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## Hebron Honors Korean and Vietnam War Veterans

By Michael Sinkewicz

Veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars were honored at an event this week in Hebron – a celebration that many felt was long overdue.

The ceremony, held at the Lions Fairgrounds, allowed dozens of veterans to share stories and anecdotes before being recognized individually by the Lt. Governor and local state leaders.

From 1963-64, Bruce Kalom served in the Infantry in Korea; he was a second lieutenant — a rank that he said had certain limitations.

“I didn’t know a damn thing,” he said jokingly to the packed room.

Still, many lessons can be absorbed while serving overseas.

“In Korea, I studied the language,” he said. “You find out that in every country, the people are wonderful.”

Kalom shared that his father’s family came to the United States from Ukraine in 1918 during the Russian Revolution. His father, who felt indebted to his new home, eagerly served during World War II.

“I thought in my lifetime, we would see the end of war,” he said. “Now we’re in Ukraine.”

Following the ceremony, Kalom told the *Rivereast* that hosting the event was “very important.”

“A lot of people didn’t get recognized when they came back from Vietnam, so this is very good,” he said. “The Korean War, when it was hot, we lost a lot of people — it was bad.”

He emphasized that it’s natural for those who saw combat to experience struggles when they’re home — “it does something to you.”

When asked if there was a common thread between the veterans he’s known, Kalom smiled.

“It’s a giant fraternity,” he expressed.

Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz worked with the town to send letters to every living Korean and Vietnam War veteran and their families. In 2008, when she was Connecticut’s secretary of state, Bysiewicz embarked on a mission to recognize WWII veterans, ultimately traveling to 140 towns.



Veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars were honored by state officials at an event this week in Hebron. Pictured in the center is one of the honorees, Vietnam veteran Clyde Goding with, from left, Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Ronald Welch, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, state Rep. Steve Weir (R-55) and state Sen. Cathy Osten (D-19).

As she met those individuals, it was evident that many continued their service through Korea, which is often referred to as the “Forgotten War,” because the conflict was never officially declared or ended.

There were extremely cold winters — with upwards of 30 inches of snow — and prolonged days of sub-zero temperatures, Bysiewicz explained, and soldiers weren’t always prepared with the ideal protection to handle the conditions. Vietnam veterans, she continued, also didn’t get the treatment they deserved after the war concluded.

“They certainly did not receive celebrations or parades,” she said. “In fact, they were spat upon, met with protesters. Often our soldiers were told to not even wear their uniforms when they were traveling back home.”

Decades later, these veterans should be acknowledged and citizens should learn from past mistakes.

“This was something that we wanted to address by holding this ceremony today because we were taught a very important lesson from our Vietnam veterans and that is no matter what you might think about a particular conflict, we

must always, always support our military men and women that stuck up and fight for our country,” Bysiewicz said.

She told the *Rivereast* that traveling across the state and honoring veterans has been “incredibly rewarding.”

“The reason I really feel so strongly that we should say thank you to our Vietnam veterans is that 50 years ago they did not get the reception when they came home that they deserved,” Bysiewicz expressed. “They didn’t get a real welcome home, and neither did our Korean veterans. So they were from a generation that served very bravely but didn’t get the recognition that they deserved.”

While each generation of veterans is unique, Bysiewicz highlighted that they all share a “continuation of service.”

“Whenever I go to a town, I see people who are very active in different parts of their community and I learned that they remain active and continue to serve well beyond their military service, so that’s what’s very humbling about them,” she said.

Ronald Welch, commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs, has nearly 40 years of military experience. He offered his gratitude to the service members in attendance.

“From the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs to those of you that served in Korea or Vietnam, or in support of, welcome home; remember you’re not alone,” he said. “These are the words you should’ve heard when you finished your enlistment or when you stepped back on American soil after your tour of duty. History shows us that this didn’t happen.”

Welch was too young to serve during the Vietnam War era, but was inspired by efforts of those who came before him. The reason he joined the military, he said, was because of “all of you.”

“You were my mentors in the military. You were my heroes then and you are now.”

Hebron Town Manager Andrew Tierney, who *See Hebron Honors Veterans, page 14*

## All-Rivereast: 2022-23 Standout Athletes

By Josh Howard

Once again, it was a spectacular year for the sports programs and athletes at the four local high schools: Bacon Academy, East Hampton High School, Portland High School, and RHAM High School.

Several teams and individuals were crowned conference champions and others brought home state championships. Throughout the year we recognized standout athletes on a weekly basis, so, without further ado, here is the second annual *Rivereast* Standout Athletes of the Year.

**Boys Cross-Country – Ryan Moores (Bacon Academy):** Moores capped his cross-country career on the trails with a fruitful championship season. The senior had a personal-best time of 16:53 at the Wickham Invite before placing 5th at the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Championships and earning a spot on the podium with a 3rd place finish at the Class M Cham-

pionships. Moores was just as accomplished outside of athletics where he was Bacon Academy’s valedictorian and will attend Princeton University to study neuroscience.

**Girls Cross-Country – Lillian Tabellione (Portland):** Tabellione had a pair of 3rd place finishes, running a personal-best time of 17:07 at the Shoreline Conference (SLC) Championships, and again placing as the second runner-up at the Class S finals. Tabellione, a junior, also had outstanding indoor and outdoor track seasons, winning a Class S state title in the 1600 meters and setting the school record with a time of 7:42.35 as she placed 4th out of 60 competitors at the 2K Steeplechase at Willow Brook Park in June.

**Football – Max Nysten (RHAM):** Nysten put his name in the record books as a senior, breaking the program record for most all-purpose touchdowns in a career, despite missing his

sophomore season because of the COVID-19 cancellation. During his final season, he scored eight touchdowns in one game – setting another program mark – scoring 24 total touchdowns and rushing for over 1,500 yards. Nysten will attend Bryant University and study business.

**Boys Soccer – Brennan Johnson (East Hampton):** Johnson did a little of everything for a Bellingers team that won a Shoreline Conference Championship and made it to the Class S state title game. The senior starred as a center-back, captaining the defense, and scored clutch points in key games for the offense, including tallying a pair of goals to secure the conference title victory. He earned first-team All-SLC and was an honorable mention All-State selection. Johnson will now play soccer collegiately at Western New England University.

**Girls Soccer – Mia Quesnel (Portland):** *See Standout Athletes, page 26*

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**Senior Citizen News & Notes**

The following items have been updated for Andover seniors, veterans, and disabled. If you want to attend any events, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122 to register. For all senior events and information, visit the senior page of the town website, [andoverct.org](http://andoverct.org).

**Shopping Dates:** Manchester, 7/25; Willimantic, 8/1.

**Senior Luncheon Dates:** Fridays at noon, Aug. 4 and 18. Reservations required by the previous Wednesday.

**Senior Trips:** Main Moose, 8/11; Goshen Wildlife, 8/25. Sign up with Carol Lee at 860-742-0188 ext. 2.

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

try – all of which take place at Andover Congregational Church.

**Rides** to all town events, town meetings, referendums or board meetings, all medical appointments, and to the monthly farmers markets (next market is Aug. 9, from 4-7 p.m.), are available by calling Palazzi. All seniors, veterans and disabled are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you.

**New Seniors Welcome:** New seniors are welcome to all events. Call Palazzi for all luncheon reservations and transportation needs, including rides to medical appointments. For all Young at Heart events including movies, call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057, and call Town Clerk Carol Lee at 860-742-0188 ext. 2 for all trip information.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Andover Elementary School is registering kindergarten students for the 2023-24 school year. Andover’s kindergarten program is full-day.

Parents of children who will be age 5 on or before Dec. 31, 2023, are asked to contact the school office at 860-742-7339 to obtain a registration packet or access it at [www.andoverelementaryct.org](http://www.andoverelementaryct.org).

Parents choosing to have their child attend an alternative kindergarten, not attend school until the following year, or who will be home-schooling are asked to inform the school of this decision.

**Dress to Make a Mess**

Andover Public Library, located at 355 Route 6, will hold a children’s program entitled Dress to Make a Mess – Fun Painting on Wednesday, July 26, from 2-3 p.m.

This will be a free program of creative painting, without brushes. If attending, call the library at 860-742-7428.

**Farmers Markets Held Monthly**

The Andover Farmers Market is held the second Wednesday of each month from 4-7 p.m., along Route 6 at the First Congregational Church.

There will be several farmers, bakers, a food truck and music. The markets are held outside.

The final market will be Saturday, Nov. 4, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and will include crafters.



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**It's a New Car!...** Selectman Scott Person is shown cutting the ribbon for the new Toyota RAV4 that will be used for senior transportation. The new vehicle arrived at town hall on Thursday afternoon. Seniors who were attending the senior lunch on Friday gathered around the car while Person cut the ribbon. No longer will it be necessary for a 12-passenger bus to be used just to take one senior to a medical appointment. Shown next to Person are drivers Susan Camoroda and Ellie Skoog. The seniors' third driver, Ricky Kauffman, was unable to be at the ribbon-cutting. Camoroda drove lucky senior Barbara Steele, who won the ticket to have the first ride in the new vehicle. The seniors also thanked selectman Jeff Murray who worked to make sure the seniors received this car.

### 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](mailto:andoverctchurch@gmail.com) or visit [www.andoverctchurch.org](http://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.; the senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.

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

**Sonshine Stampers:** Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

**Vacation Bible Church:** Sundays at 10 a.m.

**Bingo & Baskets:** Friday, July 28. Dinner at 5:30 p.m., game at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$12/person.

### Gazebo Concert

The Andover Friends of the Library will present its first of two Gazebo Concerts this summer on Friday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. The gazebo is located at 17 School Rd., between Town Hall and Andover Elementary School

Performing will be Connecticut State Troubadour Kala Farnham, as well as former state

troubadour Hugh Blumenfeld. Both will play original material. All are invited; bring your own chair.

The Friends will have pizza and ice cream available for sale. In the event of rain, the show will be held inside, at the Town Hall Community Room.

### Veterans Monument Park Brick Sale

Anyone who ordered a brick for Andover Veterans Monument Park that has a misprint, or the brick is missing, should email [townclerk@andoverct.org](mailto:townclerk@andoverct.org) with the correction or missing brick information so that a replacement can be ordered.

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

The summer is flying by; the last week of July is next week, believe it or not. And while we most likely have several more days of 90+ degree temperatures ahead of us, there are signs here and there that fall will soon be here. For example, back-to-school ads have, depressingly, started showing up on TV, and we're slowly-but-surely starting to lose daylight in the evening.

Before you know it, Aug. 6 will soon be here. And while that date will always be remembered for being the date when, in 1945, the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan – killing more than 70,000 people and destroying most of the city – there is another, less deadly, reason the date stands out in my mind.

It's Lucille Ball's birthday.

In fact, this year Lucy would be turning 112. That's not even a fact I needed to look up; I just knew it off the top of my head. A not-so-secret secret of mine is I'm actually a huge Lucille Ball fan, and have been for years. I kick myself from time to time for not visiting the museum dedicated to her and former husband Desi Arnaz. It's located in Jamestown, N.Y., which would be a bit of a hike, sure, but I should probably check it out.

Anyway, the dates of Lucy's birth – Aug.

6, 1911 – and death – April 26, 1989 – have gained a place in my brain, whereas dates of other, probably more significant events (sorry, Lucy) have fallen by the wayside. What started me on my love of Lucy? Like most people, I'd imagine, it was repeats of *I Love Lucy*, which I was exposed to a lot growing up. I loved the show from a very young age, and it's a series that holds up amazingly well, considering it debuted more than 60 years ago. Over the years, I've seen various episodes of Lucy's other shows – such as *The Lucy Show* and *Here's Lucy* – but *I Love Lucy* stands out. And, in honor of Aug. 6, here are six pieces of *I Love Lucy* trivia you may not know:

-- The series was actually an adaptation of the radio show *My Favorite Husband*. When it came time to move the sitcom to TV, Lucy insisted her husband, Desi Arnaz, play the role of her husband in the show. While CBS initially balked – arguing no one would believe an all-American girl like Lucy would be married to a Cuban, despite the fact that they were married in real life – they initially came around.

-- CBS wasn't alone in its anti-Latin feelings. During *I Love Lucy's* six years on the air, Lucy and cast members Vivian Vance and William

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"What's your favorite TV lawyer ad?" I asked my wife as some buttoned-up clown in a suit urged me to call him immediately if I'd been dismembered in a motorcycle accident.

"My favorite what?" she said.

"Your favorite TV lawyer ad trolling for clients. 'You know, 'Call right away if you've been injured through no fault of your own.'"

"By 'favorite' do you mean the ad I like the most or the one I hate the most?"

"Hate the most."

"Actually," she said, "I hate them all. They're like ghouls. The trouble is, you can't do anything these days without an attorney. A misplaced comma could land you in the poor house."

"And why do you think that is?" [This was a rhetorical question.]

"Because nowadays, everybody who gets out of college and can't think of what to do next ends up going to law school. That's why they're always on TV. There's too damn many of them for the public to support, so they start trying to eat each other."

"True. It's sort of like when you've got too many cattle and not enough grass."

"More like too much bull\*\*\*\* and not enough bags," she said (having been a paratrooper in a previous life).

"I like the ad that looks sort of like a fundraising marathon for CT Public Television," I said.

"They've got this big room with all these people seated at phones and the phones are all ringing off the hook and this spokesperson says, 'If you've been injured through no fault of your own, call now! Car accidents, slip and falls, glass in your underwear, hurt feelings, police officers who yell at you for driving the wrong way on the highway, liquor companies that provided the tequila that gave you a hangover—call now to see how much your case could be worth! There's no charge unless we win!'"

"Oh yeah. That's a good one."

"It makes me wish I could draw so I could draw a cartoon that shows vast multitudes of people outside slipping on banana peels, getting run over by cars, running bicycles into the sides of houses, getting hit by meteors, crapped on by birds, bit by dogs ... just all kinds of general mayhem."

"And maybe a personal injury attorney standing to the side rubbing his hands together," she suggested.

"I like it!"

"I do find that woman with the stick-up hair who tries to be informative about what to do if you get into a car accident to be less objectionable," said my wife.

"That's the one who says don't mess with a woman because they'll rip you a hole that'll make you wish you'd never been born."

"Yes. That's the one."

"Kind of hard to argue with that logic as a selling point, I must admit."

"At least she's informative and not pretending she wants to make you a member of her family and have you over for a barbecue or something."

"You have to hand it to lawyers for creativity, though," I said. "I saved this news clipping to show you."

"What's it about?"

"About some guy who says he was injured at work."

"What sort of injuries?"

"I was hoping you'd ask me that."

"Please continue."

"According to the lawsuit—and I quote: he claims to have suffered injuries to his left leg, left elbow and arm, a bacterial infection, scarring, disfigurement, infections, sepsis, and acute kidney failure. Also, cellulitis, bacteremia, osteomyelitis, nephritis, tendon allograft and multi-organ dysfunction. Also, post-traumatic stress syndrome, depression, anxiety, panic attacks, fear of loud noise and an inability to drive. He's needed skin grafts and requires assistive devices because of a lack of balance; he's suffered loss of income, has medical and hospital bills and can no longer carry on and enjoy life's activities."

"That's it?"

"Also, his wife claims the loss of consortium of her husband."

"I don't wonder."

"So what do you think about that poor guy's complaints?"

"I think if he were a dog, the merciful thing would be to have him put him down."

"But then, who'd pay his attorneys?"

"Good point. You'd probably want to keep him alive, at least until the jury comes in."

**Jim Hallas**



**Sharing of Resources...** Kim Clark, right, director of the Willimantic Covenant Soup Kitchen, recently accepted a donation check from JoAnn Osmond, center, representing St Peter's Episcopal Church, Hebron. On left is volunteer, Charles Bottieri. The soup kitchen is run by four staff members and a host of volunteers seven days per week, serving breakfast and lunch daily as well as three dinners per week. On an average day, they serve 250 people. They also stock a food pantry for meal guests to select grocery items to take home. St. Peter's Church selects an area nonprofit from each of its community-wide events to receive a portion of the proceeds.

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### Thank You

To the Editor:

We want to thank the wonderful person who placed an American flag at our mailbox and at the mailboxes of our neighbors on Memorial Day weekend. It's nice to know that unconditional patriotism can be demonstrated with thoughtfulness and love. We need to be reminded – freedom is not free and comes at a price that many of our loved ones paid for.

Thank you, again, for the kind gesture – whoever you are. Not only did it touch our hearts but it made our holiday one we will remember for a long time!

Sincerely,

Sal and Evelyn Fazzino – Portland

### Norton Park

To the Editor:

The Norton Park Committee was formed in 2019 to design and raise funds for a passive recreation park at the site of the Norton Paper Mill on Route 149 in North Westchester. We had a workable design for the park by February of 2020. Our fundraising brochure offering commemorative items for donations worked very

well and a substantial amount of money has been raised to provide amenities for the park. We have applied for and received grants and ARPA fund commitments which will be used to finish the project.

Progress on the park has been held back by rising costs involved in the remediation of hazardous materials from the site. Several town and state officials are working to get the project back on track.

The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. Note: The August meeting is on the second Tuesday, Aug. 8. Thank you for your continued interest in Norton Park.

Sincerely,

Robert Misbach, Chairman  
Norton Park Committee

### The Big Bear

To the Editor:

Lowell P. Weicker Jr. has finally passed on at age 92. The "Big Bear" as his media friends referred to him is a prime example of the well-known phrase "only the good die young."

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Weicker, all 6' 6" of him, was the consummate ego-centric bully if there ever was one. He started out as a "conservative Republican" and received support from both Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan as he ascended up the political ladder of power and glory. He returned their support until he realized that Connecticut had 60% or more registered Democrats so he changed course and rode the middle not wanting to disturb his Democratic allies.

He called himself a "Maverick" but his only goal was personal gain. He turned his back on President Nixon during Watergate - after Nixon had helped him get elected to his first Senate seat and joined the famed reporters Woodward and Bernstein and took down a good pPresident and left us with inept but politically savvy Gerald Ford. After his Senate career, when he was ousted by Democratic challenger Joe Lieberman, the Big Bear ran for governor. The big topic on the campaign that year was the state income tax being proposed by the "Dems" - of course - and which was opposed by Weicker's main opponent, Republican John Rowland. The Big Bear then gave us the big lie: "Instituting a state income tax at this time would be like throwing gasoline on a fire." The rest is history - in a close three-way race Weicker won and within a month Connecticut had its state income tax.

In Ronald Reagan's memoirs he mentions his "old friend" Weicker, only in unflattering terms. Not one old Republican who served with Weicker attended his funeral.

I'm not through!

Don Denley - Andover

Voters Rose to Occasion

To the Editor:

Some say that the best example of democracy is found in town government. During an unnecessarily contentious budget process this year, East Hampton voters rose to the occasion and showed one of the finest examples of democracy in action that the town has seen in a long time. They fought for, and won, a budget that will provide a springboard to making good things better as we start a new year.

These may be some takeaways:

First, we may not always get what we need at budget time, and maybe will not always get what we want. But we've learned that there is never any place for ill-mannered, insensitive and complacent behavior amongst town boards and especially the people they serve. Those are times when we need to double-down on goodwill and the understanding of everybody's needs and challenges in order to move ahead smartly.

Secondly, we've witnessed that being engaged in town government matters, especially at the voting booth. But whatever level of engagement is comfortable for you, you really are adding to a "local" democracy which shines because of volunteer citizen leaders that serve the greater good.

Many thanks to the voters of East Hampton who showed us how to preserve the promise of a great town and move ahead.

Rich Knotek - Middle Haddam

We are Not Stereotypes

To the Editor:

We all do it. We generalize, using words like "all" and "always" and "never" ... or liberals, conservatives, whites, Blacks. As a nominal liberal, I get offended when I hear some conservative radio talk show host tell his listeners what liberals do, or don't do. I'm offended because the comment is usually about something that I (me, an individual) do not do or say or believe. Whatever else I may believe in life, I do have family values, morals, ethics, empathy and a strong sense of personal responsibility.

To be honest, I engage in similar generalizations, lumping all Republicans with MAGA crazies and QAnon zombies. But I know that I am wrong to do that. I know that there are more fine, moderate conservatives than my over-charged political imagination conjures. In fact, I believe that most Americans are moderate, reasonable, charitable folks ... not stormers of Capitols. We disagree on many things, but we have very similar foundations.

I try to remember this when I get caught up in whatever sociopolitical brouhaha is currently in the news. I hope that you do too. We are more alike than different. The vast majority of us

mean well. We just disagree on how to achieve a better world (often because we don't agree on what constitutes a "better world"). Unfortunately, extremists get all the attention. The rest of us have gotten caught up in stereotypes and silos of propaganda. Collectively, we're making a fine mess of things.

John Barnowski - Colchester

Provide List or Apologize

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago it was written in the *Rivereast* that there was a secret list being generated by Rosemary Coyle and several other Democrats. Upon checking with Ms. Coyle, she said the only list she is aware of is the voter registration list which does contain names and address, but this is provided and used by both parties. So, the author of that accusation should either provide that nefarious list or openly apologies to Ms. Coyle.

Now speaking about Rosemary Coyle, I would like to say that my dealing with her, although limited, have always been professional and when seeking answers to questions they were always honest, through and concise, the same mannerism that I observed while she was answering audience questions at the Colchester Senior Center. And so it seems to me that is how she must conduct herself while being a selectman; come to think of it perhaps she should run for first selectman. In any case, thank you Rose-

mary for being a selectman (selectperson) and for serving our community.

Ralph Bianco - Colchester

Thank You for Donations

To the Editor:

Thank you to the following people who have donated to the senior luncheon program to keep it running. This program is very important to the seniors as it allows them to get out of their house and visit with friends, offers a hot meal, and often there is some type of free entertainment for them. First, our thanks to Carol Lee, Linda Armstrong, Kim Hawes, Carol Kuckucka who serve the food on Fridays. Carol comes early to make sure tables are set up and soft drinks are cold for seniors. Alicia Lee provides the delicious food from Chili's and John Kona provides Italian food from Andover Pizza. We are proud to have these two food restaurants service us and sometimes they have been known to donate free food to us.

To the many who donate money to us: Town Administrator Eric Anderson, Tiiu and Ylo Anson, Jeff Ballard, Frank and Pat Chaves, George and Judy Knox, Mike Palazzi, Lois Popoff, Ellie Skoog, a very special thank you. Friday was a wonderful day for all of us as the new RAV 4 vehicle for our senior transportation was christened after we finished lunch. Scott Person, selectman, was there to do the honors and cut the

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ribbon. Barbara Steele, one of our seniors, won the ticket to have the first ride in the car. Susan Camoroda, one of our drivers, had the pleasure of driving Barbara around the lake and back to town hall. What a special day for everyone. A huge thank you to our BOS for getting this car, especially to Jeff Murray who did all the background work for us and Eric Anderson who handled all the required paperwork. We are honored to receive this car! Thank you everyone!

Sincerely,  
Cathy Palazzi  
Andover Senior Coordinator

**Too Much Fun**

To the Editor:  
There are loads of fun gifts to leave your public, gifts like farmland, historical artifacts, healthy watersheds, Styrofoam, NaCl or forever chemicals. All of which are gifts that keep on giving. Josh Johnson, of Idaho Conservation League, said, "Unfortunately, Triumph Mine is the gift that keeps on giving, reminding us that we need to make sure mining companies are held accountable. The multimillion-dollar question is how are they actually going to treat this water." (mtexpress.com Triumph Mine). Triumph Mine has been leaking for some time now. Millions of Federal dollars, the best minds, monitoring wells, caps and storm ponds have not stopped the mine from leaching orange water into wetlands and neighboring household bathtubs and kitchen sinks.

Do we want long-term pollution problems in Hebron Center? Wouldn't it be more fun to preserve healthy land and water?

Hebron's latest catchphrases are: "Too Much Open Space," "Backup Water," "Economic Development," "Leave a Legacy," "Open Air Class-

room." Previous decades demonstrated sound economic thinking by investing in land conservation and historic preservation. Ideas that have paid us back in spades. We now have the honor of living in beautiful Connecticut Towns. People can spend, invest or waste money, one Styrofoam cup at a time. However, Open Space, including watershed protections and historic preservation are sound investments. (Benefits of Healthy Watersheds/US EPA)

Keeping Hebron's Public Works on Old Colchester Road is still the best option. In the short run, this site will be logistically complicated, like remodeling a kitchen. However, in the long run, protecting drinking water on the Raymond Brook Watershed is paramount. After all, what justifies the enormous costs, both physically and fiscally, for polluting the RBWatershed? Is that fun or responsible? Should we lay waste to our watershed and history? #save17

Jean Tulimieri - Amston

**ARPA Funding**

To the Editor:  
Thank you to our Colchester first selectman, Andreas Bisbikos, and the Board of Selectman for unanimously approving the ARPA funding for the Rec Plex field irrigation, a project that has been on the radar for approximately 10 years. This will ensure that our children have safe fields for all sports and activities and will allow the town's youth leagues to sponsor events once again.

First Selectman Bisbikos has come through on yet another campaign promise. I urge everyone to ignore the 'noise' and focus on Selectman Bisbikos' results.

Thank you,  
Cliff O'Donal - Colchester

**Bats vs. Mosquitoes**

To the Editor:  
Weighing about 1.5 grams at birth (about the size of a paperclip), this marvel of the natural world will reach an adult weight of five grams with a wingspan of nine inches.

The Northern long-eared bat (Myotis septentrionalis), once abundant in North America, is now very rare due to many factors including habitat destruction, climate change, and white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that has decimated and, in some areas, wiped-out several species of insectivorous bats.

A bat can consume its body weight in insects during a typical night of hunting, and small bats such as M. septentrionalis are mosquito specialists. Mosquitos are vectors of many diseases, including West Nile virus, dengue fever, Zika virus and malaria. Fewer bats: more mosquitoes.

True, many insect-borne diseases are carried by mosquitoes that live in warmer climates, but the insects are on the move. There have been cases of dengue fever and Zika recorded in the US, and malaria has recently been found in Texas and Florida. As global temperatures continue to increase, making conditions more favorable for the mosquitoes, they will very likely move north, even into New England. The Asian tiger mosquito has already made that move, and can be found in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The Northern long-eared bat was classified as federally endangered, and placed on the Endangered Species List. About time! However, there are those in Congress who want to weaken the only hope of saving this tiny bat: the Endangered Species Act.

Since its inception in 1973, the Act has been credited with helping to save many species on the brink of extinction including our national

symbol, the American bald eagle. Under ESA protection, areas where the bat still has a tentative foothold will be protected from harmful human activities.

I surely hope so.

Thank you,  
Maureen Heidtmann - East Hampton

**A Team for Colchester**

Dear Colchester Residents:  
This Monday, July 24, Colchester Democrats will hold their caucus to nominate candidates for town elected offices. Anyone who reads this paper knows Colchester's municipal government is plagued by chaos, drama, and dysfunction. We need candidates capable of delivering change. That starts at the caucus.

Several months ago, I launched my campaign for first selectman of Colchester with a mission to bring people together and a vision to use my professional experience as a municipal office manager to help restore stability at the Colchester Town Hall. I believe Colchester deserves a first selectman who will lead with dignity and respect. I would be honored to have your support and I am asking for your support for nominees for other offices as part of the team I plan to lead:

For Board of Selectmen: Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner and Dave Koji; Board of Finance: Scott Chapman and Karen Belding; Board of Education: Chris Rivers, Michelle Millington and Stefanie Tracey-Calash; Town Clerk: Gayle Furman; Tax Collector: Michele Wyatt; Treasurer: Sean Gillespie; Board of Assessment Appeals: Andrew Cournoyer and Krista Kardys.

In that list, you'll see some familiar names who bring years of valuable experience to the table. You'll also see some names of other community leaders who are running for the first time. They will bring fresh perspectives and new ideas to this team. All of these Democratic candidates are committed to working toward the mission of bringing Colchester together, and I know they will be ready to work with our Republican colleagues if elected in November.

If you share my vision, please support this team at the caucus on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Cragin Library. Bringing Colchester together starts here!

Sincerely,  
Bernie Dennler - Colchester  
Candidate for First Selectman

**Love It or Leave It**

To the Editor:  
It has been a long time since I've heard a phrase that basically says 'Love it or Leave it.' But in your continuation of incessantly selfish and vitriolic words in this journal, Jean, Kevin and John, you have suggested this. I just want to say to the three of you that you are probably giving sage advice (referring to any of you as sage...I never thought I'd do that...but here it is).

To the citizens of Hebron who are allowing a few people to tie this town up in knots while at the same time allowing town management to dither as employees work in some of the worst working conditions that I've ever seen...well...I say...get your act together and start doing the responsible thing: take your town into the 20th century (at least). Force it to work for all citizens (employees included).

Terry McManus - Hebron  
Note: McManus is an alternate commissioner on the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission, and is also on the survey committee that is working on gathering town input on the proposed Public Works facility.

**Presidential Records Act**

To the Editor:  
Question: Does the *Rivereast News Bulletin* have an obligation to its readers to add an editor's note to letters that include declarations of "fact" that are, in fact, falsehoods?

While I don't expect the publisher or editor to fact check everything that every letter writer claims is true, there are some falsehoods that cry out for correction.

Take for example whether or not the Presidential Records Act grants ownership and stewardship of presidential records to former presidents. It does not. This can be verified by reading the Act itself, which is easily accessible online.

Section §2202. Ownership of Presidential records and section §2203. (g)(1) Management and custody of Presidential records clearly state that it is the Archivist of the United States who is responsible for the custody, control, preservation of and access to the Presidential records once a president leaves office.

I have no quarrel with people expressing and debating their points of view, but opinions

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should be based on facts.

Does the *Bulletin* have any responsibility in this regard? Or is the "Reader Forum" just another means through which harmful disinformation is disseminated?

**Cathy Glasson – Portland**

**Editor's Note:** Yes, I should've added an editor's note to that letter Ms. Glasson is referring to. I try to fact check anything that seems suspicious to me; I would never knowingly publish falsehoods. The claim made in the prior letter about the Presidential Records Act seemed suspicious, and indeed legal experts have disagreed with what President Trump has said regarding the Presidential Records Act and what it allows. As I said, I should've at the very least added an editor's note, and I apologize.

**Demand Honesty**

To the Editor:

Trumpism has no place in local politics (or national politics, for that matter). Sadly, we are seeing misinformation and fear-mongering creep into our local offices, even as leaders gaslight the public into believing they present an honest front.

The Belltown Budget Battle put the local ideology of local Republican leaders in the spotlight. Instead of openly discussing the budgets, GOP-dominated Board of Finance and Town Council members held closed-door meetings that excluded input from their Democratic colleagues. Hours of public comment were ignored, and some who spoke out were treated with hostility. Thankfully, the voters held fast to their own ideals and forced budgets that adequately supported schools and public safety.

This was not a new pattern. Over the last two years, we have seen the Town Council and Board of Finance treat those who speak out as nuisances. Mere attempts to bring new ideas to the forefront, such as through surveys about parks and recreation and the library, were rejected without consideration.

Adversity reveals true character, and East Hampton deserves better than what residents have seen. We have been called liars for holding Board of Finance member Richard Brown accountable for what he said on tape regarding local teachers. Alison Walck, author of the now-infamous open letter to Paul Smith, has decried "venomous thoughts and tongues."

Then there's the East Hampton GOP Facebook page, a constant barrage of angry attacks, identity politics, and misinformation. If this represents the actual position of the local Republican party, we can expect them to lead with hate and contempt for those who think differently from them.

As we see the local political parties set their candidate slates for the fall, voters should demand the type of honesty and transparency that East Hampton lacks with the current administration.

Sincerely,  
**Matt Engelhardt – East Hampton**

**True Measure of Any Society**

To the Editor:

A letter in this publication claimed, "As a senior citizen, there is no tangible return on investment for the school budget." The same letter criticized the superintendent for hiding the budget savings made by switching insurance plans until after the first budget referendum failed.

The insurance savings were communicated by the superintendent to the Board of Finance and Town Council prior to the referendum, but after the initial budget recommendations were made. Rather than send the budget back for review, the TC ignored the information and the dozens of citizens that spoke up against it knowing that the budget would be rejected. Had the initial budget been sent back, the referendum would have been for the budget that passed on July 11 – a minimal increase that keeps qualified teachers in our schools.

As for the "return on investment issue" ... I always heard from my parents and grandparents

that their greatest hope was for their children and grandchildren to have the opportunities and quality of life that they never had. Assuming that the author of the letter attended public school, that education was paid for by folks who would never see a "return on investment" in their lifetimes. The investments of any generation are investments in the future leaders of the state and the country.

Mahatma Gandhi said that "the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." This is a particularly important philosophy. The last few years have shown us, unequivocally, who those most vulnerable are: children and senior citizens. Investing in children today creates a future of empathetic, intelligent, engaged citizens. Investing in seniors allows the knowledge of a generation to be shared with future generations. Neither is a money-making endeavor; each is vital for a thriving society.

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**Town Council**  
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**Best PW Location**

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Louis Palshaw for last week's letter on the quest for the best location for a Public Works facility in Hebron. However, a few additional details need to be considered. Most important is the difference between the wetlands found at the Eversource property, adjacent to the current Public Works facility on Old Colchester Road, and those on the Horton Property in Hebron Center. The wetlands on the Eversource property are manmade, the re-

sult of sand and gravel excavations many years ago. While technically wetlands, they do not provide the same function as natural wetlands. In stark contrast, the wetlands found on the Horton Property are high functioning natural wetlands that are an integral part of the Raymond Brook Watershed. The entire 88 acres of the Horton Property, including 35 acres of wetlands, captures and filters massive amounts of groundwater. According to the United States Geological Survey rainfall calculator, a single 2" rainfall deposits 54,308 gallons of water on each acre. Over the entire 88 acres that is a staggering 4,779,104 gallons of water. In its current state, the fields, woodlands and wetlands of the Horton Property filters some of that water into the

ground and fractured bedrock aquifer below. The remaining water heads south to Raymond Brook and the Raymond Brook Marsh, Hebron's most important future drinking water supply.

It is also critical to note that the groundwater at the Horton Property remains pristine and rated GA/GAA by CT DEEP, which means it can be used as a drinking water supply without treatment. In contrast, the groundwater at the Eversource property has been degraded below the GA/GAA classification by the adjacent landfill. Clearly, the best Public Works location is Old Colchester Road. Please visit Save Hebron Center on Facebook for more info.

Sincerely,  
**Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston**  
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Frawley won (or were at least nominated for) multiple Emmys. The exception? Desi Arnaz, whose acting skills and contributions to the show both in front of and behind the camera were rarely recognized during his lifetime.

-- Lucy's first choices to play what would become Fred and Ethel Mertz were the actors who played the similar couple Rudolph and Iris Atterbury on *My Favorite Husband*: Bea Benaderet and Gale Gordon. Benaderet was busy filming *The Burns and Allen Show*, which debuted a year before *I Love Lucy* did. Gordon, depending on who you believe, either was busy doing the radio show *Our Miss Brooks*, or wanted too much money to be on *I Love Lucy*. (Gordon would later be Lucy's co-star on *The Lucy Show* and *Here's Lucy* in the '60s and '70s.)

-- Vivian Vance, who would play Ethel

Mertz, was required by contract to be 20 pounds overweight, and was also prohibited by contract from wearing false eyelashes on the show. (Lucy, meanwhile, rarely appeared without false eyelashes.)

-- "Lucy Goes to the Hospital," the episode of *I Love Lucy* in which Little Ricky was born, captured a ridiculous 92 share when it debuted Jan. 19, 1953. That means of all TVs in use at that time, 92 percent of them were tuned into *I Love Lucy*. (Yes, there weren't a whole lot of channels to choose from in those days, but still, very impressive.)

-- And speaking of ratings, *I Love Lucy* is one of just three sitcoms to go off the air while still the number one show on television. The other two were *The Andy Griffith Show* and *Seinfeld*.

See you next week.



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# Children's Theater Production Ready to Go

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Colchester Community Theatre will present *Finding Nemo JR* on Saturday, the culmination of a two-week children's workshop.

The show is slated for 2 p.m. at the Bacon Academy auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$6 each (adults & children).

Audiences will recognize the same delightful plot and characters of the 2003 Pixar film, *Finding Nemo*, along with memorable songs such as "Just Keep Swimming," and "Fish Are Friends Not Food."

Wallis Johnson, the show's director and a co-founder of the CCT, has conducted summer workshops in Colchester for over two decades. This year, 36 kids are involved in the production, ranging in age from second to eighth grade.

For the last two weeks, Johnson has illuminated the children on how to act professionally and bring a story to life on stage. There are costumes, microphones, choreography — everything a student needs to fulfill an artistic vision.

"They get a taste of every aspect of theatre," Johnson told the *RiverEast* this week. "We're really happy and excited."

In February, the CCT celebrated a milestone presentation of *Young Frankenstein*, the group's 25th full-length musical production. While collaborating with seasoned actors is gratifying, instructing young performers has become a pastime for Johnson.

"When you get these little ones and you see this spark on their face and kids who didn't know what they could do and then they do it and their whole face lights up — it's kind of magical," she said.

Many kids have signed-up for multiple workshops year after year and have embedded themselves with the CCT.

"We have the privilege of watching kids grow up," Johnson said, ushering to a group of high school kids sitting at the front of the auditorium. "These guys right here — these kids were all little kids in this camp and now they donate their time for two weeks to come in and help out. It's a really cool process."

Oliver Markham is part of that legacy. He first participated in a workshop when he was around six years old. Now, 10 years later as a junior in high school, he still carves out two weeks every year in the summer for the CCT.

As a counselor, Markham mainly helps out during the day and with any backstage needs. Some of the people he first met as a kid have remained his close friends today.

"We kind of become a family," he said. "We just have a good sense of community here."

There's a familiarity with many involved with the CCT, he said, including Wallis, who Markham described more as friend than a boss. Neighboring towns may provide similar programs and camps, but the experience falls short

of his hometown's.

"This camp was definitely a more real experience," he asserted. "They go very all out."

Diane Ozmun, president of the CCT, serves as the music director for the production. She emphasized the importance of providing an opportunity for kids to branch out to new hobbies. Whether every kid pursues an acting career or not, the workshop instills values.

"We started doing theatre when we were young," she said, referring to Johnson, as well. "It's life changing."

One significant takeaway, she explained, is for the performers to realize what they're capable of achieving and blossom with newfound confidence.

"Being able to do that and see it happen is so rewarding," Ozmun said.

As one of the leaders of the organization, the impact she has on each kid is motivation to promote arts programs and to sustain the CCT moving forward. The main lessons are for the kids, but the message is "to say that this is something that has to continue, has to keep going, has to keep happening."

"Everyone has something that they feel confident in," Ozmun said. "There were many other things that just weren't *me*. Theatre was *me*. And I know there's kids out there that have that same feeling."

Many community members will be familiar with the general plot of the show, which features the over-protective clownfish, Marlin, who embarks on an adventure across the ocean to find his lost son, Nemo.

It would be unfair to compare any of the performances to Albert Brooks — who voiced Merlin in the original film — but the production will be held to a high standard.

"We do a real show," Johnson stated, adding that the kids will have wireless mics and be under the lights. "We do have high expectations for them. We push gently but we do want them to reach their potentials if we can."

But, naturally, there's a different approach to instructing kids compared to seasoned adults. Ozmun expressed that the initial objective is to be "transparent" with everyone.

"They're so excited to be here, so we're already starting off in a good place and some of them are of course shy or a little nervous," she said. "We try to make it real for them because that's exactly how we feel even as adults. Being nervous is part of the process and I think we try to teach them about what it means to be an actor or actress, the responsibility that comes with that, but at the same time, we want them to know that this is meant to be fun."

It doesn't take long for the actors to realize that performing takes a lot of hard work, and Ozmun asserted that "we're not trying to sugar-

coat it." Still, like an adult performing for the CCT, kids have the freedom to explore their character and their role — "and we guide them through that."

New information is passed along each day and sometimes it comes from guest speakers. Representatives from Mystic Seaport provided a presentation on whales and sharks, relevant subject material.

A major influence in shaping the performance is Cecilia Stallone, the show's choreographer.

Stallone is a certified elementary school teacher in Brooklyn, Conn., and has 20 years of dance experience, dating back to when she was three years old. Residents may recognize her from her portrayal of Dorothy in the CCT's 2018 production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Everything the audience sees on stage during musical sequences is mapped out by Stallone. Her job is to create the "big blue world of Nemo."

"This workshop is definitely a little bit more challenging from a choreographic standpoint just because the kids are coming in with a very wide range of abilities," she said. "Some have been training in dance for 10-12 years and some are basic movers. So, finding movement that suits everyone well and makes everyone look good on stage while being easy to remember — it's definitely a challenge but it's fun."

Choreography is taught during the first week of the workshop, she explained, and then the second week is mainly used to review and piece all the aspects together.

The show also includes a set of featured dancers whose backgrounds allow them to take on a few challenging musical numbers. "Fish Are Friends Not Food" will feature a classic jazz inspired dance accompaniment, she said — "That's been really fun to piece together."

Many of the kids are anxious, Stallone added, and her aim is to make them "feel confident in their abilities" and "give them steps that they're able to do."

When Ozmun and Johnson first launched the workshops 25 years ago, they didn't imagine they would evolve into their current form. Both said they've learned how to improve the CCT and workshops — but none of it would be possible without community interest.

"It's a community that's extremely supportive of it and as we have grown, the community has grown with us," Ozmun said. "It's been an amazing journey."

Johnson agreed that the program wouldn't exist if not for the consistent community investment.

"We have had upwards of 400 people come to see this show," she said. "That's pretty exciting. Colchester is great people and just really supportive of us."

## Colchester Federated Church News

Colchester Federated Church is an Open and Affirming church located at 60 Main St. Pastor is the Rev. Lauren Ostrout. Ostrout is on sabbatical until October, and the interim sabbatical pastor is the Rev. Jack Shackles. 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. For those wishing to worship from home, the service is broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday. Worship videos are at [www.colchesterfederated-](http://www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org)

[edchurch.org](http://www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org) under the Worship tab. Updated information is also on the church's Facebook page.

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

**Boy Scout Troop 72:** Meetings are on break until September.



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**Softball Stars...** The Colchester 11/12-year-old Little League Majors softball team beat South Windsor 7-6 and Killingly 12-0 in pool play of the Section 4 Championship Tournament. Colchester then won the Sectional Championship on Tuesday, July 11, by defeating District 8 Champion South Windsor 4-3. The win advanced them into the state finals, where Connecticut's four Sectional Champions face off for the chance to represent the state in the New England Regionals. The winner of the New England regionals advances to the Little League World Series in North Carolina. Head Coach Pat Hawes said, "This group of young women epitomizes heart and grit. They earned this! They've done everything asked of them without complaint. The town of Colchester is proud of their accomplishments." Pictured from left are, back row, Coach Rob D'Atri, Head Coach Pat Hawes, Abby Floyd and Coach Matt Galante; middle row, Isabel Faber, Quinn Guntulis, Victoria Adamski, Claire Gould, Ashtyn King, Lily Pulse, Dalila Malz, Jill Marshall, Emma Pensa and Gabbi D'Atri; front row, Ava Galante and Briana "Cheesy" Hawes.

### School Records to be Destroyed

On Aug. 30, the Colchester Board of Education will destroy any and all special education records of students who graduated or would have graduated with the classes of 2016 and 2017.

Also, suspension and expulsion records, with the exception of expulsions related to deadly weapons and/or firearms, are expunged and destroyed after a student graduates. These records will also be destroyed on Aug. 30.

If any student, as described above, would

like a copy of their special education records, they must request a copy before Aug. 30. Forward all requests to Amy Emory, Director of Pupil Services & Special Education, Colchester Public Schools, 380 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415, or call the Department of Pupil Services at 860-537-3103.

Upon request, records will be available for pickup at the Department of Pupil Services' office.

### Guardian Angels Parish Offering Italy Trip

Guardian Angels Parish – which encompasses St. Andrew Church in Colchester and St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lebanon – is making a pilgrimage to Italy from Oct. 30-Nov. 9.

The Rev. Richard Breton will lead pilgrims through Florence, Assisi, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii and Monte Cassino, ending in Rome. The trip will include an audience with

Pope Francis.

Cost is \$3,479, and the trip departs from New York. All admissions, fees and hotel services are included.

For more information, contact Angela Corentin at 860-402-8316 or acorentin1219@gmail.com.

### Residents Study in Czech Republic

Colchester residents Alyssa Herr and Jacqueline Navickas were among 13 Eastern Connecticut State University students who were introduced to theater traditions and practices around the world by attending the Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space in the Czech Republic in June.

Herr is a senior who majors in art, and Navickas is a senior who majors in communication.

"I studied a ton of art and theatre as well as meeting or greeting different people from around the world," said Navickas. "I would say that this was an impactful learning experience because I got the chance to explore a new culture. I graduated on May 16 and was proud to make the journey to Prague to get more experience with theater and to stay connected with some of my senior friends who were also part of the trip."

### Volunteer Drivers Sought

Colchester Senior Center is seeking several volunteers with daytime availability to serve as substitute drivers for Meals-on-Wheels, delivering meals, a wellness check and a short social visit to elderly residents who are homebound.

You will be called upon to fill-in for regular drivers who need to take some time off. Must have reliable transportation. Training is provided.

If interested, call Valerie at the senior center at 860-537-3911.

### Ukrainian Catholic Church News

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

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

### Troop 72 Accepting Recyclables

Colchester Boy Scout Troop 72 is accepting recyclable containers that can be redeemed in Connecticut.

If you are in the Colchester area and would like to donate recyclables to Troop 72, email your contact information to letendrej@sbcglobe.net or leave a message at 860-917-8391.

Donations can also be left at the left-hand side of the Polish Club pavilion at 395 South Main St., Colchester.

### Resident Receives Award

Haylee Skoog of Colchester, a student at Lassell University in Newton, Mass., was recognized by peers for outstanding collaboration in the spring 2023 semester in the university's Figure Drawing course.

Skoog was selected as one of the three best people to work with in this course. Recipients of the Collaboration Recognition Award are selected by their peers for exemplifying superior skills in collaboration by sharing ideas and information, communicating in a professional manner, and cooperating in a way designed to ensure success.

### Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship Sundays at 10 a.m. The services are also available on Zoom; visit westchestercongregation.org for login information.

Sunday School meets during the worship service.

**Meetings:** The church hosts several groups meeting weekly: Al-Anon, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; AA, Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Scout BSA Troop

109, Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; and Cub Scout Pack 109, one Thursday per month at 6 p.m.

**Outreach:** The church has a white wooden Blessings Box in the lower parking lot with non-perishable food items and other useful items. Anyone in need or who wishes to donate may stop by and take or leave a few items.

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

### Kosher Chicken Barbecue

Congregation Ahavath Achim will hold its annual kosher chicken barbecue on Sunday, July 23, at the synagogue, 84 Lebanon Ave. Dinners will be take-out only and will be served from 3:30 p.m. until sold out or 6 p.m., whichever occurs first.

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

Tickets will be available at the door the day of the event but advance sales are encouraged.

No reservations will be accepted unless pre-paid. Advance tickets can be obtained by remitting payment to Ahavath Achim, P.O. Box 5, Colchester, CT 06415. Upon receipt of payment, tickets will be mailed to your address provided or held in your name at the door if sufficient time does not allow for postal mailing.

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

### Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

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

cast live each week on Facebook. Visit [www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT](http://www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT) or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.

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

### 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](mailto:csc@colchesterct.gov), or visit [www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center](http://www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center).

**Monday, July 24:** 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Stitch & Fix, Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mahjong, Bridge; 12:45 p.m., Setback.

**Tuesday, July 25:** 9 a.m., Making Memories, Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10 a.m., Inspired by Art Series; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle, In the Know; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., SCBC Meeting (via Zoom).

**Wednesday, July 26:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 11 a.m., Pizza & a Movie; 1:30 p.m., Cardio Drumming I; 2 p.m., Cardio Drumming II; 2-4 p.m., Sewing Circle.

**Thursday, July 27:** 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; noon-3 p.m., Senior Benefits Counseling by appointment only; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

**Friday, July 28:** 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; no Cho-

ral Group today; 11 a.m., Yoga; 11 a.m., Lunch Bunch – Hideaway Restaurant; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Upcoming Program: Live Well with Chronic Conditions Series:** Offered by the Chatham Health District, this six-week series will run Fridays, 9-11 a.m., starting Aug. 4. Learn about healthy eating, physical activity, dealing with emotions, communication skills, working with healthcare providers, and how to set up an action plan. This program is open to people with ongoing health conditions such as diabetes, depression, heart disease, arthritis pain and anxiety – or for those caring for someone with an ongoing health condition. Registration is required by July 28, by calling the senior center.

**"Holiday Fair" Planning Meeting:** Thursday, Aug. 3, 12:30 p.m. The senior center is looking for volunteers to help with planning this year's fair, which will take place Saturday, Nov. 18. Bring your ideas or come to the meeting to see what it is all about.

**"Go Nuts" Tropical Luncheon:** Tuesday, Aug. 15, 11 a.m. Music will be performed by Coconuts Comedy Rocks, which plays songs everyone knows but sometimes with a twist. A tropical themed lunch will follow. This luncheon is for senior center members age 60 and older. Tickets are \$9 per person and registration is required.

### CCT Presents Finding Nemo Jr

The Colchester Community Theatre Children's Summer Theatre Workshop will present Disney's *Finding Nemo Jr.* on Saturday, July 22, at 2 p.m., in the Bacon Academy auditorium.

This is a musical adaptation of the 2003 Pixar movie *Finding Nemo*, with new music by award-winning songwriting team Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez.

Tickets are \$6 each (adults and children) and may be purchased at the door on the day of the performance. For more information, call Wallis Johnson at 860-267-1023 or email Laura Brown at [RTR1982@aol.com](mailto:RTR1982@aol.com).

### Family Events on Town Green

All are invited to the Town Green every Thursday from 6-8 p.m. for a free family event. Bring a lawn chair. Events include:

July 27: DJ Montez and a summer dance party in the park; Aug. 3: concert by the Outcrops; Thursday, Aug. 10, Trivia Night in the park; Thursday, Aug. 17, Concert by Bluesberry Jam; Thursday, Aug. 24, DJ Montez and the end-of-summer dance party in the park.

### Honor Society Inductee

Kara Furlong of Colchester was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest all-discipline collegiate honor society. Furlong was initiated at University of Massachusetts.

### Farmers Market Open Sundays

The Colchester Farmers Market will run every Sunday through Oct. 15, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each week, on the Town Green.

The market features 55 to 75 vendors each week. There will be fresh vegetables, local fruits, meats, cheeses, crafts, sweet treats, food trucks, musicians, and more.

Check out the market's Facebook and Instagram pages (@ColchesterFarmersMarketCT) for weekly updates as to who's coming, and for special events throughout the season.

### Car Wash Fundraiser

The Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Cadets along with the Connecticut State Police Troop K Explorers will be holding a car wash fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will be held at the Colchester Fire Headquarters, 52 Old Harford Rd.

Advisors will assist with this event using foam power-sprayers. Donations accepted. For more information or if you are a business interested in donating lunch for the cadets, call Debi at 860-204-1598.

### Dean's List

Maile Blumberger of Colchester made the spring 2023 President's List at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

### Dean's List

Lucas Baldinger of Colchester made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pa.

### Local Student Graduates from Connecticut Boys State

The American Legion, Department of Connecticut, has announced that Owen Ibey of Bacon Academy has graduated from the American Legion Connecticut Boys State.

Throughout the week-long program, held at the University of New Haven, Ibey was a Town Secretary, State Senator and representative for his Federalist party. Also throughout the week, he participated in the talent show and other activities within the program.

Ibey was one of 200 residents selected for Boys State this year.

Begun in 1935, Boys State is a program that educates future leaders about government, civics, and patriotism in a "learn by doing" environment. Each delegate has just finished his junior year of high school and was hand-picked by teachers, counselors, and local American Legion posts throughout Connecticut to attend this one-week seminar.

During the week, the delegates were evenly split into fictional parties of the Nationalist and Federalists. Each party drafted party platforms, elected party officials, nominated candidates via primary elections, and contested a general election against the rival party and its candidates. The delegates ran for many kinds of offices including state, district, county and city offices. Those elected to the House of Representatives and Senate spent the week drafting, debating, and passing bills on a wide range of social and economic issues.

This year the delegates heard from dozens of guest speakers, including U.S. Sen. Richard



Owen Ibey

Blumenthal, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, several members of the state House of Representatives and state Senate, and Connecticut Attorney General William Tong.

On Thursday, June 29, Connecticut Boys State enjoyed a graduation ceremony, receiving awards and diplomas for their work throughout the week in the mock government.

For more information on Boys State, visit [www.ctboysstate.org](http://www.ctboysstate.org).

### School Readiness Program

Colchester's School Readiness Program is offering grant-subsidized preschool for the 2023-24 school year. Spaces are limited. Parent fees are based upon a sliding scale.

There are three options available, including part-day at Colchester Elementary School, school-day at Castle and full-day at Town & Country Early Learning Center.

Colchester residents who want a five-day-a-week program and may find it difficult to pay for preschool are invited to apply. For the application and more information, go to [ColchesterC3.org/school-readiness](http://ColchesterC3.org/school-readiness).

### History Museum Open Weekly

The Colchester History Museum, located at 24 Linwood Ave., is open Sundays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., until Dec. 3.

The museum, adjacent to Cragin Memorial Library, is free and features exhibits all highlighting the people and events in Colchester's history. The museum offers guided and self-guided tours.

For more information, contact the historical society at [mail@colchesterhistory.org](mailto:mail@colchesterhistory.org) or 860-537-3240.

### Dean's List

Davin Roy of Colchester made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, Pa.

He is majoring in sports management and playing football for the Bald Eagles.

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### Air Line Trail Toastmasters

The Air Line Trail Toastmasters meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Town Hall or via Zoom.

Toastmasters offers a supportive and encouraging environment designed to help people refine their communication skills. All are welcome, from seasoned speakers to novices. Feedback will be provided.

For more information, call Chris at 860-537-0143.

### Resident Graduates

Nicholas Charles Tartisinis of Colchester recently graduated summa cum laude from Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

Tartisinis graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in law and society, as well as a double minor in political science and criminal justice.

### CYSS Summer Trips

Colchester Youth and Social Services is offering summer trips for Colchester students entering grades 4-12. Copies of the trip calendar can be found in the CYSS office at Town Hall, on Facebook, the digital backpack, and online at [www.colchesterct.gov/yss](http://www.colchesterct.gov/yss).

Registration for trips will continue all summer - and is online only.

Call CYSS for more information, at 860-537-7255.

### Dean's List

Harrison J. Wells, son of Stephen and Ilyse Wells of Colchester, made the spring 2023 Second Honors Dean's List at Pace University in New York City, N.Y.

Wells is a business major and a member of the Class of 2026.

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The Colchester Democratic Town Committee will host a Meet the Candidates fundraiser at Priam Vineyards on Friday, July 28, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and include a beverage of your choice, including wine or beer. Priam has music scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to stay late.

The public is welcome to attend to learn

more about Colchester Democrats' endorsed candidates for the upcoming municipal elections.

For more information or to pay in advance, visit the Colchester Democratic Town Committee website or Facebook page, or call 860-465-7909.

### Parks & Rec News & Notes

Colchester Parks and Recreation has announced the following programs and events. Registration required unless noted. For full descriptions and to register, visit [www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department](http://www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department). Parks and Rec. can also be reached at 860-537-7297 or at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

**SPT Summer Soccer Camp:** For ages 5-15. Monday-Friday, July 24-28, from 5-8 p.m., at the RecPlex. Cost is \$150/player.

**Gentle Yoga:** Mondays, July 24-Aug. 14, 4:45-5:45 p.m. online with Facebook Live. For ages 45 and older. Cost: \$35/residents, \$40/non-

residents.

**Community CPR/AED/First Aid Classes:** Cost is \$90/person. Class dates: Sept. 19, 6 p.m., Heartsafe CPR & First Aid; Oct. 17, BLS CPR; Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Heartsafe CPR & First Aid.

**Card-Making Class:** Thursday, Aug. 17, 6-8 p.m., at Town Hall. Cost: \$15 per class, per person (\$20 for nonresidents).

**Bus Trip:** Registration forms are available online. Bus will leave from Town Hall. For full itineraries, see the website. **Spooky Salem:** Oct. 21, \$114/person.

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### Tri-County Legion Fall Baseball

Tri-County's American Legion baseball program is looking for prospective players for its fall season.

Serious players whose parent resides in Andover, Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, Lebanon or Marlborough are eligible. The fall league is designed for players who will be between the ages of 12-19 in 2024 and teams will be organized at several age groups, depending on interest.

Go to [www.tcleague.com](http://www.tcleague.com) for more details on

the fall format, team makeup and fees. Deadline to register is July 26, but some age-group teams are expected to fill up prior to that date.

The fall program will serve as a preliminary tryout for selection to Tri-County's summer 2024 Legion teams, which will be filled through the fall program as well as winter tryouts.

Interested players are encouraged to contact General Manager Len Lampugnale at 860-295-0437 or at [Lampugnale@comcast.net](mailto:Lampugnale@comcast.net) with any additional questions.

### CCSU Dean's List

The following area students made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Central Connecticut State University:

**Amston:** Rebecca Carusone, Matthew Champagne, Jadyn Nembhard, Christopher Wilson.

**Andover:** Leo Cappello, Jake Landry, Brianna Olandt.

**Colchester:** Gary Bedner, Krystal Csuka, Katelyn Hickey, Calem LePage, Amanda Magyari,

Rebecca Magyarik, Grace Martel, Tyler Nguyen, Joseph Ringuette, Connor Sullivan, Charlie Tabris, Victoria Violette, Zeek Zurita.

**East Hampton:** Hunter Allis, Lauren Anelli, Lizzy Barber, Luke Brooks, McKayla Connolly,

Lily Cordeiro, Thomas Engel, Jordan Hall, Jacob Ireland, Nathan Lazor, Richard Leone, Ardyn Lezak, Agnieszka Mozerowska, Konrad Piech, Mia Servidone, Ryan Sharp, Morgan Smith, Elizabeth Urban, Kelly Wilson.

**Hebron:** Lily Freer, Kaylin Hadley, Brandon Velasco, Andrew Wilkinson.

**Marlborough:** Jason Belanger, Addison Brown, Rosie Henderschedt, Simone Lesci, Dale Quincy, Michael Slusarczyk.

**Portland:** Brian Fickett, Nicholas Francesco, Clara Guilmette, Matthew Hernandez, Joshua Hurley, Clara Kopacz, Nicholas Lee, Nicholas Randazzo, Leonardo Salcedo, Paige Warsaw.

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**Relaxing with the Rivereast...** Portland First Selectman Ryan Curley and his girlfriend recently returned from a vacation in Aruba – and of course, Curley was sure to bring along the Rivereast!

## 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 and your address to [bulletin@glcitizen.com](mailto:bulletin@glcitizen.com).




**Rivereast Takes a Cruise...** Friends Jean-Paul and Louise Bolduc of Marlborough, Karen and Terry Finnegan of East Hampton and Carol and Gil Daigle of Manchester recently cruised to Bermuda on the Norwegian Joy – and of course, brought along with the Rivereast!



**Rivereast Plays the Palace...** Robert and Geri Cecilio of East Hampton recently brought the Rivereast to the Wallenstein Palace Garden in Prague, Czech Republic. The Cecilios traveled to Prague as an extension of a Danube river cruise from Budapest, Hungary to Passau, Germany.



**Rivereast Loves a Wedding...** At the Railway Museum in Boothbay, Maine, Patrick Fales and Mimi Perrotti of East Hampton tied the knot, and took their Rivereast along for the celebration. Guests took part in the wedding ceremony at the Railway's chapel, enjoyed a steam train ride around the historic museum property and then celebrated with food prepared by Chef Ralph from Mine Oyster Restaurant in Boothbay. Congratulations, Patrick and Mimi!

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# Board of Finance Meets, Sets Mill Rate

By London Brazal and Michael Sinkewicz

With the recent passing of the town's and school's budget proposals, the East Hampton Board of Finance met swiftly this week for its monthly meeting – at which the mill rate was set and one board member addressed this year's budget process.

Residents last week approved a school spending plan of \$35.86 million — a \$1.58 million, or 4.6%, increase over current year spending; the municipal budget is slated at \$17.99 million, around \$509,000 above the current fiscal year.

The board unanimously adopted the new mill rate for real estate and personal property at 36.06 – a 1.4 increase from the current year; a property assessed at \$250,000 would cost about \$9,000 annually, up around \$30 a month.

Board member Russell Bonaccorso mentioned the process and challenges of how to fully understand what the people of the town want.

“Whether it's more money or more services that they're using,” Bonaccorso said. On the recent ballot, two advisory questions ask if the

proposed budgets are ‘too high’ or ‘too low.’ ‘I've heard it from Democrats and Republicans alike that in all past referendums – that it never is ‘too low’; it's always ‘too high.’

Bonaccorso called the May 30 referendum an “anomaly,” as the Board of Education budget was deemed ‘too low,’ although he was impressed with the organization of the campaigns and was thrilled that people got out to vote. The Board of Finance restored \$250k for the school district and both budgets were passed on July 11.

“Almost 1,200 people who voted in the first referendum didn't vote in the second referendum,” Bonaccorso said. “The Board of Education passed, but the majority was too high.”

Bonaccorso said that if a few more people stayed home, the budget could have failed as the ‘too high’ results stayed the same. “What's the message to us on the Board of Finance? We need people to come out and vote.”

Bonaccorso recommends that people come to

the Board of Finance meetings to tell them what they want. “This is a participatory democracy — come out to our budget workshops ahead of time, tell us what you need, tell us what you want.” According to the 2020 registration and party enrollment statistics, there are roughly 9,200 active registered voters in East Hampton. Under 2,000 voted in the most recent referendum.

Another board member, Ted Turner agreed that more people need to vote. He mentioned that in the first referendum, there was nearly record voter turnout. “They're not afraid to go out and vote, I think they didn't come out as much the second time because they were satisfied,” Turner said.

“And if they were satisfied, come out and tell us you're satisfied,” Bonaccorso added.

Last week, the school board held a special meeting to officially adopt its spending plan. Because the final numbers were less than the board initially approved — despite the \$250k restoration — some additional cuts had to be made.

Around \$540k had to be reduced, according to East Hampton Schools Superintendent Paul Smith. Ultimately, the school board followed his recommendation on which areas to chose.

“They needed to reflect the budget approved by the public,” he told the *Rivereast* this week.

“Overall, this keeps the class sizes as reasonable as possible.”

The cuts include \$106,000 in certified salaries, resulting in one less special education teacher, \$363,000 in medical insurance reduction — a result of union concessions — as well as \$4,000 in supplies, \$38,000 in utilities and \$30,000 in textbooks, but a grant will offset that item.

The priority, Smith continued, is academic progress, which this budget will achieve.

“We'll do without a few things,” he said. “We're in a fortunate position. It took awhile to get there but we're entering the school year in a good place.”

Also at this week's Board of Finance meeting, board chair Bridget McLennan commented that board member Deb Cunningham would be the finance board's representative on the East Hampton Ambulance Association. Cunningham has served on the Board of Directors for the ambulance and McLennan said she believes that made it a perfect fit.

Turner, though, wondered why there needed to be a Board of Finance liaison for the EHAA. He suggested that the president of the association could show quarterly audits, which he said would suffice. But McLennan said it would help to have “ears on what's going on” and it's for transparency.

## 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 us at easthamptonpubliclibrary.org, or on Facebook at facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary.

**Library Hours:** The library is open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**All-Ages Program: Jason Tardy: The Big Solo:** Tuesday, Aug. 1, 10-11 a.m., at the Sears Park Pavillion. Tardy's show includes innovative choreographed juggling to music, fitting his body through a tennis racket, bowling ball juggling, fire breathing, and more.

**Children's Programs: Storytimes:** Mindful Movements – Outside: Mondays, 10:30 a.m., at Seamster Park/Memorial School playground, for ages 2-5 (rain location: library community room); Toddler Time: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., for children ages 18 months to 3 years; Stories & Songs: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5 years; Baby Rhyme Time: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., for ages birth to 24 months, and their caregivers.

**Junior Engineers:** Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Try a variety of different building materials in the Children's Room. No registration required.

**Night Owl Storytime: Grades K-3:** Monday, July 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wear pajamas to the library and make owl stuffed animals to cuddle up with as you read the book *Knight Owl*.

**Art Explorers (Grades 1-5): Unique You:** Tuesday, July 25, 2:30-4 p.m. Make silly self-portraits.

**Tween Game Hour:** Wednesday, Aug. 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m., for grades 4-8. This session is the return of the live action *Among Us*.

**Teen Programs: Teen Dungeons & Drag-**

**ons:** Every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; next session July 26. For grades 8-12.

**Teen Open Mic:** Friday, July 28, 3 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 will be given the opportunity to sing, read, dance, or present on stage in the library Community Room. All patrons are welcome to attend the performance, but only teens can perform.

**Teen Library Trivia:** Friday, Aug. 4, 3:30-4:30 p.m., for grades 6-12. There will be a variety of questions about the library and an array of general knowledge of popular media.

**Adult Programs: Find Your Voice: Podcasters In-Person Series:** Tuesday, July 25, 6:30 p.m. Connecticut author Matthew Dicks will talk about his podcast, *Speak Up Storytelling*.

**Cookbook Club – Fresh from the Garden:** Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m. The library will provide plates and utensils; all you need is your dish and 10 copies of the recipe to share.

## Goff House Concert Series Continues

The Joseph N. Goff House Gazebo Concert Series continues all this month on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Center School Gazebo on Summit Street, in the Village Center. The shows are free. The remaining schedule is:

July 27, Flamingo, playing big band hits; and Aug. 3, Big Deal Rock, playing classic rock hits.

## Vacancy on EHAA Board of Directors

The East Hampton Ambulance Association is seeking an East Hampton resident to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. Meetings are held monthly at the ambulance building on Route 16.

A new member will complete the board. Email Nancy Brown for more information at nancybrown843@aol.com.

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## Health Matters Summer Programs

Registration is open for AHM Youth and Family Services' Health Matters summer programs.

These programs feature a focus on mind and body wellness. Classes include Charcuterie Board Class with Emily Love, Painting

with Audrey, Abstract Art led by Shamane Shepard, and Summer Art with Kristina Henry and Colleen McLeod.

Classes are available for all ages. To register and for more information, visit ahmyouth.org/programs-services/health-matters.

## Parenting Workshop

AHM Youth and Family Services is holding a parenting workshop, entitled “ENRICH Your Relationship With Your Child,” on Wednesdays through Aug. 23, via Zoom.

These free classes offer skills designed to help people communicate and parent more effectively. Attend as many sessions as you wish. Registration is required. The class is appropriate for parents with children of all ages.

The remaining sessions are:  
July 26, 8-9 p.m.: Respect, Redirection, Reasoning; Aug. 2, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: Identity and Involvement; Aug. 9, 8-9 p.m.: Communication and Consequences; Aug. 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m.:

Humor, Health and Happiness; Aug. 23, 8-9 p.m.: Resilience, Self-Compassion.

The class will be facilitated by Dr. Debbie Kruegel-Farr, a parent coach, consultant and educator with a Ph.D in research, human development and family studies. The class follows the book *Enrich your Relationship with your Child*, written by Kruegel-Farr, which can be purchased through Amazon.

To register for the classes, visit ahmyouth.recdesk.com/Community/Home. For more information, contact Becky Murray at 860-228-0871 or beckym@ahmyouth.org.

## CHOREs Program Starting Up

AHM Youth and Family Services' CHOREs program is starting back up for the summer. CHOREs is a paid program that provides local seniors assistance from teens (ages 14-18).

Teens are able to sign up for jobs that not only help out their local seniors with various outdoor tasks, but they also get paid for doing so. For more information, email Kristina Smith at KristinaH@ahmyouth.org.

## AHM Annual Appeal

AHM Youth and Family Services is looking for donations to its Annual Fund.

AHM helps those in the Andover, Columbia, Hebron and Marlborough community cope with depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and other social and emotional challenges. AHM said its school-based mental health supports, as well as its outpatient therapeutic clinic, are in high demand.

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**John A. Calderbank and Marlene J. Geary  
Engagement Announced**

Richard J. Geary and the late Joanne (St. Amand) Geary of Glastonbury, and John and Nancy Calderbank of Glastonbury, happily announce the engagement of their children, Marlene J. Geary of East Hampton to John A. Calderbank of Hartford.

Geary is a senior manager at Pratt & Whitney. She has her B.S. in scientific & technical communication from Arizona State University, and her M.E. in systems engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Calderbank is a content engineer at Optum Services Inc. He has his B.A. in psychology from

UConn, and his M.S. in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Calderbank and Geary graduated in 1988 from Glastonbury High School and were reunited, through mutual classmates, at a trivia competition in March of 2017.

Geary adds that she is a "certified Magic Eight Ball Practitioner, a Humorous Speech Competitor and Trivia Whiz." Calderbank, meanwhile, adds that he is a "Dungeon Master, Esquire Sand Crab Juggling, Self-Trained, and Certified in five levels of *Dungeons & Dragons*."

The wedding is set for June 9, 2024.

**Artwork to be Displayed**

Local sculptor John Macomber will have his latest piece on view during a new exhibit, entitled "Form & Function," at Art Center East, 709 Hartford Tpke., Vernon. The exhibit will run through July 29; hours are Thursday through Saturday, from 1-5 p.m.

**Haddam Neck  
Congregational News**

Haddam Neck Congregational Church will hold 10 a.m. joint worship services during July at Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam, 52 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam.

There will be no church services on Sundays in July at Haddam Neck Congregational.

Visit [www.haddamneckcongregationalchurch.org](http://www.haddamneckcongregationalchurch.org) for more information.

**EHMS Soccer, Cross-Country Registration**

East Hampton Middle School student/athletes interested in trying out for boys soccer, girls soccer or boys/girls cross-country teams can register at [www.FamilyID.com](http://www.FamilyID.com). Athletes must have all the proper paperwork submitted online and have an updated physical in order to try out.

Registration should be completed by Monday, Aug. 21. For more information, call EHMS athletic director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

**Resident Graduates**

Rebekah Leigh Whelan of East Hampton recently graduated from Western New England University in Springfield, Mass., with a Juris Doctor.

**Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church News**

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church holds services Sundays at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome. The church is located at 1 East High St. Pastor is Cathy Rohrs. The church is handicapped-accessible and air-conditioned.

Bible Hour is Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The book of Luke is the topic. The Bible study is informal. No prior knowledge is needed.

**Troop 57 Bottle Drive**

Troop 57 of East Hampton will hold a bottle drive Saturday, July 22, from 9 a.m.-noon, at American Distilling at 31 East High St., Route 66).

The Scouts will accept clean, empty bottles to be redeemed to help support scouting activities and service projects.

The troop is sponsored by the Congregational Church of East Hampton. Call Annette Kowalczyk at 860-267-2962 for more information.



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The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free Household Hazardous Waste collection event Saturday, July 22, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell.

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](http://rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste) to learn more.

### Resident Graduates

Alexandra Dombrowski of East Hampton recently graduated, with a Bachelor of Science degree in emergency/disaster management, from Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa.

### Belltown Open Golf Tournament

The Congregational Church of East Hampton is seeking sponsors and golfers for the 17th annual Belltown Open Golf Tournament, which will take place Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Proceeds benefit the East Hampton food and fuel bank. Golf registration includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and dinner. Price for event is \$135 per golfer, with only cash or check as payment method. It is a scramble format with shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Registration is 8:30-10 a.m., with coffee and homemade muffins offered. To pre-register, email [Cshirshac123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Cshirshac123@sbcglobal.net) or call 860-267-8194



Meet Our New Reporter... The Rivereast News Bulletin is pleased to introduce its newest reporter, London Brazal. A member of the East Hampton High School Class of 2020, London graduated in May from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She will primarily be covering East Hampton for the Rivereast. Got a story idea for her? Reach out to her at [lonvbraz@gmail.com](mailto:lonvbraz@gmail.com). Welcome aboard, London!

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Do not drop donations off at any other time, and do not leave donations outside the building.

Items not accepted include: televisions, child car seats, cribs, mattresses, bedframes, couches, encyclopedias, textbooks, large exercise machines, old-style phones and cell phones, large sofa chairs, and computers and any accessories, such as monitors, printers, keyboards and mice.

### Residents Graduate

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

**East Hampton:** Andrew Buckley, who graduated with a bachelor's in mechanical engineering; Molly Conklin, who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's in professional nursing; Tyler D'Anna, who graduated magna cum laude from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in business administration; Marissa Jedziniak, who graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's in music education; Malachi Lytle, who graduated with a bachelor's in wild-life and fisheries biology; Ruth Spooner, who graduated with a bachelor's in engineering.

**Middle Haddam:** David Battit, who graduated with a bachelor's in wildlife and fisheries biology.

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### Annual Cut-a-Thon Fundraiser

All are invited to the fifth annual Cut-a-Thon to benefit the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue Saturday, Aug. 5, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Cut-a-Thon is sponsored by the Scissor Happy Salon, 864 Portland-Cobalt Rd. For a \$25 donation, you can get your haircut, styled or braided. No appointments necessary. If you cannot come, but want to donate to

the CDHR, visit [www.ctdraftrescue.org](http://www.ctdraftrescue.org). For more information on this event or to check out the rescue work of the CDHR, visit [www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue](http://www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue).

The CDHR is a nonprofit organization (located in East Hampton) dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses as well as draft horses heading for slaughter.

### Congregational Church News & Notes

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., is open for services with the Rev. Amie McCarthy every Sunday at 10 a.m. All services can also be accessed via Zoom by going to [cc-eh.org](http://cc-eh.org).

Church school classes meet every Sunday. The Yarners meet every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-noon in the Fellowship Hall. All knitters

and crocheters are welcome.

Choir meets every Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. All voices are welcome.

For more information about CCEH and its activities, visit [cc-eh.org](http://cc-eh.org) or call the church office at 860-267-4959 during office hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Yard Goats Fundraiser

All are invited to join the East Hampton Sports Boosters at the Hartford Yard Goats game on Sunday, Aug. 6. Tickets are available for \$15 each, with a portion of each ticket going to the Boosters.

The Boosters support various team requests along with awarding two scholarships to graduating seniors.

For tickets or information, call John at 860-759-7224.

### Dean's List

Claire Lindsay of East Hampton made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Penn State University in State College, Pa.

### Save the Date for Fireworks!

Community residents and friends are invited to join in celebrating the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department's 100th Anniversary as the department presents its annual fireworks display on Saturday, Aug. 19, on the grounds of East Hampton High School.

There will be food and ice cream vendors present. Watch for more information.

### Garden Club Excursion

On Friday, July 28, the Belltown Garden Club will enjoy an outing to James L. Goodwin State Forest in Hampton to explore the gardens, trails, 135-acre Pine Acres Lake, and the Goodwin Conservation Center.

Club members will meet at 9 a.m. in the Stop and Shop parking lot corner closest to McDonald's. Bring a picnic lunch item to share. The club welcomes members of the public and prospective members to attend. The East Hampton Belltown Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of CT and National Garden Clubs.

Call Judy Barclay at 413-328-8059 for more information or if you would like to attend.

### Resident Graduates

East Hampton residents Lindsay Nicole Orbann and Alexia Leon recently graduated from Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

Orbann graduated magna cum laude with a BSBA in accounting, and Leon graduated with a BSBA in sport management.

### Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person and Zoom services at 10 a.m. each Sunday. All are welcome. To connect electronically, go to [www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com](http://www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com) for directions. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated with the Rev. Diana Rogers. There will be no service this week due to the service/picnic at St. Stephen's in East Haddam.

**Sunday School:** On pause until the fall.

**Zoom Bible Study:** Will resume after Labor Day.

**Donations:** Food items may be placed in the black totes at the rear of the church. Clean returnable bottles and cans go in the designated cans by the shed.

**Wednesday Summer Services:** Rogers will hold services Wednesdays at 6 p.m. through July and August using alternate and approved forms of the worship service.

**Tag Sale:** Dick Napolitano will be in charge of the annual Labor Day tag sale. Save your donations. Some pick-up is available for large items.

**Haddam Neck Fair Cookie Booth Fundraiser:** Church members are asked to sign up to work at the fair, which will run Sept. 1-4. Volunteers are also needed to buy cookie dough.

For more information or if in need of assistance, call the church office at 860-267-0278 or contact Donna Hryb, senior warden, at 860-633-0472.

### Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd. in East Hampton, invites all to online or in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger. Refreshments are served after the service.

**Puppet Ministry:** Each Sunday, the Church's Puppet Ministry features Digger the Dog and some of his friends from Farmer M's Red Barn to help explain the meaning of the message topic.

**Kids Church:** Music and hands-on interactive activities about God's love are offered for kids in the Fellowship Hall during the worship

service. All are welcome.

**Vocal Choir:** Choir rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome.

**Adult Bible Study:** Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The study is on the Book of Revelation.

**Office Info:** The office can be reached at 860-267-2336; hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. The church website is at [www.hncovenantchurch.org](http://www.hncovenantchurch.org).



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**Light Up the Lake...** The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug invite boaters, property owners and lake associations to participate in "Light Up The Lake" Saturday, Aug. 12, at 8:30 p.m. Just decorate your boat, dock, yard or Lake Beach Association with lights. No registration is required. Boat participants are asked to cruise leisurely around the lake at no wake speed from their launch point in a clockwise direction. The public can view the boats as they pass Sears Park. Rain date is Aug. 13. For more information, visit [www.flpeh.org](http://www.flpeh.org), look for Friends of Lake Pocotopaug on Facebook or call Cap Egan at 860-395-7844. Pictured is a boat from last year's event.

### 'Driving for Drafts' Charity Golf Tournament

The annual Driving for Drafts - Duke Memorial Charity Golf Tournament, to benefit the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue (CDHR), will take place Saturday, Sept. 16, at 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, a buffet

dinner, and raffles and prizes. Sponsorships are also available, including an "In Memoriam" sponsorship to honor a loved one or a pet. Registration closes Sept. 1. To sign up as a participant or become a sponsor, visit [www.ctdraftrescue.org/2023-golf-registration](http://www.ctdraftrescue.org/2023-golf-registration), or email [cdhr.golf@gmail.com](mailto:cdhr.golf@gmail.com).

### Tax Bills Due

Tax bills for real estate, personal property, and motor vehicles levied on the Grand List were due July 1, though the last day to pay being Aug. 1. Real estate and personal property tax bills will reflect a temporary mill rate due to the Town budget not being adopted by June 30. Once the annual budget is adopted, a permanent mill rate will be established by the Board of Finance. Since this permanent mill rate is likely to differ from the temporary one, the town said, a second billing will be done in December for

the second installment. This billing will convey the new tax amount and mill rate. Motor vehicle bills will not utilize a temporary mill rate as they are set at the state-capped mill rate, and are due in one installment. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes and interest charges. Taxpayers that did not receive a bill should contact the tax office immediately at 860-267-2300.

### Antique Car Show to Mark 56th Year

The Belltown Antique Car Club will host its 56th annual Vintage Motorcar Meet Sunday, Aug. 6, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds in Haddam Neck. Take Route 151 (on the east side of the Conn. River) south from Cobalt or north from East Haddam to Haddam Neck Road. Bear left onto Quarry Hill Road after the firehouse to reach the Fairgrounds entrance. Stock, unmodified antique cars and trucks at least 40 years old (up to 1983) will be judged in 24 classes, eligible for "Belltown Bell" trophies. The first 300 show cars will also receive a dash plaque. There promises to be a mix of everything from Brass-Era cars to 1960's muscle cars, orphan nameplates to luxury marques, and classic sports cars to vintage pick-ups. Judging begins at noon, trophies awarded at 3 p.m. A display-only area will be provided for hot rods, kit cars and modified collector cars (up to 1982) that are not eligible for trophies.

All vehicles newer than 40 years old must go to the spectator parking area. Also included in the event is a flea market with vendors offering antique car parts, tools and other merchandise of interest to collector car hobbyists. Food and refreshment sales will be provided by the Masonic Lodge 112 of East Hampton. The show will be held rain or shine (field conditions permitting); please, no bicycles or pets. Show car registration is \$10 per car, and includes admission to the show for driver and passengers. General admission is \$5 per person; children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Spectator parking is free. For more information visit [www.belltownantiquecarclub.org](http://www.belltownantiquecarclub.org). Club contacts for exhibitors and vendors: Mark Hoydilla - 203-980-1748 (cell); Peter Christianson - 860-510-3340 (cell); Jon Grant - 860-267-7507; or the club email, [belltowncarclub@gmail.com](mailto:belltowncarclub@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com), visit [middlehaddamlibrary.com](http://middlehaddamlibrary.com) or call 860-267-9093. The library's P.O. Box number is 123. **Library Hours:** Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 3-6 p.m. **Yoga:** With Erin Day of Ten Summit Yoga. Mondays at 9 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. No Saturday classes until summer. Cost is a \$10 drop-in fee. Register at [tensummitst@gmail.com](mailto:tensummitst@gmail.com). **Mahjong:** Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Experienced

and new players welcome. **Fiber Arts:** Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon. Bring your spinning wheel, knitting, weaving, embroidery, etc. All are welcome. **Walk with Geologist Megan Desrosiers:** Saturday, July 22, 9:30 a.m. Geology and History of the Cobalt Mines. Contact the library for details on where to join the walk. **Writers Workshop/Meet-Up Group:** Wednesday, July 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Enjoy writing exercises, constructive criticism, and an opportunity to seek the opinions of other writers. All genres welcome. Pre-register.



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Chuck and Tina Yenknor of Spellman Point in East Hampton recently signed up to have their lake property evaluated, and were awarded a “Lake-Smart” sign because their property does not contribute to the spread of phosphates and nitrates into Lake Pocotopaug. Photo by Marty Podskoch.

### Lake-Smart Awards Available

With summer here, folks can have their lake or watershed property evaluated to see what improvements they can make to their property in order to have a cleaner Lake Pocotopaug – and to also win a Lake-Smart Award that is given by the East Hampton Conservation and Lake Commission (C&LC).

The East Hampton C&LC started the “Lake-Smart Award Program” for property owners living on Lake Pocotopaug or in the surrounding watershed. The purpose is to encourage property owners to improve the quality of Lake Pocotopaug by doing projects to prevent infiltration of phosphates, nitrates, pesticides, and other impurities from entering the lake. Those that achieve seven requirements will receive a Lake-Smart Award sign they can display on their property. It is hoped the program will not only improve the quality of the lake but also encourage neighbors to make improvements to their property.

Some of the seven criteria property owners will be evaluated on are: Do they have a “buffer zone,” rain gardens, diversion ditches, etc. that contain stormwater runoff before it reaches the lake; refrain from using chemical fertilizers containing phosphates and nitrates or using pesticides and herbicides. In mowing their lawn do

they maintain the level of their lawn at 2 ½-3” and use a mulching blade instead of bagging grass clippings. Do they: cover bare soil areas with mulch or plantings; refrain from feeding water fowl and discourage them from coming onto their property. Finally, do they prevent leaves and grass clippings from entering the lake.

Those wishing to be evaluated for the award should contact: Jeremy Hall of the Parks & Recreation Dept. (860-267-7300 or jhall@easthamptonct.gov) or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning & Zoning Dept. (860-267-7450 or jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov) or any members of the C&LC. An appointment will be arranged for a C&LC member to visit the owners and help them evaluate their property. If there is a deficiency, owners will be given suggestions on improving their property. If they achieve all the goals, they will receive a Lake-Smart Award.

Lake and watershed property owners can also apply for Lake Smart Award Grant Program sponsored by the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug who are offering resident grants up to \$150 to make one or more Lake Smart improvements. They can apply after they have been evaluated and shown need for improving their property.

### Historical Society Appeal for Funds

The Chatham Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of East Hampton through carefully procuring and storing documents, maps, pictures and relics that illustrate the past and present happenings in town – and is looking for funds to help in its mission.

Throughout the year, the society offers events and outreach programs for the community at large. Some of its annual offerings are: CHS Yearly Activities: Monthly History Walks, Fall History Festival, Cabin Fever Winter History Talks, educational programs with elementary school children of CHS Museums and Chestnut Hill One-Room Schoolhouse; and monthly museum open house tours.

The historical society is looking to make several needed repairs and replacements, and is looking for donations. Projects include: new heating and cooling system for two museum buildings; carpenter repairs to replace windows, damaged boards, etc.; paint for three buildings; riding mower; tree services; new burglar and fire alarm system. The total goal is to raise \$15,000-\$20,000.

Donation checks can be sent to: Chatham Historical Society Restoration & Improvement Fund, c/o Treasurer Don Burr, 29 Bay Rd., East Hampton, CT 06424.

### Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., announces the following. Registration is required for all programs unless noted; register 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 Monday through Friday, to ages 60 and up. Call 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; a \$3 donation is requested.

**Weekly Activities: Quilting Group:** Mondays, 9 a.m.; **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m.; **Setback:** Mondays, 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays, 1:15-3:15 p.m.; **Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m.; **Bingo:** Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., in person and via Zoom; **Cribbage:** Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m. – let the center know in advance if you plan to attend; **Mahjong:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon – call also to put your name on a list if interested in learning how to play; **Textile Group:** Fridays, 1 p.m.

**Wii Bowling:** Note the change in the playing date: Every other Thursday at 11 a.m., beginning July 27.

**Cornhole:** Note the change in the playing date: Every other Thursday at 11 a.m.; next date Aug. 3.

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** There are two groups; one meets Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., and one meets every other Thursday, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Groups meet outdoors,

weather permitting, or indoors or via Zoom.

**Sizzling Summer Senior Crafting Sale:** Runs Monday through Friday through July 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. See what’s been tucked away in the center’s Young at Heart Boutique. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center.

**Art w/Karen:** Sunday, July 23, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will take people through beginner steps of creating an acrylic painting. Cost is \$5 for supplies; pay Karen the day of the event.

**Ageless Meditations with Victoria:** Monday, July 24, 1-2 p.m. Techniques engage in healing, self-compassion and gratitude in a group setting.

**Chatting About Health:** Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m., with Chatham Health.

**Live Well with Chronic Conditions:** Thursdays, 1-3:30 p.m., from July 27-Aug. 31. All are invited to this six-week workshop and learn how to better manage their ongoing health condition. Call Vickie Han to register at 860-214-0308.

**Wonderfully Wicked Women’s Group:** First and third Mondays of the month, 10 a.m. This is a low-key opportunity to meet others and share resources.

**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@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:Jewling@easthamptonct.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 prearranged designated spot.



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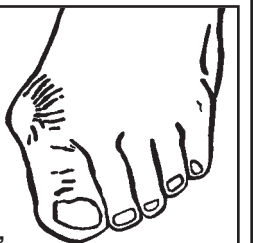
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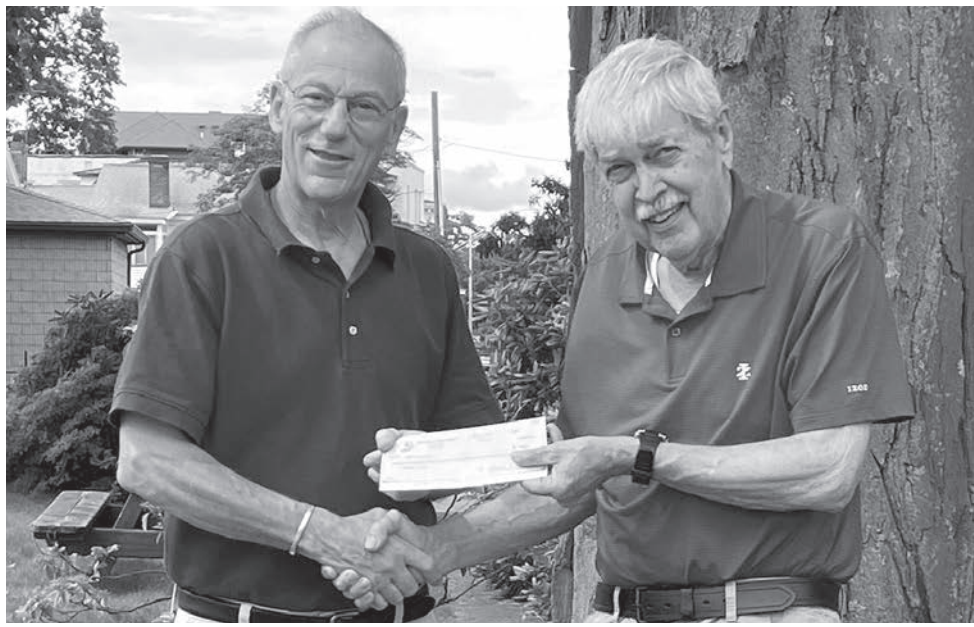
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**Concert Benefits Land Trust...** Trinity Church in Portland recently held a concert to raise funds for Middlesex Land Trust. The concert raised \$800, which will qualify the Land Trust for a matching grant from Richard P. Garmany Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. This will assist the land trust in purchasing 147-acre property that abuts their existing nine-acre Rattlesnake Brook Preserve and borders the Meshomasic State Forest in the towns of Portland and East Hampton. Since Rattlesnake Brook runs through the entire property, the Land Trust has named it Meshomasic Rattlesnake Brook Preserve. Pictured is Ray Phillips, Trinity Church concert committee member, handing the check to Middlesex Land Trust Executive Director David Brown.

**YFS News & Notes**

Portland Youth & Family Services has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, visit [www.portlandct.org/youth-services](http://www.portlandct.org/youth-services), [www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth](https://www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth) or [www.instagram.com/PortlandCTYouth](https://www.instagram.com/PortlandCTYouth), or contact Jesse Revicki at [jrevicki@portlandct.org](mailto:jrevicki@portlandct.org) or 860-342-6758. To receive email updates about YFS programs and events, sign up at [e-purl.com/h5m35f](http://e-purl.com/h5m35f).

**Plant & Learn: Aloe:** Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.m., at the Town Green. Open to all ages. Fire Ring Farm will discuss aloe, while folks replant the "pups" into containers to take home. Children 10 and under are required to bring an adult. Space is limited; register at [bit.ly/Plant-Aloe](http://bit.ly/Plant-Aloe).

**Youth LGBTQ+ Drop-In Night:** Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6-8 p.m., in the Wagner Room of Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave. There will be games, art supplies and other activities, along with snacks. Just drop in.

**Little Hikers:** Friday, Aug. 4, at 10:30 a.m., at the Great Pond Preserve in Glastonbury.

**Back-to-School Backpacks:** Aug. 14, 17, 21 and 24, from 9 a.m.-noon, at Portland Food Bank, 7 Waverly Ave. YFS will provide backpacks and school supplies for families in need. Registration highly encouraged, as supplies are

limited; visit [bit.ly/YFS-backpacks](http://bit.ly/YFS-backpacks).

**Youth & Parent LGBTQ+ Support-Style Groups:** Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 6-8 p.m., at the library.

**Drop-In and Draw Arts & Crafts:** Friday, Aug. 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at Youth Services.

**Hidden in Plain Sight:** At the middle and high school Open Houses on Sept. 12 and 21. YFS will bring in the Connecticut Association of Prevention Professionals to set up their display. Parents and caregivers can explore a mock bedroom to identify hidden drug paraphernalia and warning signs associated with drug or alcohol abuse by a teen.

**'Spirit of Portland' Award Nominations Sought**

Nominations are sought for the annual Ralph Paley Spirit of Portland Award, to honor Portland's unsung heroes.

Nominations will be accepted until noon Friday, Aug. 18, and can be dropped off directly at the Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave. Forms are available at the center, or can be emailed by contacting [SElliott@Portlandct.org](mailto:SElliott@Portlandct.org).

Call Sarah or Alexis at 860-342-6761 for more info.

**Food Bank, Foodshare Info**

The Portland Food Bank is located in the lower level of the Portland Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave.

The Food Bank is open Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon, except for holidays. All are required to register with the Food Bank (copy of an ID and recent piece of mail or utility bill) and be a Portland resident to access the Food Bank's services. Donations are only taken during Food Bank hours.

Call 860-342-6795 for more information or for volunteer and donation opportunities.

Also, The Connecticut Foodshare truck comes to the Waverly Center every other Monday from 1-2 p.m., except for holidays. People using the Foodshare are required to form a line and shop at the truck once it is set up. You do not have to be a Portland resident to attend the Foodshare; please bring bags.

The next Foodshare is July 31 at 1 p.m.

**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. Services are held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is in session and held during the service. Children ages 4-12 are welcome to attend Church School.

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

This summer, the church is holding "First

Sundays on Main" with outside services on the lawn at 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 6 and Sept. 3. All are invited; just remember your chair.

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

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

**Parks and Rec. News & Notes**

Portland Parks and Recreation offers a variety of programs for adults and children. For a complete list of programs, full course descriptions, or to register, visit [portland.recdesk.com](http://portland.recdesk.com) or call 860-342-6757. Advanced registration is required.

**Summer Quest Camp:** Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Portland high/middle school complex. Camps run weekly, and end Aug. 11. Base Camp is for grades 1-6, and Teen Camp is for grades 7-9. Cost for the camps varies by week.

**Summer Concert Series:** Tuesdays through Aug. 8, 6:30-8 p.m., at Riverfront Park. The schedule is: 7/25: Juice Box; 8/1: Backstage Pass; 8/8: The Great Hill Mountain Band.

**Themed Ballet and Tap Classes:** For ages 3-6, held at The Inner Circle. **Fancy Dancy:** Wednesday, July 26, from 4:30-5:15 p.m.; and

**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 Donation Info:** The senior center asks that residents not leave Food Bank donations at the senior center unless the Food Bank is open. The Food Bank is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon.

Also, the senior center does not need any donations directed toward the senior center. People are asked to only leave donations for the Food Bank, and only during food bank hours.

**Next Week's Programs:** Monday: Light Aerobics, 9:30 a.m.; SyncoCize II Dance Fitness, 10:30 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 bears (to donate, call 860-342-0809); watercolor class, 9:30 a.m.-noon - to

register, email [bivenne@yahoo.com](mailto:bivenne@yahoo.com); Coupons for Troops, 1-4 p.m.; Setback, 1 p.m. **Wednesday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Tai Chi Quong, 1 p.m.; Social Duplicate Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday, multipurpose room. **Thursday:** Knit & Stitch, 10 a.m.; Mahjong, 12:30 p.m.; Scrabble, 1 p.m. **Friday:** Light aerobics, 9:30 a.m.

**Annual Summer Party and Meet-&Greet: Monday, July 24. Meet the new senior center administrator. The party will also feature the Elderly Brothers, Brian Gille and Tom Stankus. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. To register, call Alexis or Sarah at 860-342-6761.**

**Secret London:** Friday, July 28. Richard Benefield will present "Secret London: Romans, Rogues, and Where to Sell Your Wife" Admission is \$3. To register, call Alexis or Sarah at 860-342-6761.

**Blood Pressure Clinic:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the first Monday of each month (unless the first Monday is a holiday; then the clinic is the following week).

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

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

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

**Volunteer Drivers Sought for Meals-on-Wheels:** The senior center is currently recruiting volunteer drivers to help deliver meals to the homebound Monday-Thursday. The delivery usually takes about an hour. For full details, call Alexis at 860-342-6761.

**Trinity Church Game Collection**

Trinity Church, 345 Main St., is collecting new and gently-used games, to be donated to Covenant to Care for Children to distribute to families to encourage family time together.

The games will be inventoried Sunday, Aug. 13, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Collection containers are in the back of the Parish Hall/Meeting Room and outside the front door of the church. Games can also be dropped off the church office on Fridays between 2-4 p.m. Call Marjorie at 860-262-3251 for more information.

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### Man Drowns in Connecticut River

A man died after being pulled from the Connecticut River in Portland, state police announced last week.  
On Saturday, July 8, at around 8:25 p.m., Portland Police and the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection received information of a possible drowning in the vicinity of the Glastonbury Yacht Club in

Portland.  
Police said life-saving measures were attempted by civilians and EMS, and the man, Jhonny Herrera, 50, was taken to Middlesex Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.  
This case remains under investigation, police said.

### Garden Club to Meet

The Portland Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 1 p.m., in the Mary Flood Room of Portland Library, located at 20 Freestone Ave.  
The featured speaker for the afternoon will be Leah O'Hearn, co-owner of It's So Ranunculus Flower Shoppe of Marlborough. O'Hearn will give a demonstration on how to make a "hand-tied" arrangement with fresh flowers.

The program is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. Everyone attending the event will be eligible to win a door prize drawing.  
The Portland Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs. For more information about the club and its activities, call Sue at 959-231-9630.

### Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., offers in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. Masks are optional.  
A recording of the service is posted to YouTube on Mondays by 9 a.m. Bulletins for the service are posted each week at zionlutheranportland.org.  
Zion will continue its summer tradition of holding worship on the front lawn, one Sunday each month. Next date, weather permitting, is

Aug. 13. All are invited; bring a chair and make yourself comfortable.  
Zion's study of the video series *The Chosen* is continuing, following worship on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.  
All are welcome. For more information 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.

### Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., has announced the following events. Registration required for all programs unless noted. To register and for 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. Masks are optional.  
**Summer Reading Program for Families and Children: Oceans of Possibilities:** Pick up a registration kit at the library; kits include a reading log, a scavenger hunt card, and your first summer reading badge. You can earn prizes and new badges every five days you read for 20 minutes or more. You can also earn badges in other ways! See the library for details. Logging can be done through the ReadSquared portal on www.portlandlibraryct.org, or you can come in and pick up a paper log instead.  
**Family Show: Magician Ed Popielarczyk:** Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m., on the Town Green.  
**Parachutes and Picnic:** Tuesday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m., on the Town Green. Bring a blanket and a picnic to enjoy after playtime. This event is weather-dependent and no registration is required.  
**Chalk the Walks:** Wednesday, Aug. 16, 10:30 a.m. Decorate the library sidewalks with images and messages of kindness. Chalk and Popsicles will be supplied. Registration is not required for this drop-in event.  
**School Supply Bingo:** Wednesday, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m., on the Town Green. Registration is

not required for this drop-in event.  
**LGBTQ+ Social and Support Groups:** Teens are invited to social meetups at the library on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Support groups will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, with a parent and caregiver support group running concurrently in another room at the library. For more information, contact Jenn Renk at 860-342-6770.  
**Adult Programs: Birds: The Audubon will present Birding by Sight & Sound Tuesday, July 25, at 6 p.m., and Fall Bird Migration Tuesday, Aug. 22, also at 6 p.m.**  
**Beekeeping Basics: Monday, July 31, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Movies:** Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Schedule: Aug. 9, *Moving On*.  
**Multi-Generational Drumming Circles:** Monday, Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m., on the Waverly Town Green or in the Mary Flood Room if inclement weather. Gather for a West African-inspired drum circle led by Mark Zarrillo. Drums will be supplied.  
**Adult Summer Reading Program:** Runs through Aug. 31. When you sign up, you receive a coupon for a free book (up to \$2 in value) from the Friends' Ongoing Book Sale, and another coupon when you log 2,000 pages. For every 250 pages the Adult Summer Reading participants of Portland Library log as a group, the library will donate funding for two musical instrument rental scholarships for the 2023-24 school year for two students at Brownstone Intermediate School.



A new exhibit featuring the works of 19th century Portland artist John Wells Stancliff will be displayed at Portland Library Aug. 5. One of Stancliff's paintings, "Heading to Shore," is pictured here.

### Historical Society Marks 50 Years

Portland Historical Society is celebrating its 50th year during 2023-24 – and is offering a new exhibit next month to mark the occasion.  
The society is partnering with Portland Library to offer an exhibit of marine paintings by a prolific Portland artist who lived from 1813-1891. John Wells Stancliff was born and bred in Portland (when the town was known as Chatham). After years of studying the Atlantic coast and working as a daguerreotype portraitist and managing a telegraph office, he is thought to have taught the first public school drawing classes in America.  
Stancliff's ancestor, James Stancliff, was a stonemason from England who is believed to have built the first home in Portland in 1690 on the east side of the Connecticut River. A picture of this residence was painted by John Wells Stancliff and is among the historical society's possessions. It, along with more than 25 other works, will be shown at the library on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 1 p.m. Admission is free but space is limited; register by calling the library at 860-

342-6770.  
This exhibit is made possible by John Stewart and his wife, Candace Heublein, who have been ardent collectors of Stancliff's works over many years. Stewart will speak about the artist's life, career, and legacy during the 19th century and will include highlights of some of that era's most prominent inventors and influencers.  
Deborah Payne – a direct descendant of the artist – will begin the program with a brief biographical sketch of the painter and the important role the Stancliff family roots have made to the central Connecticut community over hundreds of years. Her remarks will begin at 1:30.  
Refreshments will be served thanks to the Friends of the Portland Public Library. Authentic sea shanty music will be performed live outside the library beginning at 12:30 p.m. While no paintings will be for sale, there will be boxed notecard sets of the paintings available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the mission of the Portland Historical Society.

### 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. Worship is Sundays at 10 a.m.  
On Sunday, July 23, the Rev. Julie Olmsted will preach.  
Starting Aug. 13, worship will take place at First Church on Court Street in Middletown. Sunday worship will resume in Portland on Sept. 3.  
From September to June, First Church Nurs-

ery School offers a program for 3-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday, and one for 4-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact Amy Jahnke at 860-342-1111 or 1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com for more information.  
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. Those who wish to follow the church on Facebook may do so at The First Congregational Church of Portland, CT.



**Ice Cream Social**  
The First Congregational Church of Portland invites members of the community to attend an Ice Cream Social and Intergenerational Game Night at the church Saturday, July 29, beginning at 5:54 p.m.  
The church is located at 554 Main Street in Portland. All are welcome. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to the Portland Food Bank.

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**Police News**  
7/13: Kasey Dykas, 37, 354 Main Street, Apt. 1, was arrested and charged with second-degree failure to appear, Portland Police said.  
7/14: Julie Dignazio, 42, of 61 Prospect St., was arrested and charged with third-degree assault, police said.

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# A Wonderful Family, A Wonderful Experience

By London Brazal

Barbara (Hyde) Day, a Marlborough resident, grew up without siblings, only to gain a "sister from another mister."

Eileen (Judge) Jacoby was from New York City and lived in a four-bedroom apartment. Her mother had an operation and sent Eileen and her brother to upstate New York. At first, Eileen thought she was going to camp for two weeks as her mother healed.

Instead, she received a second family. When the 11-year-old got to Glens Falls, N.Y., a representative of the Fresh Air Fund saw Barbara, who was 5 at the time. The representative asked Barbara's mother, "She's so much older, do you want to send her back?" But, fortunately for Barbara, her mother said no, without hesitation.

Ever since that moment, Eileen and Barbara – nicknamed BeeBe as her mother and grandmother were also named Barbara – would spend two weeks with each other in the summer. When Eileen outgrew the program, she would still make trips up to the Hydes' home.

This year marked 72 years of sisterhood. While reflecting on various memories, a vivid one the two shared was when Barbara's mother asked if Eileen wanted a hot fudge sundae. Eileen responded, "I don't know, I've never had one." The family was shocked, but the dessert

ended up being one of the best things to have.

When Barbara recently read about the Picciolo Family and their experience with the Fresh Air Fund, she could not believe that the girl from New York never had a s'more. "I thought every kid in the U.S. has had a s'more before," Barbara said. "It's hard to believe that it's their first time having a s'more, riding a bike, living in a quiet neighborhood."

Growing up, Eileen went to Catholic school and never really knew people of other religions. The Hyde, were Protestants and, one day, were eating hot dogs on a Friday. Eileen told them she could have a lettuce and tomato sandwich but that was it. Jacoby vividly remembers how sweet Barbara's mother was, and how she accommodated Eileen by bringing her to Mass on Sundays and serving no meat on Fridays.

"I remember when Mrs. Hyde called me 'sweetie.' It's not really a city thing. It made me feel sweet," Eileen remembered, adding, "She told me to call her by her first name, but I never could. It was 'Mrs. Hyde' until the end."

For Barbara and Eileen, many summers were spent on Lake Champlain. After having families of their own, they would continue to visit the lake to make more memories. Eileen married a New York City policeman, Richard Jacoby, and

had six children. Barbara married Raymond Day and had two children. The two couples became second families.

Another memory the two shared was the flooding of their camp. The bottom floor was flooded but the second was untouched. Today, Day still has pieces from the camp including the original guestbook, a rocking chair, and a lantern that would warn the trains to stop.

The Fresh Air Fund program expands opportunities for New York City youth from underserved communities by investing in a child's journey to learn, grow, and thrive through new experiences outdoors. The Fund's 'Friendly Towns' program allows children from the city to live with a host family to form new relationships.

Barbara said she wishes that more families would participate as it is an opportunity for kids to gain new life experiences. Bringing children out of the inner city to visit the countryside and suburban areas can be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"It played a huge, monumental part of my life. It wasn't two weeks and a 'bye, see you.' It was a new relationship; stronger than a friend," she added.

With the security checks the organization performs today, it is a safe program with a strong sense of comfort. "It's a really, really good thing to be screened in this day and age," Barbara said. Both women are blessed to have had the chance to meet each other as their friendship has lasted all this time. The program is an amazing time to learn and experience firsts on both ends, they said.

Like Eileen and BeeBe, many kids will go back to their host families for multiple years.

Barbara said she wishes that the program will expand the children's stay back to two weeks. "I thought it was a shame they only come for one week now," she said. "I couldn't imagine one; two wasn't even enough!"

## St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Alvin LeBlanc, Bill Gilles is deacon John McKaig is deacon emeritus. Heather Mancini is church secretary and can be reached at 860-295-0001; hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. People are asked to call before heading over or connect via email at stjohfisher30@yahoo.com.

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

**Weekly Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 3-3:30 p.m., or by appointment

**Family Faith Formation:** This is an active family faith formation program for the church's kindergarten through middle school population. Registration is open for the new academic year. For more information, call the church office.

**Confirmation Community:** The church's 9th- and 10th-grade confirmation program continues. Registration is open for the new academic year.

**Adult Worship Choir:** Meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. All are welcome to join. During the summer months, the Summer Singers meet at this day and time. More information can be found on the church website.

**Community Outreach and Service:** Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank. Sandwich-making and collection is the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. The Community Garden is well underway with fresh produce benefiting Marlborough Food Bank. Garden volunteers are always welcome. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website and are scheduled monthly.

**Other Programs and Offerings:** For more information on other programs, adult faith formation, youth group, RCIA, Knights of Columbus or other ministries, call the office, visit [www.stjfisherchurch.org](http://www.stjfisherchurch.org), or look for the church on Facebook (Saint John Fisher Roman Catholic Church).

## Guitar Concert This Saturday

Marlborough Arts Center will host internationally recognized guitarist/composer Peter Griggs in a concert titled, "An Afternoon of Music for the Contemporary Guitar" on Saturday, July 22, at 2 p.m.

Griggs will perform a selection of original compositions for guitar which incorporate elements of improvisation, classical and world music, flamenco, bossa nova and jazz.

Griggs has presented more than 600 solo guitar concerts throughout the USA, Germany, United Kingdom, France, the Low Countries, Scandinavia and eastern Europe at art centers, festivals, museums, churches, jazz clubs and other venues. Some of his recordings will be available at the live performance. He was based for more than ten years in Dusseldorf, Germany and now resides in Stony Point, N.Y.

Marlborough Arts Center is located at 231 North Main St. For more information, visit [marlborougharts.org](http://marlborougharts.org) or call 860-467-6353. Admission is \$10.

For a concert preview, go to [rhythmsinmyheadmusicbypetergriggs.bandcamp.com](http://rhythmsinmyheadmusicbypetergriggs.bandcamp.com).



Peter Griggs

## Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has announced the following programs and events. For more information or to register, call 860-295-6210 or email [richmond-programs@gmail.com](mailto:richmond-programs@gmail.com).

**Books for Babies:** Town families with children ages birth up to 12 months are invited to stop into the library to pick up a Books for Babies Box and register for your baby's first library card. Advance registration is required and can be done online. At least one parent must have

a library card but that can be done at the same time.

**Babytime:** Fridays at 10 a.m., for ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. This is a baby-centered storytime with songs, rhymes, lap bounces and a story. Registration is recommended but drop-ins are welcome if space allows. The program will be held in the upstairs meeting room unless an accessibility accommodation is needed.

## President's List

Scott Mocko of Marlborough made the spring 2023 President's List at the University of Bridgeport.

## Guide for Self-Publishers

Romano Ghirlanda, president of the Marlborough Preservation Society, will present a free class on Self-Publishing on Friday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m., at the Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main St.

This class will look at the steps needed to take to self-publish your manuscript. It will walk you through each step, from editing and copyrights to printing and publishing, and everything in between.

To register, call 860-916-4031 or email [mhs@marlboroughhistory.org](mailto:mhs@marlboroughhistory.org). You can also visit [marlboroughhistory.org](http://marlboroughhistory.org) for more information or write to: Marlborough Preservation Society, P.O. Box 351, Marlborough, CT 06447.

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# Resident Killed in Glastonbury Crash

By Shawn R. Dagle

A Marlborough resident was killed when a car he was driving struck a tree in Glastonbury early Sunday morning, according to Glastonbury police.

Yiriel Cintron, 20, and his passenger, 16-year-old Brandon Amiot of Lebanon, were both pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

According to police, at approximately 1:53 a.m. July 16, emergency dispatch received a report of a single-vehicle crash on Manchester Road. EMS, fire and police responded to the scene, where they discovered a vehicle had collided with a tree near the 1100 block of that roadway.

“Preliminary investigation revealed the vehicle had been traveling northbound on Manchester Road when it left the roadway and struck a tree,” police explained in a recent release.

Cintron was the driver of the vehicle and Amiot a passenger, according to investigators. Both were pronounced dead at the scene.

The Glastonbury Police Department’s traffic unit and Metro Traffic Services (the regional accident reconstruction team) are investigating the crash.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact Agent Sue Jobs at 860-633-8301.

## 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.

**Congregate Meals:** All meals are served with milk, bread and margarine. Suggested donation: \$3 or what you can afford.

**Transportation:** Available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Transportation available to the senior center, shopping, and medical and non-medical appointments. A 36-hour advance registration is required. Assistance is also available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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**Food Bank:** Located at 3 Wilhenger Drive (860-295-6008), the food bank is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-noon and 3:30-5:30 p.m. The food bank is open to qualified residents in need of food. Transportation for seniors and physically challenged individuals is available; call the senior center for a ride.

## Summer Show at Arts Center

The Marlborough Arts Center is holding its Summer Show through August, featuring the paintings and pottery of several of its member artists.

Currently on display in the gallery are paintings by Scott Rhoades, Michael Atkinson, Jennifer Chaffee, Gabriella DuCharme, Carol Greigore and Susan Hourihan, and wheel-thrown stoneware by Ray Marino.

During July, the gallery will be open each Saturday afternoon from 1-4 p.m., and an artistic demonstration will also take place. Peter Griggs will give a musical presentation on July 22; and Mary Horrigan will give a watercolor demonstration on July 29.

There is no fee for the painting demos, and children as well as adults are welcome to drop in at any time during the afternoon and talk with the artist, ask questions and learn more about the medium being demonstrated.

For more information, visit [www.marlbrougharts.org](http://www.marlbrougharts.org) or call 860-467-5363.

## Parks and Rec Programs

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions or to register, visit [marlbroughct.recdesk.com](http://marlbroughct.recdesk.com) and click on “programs,” stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203.

**Youth Programs: Netto Summer Day Camp:** For grades K-7. Weekly sessions run through Aug. 11 at Blish Park. There will be camp games, arts & crafts, swimming, sports, field trips and special events. All campers are supervised by counselors and lifeguards trained in CPR/First Aid. Fee per week: \$175/residents, \$185/non-residents.

**Horseback Riding Lessons:** For ages 5 and up. Days and times are flexible. Fee for four lessons: \$200/residents, \$205/non-residents.

**Kids Summer Beach Yoga Nights:** For ages 3-6, and their parent/caregiver. Meets bi-weekly Wednesdays through Aug. 16 (started June 21), from 5:30-6:15 p.m., at Blish Park. Fee is \$15/week to drop in.

**Acrylic Landscape Painting – Grades 3-6:** July 25-27, 9-11 a.m., at MES. Students will learn techniques to guide them through a landscape painting on canvas. Fee: \$90/resident, \$95/non-resident.

painting on canvas. Fee: \$90/resident, \$95/non-resident.

**Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball):** Ages 4-6. July 31-Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-noon, at MES. Fee: \$139/residents, \$144/non-residents.

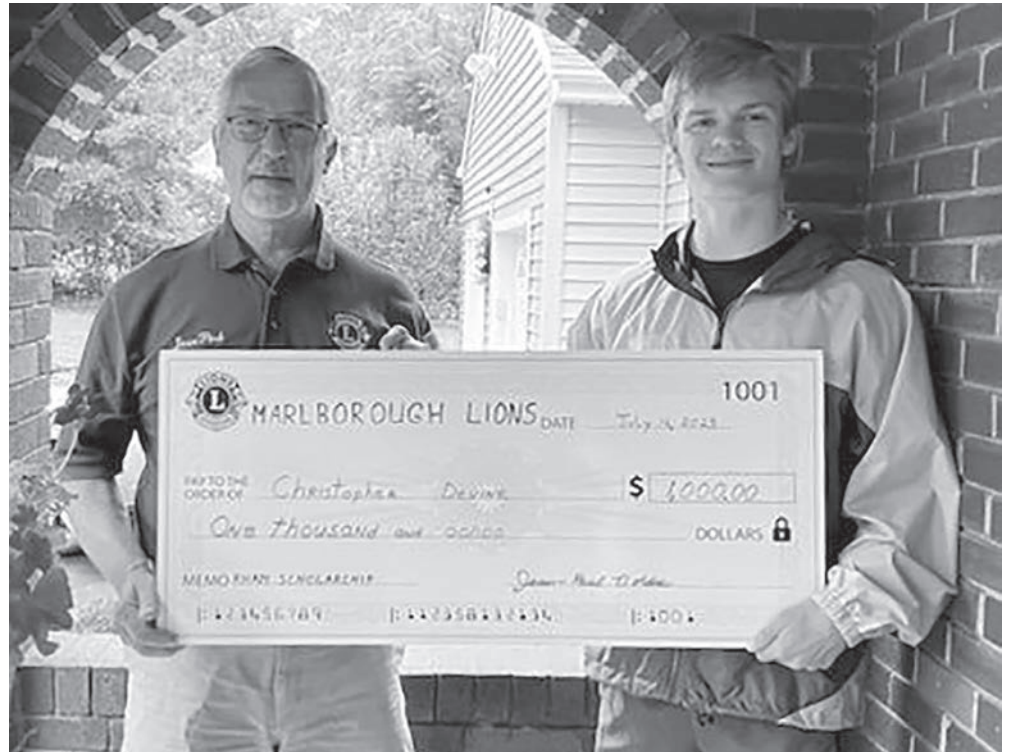
**Tennis Lessons – Ages 5-7:** Tuesdays, July 31-Aug. 3, 9:15-10 a.m., or Tuesdays, Aug. 7-10, 9:45-10:30 a.m., at the Blish Park Tennis Court. Cost: \$70/resident, \$75/non-resident.

**Tennis Lessons – Ages 8-12:** Tuesdays, July 31-Aug. 3, 10-11 a.m., or Aug. 7-10, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Blish Park Tennis Court. Fee: \$85/resident, \$90/non-resident.

**Summer Running Training Camp:** Aug. 7-10, 9-10:30 a.m., for grades 7-12, at the RHAM High School track. Fee: \$110/resident, \$115/non-resident.

**Adult Program: Zumba:** Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Blish Park pavilion. There is a \$12 drop-in fee.

**Driveway Reflective Number Signs:** Cost of the sign is \$50. Help emergency services personnel find your home without delay. Vertical sign is double sided 8”x24” with 4” numbers on blue highway reflective metal. Order forms are online and at Town Hall.



Marlborough Lions Treasurer Jean-Paul Bolduc recently presented a \$1,000 scholarship to resident Christopher Devine, who graduated from RHAM High School in June.

## Resident Receives Scholarship

The Marlborough Lions Club’s 2023 annual scholarship was awarded this year to Christopher Devine of Marlborough, who graduated this year from RHAM High School. He is the son of Tamara and Joseph Devine.

Devine will be a freshman at the University of Vermont with a major in biochemistry and a minor in emergency medicine. His focus right now is pursuing a medical career.

During his time at RHAM, Devine volunteered at the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department as well as at a local hospital. He also

became an EMT through the RHAM EMT class.

The Marlborough Lions Club’s primary goal is to provide services for those with vision impairment; however, the Lions also support such local social services as the Marlborough Food and Fuel Banks and provide annual vision screening for children at Marlborough’s elementary school.

The Lions have recently welcomed new members to the club and encourage those who would like to learn more about joining to reach out to Club President Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537.

## Lions to Collect Medical Equipment

The Marlborough Lions will hold a durable medical equipment collection Saturday, July 22, from 9-11 a.m., at Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Drive, in the parking lot outside the cafeteria.

The Lions, in conjunction with the human relief organization Orphan Grain Train, will seek the following items in new or good used condition (motorized wheelchairs and hospital beds cannot be taken due to their size and weight): rehabilitation equipment, Blood pressure cuffs, commodes, walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, crutches, otoscopes, sleep apnea machines, canes, lifting devices, stethoscopes, and unopened packages of bandages, adult diapers and other medical items.

Donated items will be shipped to improv-

ished areas in the southern states, with some items being given to people locally who may be in need of their use.

For more information, call Lions Club Secretary Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116.

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 Bank. The Lions also perform annual vision screening services for students at the elementary school and at various child care facilities in the area.

Those interested in joining the Marlborough Lions Club should call Club President Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537. New members are always welcome.



## Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive Wednesday, July 26, from 1-6 p.m., at the American Legion, 128 East Hampton Rd., Route 66.

All donors will receive an officially licensed Shark Week T-shirt, while supplies last. Donors will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure at Long Island Aquarium. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/Shark](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Shark).

To make an appointment or for more information, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## Openings on Commissions

The Marlborough Board of Selectmen is looking for people to join one of the following commissions:

Economic and Community Development alternate, Water Pollution Control Authority regular seat plus two alternates. The application form can be accessed at [www.marlbroughct.net](http://www.marlbroughct.net); the link is at the bottom of the page on the left-hand side.

For more information about any of these commissions, email [CEO@marlbroughct.net](mailto:CEO@marlbroughct.net).

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The second annual Rivereast Standout Athletes of the Year recognizes the top local athletes for the 2022-2023 school year. Pictured: top left, East Hampton's Olivia DeMartino (softball); top right, Portland's Harrison Collins (basketball); bottom right, Bacon Academy's Maddox Burton (lacrosse); bottom right, RHAM's Max Nylen (football) were four of 26 athletes that made the list this year.

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Quesnel was a senior captain for a defense that carried the Highlanders to the Class S state semifinals. Following her final high school season, she made all-conference for the third straight time and was named all-state. Quesnel will continue her career on the soccer fields at the University of New Haven as she studies health sciences.

**Girls Swimming & Diving – Riley Anderson (Bacon Academy):** Anderson made tidal waves and won titles in the local pools as a freshman, winning both the 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle at Class S state championships. Along with her two individual titles, she also teamed with Isabella Falkowski, Sophia Falkowski, and Avery Anderson for a 3rd place showing in the 400 Freestyle. The freshman phenom capped her first season at Bacon Academy by winning the 50 Freestyle at the State Open.

**Girls Volleyball – Jordan Murphy (East Hampton):** Murphy saved her best performances for last, dominating during the Class S state tournament as the Bellringers captured their first state championship in program history. Murphy, a senior captain, was named the Most Valuable Player of the state tourney after totaling 35 kills, 38 digs, and six aces in a pair

of five-set victories in the semifinals and championship matches. After leading the Bellringers volleyball to conference and state titles, Murphy was named all-state and first-team All-Shoreline Conference. Along with starring on the Bellringers basketball team that won a state title and then she won an individual conference title in the high jump during spring's outdoor track and field season. Murphy will continue competing at the next level, joining the track and field team at the University of Hartford.

**Boys Basketball – Harrison Collins (Portland):** Collins was the undisputed floor general for a Highlanders team that advanced to the Shoreline Conference finals for the first time in program history and then made the Division V semifinals in the state tournament. Collins, a senior, averaged 21 points per game and hauled down four rebounds per game, while leading the team in assists. His efforts earned him all-state honors and he was named first-team All-Shoreline Conference. Collins was also a first-team all-conference selection for the Highlanders baseball team in the spring, serving as the team's catcher and a team captain.

**Girls Basketball – Liana Salamone (East**

**Hampton):** Salamone was the leading scorer, producing over 20 points per game, for a Bellringers team that won the program's first state championship since 1980. Salamone, a sophomore, earned her second straight all-state selection and was named the Shoreline Conference Player of the Year as the Bellringers won a fourth consecutive conference crown. In just her second season on the high school hardwoods, Salamone surpassed the 1,000 career point mark

**Boys Ice Hockey – Shane Pourmaleki (RHAM):** Pourmaleki was a team captain for the Northeastern Shamrocks – a co-op team featuring players for RHAM, Coventry, Rockville, Windham Tech, Bolton, and East Hartford. Pourmaleki, a junior, led the offensive charge on the ice and was also a member of the National Honor Society off of it.

**Girls Ice Hockey – Nina Holm (RHAM):** Holm was a team captain for the Nighthawks – a co-op team that features players from RHAM, Avon, Southington, Wethersfield, Newington, Lewis Mills, and Coventry – that won the Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) tournament with a 4-0 shutout of Simsbury in the conference championship game. Holm, a senior,

came up clutch several times during the Nighthawks' run, including scoring the game-winning goal as the Nighthawks defeated previously unbeaten Darien in the regular season. Along with her accomplishments on the ice, Holm was an accomplished distance runner, earning all-conference on the cross-country trails for the Raptors in the fall.

**Boys Indoor Track and Field – Maxwell Czarnecki (RHAM):** Czarnecki started his record-breaking year with an outstanding performance during indoor track and field season in the winter, placing top-five in the 55 meters, 300 meters, and 55 meter hurdles at the Class M championships. The versatile senior then went on to break a handful of records during spring's outdoor season and placed sixth overall at the state decathlon. Czarnecki will continue his track and field career at Central Connecticut State University.

**Girls Indoor Track and Field – Meghan McPhee (Portland):** McPhee won the 600 meters at the Class S state championships and then broke the program record at the State Open, running a time of 1:42.18. McPhee, a junior, was also a state champion during spring's outdoor season, winning the 800 meters at the

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Class S finals. She also earned a second-team All-Shoreline Conference selection during the cross-country season in the fall.

**Boys Swimming – Luke Randazzo (RHAM):** Randazzo pulled off a feat rarely seen in the local pools, competing as both a swimmer and diver for the RHAM/Manchester/Coventry co-op team. Randazzo, a junior, made the most of his opportunities with numerous first place finishes in both the lanes and off the board during meets, and then finished 2nd overall in the diving finals at the Central Connecticut Conference-East championships.

**Wrestling – Dylan Devine (RHAM):** Devine polished off an illustrious career at the high school, surpassing 100 career wins during his senior season on the mats, and adding a conference title to his resume, winning the 152 pound division at the Central Connecticut Conference Championships in February. He was a team captain that was instrumental in helping lead a talented Raptors team that finished as the runner-up at both the conference and state meets. Devine will now wrestle at St. John Fisher University.

**Cheerleading – Dani Poudrier (RHAM):** Poudrier was selected all-conference for the second straight season as the Raptors won a conference championship and were the runner-ups at the Class M state finals. Poudrier, a junior, was named the team's Most Valuable Player following the program's most successful season in history.

**Boys Golf – Luke Stennett (Portland):** Stennett kept piling up the accolades this spring, winning a state championship for the third straight season and a conference title for the second year in a row. The junior has been topping the leaderboards for the Highlanders since his freshman year as the team has posted three-peats at both the state championships and Shoreline Conference championships. Stennett will look to add more hardware next year at PHS before heading off to Rhode Island College to continue his career on the links.

**Girls Golf – Chelsea Woods (East Hampton):** Woods was one of the top golfers in the Shoreline Conference (SLC), finishing at the medalist in several of the Bellringers matches this year and competing in both the SLC tourney and the state tourney. Woods, a junior, was also a first-team all-conference volleyball player for a Bellringers team that won both a conference and state titles in the fall.

**Baseball – Fayz Baig (RHAM):** Baig continued to excel during his sophomore season on the diamond, earning all-conference for a second straight season and also being selected to the Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) All-State team. Baig was an ace on the mound for the Raptors, serving as a lefty pitcher, and hit over .500 while showcasing a power at the plate.

**Softball – Olivia DeMartino (East Hampton):** DeMartino shined on the diamond, earning all-state and was named the Shoreline Conference Player of the Year after leading the Bellringers in virtually every statistical category. The standout shortstop had team-highs in hit (41), runs (29), RBIs (26), stolen bases (18), doubles (7), triples (6), and home runs (6). DeMartino was also an all-conference player on the school's state championship basketball team and a contributor on the school's state championship volleyball team.

**Boys Lacrosse – Ethan LoVetere (Bacon Academy):** LoVetere was a productive attacker that led the Bobcats in points (62), scoring a team-high 48 goals and dishing out 14 assists. LoVetere, a sophomore, was incredibly consistent and productive, tallying at least one point in all 18 games and scoring a season-high five goals against Norwich Free Academy in May. His efforts earned him a spot on the Eastern Connecticut Conference All-Star first-team.

**Girls Lacrosse – Maddox Burton (Bacon Academy):** Burton earned all-state after leading the Bobcats in scoring. During her senior season, she eclipsed the 100-goal mark and broke the program's all-time assist record as the Bobcats won a dozen regular season games and another in the state tourney. Her highlights this year included an eight-goal performance in a win over Wheelers and a 12-point outburst (six goals, six assists) in a triumph over Norwich Free Academy. Burrton, who was also named to the All-State All-Academic team, will play lacrosse for Southern Connecticut State University in college.

**Boys Outdoor Track and Field – Jake Martino (Bacon Academy):** Martino wrapped up a terrific throwing career at Bacon Academy with a Class M state championship in the shot put and then achieving a personal-best throw of 49 '3" at the State Open. Martino also had a runner-up finish in the discus at the class finals, along with a top-five finish in the javelin. He will continue his track and field journey at Bryant University.

**Girls Outdoor Track and Field – Rachel Bartolucci (RHAM):** Bartolucci won a state championship in the 800 meters at the Class M

state finals and then set a personal-best mark in the event with a time of 2:18.95 at the State Open. Along with being a first-team all-state recipient on the track, she was also an all-conference runner on the local trails, placing top-ten at the Class M cross-country season in the fall. Bartolucci will continue to run both cross-country and track at Central Connecticut State University.

**Boys Tennis – Anthony Miro (East Hampton):** Miro served as the Bellringers No. 1 singles player this spring, earning a spot in the Shoreline Conference (SLC) postseason tourna-

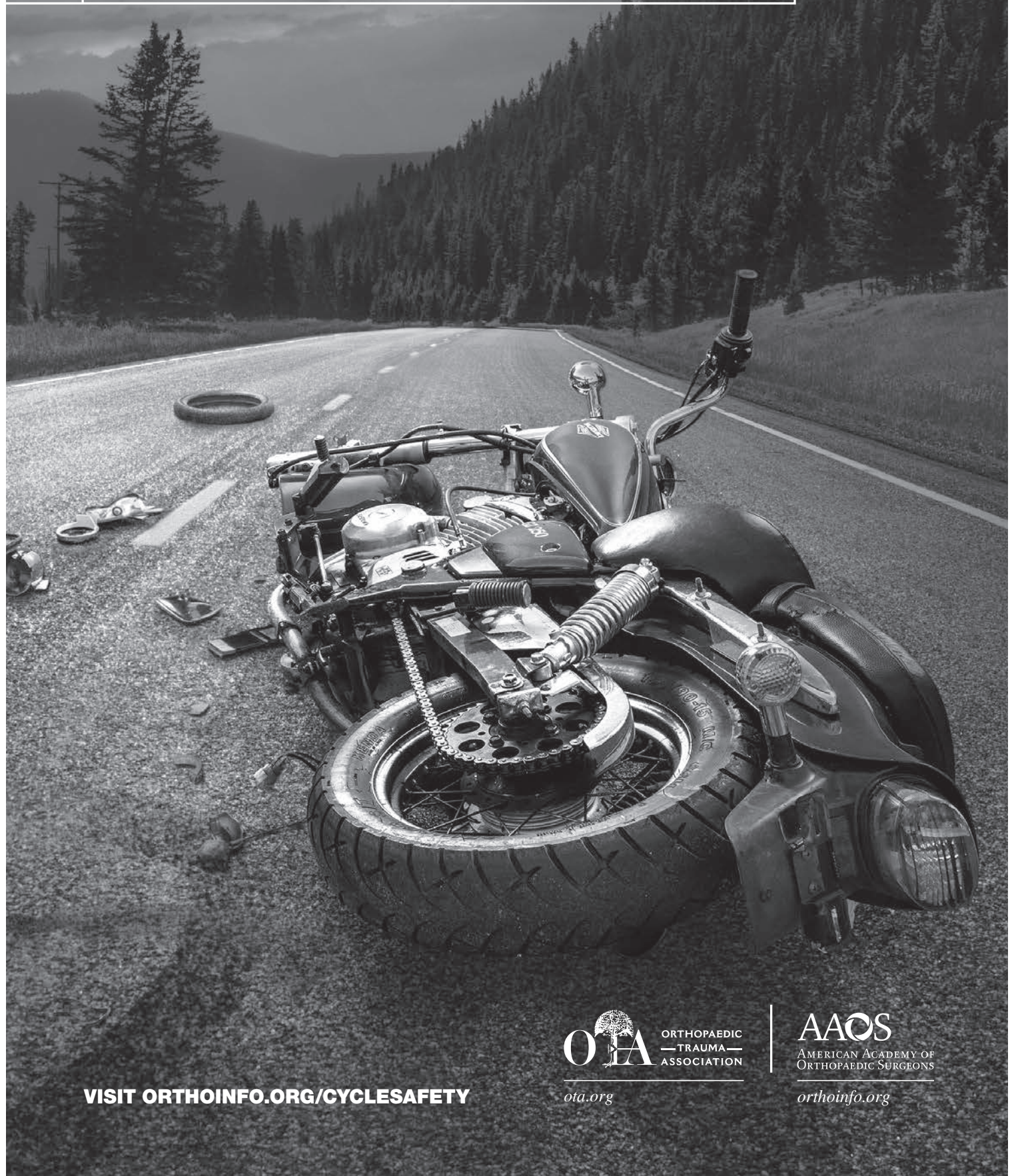
ment bracket. Following his junior season on the courts, Miro earned honorable mention all-conference.

**Girls Tennis – Grace Baran (RHAM):** After playing No. 1 doubles a season ago, Baran stepped into the team's No. 1 singles role and thrived, earning Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) All-Academic while helping the Raptors win a dozen regular season games. Baran will study business management/administration at SUNY Binghamton.

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**Obituaries**

**Portland**

**Rae Pitkin**

On June 17, Rae (Perry) Pitkin passed away after a brief illness. She had a full and well-lived life, and spent her final days at home, with her family at her side.



Rae is survived by her son, Bruce Gordon; daughter, Susan Gordon; husband, Craig Pitkin; grandchildren, Stephen and Jon Gordon; and nephew, Glenn Perry.

Rae left this life in accordance with her wishes, and in lieu of services she wished to be remembered by friends and acquaintances as they knew her.

**East Hampton**

**Jean Moran**

Jean Moran, 78, daughter of the late Alexander Lobmeyer, and Josephine Genis Lobmeyer, born in Hartford Nov. 8, 1944, and raised in East Hartford, passed unexpectedly with her children by her side Thursday, July 13.



Jean also spent time living in Maryland, North Carolina, Maine and Florida. She was retired after a career in real estate in East Hampton. She was an advocate for animals and the environment. She was a member of the Middlesex Land Trust and Conservation Commission. She enjoyed yoga, hiking, canoeing, nature, gardening, designing jewelry, music, reading and watching mysteries.

She leaves behind her partner, Ronald Elledge of Crisfield, Md., and their two dogs, Buddy and Precious. She also leaves behind her deeply loved children and grandchildren, Andrea Palmateer of Simsbury, her children Ryan (wife Sarah, daughter Sadie), Justin and Emily; Alison Bliss of Glastonbury, her children Gregory and Miranda; Amanda and Robert (son-in-law) Johnson and their children Dakota, Noah and Jonah of East Hampton.

Jean's family invites all to attend her Celebration of Life to commemorate her at Sears Park in East Hampton, at the picnic shelter, at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 23.

**Colchester**

**Linda Lee Stajduhar**

Linda Lee Stajduhar, 80, of Colchester passed away peacefully at her home Monday, July 17.



Linda is survived by Joseph, her husband of 61 years and their four children: Michael and his wife Michele of Lithia, Fla.; Peter of Stonington; Julie and her husband Dan of Lebanon; and Sara and her husband Eric of Hebron. Linda was the grandmother, "Bayba," to Matthew, his wife Stephanie and daughter Charlotte; Carley and her husband Matt, Emily, Mason and his wife Tatiana and daughter Arabella, Jack, Paige and Adam.

Linda was born on Jan. 22, 1943, to the late Joseph and Nellie Bargel of Illinois. Along with her younger sister Judy, Linda attended Catholic grade school, and then Granite City High School. It was there she met her high school sweetheart, Joe. Linda and Joe's courtship included trips to the movies in his black Renault Dauphine.

Linda and Joe were married in a traditional Polish Catholic ceremony on June 30, 1962. They began as newlyweds in an apartment above her grandparents' home in Madison, Ill. While in Illinois, Linda worked at her mother's hair salon and at Famous-Barr Department Store in St. Louis.

In 1964, Linda traveled with her son and husband across the country to live in Connecticut. It was there that she raised her four children in Uncasville and Canterbury. In 2001, Linda and Joe retired to The Villages, Fla., until 2007, when they returned to live in Colchester.

Linda embodied strength as she simultaneously raised her family, managed the family businesses and worked in the community. Linda volunteered at Backus Hospital, worked at the Log Cabin, and was a bookkeeper for Blue Ribbon Pontiac.

In her free time, Linda excelled at quilting. She quilted numerous blankets for her family, and would often make quilts for newborns at local hospitals. She also was an avid bowler in the women's league on the "We are Pathetic" team at the Norwich Ten Pin. While living in Florida, Linda found joy in golfing with the "Golf Chicks" and playing Mahjong. Mahjong would be a passion that she would share and teach to others in Colchester and East Haddam. Linda loved to garden, and grew many vegetables and perennials.

Linda was infamous for her cooking and baking, whether it was watching cooking shows or reading cookbooks, she was always on the search for a new recipe. Her family loved her

extra crispy fried chicken and her legendary chocolate cake. As much as she loved to cook, Linda also enjoyed eating out and talking about a good biscuit and gravy, kielbasa and pierogies or an open-faced sandwich.

Linda and Joe traveled together in their motorhome, making several trips across the country. However, Maine remained one of their favorite destinations – particularly Bailey Island.

The success and happiness of her children and grandchildren shows how caring and supportive Linda was as a mother. She could always make you laugh, especially when she did – it was contagious. There wasn't a family get together that you wouldn't hear her 'snort,' which would send you into tears and fits of laughter. You also knew when she wasn't pleased with you... she would wave her finger, call you by your full name, and follow it with "Gosh Dang It."

Linda was an incredibly strong woman that will be sorely missed by her family and friends. May she rest in peace and continue to provide us guidance throughout our lives.

Linda's family would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the neighbors of Freedom Way for their support and generosity.

To honor Linda's wishes, there will be no calling hours or services. Her family will hold a private ceremony.

while they were both in law school at Ole Miss. They married Aug. 26, 1972, and had two children, Shannon and David "Alan" Jr. They moved to Connecticut in 1985, where she lived until 2021.

Sandra enjoyed many hobbies, including gardening, sewing, attending Boston Red Sox games, reading about U.S. history, and listening to her records. Two of her favorites were The Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan.

Sandra was predeceased by her parents, Hugh and Neva Burdison; husband, David Gustafson; sister, Evonne Burdison; son, David "Alan" Gustafson Jr.; and her granddaughter, Rose Sugarman. She is survived by her daughter, Shannon (Jeffrey) Sugarman, and her grandchildren, Ella and Nathaniel Sugarman, all of Atlanta, Ga.

A private service and burial will be held at a later time near her hometown in Mississippi.

**Portland**

**Edmund J. Gyllenhammer**

Edmund ("Ed") J. Gyllenhammer of Portland (formerly of Old Saybrook) died peacefully at home surrounded by his loved ones and entered into eternal life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, July 11. Ed was the loving husband and best friend of the love of his life, his wife Doris ("Dorrie") Gyllenhammer. They had been happily and faithfully married for 52 years at the time of Dorrie's death seven years ago.



Born in June of 1935 in Waterbury, Ed was the son of Gustave Edmund Gyllenhammer and Marion Jacqueline Blacker. Throughout his life he served the needs of others. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having honorably served his country on active duty from 1954 through 1958. He served as a past president and member of the Lions Club of Portland. He volunteered his time and talent for 10 years as chairman and member of the Old Saybrook Water Pollution Control Authority.

For many years he served the Saybrook Manor Beach Association in various positions including the roles of president, board member, and tax collector. Ed was passionate and very vocal about politics. He volunteered as a moderator for elections, wrote many letters to the editor advocating on a wide array of political topics, and never missed voting at any election from the federal level down to the local level. Ed was also a member of St. Mary Church in Portland.

Ed was a hard worker all his life. He retired after a long career as a computer engineer with IBM. He was an excellent provider for both his immediate and extended family as well as for other people. He gave quietly and freely to those in need. Ed saw himself as a steward who was entrusted to use what God placed in his hands for the good of others: he contributed to several charitable causes and helped out many family members and friends with financial support, good advice and counsel, a listening ear, or a place to live. His home was always open to receive and welcome people. The front deck of his home in Old Saybrook was a regular gathering spot for neighbors, friends, and family, and no one was ever turned away.

Ed was also a devoted father and cherished grandfather. He is survived by his three children: Michele (Efrain) Gyllenhammer Lopez, John (Michele Tirone) Gyllenhammer, and Sharon Scaramella. His three grandchildren also survive him: Laura Scaramella, Gary (Mary) Scaramella Jr. and Noah Gyllenhammer. Ed is also survived by his devoted and ever-present sister Karen Gyllenhammer Kennedy and by his

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**Amston**

**Frances Sandra Gustafson**

Frances Sandra Gustafson, 76, formerly of Amston, passed away Friday, July 14, in Atlanta, Ga., after a brief battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loved ones at the time she passed.

Sandra was born Oct. 26, 1946, to Hugh and Neva Burdison in Greenwood, Miss. She graduated from Tunica High School in 1964. She attended the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) where she majored in history and graduated in 1968. Sandra also received her law degree from Ole Miss, and was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 1971. She was the first female attorney admitted to practice law in DeSoto County, and one of only three women in her law school class.

Sandra was experienced in many aspects of the legal profession. During her 41 years of practicing law she worked in small town private practice, at large corporations like Holiday Inn, and for government agencies like the FDIC and Social Security Administration.

Sandra met her husband, David Gustafson,

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"spiritual children" Paul Pessoni, Gary Scaramella, Holly Augeri and Doug Ewing, all of whom have always remained an important part of his life.

Those who knew him best will always remember that one of his many favorite quotes was: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That's why they call it the present."

The family wishes to thank Dr. Peter Dixon and hospice worker Dianne Mathews for the loving care they provided for both Ed and Dorrie over these many years.

Funeral arrangements are private, but donations in Ed's memory may be made to either St. Mary Church (45 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT 06480) or to the Portland Food Bank (7 Waverly Ave., Portland, CT 06480).

To send an online expression of sympathy, please visit www.abbeycremation.com/obituaries.

Marlborough

John William Dixon

John William Dixon, 80, of Marlborough, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 16, at home, surrounded by his children, after a battle with cancer.



Born in Washington, D.C., at Georgetown University Hospital, he was the son of the late John William and Mary (Valcourt) Dixon.

The death of John's father in France in World War II when John was just 2, forever altered their lives. The oldest of his siblings, John adored his mother, and worked hard starting at a young age to help support his family.

John then received a B.S. from Quinnipiac College in Hamden in 1969, where he was instrumental in establishing its club hockey team.

John worked in the banking industry for the majority of his career, including Continental Bank, Hartford National, Connecticut Bank and Trust, Fidelity Trust Company in New York City, and Mellon Bank in Boston.

John is survived by his two sons, David S. Dixon and his fiancée Amy Olsen of Austin, Texas, Christopher J. Dixon and his wife Michelle Buckley of Marlborough; his daughter, Gretchen M. Verseput and her husband Brian Verseput of Louisville, Colo.;

John is survived by his two sons, David S. Dixon and his fiancée Amy Olsen of Austin, Texas, Christopher J. Dixon and his wife Michelle Buckley of Marlborough; his daughter, Gretchen M. Verseput and her husband Brian Verseput of Louisville, Colo.;

John was active in the local Marlborough community while his kids were growing up, coaching youth soccer and baseball, and was involved in the Knights of Columbus and Lions Club.

his children to Xavier and Mercy High Schools in Middletown. Here he believed they were set on the right path in their respective educational journeys.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, July 22, at 11 a.m., at St. John Fisher Church, 30 Jones Hollow Rd., Marlborough. Burial will be in Marlboro Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in John's memory to Hartford Hospital (Donate - Department of Philanthropy) or Yale New Haven Hospital (www.givetoyhnh.org/ways-to-give).

John's children would like to thank Hartford Healthcare at Home for the outstanding care John received, allowing him to remain in the comforts of his home for his final days.

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

Portland

Janet Wunsch

Janet Wunsch, 89, of Naples, Fla., previously of Portland, passed away peacefully Friday, July 14, in Naples, after a period of declining health.



Janet attended and graduated PS 88 and upon graduation went to work in New York City. While working there she was set up on a blind date and met her future husband, Bill Wunsch.

Every summer, Janet and Bill traveled to Ogunquit, Maine, to enjoy summertime activities with friends and family. They delighted in experiencing the local cuisine, visiting the endless amount of antique shops, soaking up the sun on the pristine beaches and appreciating the serenity of the Marginal Way.

Janet was predeceased by her husband, Bill and her parents. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Al Ferranti of Naples, Fla.

In honor of Janet's wishes, there will be no wake or funeral.

In lieu of flowers, and in Janet's memory, simply help to inspire people by practicing a random act of kindness and/or consider a donation to Vitas Hospice Health Care, 4980 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 203, Naples FL 34103.

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Butch and the Bible

To the Editor:

Colchester's Butch Przekopski is an 'Old Testament' guy. His "Heavenly Father" letter beseeched God to "cleanse us from every sin and set us free!"

Butch believes he knows his Bible, quoting "Woe to those who call evil good." Apparently he desires subordinating our modern times to the rules of Genesis and other books of the Hebrew Bible.

Would Butch welcome mobs ransacking and burning stores selling garments made of two different materials? And then heading off to find farmers that dared plant more than one kind of seed in their fields?

Are American courts ungodly? Right now they prosecute and imprison any man who rapes a virgin girl they found alone in a field or the woods.

"We have ridiculed the time-honored value of our forefathers," says Butch further. He probably never heard about Thomas Jefferson's Bible, or the preponderance of Deists among our nation's founders who left 'God' out of the Constitution.

Beware Old Testament Christian proselytizers who claim they know the difference between evil and good. The brutality of ISIS sprouted from a too-close reading of select parts of the Koran.

Edmund Smith - Andover

Climate Alarmists

To the Editor:

Climate alarmist Ed Smith postulates that future generations will revile us because we didn't let people like him destroy our energy and economic systems over the fraudulent claim of the non-existent "climate emergency!"

Well here's one scientist who disagrees. Dr. John Clauser, The co-winner of the 2022 Nobel Physics prize, challenged the 'climate emergency' narrative, calling it a "dangerous corruption of science that threatens the world's economy and the well-being of billions of people".

Which scientists do we listen to? There are many on both sides of this issue, but the most vocal are those who are paid by the government to report what they want to hear which will grant the government more power and money.

Wind and solar are intermittent energy sources,

meaning they don't produce electricity when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing. Carbon-based sources, on idle, are still needed to provide the backup for these eventualities.

The atmosphere is starved of CO2 and we need more of it, not less. Everything progressives prescribe are anathema to what provides actual benefit to people.

Sam Prentice - Andover

Latest Developments

To the Editor:

The lunacy continues and appears to be accelerating! Recently our fearless leaders have come out with appeals of "God Save the Queen" (Biden) and that we need to reduce the world population so our kids can breathe clean air (Kamala).

The parties at the White House are finally getting some attention while the MSM chooses to ignore/ridicule anyone concerned with the trafficking of children. While the abuse of children is nothing new among the world's elite, it reaffirms the fact that a tiered justice system exists in America that protects abusers so long as they have the money/political connections to squash any meaningful investigation.

The economy continues to falter, sputtering and stammering worse than Biden during an off-script moment in front of journalists. Our enemies may have feared us...until Ol' Joe spilled the beans and let them know that we're running out of munitions.

A federal judge just ruled against FB, Twitter, other socials, and the federal government in the largest case of censorship in U.S. history but you don't hear much about it on the news. Thankfully the federal government is appealing the decision - because they believe they should be able to censor, deplatform, and unperson anyone that disagrees with them or the chosen narrative.

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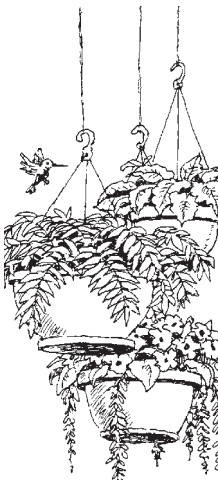
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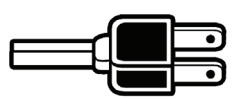
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