six-week "Fun Run" series at Portland Recreation Complex Park during the summer, for people of all ages. Pictured are the trophy recipients: back row from left, Rob McGuinness, Ingrid Moss, Deb Rooth, Joe Heffernan, Jack Turecek, Shawn Laverty and Cindy Laverty; front row, Bri Rooth, Elliot Parmelee, Liam Xiao, Emilia Moss and Remy Wilson.

Senior Center Hosts First Wellness Fair

By Jack Lakowsky

The Waverly Senior Center is hosting a new event, a free Health and Wellness Fair, on Monday, Sept. 12, from 1-3 p.m., center director Lynn Tracey told the *Rivereast*.

"I came here from a bigger town with a huge senior center population," said Tracey, who took the reins about a year ago. "We threw health and wellness fairs, and they were successful."

Tracey said she felt it acceptable to get back to "reconvening in a safe manner."

With the Sept. 12 fair, Tracey's hoping attendees walk away with an expanded definition of mental and physical care.

Tracey said vendors and care practitioners will "come from various backgrounds to try and capture a bigger audience."

"We thought it would be cool to do traditional presenters and vendors, then have nutritionists, sound therapy, acupuncture, really widen the spectrum of what health and wellness entails," she added. "There are people wanting to get into healthy eating, yoga, mas-

sage therapy."

Tracey said so many have been sitting "so long in front of Zoom our bodies want to get out; a lot of people are just now coming out of that shell."

She said she hopes fairgoers walk away with new knowledge-and a desire for more.

This tracks with Tracey's goal of broadening the center's programming.

She said starting this month she plans to start a weekly "Letting that Stuff Go," taking an hour for guided meditation or hypnosis, ways of "letting that baggage and tension go."

"Over the last year my goal was to get this place on the radar, not a lot of people know about it," said Tracey.

Tracey wants to get the center's transportation in a better position as well, and spread the word that the center serves anyone 50 or older.

Tracey's goal is to modernize and take the center outside the box.

To register for the fair and for more information, call 860-342-6761.

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.

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

participate. Come when you want, stay as long as you want. Students that want to attend should notify their parents and the school and take the bus to our building after school.

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

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.

Local Artisan Showcase

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

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

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

Sunset Yin Yoga: Wednesdays, 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.

Hemlock Grange Tag Sale

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

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

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

Portland Class Reunion

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

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

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

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Portland School Focus Group

Superintendent of Schools Charles Britton and the School Facilities Committee will host a focus group session Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m., at the Portland Middle School library.

The purpose of the session is to ask residents for their input on future renovations and/or additions to the current elementary schools.

PHS Class of '72 Reunion

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

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



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Historical Society at Grange Tag Sale

The Portland Historical Society will be at the Hemlock Grange Tag Sale this Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Grange Hall is located at 17 Sage Hollow Road.

In addition to tag sale items, the society will have costume and vintage jewelry along with new items from its gift shop, The Callander Cupboard. Three new items have been added to the shop this summer. From Westerwald Pottery in Pennsylvania, there are both one-quart jars and pitchers in gray stoneware with

blue cobalt decoration. The handmade pitcher (approximately eight inches tall) holds one quart of liquid. The traditional handmade jar is approximately six feet tall. The third new product is a bamboo cutting board (9x12) with a laser cut Portland town seal on the front and a flip side for cutting.

Each of these items is being sold for \$25 with all profits being used to continue the Portland Historical Society mission to collect, preserve and share Portland's history.

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.

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

Youth Programs: Fall Storytimes: Pre-school Storytime: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 13-Nov. 15 (no program Nov. 8), with a craft offered weekly; **Storytime for Toddlers and Tots: Mother Goose on the Loose:** Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m., Sept. 14-Nov. 16), an interactive session using rhymes, a story, songs, puppets, scarves and more.

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

depth.

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

Adult Programs: Artist Reception: Saturday, Sept. 10, noon-2 p.m. Artist Sarah Schneiderman will present "Breaking Political Barriers 2020/2021," consisting of portraits of elected persons who are members of marginalized groups. Schneiderman transforms non-recyclable trash and repurposed objects into images.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club: Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 1 p.m., via Zoom. *Velvet was the Night* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia will be discussed.

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

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.

Soccer Club Fall Registration

Portland Soccer Club (PSC) is now accepting registrations for the fall 2022 club soccer season. Registrations will be accepted until Sept. 11.

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

Pre-K sessions will be \$85, and will play 8:45-9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Dribbler will be \$100, and will be 9:15-10:15 a.m. Saturdays. Kicker and Striker sessions will also be \$100, and will have games Saturdays from 10-11 a.m., with practice on Wednesdays. (Note: If there aren't enough Striker-aged players, they will be mixed in with Kicker.)

Full team uniforms for Dribbler, Kicker and Striker divisions, and shirts and balls for Pre-K, are included in the registration fees and will be available for distribution prior to and during the first day of play. The club-recreational program will run Sept. 10-Oct. 29 (eight-week session). All games will take place at the Portland Recre-

ational Complex.

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

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

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.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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

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

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

Zion Lutheran Church News

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

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

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

Trinity Episcopal Church News

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

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

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

On Saturday, Sept. 17, there will be a free movie night on the church lawn. Bring a chair and join us at 6 p.m. for a barbecue. The movie *The Greatest Showman* (rated PG) will start at dusk.

The following day, Sunday, Sept. 18, will be Homecoming Sunday. All are invited to come, meet the Rev. Darryl Burke, and enjoy a cel-

ebration of fellowship. The service will be on the lawn at 9:30 a.m. Bring family, friends and chairs and stay for refreshments after the service.

The church is open for prayer and meditation on Fridays from 2-4 p.m., and there will also be a gathering in the church office at the same time, for Anglican Prayer beading at the same time. No prior beading experience is required. All are welcome.

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

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

First Congregational Church News

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

Celebration Sunday is on Sept. 11, when the church returns to its regular time of worship of 10 a.m. and begins the new church school year. The choir will offer the anthem "All Are Welcome" by Marty Haugen. Special guest musician Mickey Koth will provide music with music director and organist Kasha Breau. The Rev. Jane Hawken's sermon is titled "This Is Just Who We Are." All are invited to a potluck luncheon following the service.

First Church Nursery School offers a pro-

gram for 3-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday, and one for 4-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact Amy Jahnke at 860-342-1111 or 1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com for more information.

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

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

PHS Class of '64 Reunion

Classmates of the Portland High School Class of 1964 will meet Saturday, Sept. 17, at noon, at Farrell's Restaurant. Order off the menu. All classmates of other classes of PHS are invited.

KoC Soccer Challenge

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

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

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





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Cub Scout Pack 2 Kickoff Meeting, Camporee

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

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

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

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Vocal Chords Looking for Singers

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

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

Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m., at St. Francis Church, Msgr. Fox Parish Hall,

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

New members will be accepted through Sept. 13.

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

Electric Car Show Sept. 24

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

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

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

ered by electricity are also welcome.

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

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

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

Free Paper-Shredding Event

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

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

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

Class of '77 Reunion

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

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

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

Pollinator and Native Plant Presentation

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

McGuinness is a garden author and the garden blogger of FRAUZINNIE.com. She is an organic gardener, focusing on food and flowers along with pollinator-friendly and native plants in her Connecticut garden. *Micro Food Gardening* (Cool Springs Press, 2021) is her first book.

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

Transfer Station Summer Hours

Through Sept. 24, the hours for the Portland transfer station will be:

Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The scale closes 30 minutes before closing.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

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

Foodshare: Monday, Sept. 26.

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

Next Week's Programs: Monday: Light aerobics, 9:30 a.m. **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); hearing clinic, 11 a.m.; Coupons for Troops, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Stretch & Flex: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; setback, 1 p.m.; Exercise Tap Class, 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:15-11 a.m.; Social Duplicate Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. **Thursday:** Knit & Stitch, 10 a.m.; Stretch & Flex, 11:30 a.m.; Mahjong, 12:30-4 p.m.; Scrabble, 1-4 p.m. **Friday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Free Hearing Screenings: The second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m., with Virginia Dulos 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.

Health and Wellness: Monday, Sept. 12, 1-3 p.m., with local harpist Kasha Breau.

Fall Prevention Clinic: Monday, Sept. 12, 3 p.m., with Julie Zeller of Yale, immediately following the Health and Wellness Fair.

Downton Abbey Presentation with Susan Jerome: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:00 p.m. There is a \$5 admission fee. Call Lynn or Alexis to register at 860-342-6761.

Mystery Lunch Trip: Thursday, Sept. 15, with an 11 a.m. departure time. The trip is sold out.

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.

Methodist Church News

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

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.

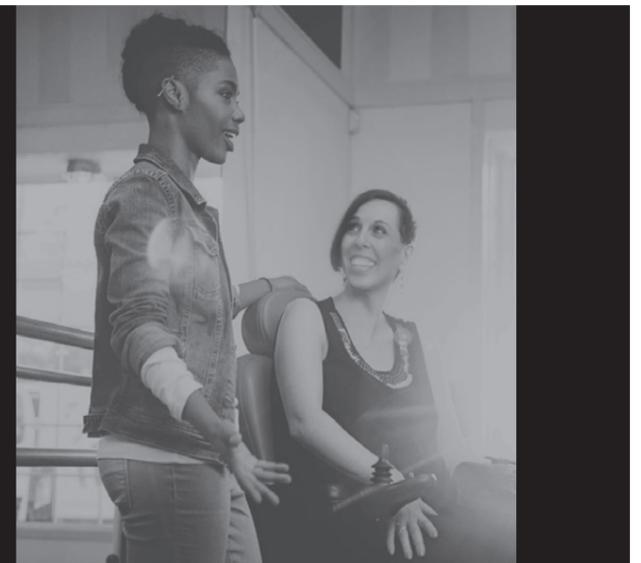
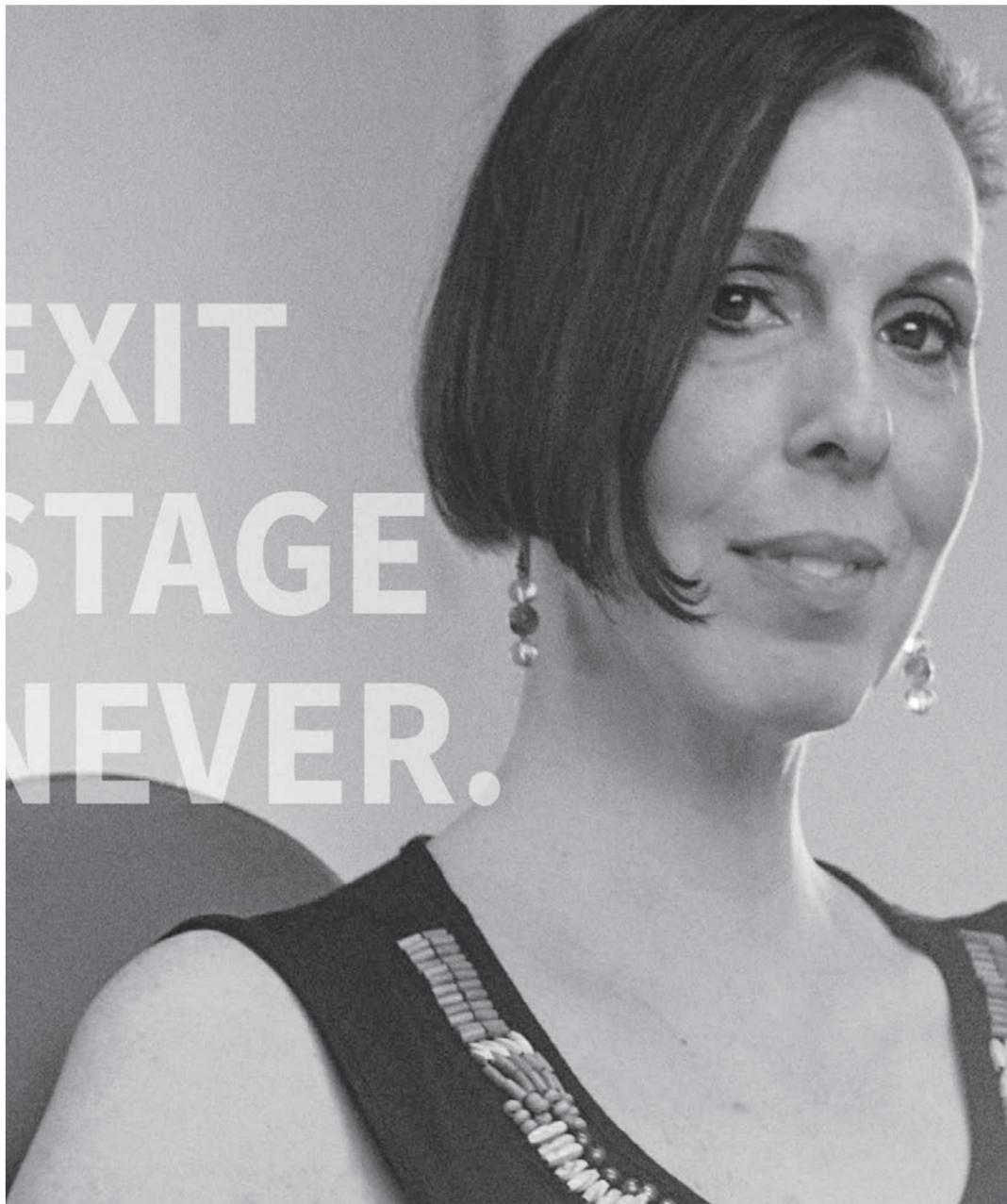
If interested in attending, call or text Linda at 860-262-1398, Lenore at 860-550-2873, or email Bill at williamorganek@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Benefit Concert Rescheduled

Local rocker Tony Rome's concert to benefit the Portland Police Union has been rescheduled.

The concert, featuring Tony Rome and The Excuses, will now take place 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.

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



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

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

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

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

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



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Seniors Take Center Stage for Bobcats Soccer

By Josh Howard

Bacon Academy boys' soccer head coach Skip Starks has a robust senior class, featuring eight players that return with plenty of experience and confidence for the 2022 season.

Ian Sargent earned honorable mention All-Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) as a defender a season ago and returns to head a senior class that includes Evan St. Louis, Nico Matteucci, Dante Ricci, Michael Vilardo, Steven Laliberte, Keegan Appleby and Noah Ondras.

"They have grabbed the mantle and they are full throttle," Starks said of his returning seniors. "Last year was a big help. They got that taste of success and this year they've got the young guys believing."

Last fall, the Bobcats won 11 games and a pair of state tournament games — including a dramatic 2-1 win at Weston in penalty kicks — before losing by a single goal in the quarterfinals to the eventual Class M state champions from Stonington.

The team graduated four all-conference players in Ryan Claffey, Sam Blumberger, Aidan McLoughlin, and Luke Gilbert.

St. Louis will be replacing Claffey, who was the team's standout goalie who is now playing collegiately at Stonehill College. While waiting in the wings, St. Louis said he learned the tricks of the trade from Claffey. 01

"I have gained a lot of confidence," added St. Louis. "We've had some pretty stellar goalkeepers in the past and observing them has helped. I'm ready to fill that big role and fill those shoes."

Starks said that St. Louis has been a leader since the first day he stepped on the fields at Bacon, honing his craft at the junior varsity level.

"He's always had the right mindset. He is excited because this is his time and I have confidence that he will step up," Starks said of St. Louis. "He's a really smart kid and his skills have improved each year."

Starks added that St. Louis' intelligence, on and off the field, is a reflection of the entire team.

Matteucci, who plays midfield, was named an All-ECC Scholar Athlete a season ago and believes the team has the tools and will to succeed.

"I think we have a lot of guys with a lot of ambition," said Matteucci. "We have a really strong team in every aspect of the field. I'm very excited for this year."

Ricci joins Matteucci and Ondras on the midline and said that one of the strengths of the team is the seemingly unlimited depth.

"Everyone has a role on the squad. We have a really deep team and it could take us really far," added Ricci.

The team's defense should again be an area of strength. Last season, the Bobcats shutout 10 opponents and allowed multiple goals in only four games.

Sargent, Appleby, Laliberte, and Vilardo will provide senior leadership in the backend and help keep St. Louis clean between the pipes.

Vilardo said the team is particularly deep in the defensive end, adding, "We'll always have someone ready to play and keep us strong."

Laliberte believes the closeness of the unit and the team as a whole will lead to production on the field.

"We all get along, and we're always hanging out and doing stuff together," stated Laliberte. "That builds the team and makes us better."

Appleby added, "We have a lot of guys with versatility as opposed to last year when guys had roles."

Versatility will be one of the main keys for the Bobcats this season. Starks said that the team is talented from the top down and will rotate in waves this year, interchanging players on the field to keep the team as fresh as possible throughout the games.

"Our intent is to put pressure on teams with our depth and a lot of our guys can play multiple positions. We can use that to our advantage," added Starks.

Colby Butterfeld, who scored the second most points on the team last year, along with Tyler Pulse, Sam Melino, and Drew Ferrigno



Bacon Academy boys' soccer has eight seniors who will all play vital roles this year. Picture are seniors (l-r) Keegan Appleby, Steven Laliberte, Nico Matteucci, Dante Ricci, Ian Sargent, Evan St. Louis, and Michael Vilardo (missing Noah Ondras).

will also play big roles as juniors.

Starks also noted that sophomore Kaden Treat and freshman Brayden Ward as rising stars that will head the next generation. He said the incoming group of freshmen is both deep and talented, crediting the youth soccer programs in Colchester for developing players that are ready to hit the ground running in high school.

"Side B4 Self" is printed on the back of the team's practice jerseys and will be team's motto this year. Starks said the players have fully embraced the team-first message.

He also stated that the expectations are high on the field, but most importantly he wants his team to play with class and the rest will take

care of itself.

"This group will shine a bright light for the community," added Starks, who is entering his fourth season as head coach and 10th total season with the program. "I would like to see everyone come out and support them because I know [the players] want to do it the other way."

The team starts the season with a pair of road games before returning to Bacon Academy for their home opener on Wednesday, Sept. 14, against Granby Memorial, starting at 4 p.m.

Sargent said the goal on the field this season is to hang an ECC championship banner on the wall, adding, "I am really confident in our team this year."

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. 12: 8:30 a.m., Garden Club, CoA Meeting; 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign, Pet Therapy; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 12:45 p.m., Setback; 1 p.m., Bridge; 1:30 p.m., Fall Flavors Cooking Demo.

Tuesday, Sept. 13: 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10 a.m., Regional TLC Ombudsman Meeting; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 12:30-3:30 p.m., CHOICES counseling; 1:30 p.m., AARP Meeting; 7 p.m., SCBC meeting (via Zoom).

Wednesday, Sept. 14: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meetup at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 12:30 p.m., Reel Friends Movie - *Sylvie's Love*; 2:30 p.m., CSC staff meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 15: 9 a.m., Exercise w/Anne; 9:30 a.m., Paint with Ruth; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 10:30 a.m., Shopping Trip; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

Friday, Sept. 16: 9 a.m., Back-to-School Breakfast; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30 a.m.,

Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

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

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

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

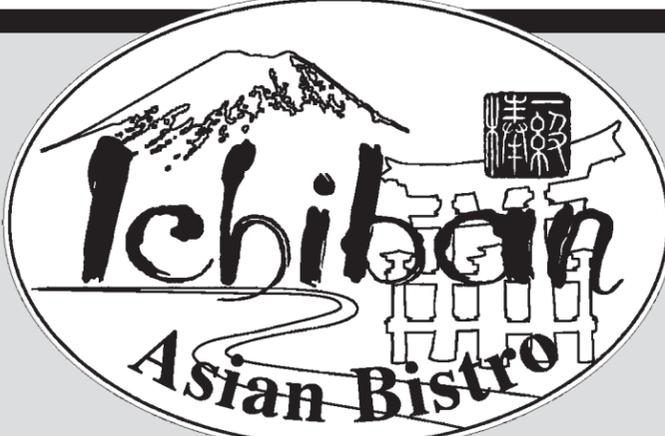
Walk to End Alzheimer's: Saturday, Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m. See Jodi Savage at the center to register to join the CSC team "The Memory Makers," named in honor of the center's Making Memories Program, at the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Ocean Beach Park in New London. The team to raise the most money will get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

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.



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Festival on the Green Craft Show

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

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

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

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

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

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. 10, 1:30 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m.; and Saturday, Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m. Families will move and groove together and learn simple mindfulness techniques – all with the goal of reducing stress and promoting mental health. This program is designed for families. Registration is not required. This project is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by Connecticut State Library.

Teen Back-to-School Pastry Party: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 3 p.m., for grades 6-12. Stop by the library to check in with friends and talk about your summer. Pastries will be served.

All-Ages Watch Party: Thursday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m. All are invited to an interactive watch

party of *Hocus Pocus* (rated PG). Snacks and props will be provided; costumes encouraged.

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

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

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

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

Paint Night: Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, for teens and adults. You will receive an email when supplies are ready to be picked up from the library. Register at tinyurl.com/r8x-vtd8.

Choose Love Bus Coming to Town

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

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

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

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 from Sept. 10 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.



Democrats Open Headquarters... The Colchester Democrats hosted the grand opening of their campaign headquarters at 392 S. Main St., Unit No. 7, on Sunday, Aug. 28. Up to Election Day, these headquarters will be an action center for helping state Sen. Norm Needleman's re-election campaign, state representative candidate Chris Rivers, and other Democratic candidates up and down the ballot. Scheduled times for phone banking and other campaign activities, including written voter contact are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. For more information on how to become more involved, call Monica at 860-465-7909.

Shredding Old Tax and Personal Records

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

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

Costs are \$5 for a bag the size of a plastic

grocery bag and \$10 for boxes the size of a case of copy paper or case of beer. A bulk price can be negotiated for larger quantities of records. There is no need to take off paper clips or staples.

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

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

Ham Radio Shack at Senior Center

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

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

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

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

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

Trivia Night

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

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

Cash prizes will be awarded.

Fall Market Vendor Fair

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

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

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.

Police News

9/1: Scott Wesley Hair, 51, of Hartford, was arrested and charged with violation of a protective order, state police said.



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Super Scout Summer... The Scouts of Troop 13 Colchester had a busy summer. From a camping trip at Lake George to their traditional week at Camp Yawgoog Scout Reservation in Rockville, R.I., the Scouts enjoyed swimming, hiking, a ropes course, a baseball game, and plenty of opportunities for earning merit badges and other awards. Boys in grades 6 and up are welcome to join Troop 13, which meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave. Pictured clockwise from top: the Scouts at Yawgoog, the Scouts at Lake George, Scouts John Dalton and Aiden Raulukaitis, who successfully completed National Youth Leadership Training.

Youth Football Recap

The Colchester Cougars youth football squads took on Griswold last weekend. The Pee Wee division had a bye. Here's how the other divisions fared:

Micros: Lost, 33-0. Notable players included: Keith Charbonnier Jr., Parker Chaplinsky, PJ Brodeur, Jakob Sheehan, Aidan Francis, Jayden Lirette and Hunter Mosdale.

Juniors: Won, 12-7. The Cougars scored on a touchdown run by Vinny Arrigoni and on a pass from Arrigoni to Mason Howard. The Cougars also gained yards on the running of Niko Ibrahim, Alan Marshall and Ryan Browning. On defense, the Cougars

held Griswold to seven points by the play of Ryan Browning, Charlie Gorman, Jake Hashem, Jack Ploski, Alan Marshall and Colton LaFlash.

Seniors: Lost, 31-14. Tyler McLaughlin and Eddie Gignac led the defense in tackles. Gignac had a rushing touchdown for the Cougars offense. Long receptions were made by Josiah Wells, Robbie Corrado and Elijah Anttil. Anttil had a receiving touchdown and an interception in the game. Come see the

The Cougars will play the Ellington Roadrunners this Saturday at home.

Colchester Federated Church News

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Celebrate Colchester

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

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

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

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

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

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Polish Dinner, Polka Dance

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

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

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.

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.

Andover • Andover

New Britain Man Arrested in Post Office Burglary

By Jack Lakowsky

Erick Gomez-Rodriguez, a 35-year-old resident of New Britain, turned himself into police last week, facing felony charges for allegedly burglarizing the Andover Post Office in January.

According to the state's judicial website Gomez-Rodriguez is in custody and has not filed a plea, pending a Sept. 28 court date.

State police arrested Gomez-Rodriguez Aug. 30 and charged him with third-degree burglary, third-degree larceny, possession of burglar tools and conspiracy. Police also arrested Gomez-Rodriguez that same day on a failure to appear charge.



Erick Gomez-Rodriguez

According to the state police affidavit, in January officers responded to the Route 6 Post Office.

In a written statement to police, postal employees said they saw a hole in the wall below the mail drop slot area, as well as scratch marks on the package lockers. Police determined entry wasn't made into these lockers.

The postmaster general was informed and reached out to USPS inspectors.

Mail was allegedly stolen, however. State police and postal inspectors will collaborate for further investigations.

Postal inspectors warned police watch out for fraud causes resulting from the stolen mail.

Later in January, a detective with the Warwick, R.I., police department called Connecticut state police to say that a 2003 Ford Escape with Rhode Island plates was towing a U-Haul trailer through the city. The car allegedly com-

mitted numerous traffic violations, so police stopped the vehicle.

The plate number matched a vehicle reported stolen in Coventry, R.I. After searching the vehicle police supposedly found bolt cutters, a black pry bar, a yellow wrecking bar, a black hammer, a two-way radio, tow ropes, a pair of gloves, pliers, screwdrivers and flashlights.

Rhode Island police allegedly found a stack of "neatly organized checks" with addresses from Andover and other towns.

Rhode Island police arrested Gomez-Rodriguez and a male juvenile.

In the Andover post office, inspectors found pry marks with yellow paint chips, allegedly matching the color of the seized pry bar, and that a pair of bolt cutters cut locks.

Police valued the checks at more than \$2,500.

"Based on my training and experience," wrote state trooper Sebastian Nesci in his affidavit, "I understand a common fraud crime consists of stealing checks and 'washing', or removing information from [them], which are then rewritten to a different account for the same amount of money, or more."

Andover Pumpkin Patch

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

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

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

will take place throughout October.

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

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

Senior Citizen News & Notes

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

Shopping: Tuesdays, Sept. 13 and 27 to Wilimantic, and Sept. 20 to Manchester, Masks are available on all vehicles.

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

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

Rides to all town events, town meetings, ref-

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

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

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.

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. 14. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from

9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Sept. 21.

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

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.

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

Courtney, Skorski to Visit

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

Courtney, a Democrat, represents the Second Congressional District, which includes Andover. Skorski, also a Democrat, is running for the 55th Assembly District, which covers Andover,

Hebron, Marlborough, part of Bolton and part of Glastonbury. Reservations are required due to the limited space.

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

Veterans Meeting and Coffee

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

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

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

Congregational Church Tag Sale

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

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

The church will accept donations weekdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., until Thursday, Sept. 15.

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.

Dean's List

Emily Sklodosky of Andover made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Northern Vermont University in Vermont.

Vacancy on ZBA

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

History Museum Open Monthly

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

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

New items are continuously being added to the display.

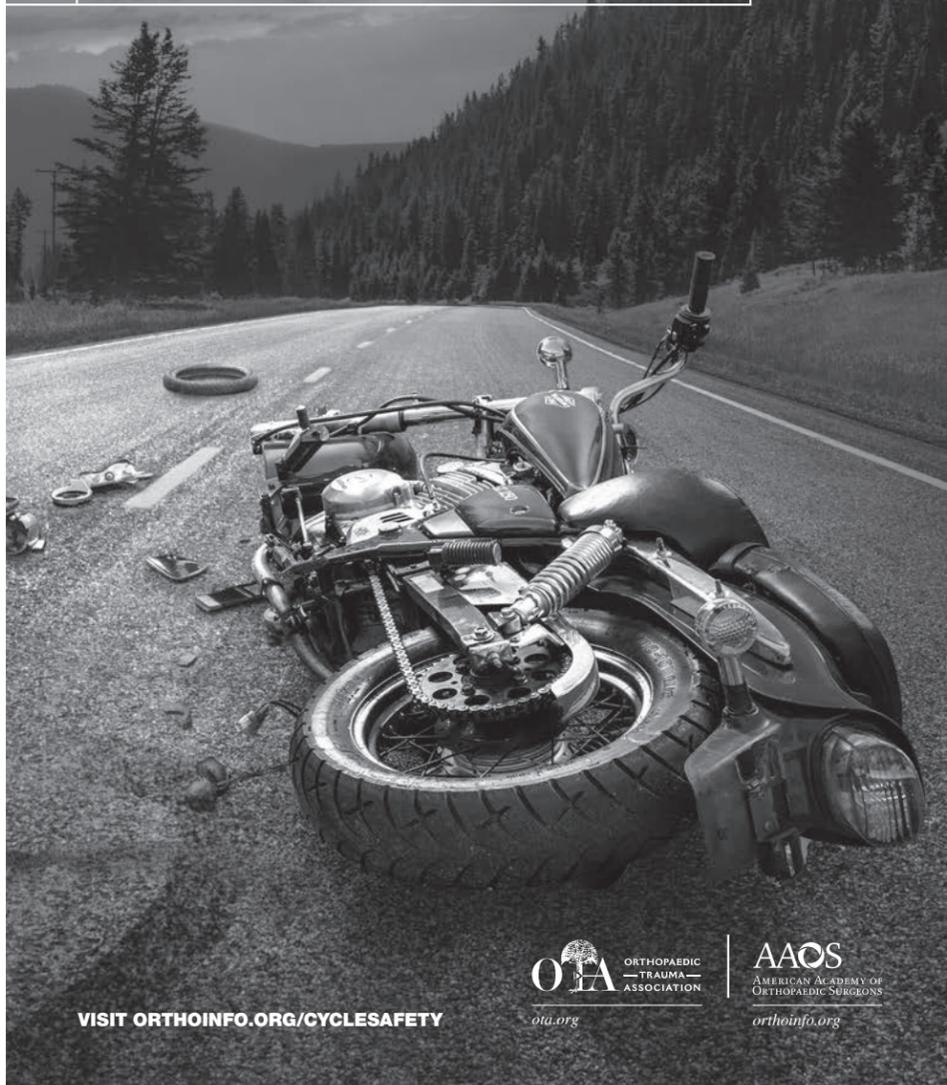
Farmers Market Oct. 5

The next Andover Farmers Market will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 4-7 p.m., outdoors at First Congregational Church, 359 Route 6. There will be several farmers, bakers, a food truck and music.

The final market will be Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and it will include crafters.

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Obituaries

Portland

Donald Ward Muirhead Sr.

Donald Ward Muirhead Sr., 86, of Portland, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, at Hartford Hospital. Don was born Aug. 1, 1936, son of the late Dorothy and Henry George in East Lyme. He grew up in Trumbull.



Prior to retirement, he was a pharmacist. He had established Marlborough Pharmacy and served as a pharmacist in several locations, including CVS and Walgreens. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.

Don is survived by his beloved wife of almost 65 years, Eileen. He is also survived by three children, Donald Jr. and wife Anne of Southborough, Mass., Andrew and wife T'Ann of San Diego, Calif., Christina of Rochester, N.Y., and his brother Richard George and wife Diane of Norwalk. He is also survived by three grandchildren in Massachusetts.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation in Don's name to a charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Sept. 15, at noon, in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial with full military honors will be in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown.

East Hampton

Richard John Caron

Richard John Caron, 81, beloved husband of 59 years to Lois (Broadhurst) Caron, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Middlesex Hospital. Born Aug. 10, 1941, in Hartford, he was the son of the late August and Grace (Dumas) Caron.



Richard was retired from the MDC where he was a maintenance foreman at the Farmington Reservoir. Richard was a lifelong resident of East Hampton and a communicant of St. Patrick Church.

Besides his wife Lois, he is survived by his four sons, Mark Caron of Colchester, Christopher Caron and wife Kelly of Kansas, Sean Caron and wife Teesha of East Hampton, Andre Caron and wife Laurie Caron of East Hampton; his grandchildren, Trevor, Cierra, Brianna,

Charlie, KC, Mercedes, Zachary and Hunter; and his great-grandchildren, Karly, Emma and Brantley. He was predeceased by his four siblings.

Richard enjoyed woodworking, yardwork, many trips to the casinos, getting his coffee and paper at the local Citgo, and most of all he loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

A funeral liturgy was celebrated Thursday, Sept. 8, in St. Patrick Church, with burial following in St. Patrick Cemetery.

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

Portland

Patricia Esposito

Patricia (Patty) Esposito, 70, beloved wife of almost 42 years to Patrick Esposito Sr., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 31. Patty was born in Middletown and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. She resided in Portland with her husband Pat and her dog Chooch.



Patty worked for 27 years for the State of Connecticut. After retirement, she enjoyed yoga, reading, bike-riding, camping and spending time with family and friends at her house on the lake in Portland or her house on the ocean in Florida.

Patty had a real zest for life. She will be remembered for her never-ending smile, infectious laugh and the love she gave to everyone. Patty became friends with everyone she met and was always the life of the party.

Patty leaves behind her husband Pat; her three children, Micki Charton, Becki (Jeff) Graves, Patrick Jr. (Jill) Esposito; and her grandchildren, Stephen (Regina) Charton, Brandon Charton, Kaitlyn Charton, Teddy Charton, Carter Graves, Carly Graves, and Haddam Esposito. She also leaves her brothers, Peter Baranowsky (Jeanie), Bob Baranowsky (Kathy); her sister, Lynne Pierce (Jeff); and nieces and nephews, Michaela, Michael, Andrea, Jeff and Todd.

She was predeceased by her parents, Peter and Josephine Baranowsky, and her nephew Justin.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Sept. 7, from the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial that morning in St. Mary Church, Portland. Burial was in the family plot in St. Mary Cemetery, Portland. Friends called at the funeral home Tuesday, Sept. 6.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Portland Food Bank.

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stance.

"Our town needs a budget for financial stability," she said.

The comments from Migliaccio did not sit well with some members of the board, including Democrat Denise Turner – who previously voted against the budget proposal.

"We don't need to be reprimanded," Turner said during the meeting. "We had every right to ask questions."

Bisbikos asked both Migliaccio and Kratochvil if they believed there was any fraud in the proposal. LaChapelle has stated that a decision by Bisbikos not to fill the Director of Operations position moving forward, freeing up around \$90,000, was "dishonest" to the taxpayers and constituted "fraud."

Migliaccio and Kratochvil both told Bisbikos the budget did not include any fraud.

LaChapelle, however, stood by those claims during the meeting, which Bisbikos then continued to deny.

Bisbikos called the claims "lies" and "embarrassing." He told LaChapelle that "there will be accountability" and that he would not tolerate LaChapelle's comments.

Bisbikos later told the *Rivereast* that the "accountability" happened during the meeting.

"Mr. LaChapelle was being held accountable at the meeting for his inflammatory and misleading claims made towards the chairman of the Board of Finance and to the town," he said.

Bisbikos said "throwing out the word 'fraud' has criminal connotations to it, and [LaChapelle] should be embarrassed for using that word so recklessly."

Bisbikos added that LaChapelle "lacks any form of leadership and has no business serving in local government."

Bisbikos also defended the decision to bring the finance board chair and finance director to the meeting, expressing that the "successfully articulated the severity of the situation."

"Those who were shutting down the financial experts in the room are the very people who took issue with the budget, so I'm not surprised they decided to play victim when their questions were answered, and they realized they had very few avenues left for obstruction," he said.

LaChapelle told the *Rivereast* that his concerns with the budget were not addressed during the meeting.

"I hoped I could vote 'yes' but I couldn't bring myself to do it," he said. "I think [the budget] is fraudulent."

He expressed that he did interpret some of Bisbikos' comments during the meeting as threats, and that he'll likely be "held accountable" through social media attacks.

"There's a history of talking a big game and doing nothing," he said.

LaChapelle also stated that Bisbikos muted him during parts of the budget discussions – the meeting was held on Zoom – but since he was a panelist himself, he was able to unmute.

Before voting on the proposal, Bisbikos told the selectmen they had one job – to send the budget to a town meeting. He echoed his previous comments that he would be reaching out to the attorney if the board did not do so.

Kratochvil said failing to move the budget forward would negatively impact the town – including its bond rating. She noted this would affect such town projects as the new senior center.

Rosemary Coyle, a Democrat on the Board of Selectmen, decided to send the proposal back to the voters after seeing a pair of budgetary documents explaining the cuts and outlining the budget numbers.

While Coyle ultimately approved the budget, she maintained her frustrations with the way new initiatives – specifically a proposed senior

services bus driver – were removed from the proposal. She also pushed back on the approach Bisbikos took during the meeting, stating that it felt as though he was "bullying us."

Selectmen Confront Bisbikos

During the meeting, the selectmen unanimously passed a motion enacting a policy that "any requests for legal opinions or clarification of matters by the First Selectman of any member of the Board of Selectmen to the Town Attorney must be in writing and the entire Board of Selectmen must be copied."

The motion, proposed by Rosemary Coyle, came after Bisbikos and the board sparred over numerous legal opinions in the past.

Recently, Bisbikos sought legal input regarding the selectmen's vote against the town budget, as well as the first selectman's overall authority in light of the controversy regarding book placement at the town library.

While Bisbikos was initially critical of the proposed motion, saying that he would "not be obstructed by any member of the Board of Selectmen," he ultimately saw its merit and fully supported it.

The four selectmen also wrote a joint, bipartisan letter in last week's *Rivereast*, where they admonished Bisbikos.

"We want the first selectman to stop using board meetings and social media to attack, threaten, and belittle elected officials and, worse, private citizens. From decisions about which books belong in the library to vacant director positions, our first selectman continues to act unilaterally without BOS or citizen input," they wrote.

When asked about his reaction to the letter and his relationship with the selectmen, Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* he has a "lack of confidence in them."

"They appear to be personally or politically motivated in their approach to town business," he said. "This recent flare-up is a prime example of it."

LaChapelle emphasized the importance of the four selectmen writing together, and said that he still hopes he can have a professional relationship with Bisbikos, although it seems unlikely in the immediate future.

"I have no problem working with Andreas," he said. "It's not about him; it's about the principles and actions."

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TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm on September 12, 2022 at the East Hampton Town Hall - 1 Community Drive and via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:

Continued 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.

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

Application ZBA-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.

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

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.

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.

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and for one purpose: to answer your questions. Many brands and models are expected, including pickup trucks and vans. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about vehicle charging, vehicle range, servicing, costs and savings. Electric bicycles will be there too. You can also speak with clean energy companies and get information on other ways to save energy and money, especially with the heating season just months away. There will be food, ice cream and music too.

Right up to the day of the show, electric vehicle owners that want to be in the show can go to www.tinyurl.com/ehcarshow and complete the free online registration. It's that easy

So come on out, talk with current owners, check out many different cars, learn more about what it's like to drive electric. I hope to see you there!

**Russ Kaplan, Chairman
East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force**

Supports DeCaprio

To the Editor:

I am writing to support Mark DeCaprio for State Representative of the 48th District (Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin and Lebanon). Mark has over 20 years of professional experience as a public policy manager at the CTDEEP and currently serves as an elected official as selectman for the Town of Lebanon.

Mark has served on the Lebanon Board of Education (BOE) from 2019 to 2021 during the height of the COVID epidemic. Mark used his education (Master of Public Health/Registered Sanitarian) and professional experience to assist the BOE with development of COVID protocols for the safe conduct of school operations.

Mark has also served on the Homeland Security CTDEEP liaison on the Dept. of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Advisory Council during his tenure as CTDEEP Division Director of Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division. Mark worked closely with the CT State Legislature to educate elected officials and CT Licensed Environmental Professionals on enforcement of environmental law to protect human health & the environment for residents of Connecticut.

Mark believes in bringing elected officials together by finding common ground to serve the needs of the residents of the 48th District. Mark's prior State of Connecticut experience will assist the towns within the 48th District to maintain sovereign control of local planning and zoning ordinances related to future housing development. The State of Connecticut Democratic-led administration currently is considering taking control of local public housing development.

On a personal note, Mark is a father of seven children and many grandchildren. Mark strongly supports parental rights, as he believes it is the parent, not the government/state, that should decide what is best for their children. Please join me in supporting Mark DeCaprio with your vote this Nov. 8.

**Sincerely,
Art Shilosky – Colchester**

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

#Save17 on Sept. 19

To the Editor:

It is time to let Hebron's town leaders know that you care about our history, environment, neighborhoods and taxes. I urge the residents of Hebron to plan on attending the Public Building Committee meeting at the Douglas Library at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, and oppose the placement of a destructive and expensive industrial Public Works facility at 17 Kinney Rd.

Please help our growing grassroots effort inform the Public Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen that these historic 300-year-old farmlands, significant stonewall laneways, ancient white oak trees and the Raymond Brook watershed are too important to put at risk.

I was excited to read last week that the ancient white oak trees at 17 Kinney Rd. were added to Connecticut's Notable Tree list. Unfortunately, the largest of these historic Wolf Trees, and an important section of a rare stonewall laneway, are directly under one of the proposed Public Works buildings. It is also unfortunate that last week's comments by Hebron's town manager appear to be more of the same slanted reality designed to push this dangerous plan ahead at any cost. Several sections of a letter from the State Historic Preservation Office were quoted while the most important section remained un-

said. The town needs to pursue a full investigation of the historic nature of 17 Kinney Road and

its eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. SHPO requests that a professional cultural resources survey be completed "prior to any subsequent phases of development..." This should also be true for an in-depth environmental impact study and input from the residents of Hebron. It is hard to comprehend why this has not happened before all this effort, time and money. There are options and they should be investigated now.

Please visit Kinney Road Matters on Facebook and help #Save17.

**Sincerely,
Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston**

Delicious Cookout

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the following people for the delicious cookout at our last senior luncheon: Carol Lee, our town clerk; Adrian Mandeville, Board of Selectmen vice chair; Alicia Lee; and Michael Palazzi. Also, a special thank you to Nicholas Slater for participating in our luncheon. We look forward to having him help us at the tag/vendor sale Oct. 1. Everyone did an outstanding job.

Thank you to all the people who have been kind enough to donate to our senior luncheon program to keep it running: Eric Anderson, our town administrator, Tiu and Ylo Anson, Jeff Ballard, Frank and Pat Chaves, Roberta Dougherty, for helping serve, Lt. Dave Gostanian, Sarah Shapiro, and Gerry Wright. A special thanks to my husband, Michael Palazzi for everything he does to support my efforts to help our seniors.

My sincere apologies if I have inadvertently omitted anyone's name. It is not intentional and I appreciate everyone's help.

**Thank you,
Cathy Palazzi
Andover Senior Coordinator**

CORE Lets Down LGBTQ+

To the Editor:

The CORE Commission (Colchester Openness to Respecting Equity) has let down our LGBTQ+ neighbors.

When the first selectman tried to close the children's section of the library over a RuPaul book, a meeting of CORE was called to discuss if a response was warranted. It was voted that a statement of support should be drafted.

Discussion followed about whether the statement would speak to the gay community or be for "all people." If members are forced to issue a statement, how both-sided could it be? Members against killed the statement in August. It would have been too little too late, but no statement at all speaks volumes.

The draft submitted said in part:

"Our public spaces should be accepting of all people – not rejecting them. To the Colchester LGBTQ+ community and especially LGBTQ+ youth: We support you and you are welcome here." Next month, CORE will discuss hosting a community training about people who "self-identify" as LGBTQ+. According to the minutes of last month's meeting, "Sharing this information will help educate the community."

When the gay community spoke out about the RuPaul book, CORE didn't listen – so who is this supposed to educate?

**Regards,
Amy Domeika – Colchester**

Note: Domeika is a member of the CORE Commission, but said she is speaking as an individual.

More Research Needed

To the Editor:

The Sept. 19 informational meeting on the Public Works Complex (PWC) should be postponed until the State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) is completed. The Phase 1 Archaeological Survey only investigated 11 of the 88 acres on Kinney Road and did not investigate the Horton Boulevard parcel, but noted its archaeological significance. The CRS will determine historical significance based on an in-depth title search and on the preservation of cultural artifacts like stonewalls. Its findings may have a major impact upon plans for the PWC and new Hebron Center.

Currently, no one knows who historically owned the PWC site!

It is vital that the town not repeat the errors of Burnt Hill Park, where the oldest continuously inhabited part of Hebron and a still functioning farm were bulldozed, destroying all historic evidence including sites related to Cesar Peters. Already, in developing Horton Boulevard, the house and farm reputedly belonging to Cesar Peters, but more likely his son, have been de-

stroyed. These losses cannot be replaced!

Hebron selectmen are sworn to preserve Hebron's rural, historic character. Yet the Kinney Road and Horton parcels were purchased with a predetermined use in mind without researching historic factors. This is a continual problem on the town's part. In failing to do background research, historic preservation is casted in the role of being obstructive to progress, when in reality it is the primary responsibility of Hebron leadership.

A better use of the Sept. 19 meeting would be to stake and mark the actual site so everyone can see its impact. Rather than hiring a public relations salesman, funds should be spent to improve working and environmental conditions at the current PWC.

An informational meeting should only be held when all information is known.

John Baron – Hebron

Confused, Misinformed or Lying

To the Editor:

I am responding to letters by John Collins from Aug. 26 and Sept. 2.

The Public Building Committee was established in 2010 to provide technical assistance for the town's facility needs. We specifically do not advocate for or against any project. Therefore, as the chair of the committee, I have remained silent during the debate over the proposed Public Works facility.

However, Mr. Collins now states that the "PBC was not competent to fulfill the site selection task and was only chosen to reliably conclude what Town Hall wanted." – 8/26 and "conducted a deeply flawed and incomplete site selection process" and that we were "relying on "independent" consultants...that ultimately chose the Horton property". Further he states "the committee reliably chose what the town government wanted" - 9/2.

He is either confused, misinformed or purposefully lying.

The town never suggested any site for the public works facility. We did use an architect to help us determine the building needs and amount of land needed. We then considered every site that was large enough to house the facility and several that were not. At this time the town did not own the "Horton" property nor did they have any plans to purchase it. Our initial report to the town suggested locating operations at both the existing property and Burnt Hill Park.

After additional research it was determined that this plan was not viable. We resumed our search and settled on the Horton property. We recommended the town investigate buying the property.

The town hired experts to ensure that this would be a prudent purchase and that the DPW facility could be built there. The PBC did not hire these consultants nor did we rely on them for our recommendation.

I demand Mr. Collins provide proof of his allegations or a full apology.

**Wayne Warwick, Chair
Hebron Public Building Committee**

Rubberstamped Every Bad Policy

To the Editor:

What defines the Biden presidency? High inflation, high energy prices, high crime, the invasion at the southern border and weaponizing the Justice Department against parents who speak out at school board meetings.

When Joe took office, inflation was at 1.4% and now it is 8.5%, resulting in huge increases in food and fuel prices. Joe continues to push government spending, which any economist will tell you feeds the inflation.

When Joe took office, we were energy independent, exporting more than we imported. Joe declared war on fossil fuel, shutting down the Keystone pipeline and increasing regulations, driving up the cost of gas, home heating oil and electricity. Now he is begging Iran and Venezuela to sell us oil.

Joe and his left-wing Democrats cheered on Antifa and BLM as they rioted, burned major cities and stole from businesses in 2020. Now it has become the norm in all the major cities to "smash and grab" in jewelry, clothing and drug stores and attack people on the streets and subways.

In the last fiscal year, over 2 million people have walked over our open southern border along with illegal drugs, gang members, and sex traffickers and that is not counting the "got-aways." Most of the fentanyl that has killed over 100,000 of our young people in the last fiscal

year comes over the southern border.

The Biden Justice Department worked with the National Teachers Union to declare parents domestic terrorists if they spoke up at school board meetings.

Dick Blumenthal and Joe Courtney have rubberstamped every bad policy of the Biden Administration. Had enough? Vote for Leora Levy for U.S. Senate and Mike France for Congress to send a message we need change in Washington.

Linda Ursin – East Hampton

Budget Transfer Mess

To the Editor:

Well, after sounding the alarm on the 2021-22 budget overages last month and expressing my concern, the BOS and the BOF were sent a year-end budget transfers request that totaled over \$760,000 and covered almost every town department. The transfers request has absolutely no explanation why the various Departments and Line items exceeded their budgets. In all, 114 line items in the town budget exceeded their taxpayer approved budget, some by as much as \$170,000, yet no explanation has been provided? The BOS and BOF have not been notified if all charges for the 2021-22 budget year are reflected and covered under this transfer request, and still the first selectman insists that "He did not exceed his budget"? How is this budget then balanced, by taking out over a quarter of a million dollars (\$255,000) out of our contribution to the Capital Reserve Account.

As soon as a town budget passes reserve funds are transferred to the respective reserve or capital accounts. Stating that you are transferring "less Money the Vehicle Reserve Fund" as stated in the request is not correct. Essentially the first selectman and the new financial director are raiding the capital reserve funds to cover up for the complete lack of oversight by the first selectman. Can reserve funds be used to cover overages in operational costs in other departments? How does a quarter of a million-dollar shortfall in funding to this reserve account effect our capital improvement plans for facilities, equipment and vehicles? And without any explanation on the cause of these overages it cannot be determined if the current budget for 2022-23 will face similar challenges.

For these reasons a full accounting of what were the causes for the overages and how they can be addressed going forward needs to be provided.

Mike Egan – Colchester

Interesting Times in Colchester

To the Editor:

In case you've missed it, Colchester is in a mess. The town has had more than its share of publicity recently, and hardly any of it has been good. Board meetings are contentious, voters have not yet passed a town budget for 2022-23, and the school district is dealing with some very tough issues and a sudden turnover in leadership.

It's easy to feel bad about everything that's been going on. However, this week I was grateful to see a glimmer of hope.

I am writing to commend the four members of the Colchester Board of Selectmen whose letter appeared in the Sept. 2 issue of the *Rivereast*. Thank you to Deborah Bates (R), Rosemary Coyle (D), Jason LaChapelle (R), and Denise Turner (D) for demonstrating a willingness to work together in a bipartisan manner. This is something we have seldom seen in recent years on the local or the national level. I'm proud of all of you for seeking common ground and committing to work together. That is leadership.

Thank you for your volunteer service to the town in some very "interesting" times. Please know that there are many citizens in Colchester who support you and want you to succeed in correcting the course the town is on. You may not always agree on the details, but I believe all four of you have the best interests of Colchester at heart and can work to find compromise. Most of all, I hope the first selectman will join you in the work.

Susie Milner – Colchester

You're Responsible, You Pay

To the Editor:

I propose a new tax. It will be selectively collected from individuals. People who insist on usurping the right to choice seem to feel that they are responsible for the life of the unborn. Fine. If you are responsible, then you should shoulder the expense of bringing that child into the world and sustaining it through its college years. You want responsibility, take it. Also,

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Standout *Rivereast* Sports Rivalries

By Josh Howard

Throughout the high school sports season, we will be recognizing an athlete each week that will be named as a *Rivereast* Standout of the Week from the local schools (Bacon Academy High School, East Hampton High School, Portland High School, and RHAM High School).

To kick off the fall season let's take a look at the Standout Matchups of the fall season, starting with Bacon Academy girls' soccer hosting East Hampton in an out-of-conference contest this Saturday, Sept. 10. The Bobcats from Colchester beat the Bellringers 2-0 in the regular season finale last fall and will open the 2022 season by hosting the visiting East Hampton for a game at 11 a.m.

It will be the first of five *Rivereast* Rivalry contests that will take place this fall. Here is a detailed look at the others:

Sept. 13: Portland Cross-Country Invitational: The home of the Highlanders welcomes schools from across the state, including the Bellringers of East Hampton for a multi-school meet on the second Tuesday in September at 94 Camp Ingersoll Rd. in Portland at 3:30 p.m.

Isha Murphy again leads both the boys' and girls' cross-country programs at Portland, who are coming off runner-up and fourth place finishes, respectively, at the Class S state finals last fall.

East Hampton, led by longtime head coach Bill Wilkie, are fresh off runner-up finishes for both the boys' and girls' teams at the Class SS state finals a year ago. The Bellringers host their own invitational on Sept. 30 at East Hampton High School, starting at 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 20: Portland vs East Hampton Boys Soccer: The Highlands welcome the Bellringers to Portland High School for a potentially pivotal late-season battle that could have Shoreline Conference and Class S tournament ranking ramifications.

The team's only match last season ended in a 0-0 stalemate. This season the Highlands brought in first-year head coach John Discenza to take over a program that won eight regular season games and another in the state tournament a season ago. The Bellringers, who are coming off seven-win regular season and a 7-0

upset victory in the opening round of the state tourney, have All-Shoreline Conference honorable mention selection Brennan Johnson returning. The border battle starts at 7 p.m.

Oct. 21: East Hampton vs Portland Girls Soccer: The Bellringers lost to the Highlanders 4-0 at Portland High School in the team's only meeting last fall. This season the game shifts to East Hampton High School for a key late-season SLC tilt.

Brianne Miller and Maddie Crumb are the two senior leaders for the Bellringers, who are looking for a bounce back season after missing the state tourney a year ago. Portland is hoping to build off a nine-win season and a state tournament appearance from last season. The SLC showdown starts at 3:45 p.m.

Nov. 24: RHAM vs Bacon Academy Football: After a two-year hiatus, the 'Battle for the Rail' resumes on Thanksgiving morning. The football festivities between the two neighboring schools started in 2003 and since then each team has won seven times with Bacon Academy winning 32-0 the last time the teams met on the field in 2019.

RHAM hosts the annual game this season as second-year head coach Dakota Fleming hopes to build off a 5-5 season with the return of all-conference players Max Nylen and Tommy Pu- etzer. The Bobcats have nowhere to go but up after finishing winless last season and enter a new era under first-year head coach Bill Chaf- fin. The rivalry renews on Turkey Day, kicking off at 10 a.m.

Chatham to Roll Out COVID Booster Shots Soon

By Jack Lakowsky

Chatham Health District Public Health Nurse Vickie Han said the new COVID-19 vaccine, which resists both the original COVID strain and the now-dominant strains, the BA.4 and the BA.5 omicron variants, will roll out soon.

Previous vaccine doses were not geared toward the omicron variants.

On Tuesday, Han said Chatham expects 100 booster doses this week, beginning roll-out next week. The first public clinic, Han said, is scheduled for Sept. 19. Check Chatham's website, www.chathamhealth.org, for updates and information.

The Chatham Health District serves as the municipal health department for Colchester, East Hampton, East Haddam, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland.

"I encourage everyone to get it to stay safe and healthy," Han said, saying it's important people get their boosters before the cold weather sets in. Chatham just this week ordered Pfizer vaccine doses, eligible for anyone aged 12 or older.

Chatham Health director Russell Melmed said last week he anticipates a winter surge, and that current cases are exceeding numbers from this time last year.

Han said starting in October, Chatham will co-administer the new COVID boosters with its flu vaccines if patients so choose.

Han said unlike the last vaccine campaigns, she's not expecting blockbuster crowds.

"It should be easier to keep up with, as opposed to seeing 500 people at a time," she said, adding "we do expect a little surge [in cases], school is indoors and there's no mask

mandate. The risk of transmission is always there, especially as holidays start and people head indoors."

She said vaccines help slow transmission and prevent severe illness.

Han said after the previous vaccine roll-outs, she and Chatham staff "feel like veterans at this point.

"As far as setup and procedure we kind of have it down," she said.

The Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency authorization for the new boosters at the end of August.

Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the new Moderna COVID vaccine if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received a booster dose. Chatham does not have Moderna doses.

Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the new Pfizer-BioNTech COVID vaccine if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or received a booster dose.

"The COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, continue to save countless lives and prevent the most serious outcomes of COVID-19," said FDA Commissioner Robert M. Califf.

"As we head into fall and begin to spend more time indoors, we strongly encourage anyone who is eligible to consider receiving a booster dose with a bivalent COVID-19 vaccine to provide better protection against currently circulating variants."

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you must be responsible for prenatal care for the mother.

If we assume 750,000 abortions on an annual basis, and a conservative average cost to raise a child at \$13,000 per year, then these adamant usurpers will be on the hook for about 9.1 billion dollars ... each year! Assuming the adult population of America is 250 million, and 38% of them are against abortion, then 95 million of them will be assessed a Responsibility Tax of about \$100 each year. Surely, you will gladly assume this extra expense to raise those beloved embryos to full maturity. And don't forget the state and local taxes that are incurred with each additional child in the school system. The Responsibility Tax will be apportioned there also.

And as the birth rate continues, more new children will be added to the roles each year. After all of the children in a generation are added to the equation, the total Responsibility Tax will reach more than \$2,000. The federal tax codes might shift the burden away from lower income folks; middle-class pro-lifers will see their taxes jump even more than that per year. But, I don't think that is fair. If you have limited income, you should still have to pay your fair share to compensate for your decision to rip choice from the mother/parents of a fetus.

This not a Democratic tax, but a Republican one!

John Barnowski – Colchester

**TOWN OF ANDOVER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING**

Please be advised that the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of September 21, 2022 in the Community Room of the Town Hall, 17 School Road, Andover on the application of Stephen King, 126 Wales Road. The applicant is seeking relief from Sections 11.2 of the Andover Zoning Regulations to allow for the construction of garage additions. More particularly, the applicant is seeking a reduction in the side yard setback requirements from 25' to 19'. Interested parties may present questions and/or concerns at the time of the hearing or submit written comment a minimum of 24 hours in advance to the Andover Building and Land-Use Office, Town Hall, 17 School Road or, electronically, at zoning@andoverct.org. Further information is available on the town's web-site or at the aforementioned office.
Jim Hallisey
Zoning Agent

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**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 21, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions:

1. Town of Colchester Planning and Zoning Department – Zoning Regulation Text Amendment (2021-009) – Amend Section 8.12 Uses Subject to Moratorium of the Town of Colchester Land Development Regulations to extend the moratorium on acceptance or consideration of applications for Cannabis Establishments for a period of 90 additional days.

At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is in the Planning Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).
Planning and Zoning Commission
Joseph Mathieu, Chair

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing On Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Senior Center.
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.
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.

2TB 9/2, 9/9

**LEGAL NOTICE
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marlborough Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Thursday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall located at 26 North Main Street.
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.
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 Askar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

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

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buck Foreman Room (2nd Floor), 265 Main Street, Portland, CT. Public access through Zoom link A at www.portlandct.org to consider the following:
Application #22-02: 264 Freestone Avenue. Request for special permit modification for conversion of existing manufacturing space into warehousing of cars, motorcycles, boats and jet skis. Application and property of Global Freestone LLC. Assessor's Map 20, Lot 179. Zone I.
Application #22-03: 55 South Road. Request for 2 lot subdivision. Application and property of Kathleen Kavanaugh. Assessor's Map 29, Lot 18. Zone RR.
Application #22-04: 98 East Main Street. Request for 2 lot subdivision. Application and property of Aimee and Richard Morin. Assessor's Map 29, Lot 23. Zone R10.
Application #22-05: 12 Payne Boulevard. Request for special permit for special event October Farm Festival. Application of River Ridge Farm and property owned by QOP LLC. Assessor's Map 15 Lot 1. Zone R25.
At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of these applications are available for review in the Portland Land Use Department.
Dated at Portland, CT. this 31st day of August 2022
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission

2TB 9/2, 9/9

**Legal Notice
TOWN OF COLCHESTER
Selectmen's Office
127 Norwich Avenue - Colchester, CT 06415
Tel (860) 537-7220
INVITATION TO BID**

Notice is hereby given that sea led bids by which the Town of Colchester will contract for the
**New Senior Center
Bid# 2022-013**
will be received in the Selectmen's Office, Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave, until
2:00 pm, Thursday, October 6, 2022
when bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at Colchester Town Hall, Meeting Room #1.
A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting between prospective bidders and the Owner/Architect will convene at Colchester Town Hall, Meeting Room #1, **127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, September 20, 2022 at 10:00 am** when project details will be discussed and questions answered. All prospective bidders are urged to attend.
A bid bond for five percent (5%) of the base bid cost is required and must accompany each proposal.
Bids must be held firm for ninety (90) days beyond the bid opening date.
The successful bidder must file a one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond, a one hundred percent (100%) Labor & Materials Bond and a Certificate of Insurance with the Purchasing Agent within ten (10) days of notice of bid award.
Attention of bidders is directed to certain requirements of this contract which require payment of minimum wages and compliance with certain local, state, and federal requirements.
Plans and specifications must be obtained directly from the Town of Colchester's website, www.colchesterct.gov/doing-business-colchester, under the RFP/RFQ tab, at no cost to the Contractor.
Each bidder is responsible for checking the website to determine if any addenda have been issued.
In accordance with Connecticut General Statute Sections 4a-100 and 4b-91, a responsible bid must contain two (2) documents: The Contractor Prequalification Certificate and the Update (Bid) Statement. The classification GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION (GROUP B) is required as a minimum.
This contract is subject to state contract compliance requirements, including non-discrimination statutes and set-aside requirements. State law requires a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the state-funded portion of the contract be set aside for a ward to subcontractors holding current certification as Small Business Enterprises (SBE) from the CT Department of Administrative Services (DAS). A minimum of six and one-quarter percent (6.25%) of the state-funded portion must be set aside for subcontractors holding current DAS certification as Minority-, Women-, and/or Disabled owned businesses (M/W/DisBE). The Contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the twenty-five percent (25%) set-aside goals.
The Town of Colchester reserves the right to reject any and all bids or any part thereof, or to waive defects in same, or to accept any proposal, or part thereof, deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Colchester for whatever reason.
An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.
Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

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**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING – September 19, 2022
REFERENDUM – September 28, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Colchester and those qualified to vote at town meetings of said Town are hereby warned to meet for a Special Budget Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., to be held at Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT for the following purposes:

- To consider and act upon the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget of the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$15,636,525 as recommended by the Board of Finance.
- To adjourn said Special Budget Meeting, pursuant to Section 7-344 of the Connecticut State Statutes and the Colchester Town Charter Section C-1102C, for a Referendum vote on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to be held at the Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT.
Dated at Colchester, CT this 5th day of September, 2022. Gayle Furman, Town Clerk

Andreas Bisbikos, 1st Selectman
Rosemary Coyle, Selectman
Jason LaChapelle, Selectman
Deborah Bates, Selectman
Denise Turner, Selectman

Budget Summary

Revenues	FY 2020-2021 Actual	FY 2021-2022 Adopted	FY 2021-2022 Projected	FY 2022-2023 Proposed
Property Taxes	41,165,635	42,426,042	42,438,065	42,987,398
Intergovernmental - Town	445,507	445,567	440,295	428,704
Intergovernmental - Education	12,708,583	12,490,218	12,562,037	12,540,218
Charges for Services	504,256	512,000	607,250	572,000
Revenues from Use of Money	31,381	34,920	28,625	31,980
Licenses/Permits/Fees	1,084,607	862,810	964,256	957,383
Other Revenues	445,022	379,460	442,237	436,060
Use of Fund Balance	785,539	381,000	381,000	90,000
Total Revenues	57,170,530	57,532,017	57,863,765	58,043,743

Expenditures

General Government	3,694,128	4,033,351	3,801,071	3,979,679
Public Safety	3,021,658	3,201,050	3,314,469	3,234,496
Public Works	3,470,668	3,814,521	3,909,716	3,847,767
Community & Human Services	1,578,302	1,698,057	1,731,584	1,781,198
Debt Service	2,075,164	2,075,164	2,075,164	2,075,164
Transfers to Other Funds	1,240,747	882,819	882,819	718,221
Total Town Expenditures	15,080,667	15,704,962	15,714,823	15,636,525
Education Expenditures*	40,960,986	41,827,055	41,827,055	42,025,701
Total Expenditures	56,041,653	57,532,017	57,541,878	57,662,226

Mill Rate Calculation

	Education	Town	Debt Service	Transfer/ Capital	Total
Appropriations	42,025,701	12,843,140	2,075,164	718,221	57,662,226
Estimated Revenue	12,934,278	3,237,602	0	90,000	16,261,880
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	29,091,423	9,605,538	2,075,164	628,221	41,400,346
Mills	18.65	6.16	1.33	0.40	26.54

	Dollars	Mills	
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	41,400,346	26.54	
Reserve for Uncollected Revenue (estimated 98.9% collection rate)	455,404	0.29	
Total Tax Warrant	41,855,750	26.83	
Grand List	1,543,354,000	2022-23 Proposed Mill Rate	26.83
Estimated Prorates	1,500,000		
M. V. Supplement	19,500,000	2021-22 Mill Rate	33.05
Less Estimated BAA & adjustments	(4,500,000)		
List Net	1,559,854,000	Decrease in Mill Rate	-6.22

*The Education budget was adopted at a referendum held on May 24, 2022. The current Town meeting and referendum are for the Town budget only (including debt service and transfers/capital)

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The successful candidate should have the ability to use personal computers and Microsoft Office. The successful candidate should have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting or a related field or comparable experience and training and at least five years of experience and be familiar with the principles and practices of municipal accounting. Starting salary range will be \$60,000 to \$66,000 depending on experience.
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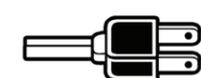
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