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Taking a Break from the Big City

By London Brazal

Living in the Big Apple comes with excitement and has its perks, but sometimes a smaller, "friendly town" is a nice getaway.

For children like 8-year-old Priyah Martinez, a New York City summer can mean more time indoors with additional noise and distractions. But this summer, Priyah had the opportunity to live with a family in Marlborough for one week, to try new activities.

The program, Fresh Air Fund, 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 "Friendly Towns" program allows children from the city to live with a host family to form new relationships.

Priyah's host family feels extremely fortunate to live in Marlborough and was thrilled to share "the simple joys of our community with a child from the city," said mother Sarah Picciolo.

When they heard about the Fresh Air Fund and Friendly Towns programs, the family knew that they'd be a perfect match. Sarah and her husband, Mike, felt the opportunity would give the family a chance to form new friendships along with new perspectives.

Their children especially were excited to have a new peer to show activities to. The two daughters, Norah, 7, and Natalie, 10, wanted to share the joys of roasting s'mores, swimming in a lake, and riding bicycles around the quiet neighborhood.

"We are happy that our girls have been able to forge this relationship and encourage other families to open up their homes to experience this opportunity as well," Sarah said. "It will make a huge difference for a child, and your family as a whole will benefit immensely."

Sarah and Mike were each part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in years past, and



The Picciolo family of Marlborough participated in the Fresh Air Fund program this summer, and recently hosted Priyah Martinez, a girl from New York City, for a week, to give her a taste of small-town life. Priyah is pictured in the center with Picciolo sisters Norah (left) and Natalie (right).

learned about the Fresh Air Fund by searching for different volunteer options to help with less fortunate children. The couple enjoys working with youth and wanted to share the experience with their two daughters. Sarah added, "I personally am passionate about advocating for troubled youth and volunteer for a nonprofit organization working to stop institutionalized child abuse."

The application process and free background

check went smoothly for the Marlborough family and they recommend any family to apply if they are capable and willing. There was no doubt that the program was a good fit for the family since the Fresh Air Fund staff was extremely friendly and wanted the best for the child and families.

During her stay, which wrapped this past Wednesday, Priyah created a lot of memories that will last a lifetime. Her favorite was making

s'mores for the first time – and she loved them. In addition, her firsts included fishing, kayaking, and playing catch. She even managed to catch a fish. Indeed, Mike's favorite memory of the week was fishing, while Sarah's was simply spending time together.

Norah and Natalie, meanwhile, loved going to the beach with Priyah and pushing her on the rope swing.

While spending time with Priyah for the week, the family learned a lot. They learned to slow down and enjoy the simple things. It gave them all a new appreciation for the everyday, even if it does not feel like much, Sarah said.

"We are always so busy, and to be able to watch someone do activities for the first time that are ordinary to us made them exciting and new all over again," she said.

"Not to mention," Sarah continued, "the compassion it gave my children, because they now have an understanding firsthand that not everyone lives the same as they do."

Natalie said she wants families to participate so that "other kids from New York City can get outside." Meanwhile, Priyah said she hopes more will join the program "because it is so fun bonding with other families."

For Sarah and her family, there is no hesitation that they would do the program again. Many children that participate in the program return to the same family each summer. Another family from Glastonbury participates in Friendly Towns, and have been hosting the same boy for nine years.

While reflecting on the week, Picciolo said she believed it was a great learning experience on both ends. Everyone was able to gain a new perspective. When they took a walk at the Salmon River, Priyah said:

"This is like the real-life Jumanji!"

Police Investigate Potential Email Hack

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Colchester Police Department is investigating how private emails belonging to Colchester Democratic Town Committee members were made public last month.

Prior to the June 15 Board of Selectmen meeting, selectman Jason LaChapelle, who is unaffiliated, informed the board that a citizen provided him an email chain from July 2022 that included messages from notable town Democrats.

Selectmen Rosemary Coyle and Denise Turner were on the email chain, along with Democratic Town Clerk Gayle Furman, Public Safety Subcommittee member and presumptive Democratic nominee for first selectman, Bernie Dennler, Democratic Town Committee Chairman Monica Egan and former Democratic first selectman Mary Bylone.

How LaChapelle obtained the email chain is unclear — the source, he said during the meet-

ing, wished to remain anonymous.

"You will never find out," he told his fellow selectmen.

Democrats appeared uninterested in LaChapelle's concern regarding the content of the emails themselves, which he said pertained to elected officials tracking citizens during public meetings for political purposes.

Instead, Democrats raised questions as to how LaChapelle, or his source, obtained the emails.

Dennler told the Rivereast last month, "I'm not sure how this person could've had lawful access to the email."

Likewise, Coyle ruled out a potential leak by the Democrats, asserting that "nobody would've provided it."

She emphasized that personal information, including medical or banking data, could be

stored on those private accounts and that somebody now has access to that material.

Last week, Resident State Trooper Sergeant Zachary Cash confirmed to the Rivereast that an active investigation is being conducted into how the emails were accessed and made public.

The Investigation

LaChapelle told the Rivereast last week that members of the DTC brought their concerns to Colchester police last month and "demanded that I be arrested."

He stated that both a Colchester officer and Cash informed him of the investigation and that police would be gathering witness statements.

According to LaChapelle, the individuals making the complaint wanted him charged with "obstructing justice."

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President's Honors List

Clarice Jayawickrema of Andover made the spring 2023 President's Honors List at the University of Hartford.

**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 with the correction or missing brick information so that a replacement can be ordered.

All orders will be finalized soon and the walkway will be deemed complete, with no additional changes allowed once this process is completed.

Calling All Old Cars

Andover Congregational Church, located at 359 Route 6, will hold a BBQ and Car Show Saturday, July 15, from noon-3 p.m. If you'd like to show your old car – it doesn't matter if she's a show queen or daily driver – call the church at 860-742-7696 to reserve a spot. There is no entry fee to show your car.

**Commission on
Aging Vacancy**

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the Commission on Aging for a term ending June 30, 2025 should send a letter of interest to: Town of Andover, c/o Commission on Aging Vacancy, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232, or email townclerk@andoverct.org.



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Congregational Church News

Andover Congregational Church, UCC, located at 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m. The service also streams live on the church's Facebook page (First Congregational Church, Andover, CT). For more information, call the church office at 860-742-7696, email andoverctchurch@gmail.com or visit www.andoverctchurch.org.

Food Pantry: Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring

your own bags. The **Foodshare Van** comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; 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.

Coming Up at the Library

All are invited to the following activities coming up at Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6.

Animals in Summer: Monday, July 10, 6-6:45 p.m. Library Friend Julie Victoria, a retired State of Connecticut wildlife biologist, will explain how animals have made adaptations to help survive a summer heatwave. Also, make an animal watering station to take home.

Wildlife Illustration 2: Wednesday, July 12, 1:30-3 p.m., for grades 3-5. The Lutz Children's Museum folks will show two types of drawing techniques and teach how to draw your own animals. This will be a 90-minute session with a 15-minute break halfway through, and is tailored for Grades 3-5.

Make Your Own BBQ Herb Planter: Thursday, July 13, 6-8 p.m. Participants will be shown

how to make their own barbecue herb planters. All supplies are provided. There is a \$35/person fee.

R.E.A.D. with Sheena: Saturday, July 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sign up for a 15-minute session of reading to therapy dog, Sheena.

Tick-Borne Disease Awareness & Prevention: Tuesday, July 18, 6 p.m. The Eastern Highland Health District will host this educational forum open to anyone interested in learning more about reducing their risk of exposure to ticks and how to keep themselves, their pets, and their family safe from the many diseases transmitted by ticks.

Unless otherwise noted, all of these programs are free, but registration is requested. To register or for more information, call 860-742-7428.

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.

Shopping Dates: Tuesdays, Manchester, 7/18; Willimantic: 7/11, 7/25.

Senior Luncheon Dates: Fridays at noon, July 21, Aug. 4 and Aug. 18. Reservations required by the previous Wednesday.

Senior Trips: Train/boat ride to Gillette Castle, 6/30; Main Moose, 7/14 and 8/11. 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, 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.

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.

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.

Republicans to Caucus

All registered Republicans in Andover are invited to the Republican caucus to support residents who are running for first selectmen, selectmen, town clerk, and various boards and commissions. The caucus will be Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m., in the Community Room at the Town Office Building.

Republicans who are members of the Board of Selectmen, as well as other boards and commissions in town, and whose terms are up in 2023 must attend the caucus on July 18 if they wish have the backing of the Republicans and be nominated to be put on the ballot for November.

Unaffiliated members of any boards or commissions whose terms are up and wish to have the Republicans support their nomination for this November should also attend the caucus.

Legal Notice - Town of Andover Republicans

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of Andover on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7:00p.m. in the Andover Town Community Room to endorse candidates for the following positions - First Selectmen, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Boards and Commission.

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Andover Republican Town Committee Chair

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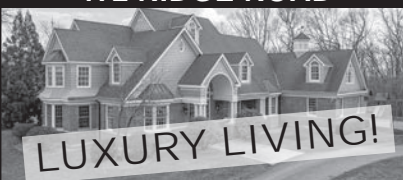
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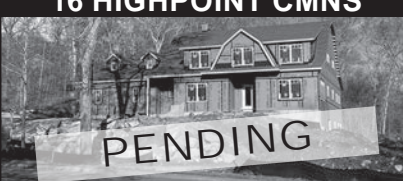


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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

First off, many thanks to all those who saw the notices in last week's paper and got your copy into us by noon on Monday. It's not often we have to move up the deadline – maybe a couple of times a year – but we do appreciate all of you cooperating and getting those notices in at the revised time.

As for those of you who missed the deadline, don't worry, you don't need to resubmit what you sent; you'll just see it in next week's issue.

Also, I hope you all had a happy Fourth of July on Tuesday. I know it was probably a little soggy than most of you wanted – nothing provides a jolt to the system quite like the Emergency Broadcast System signal blaring from your phone, telling you to stay inside due to flash flooding in the vicinity – but I hope it was pleasant anyway.

As for myself, while the storms curtailed outdoor activities I had planned, at least I was able to rustle up a burger and watched the Mets game on TV – and they won! Burgers and baseball – not a bad way to mark America's birthday.

If it's summer, it's time for my annual reminder: the Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Museum is now open, up in Stafford Springs. The museum is located at 166 Chestnut Hill Rd. (Route 190), and is open Sundays through Columbus Day, from noon-3 p.m. each week.

For those of you not familiar with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), it began March 31, 1933, as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" program to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. The U.S. Army supervised the camps, which had approximately 200 men each.

That first year, 13 camps were set up in Connecticut – including one in Cobalt, at the Meshomasic state forest. In the following

years, eight more camps were added – including one in East Hampton at Salmon River, and another in Portland, also at Meshomasic.

The Army Government Dock in New London was the supply depot for all the Connecticut camps.

Men age 18-25 enrolled for six months and worked 40-hour weeks for \$30 per month. The government sent \$25 a month home to the men's families, while they each received \$5 in spending money. The men received free food, uniforms, shelter and medical care. At first they lived in tents; later they lived in wooden buildings.

Workers built trails, roads, campsites and dams; they built and maintained fire towers, observers' cabins and telephone lines; they stocked fish, fought fires, and planted millions of trees. In short, they were definitely kept busy.

The CCC ultimately disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in World War II – but it's never been forgotten.

Connecticut's CCC museum in Stafford Springs was originally called the Northeast States CCC Museum, and was founded by Connecticut CCC men who were members of Chapter 170 of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni (NACCA). The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, State Parks Department, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, provided the museum with the partial use of the building, staff, and supplies.

The museum has many photos, displays, information, and artifacts from the 21 CCC camps in Connecticut and other northeast states.

In 2022, the DEEP had a shortage of workers and the museum was going to be closed but volunteers composed of CCC family members and friends stepped forward and

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Free Craft Pantry... The Free Craft Pantry is back at East Hampton Public Library, in the Children's section. Thanks to the support and sponsorship from Kindness with Kids and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, hundreds of arts and crafts projects are available to the community, free of charge, all summer. Pictured: Keri Blanda, adult/YA librarian; Kelly Oren and Miles Oren, from Bethlehem Lutheran Church; Jillian Meacham, Amie Meacham and Cameron Meacham, from Kindness with Kids; Christine Cachuela, children's librarian.

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Clarification

In last week's story on the Portland June-tenth celebration, resident Barry Rodgers was inadvertently omitted from the list of speakers. Rodgers recited the poem "Eman-cipation" by Paul Laurence Dunbar.

The *Rivereast* regrets the omission.

Woke

To the Editor:

Woke.

Do you know what it means? I'll bet not. How about CRT (Critical Race Theory)?

A very early meaning was to stay woke if you were studying a very boring topic, but that is not what it has come to mean now.

Recently It related to social inequalities, e.g. sexism, but currently Republicans think it relates to social and political issues affecting African Americans racial consciousness. This is where CRT comes into the discussion. CRT has been around for over 40 years, and proposes that racism is present in every aspect of life. It states that white folks only give blacks opportunities and freedoms when they also benefit their own interests. By now it should be clear why African Americans coined the phrase BLM (Black Lives Matter) as a defense to this.

So, the point here is that woke and CRT are insults to Black and brown people; it's like a new "N" word and shouldn't be used in every day conversations, particularly if Blacks and browns are part of the group.

My final question: What does Ron DeSantis mean when he says "Florida is a place where woke goes to die"? He hasn't explained exactly what he means, but it sounds like a white supremacist remark.

Now, I may no longer be a Republican, but I don't consider myself a Liberal and might become a Republican again if we elect a President who returns to traditional Republican beliefs. That is of course if he/she is willing to protect "entitlements" for this old person. I just try to be smart enough to learn what terms that are socially unacceptable to avoid getting a punch in the nose.

R. Thurston Clark – Haddam Neck

Low Taxes? Really?

To the Editor:

The Colchester first selectman is running for reelection. Huzzah! In last week's *News Bulletin* article he notes significant economic development as a top accomplishment. This includes distribution of a million dollars to local small business and nonprofits; construction of a new

Bulletin Board

Numerous surveys through the years have determined that two of the biggest strains on a marriage or a relationship are typically money and sex.

While I don't profess to be an expert, it has always seemed to me that when you're young you're too busy having sex to worry about money and when you're old (if things go right) you should be too busy counting your money to miss having sex, though with luck and the American pharmaceutical industry, it is quite possible you could end up with both.

It also seems to be some sort of Natural Law of Human Perversity that old people with no money have considerably less sexual allure than old people who are flush with cash. As evidence for this theory, I point to all the decrepit billionaires whose Wife No. 5 or 6 is barely old enough to be their granddaughter. I don't mean to be meanspirited, but I can't help but notice that this romantic success rate seems to increase or decline in proportion to the size of one's bank account. I guess it's possible that rich people are just more personable than the rest of us, but I wouldn't take it to the bank.

Money and sex aside, it is my experience that the biggest—or at least the most frequent—strains on marriage tend to be a little less...well...sexy. I've been considering some of the more common spats in my own marriage over the years and I've concluded that most of our arguments arise from conversations beginning with stuff like:

- Where did you hide the fingernail clippers this time?
- We do own a dishwasher, you know.
- Are you going to lie around on the couch all day?
- Geez, your mother was just here a year ago.

Many, if not most, marriages begin with starry-eyed proclamations such as "I love you just the way you are" or "I don't care what daddy thinks." (A close third might be, "You're what?!")

Hindsight indicates that a more honest—though considerably less seductive—promise would be, "If this rock and roll thing doesn't work out, daddy says you can always get a real job scraping the barnacles off pleasure boats."

Blinded by love, most of us have no idea in our rush toward marital bliss that we could face years of torment by a spouse who leaves the mobile phone wherever her last phone call ended—which can include places as obscure as the vegetable crisper drawer in the refrigerator (under a bag of lettuce). Or that your pre-nup should have included a clause requiring your beloved to put the cap back on the toothpaste.

To put it bluntly, it comes as a surprise after we've proceeded some distance down the marital highway that the person we love to pieces may also have certain habits that drive us absolutely nuts.

Most of us also do not take into account that one partner in a relationship (typically her) may mature more quickly than the other so that behavior once viewed as devil-may-care statements of independence and individualism (such as attending all functions dressed like a refugee from northern Maine or stating "It must be noon somewhere" before cracking open a beer for breakfast) start to become a sore point.

I could go on, but as a seasoned veteran of marriage, my advice to those of you embarking on this (hopefully) lifelong commitment is to try and be realistic. You must recognize that it's necessary to make allowances in any relationship and just because somebody lies around on the couch all day doesn't mean he's lazy. He could possibly have anemia or something and should be treated with kindness and consideration.

In order to avoid unnecessary conflict, you might also want to buy at least two sets of fingernail clippers and hang one of them on a string around your neck. That way, you'll at least know where to find it.

Jim Hallas

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playground at the recreation center; the new hybrid technology room at Town Hall; field irrigation at the rec complex, and upgrades for the fire department. His future plans include improvements to the Police department office, upgrades to the Town Hall roof, and a green initiative.

Bisbikos continues to tout his fiscal conservatism and his keeping tax increases to a minimum. Let's be clear on something: the "significant economic development" Bisbikos claims credit for was paid for with ARPA funds: the Federal governments \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act. And where did that money come from? Well, some would argue that it hasn't come from anywhere, yet. It was added to the national debt. And who pays the national debt? You and me. Through taxes. It is a typical political ploy, especially with conservatives, to play the shell game with our tax dollars! Telling us that they've spared us tax increases when really all they do is shift the onus to the state or federal government. Not only do they laud their fiscal conservatism, but they then denigrate the larger entities for socialist tendencies and irresponsible spending!

Mr. Bisbikos, you can't have it both ways. Cut the budget. Defund "unnecessary" spending. But at least do it honestly. Cut spending, cut services, keep local taxes low and take the consequences if your citizens refuse to accept less for less. Don't pontificate about keeping taxes low when you're using federal funds to pad your resume. We pay for your "accomplishments" one way or another!

John Barnowski – Colchester

Public Works

To the Editor:

Again, the weekly letters from a few individuals appear in the paper, knocking the proposed Kinney Road site. They again mention salt as a major issue, stating opinions from a person who retired from DEEP prior to the new construction requirements mandated today. When I questioned him on these requirements, he stated that he had no knowledge of them! Also, ask anyone familiar with salt issues and they will say the big problem is with the application on

roads and parking lots, not the storage. All of our town Public Works employees who operate plow trucks go through salt application training. Stone walls are another issue. There would be minimal impact on these walls. The remaining walls could be fenced and protected.

What you, as taxpayers, should know is that, the Tulumieris want this area to be designated as an "outdoor museum." As I see no funds for this type of project, it will end up with the taxpayers picking up the tab for the work to make the area accessible and the required yearly maintenance requirements to maintain that accessibility. Our budgets are already tight. Is this something we can afford? I ask you to look past the "letters to the editor" and spend a little time to get educated and to review all of the information available prior to filling out the survey. (I also hope and trust that people have the decency to fill out the survey only once.)

**Thank you,
Daniel Larson – Amston**

Note: Larson is chairman of the Hebron Board of Selectmen, but said he is speaking as an individual.

Big Assumptions

To the Editor:

"You can't convince a believer of anything, for their belief is not based on evidence, it's based on a deep-seated need to believe." - Carl Sagan

"And as I said, I don't believe there's a plan to extend public water at this time, but again, I think that suggestion is based on the assumption that there will be contamination. And we believe that, you know, the site you can discuss, the site is constructed with best management practices, that there won't be an issue." -Thomas Fenton, Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates, BOS transcript, 11/17/22.

Is Hebron Town Hall ignoring plans for public water based on an assumption? What happened to Murphy's Law? Where is Plan B? The proposed new Public Works buildings may prove sound but, Nationwide, daily operations have proved problematic. Mr. Warzecha, and others, have noted that the handling, transportation and distribution of road salt is a big prob-

lem. Combine road salt with diesel storage, salt shed bladders, truck washing bays, an oil separator, vehicular traffic and a storm pond. Now, put all of that on a watershed, with a shallow water table, containing notoriously corrosive groundwaters, and the stakes just keep rising.

These plans are disturbing. Proponents have still not openly demonstrated an understanding, nor respect, for the water this property handles, the property's rich history nor how fertile the soils are. Proponents have also not addressed serious well water concerns or the health of the Marsh and aquifer.

It's fascinating. In a town center, with costly and complex water problems, why anyone would favor jeopardizing the remaining source of fresh water. Not to mention, jeopardizing residents' well water based on assumptions.

Take the survey. Rebuild PW on Old Colchester Road. Move the Raymond Brook Watershed into Open Space and #save17.

Jean Tulumieri – Amston

Votes Don't Matter

To the Editor:

Colchester Republicans quickly dismissed the results of the last two votes about the budget. The people voted against their agenda and spending plans, but the Republicans said the votes don't count. They said your votes don't matter because people weren't competent enough to understand what they were voting for, people that didn't vote count more than people who voted, and because they won elections in the past, they can ignore recent votes.

So much for the Bisbikos' slogan of "people over government."

John Farrell – Colchester

Alternative for East Hampton

To the Editor:

East Hampton is at something of a crossroads. We have a housing shortage, a lake that continues to be problematic, a water situation that limits economic development, and a group of elected officials that listen to corporate investors more than to the citizens of East Hampton. Our educators are under constant threat of job

cuts, our senior citizens are denied services, and our first responders have not received support from the "law and order" party that currently maintains majorities on all town boards.

Is this what you want for our town? It's not what I want. I am a paycheck-to-paycheck, semi-retired father of three, and I understand that any successful community can be measured by its high standard of public education and in the way it treats its most vulnerable citizens. Can I afford year-over-year tax hikes? No, certainly not. But I am also not willing to sell out the future of East Hampton for short-term savings. It is my hope that we, as a community, can come together and agree on some fundamental truths; quality education and educators, our senior citizens, a stable and healthy environment, and a thriving small business community are the heart of this incredible town.

How we honor those foundational elements may be up to interpretation, but our shared commitment to East Hampton has to come before our party loyalties. I am running for Town Council, and I hope to earn your vote on Nov. 7. East Hampton needs an alternative. Raise up your voice, and make them listen.

**Jordan Werme
Green Party Candidate
for East Hampton Town Council
jordanforeasthampton@gmail.com**

The Best Choice

To the Editor:

I had the pleasure to attend the reelection kick-off event for Andreas Bisbikos, Colchester's first selectman, on Friday, June 30. There was a great turnout of family, friends and newcomers.

As a local business owner, I was pleased to hear Selectman Bisbikos' vision for the future of Colchester. This includes ongoing economic development, continued support for existing businesses, and maintaining vigilance over our tax dollars.

Andreas is the best choice to keep Colchester moving forward.

**Thank you,
Cliff O'Donal – Colchester
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Norton Park?

To the Editor:

It appears to the Colchester citizens and taxpayers that the propose Norton Park project in the west end of town has fallen to the wayside and delayed as so many other local government projects. Can anyone in Colchester provide a status report on this project with timelines, highlighting stages of work with a definitive end date. Who is the project manager or committee coordinating this effort. I was under the impression in the very early stages, when the dam was demolished, that grant funding was provided. So if money isn't an issue, what is? Can someone periodically [maybe once a month] provide an update to the Colchester section of the *Rivereast News Bulletin* with updates?

Sincerely,
John Cellini - Colchester

Campaign Kickoff Success

Dear Colchester Residents:

My reelection campaign kick-off event was held June 30 at St. Joseph's Polish Club in Colchester, attended by approximately 100 family and friends. We had a wonderful evening of delicious food and great conversation. It was an honor sharing my accomplishments and vision with everyone. Our guest speakers included John Jones, recently retired from the Colchester Hayward Fire Department, and our 48th District House representative, Mark DeCaprio. I thank them both for their kind words and endorsement.

A big thank you to everyone who attended, and those who contributed but were unable to attend. I am humbled by your support. I would also like to thank the amazing businesses that generously contributed to the raffles. This was a terrific way to end the evening.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the campaign trail!

Sincerely,
Andreas Bisbikos
Colchester First Selectman

Affordable Housing

To the Editor:

I am writing to highlight the abysmal state in which Marlborough finds itself with regard to the Connecticut state requirement that each town provide 10% of the housing as affordable. This could be for rent or units to buy. This refers to a law passed in 1989. It is called the Connecticut General Statutes § 8-30g, also known as the Affordable Housing Land Use Appeals Procedure. Currently, Marlborough registers only 1.76% of housing as affordable, which refers to 42 units. A full 1% of this (or 24 units) is for senior housing on South Main Street for people age 55+ and/or disabled. Then 18 are CHFA Connecticut Financing through HUD - houses with 30-year mortgages. I found a map online by Connecticut Mirror that points out the percentage of affordable housing in all the Connecticut towns. I see that Marlborough is one of the worst. You can look for yourself: <https://ctmirror.org/2023/01/30/ct-affordable-housing-units-towns-cities-8-30g/>

In 2021, East Hampton had 3.26%, Glastonbury 5.59%, Hebron 2.94%. A little bit better are the towns of Portland at 8.31% and Colchester at 8.69%. In towns that meet the magic number of 10%, developers will not appeal to courts for their proposal of affordable housing. Examples

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Scouts in Memorial Day Parade... Scout BSA Troop 109 and Pack 109 shared a patriotic float in Colchester's Memorial Day parade on May 28. Along with Pack and Troop 13 and Troop 72, most of the scouts and leaders plan to spend a week at camp this summer. For more information, email afcser@gmail.com



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 or 860-537-3240.

WJMS Honor Roll

William J. Johnston Middle School has announced its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 school year.

High Honors

Grade Six: Blake Allard, Ryleigh Angell, Abbie Barthel, Jack Barthel, Kaylynn Benkert, Bryce Berta, Dani Borah, Caroline Brady, Lauren Brown, Charlotte Bunting, Julia Carnelli, Donovan Caruso-Wozniak, Elyse Christoff, Logan Cleary, Ronan Conley, Luke Corrado, Alexander Courtemanche, Jemma Currier, Gabrielle D'Atri, Eric Deacon, Ava Galante, Zack Ginand, Liara Golden, Nova Gostkiewicz, Kendall Grant, Nora Gudelski, Jocelyn Hahn, Briana Hawes, Olivia Helms, Katherine Hormuzdiar, Savannah Hunscher, Emma Hunt, Aydel Imasuen, Iliana Kansagara, Dylan Kapoor, Shea Kellogg, Delilah Koonankel, Nadia Korzhoff, Genevieve Kukich, Kayla LaChapelle, Adam Laspino, Carleigh Maher, Ellery Markham, Jessica Mattos, Kinsey McCoy, Christopher McGlynn, Molly McMahon, Dylan Molina-Apu, Sophie Mullen, Samantha Nadeau, Maggie Parekh, Julia Rago, Tully Richardson, Delaney Scholl, Milania Shilosky, Cayden Steele, Ava Sykes, Izsak Treat, Isabel Weiner, Sarah Wisniewski, Kaylie Wong, Tyler Zajac.

Grade Seven: Alex Badrick, Brayden Buyniski, Carmen Champagne, Grace Clarkin, Ashley Cleary, Cameron Cruz, Isabel Faber, Allison Field, Teresa Formica, Emily Fougereuse, Claire Gould, Quinn Guntulis, Damiana Hunt, Ashtyn King, Connie Lin, Dalila Malz, Owen McLoughlin, Emma Pensa, Lily Pulse, Gabriella Rauccio, Charles Ringuette, Isabella Rivera Kloss, Benjamin Romasanta, David Rumph, Adrina Ruszala, Audrey Siborg, Julius Suggs, Maci Swenson, Colleen Talbot, Brandon Verruso, Chelsea Williams, Lila Wilson, James Wissler, Ty Wissler.

Grade Eight: Ali Ali, Raphael Antonacci, Gehrig Bartiss, Katherine Belding, Tyler Bergquist, Brooke Burchfield, Kellen Conley, Reina Hill, Rowan Hodgkins, Zachary Mancuso, Aidan McAlpine, Keegan McKenzie, Cole Mitchell, Kaylee Opalenik, Cora Rago, Talia Ramos, Kagan Ruszala, Alexa Smith, Marina Swanback, Toheed Usman, Shauna Wells.

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Grade Six: Liam Beeler, Allison Bell, Ryan Browning, Caroline Bruni, Nicholas Bruni, Caleb Butler, Amber Carmody, Abygail Carroll, Aviana Chapman, Angelle Colon, Jason Cramer, Gianna Dean, Jayden DeBroske, Gilbert England, Zyyear Farrell, Brin Fecteau, Kaylin Fischlein, Dylan Friberg, Alice Gauthier, Charlotte Grant,

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★ Potential Email Hack, cont. from page 1

of Bylone, raised the concerns in-person with the police, LaChapelle stated. Cash did not confirm who brought the complaint forward or whether individuals asked for LaChapelle to be apprehended, as of press time.

"They're using the cops to intimidate someone into silence," LaChapelle said, adding that he interpreted the complaint as a warning not to disclose more information in the future. "I'm not going to be arrested. I didn't do anything wrong."

He will not offer the name of his source, he asserted, and he cannot be forced to either.

In official meeting correspondence, Egan wrote that, "Evidently, someone on the Republican team, probably Andreas Bisbikos or Jason LaChapelle, has hacked our emails."

During the June 15 selectmen meeting, LaChapelle pushed back on any claims that the email was obtained through hacking, which he called "libelous" and "outright false."

LaChapelle reiterated that stance again last week, expressing that his source "did not hack anybody."

"I don't think the source matters," he said. "It doesn't change the impact of the information."

LaChapelle stated that he asked his source, "Is this legal?" He said he received assurances that the emails were obtained in a law-abiding way. If they weren't obtained legally, he added, he would've turned the source over to the police.

Dennler told the Rivereast last week that a police investigation was requested.

"There is a concern as to how someone may have accessed personal email accounts," he said. "That was reported to police."

Dennler also said he "didn't demand that Jason LaChapelle be arrested."

"That's absurd," he said.

He emphasized that LaChapelle indicated that he has knowledge of how the emails were accessed, but said he is not necessarily the one who originally obtained them.

"I'm not accusing Jason LaChapelle of a crime," Dennler said.

Since the topic is an ongoing investigation, Dennler said he was unable to speculate further as to the source of the information, but he defended the basis of the inquiry.

"If there was an intrusion of privacy, that goes beyond politics," he said.

Coyle told the Rivereast that she made a statement to the police, but declined to elaborate into whether LaChapelle should be arrested.

"I'm not privy to what the police are going to do," she said, adding that the investigation is in progress.

The Emails

LaChapelle originally brought the emails forward to the selectmen to debate whether an investigation should be launched into elected officials for tracking citizens during meetings; the

item never reached a vote and an investigation was not launched by the board.

In the email chain, Coyle provides the names and addresses of five citizens who spoke during a July 2022 selectmen meeting, who all appeared to voice support for current first selectman Andreas Bisbikos, a Republican.

Egan wrote that the names were added to a list "in case we ever crossed paths."

The names were updated to mark as "skip" in a VAN list, a digital platform used for political campaigns to organize whose homes to visit and to avoid in the community.

The names were being removed from a list for Democrat Chris Rivers — who was a candidate for state office at the time. Creating lists and utilizing canvassing applications is common, and voter information — including names, addresses and party affiliation is publicly available.

Because campaigns have limited resources, stopping by the homes of citizens who will most likely vote against your campaign is an improper use of time, Democrats have expressed.

"There is no secret list," Coyle said recently. "It's normal; this happens all the time. This is what [political] parties do and it's not unique to Democrats."

LaChapelle said he took exception to the practice being done by an elected official during a public meeting.

He countered the Democrats' dismissal of the list again this week, expressing that if Taras Rudko, chairman of the Republican Town Committee, had a list of citizens' views on a topic such as gun control, Democrats would be equally upset.

"Do you think [Democrats] would be quiet about that?"

LaChapelle said he isn't surprised there's now a police investigation into the matter.

"It's pretty on-brand for people who make lists of political dissidents," he said.

During last month's selectmen meeting, LaChapelle elaborated on some of his concerns with a political list being generated live in real time.

While he expressed that there may not be any "nefarious intent," the list "does open up lots of questions with some rather potentially concerning answers."

Potential fears, outlined by LaChapelle, include whether officials could use a list of political dissidents to block members of the public from joining a board or commission.



Finance Board Deliberates on Budgets

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Colchester Board of Finance last week discussed potential revisions to the 2023-24 fiscal year school and municipal budget proposals, but delayed making a final recommendation due to lingering concerns over revenue and the town's grand list.

Both budgets were soundly rejected at referendum last month. The town budget failed by a 1,335-741 tally; the Board of Education budget margin was even wider — a 1,546-529 total, according to the Colchester town clerk's office.

The school board's budget was slated at \$43.68 million — a \$1.65 million, or 3.9%, increase over current year spending. Municipal spending was billed at \$15.63 million — around \$10,000 more than the current fiscal year. The mill rate would've been 27.22 — a .4 increase.

Following the result, the finance board set the mill rate at its current figure, 26.82.

Voter turnout was 18% — higher than any of the four referendums during the previous budget cycle in 2022.

For some residents, the budget road map moving forward was clear — the finance board should adhere to the instructions provided in the advisory questions included on the referendum ballot.

Voters ruled that the school budget figure was "too low" — 1,164 votes — as opposed to 728 people who said the plan was "too high."

For the town budget, 1,073 people marked "too low," with 685 residents opting for "too high."

Grand List Mix-Up and Revenue Debate

Town Assessor John Chaponis informed the finance board that the grand list, printed in January, contained an assessment for the tax stabilized fuel cell in town.

Unfortunately, he said, this item should not have been included on the list, and it's a "significant number."

In total, the error resulted in \$16.65 million being added to the grand list, equating to around \$455,000 in tax revenue.

"I found it, I immediately brought it to you guys," Chaponis told the board, adding that he was "absolutely not proud" of the misstep.

Chaponis has worked in town for decades and acknowledged the seriousness of the mistake. Typically, he said, he would fix small glitches on his own, but this particular incident would require a board remedy.

"I've just never seen an error of this magnitude," he said, adding that recommending a specific solution wasn't in his purview.

"I honestly don't know," he expressed. "I know I've put you in a terrible position."

While not making excuses, Chaponis pointed out that town officials have been consistently overworked in recent months. Last year, the town budget took four referendums to get approved, which he said caused setbacks in the financial office and led to items being missed or overlooked.

The board will likely consider how to address the grand list error at a future meeting, and examine any necessary mill rate adjustments, as well.

Mike Egan, a Democrat on the finance board, acknowledged that he personally doesn't know how to handle the grand list situation. But he used the opportunity to bring up another concern regarding revenue, which he's mentioned previously, including at the Town Meeting.

The town's revenue is currently being listed at \$3.3 million, he explained, but his calculations indicate that it should be raised to \$3.9 million —

a \$633,579 difference, which would've brought the mill rate down to a .04 increase, he claimed.

Andrea Migliaccio, the Republican chairman of the finance board, countered this statement, expressing that "nothing is missing."

"It just doesn't make sense," she said.

Egan and Migliaccio appeared to disagree, in general, on the relevance of revenue numbers when considering the budget proposals. Egan said that revenue estimates are part of the mill rate calculation, which affects residents' tax bills.

Migliaccio said that revenue figures generated by the finance department are integrated into the overall discussion, but the board's job was to advance two fresh spending plans to the public.

Similar to the grand list decision, the board will likely discuss the revenue estimates moving forward and whether Egan's figures — that would drastically impact the mill rate — hold any validity and should be adopted.

On top of the recent developments, the town is still completing its previous fiscal year audits. Along with two part-time employees previously hired to assist the finance department, former Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove, who retired in June of 2022, was added onto the payroll as a consultant.

Because the budgets were defeated at referendum, the board also passed motions to send out the first installment of real estate tax bills in August at the current mill rate. The motor vehicle and personal property bills will be sent out upon the passage of the budgets.

School Budget

Egan called for \$300,000-\$325,000 to be restored to the school budget proposal, which he said would spare some of the programs currently facing elimination.

Prior to the referendum, the school board adopted a series of reductions recommended by Superintendent of Schools Daniel Sullivan III. Because the school board had originally requested a larger sum to run the schools, \$46.15 million — a \$4.13 million, or 9.83%, increase in spending — significant cuts were made.

The board agreed to delay the implementation of the new school security initiatives — saving \$168,432.

Other significant reductions included the elimination of World Language for grade 7, eliminating a business teacher at Bacon Academy, implementing a pay-to-play fee of \$180 a year for instrumental music instruction at JJIS and WJMS, increasing preschool tuition and transitioning to a half-day pre-kindergarten program.

As a result, some building maintenance would be delayed throughout the district and several courses at Bacon Academy, including marketing, accounting, sports marketing, investment and finance classes would not be offered next school year.

Egan's new proposal, he said, could save the business teacher and World Language program and allow the safety measures to be implemented. The instrumental music fees could also be scratched, he said. The ultimate decision, however, would belong to the school board, who has line-item authority of the budget once it's approved at referendum.

Migliaccio had a different outlook on the school budget.

She expressed that her board had worked hard to save money for the district, but based on the advisory questions, additional funds should be restored, just a smaller amount — a \$100,000

increase was her suggestion.

However, there was a catch.

"I'm removing 'too high,' 'too low,' 'too medium,' 'too rare,' and if the budget goes down, I'm cutting it," she asserted, which drew groans from some audience members.

During the "citizens' comments" portion of the meeting, one resident compared Migliaccio's offer to a "hostage situation" where those who may still want more money added to budget would be forced to vote "yes" instead of a "no, too low" option.

"It's not a hostage situation," Migliaccio replied. "\$100,000 is a lot of money."

She added that after all of her hard work on the budget, "this is what I get."

However, she did clarify her stance on the advisory questions, stating that a final decision on whether to keep or remove them has not been made.

Part of Migliaccio's framework for proposing a smaller modification to the school budget plan comes from the finance board "reclassifying" certain items in the original proposal; alternative funding sources were utilized to offset the overall budget request.

The items being reclassified include \$212,336 for a Honeywell International energy efficiency review lease payment and \$695,000 for a special education expense. Migliaccio has stated that she received confirmation from the auditor that the \$695,000 could be covered through the district's assigned fund balance account. The \$212,336 would be covered through the town's undesignated fund balance account.

A third "reclassified" item — \$271,175 for capital outlay — did not have a corresponding funding source to offset the expense in the budget proposal, according to school business director Rachel Linkkila.

This specific point has caused considerable confusion throughout the budget season, with Migliaccio and the Board of Education disagreeing on the true nature of the reduction made to the budget and how much money was truly "off-

set" — she says the finance board trimmed \$1.3 million on top of the \$1.17 million of reclassified items, while the school board believes that around \$900,000 was reclassified and \$1.57 million was reduced on top of that number.

Migliaccio cited this information when formulating her own revisions for the school budget.

Other Republicans on the board, including vice-chair John Thomas, digested the news regarding the grand list and determined that he was "unwilling to move forward with anything that is short of a cut."

Egan believed that the resulting mill rate from his own revenue projections, even with the grand list error revealed that night, would allow the school budget to be increased.

Town Budget

Egan, along with fellow Democrat Mike Hayes, suggested adding \$75,000 to the town budget, which would potentially fund a new groundskeeper/field maintenance position.

First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos pointed out that his original proposal called for a new building facilities manager for \$50,000, which may cover that concern.

Migliaccio came up with several different suggestions, the sum of which was increasing the budget by \$27,000.

She put forward an additional \$12,000 for town elections, \$1,500 for planning and zoning, \$5,000 for HR legal and \$8,500 for first selectman legal.

Tim Vaillancourt, a Republican, expressed that any discussions that took place during a previous Republican caucus were null and void, adding that he wasn't "agreeing to any of that."

"I never agreed to any increase," he asserted.

A clearer picture of the grand list impact would help determine how the board should move forward, he said.

The board is scheduled to meet again on July 12, when a decision on the grand list, revenue and budget proposals will likely be finalized.

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.

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.colchester-ct.gov/recreation-department. Parks and Rec. can also be reached at 860-537-7297 or at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

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

Bus Trips: Registration forms are available online. Bus will leave from Town Hall. For full itineraries, see the website. **Block Island Breeze:** July 18, \$150/person; **Spooky Salem:**

Oct. 21, \$114/person.

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.

President's List

Nicholas Tartsinis of Colchester made the spring 2023 President's List at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

Tartsinis is majoring in law & society.

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Town to Receive Opioid Settlement Funds

By Michael Sinkewicz

Colchester is slated to receive an additional \$211,079 as a result of national opioid settlement agreements.

Previously, the town secured \$59,084, so this brings the grand total to \$270,163. The additional money will be allocated in payments extending until 2038.

First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, who announced the results on Facebook last week, told the *Rivereast* that the settlement agreements were part of national efforts to resolve opioid litigation brought by states and towns against pharmaceutical distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen, as well as manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson.

Colchester, he said, opted into these settlement agreements as part of the state's nationwide lawsuit.

Throughout 2022, the town received numerous payments, with one \$10,000 allotment scheduled to arrive at "any moment," Bisbikos said.

As of now, none of the nearly \$60,000 ob-

tained by the town has been spent. With scheduled yearly payments projected to be around \$12,000-\$15,000, the town will have a steady cashflow to help address public health issues.

"Funds could be utilized to address drug usage and provide awareness to residents," Bisbikos stated. "Hiring case managers and counselors to help at risk citizens could certainly be another viable option."

The Board of Selectmen designated the Youth First Coalition as the body to direct the funding moving forward. The committee includes members of the police department, school district and Chatham Health District. Bisbikos added that community recommendations will also be sought after, as well.

"Public input on how to utilize these funds is to me very important and will be encouraged," he said. "The public can expect complete transparency on the usage of these funds."

The exact road map is unknown for now, according to Charity Benedict, the Youth First Coalition Coordinator. The committee will likely begin meeting and discussing possible strategies

in September.

Communities across the country were expecting settlement money, she stated, and numerous municipalities will be in similar positions with allocating the resources.

Benedict emphasized that currently, based on youth data and available police crime statistics, Colchester does "not have a problem in the community" with either opioids or heroin.

Still, the committee will aim to gather all relevant perspectives to help develop a comprehensive public health response moving forward that covers all of the community's needs.

She added that while the bottom-line number appears substantial, the yearly allocations alone are not limitless; the town will need to be responsible with its spending.

In the past, she said, towns have used similar types of funds for prevention and education, along with first responder tools and training.

For instance, naloxone — a medication used to treat overdoses in emergency situations —

can be purchased.

"One by one we are taking on every player in the addiction industry and recovering billions of dollars nationwide to save lives and fight the opioid epidemic," state Attorney General William Tong said in a press release last month. "With these latest settlements, we have secured \$600 million for Connecticut alone and more than \$50 billion nationwide. But it is not just about the money — we are forcing these companies to adhere to strict reforms to stop the deadly flood of opioids into our communities."

Nationally, the opioid settlements are the second-largest public health settlement in history, only behind the tobacco litigation in the 1990s, according to NPR.

The money heading across the country is compensation for the campaigns led by corporations that contributed to the overdose crisis in America. Over 105,000 people died from drug overdoses in 2022, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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.

Ahavath Achim News

Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Ave., has announced the following schedule for the next week:

Tuesday: Aggadata class, 6 p.m.; Talmud, 6:30 p.m.; 8 p.m., Kabbalah. All via Zoom — call for link.

Friday night service, 6:30 p.m., Zoom and in-person; Shabbat morning service, 10 a.m., hy-

brid in-person and via Zoom.

There are daily Facebook Live classes on Rabbi Ken Alter's Facebook page. Also on the page: "Ask the Rabbi" and the Positive Affirmation of the Day.

For more information, call 860-537-2809. Office hours are Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

Monday, July 10: 9 a.m., CoA meeting at Town Hall; 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mahjong, Bridge; 12:45 p.m., Setback.

Tuesday, July 11: 8:15 a.m., Best of Boston Departs; 9 a.m., Making Memories, Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10 a.m., Summer Painting, LTC Ombudsman Meeting; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., SCBC meeting via Zoom.

Wednesday, July 12: 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 1-2:30 p.m., Life Review Journaling; 1:30 p.m., Cardio Drumming I; 2 p.m., Cardio Drumming II; 2-4 p.m., Sewing Circle; 2:30 p.m., Senior Center Staff Meeting.

Thursday, July 13: 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 10:30 a.m., Shopping Trip; 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 14: 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, Card-Making; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; 11:15 p.m., Chatham Health Education

Series; 1 p.m., Tech Time with Harry by Appointment; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Upcoming Programs: Chatham Health Series: Friday, July 14, 11:15 a.m., at the senior center. This month, learn about exercise — how to get started, what exercise is best for you and why exercise is important as you age. This is a free program and no registration is required.

Ham Radio Meeting: Friday, July 21, 2 p.m. All are invited to come and learn about the broadcasting site.

Live Well with Chronic Conditions Series: This six-week series will run Fridays, 9-11 a.m., starting Aug. 4. The Chatham Health District will show people how to manage their ongoing health conditions. 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.

Dean's List

Grace Reilly of Colchester made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Grove City College in Grove City, Pa.

Reilly is majoring in communication, and will begin her senior year in the fall.

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Scholarship Winners... Each year, the Bacon Academy Scholarship Fund (BASF) awards several scholarships to graduating seniors who are furthering their education by attending a college, university, or other institution of higher learning. Pictured are, from left, Layla Meekins, the 2023 Carol Chemerynski Memorial Scholarship recipient; Theresa Mathieu, the 2023 LTC John F. Fielding Memorial Scholarship recipient; and Gwyneth Reagan the 2023 Dorothy Brown Memorial Scholarship recipient. Also receiving scholarships were Steven Laliberte, who won the 2023 Henrietta Green Memorial Scholarship; Grace Galarneau, the 2023 Elizabeth and Ruby Cohen Memorial Scholarship; Mia Voiland, the 2023 Jeannette (Gregory) Tomlinson Scholarship; and Isabella Kress, the 2023 Evelyn (Clark) Turner Memorial Scholarship. Anyone wishing to learn more about the Bacon Academy Scholarship Fund (BASF) or interested in making a donation may visit www.baconacademyscholarshipfund.org.

Senior Center Trips

Colchester Senior Center is offering a pair of trips. Call 860-537-3911 for more information. Trips are available to Colchester Senior Center members and their adult guests over the age of 18. Senior center membership is free for Colchester residents aged 55 and older. There is an annual fee of \$15 for seniors residing outside of Colchester.

Block Island Breeze: Tuesday, July 18. Enjoy a ferry ride for the 12-mile trip to the island complete with an enclosed passenger area, cocktail bar, and galley. There will be a guided tour of the island, lunch at the National Hotel (make meal choice in advance), and time at the beach or gift shops. The bus departs at 8:15 a.m. and returns approximately 8:15 p.m. The cost is \$150 per person.

Maine Lobster – Kennebunkport, Maine: Wednesday, Aug. 16. Have a lobster dinner (or prime rib) at Bull N Claw in Wells, Maine. Then take a guided driving tour of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. There will be time for shopping. Cost is \$139/person. The bus departs from St Andrew Church at 7:45 a.m. and returns at approximately 8:30 p.m. Sign up before July 14.

Essex Steam Train & Riverboat: Thursday,

Aug. 24, 10:15 a.m. Have a three-course lunch on a restored 1920s Pullman Diner as part of this four-hour train and riverboat sightseeing excursion along the Connecticut River. Cost is \$72 per person. Space is very limited. Registration required by Aug. 1.

Turkey Train – Winnepesaukee Railroad: Sunday, Sept. 24, departing senior center at 8 a.m., returning at 8 p.m. Travel roundtrip to Meredith, N.H. A Hart's Turkey Farm Dinner will be served aboard the train. Following the train ride, visit Mills Falls Marketplace for a collection of shops along with Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream. Cost is \$145/person. Registration is required by Aug. 24.

Pacific Northwest & California: April 14-21, 2024. Explore the natural beauty from Seattle to San Francisco. Trip includes transportation to airport, airfare, hotels and 11 meals (six breakfast, one lunch and four dinners). Double occupancy is \$3,529/person if booked before Oct. 14. Registration can be made by visiting <http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1186557> or by coming into the senior center. There will be a trip presentation at the senior center on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 a.m. .

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.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.

Giving Garden Fundraiser

The Colchester Giving Garden is in full swing with its growing season for 2023. Volunteers meet one or two times each week to harvest, weed and maintain the garden.

As always, the garden is open to anyone who would like to help out. All vegetables are donated to the local food bank and area soup kitchens to help those with food insecurity. You do not need to have any garden experience. All ages and abilities are welcome.

The garden committee is also having a fundraiser this summer. The Cold Spring Farm food truck will come on the evening of Friday, Aug. 11, to provide a farm-to-table supper. Tickets will be sold until Aug. 5 and are \$25 each and \$10 for children under 12. Proceeds benefit the Giving Garden.

For more information on the garden or to purchase tickets to the farm-to-table supper, email colchestergivinggarden@gmail.com.

Football Friends Golf Tourney

Friends of Football is sponsoring its 16th annual golf tournament at Blackledge Country Club on Aug. 4, to support Bacon Academy Athletics – and early bird registrations are being accepted through July 7.

Each group registered by July 7 will receive free raffle tickets and each golfer will be entered into an exclusive raffle. Various sponsorships are also available for purchase.

To register or purchase a sponsorship online visit the tournament website at events.golfstatus.com and enter "Friends of Football" in the search bar. Registration fee includes a box lunch and buffet dinner. Raffle and silent auction items will also be offered.

Email questions and requests for registration and sponsorship information to baconfof@gmail.com.

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@sbcglocal.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.

Westchester Church Chicken Barbecue

Westchester Congregational Church will host its annual Chicken Barbecue dinner on Saturday, July 15, from 4-6 p.m. It will be drive-through and take-out only; no ordering ahead. For \$15, your meal will be a half-barbecued chicken, baked potato, special church-made coleslaw, roll, and a giant cookie for dessert. The church is located at 98 Cemetery Rd. For more information, email westcongchurch@gmail.com.

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Scholarships Awarded... Colchester Youth Basketball awarded two "Tommy Curtis Memorial Scholarship" awards this year. Winners were Samantha Willaver and Jake Martino. They are pictured in the photos above with their families, VP Lauren Beeler, and Tommy Curtis's wife Susan, daughter Amanda and granddaughter.

Abundant Life Church News & Notes

Abundant Life Church, a Christ-follower church that believes salvation through Jesus Christ, is located at 85 Skinner Rd. For more information, call 860-537-3082 or visit AbundantL.com.
Sunday Services: Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the main service is at 10:30 a.m. There is also Children's Church available for ages 4-11. All are welcome. The main service is also broad-

cast live each week on Facebook. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.
Power of Prayer: If in need of prayer, call the church to be placed on the prayer list. You may also ask about the various days and times the prayer groups meet and come at that time.

Christian Life Chapel News

Christian Life Chapel, located at 392 S. Main St., holds worship in person at 10 a.m. Sundays. Follow the church on Facebook for the livestream. For more information, call Pastor Don Rivers – the church's bi-vocational pastor, who also serves as president for "Racing with Jesus, Inc." – at 860-398-9119 or visit christianlifechapel.org.
Weekly Schedule: Bible Study for Men: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m.; Bible

Study for Women: Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; Community Bible Study and Prayer: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Fridays: Donuts with Don at 10 a.m. -- this is an open discussion on how God fits in your life.
Vacation Bible School: Monday-Wednesday, July 24-26, from 9 a.m.-noon. This year's theme is "Keepers of the Kingdom." Contact the church for more information.

Troop 13 Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 13 in Colchester held its annual year-end picnic and Court of Honor on June 12. The following scouts earned rank awards and rank advancements:
 Jacob Blanda – Tenderfoot Rank; Miller Brown – Star Scout Rank; Joe Chechile – First Aid; TJ Crowell – Life Scout Rank; Jacob Gauthier – First Aid; Zack Ginand – Tenderfoot Rank and First Aid; John Paul Peck – Personal Management and Citizenship in Society;

Aiden Raulukaitis – Personal Fitness; Sebby Santini – Reading, Citizenship in Society, and National Outdoor Achievement; Garrett Schuth – Family Life; Brandon Verruso – First Aid.
 There are several scouts currently working on Eagle Projects. The scouts recently returned from their year-end trip to Vermont, and they're headed to Camp Yawgoog at the end of July.

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.
 Registration for trips will continue all summer – and is online only.
 Call CYSS for more information, at 860-537-7255.

President's Honors List

The following Colchester residents made the spring 2023 President's Honors List at the University of Hartford:
 Samantha Ciaglo, Jade Hostetler, Jenna Kieran, Lizzy Ladegard, Colin Larkin, Mackenzie Root and Tybal Slattery.

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.

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.

Clothing Drive

Colchester Federated Church is collecting bagged clothing and textiles until July 13.
 Clothing includes coats, shoes, handbags, ties, and belts. Textiles include bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, and curtains. All items must be in clean and sellable condition.
 Drop items off at the church, 60 Main St., Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 860-537-5789 for more information.

Ukrainian Catholic Church News

All are invited to worship each week at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 178 Linwood Ave. The church offers Eastern Rite Divine services. Church doors are open for Divine Liturgy on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.; the Sunday service is bilingual.
 For more information, call the church at 860-537-2069.

East Catholic Honor Roll

The following Colchester residents made the East Catholic High School honor roll for the fourth marking period of the 2022-23 school year:
Honors with Distinction: Matthew DiBenedetto, Class of 2024; August Riccio, '26.
First Honors: Ryan Curry, '26.

Farmers Market Open Sundays

The 15th season of the Colchester Farmers Market is in full swing, and 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.

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President's List

Colchester residents Sarah Brigandi, Ariana Golias and Connor Wilcox made the spring 2023 President's List at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H.
 Brigandi is majoring in art and design, Golias is majoring in public health and Wilcox is majoring in marketing.

Kindergarten Registration

Children who live in town and will be 5 by Jan. 1, 2024, can register for kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year at the Colchester Public Schools website, www.colchesterct.org. Select the "For Families" tab, and then "Registration and Residency."
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Selectmen Discuss ARPA Projects

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Hebron Board of Selectmen held a special meeting last week devoted to the town's remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to help officials prioritize and finalize which projects to pursue.

Entering the June 29 workshop, the town had allotted around \$2.7 million in ARPA funds, leaving \$87,000 available for additional projects. The selectmen also put aside \$100,000 as a "safety net" in case any previously approved items exceeded their budgets.

The primary focus of the meeting centered around potential modifications to projects the selectmen had already agreed to fund.

During a May 8 selectmen workshop, the board confirmed that two gym floors at Hebron Elementary School only required repairs, instead of full replacements. Previously, the board approved over \$260,000 for the replacement, which was then amended to \$75,900 based on a proposal by Barall & Konover Floors; this offer would save the town a considerable amount of ARPA funds.

However, the Hebron Public Building Committee unanimously recommended enlisting one of the town's on-call architectural firms to assess the floors and provide remediation plans.

The committee's analysis was forwarded in a letter to the selectmen, and committee member Richard Steiner elaborated on the details during the meeting.

He affirmed that a full restoration, or floor replacement, was not currently necessary.

"If we do it right, we can guarantee a lot more years of longevity of those gym floors before we even have to consider on a restoration project," he said.

The two options facing the selectmen, he continued, were to accept B&K's proposal for floor repairs, or to seek advice from an architect who would then identify the extent of the issues and the most appropriate course of action.

A major concern, according to Steiner, were "dead zones" that the committee discovered on the court, which prevent balls from properly bouncing off the floor. These spots, while problematic, probably wouldn't require a complete floor replacement.

"I think the issue of the dead floors is not epidemic," he said. "They're isolated areas."

Kaitlyn Shelar, the school district's business manager, said the Board of Education's consensus was to follow the expertise of the building committee.

Still, selectman Marc Rubera pushed back on the need for hiring an architect, asserting that it might be a waste of money. Some outside organizations, who may not have Hebron's best interest in mind, could advocate for more repairs than are actually necessary, Rubera warned.

"It's a much simpler solution than we're making it out to be," he said.

The selectmen agreed that if extra costs are required to competently fix both floors, those costs should be included in any estimates before the town commits to the job.

"These people are probably very, very good," chairman Daniel Larson said. "But we should make sure that if other things need to be done to get these floors into shape, that those areas have been identified and that they are adequately covered within the estimates or proposals being sent to us."

After consulting with the selectmen, Steiner was charged with two tasks exiting the meeting. First, he would reach out to one of the architectural firms to determine what an official assessment of the floors would cost. In addition, he would contact B&K Floors to gage their level of confidence as to whether its proposal of \$75,000 was all-inclusive of identifying and fixing all of the dead zones on the floor.

That answer, the board speculated, would prevent the town from entering into a contract that would spiral into a job costing \$100,000 or more.

Steiner also updated the board on another potential overage with an ARPA project. Construction and expansion of an ambulance bay at Fire Company No. 1 would likely be thousands of dollars over-budget.

Initially, the building committee engaged a company for a 200-square-foot design, but due to several complications, the size of the bay would need to be enlarged by around 55 square feet.

Basically, Steiner explained, the space would be too small to comfortably operate. For example, a worker trying to access equipment on the other side of the bay would be forced to enter the driver's side seat of one ambulance and out the passenger side to get across.

To help offset this additional cost, Fire Chief Peter Starkel suggested removing another item his department requested, fire department active shooter gear, which would potentially save around \$14,000.

But, because that item is not currently factored into the selectmen's total ARPA expenses, removing it from future consideration wouldn't free additional funds.

Ken Jardin, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, updated the selectmen on a few projects. One initiative, trail repairs for \$12,000, was no longer ARPA-dependent. Instead, alternative funding sources could be utilized to cover that expense.

Jardin provided a new outline for pickleball courts, which he previously proposed for Veteran's Memorial Park. Now, the courts could be placed behind the St. Peter's field outfield, adjacent to Hebron Elementary School.

Constructing two courts at that location, he said, would cost \$78,000. Additional landscaping expenses and bench installation would bring the total to around \$85,000.

To add a third court, the selectmen would need to assign \$110,000, with the add-ons bringing the project to \$118,000.

Rubera, who is a sergeant in the Hebron Police Department, expressed that while he supported the installation of new courts, the town should be mindful of the logistic issues that may result from choosing that location, including newfound parking concerns.

Jardin pushed for another project on the ARPA list, a new dog park. However, a location hasn't been finalized, making it difficult for the board to make a ruling; for now, the cost is earmarked at \$50,000.

Ultimately, the board did not approve any new projects during the workshop, but concluded the meeting with a clearer understanding and direction moving forward. At future meetings, the selectmen will likely review fresh lists and decide which projects will receive the remaining funding.

"So, although it is difficult and tough decisions have to be made, I think the process is the best we can make it," Rubera said.

In regards to a non-ARPA project, the selectmen voted 4-0 in favor of rejecting a bid for the Wall Street/Main Street intersection project; Gail Richmond was absent.

Town Manager Andrew Tierney explained that only one bid for the project was received, and it was over-budget. The town will go out to bid a second time.

At the previous ARPA workshop, the board decided to remove certain items from its master list, including some that had been approved at an earlier date such as \$25,000 for winter heating assistance.

The board reduced the Hebron Historical Society Ancient Cemetery Repair Maintenance item slated at \$20,000 each for five different cemeteries, to \$10,000 for each location, totaling in \$50,000 worth of reductions. Then, they allocated that \$50,000 for the Hebron Historical Society for window repairs at Old Town Hall and \$7,200 for inclusion in a facilities study.

Other approved items included \$25,000 for the Active Shooter program, \$30,000 for the Town Center Project, and \$40,000 for Fire Department turnout gear.

New lighting at Veterans Park was approved by a 3-1 vote, Larson voted in opposition. For now, that item is listed at \$250,000.

New Hires

The town filled three vacant positions last week that required Board of Selectmen approval. Tierney presented the new employees during the meeting and each one was approved with a 4-0 vote.

Scott Phelps was appointed as the new building inspector/zoning enforcement officer. He started work in Hebron on June 26.

Paul Forrest will become the town's new public works director on July 10. He worked in East Hartford from 1990-2021, working his way up to manager of highway services.

Rubera expressed that he knew Forrest and vouched for his character.

Larson added that the position is often overlooked and harder than some people realize.

"You and your people are out in every type of weather that everybody else wants to hide under their beds with," Larson told Forrest.

Christopher Bray was hired as the town's new fire marshal, also effective July 10.

With 22 years of fire service, Bray was a welcomed addition to the community. He's served as the deputy fire marshal and fire marshal in Chaplin.

Most recently, Bray has served as a career firefighter in Mansfield.

Starkel has known Bray for years, calling him "intelligent" and "energetic."

"He's grown into a great public safety servant and I think he's going to be a huge asset to Hebron," the fire chief said.

St. Peter's News & Notes

The summer service schedule at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, located at 30 Church St., is now in effect. There is one Service of Holy Eucharist held at 9 a.m. All are invited to the Church Hall for coffee and conversation after the services. Priest is the Rev. Ron Kolanowski.

Meetings and Events: Balancing Class, Mondays, 10-11 a.m. - cost is \$5; Cub Scouts: first Mondays of the month, 5:30 p.m.; Fellowship Café (Memory Workshop): Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Buildings and Grounds Committee:

first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; Virtual Coffee Hours: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; Boy Scouts: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Vestry: third Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Building Networks International, Fridays, 7:30 a.m.

Outreach: Food Donations: Items for various local food pantries can be placed in the brown donation box outside Phelps Hall.

For more information, visit stpetershebron.com, search for St. Peter's Hebron on Facebook, or email office@stpetershebron.com.

The Worship Center News & Notes

The Worship Center, a non-denominational Christian church, holds services and programs at 99 Marjorie Circle (unless noted). For more information and full program descriptions, visit theworshipcenterct.org and click on the 'events/calendar' link, or call 860-228-4442.

Worship: Services are Sundays at 10 a.m., indoors, and are also broadcast on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheWorshipCenterConnecticut and on YouTube; go to tinyurl.com/yby64wph to access.

Life Groups: Meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Caseys' home in Hebron, and the second Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30pm at the Swensons' home in Columbia, for worship, prayer, Bible study and fellowship.

Journey Group: For grades 6-12. The mission of the group is to support the youth of Hebron and surrounding towns in their spiritual development. Meets every other Sunday directly after

the service; lunch is provided. Next meeting: July 16.

Youth Group: First Friday Fellowship: July 7. Held the first Friday of each month from 6-9 p.m. at the church. All are invited.

Fellowship Luncheon: Sunday, July 9, following the 10 a.m. service. Come for fellowship, food and fun out on the patio; weather permitting. The theme is barbecue. Bring a dish and/or lawn game to share.

Virtual Prayer Night: Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom. All are invited to pray for each other, the community and the country. Contact the church office or website for a link and meeting ID.

One-to-One Confidential Christian Care: Provided by Stephen Ministry to people in difficult life situation. If in need of help, call the church office.

Bucket of Blessings: The church's outreach team has been collecting snack-type food and monetary donations as a love offering for local first responders. To get involved, email jessical-bain@gmail.com.

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Summer Concert Series Lineup

The Town Center Project Inc presents the Hebron Concert Series 2023 Friday nights in July.

Musicians will perform on the side lawn of Century 21, 17 Main St., from 6-8 p.m. each week.

The upcoming schedule is: July 7, Cobble Stone Road, playing country; July 14, Carl Ivermore the Moonjoe, playing reggae; July 21, The Sounds of Frank - A Tribute to Frank Sinatra; July 28, The Hosmer Mountain Boys, playing bluegrass.

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New Lions... Scott Robidoux, Caroline Salazar and Floyd Bealer (pictured from left) were welcomed as newly-inducted Hebron Lions Club Members on Wednesday, June 7. After multiple months of attending meetings, volunteering at club events and meeting Hebron Lions Club members, all three were invited to join the club, and an induction ceremony was held to celebrate their commitment to serving the community.

Gilead Congregational Church News

Gilead Congregational Church, an Open and Affirming Congregation located at 672 Gilead St., has announced the following. For more info, see the church bulletin at gileadchurchucc.updates.church, email gcc@gileadchurch.net, or call 860-228-3077.

Summer Sunday Worship: For the summer, worship is at 9 a.m., with coffee hour at 10. Services are also available on YouTube at www.bit.ly/GileadChurchUCC and on Facebook at tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC.

Scheduled Events/Meetings: 7/9: Board of Missions, 11:30 a.m.; 7/10: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; 7/11: AA meeting, 7:30 p.m.; 7/13: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.

First Service with New Pastor: All are invited to join Gilead Church in welcoming its new Settled Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Brian Hardee. He will lead his first service with the church this Sunday, July 9, at 9 a.m.

Potluck and Prayer: Wednesdays, July 19 and Aug. 23. Bring a dish to share and arrive by 6 p.m.

Church Picnic: Bookmark the date of Saturday, Aug. 5, for a re-introduction of the Gilead Community Picnic. More to come later in July.

Card-Making with Gayle: Sunday, July 16, 10:30am. Contact Gayle Sylvester to register or contact the church office.

Church of the Holy Family News

The Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St. (Route 85), celebrates weekend Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; and weekday Masses Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Visit holyfamilyhebron.org for more information. The church office can be reached at 860-228-0096.

Church Collecting for Homeless Shelter: The church collects items for the Windham Region No Freeze Hospitality Center, which provides assistance to homeless adults. Needs are: **Camping Gear:** adult sleeping bags (new or used; clean and in good condition); 2-person tents with waterproof features (new or used, in good condition with all parts); new tarps (10' x12' or larger; green or brown, no bright colors); sturdy adult backpacks; and folding shovels. **Men's:** sweat pants (M,L,XL,2XL);

solid color T-shirts (L,XL,2XL); boxer briefs (L & XL); and flip-flops (used as shower shoes). **Women's:** sports bras (larger sizes); body powder; deodorant; flip-flops; and briefs (sizes 6 and up). **Cleaning Supplies:** Windex; Pine-Sol floor cleaner; and spray cleaners with bleach. **Gift Cards:** \$15 Stop & Shop for gas to assist people living in their cars; and \$15-\$25 Walmart cards to purchase items needed immediately. Please call to arrange the pick-up of gift cards. **Miscellaneous:** insect repellent; sunscreen; paper towels; TP; 13- and 55-gallon trash bags; and batteries (AAA,C,D). Place donations of goods in the designated collection box next to the church's Cry Room. Place large quantities of donations in the Cry Room. For more information, call Monica or John McKerracher at 860-228-4211.

Douglas Library News & Notes

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

Friday Films: Fridays at 1 p.m. Schedule: July 7, *Super Mario Bros* (rated PG); July 14, *Are You There God? It's Me Margaret* (PG-13); July 21, *Book Club: The Next Chapter* (PG-13); July 28, *Little Richard: I Am Everything* (NR). Bottled water and individually wrapped snacks will be provided.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, July 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the library Community Room. Register at redcross.org.

Medicare Info Session: Monday, July 10, at 11 a.m., or Wednesday, July 19, at 6 p.m. Learn the ins and outs of Medicare and the differences between original Medicare and Medicare Advantage, with local insurance agent Mark Macrina.

A History of Huskies Hoops: Legacy of Greatness: Monday, July 24, 6 p.m. Hosted by award-winning sportswriter and author Marty Gitlin. The presentation will also feature a Q&A afterward.

Book Discussion: Wednesday, July 19, 7

p.m., at the American Legion, located next door to the library. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt will be discussed. Copies of the book are available. Muse be over 21 to attend.

Teen Activities: Wednesdays, July 12 and 26, 2 p.m. On 7/12, there will be tie-dyeing of T-shirts; feel free to bring additional items. On 7/26, make Sharpie Alcohol Coasters.

Master the Art of Preserving Your Harvest: Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m. There will be a presentation on pickling, canning, freezing and drying techniques, by Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Gable Lea Farm in Colchester.

Children's Programs Thursdays @ 1 p.m.: Schedule: July 13, Rent-A-Chicken; July 20, Sounds of Nature; July 27, CRZ Reptiles.

Summer Reading: This program gives library users of all ages a chance to win prizes over the summer. Young adults and adults can pick up their bingo cards at the library or from the library website. Complete a row in any direction, bring it in and spin the wheel for a prize. Children can pick up their reading log, complete a week and return for a prize.

Knitwits: The knitting circle meets Mondays, 6-7 p.m. Crochet and needle pointers are welcome as well as all skill levels. No registration required; bring your project or questions.

President's List

Andrew Macca of Amston and Jonathan Clough of Hebron made the spring 2023 President's List at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

Macca is majoring in finance and Clough is majoring in economics.



Good Stewards of the Earth... The Episcopal Church of Connecticut (the Diocese of Connecticut) recently awarded a "Creation Care" grant to St Peter's Episcopal Church, Hebron, for the purpose of establishing pollinator-friendly landscaping on the church grounds. In this phase of the project, parishioners installed two crabapple trees and 20 junipers, to address erosion issues, and 18 Rudbeckia plants. A straw erosion blanket was laid, also by parishioners, to prevent soil loss while the plants are developing. The addition of more native perennials is planned for this year. Future phases will continue to expand plantings to provide food and habitat for native insects and birds.

St. Peter's Chicken Barbecue

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will hold a community dinner Saturday, July 15, from 4-6 p.m. or until sold out. The menu will include one-half of a barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad, coleslaw, and your choice of desserts. Cost is \$15.

If both parking lots are full, and the food is ready, the church may start to serve before 4 p.m. to avoid traffic issues. It will be a take-out-only dinner, with no reservations or pre-orders; it will be on a first-come, first-served

basis. Servers will come to your vehicle, take your order, money, and dessert choice, and return to your vehicle and place it in your trunk or back seat. You will not need to get out of your car.

A portion of the proceeds from each meal sold will go towards supporting the Marlborough Food Bank. For more details, call the church at 860-228-3244 or visit www.StPetersHebron.com. St. Peter's is located at 30 Church St. (Route 85) in Hebron.

Parks and Recreation News

Hebron Parks and Recreation is offering many summer programs. For full program descriptions and to register, visit hebronct.recdesk.com or call 860-530-1281.

Summer Scrimmage Basketball Camp: For boys and girls in grades 5-8. All basketball skill and ability levels welcomed. Session I: July 24-27; Session II: Aug. 7-10. Camp will run from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Hebron Elementary School. Fee: \$119.

30+ Basketball Summer Session: Pick-up basketball Tuesdays through Aug. 29, 7-9 p.m. Full session is \$20, or a \$3 drop-in fee. Cash only.

RHAM Softball Camp: July 24-27, 9 a.m.-noon, at the RHAM softball field, for girls in grades 1-8. Fee: \$100.

Summer Adventure Camp: Runs weekly through Aug. 18, from 6:45 a.m.-5 p.m. each

day. Must register in advance.

Girls Volleyball Camp: For grades 7-12. July 10-13, 9 a.m.-noon, at RHAM High School. Fee: \$150.

Build Your Skills Basketball Camp: For grades 2-8. July 17-21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at RHAM High School. Fee: \$275. Camp hosted by RHAM boys basketball coach Todd Dean. To register, contact Dean at Todd.Dean@rhamschools.org or 203-709-0442.

Minds in Motion: July 10-14 at Gilead Hill School. For ages 8-12. Fee: \$145. RE/CO Robot Camp is 9 a.m.-noon, and Future Engineers Camp is 12:30-3:30 p.m. Fee per five-day camp: \$145.

S.T.E.A.M. Lego Camps: July 17-21, at Gilead Hill School. Building Up S.T.E.A.M., for ages 5-6, is 9 a.m.-noon, and S.T.E.A.M. Works Using Lego, for ages 7-10, is 1-4 p.m. Fee: \$140.

Farmers Market Monthly

The Hebron Farmers and Artisans Market takes place the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Hebron Elementary School parking lot, 92 Church St.

Offerings include seasonal fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and natural-grown products right from Hebron. There will also be live entertainment and fare from specialty food trucks.

The markets run through October. For more information, call the Hebron Parks and Recreation Department 860-530-1281.

Church of Hope News & Notes

Hebron Church of Hope, 1 Main St., holds worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Church of Hope is a biblically-driven Christ-centered church.

Worship is in person and via livestream on the church website. For more information, and the guidelines for in-person worship, visit www.hebronchurchofhope.org.

The church office is closed until further notice. Pastor Jordan Brown can meet by appointment; use the church website to set up a time.

For more information about Hebron Church of Hope, visit the website or look for the church on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

Dean's List

Benjamin Nome of Amston made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H.

Nome is majoring in business administration.

President's Honors List

Brooke Delissio of Hebron made the spring 2023 President's Honors List at the University of Hartford.

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Rotary Releases New Community Needs Assessment

By London Brazal

The Rotary Club of East Hampton and Marlborough recently joined members of the community to complete a Community Needs Assessment about mental health and substance use.

In the main findings, many residents believe that mental health and substance use issues have a higher significance on the overall health and well-being of the communities. It is ranked over physical health issues such as diabetes and cancer.

The Rotary's Mental Health Action Committee was formed in September 2022. Their goals are to implement, advocate, and raise and distribute funds for activities that support the psychological and emotional well-being of the community. The members include Joey Bauer, Kyle Chmielecki, Tom Donnelly, Deb Field, Kevin St. John and Courtney Widrick.

The committee reviewed national, regional and local data sources to better understand the most prevalent issues that children, working adults, and the elderly were facing. National sources included information from the Kaiser Family Foundation. Regional and local information was gathered from Middlesex Health's Community Health Needs Assessment, Town Department surveys, and other sources.

The goals of the assessment were to identify

the top three issues impacting mental health, rank the issues by the severity they place on individuals and the community, and identify available resources and opportunities for improvements.

Among the information, the committee found that nearly one in three high school students in Connecticut are feeling sad or hopeless; and these rates have increased steadily since 2009. According to a 2019 report from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, in the past 12 months, 31% of survey respondents reported being continuously sad or hopeless in a two-week period.

Furthermore, young adults, working adults and seniors all experience the feeling of loneliness. According to a 2022 Middlesex Health Community Health Needs Assessment, 30% of respondents reported feelings of sadness and hopelessness for at least several days over the past two weeks.

Loneliness is a growing mental health concern in the United States, mainly due to events related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Older populations are at greater risk to suffer from physical illnesses that lead to longer isolation times.

The committee recommends that more attention should be paid to the mental health of people that are 65 or older. This is particularly

important for the communities of East Hampton and Marlborough given that by 2030, the 65+ population expects to grow well above the average for Connecticut.

In regards to substance abuse, opioids account for more than nine out of every 10 overdose deaths and drug poisonings in Connecticut. In East Hampton, students appear to be at greatest risk between 10th and 11th grade.

The East Hampton Prevention Partnership's Search Survey has been conducted every two years since 2017. It asks students about their substance use, perceptions of risk and disapproval, and their ease of access. In the 2021 results, the use of substances in the high school population has declined since the 2019 survey results.

The committee reviewed 13 available resources to address mental health and substance use issues in the local area. Twelve of the services provide awareness and education, four provide surveillance, and seven provide some form of care.

At the end of the assessment, the Mental Health Action Committee gave recommendations for the different age groups.

For children aged 5 to 17, there needs to be more awareness of mental health and substance

misuse along with suggested resources. In addition, there needs to be more opportunities for children to attend support groups, peer mentorships, or other positive-based organizations, the committee said.

For adults aged 18 to 64, the committee recommended an increase in health care consumerism for adults, emphasizing mental health and substance use disorders, through education and social marketing. Another suggestion is to implement substance prevention with drug take-backs and social awareness campaigns.

For adults aged 65 and over, it is recommended to create more social programs and volunteer opportunities that increase life satisfaction and reduce loneliness. Furthermore, the community can reduce the barriers to accessing care.

The Mental Health Action Committee is sponsored by American Distilling, Bevin Bells, Carl Guild & Associates, Spencer Funeral Home, Suburban Stationers, Alan Hurst, Dan Loos, Dave & Teresa Shulman, Greg Pugatch, Karen Terry, Kevin St. John, and Kyle Chmielecki. The Rotary Club of East Hampton and Marlborough is grateful to the organizations and individuals for their support and funding.

Email kyle.chmielecki@gmail.com for more information.

Tax Bills to be Mailed

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.

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 p.m., and Thursdays, 1:15 p.m.; **Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m.; **Bingo:** Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., in person and via Zoom; **Wii Bowling:** Wednesdays, 11 a.m. **Cornhole:** Thursdays, 11 a.m.; **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.

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, July 10-21, 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.

Free Blood Pressure Screening: Monday, July 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m., at the senior center. The Chatham Health Department sponsors this monthly clinic. No appointment necessary.

Mighty Magnificent Men's Group: Monday, July 10, 10:30-11:30 a.m. This is a casual opportunity to meet others and discuss what's on your mind.

Ageless Meditations with Victoria: Mondays, July 10 and 24, 1-2 p.m. Techniques engage in healing, self-compassion and gratitude in a group setting.

Sharing Nature with Family and Friends: Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Take a relaxed nature walk on the trails. Meet master naturalist Lynn Kochiss by the pavilion at Hurd State Park. Pack a lunch if you want and plan to picnic after the walk.

Movie Day: Friday, July 14, 1 p.m. *The Queen* will be shown. Treats will be served.

Wonderfully Wicked Women's Group: Monday, July 17, 10 a.m. This is a low-key op-

portunity to meet others and share resources. The group determines the topics for discussion for the next month. Sign up in advance.

Remembering G. Fox & Co.: Thursday, July 20. Take a trip to the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History for a behind-the-scenes tour of memorabilia from Hartford's iconic department store. Cost is \$19 per person. Lunch to follow, on you, at First and Last Tavern in Glastonbury. Limited bus seats available. The bus will meet at the senior center's lower lot at 10:15 a.m.; parking will be available there. Approximate return time will be 2:15 p.m.

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.

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

Class of '88 35th Class Reunion

The East Hampton High School Class of 1988 has entered a float in the Old Home Day Parade on July 8, followed by a get-together at Kick Back n' Bowl beginning at 1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to be on the float or walk in the parade. Alumni from classes of '85, '86, '87 and '89 are also welcome to attend.

Contact Lisa Loffredo if interested or for more information, at 860-930-0689 or LLoffredo@comcast.net.

RTC Awards Scholarships

The East Hampton Republican Town Committee has announced that two \$500 scholarships were awarded at the June 8 Senior Class Awards night. This year the scholarships were directed to seniors who were entering the trade industry.

The first scholarship was awarded to Grace Nichols, who plans on entering cosmetology school. The second scholarship was awarded to Bradley Tracy, who is pursuing a trade in welding.

The East Hampton RTC funds the scholarships through its annual Old Home Days fried dough booth.

OHD Parade to Honor Fire Department

On Saturday, July 8, the Old Home Day Parade honors the men and women of the East Hampton Fire Department and its 100-Year Anniversary. Several area firetrucks of all sizes and sounds are expected for the parade.

All local businesses, organizations, groups, clubs and teams are invited to participate in the parade. If you are designing a parade display, please consider these themes: "100 Years of Service – Thank You East Hampton Fire Department!"; "Local Recognition – Did a

citizen or group in East Hampton recently receive an award or recognition for their recent contribution to their school, town, state or country?"; or "The Power of Education – How can your display educate spectators?"

If interested in participating, fill out the Parade Request Form online at www.ehohd.org. For more information, contact Bo Tinson, parade chair, at 860-414-9712 or RLTinson@gmail.com.

East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., has announced the following. Registration required unless noted; to register, or for full program descriptions, call 860-267-6621 or visit 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.-1 p.m. **Note:** The library will be closed Saturday, July 8, for Old Home Days, and starting July 15, Saturday hours will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Children's Programs: Storytimes: 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.

Mindful Movements – Outside!: Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m., for ages 2-5 years – siblings welcome. This early literacy program will take place at Seamster Park/Memorial School playground. Bring a blanket/camp chair. In the event of inclement weather, story time will take place in the library Community Room.

Nintendo Switch Game Play – Grades 1-5: Friday, July 14, 2-3:30 p.m. Play Carnival Games. All skill levels welcome.

Junior Engineers: Saturdays starting July 15, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Try a variety of different

building materials in the Children's Room, including Legos, ItsPhun construction sets, Keva Planks, and more. Help yourself to the materials and build whatever you can imagine, or try one of the library's challenge cards for a chance to win extra Summer Reading raffle tickets. No registration required.

Art Explorers: All About Names: Tuesday, July 11, 2:30-4 p.m., for grades 1-5. Explore what makes names unique through hands-on crafts.

Teen Programs: Teen Dungeons & Dragons: Every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; next session July 12. 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.

Adult Programs: Find Your Voice: Podcasters In-Person Series: Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m. Hosts Tyler and Jeff cover everything in the Connecticut Craft Beer scene on the *1056 Podcast*. Learn how they got started, why beer is their topic of interest, and what the future holds for these Connecticut podcasters.

LibrarYoga with Amie Meacham: Monday, July 17, 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room. All levels welcome.

Cookbook Club – Camp Cooking: Tuesday, July 18, 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.

Belltown Book Blast: Friday, July 21, 10 a.m. Drop in for coffee or tea and bookish banter. Get a sneak peek at new releases, what's popular, and find out what everyone is reading.



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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.

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.

CommuniTea: Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.-noon. This is a monthly gathering to visit with neighbors and other patrons. Take out a book, have a cup of tea or coffee, and listen to live Americana music with a local band.

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.

Rails to Trail 5K

Old Home Days Rails to Trail 5K Run will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 7, in conjunction with Old Home Days. This is a point-to-point 5K race that will start at the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue.

Shuttle buses will be provided starting at 6:15 p.m. – departing from Center School to the start line. Race starts promptly at 7 p.m. The first mile of the race leads you down Chestnut Hill Road to Route 16, crossing over Route 16 to Alden's Crossing and taking a right onto the Air Line Trail. You will continue approximately two miles

down the shade covered Air Line Trail, crossing Forest Street, exiting at the Company One Firehouse on Barton Hill, left onto Main Street and right into the Center School driveway to the finish line at the Old Home Days fairground.

Entry fee is \$25. All participants that pre-register will get a free 2023 race T-shirt. For more information, contact Elisha Milton at 860-655-2743 or OHDrailstotrails@gmail.com.

Quilt Raffle

East Hampton Old Home Days is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a piece of history.

Handmade by Delores Morgano of East Hampton a "Quilt of Old Home Days Past." King-size natural cotton batting made with T-shirts from past Old Home Days. The quilt is on display at Town Hall. Tickets are \$5 (cash or check), and available at East Hampton Public Library or the town clerk's office.

The drawing will be Saturday, July 8, at 8 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Visit www.ehohd.org or call Pam Greenwald 860-965-4646 for more information.

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.

Dean's List

Annin Daley of East Hampton made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Castleton University in Castleton, Vt.

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 be held Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Proceeds will benefit the East Hampton Food & 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 for golfers to enjoy. Pre-registration can be made by contacting Cshirshac123@sbcglobal.net or call 860-267-8194.

Budget Referendum July 11

The date for the second budget referendum has been set for Tuesday, July 11. Hours are 6 a.m.-8 p.m., and the voting will take place at Town Hall.

Curbside voting will again be available on the left side of the building. The secretary of the state defines curbside voting as those electors who had an unexpected illness/injury who could not apply for absentee voting, or those who have mobility difficulties. The registrars request that if you don't meet those parameters, please park and walk into vote. Note: there is parking on the backside of the town hall.

Vacation Bible School at Hope Church

Hope Kids invites children going into grades K-6 to a summer Vacation Bible School the week of July 10-14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each day.

Kids will learn about God's love. The week will feature ames, crafts, music and more.

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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. 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 or call the church office at 860-267-4959 during office hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



Epoch Arts Accepting Tag Sale Donations

Epoch Arts is accepting donations for its annual fall tag sale. Donations can be dropped off at Epoch, 27 Skinner St., every second and fourth Saturday of the month, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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 mouses.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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 to learn more.

'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 \$15/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.ct-drafftrescue.org/2023-golf-registration, or email cdhr.golf@gmail.com.

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There will be an opening reception Saturday, July 1, from 1-5 p.m.

Police News

6/17: Kayla Jarvis, 32, of Bristol, was issued a summons and charged with misuse of plates, operating without a license and operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle, East Hampton Police said.

6/21: Donye Bunch, 34, of Middletown was arrested and charged with three counts of failure to verify address (sex offender registry), police said.

From June 19-July 2, officers responded to 27 medical calls, six motor vehicle accidents and 19 alarms, and made 34 traffic stops, police said.

Sponsors Sought for Old Home Days

Old Home Days is July 6, 7 and 8 - and sponsors are sought to help pay for the three-day Glorious Celebration.

East Hampton Old Home Days is run entirely on donations from the community and local businesses. All donations are welcome. To donate, visit www.ehohd.org. For sponsorship information, call Carl Guild at 860-813-2275 or carlguild@gmail.com.

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 for more information.

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.

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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.

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 for directions. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with the Rev. Diana Rogers.

Save the Date: There will be a 10 a.m joint worship service and picnic on July 16 with St. Stephen's in East Haddam. More details will follow.

Sunday School: New students are welcome. Contact the Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard for information at jneelrichard16@gmail.com.

Zoom Bible Study: Wednesdays from 6-7

p.m. Email bobette@kahn.com for more details.

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.

Parish Survey: Parishioners are asked to fill the survey out and return it as soon as possible.

Haddam Neck Fair Cookie Booth Fund-raiser: 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.



Back-to-Back Champs!... The East Hampton 11U All-Stars wins the tournament in back-to-back years. The championship game was held on June 24 against the Portland Blue Raptors. It was a close game for the first two innings, and East Hampton won 21-6.



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Budgets Head Back to Referendum

By Michael Sinkewicz

East Hampton residents will have their second opportunity next week to approve a municipal and school spending plan for the 2023-24 fiscal year, following months of debate and public input.

The referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11. Polls are open at Town Hall from 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Voters will deliver a verdict on a school budget proposal of \$35.86 million — a \$1.58 million, or 4.6%, increase over current year spending. The town budget is slated at \$17.99 million, around \$509,000 above the current fiscal year.

The mill rate would be solidified at 36.06 — a 1.4 increase; a property assessed at \$250,000 would cost about \$9,000 annually, up around \$30 a month.

One of the most significant changes compared to the original budget proposals, which were overwhelmingly defeated at the first referendum, is the restoration of \$250,000 to the district's budget that will allow teaching positions — which otherwise would've been eliminated — to remain in the spending plan.

This week, East Hampton Schools Superintendent Paul Smith once again praised the decision by the Town Council, telling the *Rivereast* that if approved, the budget would keep class sizes at a "reasonable level" and further the dis-

trict's efforts to recover lost learning from the pandemic.

"Two hundred fifty thousand restores everything I wanted," he asserted.

In addition, Smith celebrated a \$200,000 "concession" made by the unions that he said will further alleviate the burden on the district, and help secure the at-risk school employees.

The bottom line, Smith continued, is that the council followed the instructions left behind by the community through the referendum ballot advisory questions, which overwhelmingly revealed that voters believed both budgets were "too low."

Those questions will again be on the ballot this Tuesday.

Beyond the data provided on the ballot, the council had several opportunities to hear from residents. Throughout the budget season, hundreds of community members packed meetings to express their viewpoints; Smith praised the council's commitment to letting "public comment" segments of meetings extend past 90 minutes.

The message — Parents felt the couldn't support the budget unless the teachers were added back into the plan, Smith expressed.

"Parents and students were very involved," he said. "It was too important this year."

Students, for example, advocated for an East Hampton High School English teacher whose job was in jeopardy.

Smith cannot recall a stretch that compares to recent months in Belltown.

"I haven't seen parent support like this in the eight years I've been here," he said.

He added that the attention and public intrigue this year has extended beyond just school spending, with residents speaking up for the

whole town.

"People just don't want good schools; they want good town services," Smith asserted.

He urged people to remember that federal taxes are effectively out of citizens' control, but communities can actively influence their local taxes. Taking an interest, for or against budgets, is something to be commended.

"I think that's very healthy and a sign of a democracy at work," Smith said, adding that the turnout for the first referendum was perhaps the highest he can remember. "That's important. People are getting involved and that's how things are supposed to work."

He added, "I applaud people for coming out."

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. 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.

Dean's List

East Hampton residents Sam Gibson and Kyle Lapolt made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

Previously, the *Rivereast* reported that the Town Council followed the recommendation of the Board of Finance and voted to utilize American Rescue Plan Act [ARPA] funds to assist East Hampton Ambulance Association — the local volunteer ambulance service that, due to volunteer shortages, has to hire two 24/7 employees to cover the area's needs.

The decision, Town Manager Dave Cox said, spares the community from an additional tax burden while helping the EHAA; the proposed mill rate was unaffected.

Some members of the council have expressed interest in switching to a private service, an initiative that would face several obstacles, including the EHAA surrendering its supplies and vehicles.

Last month, the finance board also restored funding for a police lieutenant position and a patrol officer. The council then removed the police officer but kept the lieutenant. Police Chief Dennis Woessner has requested the position, asserting that he needs it to adhere to the demands of the state's police accountability bill, which was adopted two years ago.

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.

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A Long-Distance 75th Anniversary

By London Brazal

Through good and bad and ill, two pen pals recently celebrated 75 years of friendship across the Atlantic.

East Hampton native Anne Hecht started writing to Joan Huggins of Stockton, England, while in primary school in 1948. The two have been in contact since then.

Following World War II, having a pen pal "was the thing," Hecht said. Neither of the two could have predicted how close they would get, becoming like sisters.

Over the years, the two consistently wrote to each other but transitioned to communicating through the phone, as it became the new normal. One of the first people Huggins called was Hecht.

"We call each other weekly and continue to send cards for birthdays and holidays like Christmas," Hecht added.

No matter what, the two always had something to catch up on.

In 1973, the two met face-to-face for the first time on a rainy St. Patrick's Day in New York City. "When we met for the first time, I just knew it was her," Hecht recalled. A memento from that day, a blue ticket for the Royal Manhattan Dance Festival hosted at the Royal Manhattan Hotel, sits safely with other precious memories.

"She has always been a traveler," Hecht said of Huggins. "If she wasn't traveling here, she was somewhere else over there. Even now, she will hop on a bus and see more of what the world has to offer."

Huggins keeps the post offices busy by sending postcards from around the world to the Hecht family.

For most of the years of their friendship, Huggins came to the United States for multiple weeks. One of those weeks was designated to travel across Canada or the United States; Hecht brought Huggins as far west as California. To-

gether, they have been to cities from Newport, R.I., to Las Vegas, Nev.

Visits typically fell in November for Huggins' and two of Hecht's children's birthdays or March for Anne's birthday. However, they were not just visits; they were celebrations. In Europe, the two met in Germany several times while visiting Anne's husband's twin brothers.

What started as back-and-forth letters blossomed into two families joining as one. Hecht said, "My brothers-in-law even miss Joan when she doesn't meet us in Germany."

In 1998, when they joined for their 50th anniversary, Huggins gave a speech:

"Thank you for 50 years of friendship through good and bad and ill. I value your friendship now Anne and I know I always will."

As Huggins and Hecht were used to seeing each other annually, the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted years of tradition. But they could not stay separated for long.

This year, Hecht, her two daughters, Rosemarie and AnneMarie, and her son-in-law Michael, traveled to Stockton, England. Fully named Stockton-on-Tees, the northern market town is located in County Durham. "What a perfect year it was to see her again, since it was our 75th of knowing each other," Hecht said.

In England, Hecht's family was joined by Huggins, her son Colin and daughter-in-law Anne, and her grandson Owen and his partner Alice.

To make the trip even more perfect, there were five straight days of sunshine in England – something that is unheard of, Hecht remarked. She said they spent most of the time in the beautiful countryside, simply looking at the rolling emerald-green hills.

Hecht loved seeing the sheep and other cattle running along the roads as it reminded her of when she lived on a farm with an old farmhouse as a kid. The English countryside looked famil-



East Hampton native Anne Hecht and Joan Huggins of Stockton, England, have been pen pals for a remarkable 75 years. The two didn't meet face-to-face until 1973, but since have visited each other, and their families, several times. Seen here on a recent visit to Stockton are, back row from left, AnneMarie Hecht Bohan, Rosemarie Hecht and Colin Huggins; front row, Michael Bohan, Anne Hecht, Joan Huggins and Anne Huggins.

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One of the sure stops the families had to make was at The Drovers Arms Country Pub in Selby. The restaurant was featured in *All Creatures Great and Small*, a beloved show of Hecht's daughter. Furthermore, the two families visited notable sites in northern England.

To celebrate the joyous milestone, the two shared a pretty pink cake that was decorated with hearts, the number 75, and a silver crown

for Huggins to wear.

Ultimately, it was a simple but pleasant trip. Hecht and Huggins are always grateful for the time they share, especially since the families tag along.

Though, due to her age, Huggins' return to the States is less likely, Hecht said she and her family plan on returning abroad next year, just in time for Huggins' 90th birthday.

Mercy Honor Roll

Mercy High School President Alissa DeJonge has announced the following East Hampton students made the Honor Roll for the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 school year:

Seniors: High Honors: Harper Carlson; Honors: Mairan Hall.

Juniors: High Honors: Margaret McCormack.

Sophomores: Highest Honors: Clara Adelaide Romero; High Honors: Olivia Krina Arcari, Sianna Rose Fagan, Courtney Klewicki, Jerica Kathrine Leary, Gretchen Rita Lee, Sage Mary-Anne Svalestad; Honors: Riley Jean McCormick, Payton Jenna Polsonetti.

Freshwomen: Highest Honors: Lauren Riegler; High Honors: Calista B. Nephew; Honors: Natalia Clark.

Also, two Middle Haddam residents made the honor roll. Freshwoman Abigail Hintz earned Highest Honors, and freshman Eva Claire Hintz earned High Honors.

Resident Graduates

East Hampton resident Arthur Robinson IV recently graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with bachelor's and master's degrees in computer science, specializing in cybersecurity.

Robinson is currently employed at the MITRE Corporation as an embedded security engineer.

President's List

Residents Alexia Leon and Kathryn Arndt made the spring 2023 President's List at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

Leon is majoring in sport management and Arndt is majoring in psychology.

Dean's List

East Hampton residents Morgan Garcia, Helaina Maynard and Kaden Powers made the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island.



Helping Out Horse Feathers... The East Hampton/Marlborough Rotary Club recently presented a scholarship and a community grant to the Horse Feathers Veterans Program in East Haddam. Horse Feathers is an equine therapy program for veterans and first responders who experience post-traumatic stress. This program has been in existence since 2015 and meets Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ray of Light Farm, 232 Town St., East Haddam. The Rotary Club Foundation donated a \$1,500 scholarship to one of the attendees of the program and another \$1,500 in the form of a community grant. Shown here are Jackie Mickiewicz, coordinator, Evelyn Bailey, director, and Bonnie Buongiorno, the founder and president of Ray of Light Farm. Tom Donnelly, president-elect of the Rotary Club, is the presenter.

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Dean's List

Paul Heidel of East Hampton made the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Connecticut. Heidel is a senior majoring in natural resources, with a focus on climate and international relations.

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High School Honor Roll

East Hampton High School has announced its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 school year.

High Honors

Grade 9: Ava Archer, Marian Andoh, Sophia Aresco, Beckett Asklar, Michael Bellemare, Addison Bolton (Wellborn), Lilah Butson, Dylan Carlson, Anastacia Cooke, Klara Cygan, Madelyn Daniels, Hannah DePino, Matthew Drlik, William Faber, Andrew Fenton, Brielle Gay, Hailey Geoffrey, Aiden Gora, Jocelyn Gustavson, Jackson Hanson, Ava Jedziniak, Ashley Johnson, Kendall Jump, Ollie Kennedy, Abigail Kiernan, Julianna Korczak, Adriana Kromish, Jillian Leonardo, Mikah Levenduski, Bethany Limmer, James Limmer, Sophia Long, Jacob Marchinkoski, Eryk Mitkiewicz, Noah Mokrzycki, Aiden Niderno, Leah Norton, Chase Palmer, Sophia Perron, William Potter, Samantha Pugo, Angel Rodriguez, Jackson Surka, Declan Russell, Aubrey Stevens, Sydney Vicino, Caleb Wagner, Evan Wagner, Amelia Wiesner, Madelyn Wilk.

Grade 10: William Anderman, Alyssa Anderson, William Bothamley, Rachel Boudreau, Macie Brazal, Davyan Burke, Alicia Colegrove, Matthew Correia, Jonathan Crowley, Olivia D'Agostino, Olivia DeMartino, Oliver Dickson-Cotto, Jace Donohue, Cassie Dugan, Keira Engel, Addison Fraser, Skyler Frosti, Elliot Galovich, Kaitlyn Grenier, Madison Hall, Danielle Healy, Alison Hebb, Kaitlyn Ireland, Allison Jacobsen, Emily Jovel, Blake Kapernaros, Emma Kelly, Colin Kosek, Jacqueline Laboy, Gavin Ledas, Kristoffer Lintz, Evan LoPresti, Brady Lynch, Abbie Miller, Grace Montovani, Amanda Murphy, William Nafis, Theodore Nanos, Aiden Nolan, Baylee Olzacki, Jarod Ondas, Addison Partridge, Raleigh Paulauskas, Sydney Pettine, Lydia Roloff, Liana Salamone, Sierra Selger, Zachary Selger, Neha Sidana, Juliana Ssigalli, Keenan Spooner, Aiden Sullivan, Zachary Tassmer, Austin Taylor, Landon Vaillancourt, Sonja Venetianer, Gabriella Wiesner, Marlene Windbrake, Samantha Yorker.

Grade 11: Jason Beal, Austin Bigelow, Emma Braga, Riley Briggs, Erik Brody, Robert Buccheri, Logan Burnham, Nicole Carl, Brian Collisson, Audrey Cooke, Abigail Daley, Matthew Dickinson, Maya Dobson, Benjamin Donahue, Ethan Fields, Riley Flatley, Cameron Fraser, Teagan Frost, Madison Gay, Adriana Gonzalez, Rileigh Govoni, Ryan Govoni, Michaela Healy, Amarlylla Ingala, Lauren Johnson, Samantha Kearney, Ella Khongkham, Tyler Khongkham, Leah Kohler, Maya Korczak, Brayden Kramer, Nathaniel Laird, Christian Lanou, Sierra LaRose, Hailey Ledas, Brittney Lin, Madison Lockhart, Madison Lopes, McKenzie Magge, Aidan Maiorino, Maya Marino, Logan Markward, Benjamin Maynard, Tyler Millett, Charlotte Minnick, Anthony Miro, Amber Murphy, Erica O'Connor, Liam Owen, Aiden Palen, Artur Piech, Shane Proxee, Ophelia Pugliese, Holly Pugo, Madison Reola, Luisa Rojas, Delaney Russell, Jacquelyn Russell, River Schiavoni, Katherine Searles, Jaden Sinsigalli, Aiden Sones, Camryn Sprague, Sonoma Steiner, Delaney Sullivan, Cadence

Thibodeau, Emily Tinson, Kali Trapp, Louis Uliano, Hailey VanBlaricom, Andrew Wagner, John Wilson, Alexander Zimmerman.

Grade 12: Weston Allis, Isabella Bafumi, Alyana Burke, Reagan Burt, Ephraim Butson, Sophia Cahoon, Tyler Carrington, Abigail Chrin, Joshua Christian-Kent, Virginia Decker, Lehan Dharmatilake, Salem Didato, Daniel Drlik, Benjamin Fazekas, Jenna Field, Matthew Gallmon, Caidyn Galovich, Mia Garuti, Meaghan Hall, Melanie Hurt, Brennan Johnson, Danielle Johnson, Georgia Jump, Eshani Karkun, Cody Keilbach, Kaleigh Kiernan, Noelle Lavender, George Magaldi, Ethan Markward, Kate Marshall, Sophia Martin, Brianne Miller, Jewel Miranda, Jenna Murphy, Jordan Murphy, Benjamin Nolan, Ryan O'Sullivan, Savannah Partridge, Matthew Penn, Lucas Phillips, Mikaela Rich, Aiden Rine, Aiden Robichaud, Madelyn Rolland, Kira Roloff, Sophia Shellenberger, Alexander Sones, Robert Stanford, Julia Stone, Taylor Sylvester, Jaelyn Taylor, Shea Thibodeau, Josiah Torres, Olivia Trumbull, Alexander Urban, Emily Vick, Adam Wacht.

Honors

Grade 9: Gabriel Allis, Lila Babcock, Francis Barry, Carly Blakey, Alexis Cardenas, Richard Carl, Jack Cote, Izzy Dickinson, Ryder Fijalkowski, Nadia France, Madeline Griswold, Ethan Hall, Sophia Johnson, Dean Jump, Moon Knouse, Talor Lambo, Domenic Mangino, Colin Marshall, Jake Morrone, Mackenzie Mortimer, Grace Pekar, Jaelynn Ray, John Riley, Cheyenne Rodriguez, Shane Ruggiero, Brooke Ryan, Landon Searles, Samantha Traino, Victoria Twiss, Marley Zinkerman.

Grade 10: Katherine Banack, Micah Buckley, Natalia Calvo, Sophia Calvo, Charlotte Cascio, RubyGrace Casey, Colton Chrin, Lauren Correa, Gabriel Cygan, Gavin Fazekas, Claire FentressEmma Giovanelli, Parker Gustine, Zachary Howland, Kathryn Johnson, Jackson LaPolt, Angela Lombardo, Faith Machnik, Marissa Martin, Allison McGuigan, Maren Milewski-Mason, Rylee Montalvo, Jillian Oakley, James O'Brien, Avery Parmelee, Tess Parmelee, Arianna Petrone, Charlotte Pinaud, Julianna Rau, Jadin Sawyer, Aidan Trombino.

Grade 11: Bryce Bailey, Enja Barry, Andrea Berg, Sophie Billings, Ethan Blakey, Teghan Brennan, Izabella Buccheri, Nathan Couture, Daniel DeLauro, Dickerman Sean, Thomas Fenton, Lucas Gagne, Lyndsey Gravel, Matthew Hull, David Johnson, Jason Johnson, Noah Leon, Gabriel McMillian, Evan Michaud, Sadie Michaud, Valentina Morales, Julia Morrell, Kylie O'Brien, Finn Piper, Mackenzie Player, Hailey Pyrek, Jakub Remiszewski, Alyssa Snyder, Nathan Torres, Zachary Trinks, Makayla Wolf, Chelsea Woods.

Grade 12: Madeline Ballou, Kydance Cardillo, Nicholas Chunko, Kevin Collins, Madeline Crumb, Michael Fauvel, Alexander Gordon, Charles Griswold, Maddox Howland, Nathaniel Ireland, Kayli Levenduski, Sabrina Lisboa, Macy Marozzi, Thomas Morton, Alexis Pettine, Joshua Sattler, Zachary Schools, Sophia Theobald, Oren Wilson, Benjamin Wysor.

Middle School Honor Roll

Honor roll students for the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 school year at East Hampton Middle School are:

High Honors

Grade Eight: Raymond Basley IV, Azalea Cartier, Hunter Cashin, Alexis Castellani, Andrew Christensen, Arielle Clark, London Clark, Kota Cloutier, Macie Coleman, Olivia Correia, Madeline D'Elia, Lilly Engel, Kayleigh Engle, Michael Farrell, Owen Fielding, Daniel Fields, Luke Garcia, Pearl Gaston, Shea Gaughran, Isla Gerrie, Kaelyn Gould, Kailyn Granatowski, Savannah Groeper, William Haslam, Justin Hotchkiss, Nora HYTE, Joseph Jarzabek, Maja Kieda, April Kleszcz, Benjamin Kohler, Dolan Krasnitski, Mineth Kulatunga, Hudson Lombardi, Ryan Lopes, Kelsey Lynch; Madison McGlynn, Helena McMillan, Madison McMillian, Emma Meleo, Madeleine Mohr, Eva Moren, Kenji Nichols, Cormac Ordonez, Paige Ottone, Braelyn Paddock, Peyton Paiva, Bryn Parmelee, Skye Peck, Lillian Pinkleton, Devin-Patrick Preble, Gabriela Proxee, Aubrey Root, Dempsey Russell, John Salafia, Zephra Sanderson, Daniel Sullivan, Kaylan Sullivan, Teagan Sullivan, Logan Supinski, Adelle Sylvester, Nathan Tiano, Empress Valencia, Taylor VanBlaricom, Mya Viveiros, Valery Volchynska, Andrea Wanat, Samantha Werme, Josie Wilson, Helena Wisniewski, Sebastian Woodson, Ethan Worrall, Maria Zabroski.

Grade Seven: Alexis Bailey, Julia Barry, Kylie Bigelow, Anna Bothamley, Mathias Bueno Olascuaga, Noah Cahoon, Savannah Carrington, Amelia Chrin, Samantha Coleman, Brandon Coppolelli, Kailyn Crowley, Noah Cyr, Anja Czaja, Charlotte Daniels, Giuliana DonAroma, Taylor Dudek, Dakota Duplin, Cole Eighthy, Lauren English, Hadley Fazekas, Gabriel Finn, Owen Flannery, Adriana Garcia, Joseph Guiliano, Brett Gustavson, Brianna Gustavson, Cailan Hall, Abigail Hambidge, Sean Hargreaves, Holden Hines, Jason Hurt, Grady Johnson, Kaitlynn Johnston, Addison Jump, Shonali Karkun, Aiden Kelly, Addison Kentzler, Eliana Kiernan, Gavin King, Eli Kloepper, Grace Krug; Emily Le Moine, Caden Lee, Kenzie Lee, Ella Lessard, Alyssa Levenduski, Owen LoPresti, Alexander Maalouf, Trent Mackie, Brenna Mai, Jasmine Martin, Hudson Milardo, Noah Miro, Jack Morrell, Peyton Moulthroppe, Leah Murphy, Nethum Nakandala, Mackenzie Napiello, Kaya O'Brien, Kaeden Owen, Addison Perkins, Bryce Pierson, Sadie Pinaud, Ava Ploszay, Travis Raines, Mason Rall, Kayla Rau, Emily Rawlinson, Ryan Reola, Elise Roy, Jakoby Stevens, Katelyn Stiles, Mackenzie Strickland, Brooklyn Thorpe, Logan Thorpe, Avery Trombino, Kaelah Van Wey, Samuel Vitiello, Juliana Ware, Peyton Wentworth, Elizabeth White, Zoey Wilks, Gabriella Zisk.

Grade Six: Patrick Adams, Aehan Amith, Alyssa Arnold, Emily Baer, Samuel Bafumi, Landon Baillargeon, Matthew Balamucki, Ala-

na Banks, Brooke Bellemare, Arianna Blancato, Ryder Bonin, Samantha Braga, Chloe Brown, Jack Busher, Avery Cashin, Gabriel Cavanaugh, Garrett Chretien, Georgia Clark, Gabriella Cooke, Wren Cuthbertson, Samuel D'Amore, Gianna Doll, Olivia Doolittle, Emma Egan, Alexandria Ellison, Corbin Engle, Ryan Flannery, Brayden Flynn, Skylar Ford, Nora Foster, Peyton Frucce, Bennett Galovich, Hadley Galovich, Giana Garuti, Brody Ghagan, Hayden Groeper, Connor Guarino, Avery Guild, Derek Guiliano, Maddox Hansen, Meadow Hart, Garrett Heath, Vitaliy Herasym, Tristan Hickey, Charlotte Hills; Alayna Jensen, AmyAnne Jewart, Aloma Johnson, Cara Johnson, Alexander Jovel, Emma Kissane, Elsie Kovitch, Angelina LaFleur, Gianna LaFleur, Lily LaPlant, Tamzin Lemire, Landen Lord, Shannon Mahoney, Lila Malinka-Morgan, Nathan McCormick, Aurora McMahan, Thomas McMahan, Molly McWade, Makayla Mikulski, Riley Millett, Mia Milton, Reagan Moquin, Joaquin Moren, Ethan Mortimer, Jackson Moulthroppe, Ama Nakandala, Garrett Neary, Miya Nichols, Patrick Nunes, Hayden O'ryan, Grady Ottone, Charlotte Palmer, Dash Palmer, John Perez, Daniel Peterson, Kayleigh Philbrick, Lachlan Plante, Julianne Poe, Aoife Pont, Emma Riddell, Tristan Robinson, Quinn Surka, Kendall Sawyers, Alexander Scanlon, Maximus Schunk, Logan Seaman, Summer Smith, Emma Snyder, Ciarán Stanton, Mason Stino, William Supinski, Mason Tierney, Mckayla Wanat, Reid Wilk, Gianna Zadroga.

Honors

Grade Eight: Hailey Adams, Lee Barron, Abbie Dipace, Grace Flannery, Bryce Gagne, Kellen Garvey, Madison Grgas-Tucilo, Brian Kostoss, Julian Kramer, Avery Leitch, Hunter Pelletier-Gates, Dalton Steben, Abigail Trinks, Caitlynn Zory.

Grade Seven: Carmelo Aresco, Forrest Bellucci, Olivia Currier, Luke Davidson, Elijah Dickson-Cotto, Jaxson Kentzler, Brendan Kissane, Gavin Kloepper, Preston McGrath, Vincenzo Niosi, Alivia Peterson, Cayden Schooner-mann, Hunter Steiner.

Grade Six: Joshua Clark, Kailynn Cruz, Brayden DeFilippo, Aiden Hatcher, James Kochuk, Christian Landry, Mark Marozzi, Logan Matte, Jonathan Pearl, Ashton Shumbo-Jenks, Adam Tiano.

Dean's List

Shannon N. Bristol of East Hampton made the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

Bristol is a senior biology major in the university's College of Arts and Sciences.

President's Honors List

East Hampton residents Noah Gibson, Reilly Keegan, Josh Rudder and Sean Svaestad made the spring 2023 President's Honors List at the University of Hartford.

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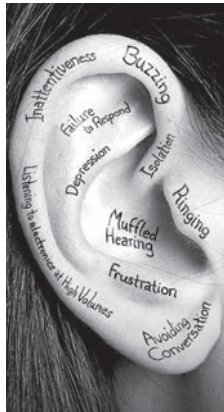
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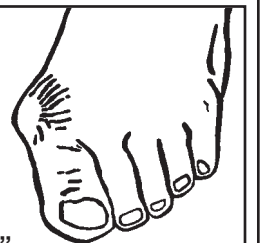
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are Manchester at 14.44% and East Hartford at 15.78%.

It is good that the Marlborough Zoning Commission has passed two new responsible developments: South Main Street Apartments that will offer 10 affordable rentals and North Main Street Greylock Property Group which offers 5 affordable units for sale (out of the 48 proposed in all). But we still have a long way to go.

I believe that beautiful Marlborough should embrace diversity. I would like to hear different languages spoken around town. Affordable housing could be for the grown child out of college or high school who wants to be independent from parents, the Ukrainian refugees who come with their families, a widow who does not need or want to go into assisted living, a hard-working urban renter who wants to get out of the city, and more. Marlborough can be diverse, beautiful, interesting, stimulating and diverse.

Sincerely,
Christi Rentsch Moraga
Marlborough resident and
Citizen of the World

Hebron Survey Speculation

To the Editor:

There is still time for Hebron's residents to participate in the Public Works survey; entries will be received until July 15. A link to the survey and information about the Public Works project are posted on Save Hebron Center on Facebook, with printed copies available at Town Hall and the Douglas Library.

Meanwhile, I am amazed by the speculation and suspicion raised by Hebron's Board of Selectmen and their own committee responsible for creating the survey. Committee member Mark Stuart called the rollout of the survey "haphazard" and stated "the only thing that is going to make this survey meaningful is a high rate of participation from the community." I wonder what constitutes this high rate of participation? Will that threshold be announced before or after the survey is closed? BOS Chairman Daniel Larson is concerned an individual might try to "stuff the ballot box." I wonder if Mr. Larson is referring to an individual who supports his perspective on the Public Works plan or one that is opposed to his perspective?

In addition to questioning their chosen process, the selectmen have also made several other dubious choices. They have chosen to ignore the environmental dangers presented by Mr. William Warzecha, a 36-year specialist on road salt contamination with CT DEEP. They have chosen to obscure the fully documented warning from the Hebron Green Committee. They have chosen not to engage with Prof. Robert M. Thorson, a University of Connecticut expert in historic stonewalls. And perhaps most troubling of all, they have chosen to dismiss residents from across Hebron that have been showing up, raising concerns and offering valuable information.

Despite all of this, I still urge residents to take the survey and let the BOS know the only responsible choice is to keep Public Works at Old Colchester Road.

Sincerely,
Kevin J. Tulimieri - Amston

You're Still Not Listening

To the Editor:

Last Wednesday, June 28, I attended Colchester's Board of Finance meeting to hear how the members of the board would respond to our recent budget referendum, where the town and school budgets both failed and the voters resoundingly selected "Too Low" as the reason for their "No" votes.

You'd think that with a message from voters that the proposed budgets were too low, the board would be looking at ways to add funding back in for critical programs and basic needs of the town and schools. You'd be wrong. Two members of the Republican caucus suggested a maximum \$100K increase to the school budget (restoring programs would take \$300K) and the other two said they wouldn't vote for anything

above a zero increase. Similar discussion for the town budget.

The current town budget proposal does not provide sufficient funding for library staff and doesn't reflect the increase in the Connecticut minimum wage. The proposed school budget reduces Pre-K, increases class sizes, institutes pay-to-play for band (a graded class), and cuts a business department teacher at the high school, critical for career readiness. Is this really what we want for our town and schools?

Instead of listening to the voters, our elected board members seem to be going their own way again. The board chair even threatened to lower the budgets and remove the advisory "too high/too low" questions from the ballot. There was a strong suggestion at the meeting that the "No" voters were too dumb to think for themselves and/or didn't know what they were voting for. What a lack of respect for our democratic form of government.

Please pay attention to what's happening and vote, vote, vote. Especially in November.

Susie Milner - Colchester

Thanks, Mel's and Inishmor

To the Editor:

The Board of Directors for the Bacon Academy Scholarship Fund (BASF) would like to extend our sincere appreciation to two Colchester businesses for their support. Both Mel's Downtown Creamery and The Inishmor have hosted evenings where a portion of their sales have been donated to BASF. These donations are then awarded yearly to Bacon Academy seniors in the form of scholarships to offset the cost of college and/or trade school. We hope that area readers will join us in continuing to support these businesses.

Anyone wishing to learn more about our organization or interested in making a donation may visit our web page at www.baconacademy scholarshipfund.org.

In gratitude,
Danielle Marra Galligan, '92
President, Bacon Academy Scholarship Fund

Greed

To the Editor:

"[H]ow shocking it was that an American politician could rise to the most prominent office in the land by scapegoating people of color. Donald Trump looked at working-class white folks and said, 'Yes, you're frustrated. Yes, you're in pain. And we're gonna tell you the source of your pain. The source of your pain is not us. It's not the rich folks who tanked Wall Street. It's not the rich folks who own all the property. It's not the 1/10th of 1% of Americans that own as much wealth as the bottom 90%. It's not the 38 Americans who have the same net worth as the bottom half of Americans. It's not us. It's those poor folks. It's those working-class folks. It's those brown people coming across the border.'" (Tim Wise, author of *Dear White America*)

It's not the LGBTQ, not the brown and Black folks, not the Jewish; it's the ultra-rich. They own news stations and even Supreme Court justices. And anytime we bail out corporations, members of Congress, farms and the ultra-rich, they call it capitalism. When we try to pass student loan forgiveness, all of sudden it is socialism, communism. We were spending \$300M a day in a 20-year war. We can afford student debt relief; we can afford health care. No one should go bankrupt in six months for treating cancer. No one should go hungry in the United States of America. No one should be living out of a tent on our streets.

Annie Steinbrecher - Marlborough

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AHM Annual Golf Tournament

All are invited to AHM Youth and Family Services' 20th annual Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, July 21, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

With the support of players and sponsors, this event benefits the mental health, drug prevention, and youth & family services AHM provides for local children, teens, young adults, families and seniors.

Cost per player is \$125. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, hole-in-one contests, morning and midday snacks, a swag bag with a commemorative 20th Anniversary AHM hat, a luncheon & hot dog cart provided by Ted's IGA, and more.

Visit ahmyouth.org/fundraisers-events/charity-golf-tournament to register.

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.

Visit ahmyouth.org/make-a-donation to donate.

Youth Wrestling Camp

There will be a RHAM Youth Wrestling Camp July 10-14, from 5-8 p.m. each day, at the RHAM High School gymnasium, for boys and girls in grades K-8.

The camp will include skill development, drills, games and a takedown tournament. Cost for the camp is \$75 plus a valid USAW card (\$46).

For more information or to register, email rhamyouthwrestling@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/rhamyouthwrestling or clubs.bluesombrero.com/rhamyouthwrestling

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kept the museum open – and the same is happening again this year. More help is always welcome, however; call Marty Podskoch for information 860-267-2442 or if you would like to be a volunteer.

This is pretty cool: Jah Marley, an R&B artist from Colchester, teamed up with New Haven R&B artist Tonija Monet to release the song "witchu" a few weeks back, on June 16. The music video, shot by Kayode Opeifa of Final Focus Films, released that same day.

In the new duet, Jah Marley and Tonija Monet flirtatiously exchange verses of their infatuations for one another, smooth-talking their desires over a 2000s-style R&B/pop beat.

"I do not know what this girl is doing to me. All I know is, I wanna spend more time witchu."

Growing up in the late 1990s and early 2000s, Jah Marley vividly remembers sitting in the backseat of his mom's minivan with his brother, bumping to deep-cut R&B, he said in

a press release sent to the *Rivereast*.

These back-and-forth trips from New York to Connecticut manifested "witchu," Jah Marley said. He said he had always wanted to create a song that fit the R&B sound of his childhood favorites, like Usher, B2K, and Justin Timberlake.

Jah Marley said he is thrilled about the new release, and said he and Tonija Monet are "both emerging artists from two different parts of Connecticut coming together for a new hot, sexy, 2000s-themed song for the summer. This is also my first duet and my first time collaborating with another female artist, and super excited of the fact it's with another Connecticut artist. This is our pop star moment."

Interested in hearing the song for yourself? Check it out – and see the music video – at www.youtube.com/jahmarleymusic.

See you next week.

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College Bound Athlete – Mia Quesnel

By Josh Howard

Mia Quesnel has six siblings that watched her become an all-state soccer player at Portland High School. Luckily, the entire family will have the opportunity to watch the 2023 PHS graduate play at the next level.

“I am excited to announce my commitment to play DII soccer at the University of New Haven,” Quesnel announced on social media earlier this year. “Huge thanks to all my family, friends, and coaches for making it possible.”

For Quesnel soccer and family go hand in hand, so she determined to find a college in Connecticut where she could continue to live out her passion and stay close to loved ones.

“Family is everything to me,” Quesnel stated. “They are my biggest support group; they are always there to take my mind off of things.”

After she started playing soccer at the age of four, Quesnel played on multiple youth and club teams where she developed into a dominant defender.

This past fall, Quesnel played through an ankle injury and closed out her career in high school with an all-state season as a defensive captain for a Highlanders team that advanced to the state semifinals in the Class S tournament.

“[Soccer] has shaped all of my personality. It’s made me into the leader I am,” said Quesnel. “It showed me that if you are going to do

something, you should stick with it. You can’t stop when you’re halfway through.”

Quesnel also credited her club coach, Todd Sadler, at Oakwood Soccer Club for helping her get to the next level. She also trained with Sadler throughout the summer in preparation for her senior season and in preparation for her college search.

Sadler called Quesnel “very driven” and noted that she joined the club team as a “big, strong, athletic kid.”

“She has all the intangibles and does a lot of those things that no one wants to do,” added Sadler. “She is tough, she is willing to learn, and is super coachable — all the things a coach would want in a player.”

During her time at Portland High, Quesnel also served as the president of National Honor Society and the vice president of her class for two years.

Quesnel called the students, teacher, and coaches at PHS “super supportive.”

“It’s a small community where you know everyone. You also get to know the other teams really well, because you play against them for four years,” added Quesnel, a three time all-conference selection. “I appreciate my family and friends in the community for supporting me. There were always people in the stands cheering us on.”



All-State Portland High School soccer player and 2023 graduate Mia Quesnel will play soccer at the University of New Haven. Quesnel, who is one of seven kids, is pictured from left with siblings Nathan Jr, Avery, Stevie Lyn, mom Melissa, and dad Nathan. Not pictured: siblings Michael, Christian and Andrew.

During her senior year at PHS, Quesnel toured the campus at UNH and instantly developed a rapport with head coach Laura Duncan, who has been leading the Chargers program for a dozen years.

“I really enjoy the environment of the school; it’s a great campus,” recalled Quesnel. “I knew I wanted to play soccer at the next level and I wasn’t sure where that would be, but when I visited I knew it would be the perfect match.”

Sadler, who has been an assistant soccer coach at the University of Hartford since 2019, agreed that Quesnel and UHN are a perfect pairing.

“I’m really happy for her. The future is definitely bright for her and she’ll fight for a spot as a freshman,” added Sadler, “She’ll figure things out pretty quick. She is one of those kids that will be hard to keep off the field.”

In New Haven, Quesnel will study health sciences as she joined her Chargers team that plays in the Northeast-10 Conference.

“I’m honestly excited to expand my opportunities and learn to adapt to new things,” Quesnel said of UNH. “I’m not used to being in a bigger school, so I am excited to grow with other people and start a new chapter in my life.”

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.

On July 9 and 16, worship will be held at 10 a.m. at South Church on Pleasant Street in Middletown, with the Rev. Kristen Provost Switzer preaching. Worship will then be in Portland July 23 and 30 and Aug. 6 at 10 a.m.; then, starting Aug. 13, worship will take place at First Church on Court Street in Middletown. Sunday worship will resume in Portland on Sept. 3 at 10 a.m.

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.

YFS News & Notes

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

Summer Kick-Off: The summer kick-off was postponed due to rain, and will be rescheduled at a July date to be determined. The day will include a mobile petting zoo from Farm on Wheels, and free ice cream from Ice Cream Emergency! There will also be lawn games, and Portland Library, Portland Parks & Recreation and local businesses will have tables.

Youth LGBTQ+ Drop-In Night: Wednesday, July 19, 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.

Home Alone Safety: Monday, July 17, 5-6:30 p.m., on the first floor of the Buck-Foreman Community Center, 265 Main St. Kids ages 8-13 are invited to learn about potential dangers and how to deal with different situations when home alone. Space is limited; register at bit.ly/Home-Along-Safety.

Drop-In & Draw Arts & Crafts: Friday, July 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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.

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 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. Teen campers will go on an average of two field trips per week. Cost for the camps varies by week.

Summer Concert Series: Tuesdays, July 11-Aug. 8, 6:30-8 p.m., at Riverfront Park. The schedule is: 7/11: Mixed Signals; 7/18: The 70s Project; 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:** Wednesdays, July 19 and 26, from 4:30-5:15 p.m.; and **Enchanted Fairies Dance:** Wednesdays, Aug. 9 and

16, from 4:30-5:15 p.m. Fee per two-week class: \$25.

Themed Dance Classes: For ages 6-8, held at The Inner Circle. **Magical Unicorns Ballet & Tap:** Thursdays, July 20 and 27, 5:15-6 p.m.; **Rhinestone Round-Up Tap & Jazz:** Thursdays, Aug. 10 and 17, 5:15-6 p.m. Fee per two-week class: \$25.

Adult Tap Dance Exercise: Wednesdays, July 19 and 26; or Aug. 9 and 16, at The Inner Circle. All levels welcome. Cost is \$50.

Come Dance with Me: For ages 18 months-4 years. Thursdays, July 20 and 27; or Aug. 10 and 17, 4:30-5 p.m., at The Inner Circle. Fee: \$50.

Kiddie Camp: For ages 3-5. Weekly sessions start July 17, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at PHS. Cost: \$115/residents, \$125/non-residents.

Kids’ Karate: For ages 6 and up. Tuesdays, July 11-Aug. 15, 4-5 p.m., at The Inner Circle. Cost: \$72.

Self-Defense for Women: Sundays, July 9, July 23, or Aug. 13, 6-7 p.m., at The Inner Circle. Cost: \$30.

Tiny Tumblers: For ages 2-4. Mondays, July 10-Aug. 14, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., at The Inner Circle. Children will learn the basics of gymnastics. Cost: \$72.

Kickboxing: Mondays, July 10-Aug. 14, 7-8 p.m., at The Inner Circle. For both the beginner and advanced student. Cost: \$72.

Skyhawks Tennis Camp: Monday-Thursday, July 17-20, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Portland High School tennis courts. For beginning, intermediate or advanced players. Cost is \$145.

Restorative Yoga Workshop: Wednesday, July 19, 6-7:15 p.m., at Portland Riverfront Park. Space is limited to just five people. Cost is \$20.

Skyhawks Camps: Monday-Thursday, Aug. 14-17, 9 a.m.-noon, at Portland Riverfront Park. Cost is \$189 for Sports and Games Camp, and \$145 for Mini-Hawk Camp.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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 to learn more.

President’s Honors List

Portland residents Desmond Cleary and Amber Ostrander made the spring 2023 President’s Honors List at the University of Hartford.

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Mondo Continues Family Tradition, Chooses CCSU

By Josh Howard

RHAM's record-breaking runner Isabelle Mondo is literally following in the footsteps of her older sisters.

"I am so excited to announce that I will be running cross country and track and continuing my academic career at Central Connecticut State University," Mondo announced in April. "Thank you so much to my parents, friends and coaches for helping me get to this point."

Mondo's sisters, Olivia and Madeline, previously ran for CCSU and after an extensive search — which included a school in California — she too decided to run for the Division I Blue Devils in New Britain.

She noted that longtime CCSU running head coach Eric Blake, who coached both of her sisters, was a big reason she ultimately chose to stay in Connecticut.

"It worked out really great," Mondo said of her decision to stay local. "I'll be living on campus, so I still get that feeling of being away from home, but my siblings and family can come to the meets."

After playing soccer and basketball growing up, Mondo began running races with her older sisters before joining the cross-country team in middle school.

"I started training and started seeing progress and got addicted to that. I really fell in love with it all," recalled Mondo. "It has taught me the importance of hard work. You have to set your goals and have a certain mindset to achieve those goals. It has really allowed me to become a more determined person."

After she ran the seventh fastest championship time in program history during a 6th place finish at the Wickham Invitational this fall, a broken bone in her foot wiped away the rest of her senior cross-country season.

RHAM cross-country head coach Dan Martin said that, despite the setback, Mondo contin-

ued to be the ultimate team leader as the Raptors prepared for the stretch run.

"She was always supporting the girls and encouraging them," added Martin. "That is her in a nutshell. She is a wholesome person that thinks of others. She just wants to see everyone get better and see the team get better."

Mondo called not being able to compete with her teammates at the cross-country state finals "devastating" — yet she immediately began to rehab in preparation of winter's outdoor track and field season.

Four months following the break in her foot, Mondo broke the school record in the 3,200 meter record at the conference championship and then won the Class M state championship at the Floyd Athletic Center in New Haven on Feb. 11.

During the outdoor track and field season, she won the 2-mile race at the Patriot Games in April and then took first place at the 2k Steeplechase — breaking another school record — at the Greater Manchester Track and Field Invitational in May.

She then closed out her high school career by competing in the Steeplechase at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor Championships that took place at the University of Pennsylvania.

Along with being a three-season runner, Mondo was very active in the community and in the school.

She was the class treasurer and belonged to both the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society.

Mondo, who was born and raised in Marlborough, said she will miss the people and the closeness of the community, adding that it will be tough being away from her sister Olivia, who she called her biggest supporters and was one of her coaches at RHAM.

"She has been running with me my whole life and my coach throughout," stated Mondo. "That



Recent RHAM High School graduate Isabelle Mondo will run cross-country and track at CCSU. Mondo is flanked by her cross-country coach Dan Martin to her left and her sister/coach Olivia Mondo on her right.

will definitely be a tough transition, but I'm still excited for everything."

Luckily for Mondo, she will have another familiar face joining her at Central as teammate and fellow 2023-RHAM graduate Rachel Bartolucci has also committed to run for the school.

Mondo said she is approaching her transition into college as a fresh start and looks forward to the challenges of running against top collegiate talent.

Martin believes that Mondo's will and desire

to improve, along with her positive outlook, will suit her well at the next level.

"She is very determined," added Martin. "She wanted to have her best season she could as a high school athlete and she put in all the hard work over the summer. She'll do everything she needs to do to succeed."

At Central, she will study civil engineering as she continues the Mondo tradition of blazing trails and tearing up the tracks in New Britain.

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 Gregoire and Susan Hourihan, and wheel-thrown stoneware by Ray Marino.

During July, the gallery will be open on each Saturday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. An artistic demonstration will take place on four Saturdays

in July: Jennifer Chaffee will do a pastel demo on July 8; Gabby DuCharme will do a painting demonstration on July 15; 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 or call 860-467-5363.

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.

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

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-

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.

Read to the Dogs: Monday, July 10, from 6-7 p.m. Young readers are invited to come in and read to a certified Reading Education Assistance Dog; there are now two dogs coming. Pre-registration for a 15-minute session is required. Limit one child per 15-minute time slot per dog.

Parks and Rec Programs

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions or to register, visit 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.

Lego: July 10-14, at Marlborough Elementary School. Ninjaneeing, for ages 5-7, is 8:30-11:30 a.m., and Ninjaneeing Masters, for ages 8-12, is noon-3 p.m. Fee: \$145/resident, \$150/non-resident.

Tiny Twirlers Dance Class: For ages 2-3 with caregiver. Tuesdays, July 10-Aug. 19, 6-6:30 p.m., or Thursdays, July 12-Aug. 21, 9-9:30 a.m. Class held at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Fee: \$78.

Other Dance Classes: All held Tuesdays, July 10-Aug. 19, at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Fee: \$108. Offerings are: Funky Tumblers, for ages 4-7, 6:30-7 p.m.; Sparkling Spinners, for ages 3-5, 9:30-10 a.m. or 4:30-5 p.m.; Hip Hop Dance Class, for ages 9 and up, 7:15-8 p.m.; Dazzling

Dancers (Tap), for ages 3-5, 10-10:30 a.m. or 5-5:30 p.m.

Watercolor Painting: For grades 3-6. July 11-13, 9-11 a.m., at MES. Fee: \$90/resident, \$95/non-resident.

Pee Wee Craft Corner: For grades 1 and 2. July 11-13, noon-1:30 p.m., at MES. Cost: \$55/resident, \$60/non-resident.

Skyhawks Flag Football Camp: For boys and girls ages 6-10. July 17-21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee: \$159/residents, \$164/non-residents.

Acrylic Landscape Painting - Grades 1 & 2: July 18-20, 9-11 a.m., at MES. Fee: \$90/resident, \$95/non-resident.

Drawing: July 18-20, noon-1:30 p.m., for grades 3-6. Fee: \$85/resident, \$90/non-resident.

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.

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@marlbroughhistory.org. You can also visit marlbroughhistory.org for more information or write to: Marlborough Preservation Society, P.O. Box 351, Marlborough, CT 06447.

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Local Students Recognized... This year, Marlborough Elementary School celebrated the artistic accomplishments of Avery Colantonio and Tanner Smith, who were both recognized in Pentel's 53rd International Art Exhibit and contest. Avery earned an honorable mention and Tanner earned a Supreme Gold Award. In addition, two students were recognized by Marlborough Fire Marshal Joe Asklar for their CT Fire Prevention posters; Karina Mirabel was honored in fourth grade, and Sreen Gjonbalaj was honored in fifth grade. Pictured from left are Karina and Sreen with Asklar; Avery with art teacher Denise Ketterer and Tanner with Ketterer.

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; the link is at the bottom of the page on the left-hand side.
 For more information about any of these commissions, email CEO@marlbrough.ct.net.

East Catholic Honor Roll
 The following Marlborough residents made the East Catholic High School honor roll for the fourth marking period of the 2022-23 school year:
Honors with Distinction: Emma Kindl, Class of 2023; Christopher Richard and Luke Veltri, '24; Kamden Bevans and Lucy DeCorleto, '26.
First Honors: Grace Veltri, '25.
Second Honors: Andrew DeCorleto, '23.

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 reg-

istration is required. **Assistance** is also available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Food Bank: Located at 3 Willhenger 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.

Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday Worship and Sunday School at the Congregational Church of Marlborough, United Church of Christ, 35 South Main St., is at 10 a.m. Worship is streamed every Sunday at mcc.marlbroughchurch.org and recorded for later viewing at the website. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided downstairs in the nursery but children are always welcome at the worship service. Activity bags, prepared by the deacons and Christian Education Team, are provided for older children to use during worship. Sunday School resumes Sept. 10.

Sunday, July 9: Service will be led by the Rev. Valerie Seaver.

AA meets downstairs in the Great Hall Wednesdays with two meetings, one at noon and another at 7:30 p.m.

Outreach: The church supports a variety of mission projects. The church collects non-perishable food items year-round for Marlborough Food Bank with a basket located in the narthex

for Sunday worshippers to bring their donations. On July 9, the Junior and Senior Youth Group members will prepare and serve lunch and visit with the residents at Florence Lord Housing. In November, the church will sponsor the evening meal at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Middletown.

Second Blessings Thrift Shop is now closed for the summer to prepare for fall. It will reopen Friday, Sept. 8. The shop is open for selling and donations this summer by appointment by contacting the church at office@marlbroughchurch.org. The shop sells and weekly lists new items year-round through eBay at bit.ly/MCCebay.

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

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; 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 stjohnfisher30@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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Sundays, 4-5 p.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. For more information, call the church office.

Confirmation Community: The church's 9th- and 10th-grade confirmation program continues. Registration is required as well.

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

Community Outreach and Service: Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank. Sandwich-making and collection is the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown.

President's Honors List

Marlborough residents Kyle Dickinson, Nathan Green and Garrett Kleinhnen made the spring 2023 President's Honors List at the University of Hartford.

Dean's List

Marlborough residents Lucian Lawrence, Avery Rizza and Kayla St. Jean made the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island.

The Community Garden is once again breaking ground to benefit Marlborough Food Bank and supply fresh produce in season. 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 or adult faith formation, youth group, RCIA, Knights of Columbus or other ministries, call the office, visit www.stjfisherchurch.org, or look for the church on Facebook (Saint John Fisher Roman Catholic Church).

Resident Elected President of Lions Low Vision Centers

Local lawyer Kevin McNally, Marlborough Lions vice president and advocate for the visually impaired, has recently been elected president of the Lions Low Vision Centers. This appointment marks a significant milestone in promoting inclusivity and empowering individuals with vision loss.

McNally is a 54-year-old Marlborough resident who was diagnosed shortly after birth with Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP), a rare degenerative retina disease. McNally was born in Hartford, raised in Simsbury and attended Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. McNally attended Quinnipiac University School of Law and is a licensed Connecticut attorney. McNally is legally blind.

The District 23B Lions Low Vision Centers, which serve Hartford and Litchfield counties, provide rehabilitation services to individuals with visual disabilities. The centers partner with established healthcare facilities and are staffed with occupational therapists that are specifically trained in helping patients with low vision.

"Low vision" is that degree of vision loss that can no longer be corrected by eyeglasses, contacts, medicine, or surgery.

In 1925 Helen Keller challenged the members of the Lions club international to become "knights of the blind"... in this crusade against darkness. "Let no deaf, blind child go un-




Kevin McNally

taught, no blind man or woman go unaided." The Lions clubs of Connecticut are meeting that challenge in many ways, including the operation of the low vision centers. Clients seen at a Lions Low Vision Center must be under the care of an eye care professional, and must have been seen by them within the last three months.

For more information, or to support the work the low vision centers do, email McNally at kevin@kevinmcnally.us.



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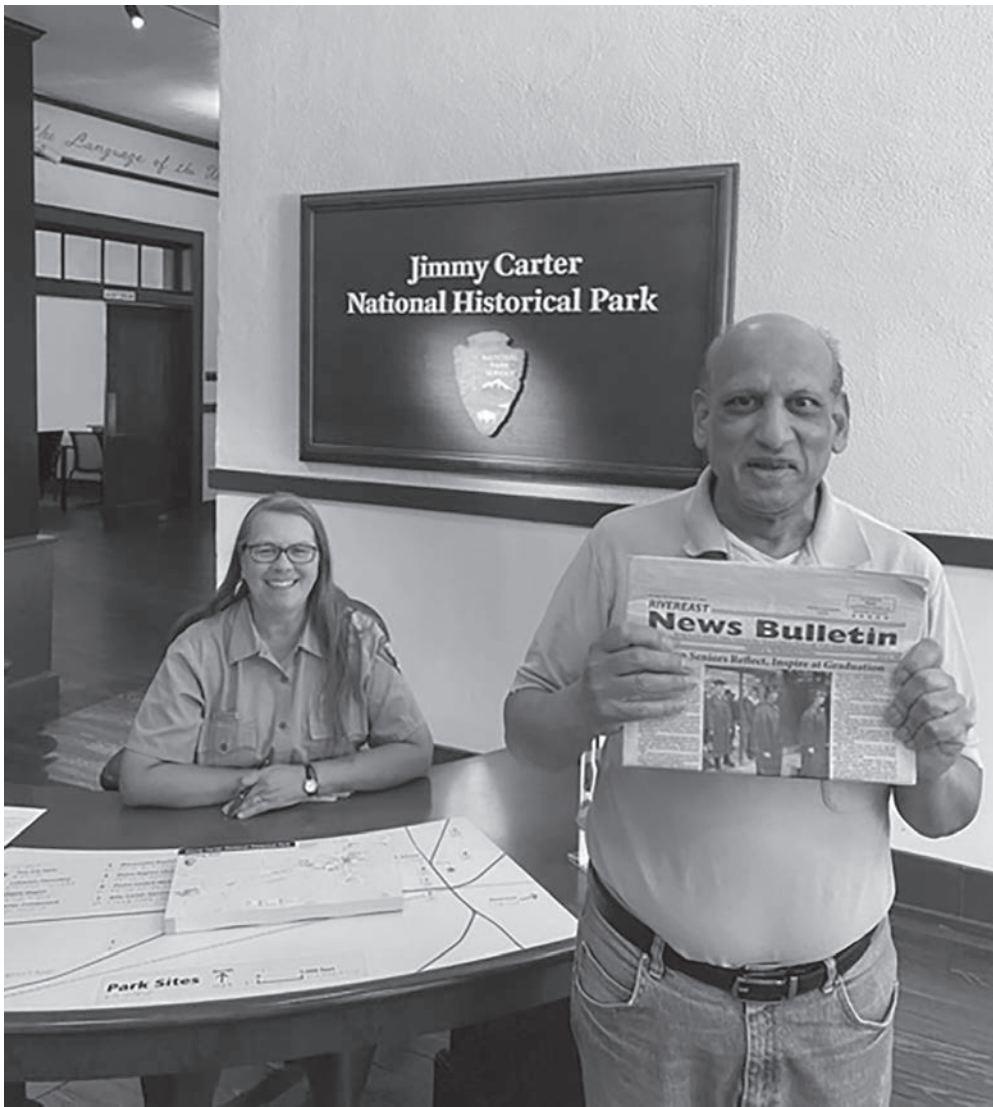
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From Portland to Port Clyde... Peter and Salme Kushkowski of Portland are shown here at Marshall Point Lighthouse in Port Clyde, Maine. Forrest Gump ended his west-to-east run across America by running up the catwalk to this lighthouse. The Kushkowskis have vacationed in this area for 40 consecutive summers.



Rivereast Goes to Guinea... Carla Pomproicz of Hebron recently traveled to Guinea, West Africa, with Bolokada and Friends Village Project Inc. to help facilitate a medical training program for village health care workers. She of course brought along her *Rivereast*!



Rivereast Hits the Plains... Indar Nathasingh of East Hampton recently visited Americus, Ga., to celebrate his mother's 90th birthday, and he took a side trip to Plains, Ga., where he visited the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site, an old high school-turned-museum.



Bridging the Gap... Amston residents Kevin and Tracy Maher recently visited Ireland. They stayed in the Gap of Dunloe and brought the *Rivereast* with them on their trek through the gap!

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Obituaries

Colchester

Elizabeth Wolstenholme

Elizabeth (Liz) Wolstenholme, 86, of Colchester, beloved wife of Roy Wolstenholme, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, June 29. Born in Middletown on Feb. 9, 1937, she was the daughter of John and Betty (Shaffer) Hartinger.



Liz graduated from East Hampton High school in 1955 and married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Roy. Liz and Roy were married for almost 65 years and spent 54 of those years in Salem raising their family.

Liz was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and co-worker. She enjoyed working as a sales representative for Dutchmaid Fashions and S&S Leather, where she developed life-long friendships. A woman ahead of her time, she was able to balance a career while raising her family. With her strong work ethic and appetite to learn, she always challenged herself by learning new technologies, reading and keeping her mind sharp by playing daily puzzles such as Sudoku, 7 Little Words and Wordle. Liz cherished the time she spent with her family, whether it be a hot summer day by the pool, especially her grandchildren, going out for lunch with loved ones or just relaxing in her back yard enjoying the abundance of nature.

Liz's love was unconditional – she always saw the best in people, had a quick wit, made you feel loved, welcomed and always able to lift your spirits when you needed it the most. Her spark, especially the twinkle in her eyes telling you that you were loved, will be greatly missed by her loving family: husband, Roy Wolstenholme; daughters, Cathleen Wolstenholme, Susan and husband Zenko Salecky, Lisa and husband Burton Stowe; son, Ross Wolstenholme; sisters, Janet Marchand, Anna Hecht; grandchildren, Joseph and wife Kristen Salecky, Timothy Salecky; along with many other extended family members and friends.

Along with her parents, Liz was predeceased by her half-sister, Marie Johnson.

Calling hours were held at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home Thursday, July 6, with a funeral Mass that afternoon at St. Andrew Church in Colchester. Burial will be held privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Diabetes Association, <https://diabetes.org/?form=Donate>, or the Salem Land Trust, P.O. Box 2133, Salem, CT 06420.

To sign the online guestbook or share a memory of Liz, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Colchester

Lori Ann Rubbo

Lori Ann (Becker) Rubbo, 60, of Colchester, formerly of Waterbury, gained her wings on Monday, June 26, after a valiant fight against ALS and has joined family and friends who predeceased her.



Lori was born on Nov. 15, 1962, daughter of the late Philip Becker and Barbara Becker of Waterbury. Lori was a loving wife to her husband Dan of 27 years, a devoted mother to her daughters BriAnna Rubbo and her husband Jake Slomski of Southington and Alyssa Rubbo of Colchester, as well as a compassionate sister to her brother Phillip Becker of Guilford and her sister Beth Barlow of Murrells Inlet, SC.

In addition to her husband, daughters and siblings, Lori leaves behind a niece, Alexandra Becker; a nephew, Joseph Barlow; numerous extended family members; and a host of close friends who she always viewed as family.

While Lori's daughters were the center of her world, she was a mother figure to many others who crossed her path; from her daughters' friends, to her cousins, extended family and friends. Lori's main goal was to make sure her loved ones were cared for and felt loved. She spent most of her time checking in on others and putting their needs before her own.

While being a mom was Lori's most prized possession, she was also a passionate artist who used her gift to start a small business designing beach-themed jewelry and home decor. She drew inspiration for her creativity from time spent in Pawleys Island, S.C., where she and her family created countless precious memories together. While in Pawleys Island, Lori loved to comb the sands for hours in search of elusive Pawleys Island shells, indulge in late evening ice cream sundaes, and simply watch sunsets over the ocean.

Her infectious smile, laugh and caring personality often provided the cure for what others were going through, while also allowing her to be a mother figure and caretaker to young and old alike.

In lieu of services, Lori's wishes were for family and friends to please make a donation in her name to either the ALS Association of Connecticut or Team Gleason, to help find a cure or provide support and assistance for those individuals and their families impacted by ALS. ALS Association of CT: <https://tinyurl.com/yr3ht4y>. Team Gleason: <https://teangleason.org/donate/>

A memorial Mass will be held for Lori at St. Peter & Paul Church (67 Southmayd Rd., Waterbury) on Saturday, July 8, at 11 a.m.

Colchester

Sandra Lee Wolf

Sandra Lee (Burton) Wolf of Colchester, who was born Feb. 15, 1946, in Portland, Maine, passed away Thursday, June 29, at 77 years old.



She was a 1966 graduate of Norwich Free Academy. She often loved watching hummingbirds and absolutely loved husky puppies. She had a great respect for her religion and spent many hours reading the Bible.

Sandra donated to many charities but her greatest love in life was her family. She will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

She was predeceased by her parents, Edward and Laura Burton.

Sandra left behind her husband of 55 years, Walter, and their children, Melody Wolf, Lori Yelton (Sidney), Michael Wolf (Michelle), and Lisa Jilek. Also left behind are her grandchildren, Phillip (Jennifer), Nicholas, and Jessica Inkel, Tyler and Zachary Jilek.

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LEGALS

Town of East Hampton, Connecticut Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency Wetlands Agent Approval

Pursuant to CGS Section 22a-42a (c) (2) the following application has been approved by the duly authorized agent of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency of the Town of East Hampton for an activity within the Upland Review Area.
Number: IW-23-0 15
Applicant: Lawrence Marsiglio
Location: 13 North Hollow
Activity: Construct 6' x 8' deck within Upland Review Area.
Jeffrey M. Foran
Duly Authorized Agent
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

1TB 7/7

TOWN OF COLCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Due to a lack of Quorum at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday 6/20/23, the Zoning Board of Appeals will now hold a Public Hearing at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday 7/18/23 at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT 06415 to hear and consider the following petition(s):

1. Application No. ZBA 2023-002 of Jeffrey P. Naples (Owner/Applicant) - 155 Westchester Rd (MBL#05-14/016-000) - Application for variance from Section 3.4.4.A.2 of the Town of Colchester Land Development (Zoning) Regulations to reduce the front yard setback requirement from 100' to 35'.
2. Application No. ZBA 2023-003 of Sam & Nancy Wilson (Owner/Applicant) - 7 Melanie Lane (MBL# 02-10/018-01A) - Application for variance from Section 3.4.4.A.2 of the Town of Colchester Land Development (Zoning) Regulations to reduce the front yard setback requirement from 100' to 50'.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. These applications are on file for public review on the Zoning Board of Appeals Webpage and in the Land Use Department at Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Suite 105, Colchester, CT. Zoning Board of Appeals
Laurie Robinson, Chair

2TB 7/7, 7/14

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE OF MARLBOROUGH REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The Marlborough Republican Town Committee will be holding a Caucus on Friday July 21, 2023 for the purpose of endorsing candidates for election on November 7th 2023 for municipal office. The Caucus will be open to all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of Marlborough and will be held at The Farm at Carter Hill at 86 E. Hampton Rd. in Marlborough CT. Check-in will start at 5:30 PM and the Caucus will start at 6:00PM. Submitted by Patrick Pabouet, Chairman, Marlborough Republican Town Committee

2TB 6/30, 7/7

LEGAL NOTICE CONSERVATION COMMISSION COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

The Colchester Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing at a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. to be held at Colchester Town Hall at 127 Norwich Avenue in Room #2 on the following:
W2023-3081- 155 Westchester Road, Jeffrey and Donna Naples-Applicants/Owners, Assessor's Map 05-14 Lot 016-000, proposal to excavate onsite wetlands area to convert into a pond.
 Dated at Colchester, CT, this 28th day of June 2023.
 Falk von Plachecki, Chairman

2TB 6/30, 7/7

Notice – Volunteers Needed Town of Colchester Fair Rent Commission

The Town of Colchester is seeking resident volunteers to fill 5 Member and 2 Alternate positions on the Fair Rent Commission, which was created in 10/1989 and has not had an active membership since 2/2015.
 Pursuant to Article VII of the Colchester Code of Ordinances and Sections 7-148b through 7-148f of the Connecticut General Statutes, this Commission: "...shall make studies and investigations, conduct hearings and receive complaints relative to rental charges on housing accommodations..." "...may compel the attendance of persons at hearings, issue subpoenas and administer oaths, issue orders and continue, review, amend, terminate or suspend any of its orders and decisions..." and, if "...after a hearing, [the Commission determines] that the rental charge or proposed increase in the rental charge for any housing accommodation is so excessive... as to be harsh and unconscionable, it may order that the rent be limited to such an amount as it determines to be fair and equitable". Persons interested in volunteering in this capacity should complete and submit a Board & Commission application to the Office of the First Selectman, which can be found on the Town website here: www.colchesterct.gov > Forms & Documents > First Selectman's Office > Board & Commission Application.
 Questions or concerns about the Fair Rent Commission can be directed to the First Selectman's Office by telephone at (860) 537-7220 or by email at firstselectman@colchesterct.gov.
 Dated July 5, 2023
 Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

2TB 7/7, 7/14

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR'S LEGAL NOTICE

All persons liable to pay taxes to the Town of Marlborough as levied on the October 1, 2022 Grand List which includes Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle, are hereby notified that the first installment is due July 1, 2023 and will be delinquent August 2, 2023. The second installment will be due January 1, 2024 and delinquent February 2, 2024. Delinquent bill will be subject to interest of one and a half percent a month reverting to the due date or 18% a year.
 Minimum interest is \$2.00. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the interest or tax. If you do not receive a bill, please check online at marlboroughct.net, bill lookup or contact the Tax Office. Tax bills \$800.00 or less are due in one installment. Bills over \$800.00 are due in two installments. The Mill Rate for Real Estate and Personal Property for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year is 34.73. The Mill Rate for Motor Vehicles is 32.46. Tax payments can be mailed to Tax Collector, P.O. Box 29, Marlborough, CT 06447, placed in the DROPBOX at Town Hall, in person at the Tax Collector's Office during normal business hours or, paid online www.marlboroughct.net with Mastercard, Visa or ACH. Tax Collector hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. - Noon
 Respectfully submitted,
 Barbara C. Murray
 Tax Collector

3TB 6/30, 7/7, 7/21

TOWN OF PORTLAND LEGAL NOTICE

Legal notice to the taxpayers of the Town of Portland that the first installment of real estate and personal property taxes if over \$100.00 on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 are due and payable July 1, 2023. If the amount owed is \$100.00 or under the bill is due in full. Motor vehicle taxes are due and payable in full by August 1, 2023.
 Taxes not paid in full on or before August 1, 2023 become delinquent and are subject to interest of 1.5% from due date of July 1, 2023.
 Minimum interest charge will be \$2.00.
 Quarterly Water and/or sewer usage bills are due and payable July 14, 2023. Payment not made in full on or before August 15, 2023 will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month from due date.
Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax nor interest. For tax information or to PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE. Visit our website www.portlandct.org. Please contact the Collector of Revenue if you do not have a bill.
 The Collector of Revenue and Revenue Collection Assistant are available by telephone (860) 342-6737 or email cgotta@portlandct.org.
 The staff will be out of the office on Monday, July 3, 2023 and July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day.
 The normal staffing hours are as follows:
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Cynthia L. Gotta CCMC
 Town of Portland
 Collector of Revenue

3TB 6/23, 7/7, 7/21

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Republican Town Committee meeting for the Town of East Hampton on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6:30pm at Lakeside Bar & Grill, 81 North Main Street, East Hampton, CT to endorse candidates for municipal office.

1TB 7/7

TOWN OF COLCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

At its Special Meeting of June 26, 2023 the Colchester Historic District Commission made the following decision:
Certificate of Appropriateness - COA 2023-003 – of Van Cleve House, LLC (Owner) and Ellen Sharon (Applicant) – 184 South Main Street (MBL# 12-00/029-000) – Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace asbestos shingle siding with beveled cedar clapboard, replace and repair damaged soffit, fascia and trim with like materials and design. **APPROVED**
 Dated June 29, 2023
 Historic District Commission
 Stanley Stefanowicz, Secretary

1TB 7/7

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER REVENUE COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

To the property owners of the Town of Andover:
 The first installment of the taxes listed on the October 1, 2022 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Andover on July 1, 2023. Payments must be postmarked, paid on line, or brought to Town Hall by August 1, 2023 to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged starting August 2, 2023 on all delinquent bills at a rate of 18% per year (1½% per month) from the due date of July 1st, with a minimum charge of \$2 for each bill. All motor vehicle taxes that become delinquent will be reported to DMV on August 2, 2023.
 View or pay taxes online at www.andoverct.org. Cash, check or money order payments are accepted at the Town Hall during business hours. Payments by check or money order may be mailed to the Tax Collector's office or placed in the drop box outside Town Hall. Office hours in July are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:15 am – 4:00 pm. The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in honor of Independence Day. Please refer to www.andoverct.org for updated office hours.
 Failure to receive a tax bill will not invalidate the tax or any interest which may, by State law, accrue.
 If you have any questions, please contact the tax office at 860-742-4035 option 4.
 Eileen Curtin, Tax Collector
 Town of Andover
 17 School Road
 Andover, CT 06232

3TB 6/30, 7/7, 7/28

TOWN OF HEBRON TAX COLLECTOR'S LEGAL NOTICE

Taxes levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 become due and payable on July 1, 2023. Real Estate tax bills of less than \$250, Personal Property tax bills, and Motor Vehicle tax bills shall be due in a single installment on July 1, 2023. Real Estate tax bills over \$250 shall be due and payable in two equal installments on July 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024.
 Taxes received/postmarked by **August 1, 2023** will be considered timely. Payments received/postmarked August 2nd or later will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month or 18 % annually from the due date in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. Initial interest starting August 2nd is 3% of outstanding taxes with a **minimum** of \$2.00 per tax account. **State Statutes dictate that failure to receive a bill does not invalidate amount due.**
 Please make **checks payable to: Town of Hebron**. Payments may be mailed to: **Tax Collector, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248-0134**. A secured drop-off box is located on the lower level, south side of the building for payments. Please see the town's website www.hebronct.com for on-line payment options.
 The Collector's office is located in the lower level of the Town Hall at 15 Gilead Street. Our hours are Monday to Wednesday 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm, and Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Tax and Assessor's Offices will close from 12:30 to 1:15 Monday – Thursday for lunch to accommodate a reduction in staff.
 Respectfully,
 Adrian MacLean
 Hebron Revenue Collector

3TB 6/23, 7/7, 7/28

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ATTENTION ALL TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the Town of East Hampton taxpayers that taxes for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 are due and payable on July 1, 2023. The last day on which to pay without penalty is August 1, 2023. Real estate and personal property taxes are based on a temporary mill rate of 34.66 mills which equates to \$34.66 in taxes per \$1,000 of net assessed value. Motor vehicle tax is based on the state mill rate cap of 32.46 mills. Tax bills are mailed on June 28, 2023.
 Taxpayers will receive an additional bill for the second installment of real estate and personal property taxes with the permanent mill rate in December 2023. It is likely the permanent mill rate will differ from the temporary mill rate resulting in the second installment being different than the first.
 Late payments will be subject to interest penalty at the rate of 1 ½% per month or a fraction thereof, 18 % per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130, 145 and 146. Payments legibly postmarked by the USPS on or before August 1, 2023 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Tax Office. Payments received August 2, 2023 or later, and payments received without postmark are considered past due. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20.
 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 should the tax become delinquent.
 Please make checks payable to: Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting www.easthamptonct.gov Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm.
 Respectfully,
 Kristy L. Merrifield, CCMC
 Collector of Revenue

3TB 6/23, 7/7, 7/21

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing On Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in Town Hall, 26 North Main Street.
 APPLICATION #ZBA-01-23 – Linda T Nachtigal – 86 Saner Road (applicant/property owner) - is seeking variance of Article Three A.1, Minimum Requirements, Article Three A.3 Conformity of Buildings & Land, Article Three A.5 Reduction of Lot Areas or Minimum Required Yards, Article Three A.9 Minimum Required Yards, Article Six D. 2.c Rear Yard Setback, in order to construct a garage with a Rear Yard Setback of 20 feet where 50 feet is required.
 Written testimony should be sent at least 24 hours ahead of the public hearing date to building@marlboroughct.net, and oral testimony may be given during the public hearing.

1TB 7/7

TOWN OF COLCHESTER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Colchester Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on July 19, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Colchester Town Hall Meeting Room at 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT to hear and consider the following petition(s):
PZC2023-010 of the Town of Colchester Planning & Zoning Department (Applicant) – Proposed Regulation Amendments to Sections 3.3, 3.4, 5.3.2, 8.3, 8.9, 15.3 and 20.4 of the Town of Colchester Land Development (Zoning) Regulations.
 At this hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is located in the Land Use Department and Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).
 Planning & Zoning Commission
 Joseph Mathieu, Chair

2TB 7/7, 7/14

MDTC Caucus For Municipal Offices for the November 2023 Election

To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of Marlborough, Connecticut
 Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party and State election laws, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on Wednesday July 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Drive, Marlborough, CT. Check-In will start at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this caucus is to endorse candidates for Municipal offices and to transact such business as may properly come before the caucus.
 All enrolled members of the Marlborough Democratic Party of Marlborough CT are welcome to attend.
 If you have any questions on this caucus, please contact -Ann Kilby at 860-306-8769.
 Secretary –
 Aileen Vrooman

2TB 7/7, 7/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION 7:00 P.M., JULY 18, 2023 ON-LINE VIA WEB-BASED PLATFORM

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 The Andover Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on an application from Jacob Surdam to operate a Home Occupation (landscaping business) at the property known as 87 Merritt Valley Road, Andover in accordance with Section 4.12 of the Andover Zoning Regulations. The Public Hearing will provide an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and/or comment on the proposed activity. Written comments may be submitted in writing either electronically to zoning@andoverct.org or at the Building and Land-Use Office, Town Hall, 17 School Road. Written comments must be submitted a minimum of 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please direct any questions you may have to the Zoning Agent at 860.742.7305, x 4220.
 Jim Hallisey
 Zoning Agent

2TB 7/7, 7/14

"TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET FOR - SECOND REFERENDUM July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024"						
	Actual 2020-2021	Actual 2021-2022	Approved 2022-2023	COUNCIL APPROVED 2023-2024	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	2023 to 2024 Percent Change From Original Bud.
EXPENDITURES						
EDUCATION	\$ 32,131,949	\$ 33,081,988	\$ 34,273,597	\$ 35,858,655	\$ 1,585,058	4.62%
TOWN OPERATIONS (Town Government)						
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	4,376,452	4,537,583	4,850,126	5,192,713	342,587	7.06%
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,840,660	2,943,569	3,024,706	3,148,046	123,340	4.08%
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	496,067	489,044	524,527	542,268	17,741	3.38%
CULTURE & RECREATION	1,093,637	1,089,602	1,236,308	1,264,362	28,054	2.27%
REGULATORY	429,226	413,913	461,822	453,858	(7,964)	-1.72%
PUBLIC WORKS	2,197,122	2,240,138	2,357,193	2,419,634	62,441	2.65%
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS						
OTHER FUNDS	42,500	42,500	42,500	42,500	-	0.00%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	816,931	812,725	812,725	809,500	(3,225)	-0.40%
DEBT SERVICE	3,225,519	3,627,183	4,176,461	4,122,435	(54,026)	-1.29%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 47,650,063	\$ 49,278,245	\$ 51,759,965	\$ 53,853,971	\$ 2,094,006	4.05%
REVENUES						
FEDERAL REVENUES	\$ 2,523	\$ 2,803		\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
GRANTS - STATE OF CT (EDUCATION)	6,960,837	6,939,862	6,922,849	6,983,124	60,275	0.87%
GRANTS - STATE OF CT (OTHER)	645,880	635,587	834,744	1,009,662	174,918	20.95%
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES	973,760	911,083	638,800	670,535	31,735	4.97%
OTHER REVENUE	99,286	129,550	72,880	72,480	(400)	-0.55%
INVESTMENT INCOME	8,777	13,795	10,000	100,000	90,000	900.00%
PROPERTY TAX REVENUE (PRIOR YEARS)	894,118	1,286,731	819,100	827,500	8,400	1.03%
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS	26,517	27,315	28,135	28,980	845	3.00%
TOTAL REVENUES (Before taxes & fund balance)	\$ 9,611,698	\$ 9,946,726	\$ 9,326,508	\$ 9,692,281	\$ 365,773	3.92%
USE OF FUND BALANCE						
PROPERTY TAXES (Motor Vehicle) Capped at 32.46 mills		\$ 3,788,736	\$ 4,665,638	\$ 4,927,770		
PROPERTY TAXES (Real Estate and Personal Property)	\$ 37,899,013	\$ 36,904,519	\$ 37,267,819	\$ 39,233,920		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 47,510,711	\$ 50,639,981	\$ 51,759,965	\$ 53,853,971	\$ 2,094,006	4.05%
NET GRAND LIST (REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY)	\$ 1,157,829,579	\$ 1,080,488,641	\$ 1,091,760,840	\$ 1,104,571,825	\$ 12,810,985	1.17%
NET GRAND LIST (MOTOR VEHICLE)		\$ 114,802,450	\$ 145,923,728	\$ 154,122,392	\$ 8,198,664	5.62%
VALUE OF MILL	\$ 1,140,462	\$ 1,064,281	\$ 1,075,384	\$ 1,088,003		
ESTIMATED COLLECTION RATE	98.50%	98.50%	98.50%	98.50%		
ADOPTED MILL RATE	33.14	34.53	34.66	36.06	1.40	4.04%
EAST HAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL						
Mark Philhower, Chairman						
Tim Feegel, Vice Chairman						
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EMPLOYMENT

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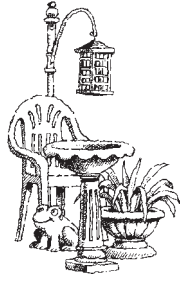
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