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Hebron Nurse Donates Kidney – to Total Stranger

By Michael Sinkewicz

A woman she never met needed a life-saving kidney transplant. And Hebron resident Wendy Clark was there.

In January, Clark, a nurse at Windham Hospital, was captivated by an article outlining the dire circumstances facing a fellow medical worker.

According to the details in the *Heartbeat* — an electronic publication covering the Hartford HealthCare network — a medical assistant at Hartford Hospital's general surgery department, Lucy Donofrio, required a new kidney to stay alive.

On July 20, following a months-long process, Clark became a living kidney donor — although, as it turned out, not for Donofrio.

Clark, 60, has been a Hebron resident for 38 years. She's been a nurse for even longer, spending the last decade with Hartford HealthCare.

Growing up, she said, her family performed countless "random acts of kindness" — generosity that carried on throughout her life. Whether through the day-to-day grind of her profession, local blood drives or community activism, Clark was always willing to help.

But taking the leap to become an organ donor is undeniably a different tier of generosity.

After reading Lucy's story, the decision seemed simple.

"It just kind of spoke to me in my heart and soul," Clark said.

A link at the bottom of the article fleshed out the subject and the prevalence of kidney-related complications throughout the country. Over 100,000 people are currently on the waiting list for a kidney transplant and 13 people die every day waiting for an operation, according to the National Kidney Foundation.

However, the delay can be drastically reduced through living donors.

Receiving a kidney from a deceased donor



Hebron resident Wendy Clark was all smiles last month as she was prepped to donate a kidney — to a total stranger. "It is my ultimate random act of kindness," she said last week.

may take upwards of 3-5 years, according to the foundation. But with a living donor, that period can be trimmed to 3-6 months.

"The more I learned — I was supposed to do this," Clark asserted.

She could complete her donation through the

Hartford Hospital Transplant Program, contingent upon passing all of the required tests.

After five months of evaluation, blood work and CT scans, it was evident that Clark — who consistently exercises and doesn't drink or smoke — was an ideal candidate; her kidney was extremely healthy. However, there were other factors out of her control that would impact her donation.

Clark learned she was not a match with Donofrio, so Donofrio went through the "Voucher Program" of the National Kidney Registry, which allows her to still receive a kidney — just not Clark's.

The voucher program creates a "domino effect" or daisy chain, with multiple donors connecting with several different recipients. Overall, through Clark's efforts, at least two people will ultimately receive their life-changing operation.

Unfortunately, a suitable match hasn't yet been identified for Lucy, according to Clark, but "it's better than being on a list for years."

As for Clark's kidney, it ultimately went to a woman at the Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass., who was compatible.

While the exact identity of her kidney recipient is currently unknown, Clark knows her donation potentially saved a life.

"It is my ultimate random act of kindness," she expressed.

If everyone executed their own special gestures, no matter how small they seemed, "we'd live in a different world," she added.

As the surgery date approached, Clark's conviction didn't waver. She knew her personal risk was minimal — the mortality rate for donors is extremely low — and the program's reputation was exceptional.

When she was carted into the operating room, she gave two thumbs up.

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Tension Continues Between EHAA, Council

By London Brazal

Tension between the East Hampton Ambulance Association (EHAA) and East Hampton Town Council continues — following the Ambulance Association's recent decision to not allow council members a voting spot on its Board of Directors after all.

Earlier this year, the local volunteer East Hampton Ambulance Association asked the Town Council for \$173,000 in funds to hire per diem employees to help aid its volunteer shortage. Association members said COVID-19 placed a strain on the organization — an issue that was compounded when the Town Council denied the association funding from the town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money.

Initially, both the Town Council and the Board of Finance bristled at this request — but in April, the council hosted a special meeting/

workshop with the EHAA's Board of Directors. Councilman Brandon Goff said he thought there could be members from the Town Council and Board of Finance on the Ambulance Association's board as long as they were active members. EHAA's Chief of Service, Donald Scranton, agreed that an active member would be fine as Goff continued to talk about the transparency between the organizations.

At that meeting, EHAA treasurer Dave Shulman announced a motion that was passed in a previous meeting of the association. The bylaws were modified to increase the Board of Directors membership to nine — and offer up to two seats to members of the Town Council and/or Board of Finance. Basically, Shulman explained, "If you give us the money, we're going to give you two members on the board."

After the first budget referendum failed on May 30, the Board of Finance and Town Council discussed budget changes. At the June 6 Board of Finance meeting, the board passed a motion 5-2 that \$280,000 from the ARPA funds would go to the Ambulance Association for operational costs. At the Town Council meeting on June 13, the council passed the resolution with a 7-0 vote. On the July 11 referendum, the town's budget passed.

Following the referendum, the Board of Finance appointed Republican Deb Cunningham as their representative to the EHAA's Board of Directors. At the Town Council's meeting on July 25, the council appointed fellow Republican Brandon Goff. The Democrats on the Town Council, however, disagreed with a board mem-

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The remaining sessions are: Aug. 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: Humor, Health and Happiness; Aug. 23, 8-9 p.m.: Resilience, Self-Compassion.

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

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

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The **Economic Development Commission (EDC)** and **Sustainable CT Team** are pleased to announce that Marlborough’s **LOCAL BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY** is live! Please go to the Sustainable CT page under Boards and Commissions on the Town of Marlborough website (marlboroughct.net) to access the Directory.

The Directory offers a diverse range of **over 200 local businesses and organizations** that serve our community — everything from shopping, retail and restaurants to programs, events and activities, from home and garden, to health and personal care, and much more. Supporting independent and locally owned businesses and services produces a host of benefits. Your money goes back into the community, creating a stable and diverse local economy. Local businesses create local jobs, expand our municipal tax base, and build a stronger sense of community.




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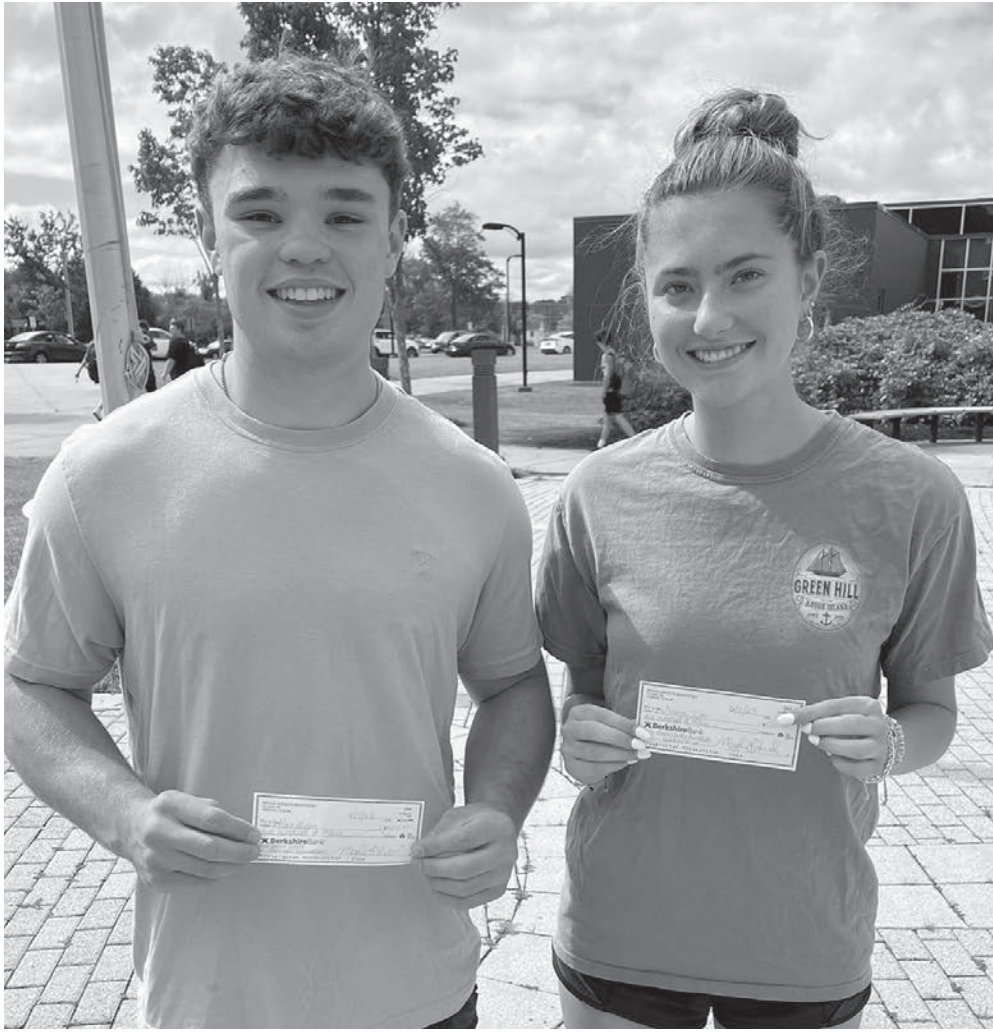

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Scholarship Winners... Pictured are recent RHAM graduates Max Nylen and Diana Zito, who each submitted essays to the RHAM Sports Boosters organization and were selected to receive a \$500 scholarship to put towards their futures. Nylen will be attending Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I., and Zito will attend the University of Tennessee. They received their checks from RHAM Sports Boosters President Rob Schadle (not pictured).

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From the State Senator's Desk

As the summer continues and we near the dog days of August, there's no better time of the year to get out and explore Connecticut's beautiful forests, trails and walkways. However, there are seasonal concerns that are a bit worse this year than in years past that we need to remain aware of - they could otherwise cause health issues if not taken seriously.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station recently reported an increased frequency of invasive ticks in Connecticut that are hitchhiking with people who travel overseas. These exotic tick species with origins in Europe, Africa, South America and Central America are concerning to experts as the CAES worries they could introduce new tick-borne illnesses in the state or alter existing tick-borne illnesses in the state and region. It's a good idea to take precautions before heading out into areas that could have plenty of ticks; it's recommended to avoid or limit activity in tick-infested areas, treat clothing and gear with insecticides, use insect repellents, check clothing for ticks after outdoor activity and tumble-dry clothes after wearing them for about 10 minutes on high heat to prevent them from taking up residence in your home.

Another concern in the region is one many of us have heard of before: West Nile Virus has arrived in Connecticut as of late July. This summer's record rainfall, high humidity and scorching temperatures have created increased mosquito activity, and it's recommended to take precautions including wearing long sleeves outdoors, using mosquito repellents and minimizing time spent outdoors from dusk to dawn. It's also good practice to reduce standing water outside a home by overturning items and containers that see water pool during storms and other events.

Insect-borne diseases are concerning this time of year, but can be mitigated with proactive, common-sense steps. By exercising a little caution, you and your family can continue to enjoy the summer without worry.

State Sen. Norm Needleman
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From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

Good morning! I hope you all enjoyed your first weekend of August. I certainly enjoyed mine. I didn't do anything spectacular, but the weather was just about pitch-perfect – and holy cow, was that a welcome sight.

Nearly everyone I talked to last weekend agreed that, weather-wise, July was just the pits. The heat was pretty standard for July, but the humidity was just never-ending, and it seemed like there were storms a few days a week – including just about every weekend.

I love summer, so traditionally I'm never happy to see July go, but this year I was anxious to turn the calendar page, in the (completely unscientific) hopes that maybe the weather would turn with it.

July truly was one for the record books, and not in a good way.

By July 21, it was already the wettest July on record in the Hartford area – and we still had 10 days to go at that point. Sure enough, it rained more during those ensuing days, and when all was said and done July wound up being the fourth-wettest month on record, period.

We weren't alone in experiencing all that rain. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont all had a July ranking among top-10 wettest on record.

The heat was noteworthy too. NOAA reports Arizona, Florida, Maine and New Mexico all had their warmest Julys on record, and another 13 states had one of their 10 warmest

Julys ever.

You may have heard about the heat in Arizona. Now, yes, it's Arizona, but the heat there was truly notable – and dangerous.

Every bed is full, Dr. Kevin Foster, director of burn services, told reporters that one-third of the patients at the Arizona Burn Center at Valleywise Health were injured by falling outside on the hot pavement.

"Summers are our busy season, so we anticipate that this sort of thing is going to happen," Foster said. "But this is really unusual – the number of patients that we're seeing and the severity of injuries – the acuity of injuries is much higher."

Pavement temperatures were reportedly topping 180 degrees – well in excess of what's necessary to cause second-degree burns.

And the heat wasn't contained to the U.S., either. There were extreme heat waves in regions across the globe in July – and as a result, "The global average temperature for July 2023 is confirmed to be the highest on record for any month," Samantha Burgess, deputy director at the European Commission's Copernicus Climate Change Service, told reporters this past Tuesday.

Based on data analysis known as proxy records – which include cave deposits, calcifying organisms, coral and shells – it "has not been this warm for the last 120,000 years," Burgess estimated.

So, yeah, folks: next time someone tells you they had a hot, humid and miserable July – believe them.

See you next week.



The Clean-Up Crew... RHAM students Hank Brodeur, Casper Miazga, Truman Brodeur and Brody Kopp were recently spotted along Wall Street and Route 316, collecting trash and cleaning the roads.

Bulletin Board

I was mowing the lawn this weekend when it occurred to me that some of my most profound revelations have occurred while I was ... well ... mowing the lawn.

For instance, it was while turning endless circles on the lawn tractor one afternoon that it occurred to me that lobsters and sea gulls both eat the same garbage. So why are lobsters considered a delicacy while hot buttered seagull rolls are nowhere to be found?

Makes you think, doesn't it?

Similarly, while swerving the lawn tractor one afternoon to avoid a fleeing hop toad (my wife's slanderous accusations that I was merely daydreaming notwithstanding) I veered into one of her flower beds, leaving a trail of amputated blossoms and smashed petals in my wake before finally hitting an old brick that wedged itself between the blade and the mower deck, bringing my unintended rampage to an abrupt halt.

Less profound thinkers might view such a mishap in a negative light—perhaps as the dark humor of some malevolent lawn care god who tired of merely jamming up the plastic string in people's Weed Wackers and decided to step it up a notch by introducing a brick to the mix. Those of us who practice Lawn Mowing Zen draw a deeper life lesson: No matter how beautiful you may be, if the Lawn Tractor of Life suddenly swerves into your lane, you're a lot better off being an old brick than a lovely flower. (The other lesson is that running over an old brick can cost you a minimum of \$40 for new mower blades, but no one ever pretended that worthwhile life lessons come without a price.)

Now I realize that most wives think the only reason men even agree to mow the lawn is (pick one): 1) So the neighbors won't report us to the town for creating an eyesore, or 2) simply because they told us to. They fail to understand the deeper forces at play here, i.e., that mowing the lawn is especially attractive to the male gender because it allows us to be constructive while being destructive. While admittedly not as much fun as owning your own demolition company, watching a spray of decapitated grass blades spew out of the mower chute offers a certain gratification for those of us who have grown too old (or too self-conscious) to chase inoffensive ants around with a magnifying glass "Death Ray." This is aside from the fact that commanding a lawn tractor allows you to fantasize that you're General George Patton leading your very own John Deere tank division through Czechoslovakia. (Oh sure, like you never pretended your lawn tractor was a tank.)

We more thoughtful (some would say slightly demented) souls who have transformed mowing the lawn from tedious chore to rewarding spiritual exercise tend to be rather private about it for a number of reasons. First of all, nobody likes being laughed at. Secondly, from a practical standpoint—and I am speaking strictly for guys here (as women are pretty much a complete mystery to me)—it is to our advantage to depict lawn mowing as an odious task because it builds up "work point credits" with the authorities.

It is my theory (based largely on the fact that I am still alive) that most wives are fundamentally unwilling (despite their occasional rhetoric to the contrary) to be directly responsible for our deaths. So, when we drag ourselves into the house, red faced and sweating after cutting the grass, searching weakly for a can of elixir in the fridge, they are reluctant to order us to spend the rest of the afternoon painting the house. Especially if we don't have a lot of life insurance.

Of course, if they realized that many of us actually enjoy mowing the grass—or that we wear ear protection not to protect against the roar of the lawn tractor, but simply so we won't be bothered by their pathetic cries that they need help bringing the groceries in from the car—there would be hell to pay.

I have little fear that women will ever discover our secret. Even those who read this column will probably think I'm joking or (more likely perhaps) that I am some peculiar aberration that will eventually be culled from the gene pool by human evolution, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Nevertheless, as a matter of insurance (while waving the banner of equality), I periodically ask my wife if she would like to learn how to operate the lawn tractor—knowing the answer in advance, of course. She generally responds by asking if I'd like to learn how to turn on the washing machine and then smirks when I politely decline.

She has no idea that I am playing a deeper game.

Jim Hallas

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Hebron Survey Landslide

To the Editor:

A big "Thank You!" to the residents of Hebron who participated in the Public Works Survey. The results were a landslide victory in our efforts to preserve and protect our beautiful environment and unique history. The message to the Board of Selectmen and our town leaders was clear: 69% said Keep Public Works at Old Colchester Road! Only 16% said use the Horton Property and 10% said use the Horton Property with the salt shed elsewhere. As stated by Andrea Lattanzi, a member of the Public Works Survey Committee, "the comments conveyed to me how deeply people feel for our town... and how most appreciate and desire to preserve the rural charm and characteristics."

The selectmen originally hoped that 400 people would take the survey. In fact, an impressive 725 people took the survey, nearly twice that amount. The results clearly demonstrate that a wide variety of residents from across Hebron were involved. This movement can no longer

be portrayed as a small group of individuals or a neighborhood issue. Clean water, open space and history are important to us all.

I would like to thank selectman Peter Kasper for his work as Chairman of the Survey Committee, as well as all the members of the Committee. While I had concerns on the presentation of the questions and selective information offered, the Survey provided an avenue for the people to be heard. The effort of the committee to release the result as soon as possible is also appreciated.

Please join me in urging the Board of Selectmen, Planning and Zoning, Open Space, Historic Properties, and the Conservation Commission, to acknowledge the Horton Property offers a unique opportunity to create an educational, environmental, historical and economic treasure right in Hebron Center. For more information please visit Save Hebron Center on Facebook.

Sincerely,
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Supports Migliaccio

To the Editor:
I have attended many of the recent Board of Finance meetings and observed how Andrea Migliaccio and the rest of the Board of Finance worked within the town's ability to pay in drafting the current budget proposal.

Andrea, in her desire to keep Colchester affordable for everyone, has put in a lot of time and research in coming up with a budget that received unanimous support from each member of the finance board. Her financial expertise and experience of working full-time in the world of finance as a financial advisor for over 25 years is a tremendous asset to the Town of Colchester.

I hope that all our voters, Democrat, Republican and Independents give her their vote of appreciation on Tuesday Nov. 7.

Sincerely,
Cliff O'Donal – Colchester Candidate for the Board of Selectmen

Supports Dennler

To the Editor:
Hello Colchester-ites.
Bernie Dennler! Bernie Dennler! Our best next first selectman is Bernie Dennler!
Lorraine "Raine" Spiegel – Colchester

Support Our Candidates

To the Editor:
At the July 21 caucus, the Republican Town Committee (RTC) presented a slate of candidates for town offices. Over 40 registered Republicans attended and cast their vote for whom they would like to see on the RTC ballot in November. The Independent Party Slate Committee made up of registered Republicans put forth a candidate for selectman. As they are still Registered Republicans until their party is formed, they had the chance to submit their candidates for town offices. They put forth one candidate for selectman only. A vote was cast and RTC members Joe Asklar, Louise Concodello, and Mike Nastri were selected as our candidates for the November election. The remaining RTC slate was then put forth and all but one person voted approval for the named candidates for the remaining offices.

The Independent Party Slate Committee has chosen to petition in additional candidates for the November election. This will result in a primary on September 12, 2023. The addition of the primary will result in added expense to the town. As the RTC has voted and selected our party we hope that you will support our candidates for office as they stand fairly elected as of our caucus of July 21, 2023.

Marlborough Republican Town Committee (RTC) Executive Board

Keep Portland Moving Forward

Dear Residents of Portland:
I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for reelection as first selectman this November. Serving you in this role has been an incredible honor, and while we have accomplished a great deal, there is still more work to do. My sincere thanks to the Portland Republicans for their unanimous endorsement at our recent caucus. In addition to myself, a terrific slate of candidates was also endorsed and I am proud to run alongside them.

Over the past term, we have achieved significant milestones. This includes major technology upgrades at Town Hall, significant strides toward water independence, and increased economic development with projects such as Brainerd Place moving forward. Capital needs have also been addressed through the careful management of American Rescue Plan funds, and the track that I campaigned on in 2021 is well on its way toward completion. In addition, my team and I have brought in over \$2.3 million in additional grant funding to town since taking office.

Looking ahead, I am committed to seeing

these initiatives through and working to ensure that Portland remains an affordable place to live. We also face important decisions regarding the future of our school facilities and it's crucial that we strive to make Portland's schools second to none for our children.

I am grateful to the Portland Democrats for not running a candidate for first selectman this year. My team and I will continue to reach out to residents and engage with our local business leaders to better understand your needs in the days ahead. As always, your input will guide our decisions as we work together for a brighter future.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's keep Portland moving forward for all.

Sincerely,
**Ryan J. Curley
Portland First Selectman and Candidate for Reelection**

Blood Drive Thanks

To the Editor:
Thanks to all of you who participated in the American Legion Post 197 (Marlborough) blood drive on July 26. We had 17 donors, and four others who were unfortunately deferred. Though short of our goal of 25, you all provided 17 more pints of vital, lifesaving blood to help fill the continuous shortage. We are coordinating with the American Red Cross and hope to host another event in the fall.

Please keep an eye out for details on the American Red Cross Blood Donor site. Invite your friends, family and co-workers to join you and make it an even more successful drive.

Sincerely,
**Susan Camoroda
Adjutant, Post 197
Marlborough**

Amazing Slate

To the Editor:
As DTC chair, I'm delighted to support every candidate on our slate as they seek to bring positive change and collaboration to Colchester. First Selectman candidate Bernie Dennler will bring experience, integrity, foresight and character to Town Hall. Bernie's vision to restore common sense, sound planning, and professionalism is what we need. Learn more at bernieforcolchester.com and Facebook.

Rosemary Coyle, with her historical knowledge and dedication to Colchester, is a true leader on the Board of Selectmen. Denise Turner, a lifelong Colchester resident, has been a strong voice of reason and insight on BOS. Dave Koji, active community member, joins them as a candidate.

As incumbent tax collector and town clerk, Michele Wyatt and Gayle Furman bring experience, systematic organization and professionalism to their respective offices. Sean Gillespie, candidate for treasurer, specializes in computerized financial systems.

Scott Chapman, financial expert, and Karen Belding, who through civic engagement, understands what it takes to make a town great, are

running for Board of Finance. Chris Rivers and Michelle Millington know through their service on the Board of Education how to leverage efficiency to achieve quality education. Stefanie Tracy-Calash, a C3 and CASTLE volunteer with young children, looks to join them.

Andrew Cournoyer, incumbent, and newcomer Krista Kardys offer good judgment and balance to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Colchester Democrats are united in supporting these candidates who will bring the perfect mix of experience and new ideas to town government. Most importantly, you can count on them to represent you with kindness, compassion, fairness, and unwavering commitment to doing what is right.

DTC is committed to working together to elect these candidates, who will represent your interests and the needs of our town, but we need your help. To partake in our campaign to get this amazing slate elected, visit www.colchesterdemocrats.org.

With enthusiasm,
**Monica Swyden, chair
Colchester Democratic Town Committee**

Board of Selectmen

Dear Colchester Residents:
I'm Denise Turner and I'm running for reelection to the Colchester Board of Selectmen (BOS). I wish to thank the Democratic caucus for supporting my candidacy again this year. I've been in public service in Colchester for 11 years, serving three terms on the Board of Assessment Appeals, two of them as chair, and two and a half terms on the BOS. It has been an honor to serve in the government of the town I was born and raised in, and I look forward to continuing my tenure on the BOS.

Having worked in eldercare for the past 17 years, I am currently employed by a local skilled nursing facility as a therapeutic recreation director, working all through the COVID-19 emergency. I am also a member of the Board of Governors for the Colchester Historical Society. As a member of the BOS, I make fiscally responsible decisions that I feel are best for this town and try to work across the board in a non-partisan manner. I do my homework and prepare before attending meetings. I have chaired various committees.

On Nov. 7, I once again ask for your support.
Sincerely,
Denise Turner – Colchester

Note: Turner is a member of the Colchester Board of Selectmen but said she is speaking as an individual.

Affordability

Dear Colchester Residents:
As someone who has lived in Colchester for over 36 years, I believe that Colchester should be a community that is affordable for everyone. We must keep our taxes low by continuing to promote fiscally conservative and responsible budgets.

As first selectman, I have conducted a top-

to-bottom review of departments to identify savings and areas to strategically invest in. I've utilized technology to reduce costs while modernizing efficiency across departments and will continue to search for innovative and creative ways to provide the same services at a lower cost. ARPA funding, our increased new revenue, our reserve accounts, and our healthy unassigned fund balance will be used to ease the tax burden on the citizens. These strategies allowed this year's budget to come in flat with a slew of new initiatives aimed at moving the town forward.

The town's bonding payments remain stabilized and there are no fiscal cliffs that have been created under my watch. The finance department has put in new safeguards to ensure that expenditures are closely monitored. This year we spent 91% of the 100% of the budget allotted to the town.

In 2021, the DTC put forward a candidate that advocated for an 8.24% town budget increase and a 5 % tax increase. This year they put forward a socialist candidate who was endorsed by the same candidate who supported that 5% tax increase. As first selectman, I kept a campaign promise by reducing the salary of the first selectman to \$80,000 and freezing it for two years. The current candidate has remained noticeably silent on his starting salary.

We must ensure that Colchester is affordable for everyone. A fiscally conservative approach, not runaway spending and massive tax increases, will get us there.

Sincerely,
**Andreas Bisbikos
Colchester First Selectman**

Low Risk of Bloom

To the Editor:
Under the watchful eye and support of various groups, Lake Pocotopaug has not been closed due to blue-green algae outbreak. A three-part strategy of Education, Prevention and Remediation is followed. Education strategy utilizes the "Lake Smart Award" program to encourage homeowners to make property improvements that prevent phosphates, nitrates, and other impurities from entering the lake. Prevention results from projects to minimize runoff into the lake, reducing nutrients feeding the algae, all supported by money from the state. There are 21 completed projects since the start of efforts in 2019, and more to come. Remediation consists of 56 aerators in the lake to increase oxygen levels, and water treatment processes using naturally-occurring microbes which eat blue-green algae. The Conservation Lake Commission (CLC) is currently working with a Cape-Cod based company to conduct testing of their bacteria-absorbing "sponges" that have been used with great success in the oil industry.

The measurement of bacteria, phosphates, and nitrates continues by both our own Dr. Jack Solomon of the CLC and EverBlue Lakes. They have stepped up to fill the gap left by the departure of the limnologist Northeast Aquat-

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ics Research until the new limnologist company GZA Geo-environmental takes over. You may have noticed a less-than clear (okay, brown) color of the lake this year. While the color may be disconcerting, test results show the phosphorous levels are some of lowest of any prior years; the lowest blue/green algae cells/ml in recent July history, and increasing oxygen levels. This translates into one simple fact: we are currently at the lowest risk for an algae bloom in the last 20 years.

Coordination of goals with organizations (Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, Lake Pocotopaug Project, Lake Smart, Save Lake Pocotopaug Coalition) and EH town officials assures the clean lake you all will continue to enjoy.

Regards,
Bob Yenker - East Hampton

PRTC Team for Portland

To the Editor:
The Portland Republicans' candidate caucus was positive, orderly, and produced an uncontested slate of candidate endorsements of which we are very proud. Except for three newcomer candidates for the BOE, each candidate is either an incumbent or has previously served in their role before. We are very confident about the success of this team and believe they will be embraced by the community. They look forward to communicating with the Portland community about their qualifications and how they will promote progress for Portland that meets the needs of our community. This is a team that can be trusted to make important decisions for Portland's future, maintain fiscal stability and implement a continued path of success for Portland.

We are proud and honored to present for re-election and election:

First Selectman: Ryan J Curley
Board of Selectmen: Mike Hernandez, Robert (Bobby) Hetrick, Shaun Manning, and Michael Pelton.

Board of Education: Angela Hammond, Carly LeCara, and Karen Renner.

Town Clerk: Michael Tierney,
Zoning Board of Appeals: Robert (Bob) Casati and Kurt Peterson.

Board of Assessment Appeals: Peter Castelli and William (Bill) Donahue.

You can learn more about these candidates and us at our website, www.goppportlandct.com.

Best Regards,
Tim Lavoy, Chair
Portland Republican Town Committee

Running for Town Clerk

To the Editor:
My name is Michael Tierney and I am running for Portland town clerk. Since January 2022 I have been proud to serve as your town clerk. I've worked hard to learn the roles and responsibilities of the position, while continuing to provide the most efficient services and high level of customer service that has always distinguished this office. I bring 16 years of customer service and project management experience to the position. I am a fifth generation, lifelong Portland resident. I'm very involved in the Portland community, including Boy Scout Troop 2, St. Mary's Church, and the annual holiday tree lighting parade.

I am thankful to the Portland Republican Town Committee for their unanimous endorsement, along with their endorsement of a terrific slate of candidates. I am asking for your vote on Nov. 7, and look forward to continuing to earn your support.

Respectfully,
Michael Tierney - Portland

Do You Want a Democratic Socialist?

To the Editor:
Bernie Denner is running as the Democratic candidate for the first selectman in Colchester. However, he has made claims in the past on Twitter and quoted on the All Things Colches-

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ter Facebook page that he supports democratic socialism. As a staunch supporter of our constitutional republic, I find any and all aspects of socialism, any connection thereto, and anyone that champions the tenets of it to be un-American.

Merriam-Webster defines socialism as follows:

1. any of various egalitarian economic and political theories or movements advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods. 2. a system of society or group living in which there is no private property. b. system or condition of society in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state."

Per *Forbes*: "Over the past hundred years, there have been more than two dozen attempts to build a socialist society. It has been tried in the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Albania, Poland, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia, North Korea, Hungary, China, East Germany, Cuba, Tanzania, Laos, South Yemen, Somalia, the Congo, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Mozambique, Angola, Nicaragua and Venezuela, among others – not counting the very short-lived ones. All of these attempts have ended in varying degrees of failure."

And from the Democratic Socialist of America (DSA) website:

"The Democratic Socialists of America is the largest socialist organization in the United States, with over 92,000 members and chapters in all 50 states. We believe that working people should run both the economy and society democratically to meet human needs, not to make profits for a few.

We are a political and activist organization, not a party; through campus and community-based chapters, DSA members use a variety of tactics, from legislative to direct action, to fight for reforms that empower working people."

I'll take our current way of government and our constitution, thank you. God Bless America!

John Coakley – Colchester

Absurd Claims

To the Editor:

Joe Stevens claiming I have a tenuous grip of the facts is hilarious. He doesn't have the slightest grip on reality and wouldn't recognize a fact if it bit him in the nose. Among his litany of idiocy, Stevens libeled Trump as having lost a "civil" rape case. There is no such thing as civil rape, and Trump was unjustly found to have civilly defamed that woman. Nothing about rape was included in the judgment. Stevens repeats one lie after another in his indignant abuse of the truth. Trump will never pay one dime of that fraudulent determination.

There was no insurrection or attempted coup. That's an absurd claim. Trump was protesting the validity of electors chosen contrary to the constitutional requirements of specific states, and wanted the decision returned to those respective state legislatures for their review and legal certification. He violated no law in contesting these questionable processes. Stevens also completely avoids any discussion of the far more egregious document violations of both Hillary and Biden while neither of them were president.

While I dispute every hysterical claim Ed Smith levies regarding human-driven climate change, let's stipulate they are true; I challenge Smith to tell me exactly what the positive impact will be of reducing the minimal contribution of human CO2 volumes by a fractional amount! Other than destroying prosperity and quality of life for humans on Earth, there won't be any measurable reduction in surface temperatures. So-called green or renewable energy is a farce. Its production and life cycles produce and release far more CO2 than carbon-based fuels alone do.

We have nothing to fear from the climate change that occurs naturally regardless of what we do. We should fear the climate and totalitarian zealots who seek to destroy us.

Sam Prentice – Andover

Thank You, Rosemary

To the Editor:

This past Monday, the Board of Selectmen and the ARPA committee again discussed the creation of a grant program that would be available for the always-forgotten middle class. During the meeting, a few citizens referred to the grant program as "Jason's program." This is because this is something that started 2 years ago as a \$1,000,000 in gift cards and has shrunk to the \$300,000 program I have been advocating for since at least February. The citizens who spoke view it as "my program" because I've been

the only selectman, or ARPA committee member, pounding the table trying to move the idea forward.

In response to this, our previous first selectman, Mary Bylone, went out of her way to publicly question why it is being called "Jason's plan" when it was actually Rosemary Coyle who motioned the program forward and asked for the ARPA committee to be involved. For a group of people who were initially against the gift cards and the grant program, and who so willingly accuse others of playing politics, they sure seem rather concerned about making sure the Democratic BOS candidates get the credit for it.

If giving the Democratic candidates the credit they so clearly want is what's required to move this forward then so be it. Rosemary, this grant program wouldn't be where it is today without you. Your thankless hours of research, talking to citizens, and drafting a program that meets their needs really went above and beyond. Thank you for all your tireless effort in making this possible.

I don't want the credit; I just want to help. The credit is all yours. Are you now ready to help the people of Colchester, and especially the middle class, without putting barriers in their way?

Jason LaChapelle – Colchester

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

The Donald Went Down to Georgia

To the Editor:

Lil Trump went down to Georgia, an election he was looking to steal

He was in a bind 'cause he was way behind and he was willing to make a deal.

When he came across fake electors, a plan gotta strike while it's hot,

Little Trump jumped up on a hickory stump And said "boy let me tell you whats"

I guess you coulda guessed it but I'm a people player too

And if you care to take a dare, I'll make a bet with you.

Now Georgia had a fair election boy, But give the devil his due

You know I love my gold and have no soul 'Cause I know I'm better than you."

Donny Rotten, you're so low, such a big blow-hard,

'Cause hell's broke loose in Georgia and Trump is dealing cards.

And if he wins, he'll get a world made out of gold

And if he wins, the Devil gets your soul.

Regards,

Tim Rinell – East Hampton

Downgrading Our Future

To the Editor:

If a "rising tide lifts all boats" what does a downgraded credit rating do to the American economy? Recently, Fitch Ratings downgraded the governments credit rating from AAA to AA+. The reason given? "A steady deterioration in the standards of governance."

While politicians love spreading the feel-good "Our best days are ahead of us!" mantra, nothing could be further from the truth. With the help of the Federal Reserve (our private central bank), corrupt politicians, and a dumbed-down populace, we are rapidly devolving into the

debtor nation our founders warned us about. Jefferson said, "If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around (these banks) will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

While our national debt balloons to unfathomable amounts and the yearly interest tops a trillion dollars we find ourselves in a truly "unsustainable" situation. The television reassures us that everything is going to be OK while we see other countries embracing digital currencies that are designed to track your spending and limit your ability to buy certain things.

Wells Fargo, the nation's largest mortgage lender, has announced it's getting out of the residential mortgage business while other large banks and investors are saying they're only funding "build to rent" projects. In the future you won't be able to afford to own anything, as it's more profitable for the banks if they retain title and rent to you at exorbitant rates. How did Jefferson know? Now we just need a "crisis" to make this happen. Will it be a cyberattack, WWII, or a fake alien invasion? So hard to guess these days!

Colin McNamara – Marlborough

Develop Horton Blvd

To the Editor:

Developing Horton Boulevard into a little mecca of new stores and services for the accessibility and convenience for the people living in Hebron would be a great addition to the center of town. Opportunities and knowledge learned by working a job can be learning tools for the young people, who are looking to the future. The people in Hebron should provide the next generation with the tools necessary to be successful in life. One great tool would be obtaining a developer who would build a learning center on the property the town owns on Horton Boulevard, which would be a gem that we in Hebron would be proud of and show, as a community, we believe in helping our children to learn the facts they need to know to live in the world we have today. The town could look into some state funding for a learning center, and a developer may be very interested in the project if the state was to help fund it.

The opportunities of turning Horton Boulevard into a destination, instead of it being a dead-end road, are endless and the people in Hebron and our governing body should make a large effort to see that the change happens for the future of Hebron and for the chance to add to the town's history. Because we live history every day, not just in years gone by; the future is tomorrow, not yesterday.

Thomas Tremont – Hebron

Our Community Cares

To the Editor:

Do you need help? Can you offer someone help? East Hampton Community Cares is a program to connect volunteers with people to help: in the house, in the garden, transportation to

medical appointments and errands, plus other needs. If you're looking for volunteer opportunities, here is a fulfilling way to assist. If you're looking to remain independent, here is a way to get that help.

As a community member for over a year now, I have been able to get rides to medical appointments. It has been important as I no longer drive and need to get to appointments weekly. A friend of mine who is very involved in senior citizen issues told me about this program, and I'm passing on information on this great program. Any help you can give will make such a difference in someone's life, allowing them to stay in their home where they feel most comfortable.

This program can help solve the current crisis as people retire. This population will be challenged to care for themselves, with limited ability to perform activities of daily life. I am very thankful for UR Community Cares answering this need and the people who volunteer.

I hope you will join us on Wednesday, Sept. 13, to learn more about this program coming to East Hampton. One session is at 2:30 p.m. in the senior center; the other is at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Check out the website <https://urcommunitycares.org/> to learn more. Come with any questions you have and check out the sessions.

Thank you,

Beth Angel – East Hampton

Your 2023 Democratic Candidates

To the Editor:

East Hampton voters have a unique opportunity every two years. Our town charter directs the political parties to provide candidates, who are interested in serving on the Town Council, Board of Finance, Board of Education and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Democratic candidates for Town Council are Richard Knotek, Dean Markham, Jack Solomon, Karen Wanat and Jordan Werme. They will focus on continuing the Lake aeration system, a future water system, acquiring land adjacent to town property when appropriate, and listening to the residents on important choices and decisions.

Our Democratic candidates for Board of Finance are Kurt Comisky, Anthony Spagnoletti and Ted Turner. They will be proactive instead of reactive when planning for annual budgets. As a group they will anticipate immediate and future expenses, so the taxpayers are not worrying about large increases in their tax bill.

Our Democratic candidates for Board of Education are Ken Barber, Edie DeSimone, Matt Englehardt and Paul Wisnewski. These residents are leaders and champions for our school system and they will work with the community in mind when creating an annual budget.

Zoning Board of Appeals candidates Brian Spack and Evan Giza will assist our residents with questions relating to local zoning regulations.

These Democratic candidates look forward to meeting voters at their door and at future public

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**Barbara Moore, Chair
East Hampton Democratic Town Committee**

All Walck, Not Talk

To the Editor:
The truth should be fact-based. Truth should never be transparent. It should be a solid and as obvious as seeing a black cat asleep on a clean white rug.

I am asking for your support in November as I am running for reelection for the East Hampton Town Council.

My last name says it all. I am all Walck, not talk.

Sincerely,
Alison Walck – East Hampton

I Love Corn, But...

To the Editor:
I love summer and corn on the cob season. I'm not complaining, but the price of corn seems to be affected not only by inflation but also by piracy – corn is now a buck an ear! Just sayin'.

Ron Brady – East Hampton

Much Appreciation, Art

To the Editor:
I want to thank Art Shilosky for stepping up to run for public office again. Art saw a need. Art is a fair person. Art listens to all sides. Art is a true Republican in every sense of the word. He has shown in his past public service that he can work with all sides.

Much appreciation to you, Art.
Roberta Avery – Colchester

Running for Selectmen

To the Editor:
Hello, Colchester! My name is Dave Koji, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Board of Selectmen. It is an absolute privilege to have the opportunity to serve this wonderful community that I am deeply proud to be a part of. Throughout my professional, civic and personal life, I have always been guided by three fundamental principles: servant leadership, open and collaborative communication, and compassion.

Colchester holds a special place in my heart, as it has been the backdrop for my family's growth and happiness. Over the years, I have been involved in various important roles in town, such as serving as chair of the ad-hoc ARPA Committee and the Youth Services Marketing and Media Committee, as well as being a member of the Youth Services Board, along with other volunteer experiences. I have also had the privilege of coaching many Colchester sports teams, adding another dimension of my commitment to this town. As a former business owner, I take pride in having founded successful ventures and organizing community events right here in Colchester.

My academic background includes three master's degrees, as well as teaching at the college level. My professional career of over 15 years in project management has equipped me with the skills needed to foster team collaboration, address challenging issues, and deliver results within tight timelines. I am a proud father of four, all of whom attend Colchester Public

Schools.
Finally, I owe a huge debt of gratitude to my wife, Jenn. Her unwavering love and support have been instrumental in affording me the opportunity to serve Colchester at a greater capacity than ever before.

I am eager and committed to listening to all voices and collaborating with everyone to build a brighter tomorrow for our community. Together, let's create a future we can all be proud of!

Sincerely,
**Dave Koji - Colchester
Candidate, Board of Selectmen**

Let's Plant Trees

To the Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Marlborough Democratic Town Committee members for their vote of confidence in selecting me as a candidate for the Board of Selectmen.

After reading the following quote, "A nation grows great when old men plant trees the shade of which they will never sit in," I decided to get involved with the MDTC. Through my involvement with the committee I have met an amazing group of hardworking, dedicated Marlborough residents.

The emphasis of my campaign is to focus on what unites us as a community through open communication and empathy. I look forward to working with the present Board of Selectmen and to continue their work on improving Marlborough's quality of life. By hiring a student resource officer as well as a new town manager, David Porter, the BOS continues to move in the right direction.

In the coming weeks I look forward to meeting with the voters, listening to their concerns and working collaboratively to make Marlborough an even greater place to live. With your vote and confidence together we can "plant trees" for future Marlborough residents.

Sincerely,
**John Rizza – Marlborough
Candidate for Board of Selectmen**

Meet Out Candidates

To the Editor:
The Portland Democratic Town Committee is proud to introduce its four candidates for the Board of Selectmen. All four candidates were unanimously nominated by the Town Committee and will be on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Andrea Alfano, age 62, is running for her first term on the board. She spent her entire career in public service with the UConn School of Social Work and the Connecticut Department of Social Services. She also served for nine years on the Portland Board of Education, serving several years as the secretary/vice chair of the board. Andrea retired from the state in 2020, and is looking forward to giving back and serving her community as a selectwoman.

Jillian Crawford, age 24, is seeking her first term on the board. She is the youngest candidate currently seeking political office in Portland. She is a Portland High School and UConn graduate. Jillian completed her work at UConn as a distinguished honors scholar with a degree in Political Science. She will be attending law school in 2024. A self-proclaimed "townie," Jillian will work to ensure all Portland voices are heard, because all Portland voices matter.

John Dillon, age 62, is a Selectman running

for his second term on the board. A recipient of the Spirit of Portland Award, John has served his community for many years. He was the chair of the Board of Assessment Appeals, was very active in Boy Scouts for many years, and is currently the Chairman of the St. Mary Church Council. John recently retired from the State of Connecticut as the Director of the statewide Office of Child Support Services, where he worked for 35 years.

Jim Tripp, age 55, served two terms on the Board of Selectmen, from 2017-2021. He is currently serving as the chairman of the Water and Sewer Commission. Jim received the Spirit of Portland Award in 2022. He volunteers with the Food Bank, is Chairman of Brownstone Quorum and is very active in the Lions Club. Professionally, Jim has worked for 27 years in the telecom industry, and holds a masters degree in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnical University.

Over the next several weeks, Andrea, Jillian, Jim and John will be going door to door throughout the town. They look forward to discussing the many important issues facing Portland.

**April Graves
Member, Ways and Means
Portland Democratic Town Committee**

Colchester Grounds

Dear Colchester Residents:
This weekend, I took a walk with Michelle Millington from the Board of Education to discuss maintenance issues at recreation facilities on school grounds. Colchester schools and the town have a cooperative relationship in which the town helps manage grounds maintenance at the schools and in turn the Board of Ed provides janitorial services for Town Hall. Unfortunately, just like we've seen at the RecPlex, there are some significant issues keeping up with maintenance on our school rec grounds.

Colchester Public Works and Parks and Rec do not have adequate staffing to perform the necessary maintenance to keep grounds in shape or sometimes even usable. At the moment, there are several lingering vacancies that are impacting the ability to get this work done. As first selectman, one of my top priorities will be to quickly address the vacancies that have been allowed to pile up and prevent important work from happening on a timely basis.

I will also call for the formation of a temporary committee to analyze our shared recreation spaces between the town and schools. The committee will be charged with developing a plan of specific steps for future improvements that go beyond field irrigation along with a better strategy to coordinate shared maintenance. This committee will include input from the Board of Finance, Board of Education, Parks and Rec, Public Works, and from our sports leagues.

When I talk about "bringing Colchester together" I also mean that we need to take care of spaces where people can gather and be together as a community. This is where community happens! Taking care of our public grounds is an important duty for the town and one which I will prioritize as first selectman.

Sincerely,
**Bernie Denler – Colchester
Candidate for First Selectman**

In Farms We Trust

To the Editor:
"Municipalities and local officials play an important role in protecting farmland and creating a supportive environment for local farm businesses.

Understanding the many positive roles that farms play in a town-from the economy to natural resource protection to local food to commu-

nity character-can help a community appreciate its responsibility to be supportive of farmland protection and farm viability. Additionally, communities that devote resources to farmland preservation are significantly more likely to attract state and federal funds for conservation projects...

"Connecticut's agriculture is facing constant challenges, as farms convert to subdivisions and office parks, and as suburban sprawl makes farming a logistical and economic challenge. The escalating loss of farmland threatens not just the viability of the industry but also the state's rural legacy and landscape. Current global environmental and social challenges necessitate a greater reliance on local and regional food and agricultural systems. Yet, Connecticut continues to lose its best farmland." ctfarm-landtrust.org

As we become a more globalized world, drawn together by climate change and technology, we clearly see how far ahead of the curve Hebron already is. But lead runners don't look back, they keep on leading the way, like Flagships in a storm.

The recent results of the Hebron town survey and Catherine Chester, Hebron's Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, demonstrate a town culture that supports outdoor activities, land preservation and environmental education. It's all good. #save17 congratulates Ms. Chester and encourages young and old to follow her lead. -- BOS 8/3/23

The past two years, spent defending all we hold dear about our neighborhoods and our country, for that matter, have been rocky at best. However, knowing that young people support the same values as previous generations, helps unite us as we continue our historic quest. #save17

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

'Chicken-to-Fly' a Success

To the Editor:
Again, a gracious thank you to the Hebron-area patrons of whom made a donation while receiving a "Chicken--to-Fly" dinner from the Hebron American Legion, Post 95.

The Post 95 commander extends a "That-A-Boy/Girl" to the veterans and Auxiliary members for the continued, work ethic throughout the day and the hours of "prep" "behind-the-scenes, prior to and after the successful event.

An extended special thanks to our Main Street neighbor "The Flour Girl" and her dedicated staff for the generous contribution to our cause. Please take the time, (If you have not yet), to become a patron of the Flour Girl Bakery and of course relax next door at the cafe, and enjoy the very fine baked goods – it is a worthwhile experience.

As always, the Hebron area veterans of Post 95, extend our Thanks, as our receipts go to local organizations for the "needy" i.e. the Food Bank, AHM, as well scholarship and assistance for Veterans and her/his respective family.

Most of the post's events are prominently displayed within the *Bulletin*, and also displayed on the "road-side" sign in front of the American Legion Building, 18 Main St. between: The Douglas Library and the Flour Girl Bakery. Please note: Donations may be sent throughout the year to assist the needy, Donations may be sent to: Hebron, American Legion, Post 95, P O Box 0095, Hebron, CT 06248-0095, Additionally, The Legion Building is available for "Special Events." The contact info is posted outside of the American Legion building! Thanks Again for your support.

Respectfully submitted for the Commander and the entire Hebron area Veteran contingent,
**R. A. "Bob" Mangillo – Hebron
American Legion, Post 95 Adjutant
See Letters, page 13**

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Boards Explore Grant Program for Citizens

By Michael Sinkewicz

Colchester officials continue to discuss a potential grant program that would provide a pool of money to local households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the past two weeks, the Board of Selectmen has worked jointly with the town's ad-hoc American Rescue Plan Act [ARPA] Committee to explore how a portion of the community's remaining federal relief funds could be disbursed to residents.

Previously, the selectmen have allocated ARPA funding to small businesses in town and towards numerous municipal projects, such as field irrigation installation at the recreation complex.

Now, the board is considering earmarking up to \$300,000 for a "give back" program that would likely involve either direct cash assistance for residents or funding towards Colchester Youth and Social Services, who would utilize the money to further expand their efforts.

Initially, First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos campaigned on a gift card initiative, that would've allowed households to claim \$100 only to be spent on local businesses — an idea that was ultimately scrapped.

For months, selectman Jason LaChapelle has been a leading proponent for sending checks directly to residents — an undertaking that provides certain limitations, according to UHY, a consultant agency hired by the town.

During the latest joint meeting this week on Aug. 7, Claire Collins, a consulting senior manager with UHY, provided examples of communities throughout the state who implemented similar types of grant programs.

Trumbull, she explained, created an extensive ARPA emergency financial assistance application. The form required a variety of personal information, ranging from income amount, what type of assistance was being sought — for example, rental aid. Applicants had to describe the hardship experienced during the pandemic and provide several pieces of documentation, including tax reports or any specific bill that was being referenced.

This program, Collins said, was run through that town's Human Services Department, which social services is a part of.

One potential advantage of this type of system is that outstanding bills covered through a town program would alleviate the impacted resident from any additional tax burden. For example, the town would directly pay the individual's landlord or utility company, and no cash would officially touch the resident's hands. Direct cash assistance, which would involve checks being deposited into residents' accounts, would be

taxable; reimbursement of bills already paid would also be taxable.

LaChapelle described a municipal system of paying of bills an "administrative nightmare." The responsibility would likely fall on the town's finance department, a burden they may not be equipped to handle.

But a program established through UHY and Colchester social services would bolster the town's current assistance efforts and broaden the potential scope of aid that could be provided; essentially, social services would have more buckets of funding to supply for residents.

Another major decision would be finalizing an income parameter for the program. Collins stated that for Colchester, according to 2020 census data, low-income households would represent roughly 11% of the population.

A sticking point for LaChapelle throughout the process has been raising that threshold higher; a program run through social services may have to adhere to certain eligibility requirements, which he wants to avoid.

"I don't want to forget the middle class," he expressed.

Still, increasing the size of the population who is qualified would in some way dilute the grant amount issued per person — an argument LaChapelle quashed, saying that any aid would be welcomed in the community.

A final draft of a program is expected to be completed by the end of September, with rollout beginning in October.

During a previous joint meeting on July 31, the selectmen unanimously agreed to develop a program in conjunction with UHY, Youth and Social Services and the ARPA Committee not to exceed \$300k. The motion, made by selectman Rosemary Coyle, stated that the program would meet a greater need of individuals within the community that otherwise would not be eligible under a direct assistance program; the board wanted as broad a program as possible.

At that meeting, the board discussed, in-depth, a giveback grant program and application process originally pitched by LaChapelle.

He expressed that the town allocated \$1 million for local businesses and citizens who have been equally impacted by the pandemic deserve their own funding.

"It's time we stop kicking this down the road like we've done with every other project in this town," he said. "We have an opportunity to help people who are struggling."

He made a motion — which was later amended to Coyle's motion — that called for \$300k to "help citizens of Colchester who have been negatively impacted and disadvantaged in the COVID-19 pandemic."

According to his application draft, the town could award a maximum of \$1,000 for each eligible household that applies and if more than 300 households sought funding, the awarded amount would be lowered so that each house-

Police News

8/1: Shan Gamble, 33, of New London, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, failure to drive in the proper lane and carrying a firearm under the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to state police. The vehicle was stopped east of exit 17 on Rt. 2 in Colchester, police said.

8/2: Ronald Dutra, of Rhode Island, was arrested and charged with home invasion, first-degree criminal mischief, sixth degree larceny, 13 counts of credit card theft, interfering with an officer/resisting arrest, violation of a protective order, criminal violation of a restraining order and third-degree assault, police said.

hold receives the same amount. As a general guideline, if an individual received a federal stimulus check, they would be eligible for the program.

Collins prepared a presentation that explained the different options of how a direct cash assistance program would be executed, but remarked that LaChapelle's proposal would be challenging.

"The way it's written now, it opens itself up to a lot of people having the potential to be disappointed that they think they're going to get funding," she said. "It's a false hope."

Under federal ARPA guidelines, Collins explained, direct assistance could only be used for certain reasons, such utility bills, rent, mortgage payments, medical bills and childcare. The funds cannot be used for entertainment, groceries, clothing and gas. If people used the money for those reasons, the town would have to retrieve the funds.

UHY would also want to verify that the individual was harmed during the pandemic. For example, this could include proof of unemployment and income statements.

Valerie Geato, the director Colchester Youth and Social Services, pushed back on LaChapelle's proposal, expressing that \$1,000 per family seemed like an "arbitrary number."

"What problem are we trying solve? And is that problem easily addressed with a \$1,000?"

She continued, "I think we really need to look at what the real issues are. Would everybody like \$1,000? Sure. But that's not going to solve anyone's long-term problem."

Geato said her goal, through social services, is to assist those who "don't have enough money to get by."

"We're trying to help them bridge that gap for as long we as we possibly can with this money," she said.

LaChapelle disagreed about the merit of \$1,000, or even less money, arguing that businesses in town, some of which he said received additional loans, still utilized their ARPA grants.

"I have a real hard time with this idea that \$1,000 doesn't help," he said, adding that the money would "lift a burden."

"It absolutely makes a difference," he asserted.

Geato requested \$100,000 of ARPA funds for her own programs — if the selectmen added upwards of \$300k, government services that are not currently provided may become feasible. LaChapelle's proposal would absorb the \$100k

and allot it to the direct assistance plan.

Dave Koji, chairman of the ARPA Committee, asked LaChapelle why he was opposed to a new program through social services.

"[Geato] is extending the buckets and we can extend it even more if [LaChapelle] has other others things that he wants to include," he said. "Let's look at what she has. We have a set program. If we want to help the most neediest people in our town, we have a program already in place, already being administered by town employees."

He added, "I'm not sure why we'd create something else when we already have it."

LaChapelle explained that more than 10% of the population was affected by the pandemic, and that he didn't want a limited social services program. Furthermore, he insisted that residents would be more likely to embrace a program if it involved walking into the first selectman's office to receive a check, as opposed to going to social services.

"Pride, ego, various other reasons; I'm not assuming, I know for a fact — people don't go ask for help," he said.

On top of that concern, he explained that treating citizens differently in comparison to businesses would create the appearance of "discrimination." The amount of information being requested, including residents most "intimate" data, was not sought for business applicants, he said.

During the Aug. 7 meeting, LaChapelle further explained his motivation to keep the program as inclusive as possible, sharing the personal story of his own life journey.

Even \$100, he said, would've made a meaningful difference for his family growing up. Erecting barriers — "I don't think that's the way to help."

He expressed that for struggling families — "if you've been there, you get it." Those households should determine how to use the money, and sometimes simple acts such as going out for ice cream are the most impactful.

After some comments pushed back on this general approach, LaChapelle clarified that he's not in favor of funding "fun times."

"It's about feeling a moment of relief," he said. Regarding whether there should be stringent requirements, LaChapelle expressing that federal ARPA guidelines automatically assume lower income families were impacted by the pandemic.

Free Children's Books!

Friends of Cragin Memorial Library will offer free children's books and free T-shirts on Friday, Aug. 11, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave.

Donations will be accepted to benefit library programs.

For more information, call 860-537-5752 or visit www.craginlibrary.org.

Lions Still Accepting Craft Show Applications

Applications for vendors are still being accepted for the 32nd annual Arts & Crafts Festival on the Green, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Colchester Lions Club, the event will feature hundreds of handmade creations from local crafters and artisans. There will be no mass-produced or previously owned items.

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Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

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

is also broadcast 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.

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Local Wrestler Goes National

By Josh Howard

Riley Storozuk, an eighth-grader at William J. Johnston Middle School, has had a summer to remember on the wrestling mats.

The scrappy young grappler, who competes year round for FishEye Wrestling Club out of Windsor, won the 135-pound division in the 13U bracket at the Nuway Summer Nationals in Atlantic City last month.

His latest victory on the national stage wrapped up a busy July in which he was also victorious at the Bay State Games in Massachusetts and at Connecticut's Nutmeg Games, held at Middletown High School.

Earlier this year, he also took home a third-place finish at the New England Championships.

Riley said his success this summer only fuels his desire to continue wrestling against better competition.

"I always felt like wrestling was fun, but didn't know I could get to this level," he added. "[Wrestling] has changed me as a person. It has helped me be a man and helps me understand what I want to do in life – and reach my goals."

Despite setbacks from back and knee injury, the recently turned 14-year old has won 75 of 79 matches since November of last year.

His father Eric Storozuk, who is one of Riley's coaches at FishEye and has been by his side

throughout his entire wrestling journey, said witnessing his son develop into one of the area's elite wrestlers has been "a wild ride."

"It's been amazing to watch him do it and watch him grow," added Eric, who first got Riley into wrestling as a way to burn off his excess energy. "My whole family has wrestled and he has jumped levels that are insane to watch. By the time he gets to high school he will be a dangerous kid to wrestle."

Balancing time between his academics and wrestling can be difficult during the school year. The wrestling season runs from November to November and weigh-ins for matches are done the day before competition, meaning Riley and his dad often have to travel to the venues ahead of time.

For Riley, the road trips are part of the experience and something he has become accustomed to.

He was born in New York prior to making stops in East Hartford and Enfield.

Four years ago, the family moved to Colchester where Riley continued to wrestle, along with playing football locally.

But once he got the wrestling bug, he went all in and decided to compete year round.

He began wrestling competitively for the East Hartford Stingers, learning the basics of the sport, before joining FishEye where he said he

began to master the "advanced parts" of what it takes to be a championship wrestler.

Eric said his son has grown leaps and bounds since joining the club at FishEye, crediting head coach head coach Jeffrey Fernandes, who has mentored some of the top wrestlers in the state for over a decade.

"He does an amazing job and to get these kids to the level they are and to become champions," Eric said of Fernandes.

Despite suffering a tweaked back and a Grade 2 medial collateral ligament (MCL) tear over the last year, Riley was able work through the injuries and barely missed a beat on the mat.

He is equally effective wrestling both freestyle and folk, yet says freestyle would be his preferred way to wrestle.

Next up is the Tryant Nationals in Pennsylvania in September and the Journeyman Classic in New York this October.

Riley's long-term goal is to compete in college and the two upcoming fall tournaments are his next chance to build on the momentum of his success this summer.

With his back and knee injuries now in the rearview mirror, Riley said he feels "better than what I was before" and hopes to add more bling to his growing collection of metals.



Riley Storozuk, a 14-year-old from Colchester, has won a national wrestling title and a pair of regional championships this summer.

Parks & Rec News & Notes

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

Community CPR/AED/First Aid Classes: Cost is \$90/person. Class dates: Sept. 19, 6 p.m.,

Heartsafe CPR & First Aid; Oct. 17, BLS CPR; Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Heartsafe CPR & First Aid.

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

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

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, Aug. 14: 9 a.m., CoA meeting at Town Hall; 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 10:45 a.m., Creamsicle Food Demo; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mahjong, Bridge; 12:45 p.m., Set-back.

Tuesday, Aug. 15: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 11 a.m., "Go Nuts" Tropical Luncheon; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; no Bingo today.

Wednesday, Aug. 16: 7:45 a.m., Maine Lobster Trip Departs; 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.

Thursday, Aug. 17: 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; noon-3 p.m., Senior Benefits Counseling by appointment only; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

Friday, Aug. 18: 9-11:30 a.m., Chronic Disease Self-Management Series; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 10:30 a.m., Lunch

Bunch to Lenny & Joe's; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1 p.m., Tech Time with Harry; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 2 p.m., Ham Radio Meeting – new members welcome.

Upcoming Programs: Eating on a Budget: Tuesday, Aug. 22, 11:15 a.m. Andrea Deedy, registered dietician from TVCCA, will share tips and tricks to creating meals and snacks that are easy on your budget. No registration required.

Seasonal Crafting: Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1:30 p.m. Start planning for the senior center's entry in the annual Scarecrow on the Green contest, then work on a Holiday Tree that will be donated to the Wadsworth Atheneum's annual Festival of Trees & Traditions.

Snack & Stretch Presentation: Wednesday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. Learn stretches you can do at home. An apple snack will be prepared on site. This is a free program, but registration is required.

Making Memories Walk Team: The senior center is looking for members to join its walk team "The Memory Makers," named in honor of the center's Making Memories Program, for the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Ocean Beach Park in New London. The walk will take place Saturday, Sept. 23, at 10 a.m. See Jodi for more information or to register for the team.

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.

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.

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Tag Sale: Colchester Federated Church will hold its annual Tag Sale Saturday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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.

Family Events on Town Green

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

Thursday, Aug. 17, Concert by Bluesberry Jam; Thursday, Aug. 24, DJ Montez and the end-of-summer dance party in the park.

Ahavath Achim News

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

Classes: Tuesday, 6-830 p.m., Wednesday, 2:30-4 p.m.

Services: Friday, 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. -- Zoom and in person

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

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.

Cemetery Tour Coming Up

The Colchester Historical Society will present a "Tour of the Westchester Cemetery Notables" Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m., at Westchester Cemetery, 18 Cemetery Rd.

The historical society's Gary Walter will talk about some of Colchester's historical notables, such as Colonel Henry Champion. Irene Watson and Norm Dupuis, authors of the book *The Men Connected to Colchester, Connecticut Who Served During the Civil War*, will talk about the Civil War soldiers buried in the cemetery.

An ice cream social will be held for the public free of charge.

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.

Community Bible Study and Prayer takes place Wednesdays at 7 p.m.



The CT Bearcats won the 13U National Division East Shore Travel League Championship on July 23. Pictured from left are, back row, Coach Rob Corrado; middle row, Coach Pete Barone, Noah Loban, Brett Burnham, Mario Cardello, Chance Markovitz, Kagan Ruszala, Kevin Barone, Jeremy Parkos; front row, Coach Kevin Ruszala, Sandro Salafia, Jack Hiegl, Tim Hickman, Grayden Greenburg, Luke Corrado, Tyler Ho, Coach Chris Markovitz.

Bearcats Roar to Championship

The CT Bearcats won the 13U National Division East Shore Travel League Championship on July 23 at Hyland Recreation Center in Hartford.

In the semifinals earlier in the afternoon, the Bearcats rallied from down 6-0 vs. Plex Baseball, and won 7-6 in walk-off fashion, in the bottom of the seventh inning. They then played Club 21 in the championship game. The CT Bearcats tallied 12 hits in the game and had solid pitching

and won 11-1.

The Bearcats feature players mostly from Colchester, as well as kids from Salem, Marlborough, Montville, Salem, Middletown, East Haven, Branford and Guilford. The team is currently wrapping up fall tryouts and has a few spots open for its 14U, 15U, 16U and 17U teams. Email ctbearcatstravelball@gmail.com for information on tryouts.

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Police Double Homicide Case Reward

By Michael Sinkewicz

State Police has doubled the reward money for information relating to the 2018 homicide of a Colchester resident.

Last week, police announced that the reward had been increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Police are seeking any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of 36-year-old James Stone Jr., who was found dead in his trailer on Stanavage Road on May 18, 2018. Jones sustained multiple gunshot wounds, according to police.

In January 2022, police initially offered a \$25,000 reward.

Anyone with information is asked to contact lead detective David Bennett at 860-465-5456 or email david.bennett@ct.gov. All information will be kept confidential.

During a press conference in February 2022, Bennett stated that “we will be following every lead that comes into the state police.”

Bambi Stone, James’ mother, stated her family is seeking “swift justice.”

“Jimmy was a kind, loving person that did not deserve to die the way that he did,” she said at the press conference. “We are devastated by this loss and we will never forget.”

Bennet described how the rural character of the area was complicating the investigation. Police stated that Stone was no longer living in the trailer at the time of his death, but returned to retrieve his property.

Close to 100 people had been interviewed through the investigation, Bennett said.

Participants Sought for Celebrate Colchester

Celebrate Colchester will take place Saturday, Sept. 9, from 1-5 p.m., on the Town Green, followed by fireworks at the RecPlex.

People are welcome to set up a table/tent to showcase your local organization, business, or program. Booths are free, but people are asked to donate one item or basket for the silent drawing that will take place at Celebrate Colchester.

If interested in participating, register at colchesterrecdesk.com/Community/Home.

This year, Celebrate Colchester will also celebrate Colchester’s 325th birthday. The day will kick off a month of activities and events, including: 10/7, 10/8, 10/9, 10/14 and 10/15 – Historical tours, open houses, presentations, activities and events throughout the town; 10/7-10/14 – Restaurant Week; 10/13 – Special Birthday Gala at Priam Vineyard from 7-10 p.m.

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.

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 at the senior center. There will be a trip presentation at the senior center on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 a.m.



In July, Colchester Cares members held their summer meeting at the Rec Plex Pavilion. Mel’s Downtown Creamery, a Colchester Cares member, provided ice cream.

Colchester Cares Donate \$3,700 to Community

Colchester Cares is a giving group that makes quarterly donations to important causes and initiatives in Colchester. In July, its members met to discuss causes and happenings in town – and they collectively donated \$3,700 to three different causes. The donation sum was split equally and given to the following:

The Colchester Senior Center Making Memories program, designed for individuals experiencing mild to moderate memory loss or those at risk for social isolation. This program has helped keep Colchester seniors in their homes longer before needing to move to a long-term care facility, Colchester Cares said.

The Colchester Garden Club-sponsored project to improve the gardens at and around Colchester Public Schools. The project will allow

for the creation or improvement of pollinator gardens at Colchester Elementary School, Jack Jackter Intermediate School, William J. Johnston Middle School and Castle. The gardens will promote gardening as part of a healthy lifestyle and provide various learning opportunities for students. The pollinator gardens will increase/replace a habitat for butterflies and bees.

The creation of a coloring and activity book starring Skipper the Facility Dog, to accompany the town’s school resource officer during his work at Colchester schools.

Colchester Cares meets again in October to discuss causes for its fourth quarter round of giving. The group is accepting members; more information can be found at www.colchester-cares.org.



We Solemnly Swear... Colchester AARP 4019 has announced officers for the 2023-24 year. Pictured is Norm Dupuis (Past President) swearing in the new officers: Marie Flanigan (Board of Directors); Madeline Starkey (Treasurer); Mary Bylone (President); Roberta Avery (Vice President); Irene Watson (Secretary). Meetings are held at the Colchester Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month September through December and March through June. All ages 55 and older are welcomed to join us for the enlightening programs.

Volunteer Drivers Sought

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

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

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

Farmers Market Open Sundays

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

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

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

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.

Toastmasters Meet Twice Monthly

The Air Line Trail Toastmasters group meets at the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Town Hall Room 2 and on Zoom.

Whether you’re a beginner or a seasoned speaker, you’re welcome to come and receive feedback.

Call Chris for more details, at 860-537-0143.

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Cooking with the Rivereast... Jerry and Sue Morin of Amston, along with daughter Jill Darby and granddaughter, Monica Darby, recently returned from an eight-day Italian Cooking Holiday in Modica, Sicily. The trip featured lots of cooking and lots of eating, with sightseeing tucked in between!

Where in the World is the Rivereast?

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



A Family Celebration... Jean Peterman and her family recently traveled to Turks and Caicos to mark the occasion of her 80th birthday, as well as the birthday of her son-in-law, Dr. George Mantikas. Pictured are Jean's son William Peterman and his family; daughter Beth Mantikas and her family; and daughter Renee Scarpantonio and her family.



Music City Memories... Jeanne Bishop and Jane Muskatallo, both of Portland, visited The Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.



Top o' the Morning!... Portland residents Mike, Kate, Lottie and Lizzie Schneider brought the *Rivereast* along to a family wedding in Dublin, Ireland.

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Pointillism Painting for Children

The Marlborough Arts Center will hold a one-day workshop for children on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m.-noon, at the arts center, 231 N. Main St.

Led by Susan Hourihan, the class will make a painting using acrylics, Q-Tips and the pointillism technique, and will learn a method of color mixing and painting at the same time.

The workshop is designed for children ages 8 to 14. Materials are included in the fee of \$40, payable to the Marlborough Arts Center. Registration forms are available at www.marlbortarts.org

ougharts.org Register by Aug. 14.

Hourihan is an art teacher in the Westbrook School District. She attended UConn for her undergraduate degrees and completed her teaching certification at Southern Connecticut State University. She has been teaching art for over 20 years and has taught all ages, pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

For more information, call the Arts Center at 860-467-6353 or email Hourihan at susanhourihan1884@gmail.com.

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.marlboroughct.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@marlborough.ct.net.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Fellowship Community Church, 24 South Rd.

All who donate will get a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of their choice. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Movie.

Schedule an appointment to give by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Why I'm Running for Town Council

To the Editor:

I have become thoroughly disgusted with comments or actions of several Republican officials to bully misguided policy upon us. Town Council (TC) Chair Mark Phillhower's efforts to give our local ambulance service to Middlesex Health (MH), letting them dispatch your emergency calls from Middletown or elsewhere. He contends East Hampton (EH) would see similar benefits as Durham – except totally different facts prevailed there and he continues to argue that EH would have substantial future savings because MH would bear those operating costs and not our taxpayers. Wasn't it our taxpayers who paid for the equipment and buildings in the first place? Ask yourself, in an emergency, would you want local responders transporting you or your family member within a few minutes of the call, or be willing to wait 30 minutes or more for an ambulance to arrive?

Next was inadequate resources provided in the 2023-24 recommended budget. Most Republican TC and all Board of Finance (BF) members chose substantial reductions in education, and once again ambulance services, equating quality of life to the lowest possible mill rate. Allison Walck even blasted Superintendent Smith as a puppeteer manipulating our students. The rest of us witnessed how bright and capable of thinking for themselves our students were. BF member Richard Brown went so far as to suggest "why aren't teachers doing their jobs," justifying his vote to cut education funding. And if that weren't enough, Brown attacked a highly regarded citizen referring to him as "Scum!" That is unacceptable behavior.

Having served on both the TC and BF and represented EH as its state representative and worked professionally as a CPA, I have the background and experience to work with respect, in the best interest of all our citizens. I would sincerely appreciate your vote this November.

Dean Markham – East Hampton

Being 'Woke'

To the Editor:

Being 'woke' simply means knowing more history than had been taught to us as school children. It doesn't erase anything of the past; instead contributing additional layers to form deeper understandings of that past. Did the Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock and found one of the earliest North American colonies? Sure did! But before Plymouth they landed at Truro, Cape Cod, stole 14 bushels of buried Nauset-Wampanoag seed corn and dug up two native graves making off with "the prettiest things."

Was Thomas Jefferson a great person, having co-authored the Declaration of Independence, become our third president and whose personal library helped found the Library of Congress? Yes indeed. But he also kept slaves, held white supremacist views and fathered multiple children with slave Sally Hemings starting when he was 44 years old and she but 14. The latter 'woke' information better informs us why the Civil War occurred, why Jim Crow laws were used to subjugate African-Americans, and why

our nation still unsuccessfully grapples with our racist past.

When we reject additional factual information because it conflicts with our former world view, we choose ignorance over understanding. *Rivereast* writers mocking others as being 'woke' demonstrate pride and confidence in their own ignorance. Being referred to as 'woke' is really a compliment, meaning you know more about the why, how, when, what and where's of an issue. Nearly all *Rivereast* readers know this. It's the few blowhards using 'woke' as a cudgel who have no clue how poorly they come off. And these latter will not soon awaken to these truths. To do so they would first have to cross the barrier between ignorance and knowing. A hard thing to do as one must look back to acknowledge former ignorant and churlish behaviors. It takes courage to admit error.

Edmund Smith – Andover

Project 2025

To the Editor:

The leading Republican presidential candidate, Donald Trump, and Republicans, have this plan that they want to put in place, if the Republican Party wins the presidency in 2024. Either Trump or some other Republican president gets inaugurated in January 2025 and Project 2025 thereby goes into effect. This plan is being coordinated by a right-wing think tank called the Heritage Foundation, and it is a plan to radically change the form of governance we have in the U.S. so as to concentrate all of the power of the government in the hands of a single leader. "Our current executive branch... was conceived of by liberals. What's necessary is a complete system overhaul... What we're trying to do is identify the pockets of independence and seize them." Seize them, so there won't be any more pockets of independent power outside the power that is held by the president.

The plan is to change the structure of the U.S. government so the next Republican president will take direct control of all state power. There would be no more independent federal law enforcement. The next president would take control of private business in this country for his own benefit through the powers of the FTC, the Federal Trade Commission.

The next president would revive an old and illegal practice called impoundment, which would basically take away the fundamental powers of Congress and put that power, too, in Trump's hands. We'd have a single leader with all the power of the state personally arrogated to him. No other part of the government, no other thing in the country at all, would be allowed to constrain him. This is where the Republican Party has been heading in the Trump era: a presidential dictatorship. (Rachel Maddow, MS-NBC; <https://www.project2025.org/playbook>)

Annie Steinbrecher – Marlborough



Members of the Marlborough Lions and Orphan Gravy Train load donated items onto a truck recently.

Lions Hold Medical Equipment Collection

The Marlborough Lions recently held an event to collect durable medical equipment. The Lions, in conjunction with the worldwide human relief organization Orphan Grain Train, collected medical equipment including wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, unopened packages of medical supplies, and other equipment, which will all be shipped to impoverished areas of the country.

The Lions also kept some items on hand in case anyone locally is in need.

On the day of the collection, a large number of items were brought to the school and loaded onto a truck. The equipment was then taken to Orphan Grain Train's warehouse in Terryville, where it was inspected, repaired and readied for

shipment. If you would like to learn more about this organization, or how you might help provide support, visit www.ogt.org.

The Lions Club supports programs, which address various issues including blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness in addition to supporting local organizations such as the Marlborough Food and Fuel Banks. The Lions also perform annual vision screening services for students at the elementary school and at various child care facilities in the area.

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

Resident's Artwork to Be Displayed

Marlborough artist Mary Horrigan will hold a one-person exhibition of her paintings from Aug. 25-Sept. 16, at the Essex Art Association's Gantner Gallery, 10 Main St. in Essex.

Last August, Horrigan was the recipient of the association's highest honor, the Gantner Gallery Award. Her painting "By the Sea," a watercolor, was selected by the juror for the prize, which honors the recipient with a show in the Gantner Gallery.

The show will open with a reception on Friday, Aug. 25, and will run until Sept. 16. The gallery is open from 1-8 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

An elected member of the Connecticut Watercolor Society and the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts, Horrigan holds associate membership in the American Watercolor Society and the New England Watercolor Society. Locally she is a member of the Marlborough Arts Center (currently serving on its board of directors as membership chairperson), the East Hampton Art Association, the Lyme Art Association, and the Essex Art Association.

In addition, she has held numerous exhibitions throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts, and has taught watercolor classes for Manchester Community College, Middletown Adult Education, the Guilford Art Center, and the Glastonbury Art Guild. She currently offers classes at the Marlborough Arts Center.

Horrigan took her first serious art lessons at age 16 when she won a scholarship for Saturday classes for high school students at the Cleveland Art Institute. After college, she taught high school and college French classes for ten years, but when her late husband Richard's job required them to relocate several times, it became difficult to secure a teaching position. This seemed a perfect time to follow her childhood dream of becoming an artist and she started taking watercolor classes – and never looked back.

Her background includes watercolor workshops with nationally recognized watercolorists Edgar Whitney, Marilyn Phillis, Frank Webb, Janet Walsh, Janet Rogers, Joel Popadics, and



Local artist Mary Horrigan will have a one-person exhibition of her paintings from Aug. 25-Sept. 16, at the Essex Art Association's Gantner Gallery,

Charles Reid. She has also taken classes at the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts and at Middlesex Community College.

Horrigan credited her earliest and most influential watercolor instructor, Edgar Whitney, with instilling in his students the concept that nothing is as beautiful as a substance obeying the laws of its nature. He also insisted that his students learn and apply the principles and elements of design in their paintings.

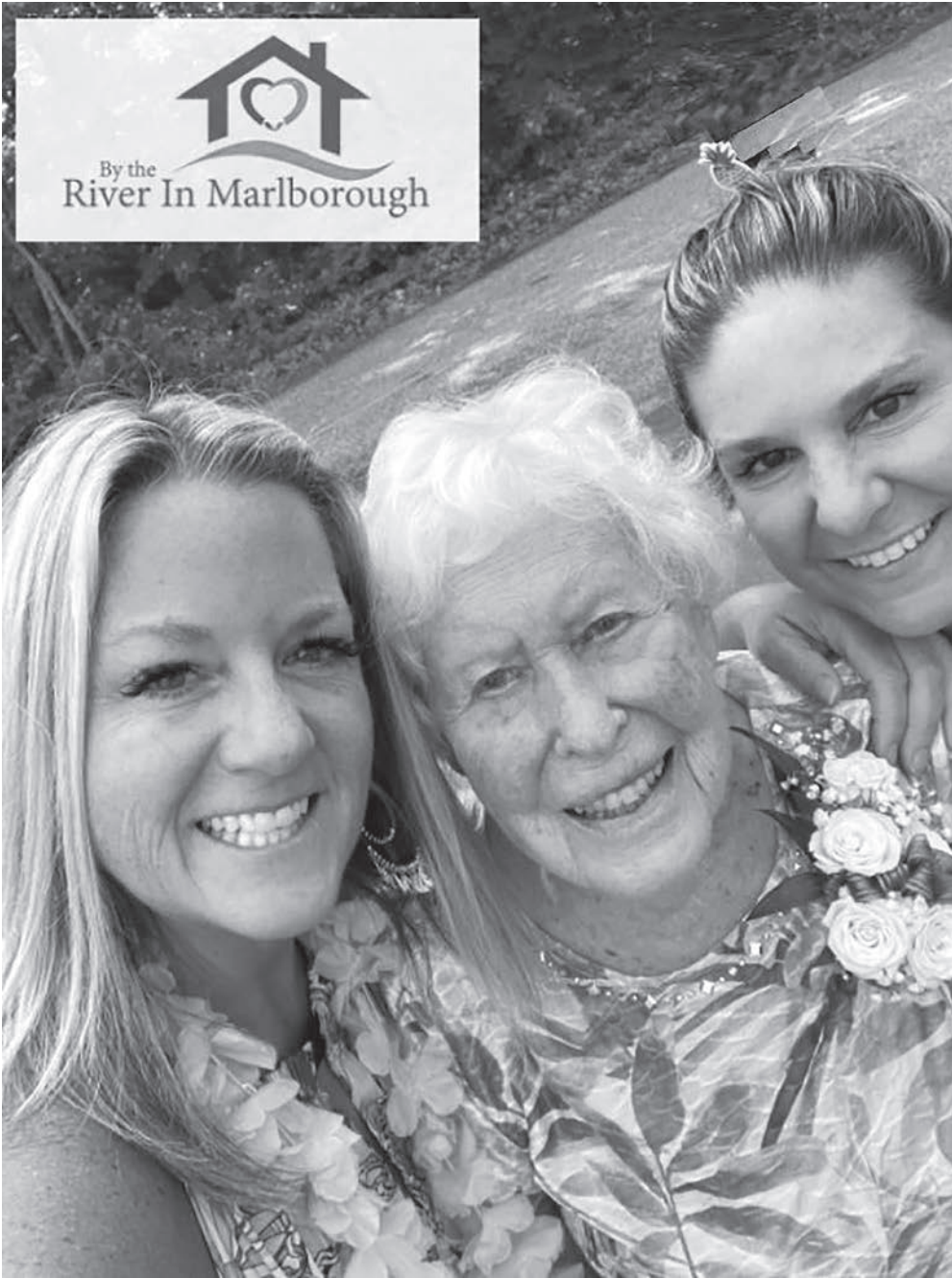
The Gantner Gallery Award is given to one artist during each Essex Art Association show. It affords the recipient the opportunity to present a body of work in a dedicated space during a show at the gallery.

Horrigan lives in Marlborough with her daughter and grandson. Some of her paintings can be seen at the Red House Cultural Arts Center in Salem and at Artisan Frame in Niantic.

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Grace Tedford, a resident of the By The River residential care home in Marlborough, recently turned 100. She's shown with By The River manager Joy Nowak, left, and owner Corinne DiBacco.

Resident Turns 100 Years Young!

Grace Tedford, a resident of the By The River residential care home in Marlborough, recently turned 100!

Born June 6, 1923, Tedford was raised on a 144-acre veggie farm located on the town line of Manchester, Glastonbury and Bolton, with her nine siblings. She managed this farm until 2020, when she moved into By The River.

In the 100 years of her life, on top of farming and helping raise her family, Miss Tedford also founded the Manchester Art Association in 1950. This association has over 80 members and still functions today.

For her birthday celebration, Tedford's family brought over a large display of paintings she painted for the "Sole Art Show." Even today, despite poor eyesight, you can still find Tedford painting in the recreation room at By the River. Tedford also worked for Pioneer Parachute for 30 years, making World War II parachutes.

Tedford never had children of her own but certainly made a huge difference in the com-

munity and her family. Nieces and nephews still come by to reminisce frequently. By the River hosted a large celebration for Tedford's 100th birthday. Among the 75 attendees were Tedford's extended family, as well as members of the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department hosted a Siren Salute to celebrate Tedford.

By the River staff members said they were honored to know that "Miss Grace" was shedding happy tears knowing this celebration was all for her.

Sponsors Sought for Marlborough Day

Marlborough Day is returning Sunday, Aug. 27, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Blish Park.

The event, presented by the Connecticut River Valley Chamber of Commerce, is a day of family fun, entertainment, food trucks, and civic groups to celebrate Marlborough.

Various sponsorship opportunities are available - from Presenting Sponsor at \$2,000 to Bag Sponsor at \$100 - and donated items are also sought for a tea cup raffle.

For more information or questions on sponsorships, contact Jessica Olander, chamber president, at jessica@crvchamber.org.



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Parks and Rec Programs

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions or to register, visit marlboroughct.recdesk.com and click on "programs," stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203.

Youth Programs: Kids Summer Beach Yoga Nights: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 5:30-6:15 p.m., at

Blish Park, for ages 3-6, and their parent/caregiver. Fee is \$15/week to drop in.

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

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

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.

Monday, Aug. 14: Free bread and bakery goods donated by Stop & Shop; no transportation today; Cornhole, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: grape juice, Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, peas and diced carrots, 100% whole wheat bread, yogurt cup; cards, 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 15: Free bread and bakery goods donated by Big Y; no transportation today; Meals-on-Wheels, noon.

Wednesday, Aug. 16: No transportation today; Not Just Quilters, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; cornhole, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: National

Watermelon Day: country vegetable soup, oven-roasted turkey (not deli) on kaiser roll sandwich, mustard/mayo, sliced tomatoes and lettuce, potato salad, watermelon slice; cards, 1-4 p.m.; Sophisticated Ladies, 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 17: No transportation today, 8 a.m.-noon; Tai Chi, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Parkinson's Disease Exercise with Anne, 3-4 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 18: No transportation today; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: cracker crumb cod/tartar sauce, green and yellow wax beans, 100% whole wheat bread, fresh fruit; setback, 1-4 p.m.

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

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

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

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

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

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

demical year.

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

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

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

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.

August Kids Take and Make Kit: Create your own pool party with supplies found in this month's Kids Take & Make Kit: Paper Pool People. Recommended for kids ages 5 and up; available while supplies last.

Portable Easel: The library now has a lightweight (2.5 lbs) 63" portable tripod floor easel available for checkout. This easel is perfect for presentations, weddings or birthdays (or other celebrations), and painting. It can be borrowed for a three-week period. Stop by the library to

check it out. (Note that a white board or canvas is not included.)

Stories and Songs: Children up to age 5, with their caregivers, are invited to enjoy songs, rhymes and a story on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. throughout the summer. Registration is not required. The program is held outside; inclement weather will cancel.

Build the Change: Mondays, Aug. 14 and 21, 4 p.m. Learn about environmental challenges currently affecting the planet, then get creative and test out some possible solutions. Registration is required.

Creative Kids: Tuesdays through Aug 22, 4 p.m. Kids ages 4 and up are invited to participate in open-ended projects that let you use your imagination. Registration is recommended.

Read to the Dogs: Young readers are invited to come in and read to a certified Reading Education Assistance Dog on Monday, Aug. 21, from 6-7 p.m. There are now two dogs coming. Pre-registration is required to secure your child's spot. Limit is one child per 15-minute time slot per dog.

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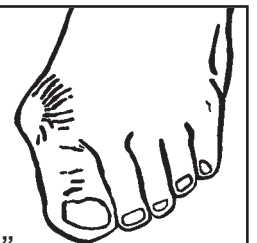
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The Marlborough Arts Center invites all Connecticut artists to participate in its fourth "East of the River" Juried Art Show, held at the arts center, 231 N. Main St. The exhibition runs from Sept. 24-Oct. 28, and offers a minimum of \$1,000 in awards.

Original work being accepted in this show includes oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, drawing, mixed media and photography.

The Juror of Selection and Awards is Thomas Hebert. Over the span of his art career, Hebert has had numerous solo exhibitions in New York City and New England, as well as group exhibitions in the United States and abroad. He has been recognized in prominent galleries and has received many awards including awards from

the Wadsworth Atheneum and the New Britain Art Museum.

A reception and presentation of awards will take place Sunday, Sept. 24, from 1-4 p.m., at the arts center gallery. The reception is open to the public and is an opportunity to meet the artists.

All accepted work in the exhibit will be shown online at www.marlborougharts.org.

If interested in submitting work, the prospectus and entry forms can be found at www.marlborougharts.org.

For more information about events offered at the Arts Center, go to www.marlborougharts.org, or leave a message at 860-295-9389 and a member of the Board of Directors will return your call.

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.marlconchurch.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 children to use during worship. Sunday School resumes Sept. 10.

Sunday, Aug. 13: Service will be led by Media Team chair and deacon Ben Moreland. His sermon title is "Hey Bro."

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

Outreach: The church collects non-perishable food items year-round for Marlborough Food

Bank with a basket located in the narthex for Sunday worshipers to bring their donations. Once a month the Junior and Senior Youth Group members prepare and serve lunch and visit with the residents at Florence Lord Housing.

Second Blessings Thrift Shop is closed in August, and will reopen Friday, Sept. 8. However, the shop is open for selling and donations by appointment by contacting the church at office@marlconchurch.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 Pastor Val Seaver's direct line at 860-295-0432 or email pastorval@marlconchurch.org.

School Resumes Aug. 30

Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School in Marlborough will open Wednesday, Aug. 30. School hours are: Grades K-6, 8:35 a.m.-3:05 p.m.; Morning pre-kindergarten, 8:30-11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; afternoon pre-kindergarten, noon-2:45 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Registration of New Students: New residents with children entering the elementary school are asked to register them before the first day of school. The school office is open from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer. Families registering children for school (K-6) are required to provide proof of their child's age, most recent physical, immunization record and proof of residency.

Transportation: Bus schedules will be posted in mid-August at www.marlborough.k12.ct.us. It is vital that families communicate with the school regarding their children's transportation arrangements. The school arranges transportation to and from the child's home address. If transportation will be different from the home address, please contact the school as early as possible so adjustments can be made before school starts. This includes children attending MECCA.

Families must notify the school office in writing whenever a child will be picked up from school. The note must include the child's full name, the teacher's name, the full name of the person picking up the child, and the full legal signature of the parent/guardian. Anyone picking up a child from school may be asked for a photo ID.

Health Assessments: All students entering our school for the first time (kindergarteners or new students) must have the blue State of Con-

necticut Health Assessment Record on file with the school nurse before the start of school. Incoming kindergarten children must have all immunizations completed prior to the first day of school. Contact the Health Room at 860-295-6225 with any questions or medical concerns.

School Supplies: Classroom supply lists are available at www.marlborough.k12.ct.us. Use the "Classroom" tab and go to the specific grade level. Supply lists will be found there.

School Cafeteria: Money for meals, snacks and bottled water may be sent to the Marlborough School Lunch Program (checks should be made to Marlborough School Lunch Program, with your child's name and ID number on the envelope.) A completed free or reduced meal application for Marlborough Elementary School (applications available at our school office or on our school's website under the "Lunch" tab) provides Marlborough Public Schools with the information to determine eligibility for free or reduced lunches and other programs. (i.e. Season of Sharing in December, field trip assistance). Information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Families can also use MySchoolBucks.com, an online payment system that allows families to deposit funds via a credit card into student meal accounts. Through this online system, families are automatically notified by email when the meal account goes below \$20 to allow time to replenish the account before no funds remain.

For more information, call the school office at 860-295-6220.

Lake Fest Returns

On Friday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m., Marlborough-based band Seat Of Our Pants will again host "Lake Fest" from a dock at the south end of Lake Terramuggus.

The band has been hosting this free concert to the lake and all who paddle, float or swim up, since 2014. To learn more about the group, hear its music and view its upcoming schedule, visit seatofourpantsmusic.com.



The Marlborough Lions Club recently donated \$500 to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Lion and CERT member Ken Hjulstrom is shown here presenting the check to CERT members Amber Armitage and Ashley Jacques at the team's July meeting.

Lions Donate to CERT

The Marlborough Lions Club recently donated \$500 to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which has members from Hebron, Andover and Marlborough. Marlborough's first members joined CERT members from Andover and Hebron in 2019.

The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue and team organization. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event based on the training they have received. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness

projects in their community.

Marlborough, Hebron and Andover CERT members have also assisted with traffic control for local road races and supported warming and cell phone charging centers during power outages. CERT members also conducted home health safety checks during COVID-19 for households where the elderly or disabled were unable to venture out.

New members are welcome to join CERT; training sessions are held periodically. For more information about CERT, call Marlborough's public safety director, Todd Gianetti, at 860-365-3111.

Bluegrass at the Arts Center

The group Sperry Creek will play bluegrass at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m., in the air-conditioned art gallery.

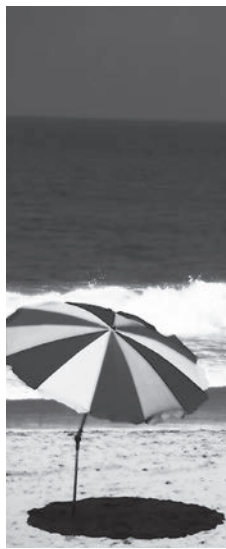
Sperry Creek is a five-piece band of longtime musicians who formed at the peak of the pandemic through socially distant backyard jam sessions, and named themselves for a nearby creek. Members are Scott Freemantle on bass, Marilyn Toback-Reveley on guitar, Bill Reveley on fiddle, Carrie Folsom-O'Keefe on mandolin, and Dan O'Keefe on banjo.

Admission is \$10 at the door.

School of Rock to Play Arts Center

The young musicians of the School of Rock will perform an outdoor performance on the grounds of the Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., Saturday, Aug. 19, at 2 p.m. Bring your own seating.

Admission is \$10. There is on-site parking. In case of rain, the concert will be canceled, with no rain date set.



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Resident Hopes to Bring Green Views to the Council

By London Brazal

Jordan Werme is looking at first-time candidacy in East Hampton's November election.

Werme and his wife Kathryn moved to East Hampton in 2016 with their three children. Getting involved was easy as he became president of Podium Players Community Theater and frequented volunteer events around town.

In 2002, Werme enlisted in the Connecticut Army National Guard and served as the Public Relations Communications Manager to help make a difference. Public service became predominant in Werme's life when he was about 20 and started volunteering with the American Cancer Society as his brother was a cancer survivor. He also volunteered with the American Liver Foundation when his son required a liver transplant. Becoming involved was Werme's way of giving back and being someone who could make a difference.

Following his retirement from the National Guard last year, Werme became the Multimedia

Production Coordinator for the Governor's Prevention Partnership. This change inspired him to run for local office since he did not have the time to do so before retiring. "It didn't have to be me, but I was willing," Werme said.

When Werme was looking to run for office, a friend affiliated with the Green Party reached out for party endorsement. After looking into the Green Party's ideals, Werme agreed with the platform. "Ideologically speaking, I feel like I line up pretty well with the Green Party. The platform is largely similar to what most Democrats probably believe in with a few exceptions."

When expanding on the party's views, Werme highlighted his agreement with rank-choice voting. "It is policy over party. People are unwilling to reach over the blue and red aisles. It would give people the ability to vote on their conscience rather than their political alignment," Werme said. He also noted his support of the social justice movement that aids margin-

alized populations whose voices are suppressed. In addition, Werme mentioned he believes in non-violence, and stressed it's similar to how Martin Luther King Jr. preached.

Local government, in Werme's opinion, needs to go back to participatory democracy. And ultimately, that begins with voting. Werme preaches that every vote matters, as recent elections on a congressional level have been fairly close by a dozen or so votes.

"Realistically, on a day-to-day living standpoint, it is your local elections that have the biggest impact on your direct daily life," Werme said. One challenge he adds is the lack of interest in municipal elections. "When you give up your chance to vote on those representatives and policy, you are giving up far more control over your specific life than any president has to do."

While talking about Town Council meetings, Werme said he believes that three-minute public remarks are not enough for residents to discuss pressing issues. It is difficult to "wrap up your entire argument into a soundbite." He encourages a Town Hall meeting system that would not have an agenda and serves as an open discussion. To Werme, the Town Council should be working as a representative body, not an overruling one.

While talking about Lake Pocotopaug, Werme

wants to see the continuation of the Lake Smart Initiative Program. And as of now, he thinks that the program should be highly encouraged or even mandatory for people to follow.

"East Hampton likes to claim Lake Pocotopaug as its town jewel, but very little of it is publicly accessible," he said. "So many of the issues the lake faces are the result of private enterprise."

In town, many Brownfield properties have a lot of potential but deal with environmental factors. Werme proposes that the environmental issues be addressed first before making decisions to turn them into residential or commercial areas.

Furthermore, any attempts at residential areas being rezoned should be "monitored closely. If we allow 'commercial creep' into those areas, we will turn into the next Rocky Hill or Manchester," Werme said. Looking forward, he suggests that development must be balanced with renovations to "keep the charm and historical feel of East Hampton in place."

Ultimately, if there is one thing to know about Werme and his Green Party alignment, it is that he relies on data and evidence first. "If I'm going to take a position on something, I want to make sure I am informed about how it works and what the best ways forward are," he said.



Funds for Cystic Fibrosis... Carriann Benigni's fifth grade class at Center Elementary School was able to raise \$200 to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, through the students' wax museum presentations. Students selected a historical figure or event from the Revolutionary War and gave presentations to adults and students who donated money to support this cause. Students met with a representative from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation this summer to deliver the donation. The money raised also holds a personal meaning as one of the students has been dealing with this disease.

Senior Center News & Notes

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

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

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

Wii Bowling: Every other Thursday at 11 a.m.; next date Aug. 24.

Cornhole: Every other Thursday at 11 a.m.; next date Aug. 17.

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.

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

Movie Day: Friday, Aug. 11, 1 p.m. *Free Solo*, a documentary about Alex Honnold, the world's most accomplished free soloist climber, will be shown. Treats will be served.

Mighty Magnificent Men's Group- Monday, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. This men's group is a casual opportunity to meet others and discuss what's on your mind.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings: Mondays, Aug. 21 and Sept. 18, 12:30-1:30 p.m., at the senior center. Sponsored by Chatham Health Department. Need to monitor your blood pres-

sure? Stop by; no appointment necessary.

Wonderfully Wicked Women's Group: Monday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. This is a low-key opportunity to meet others and share resources.

Mindful Meditations with Victoria: Mondays, Aug. 21, Sept. 11 and Sept. 25, 1-2 p.m. Techniques engage in healing, self-compassion, and gratitude in a group setting.

Chatting About Dental Health: Tuesday, Aug. 22, 10:30 a.m., presented by Chatham Health.

AARP Safe Driving Class: Friday, Aug. 25, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. For AARP members, cost is \$20 cash or check; for non-members, cost is \$25.

Senior Center Bus Trip - Harkness Memorial State Park: Wednesday, Aug. 30, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring your lunch and a chair. Seats are limited. Requested bus donation: \$4.

Walmart (Windham) Shopping Trip: Thursday, Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. A \$4 transportation donation is requested. Lunch is on you. Space is limited.

Staying Sharp with Kitch & Cindy: Wednesday, Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m. This is a wellness program that promotes brain health.

September Movies: Fridays, Sept. 8 and 22, 1 p.m. *The Philadelphia Story*, with Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant and Jimmy Stewart, will be shown Sept. 8, and *Auntie Mame*, starring Rosalind Russell, will be shown Sept. 22. Both days, wear vintage clothing and enjoy sherbet punch and popcorn.

Signs of Autumn at Hurd State Park: Friday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet master naturalist Lynn Kochiss at the pavilion for a short walk to explore the surrounding forest, then return with us to the pavilion for a light lunch.

Lunch & Learn with CRT - The Price is Right for a Healthy Diet - Thursday Sept. 14.

Travel Club: Tuesday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m.

A Life Well Planned: Wednesday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m., with Lori Orlor from Middlesex Health Care.

Trip - Christmastime Holiday Show: Saturday, Dec. 2, at Reagle Music Theater in Waltham, Mass. There will be a pre-show lunch at the Chateau Restaurant in Waltham. (Entrée choice due in advance.) Cost is \$159/person. Departure is at 11 a.m. from Stop & Shop, 11 East High St., East Hampton. For information call the senior center.

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Sports Boosters Fundraiser at Dunkin' Park

By London Brazal

Belltown students and families gathered at Dunkin' Park this past Sunday to enjoy a great day and Yard Goats baseball – and to raise money for the East Hampton High School Sports Boosters.

As a fundraiser for the Sports Boosters Club of East Hampton, families were able to buy tickets to the Yard Goats game. Some of the proceeds from the tickets went to the club. Through its advertising of the fundraiser on various pages and groups on Facebook and Instagram, the club was able to sell 42 of the 50 allotted tickets. This was the first time the club had tried to raise money through this type of program by a minor league baseball team. And whether it was the whole family or a father-son pairing, everyone had the opportunity to enjoy a classic day at the ballpark.

On Sunday afternoon, prior to the first pitch, East Hampton attendees lined up at the Yard Goats' dugout to create a High-Five tunnel. Young and old students welcomed the active players for the pregame warmups. And, at the end of the game, the kids were allowed to run the bases.

Resident and first-year Sports Booster John Beal brought the idea to the boosters earlier this year. "I love baseball. And in the school year, I am the liaison to the baseball team [for the Boosters Club] and wanted to come up with a fundraiser with a baseball theme," he said.

Beal's son Jayson, who is going to be a senior at East Hampton High School and plays for the varsity baseball team, even participated in an

on-the-field challenge between innings. Jayson had to spin five times around a bat and ride a blow-up horse to the finish line. Although he lost, the crowd had a great laugh with the East Hampton section cheering him on.

For the first-time fundraiser, Beal said he was satisfied with the results, especially since August is a busy month. Selling 42 tickets made the Sports Boosters "a profit of around \$150," he said. "Not big money, but it was a fun day and a new idea."

Ultimately, seeing families come together to watch a baseball game made the event a success," Beal said.

"My favorite memory was just watching the kids smiling and having a good time," Beal said. Though it was a hot summer day, spirits were high and happy, especially with the Yard Goats' win on Sunday – a 4-3 victory over the Reading Fightin Phils.

Per the Yard Goats' website, "Fundraising with the Yard Goats is an incentive-driven initiative designed to generate revenue for local non-profit organizations while increasing their exposure at Dunkin' Park and the Greater Hartford area. Non-profit organizations can purchase a lump sum of tickets at a discounted rate, sell them for face value and then keep the profits."

When talking about the process to set up the fundraiser, Beal was pleased with how easy it was. "The Yard Goat staff were very accommodating and walked me right through the set-up process from start to finish." In the future, Beal hopes to try the fundraiser again and get a big-



Belltown families gathered for an East Hampton High School Sports Boosters fundraiser this past Sunday at Dunkin' Park – the home of the Hartford Yard Goats. Here, the Meacham kids stand in front of the Yard Goats' dugout to welcome the players.

ger turnout.

For the upcoming school year, Beal is excited to simply "help the student-athletes enjoy their activities by raising money and supporting their teams."

Earlier this summer on June 27, the Sports Boosters group hosted its largest fundraiser, The Bellringer Open. The 31st annual golf tournament was held at Blackledge Country Club

and was a success.

The East Hampton High School Sports Boosters work with the athletic director and school administration to support the athletic programs at the school. Meetings are held monthly, and new members are always welcome. For more information on the Sports Boosters, email ehhsboosters@easthamptonct.org or visit the group on Facebook @EHHS Sports Boosters.

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 is celebrated with the Rev. Diana Rogers.

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

Wednesday Summer Services: Rogers will hold services Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in August using alternate and approved forms of the wor-

ship service.

Tag Sale: Dick Napolitano is in charge of the annual Labor Day tag sale. Contact him with any questions at rnap1137@gmail.com. Save your donations. Light- and medium-weight furniture will be offered on Facebook Marketplace.

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

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

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An Exchange Like No Other

By London Brazal

Unlike a typical European vacation, 15-year-old Macie Brazal traveled 4,293 miles away from home by herself for the first time.

As part of the Rotary Youth Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX), Macie flew to Italy at the end of June. While arriving at Rome's International Airport, the Acquarulo family greeted Macie with an American and Italian flag. For three weeks, Macie lived with the family in Portico di Caserta, a city near Naples, to explore the rich culture. Though Macie didn't speak the language, she learned many valuable life lessons.

"I had the opportunity to meet wonderful people, both old and young who were able to give me important life lessons," Macie said. One lesson that stuck with Macie was from an Italian-British man:

"You are never truly alone; there is always someone else out there that is fighting the same battles but might be too afraid to speak out."

In an immersion in Italian culture, Macie said she was shocked at how some stereotypes were proven true. "They eat a lot of pasta. Farfalle, spaghetti, cannelloni, and more. Think of a pasta, and I probably ate it."

When she was abroad, Macie attended a 50th wedding anniversary. At the church, the grandparents reenacted their wedding with prayers and blessings. Following the ceremony, the family went to a nice restaurant where they sat, talked, and ate for six hours. "It was a complete immer-

sion of their culture, they kept on feeding me."

In Italy, the Acquarulo family brought Macie to visit the country's capital Rome, Naples, Amalfi, Pompeii, and Taranto. In the cities, she did a lot of walking and saw the historical sites of the country. One night, she went to an Italian concert featuring performer Tiziano Ferro. "I did not know what was going on and obviously it wasn't in English, but I did enjoy listening to the music," Macie said.

Before this experience, Macie had previously traveled to England, Wales, and Ireland with her family. Though she never traveled by herself, excitement outweighed any nervousness. Macie added, "I wanted to learn about another culture and it was a cool experience to tell people in the future."

Macie said she was very grateful for her time in Italy and hopes that young students will take advantage of the program if they can. "If you have ambitions to travel, do it! Especially if you can before you are 18."

And the experience didn't end when Macie's time in Italy did.

In mid-July, the Acquarulo's 16-year-old daughter, Claudia, came home with Macie to live in the United States. After their long flight into Boston, the Brazal family greeted Claudia with red, white, and blue decorations.

While entering East Hampton for the first time, Claudia noticed many differences quickly. "In Italy, we have street lights everywhere. Here,



Macie Brazal (right) and Claudia Acquarulo (left) pose in front of the White House in Washington, D.C.

the houses are far apart with large yards. At home, the houses are small and close together," Claudia said. When driving by Lake Pocotopaug, she could not believe some houses had more than three bedrooms inside.

During her time in the U.S., Claudia experienced large grocery stores, an amusement park, a local theater production, eating s'mores, and seeing an ocean for the first time.

Every day was a new adventure. Macie took Claudia to Boston, New York City, Newport, and Washington, D.C. When they explored the capital, Claudia loved seeing the giant statue of Abraham Lincoln and enjoyed visiting the monuments at night.

"My favorite part was probably New York," Claudia said. "It's the city you see in the movies and it is a dream to see. Even my TikTok is filled with videos from New York and it was fascinating to see it in reality."

Though Claudia is not fluent in English, to-

ward the end of the three weeks, communication became easier. "Sometimes it was still difficult to communicate but luckily, translation apps were useful!" Dwight Brazal, Macie's dad, said.

On Aug. 2, Macie and Claudia presented a slideshow of their experiences to the East Hampton/Marlborough Rotary Club. Macie shared photos with Claudia's friends and family along with pictures of historical sites. Claudia continued to practice her English and explained the amazing opportunity she has experienced so far. In Connecticut, Macie was one of two students that participated in Rotary's ESSEX.

The Acquarulo and Brazal families each gained another daughter this summer – and the families are excited to meet in person one day. Macie and Claudia are already planning to get together soon.

Note: London Brazal, the author of this story, is the sister of Macie Brazal.

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Middle Haddam Public Library News

Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd., Middle Haddam, has announced the following. To register or more information on any program, email middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com, visit middlehaddamlibrary.com or call 860-267-9093. The library's P.O. Box number is 123.

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

Yoga: With Erin Day of Ten Summit Yoga. Mondays at 9 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. No Saturday classes until summer. Cost is a \$10 drop-in fee. Register at tensummitst@gmail.com.

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, Aug. 12, 10 a.m.-noon. A monthly gathering to visit with neighbors and other library patrons. Have a cup of tea (coffee drinkers welcome).

Writers Workshop/Meet-Up Group: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7-8:30 p.m. Enjoy writing exercises, constructive criticism, and an opportunity to seek the opinions of other writers. All genres. Pre-register.

Art with the Artists: Saturday, Aug. 19. It's two events in one – create in the company of fellow artists or watch the artists work.

Writers Group: Wednesday, Aug. 23. Come down to the library and write. Pre-register.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a HHW collection event on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the old HHW facility located at 11 Dump Rd., Essex.

The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes East Hampton and Portland. No commercial or business waste allowed. Please visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste to learn more.

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.



Book Challenge a Success... The East Hampton Lions recently learned that Memorial and Center schools' libraries could use some new books. The Lions challenged residents to donate towards the purchase of books, and said they would match it up to \$2,023. The Rotary decided to accept the challenge and donated \$2,000 to the cause. With other donations a check was presented for \$4,228 and a late donation of \$25.00 brought the total up to \$4,253. Donations were received from the Evans family, Nancy Lyman, Barbara Hass, Kevin Reich, Joanne Barmasse, Sylvia DeMore, Tim Csere and Chris Burt. Pictured are Rebecca Flannery, librarian for Memorial and Center schools, and Mary Krogh, Lions president for 2022-23.

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'Driving for Drafts' Charity Golf Tournament

The annual Driving for Drafts – Duke Memorial Charity Golf Tournament, to benefit the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue (CDHR), will take place Saturday, Sept. 16, at Portland Golf Course, 169 Bartlett St, Portland. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m., with check-in beginning at noon. Cost is \$150/person and includes golf as well as grilled lunch, a buffet dinner, and raffles and prizes. Sponsorships are also available, including an "In Memoriam" sponsorship to honor a loved one or a pet. Registration closes Sept. 1. To sign up as a participant or become a sponsor, visit www.ct-draftrescue.org/2023-golf-registration, or email cdhr.golf@gmail.com.

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EHVFD Fireworks Info

The East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department is presenting its annual end-of-summer Fireworks Display on the grounds of East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St., on Saturday, Aug. 19 (the rain date is Sunday, Aug. 20). This year's show is in celebration of the Fire Department's 100th Anniversary.

The "gates" to the high school will open at 6 p.m. and all event activities (food & ice cream vendors, live band, etc.) will take place behind the high school building. The pyrotechnics will launch from an area in the far northwest corner of the high school property, beginning promptly at 9 p.m., and residents are encouraged to plan their arrival accordingly.

Traffic flow for entry and egress will be monitored and controlled by the East Hampton Police Department, the Colchester Fire Police and EHVFD firefighters. Street parking will not be permitted on North Maple Street between Route 66 and Beechcrest Drive, the entire length of Hills Avenue and the upper portion of Sherry Drive. Signs will be posted accordingly.

There is ample space for spectator parking on the high school grounds and there will be a sizable area reserved for appropriately identified vehicles eligible for handicapped parking access. Once a vehicle enters the high school property, however, that vehicle and its occupants must stay until the conclusion of the show. Residents wishing to drop off spectators should not enter the school property; a drop-off area will be established at the northwest corner of the North Maple/Hills Avenue intersection. The same area will be used for pick-up after the show.

Please note that the venue is school property and alcohol, smoking or vaping is not permitted.

Pets will not be allowed at the event and owners of service animals wishing to attend must provide official proof of certification as such. Also, for the safety of all involved and in consideration of the high volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, bicycles will not be permitted to be ridden on school property and must be secured at the bike rack provided.

Normal traffic flow in both directions on all local streets will be maintained for the duration of the show, with the exception of North Maple Street, which will be closed to northbound traffic at 8 p.m. from Route 66 to Hills Avenue. After that, late-comers will be directed to use North Main Street to Hills Avenue to reach the high school.

At the show's conclusion, vehicles will be directed to utilize two exits, depending on their parking location. Approximately half the vehicles will be directed southbound on North Maple Street (using both lanes to exit) to Route 66; the remainder will exit eastbound on Hills Avenue (single lane) to North Main. The traffic light at the intersections of Route 66 and North Maple Street and 66 and North Main will be manually controlled to facilitate egress from the show site.

Vehicles arriving to pick up passengers after the show should approach the high school area via North Main Street to Hills Avenue, turn right onto Fairlawn, left onto Beechcrest, left onto North Maple and stage on North Maple at the pick-up location. Again, signs will be posted to guide motorists to the drop-off/pick-up area.

In the event of inclement weather requiring a schedule change, a notice will be posted on the EHVFD's Facebook page.



Middle Haddam Public Library recently received a grant to aid in its preservation of historic documents and photographs representing 200 years of life along the Connecticut River. Pictured with the grant check are Donna Donna Roberts, president of the library's board of directors, and Linda Bennet, the library's program director.

Middle Haddam Library Receives Grant

The historic Middle Haddam Public Library holds a large collection of one-of-a-kind, unpublished, primary source documents and historic photographs representing 200 years of first-person accounts of life along the Connecticut River – and now, thanks in part to a grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, the library is moving forward with organizing, digitizing and preserving.

Donna Roberts, president of the library's board of directors, said, "We're very lucky to be the receptacle of personal and professional history here at the library. We have photographs, correspondence, ledgers and more, that were written mostly by East Hampton residents. The grant from the Community Foundation is going to allow us to catalog and learn about what we have right here in our midst."

This collection is currently in cardboard boxes and folders, and many documents are folded, dirty, brittle and crumbling. The writing

on many is faded. Without immediate attention, these documents will continue to deteriorate, the library said.

"We have big dreams for this information and resources to be usable by residents, historians and researchers," explained Linda Bennet, the library's program director. "In order for that to happen, the collection needs to be organized and preserved, and also digitized."

The library is committed to bridging the community to this history by preserving these materials and making them accessible to the public.

"Which is where the grant from the Community Foundation comes in," Bennet said. "With it, we're going to be able to purchase equipment and supplies needed to digitize and preserve what we have, as well as future donations to the archive."

A scanner has already been purchased, along with a laptop dedicated to the project.

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August is the last month Epoch Arts will accept donations for this fall's two-weekend tag sale.

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Items not accepted include: televisions, child car seats, cribs, mattresses, bedframes, couches, encyclopedias, textbooks, large exercise machines, and computers and any related accessories, such as monitors, printers, keyboards and mice.

Lions Club Scholarship Raffle

The East Hampton Lions Club is conducting its fourth annual scholarship raffle, which funds four \$1,000 awards to graduation East Hampton students.

The raffle this year will offer a \$2,023 grand prize. First place will be \$223, with two winners, second place will be \$123, also with two winners, and third place will be \$53, also with two winners. First-, second- and third-place winners will be reentered for the grand prize drawing.

The raffle runs through Oct. 21. The drawing will be at the Lions Club Pavilion, 62 N. Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 2:23 p.m.

Seven hundred total tickets will be sold, at \$10 each. For more information on tickets, call Tom Denman at 860-519-4951.

Light Up the Lake

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug group invites boaters, property owners and lake associations to participate in "Light Up the Lake" Saturday, Aug. 12, at 8:30 p.m. Just decorate your boat, dock, yard or Lake Beach Association with lights.

No registration is required. Boat participants are asked to cruise leisurely around the lake at no wake speed from their launch point in a clockwise direction. The public can view the boats as they pass Sears Park. Rain date is Aug. 13.

For more information, visit www.flpeh.org, look for Friends of Lake Pocotopaug on Facebook or call Cap Egan at 860-395-7844.

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.

Music at the Fair: All are invited to the Haddam Neck Fair Bandstand on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 11 a.m., for the contemporary musical worship event "Hope Resides Here." The Vocal Choir will be accompanied by keyboard, guitars and drums.

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. Rehearsals will resume in the fall.

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

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.

East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St, has announced the following. Registration required unless noted; to register, or for full program descriptions, call 860-267-6621 or visit us at easthamptonpubliclibrary.org, or on Facebook at facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary.

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

Summer Reading Closing Party! Friday, Aug. 18, 3-5 p.m. Try your hand at walking a tight rope, plate spinning, and more with special guests Circus Moves, plus enjoy some crafts, games and music. Prize winners will be announced at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Kids Comic Creators: Wings of Fire: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 4:30 p.m. There will be crafts, games, and comic-making inspired by the graphic novel series *Wings of Fire* by Tui T. Sutherland.

Teen Programs: Teen Advisory Board Kick-

Class of '67 Reunion

The East Hampton High School Class of 1967 will celebrate its 56th year class reunion Sunday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m., at The Dublin. Pay as you go; order off a limited menu.

off Party: Tuesday, Aug. 22, 5 p.m., for grades 6-12. Have pizza and snacks, and talk about what the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) mission will be. TAB plans events, recommends books, movies, and games for the collection, and earns community service time in the process. Returning members and new members welcome. Let the library know if you're coming.

Adult Programs: LibrarYoga with Amie Meacham: Monday, Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m., in the community room. All levels welcome; bring your own mat if you have one and wear comfy clothes.

Lessons in Chemistry: A Presentation by Dr. Aimee Pozorski: Tuesday, Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m. Pozorski, a professor of English at Central Connecticut State University, will lead a discussion of the popular book *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. All are invited.

Belltown Book Blast: Friday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. Drop into the library on select Fridays 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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Local VFW Auxiliary Member News

Fowler-Dix-Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 5095 has announced that member Judith Barnes is starting her second year as National District Council Member #18, representing Connecticut and Rhode Island.



Barnes, a Colchester resident, is secretary of Fowler-Dix-Park.

The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation's

oldest veterans' service organizations and its members are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. The auxiliary has nearly a million members nationwide who volunteer and fundraise for charitable projects designed to benefit veterans and military service personnel, and their families. The auxiliary assists the VFW in helping to pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families, and provides nearly a million volunteer hours in the VA medical system each year.

Learn more at vfwauxiliary.org.

Historical Society Appeal for Funds

The Chatham Historical Society is looking to make several needed repairs and replacements to its properties in town - and is seeking 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.

Residents Graduate

East Hampton residents Elaina Benson and Kristiana Cloutier recently graduated from Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

Benson graduated with a BS degree in social science, and Cloutier graduated with an MA degree in forensic and legal psychology.

President's, Trustees' Lists

Colin Keilbach of Middle Haddam made the spring 2023 President's List and the spring 2023 Trustees' List at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt. .

Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester, while students on the Trustees' List have achieved a 4.0 grade point average for two or more consecutive semesters.

Keilbach is a game programming major.

Historic House Tours

The Chatham Historical Society will hold its Historic House Tours Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Six houses plus the society's three-building museum complex will be on view. Houses range from a 1748 saltbox farmhouse to a gabled stone house on the Connecticut River.

Tickets are \$20 per person and will be on sale at the town clerk's office in Town Hall and at East Hampton Public Library. For more information, call Debbie Day at 860-267-4732.

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Cohen Kicking It to College

By Josh Howard

Prior to his junior season in high school, Allen Cohen hadn't kicked a football in competition.

Now, two years later, the 2023 Portland High School graduate will be kicking collegiately for the Norwich University football team as he goes through school's cadet program.

"I love the atmosphere there and it was the perfect school for me," Cohen said of the private senior military college in Northfield, Vt.

Cohen, born and raised in Portland, played both soccer and football throughout his youth and once he got to high school had to make a difficult decision on which fall sport to continue playing.

He called choosing between the two sports the "hardest decision" but he ultimately chose to join the Cromwell/Portland co-op football team, saying, "you can't beat Friday night football!"

Cohen played both offensive and defensive line throughout youth and during his first year in high school before having his sophomore season taken away by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was at this point that he decided to add kicking to his expanding repertoire.

"I was trying to get on the field any way possible, and kicking was a way to do that," stated Cohen, who said teammates and coaches would jokingly tell him to stop kicking in practice because he wasn't good enough.

But he proved them all wrong and became a reliable place kicker that made 53 extra points and four field goals as the Panthers went undefeated (13-0) and won a state championship in the fall of 2021.

"The whole season was so fun," recalled Cohen. "It went by so fast and we made so many memories."

He continued to shine as a senior, making 40 of 44 extra point attempts and connecting on both of his field goal attempts, along with averaging 30 yards a punt as the team won 10 of 12 games, advancing to the state semifinals for a

second straight season.

Along with his success on special teams, Cohen continued to solidify the trenches for the Panthers, filling a need on both sides of the ball.

Cromwell/Portland head football coach Randall Bennett said that along with being a three-way player, Cohen was unapologetically unique since the first day he stepped foot on the practice fields as a freshman, lightening the mood with his quick wit and upbeat attitude.

"He is himself all the time and makes the guys really comfortable, and is not afraid to work on the things he needs to do to get better and make the team better," said Bennett, who was surprised at how Cohen picked up kicking so quickly. "I don't think any of us saw that in him, but it's something that he really wanted. He developed his game and he worked at it to get to the next level."

Having played soccer, Cohen had a knack for kicking and knew the proper motion needed, yet had to learn the subtle differences between kicking an oblong football opposed to a round soccer ball.

There was also the challenge of figuring out how to get kicking reps because the practice facility at Cromwell High School is not equipped with goal posts.

Luckily, Cohen had supportive teammates who would help him out by standing the width of a high school crossbar (around 23 feet) apart as he practiced his distance and accuracy.

All along Cohen knew a life in the military was his calling, yet he was unsure about football at the next level until Bennett told Cohen and the rest of the team how "football can take you places."

Cohen took the message to heart and started to believe he could do both, stating, "I started to want a college education on top of the military and I thought kicking could get me there."

Now, with the opportunity to do both, Cohen said "it's the best of both worlds"

"A lot of football and military go together. You have to have that 'no quit' mentality and



2023 Portland High School graduate Allen Cohen will play football at Norwich University. Cohen (seated) is pictured, from left, with Cromwell/Portland football head coach Randall Bennett, dad Dave Cohen, stepmom Alexandra Cohen, mom Christine Cohen, and Cromwell/Portland assistant coach Ethan Roy.

learn how to live in brotherhood," stated Cohen. "In football we talked about making lifelong memories in the locker room and in the military they say you make lifelong memories in the barracks."

Cohen will kick for a Cadets program coached by Mark Murnyack, who has led the team for a dozen years. The team plays in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) and plays games all across the East Coast, including a game slated in Connecticut against United States Coast Guard Academy in New London on Oct. 21.

At Norwich, Cohen will be in the Studies in War and Peace (SWAP) Program, which is the only undergraduate program of its kind in the United States.

For someone that has never been afraid to go after what he wants, the change of scenery doesn't faze Cohen.

"It's not going to be a normal college lifestyle, but I'm excited to meet new friends and excited for change," stated Cohen. "A lot of people aren't excited for change, but I am looking forward to it."

Senior Center News & Notes

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

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

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

Next Week's Programs: Monday: Light Aerobics, 9:30 a.m.; SyncoCize II Dance Fitness, 10:30 a.m. **Tuesday:** Bears on a Journey, 9:30-11 a.m., making fleece teddy bears for cancer patients - donations are sought of light fleece, one yard or more, for making bears (to donate, call 860-342-0809); watercolor class, 9:30 a.m.-noon - to register, email bivenne@yahoo.com; Coupons for Troops, 1-4 p.m.; Setback, 1 p.m. **Wednesday:** Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Tai Chi Quong, 1 p.m.; Social Duplicate Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday, multipurpose room. **Thursday:** Knit & Stitch, 10 a.m.; Mahjong, 12:30 p.m.; Scrabble, 1 p.m. **Friday:** Light aerobics, 9:30 a.m.

Special Events: Cooking Class with Mary Brody: Thursday, Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m. Make a strawberry yogurt parfait. Fee: \$10. Call Sarah or Alexis at 860-342-6761 to register. Seating limited.

Alan the White House Butler Returns: Friday, Aug. 18, 10:30 a.m. The event is free.

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

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

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

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

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

One More Concert!

The Brownstone Quorum, cosponsor of the summer concert series at Portland Riverfront Park (284 Brownstone Ave.), will have one make-up concert coming up Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 6 p.m., featuring the 70s Project band. All are invited.

Vendors Sought for Church Crafts Fair

Trinity Church, 345 Main St., will hold a Crafts Fair Sunday, Sept. 17, from noon-4 p.m., rain or shine, at the church. Craft vendors can buy space for \$20. All crafters are welcome. Email trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com to register.

Used Books on Sale

The Friends of the Portland Library (FPL) group has fiction, romance, teen and children's used books as well as DVDs in the Second-Hand Prose Bookshop at the library, 20 Freestone Ave., during regular library hours.

Books are 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books, \$1 for trade paperbacks and \$2 for hardcover. DVDs are 50 cents each disc unless marked otherwise. There are also large print mystery and general fiction books that have been removed from the library collection for 50 cents, as well as TV series on DVD for

50 cents each disc.

FPL also has "I Love CT Libraries" reusable bags on sale for \$1 each. See a sample at the front desk and purchase them from the library staff.

All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends, such as the library's Museum Pass Program, children and adult programs, and the library's DVD collection.

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

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 Sunday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m., worship will be held at First Church, 190 Court St., Middletown, with the Rev. Will Tanner preaching.

Sunday worship will resume at First Congregational Church, Portland, on Sept. 3 at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 20, from 5-7 p.m., First Congregational Church will hold an outdoor concert at the gazebo featuring the Great Hill Mountain Trio. The concert is free for all attendees; you may make a free will offering of food

items or money for the Portland Food Bank and Amazing Grace Food Bank.

From September to June, First Church Nursery School offers a program for 3-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday, and one for 4-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact Amy Jahnke at 860-342-1111 or 1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Hemlock Grange Tag Sale

Hemlock Grange in Portland is having a tag sale on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Grange Hall, located at 17 Sage Hollow Rd. - the junction of routes 17 and 17a, behind the gas station.

Individuals may join in the tag sale and have a space in the parking lot for a \$10 fee. Individuals need to provide their own table.

For more information about the tag sale contact Betty Jane 860-267-7512.

Please leave a message with name and phone number. Your phone call will be returned.

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.

Self-Defense for Women: Sunday, Aug. 13, 6-7 p.m., at The Inner Circle. Cost: \$30.

Youth Program: 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.

Trinity Church Game Collection

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

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

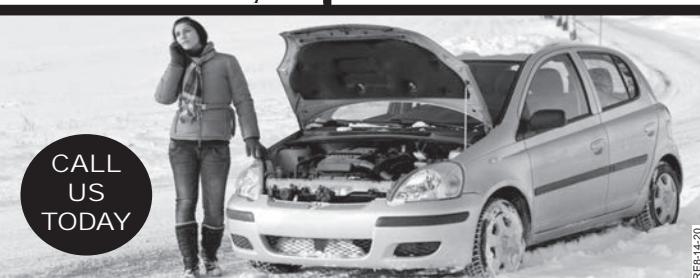
Collection containers are in the back of the Parish Hall/Meeting Room and outside the front door of the church. Games can also be dropped off the church office on Fridays between 2-4 p.m. Call Marjorie at 860-262-3251 for more information.



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Dems Opt Not to Challenge Curley

By John Leavenworth

Democrats came up empty for the first selectman's line on the November ballot, which the Republican incumbent called "a pleasant surprise."

"Elections are always stressful," Republican First Selectman Ryan Curley said this week, "so I am grateful to have one less thing to worry about this year."

Democratic Town Committee Chairman Jim Tripp said the nominating committee "interviewed many interested individuals for our ticket. There was no one selected to run for first selectman or town clerk at this time."

While the interviews came up short, Tripp said, the committee's "door is always open. We welcome all."

"If anyone is interested in serving our community, there are many opportunities, including several upcoming positions on boards and commissions," he said.

Democrats currently hold a majority on the Board of Education, while Republicans have a majority on the Board of Selectmen.

On not having a Democratic challenger, Curley, 36, said, "I try my best to represent everyone in town and do what's best regardless of political party, so in some ways, it feels like a validation of that."

But, Curley said, he still plans to campaign "and support the rest of my team just as if I did have an opponent." He said he "will be out

knocking doors and talking to residents and small business owners as always, to see how the town can better assist them."

With his first term coming to a close in November, Curley said he is proud of what he's achieved.

Noting a plan of action he launched in 2021, Curley said he focused on "increased economic development, improving technology and efficiency in town departments, finding long-term solutions to our water and sewer needs, prioritizing our capital needs, and replacing the track at the Portland High School."

Citing progress, Curley said, "The track is well on its way to completion and should be done by October."

He said the Board of Selectmen "responsibly utilized American Rescue Plan funds to prioritize capital improvements."

Curley said the improvements included \$1.1 million for water and sewer infrastructure projects, replacement of a fire engine, replacement of emergency generators, and the purchase of a 12-passenger bus for senior citizens.

"All of this was able to be done without impacting taxpayers," he said.

For water, working with the Glastonbury firm GZA GeoEnvironmental, Curley said he and town officials "have identified a potential new public water source on town-owned property and are cautiously optimistic," he said.

When it comes to technology, Curley noted, "The BOS authorized \$120,000 of ARPA funding to modernize the Land Use office. This includes digitization of all records, a new GIS mapping system, and online permitting."

Curley noted "the Brainerd Place development is moving ahead rapidly after years of standstill," referring to the mixed-use development near the Connecticut River. Curley also added that Portland has welcomed many new businesses to town.

Birdon, a government defense contractor that specializes in shipbuilding, "has created over 75 new highly skilled jobs in town alone," he said.

Apart from his initial list of goals, the first selectman said he also was proud of acquiring \$2.3 million in additional grant funding the town needed for other projects, including \$400,000 for sidewalk replacement on Main Street; \$725,000 for upgrades at the Portland Senior Center; \$300,000 for public access to the Connecticut River; \$500,736 for the high school track project; and \$444,425 for an expansion of the shelter diversion program.

Curley also acknowledged the contributions of other town officials to the success of his first term.

"I want to stress that all of the above achievements [are] due to a wonderful team effort," he said. "Every member of the Board of Selectmen does a fantastic job for the town, and I am fortunate to have amazing administrators and town employees to help carry out these goals."

Despite not having an answer to Curley, Jim Tripp and Democratic town officials are still optimistic about their chances in November.

"We have 12 talented, experienced and diverse candidates who have been nominated to run on the Democratic ticket," Tripp said. "The entire slate was unanimously endorsed by the Town Committee at our recent caucus. We are looking forward to a very successful election for all our candidates on Nov. 7."

Any town Democrats interested in a bid for first selectman or any other office should contact the DTC Nominating Committee, at portlandctdtc@gmail.com.

Trinity Episcopal Church News

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

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

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

This summer, the church is holding "First Sundays on Main," with outside services on the

lawn at 9:30 a.m. The next outdoor service will be Sept. 3. All are invited; just remember your chair.

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

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

Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., has announced the following events. Registration required for all programs unless noted. To register and for full program descriptions, visit www.portlandlibraryct.org or call 860-342-6770. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Masks are optional. **Holiday Closing:** The library will be closed Saturday, Sept. 2, and Monday, Sept. 4, for Labor Day weekend.

Summer Reading Program for Families and Children: Oceans of Possibilities: Pick up a registration kit at the library; kits include a reading log, a scavenger hunt card, and your first summer reading badge. You can earn prizes and new badges every five days you read for 20 minutes or more. You can also earn badges in other ways! See the library for details. Logging can be done through the ReadSquared portal on www.portlandlibraryct.org, or you can come in and pick up a paper log instead.

Chalk the Walks: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 10:30 a.m. Decorate the library sidewalks with images and messages of kindness. Chalk and Popsicles will be supplied. Registration is not required for this drop-in event.

School Supply Bingo: Wednesday, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m., on the Town Green. Registration is not required for this drop-in event.

LGBTQ+ Social and Support Groups: Teens are invited to social meetups at the library on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Support groups will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, with a parent and caregiver support group running concurrently in another room at the library. For more information, contact Jenn Renk at 860-342-6770.

Fall Storytimes: Registration begins Monday, Aug. 28. Schedule: **Preschool Storytime:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 12-Oct. 31; **Storytime for Toddlers and Tots: Mother Goose on the Loose:** Wednesdays at 10:15 or 11:15 a.m., Sept. 13-Nov. 1. Two sessions offered, to keep group sizes small and interactions personalized.

Adult Programs: Multi-Generational Drumming Circles: Monday, Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m., on the Waverly Town Green or in the Mary Flood Room if inclement weather. Gather for a West African-inspired drum circle led by Mark Zarrillo. Drums will be supplied.

Beekeeping Basics: Monday, Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m.; note the date change.

Fall Bird Migration: Tuesday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m., in the Mary Flood Room, presented by the Audubon.

September Book Clubs: 1st Thursday Night Book Club: Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m. - *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig will be discussed; **Talk About Books:** Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1 p.m. - *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles will be discussed; **Portland Committee on Solidarity:** Monday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. - *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man* by Emmanuel Acho will be discussed; **Mystery Lovers Book Club:** Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1 p.m. - *A Curious Beginning* by Deanna Raybourn will be discussed.

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Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., offers in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. Masks are optional. A recording of the service is posted to YouTube on Mondays by 9 a.m. Bulletins for the service are posted each week at zionlutheranportland.org.

Zion will continue its summer tradition of holding worship on the front lawn, one Sunday each month. Next date, weather permitting, is Aug. 13. All are invited; bring a chair and make yourself comfortable.

Zion's study of the video series *The Chosen* is continuing, following worship on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

All are welcome. For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email zion.lutheran@snet.net, or visit zionlutheranportland.org. Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor.

Vocal Chords Seek Singers

The Portland-based Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords, under the direction of Samuel Tucker and accompanied by an eight-piece band directed by Alan Dougherty, is looking to expand its tenor and bass sections.

No auditions are required, and no experience is necessary. Rehearsals begin Aug. 29 from 6:45-9 p.m., at Msgr. Fox Parish Hall, St. Francis Church, 10 Elm St., Middletown, for the upcoming winter concert on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m., at Portland High School. New members will be accepted through Sept. 19.

This community-oriented group has performed for 33 years, showcasing a variety of musical interests including the top hits of yesterday and today, plus some classical and patriotic pieces. Currently, the Vocal Chords' 85 members hail from all parts of Connecticut and all different walks of life. You do not need to be affiliated with Middlesex Health in order to join.

For more information, visit vocalchords20.org or call 860-342-3120, or look for the group on YouTube and Facebook.

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 e-purl.com/h5m35f.

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

Youth & Parent LGBTQ+ Support-Style Groups: Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 6-8 p.m., at the library. There are separate groups for LGTBQ+ youth and parents of those youth; co-facilitated by Q+ and local volunteers. If you're a local business and looking to support these groups, contact YFS.

POWER-Up Portland: Prevention & Wellness Council: Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 6-7 p.m., on the first floor of the Buck-Foreman Community Center, 265 Main St. Help work as a community on youth substance use prevention, positive mental health, and becoming a recovery-friendly community.

Youth LGBTQ+ Drop-In Night: Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 6-8 p.m., in the library.

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



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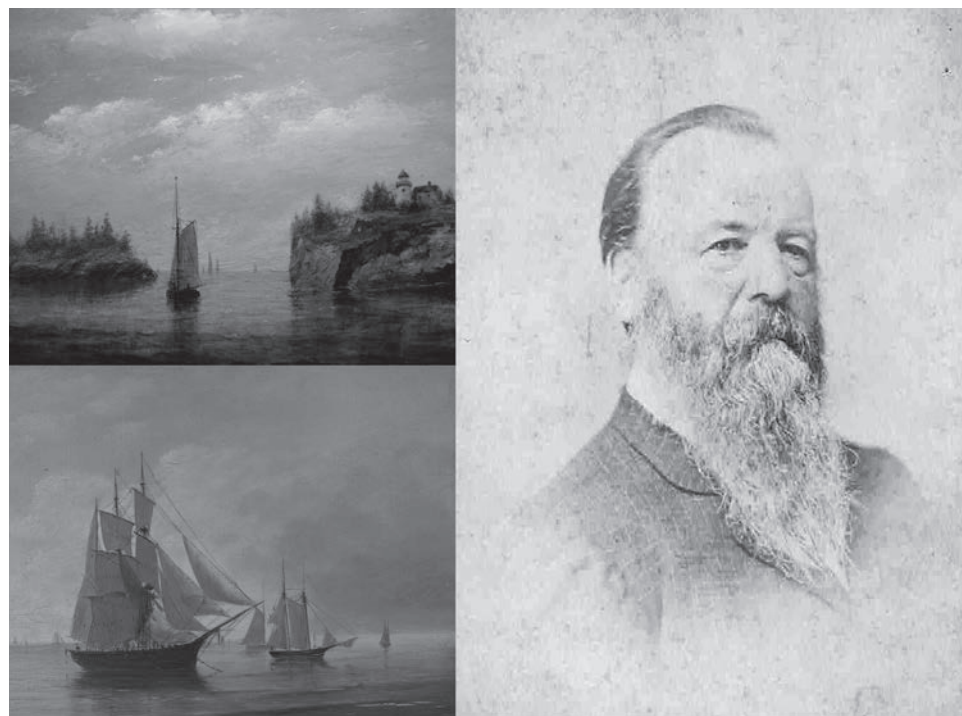


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The Portland Historical Society kicks off its 50th Anniversary events with a one-day, three-hour premiere exhibit of marine painter John Wells Stancliff on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 1-4 p.m., at Portland Library. A brief program will begin at 1:30 p.m. telling the story of Stancliff's life, career and legacy. Sea shanty music will be performed & refreshments will be served.

Marking Fifty Years with a Special Exhibit

Fifty years ago, there was a small group of Portland residents – many who spent Friday nights sitting around a table in the old Buck Library on Main Street, sharing stories of their ancestors and their lives in Portland. From that group, the Portland Historical Society was founded in 1973. For the coming year, the society will be celebrating its founding and its incorporation with special 50th anniversary events and exhibits.

Kicking off the celebration is this Saturday's one-day, three-hour premiere exhibit of local marine painter John Wells Stancliff (1813-1891). The exhibit, entitled "A Portland Artist Comes Home," will be open at Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 1-4 p.m.

If you have visited the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History, you have seen a Stancliff painting — it is the artist's vision of James Stancliff's house on the quarry cliff along the river. Stancliff is most known for his works portraying rough seas and smooth sailing ships. This exhibit is done in

collaboration with the Portland Library.

"A Portland Artist Comes Home" is made possible by John Stewart and his wife, Candace Heublein, for many years ardent collectors of Stancliff's work. Stewart will speak about the artist's life, career and legacy during the 19th century, highlighting some of the era's prominent inventors and influencers.

Deborah Payne – a direct descendent of Stancliff – will begin the program with a brief biographical sketch of the painter and the Stancliff family's important role in central Connecticut over hundreds of years. Her remarks will begin at 1:30.

Refreshments will be served thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library. Authentic sea shanty music will be performed live outside the library beginning at 12:30 p.m. While no paintings will be for sale, there will be note-card sets of selected paintings available for purchase. Proceeds from the sale of the note-cards will benefit the mission of the Portland Historical Society to collect, preserve and share Portland's history.

Annual 'Touch-A-Truck' Event Aug. 27

The Exchange Club of Portland will hold its annual "Touch-A-Truck" event Sunday, Aug. 27, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Exchange Fairgrounds.

The Exchange will have trucks and vehicles of all types for children to come and sit in. The event will be horn-free from 11 a.m.-noon.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and its Military Support Program.

The program develops and implements plans to prevent suicide among service members and veterans. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Admission is \$5 per person and can be purchased at the gate. Hot dogs, ice cream and refreshments will be available for purchase. Parking is free.

If you have a vehicle of any type for the Touch-A-Truck event, call Jamie Leonard at 860-301-6998.

Golf Contest Aug. 30

All are invited to Hops on the Hill Brewery's Closest to the Pin Golf Contest, presented by Chris Cote's Golf Shop. The event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 20, from 1-6 p.m., at the brewery, located at 275 Dug Rd, South Glastonbury.

The top three golfers who hit their ball closest to the pin will be rewarded with gift cards from both Chris Cote's Golf Shop and Hops on the Hill Brewery. First place winner will receive \$500 in gift cards, second place will receive \$300 in gift cards, and third place will receive \$150 in gift cards.

Pre-registration not necessary; simply show up on the day of the event and pay \$5 per swing or \$20 for five swings. Chris Cote's Golf Shop will record, tally, and inform each participant of their results.

The food truck Brasato will also be present.

'Spirit of Portland' Award Nominations Sought

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

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

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

Food Bank, Foodshare Info

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

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

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

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

The next Foodshare is Aug. 14 at 1 p.m.

St. Mary Church News

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

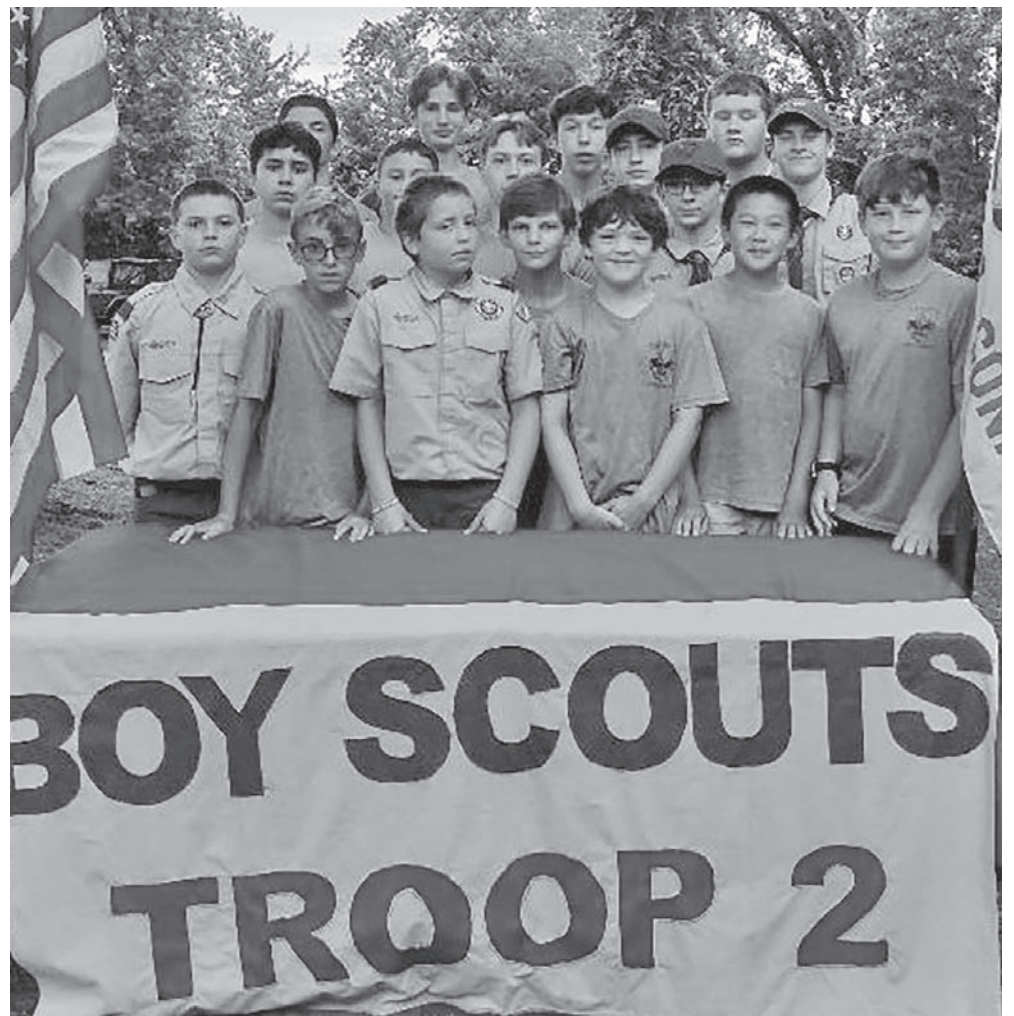
Weekend Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed each week; visit the parish

website for more information.

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

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

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



Boy Scouts Recognized... Boy Scout Troop 2 recently held its annual summer Court of Honor to recognize the achievements of the scouts so far this year. Scouts were awarded 20 rank advancements and 14 merit badges. Additionally, at the Court of Honor, Collin Wallace was presented with his Eagle Scout Award which is scouting's highest honor. The troop also just returned from Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, where the scouts spent a week of summer camp. At camp, the scouts earned an additional 58 merit badges, and participated in many fun events and programs. The troop meetings for the fall will be in September. Parents of anyone between the ages of 11 and 17 are welcome to contact scoutmaster Michael Tierney for more details about participating at 860-805-3496.

Volunteers Wanted

The members of the Brownstone Quorum are looking for volunteers to help during a work party on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 9 a.m., at Portland Riverfront Park, 284 Brownstone Ave.

Volunteers will weed a few small gardens, pick up trash, prune limbs, and do general maintenance projects in the park. Bring gloves, trowels, hoes, pruners, and trash bags.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a HHW collection event on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the old HHW facility located at 11 Dump Rd., Essex.

The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes East Hampton and Portland. No commercial or business waste allowed. Please visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste to learn more.

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Grant Targets Mental Health in Schools

By Michael Sinkewicz

Andover landed a significant grant last week targeting mental health support for the school district.

In total, Andover Public Schools will receive \$118,125, dispersed over the 2024, 2025 and 2026 academic years.

The state-approved funding is intended to help communities hire and retain school mental health specialists as students continue to face challenges in the aftermath of the pandemic.

“As our students experience issues with their mental health, we need to address this issue and protect them as they continue to learn and grow,” state Sen. MD Rahman (D-4), who represents Andover, said in a press release. “I’m grateful to see this support delivered locally to support youth in need.”

Andover Superintendent of Schools Valerie Bruneau told the *Rivereast* that the funding would be utilized for the district’s school psychologist. Currently, the employee works on a part-time basis, typically 14 hours a school week.

Now, that position can be expanded to “at least three days a week,” Bruneau explained.

She was “thrilled” to find out that the district had earned the award, adding that mental health workers are “very important positions in an elementary school.”

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the emphasis on mental health concerns became more prevalent, specifically with the youth population. As calls for help continue to grow — something Bruneau encourages — the number of specialist visits inflated concurrently and finding available appointments became increasingly difficult.

Along with the psychologist, Andover employs a social worker; both provide assistance for those in need.

“We helped prevent families from having to wait for visits,” Bruneau said. “This [grant] will help the whole family.”

Typically, the school psychologist is quite busy during her time in the district. Amongst the employee’s rigorous schedule, which includes conducting special education testing for students, the allocated time and resources for mental health support are somewhat limited.

“This will allow us to expand what we currently have,” Bruneau said. “There’s extra time dedicated to the kids.”

Fiscally, the grant helps to relieve future budgetary burdens. While the new funding doesn’t erase an existing line item from the school’s current spending plan, it eases the request as Bruneau maps out her future expenditures.

“It does take a little burden from the taxpay-

er,” she expressed. “I don’t have to ask for this moving forward.”

The timing of the grant was seemingly perfect with the circumstances facing the district. Mental health issues have gone up, she asserted, and at some point, perhaps even during the next budget cycle, Bruneau likely would’ve been proposing a spike in her budget to address those concerns.

But those potential hurdles have been “lifted.” “We will not need to increase psych-services for three years,” she said.

The importance, and success, of landing grants is becoming more of a necessity for small school districts, Bruneau said. In order to keep up and provide up to date services — while minimizing the effect on the taxpayer — grants are beyond valuable.

From an administrative perspective, there’s more holes to plug. The balance between “wants” and “needs” has continued to evolve, Bruneau said, forcing districts to make tough choices. Some of the items required to stock a classroom or adhere to broad education stan-

dards are becoming costly.

“The expenses of the ‘givens’ are a lot more now,” she said. “They’re no longer wants; they’re needs.”

Accordingly, Bruneau has become somewhat of a master at applying for grants. This year, she filled out around 25 applications. While the exercise is time consuming, even landing a few awards makes the effort worth it, she expressed.

Previously this year, Andover Elementary School received \$42,000 for the summers of 2023 and 2024 through state’s Summer Enrichment Program. The endowment allowed Bruneau to expand its school programs for the entire summer, providing kids with numerous activities and opportunities.

In January, Andover was also awarded an American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) grant of \$221,575 for the district’s after-school program. Those funds covered the remainder of this most recent academic year, from January-June, as well as the entirety of 2023-24 school year.

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.

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. Also 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. For all senior events and information, visit the senior page of the town website, andoverct.org.

Shopping Dates: Manchester: 8/22; Williamantic: 8/15, 8/29.

Senior Luncheon Dates: Friday, Aug. 18, noon. Meal will be Chili’s. Reservations re-

quired by the previous Wednesday.

Senior Trips: Goshen Wildlife, 8/29. 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 pantry — 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 at all events.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Town of Andover invites everyone to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Community Center on Saturday, Aug. 19, at noon, behind Town Hall.

Kindergarten Registration

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

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

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

Veterans Meet Sept. 16

The Andover Veterans will next meet Saturday, Sept. 16. If you have any ideas for a topic to discuss or a snack you would like to have, call Susan Camoroda at 703-472-3209.

Veterans Day is approaching, as is Christmas, and organizers said the Veterans should decide as a group how they want to honor these days — such as a Veterans Day ceremony, or participation in Wreaths Across America to mark local veterans’ gravesites.

For more information call Camoroda, or John Botti at 860-869-3481.

Brick Deadline Approaching

The deadline to order a brick for the Andover Veterans Monument Park is Aug. 31. These bricks will be added to the walkway at Veterans Monument Park.

Only the 4x8-inch bricks are available for sale. Cost per brick is \$80. If you would like to add a military insignia there is an additional \$10 charge.

Place your orders by Aug. 31, so that they can be installed by Veterans Day. The order form and list of military insignias is available at andoverct.org or in the town clerk’s office.

Tag Sale Fundraiser

A tag sale fundraiser for the town’s senior luncheon program will be held at Town Hall, 17 School Rd., on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The sale will feature new clothing and shoes never worn, barely used items, glassware, toys, Crockpots and Instant Pots like new, and more. All proceeds will support the senior luncheon program. Call Cathy Palazzi for information 860-916-6122.

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.

From the State Senator’s Desk...

In the last few years, one of the most significant issues Connecticut has faced is that of children’s mental health. As more youth have struggled with a variety of issues, the state’s resources have been stretched, to the point where in 2022, state legislators passed significant legislation to address the matter. I’m happy to share with you that a year later, that legislation is bearing fruit.

Senate Bill 1, passed to protect youth mental health and improve our state’s responses to children in need, fostered the creation of urgent crisis centers for children across Connecticut, which are now open and available to children and families in need. These centers will offer walk-on care and access to important resources for youth experiencing acute behavioral or mental health crisis. Not only will they present significant improvements for children in need, but these centers will help divert youth and families from making visits to emergency rooms, reducing some pressure on these important resources for state health care. The new centers, open in Hartford, New Haven, New London and Waterbury, will support nearly 300 children each day.

Connecticut is also supporting mental health support in local schools. As part of legislation passed in 2022, the state continues to release millions in funding to support the hiring and retention of school mental health specialists through the 2026 school year. Dozens of school districts are receiving significant funding, and I’m happy to share that Andover is among them, with the school receiving \$118,125 over the next three years to aid students in need. This is the second release of such funds in recent years, with millions more to come and support families across the state.

We need to do all we can to protect children in Connecticut, as they represent our state’s future and deserve the best resources available. I’m proud to say legislators are working to support that goal.

State Sen. MD Rahman
D-4th District

Note: The 4th District covers Andover, Bolton, Glastonbury and Manchester.

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ber having the power to vote on the EHAA’s Board of Directors. Kevin Reich said he did not see a need for a voting member on the board. He noted that other agencies receive town funding, and members of the Town Council don’t sit on their boards.

At the time of public remarks at the July 25 meeting, resident Terry Concannon, who has served on various boards on state and local levels, also expressed opposition to the idea, calling it “intimidating and intrusive.” She said she was in favor of having a liaison or a consultant to help balance expenditures — which to her, is reliable and effective management — but, she added, “It’s overreaching to expect that you can have the right to vote just because you are a member of the Town Council or the finance board.”

On July 27, the East Hampton Ambulance Association changed its bylaws to allow the board to add two non-voting liaisons from the town (council and finance). When the Town Council met again on Aug. 8, Chairman Mark Philhower expressed his disappointment with

the outcome.

“What they did, when they amended their bylaws to include liaisons, was not what they promised us,” he said. “It’s almost deceptive. They said that at their April meeting, they had approved the two positions. All of a sudden, things get changed.”

However, Goff — who will continue to attend the EHAA’s board meetings — commented, “Even though it’s not a voting member, I was happy with being on the board and going to get some better communication between us and them. ... It’s still somewhat of a win.”

President of the EHAA’s Board of Directors, Barbara Moore, said she is content with the board’s decision.

“Our board agreed that it is important to have elected officials present at our meeting to see and understand the important work that we do,” Moore said. “Our purpose is to provide adequate and efficient ambulance service for East Hampton.”

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Hebron DPW Project Survey Results Arrive

By Michael Sinkewicz

The survey results are in – and it appears there is relatively little desire among residents to relocate the town's Public Works department to Kinney Road.

The town conducted a survey from June 6 through July 15 regarding the proposed Public Works building project – and an executive summary of the survey was provided during the Board of Selectmen meeting last Thursday, Aug. 3.

The summary offered a glimpse of the public's potential concerns with constructing a DPW facility and insight regarding residents' preferred building site — a topic that has generated considerable controversy and debate throughout Hebron.

According to the summary, 880 people started the survey with 725 ultimately completing it — an 82% completion rate. In addition to the responses to specific survey questions, 717 comments were provided.

A full, raw version of the survey is expected to be released for public consumption in the weeks ahead — with the exception of any personal contact information provided by residents who signed off on receiving further updates from the town.

The data included in the summary represents a significant opportunity for the officials to digest the general sentiment of the community.

When asked for a preferred DPW site choice, 69% of respondents selected Old Colchester Road — the location of the town's current facility. Construction at the Horton Property — or Kinney Road — came in at 16%. A hybrid option that would primarily involve the Horton Property, but with a proposed salt storage shed being placed at an off-site location, was listed at 10%.

An additional 9% of respondents opted for another site and 5% had no preference.

The survey listed a variety of potential issues residents may have with the DPW project; each item included was ranked as "very concerning" by nearly half of all respondents.

Based on the weighted average, 66% of residents were very concerned with the location of the facility; 64% with salt storage contamination; 62% with land preservation; 65% with taxpayer cost; 55% with truck traffic and pollution; and 48% with other development potential.

A condensed overview of the comments indicated that most residents recognized the need for a new facility, but want it achieved in a more responsible manner. Members of the community, according to the summary, believe the current DPW building has fallen in disrepair, causing contamination and repercussions that have gone years without being addressed.

Reconstructing that site, however, would avoid many of the fears and misgivings connected with pursuing a new facility at the Horton Property, according to the summary. Comments also show the importance of restoring public trust as the town continues to make decisions relating to the

project and attempts to promote further public engagement.

Moving forward, the Board of Selectmen and Hebron Public Building Committee will review the survey and determine the next steps. Ultimately, a final proposal endorsed by the selectmen would need to be approved at a townwide referendum before being implemented.

Before that moment, the board may seek site feasibility studies and explore reconstruction options at the Old Colchester Road site. A frequently asked questions document could be developed and future public hearings may be organized to flesh out fresh updates.

The board agreed that following their internal examination of the survey, the full version would be released — most likely after their next meeting, which is scheduled for Aug. 17.

Tiffany Thiele, a Democrat on the board, expressed that providing the results in a timely manner would be the first step in reviving trust in the community.

"It might not be as many [respondents] as we would've hoped out of everyone that lives in Hebron, but the people have very clearly spoken on their preference and I just want to say that I think we ignore that at our peril," she said.

Chairman Daniel Larson, a Republican, stated that if the Horton property is scratched as a potential DPW site, the town must determine how to utilize that space. Regardless of where the facility is constructed, with the survey now complete, he asserted that "we need to move forward with a project."

"This has been going on way too many years," he said.

For months, progress with the project has appeared largely stalled.

Previously, the town received estimates from BL Companies and Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates to design the new facility totaling in \$244,800. If approved, the plan would've specifically been drawn-up for the Horton Property, an 88-acre parcel on Kinney Road.

Thomas Fenton, the town engineer from Nathan Jacobson, stated that "less than 25%" of the design would potentially be transferable if the town pivoted to a different choice. In the 2023-24 municipal budget CIP budget proposal, the town included \$245k earmarked for the design of a new DPW facility — although it was not officially linked or promised to the Kinney Road site.

However, the item was ultimately removed from the spending plan and the CIP budget passed at the subsequent referendum.

To help advance the project forward, the town enlisted a consultant, DK Advertising, out of Bloomfield, on a \$15,000 contract to assist with the production of the DPW survey initiative.

Then the board unanimously appointed a five-member committee to work with DK Ad-

vertising to formulate the survey. The committee members include selectman Peter Kasper, Public Building Committee member Mal Leichter and community members Andrea Lattanzi, Mark Stuart and Terry McManus, who currently serves as an alternate member for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Together, they formed the survey questions that went out to the community. Along with site preference, the survey aimed at soliciting feedback and guidance on numerous components. Some of the information relayed the estimated cost of the facility — listed at between \$15-20 million, obtained with a 20-year bond; the resulting tax increase would be somewhere around \$150-\$325 per taxpayer.

There are also sections underscoring the history and background of the town's Public Works Department, along with an updated project summary to date.

The committee met with the consultant last week to prepare the executive summary for the selectmen.

Kasper, a Republican, told the *Rivereast* that the survey received "significant engagement" and that the results should be trusted by the community. By working with a professional agency, he contended, the proper protocol was followed, the response threshold was met and the results are not biased.

"I'm 100% confident in the outcome," he said. "I hope the public feels the same way."

The comments left on the survey ranged from one-word reactions to paragraph remarks. Kasper was thankful for all the community members who took the time to interact in some capacity.

"We serve at the pleasure of the residents," he said. "It was an opportunity for the public to express their opinions on a variety of things. The public really does want a voice and this was a great way to hear from them."

While the full results are unknown, the executive summary "revealed some undeniably clear themes," Kasper said.

"It's not ambiguous." He stated that a majority of the population wants the town to conduct more research on additional sites — "it was a clear public opinion."

The selectmen, he added, "needs to take the appropriate next steps."

"The worst thing that could happen is if the public feels like we didn't listen," he said.

Many Kinney Road residents have been vocal throughout the process, speaking out during meetings and writing numerous *Rivereast* letters to the editor. They objected to the proximity of the facility to their homes and the resulting consequences, namely salt continuation, but an assortment of drawbacks have been raised including historical reservations.

The site is classified as "GA" by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, meaning that it is suitable for drinking without treatment. Constructing a Public Works facility on a "GB" site, or an area that has impaired groundwater, would minimize the risk of contamination. Much of Hebron's land classified as GA; the current facility site is not.

The Hebron Green Committee, who presented their findings from a thorough examination of the environmental impacts of a new facility, cautioned against building the facility on Kinney Road.

Their findings, which temporarily delayed the rollout of the survey, acknowledged the "considerable amount of time and effort that have gone into the site selection process" but the committee is "not convinced that the Kinney Road location is optimal for the proposed activity."

Utilizing the current facility site on Old Colchester Road along with Burnt Hill Park could be feasible, the group speculated.

The town has consistently provided written responses and assurances that a new facility at Kinney Road would not impact drinking water, emphasizing that because salt is the preferred commodity to treat roads, there's always a level of risk.

The Department of Public Health in consultation with DEEP wrote that "given that the construction, maintenance and operations of the facility are conducted with best management practices, any chance of groundwater contamination associated with the project would not be of significant concern to the departments."

Kasper expressed that he was "very proud of the work of the [survey] committee."

"We challenged each other," he added.

The assistance of the consultant was equally important, he said, and their guidance with the format and rollout of the survey was crucial.

During the selectmen meeting, Andrea Lattanzi stated that she was "impressed" and "overwhelmed" by the time people took with filling out the survey.

"I am inspired by the depth and breadth of thoughts, ideas, suggestions on topic and even a few off-topic," she said, adding that the survey serves as a "benchmark" and a "point of reference" moving forward. "This is all incredibly remarkable, valuable information for our Board of Selectmen."

She noted that it was clearly conveyed how "deeply people feel for our town, how some are struggling and how most appreciate and desire to preserve its rural charm and characteristics."

Terry McManus expressed that he didn't have any conclusions and was unsure what the exact next steps would be, but that "there is one amazing document presented to us by the citizens of Hebron."

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); two-person tents with waterproof features (new or used, in good condition with all parts); and sturdy adult backpacks. **Men's:** socks (white or light gray no-show, quarter or crew); solid color T-shirts and boxer briefs (M,L,XL,2XL); and flip-flops (used

as shower shoes). **Women's:** socks (no-show preferred); sports bras (M,L,XL,2XL); T-shirts (M and up); baby powder; deodorant; tampons, flip-flops; and briefs (sizes 9 and up). **Cleaning Supplies:** Windex; floor cleaner; toilet bowl cleaner; and 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:** washcloths; pillowcases; first aid supplies; insect repellent; sunscreen; Ziploc storage bags (sandwich and quart); 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.

Police News

8/1: Kathleen Hlobik, 61, of Shannon Kubis, 31, both of 63 Hoadly Rd., were each arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree, police stated.

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Hebron VFW Post 8776 will serve a pulled pork sandwich on a large roll, with barbecue sauce, coleslaw and a beverage, at the American Legion Building, 18 Main St., on Saturday, Aug. 19. The sandwiches will be sold from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. or until the sandwiches are gone. Donation is \$12, with proceeds slated for the needy: Food Bank, veterans in distress, etc.

Contact Ron at Park1969@comcast or Bart at 860-942 4257 to place advanced orders or for more information.

Meals will be served walk-up or drive-through.

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.

Hebron Farmers and Artisans Market – Kids Day: Saturday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Hebron Elementary School parking lot, 92 Church St. Parks and Rec. is offering vendor spots for kids to show off their creations and accomplishments. Kids can bring their products to sell, or even just to show off. No food is per-

mitted for sale.

Learn Fly Fishing: Mondays, Sept. 11-Oct. 23, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee: \$80. Classes will be held at Douglas Library in the community room except for Sept. 18, the casting clinic, which will be held at the Burnt Hill Pavilion.

RHAM Grip n' Rip Tennis Clinic: Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20 (rain date Sept. 27). Ages 4-7: 3:45-4:30 p.m., fee is \$50; ages 8-12: 4:30-5:30 p.m., \$70; grades 7-9, 2:30-3:45 p.m., \$80.



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St. Peter's News & Notes

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

Meetings and Events: Balancing Class, on summer break, resuming Aug. 14; Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts: also on summer break; Fellowship Café (Memory Workshop): every other Tuesday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Buildings and Grounds

Committee: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; Virtual Coffee Hours: Wednesdays at 10 a.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 devel-

opment. Meets every other Sunday directly after the service; lunch is provided. Upcoming meeting: Aug. 27.

Youth Group Overnight: The Youth Group is having a special overnight Aug. 11-12. The youth will take in summer with a campout at the church and an excursion the following day.

Virtual Prayer Night: Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom. 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 situations. 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 jessicalbain@gmail.com.

Senior Center News & Notes

Russell Mercier Senior Center has announced the following. Registration required for all programs, unless noted. To register, and for more information and full program descriptions, call the senior center at 860-228-1700. The senior center newsletter is online at tinyurl.com/3xfm862d. For more information, contact the senior center or look to the senior newsletter.

Movie Mondays: On Aug. 14, see *Then, Queen Bees*, starring Ellen Burstyn and James Caan (in his final film released during his lifetime), Ann-Margaret, Christopher Lloyd, Jane Curtin, Loretta Devine, and Elizabeth Mitchell.

Weekly Shopping Trips: Fridays at noon. Upcoming schedule: Stop and Shop Aug. 18 and Sept. 1 Walmart/Aldi Aug. 25, and Big Y Sept. 8. There are new pickup times, starting at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required by the prior Thursday at 10 a.m.; call the senior center to register.

Summer Send-Off Shindig: Wednesday, Aug. 23, 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., for a summer send-off party. Doors will open at 11:15 a.m. for cornhole or axe-throwing. Lunch will be served at noon: roasted chicken leg, potato and macaroni salad, chips, dessert, lemonade, and iced tea. Then there will be entertainment provided by Bruce John from 12:30-1:30 p.m. John was co-founder and owner of the Shaboo Inn, a popular Williamantic nightclub in the 1970s. Cost is \$10; pre-registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 18.

Massage Therapy: By appointment Mondays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Massage therapist Beverly Williams will perform 25-minute (for \$25) or 50-minute (for \$50) chair or table massages or hot stone massages. Call the senior center to make an appointment.

Senior Transportation: Offered to ages 60 and up and all adult disabled individuals, for medical care, personal needs care, grocery shopping, or other pre-approved needs. Transportation available Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4

Housing Authority Energy Campaign

The Hebron Housing Authority is working on a facility upgrade project at Stonecroft Village, apartments for seniors and disabled individuals. Donations are sought to help with the project.

Information about the work can be found at www.patronicity.com/StonecroftEnergyCampaign. Sustainable CTR will make a match if enough funds are raised.

Donations are due by Aug. 18. For more information, email Florence O'Sullivan at StonecroftEnergyCampaign@gmail.com.

Library Friends Book Sale

The Friends of Douglas Library group will hold its next book sale Saturday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the library's community room. From 1-3 p.m., there will be a \$5 per bag sale, with no limit on the number of bags you can purchase.

Fiction, science fiction, mysteries, romances, nonfiction and children's books will be sold, as will be CDs and DVDs.

Douglas Library is located at 22 Main St. on the Hebron Green. For more information, call 860-228-9312.

Artists to Paint Raymond Brook Preserve

The Hebron Pollinator Pathway is sponsoring a Plein Air Paint and Shoot weekend at the Raymond Brook Preserve.

Painters and photographers are invited to create works to be used in the production of greeting cards as a fundraiser to support the needs of present and future habitat projects within the preserve.

On Saturday, Aug. 19, at 9 a.m., there will be a meet-and-greet at the Kinney Road preserve entrance. Bring your own beverage; coffee cake will be served. Attendees will use any

media, including photography, to express the features, beauty and ecological benefits found within Hebron's fabulous Open Space.

Then, on Sunday Aug 20, re-group at 6 pm to share your experiences and creative works with others and brainstorm for more art-related events at the preserve.

Quality images of your work should be submitted to sinkezmichele@gmail.com.

Follow Facebook [@hebronpollinatorpathway](https://www.facebook.com/hebronpollinatorpathway) for more information.

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: 8/14: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; 8/15: AA meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School: Look to the church newsletter for information on registration for the 2023-24 season.

Backpack Mission: The church is collecting things like granola bars, Goldfish crackers, pud-

ding cups, fruit cups, fruit snacks, Barilla fully cooked pasta and individual marinara sauce cups, Betty Crocker blueberry muffin mixes, and pancake mixes. Items can be dropped off at Hebron Interfaith Human Services during open hours, which are Tuesday/Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday, noon-5 p.m.

Andrey Stolyarov Concert: All are invited to hear the a cappella choral music of Gilead Church's very own minister of music, Andrey Stolyarov, in concert at South Church at 949 Main St. in South Glastonbury on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 4 p.m. This concert is the culmination of a recording project that puts together the first full album of a cappella choral music by Stolyarov. This project was made possible in part by the Part-Time Faculty development fund from the University of Hartford as well as through individual donations.

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: Aug. 18, *Paint* (PG-13); Aug. 25, *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3* (PG-13); Sept. 1, *No Hard Feelings* (R). Bottled water and individually wrapped snacks will be provided.

Book Sale: Saturday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This is the last book sale of the summer and will feature Halloween items for sale. The next book sale will be Nov. 18.

Book Talk and Signing with Hebron Author Emily Wakeman Cyr: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m. *Pleasant Bay* is Cyr's debut novel which takes place on Cape Cod, spanning two summers and nearly two decades.

Book Discussion: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., at the American Legion next door. *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano will be discussed. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk and also available on Libby. Must be over 21 to attend the discussion.

Children's Programs - Thursdays at 1 p.m.: Aug. 17, Animal Communities; Aug. 24, Lunch with a Llama.

Summer Concert Series Extended

The Town Center Project's Hebron Summer Concert Series will wrap up Friday, Aug. 18, with The Sounds of Frank - A Sinatra Tribute. Listen to tunes originally performed by Sinatra, along with a few surprises like Louie Armstrong.

The concert will take place from 6-8 p.m. on the side lawn of Century 21, 17 Main St.



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Obituaries

Portland

John K. Coman

John K. Coman of Portland passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the age of 59 after a valiant fight against cancer. John was born Feb. 7, 1964, son of the late Herbert W. Coman Jr. and Nancy (Brink) Coman.



John was a 1982 graduate of Portland High School. He enlisted in the CT Army National Guard at age 17, and commissioned as an officer at age 20. During his time of duty he served in C Company 169th Infantry Regiment in Middletown followed by C Company 1-102d Infantry Battalion in Bristol. He attended the University of Connecticut under the GI bill earning his BA in political science in 1986.

It was at UConn where he met his wife of 34 years, Sandra (Zubeckis) Coman – who was from “Cromwell.” You see, one of John’s proudest moments was winning the Class S state basketball championship when he was a senior in high school (Cromwell was their biggest rival). If you knew John, you knew this. He was also an avid fisherman and huge sports fan.

He loved golfing in the Thursday night men’s league at Quarry Ridge and had yearly season tickets to the UConn men’s basketball games with his friend Tom. He was also a fan of the New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox, and the New York Mets.

John was a successful salesman employed in the commercial truck-leasing industry. He began his career at Ryder, followed by EDART where he was recognized many times for his outstanding accomplishments, achieving over \$1,000,000 in yearly sales. At the time of his passing, John worked at Gabrielli Truck Sales.

John was a devoted father to his two sons, Thomas John Coman (fiancée Emily Rose Juliano), and Nicholas Scott Coman.

John was predeceased by his parents, Herb and Nancy Coman; father-in-law, John Zubeckis; half-brother, Herbert W. Coman III; brother, Scott Charles Coman; cousin, Dana Sweet; and niece, Katie Rau.

He is survived by sister, Elizabeth Ann (Coman) Rau and husband Dennis; sister, Deborah Marie (Coman) Rooth; brother, Mark John Coman and wife Ilene; brother, Mathew James Coman.; brother-in-law, John Zubeckis and his wife Stephanie Lango; longtime friend (“brother from another mother”), Thomas Peter Cichon; and many other aunts uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours will be at Portland Memorial Funeral Home, Portland, today, Friday, Aug. 11, from 5-7 p.m., and a funeral service will be at St. Mary’s Catholic Church Saturday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m. A private burial with full military honors will be held at The Coman Cemetery at a later date.

The family would like to thank Dr. Robert J. Levy and the Connecticut Oncology Group and Hartford Healthcare Home Hospice for their wonderful care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Wounded Warrior Project or an organization of your choice.

Colchester

Rene Norman Soucy

Rene Norman Soucy, 78, of Lake Worth, Fla., formerly of Colchester, passed away Wednesday, June 21. Born Jan. 25, 1945, in Rock Island, Quebec, Canada, he was a son of the late Maurice and Antonine Soucy.

Rene married the love of his life, Marcelle Nadeau, on Nov. 30, 1968; they shared 54 years of marriage together and raised two sons. The couple moved from Connecticut to Florida in the late 1980s. Throughout his life, Rene was a hardworking man and worked in construction for the majority of his life. In his retirement he enjoyed gardening and was always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor or a friend in need.

He will be forever loved and remembered by his wife, Marcelle Soucy; his son, Brian Soucy and wife Kim; grandchildren, Lance, Jacob and Jonathan Soucy; brothers, Jean-Maurice, Wilfrid, and Roger Soucy; and 11 sisters, Yvonne, Therese, Fernande, Aline, Anne-Marie, Lise, Francine, Paulette, Noella, Helene, Danielle; and numerous extended family members and friends.

He is predeceased by his parents, Maurice and Antonine Soucy; his brothers, Gaston and Marcel Soucy; sisters, Annette Fauteux and Rita Soucy; his eldest son, Norman Soucy; and grandson, Cody Soucy.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial Mass Sunday, Aug. 13, at 1 p.m., at the Guardian Angels (St. Andrew Parish), 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester.

In lieu of flowers, Rene’s family asks that memorial donations be made to a charity of one’s choice.



Colchester

Emile Earl Papineau

Emile Earl Papineau, 84, of Colchester, passed away suddenly after a brief illness Friday, Aug. 4, at Middlesex Hospital. Born Dec. 29, 1938, in Waterbury, he was the son of the late Emile Henry Papineau and Lillian (Comtois) Papineau.

Emile met his wife, Florence Dionne, after attending a dance at the French Club in Waterbury. They married in 1966 and moved to California; they settled back in Connecticut where they raised their family. For the past 25 years, Emile and Florence traveled to and from Arizona, spending time in their home located in Surprise.

Emile trained as a butcher from the time he was a teenager, learning his trade at Stop & Shop. He went on to work as a butcher at various stores, and eventually purchased his own market called South Side Superette located in Willimantic during the 1980s. He continued his career in the meat business consulting for companies including IBP and Bozzuto’s as a senior meat specialist. He had a passion for the meat industry and continued to work up until his 80s.

Emile loved shooting pool, going to car shows, boating, traveling and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Florence Papineau; sons, Raymond and wife Patti Papineau, Paul and wife Julie Papineau; daughter, Jeanette Riquier and husband Doug; sister, Elaine Murno and husband Richard; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Meagan, Lance, Kylie and Miranda Papineau and Calvin and Jack Riquier; and numerous other extended family and friends.

The family will receive guests Thursday, Aug. 24, from 10-11 a.m., directly at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester, followed by an 11 a.m. memorial Mass at the church and reception at noon to follow. Burial will be private.

To sign the online guestbook or share a memory of Emile, please visit www.auroramccarthy-funeralhome.com.



Portland

Lori King Thompson

Lori King Thompson passed away after a short illness Wednesday, July 12, in the loving arms of her husband Richard in St. Croix, VI just weeks before they were to move into their new house Aug. 1.

Lori graduated from Hale-Ray High School, worked for CVS Health, had her own dance studio in Portland, worked for Caffery’s Dance Studio in Middletown and also worked for Liberty Bank.

She leaves behind her mother, Dale Woiwitz and her husband John; her father, Norbert King and his wife Patricia. She also leaves behind her sisters, Debra Lewis and her husband Dana, Karen Johnson and her husband Frank, and her little sister, Shari King; two half-sisters, Dawn and Danielle King; two half-brothers, John Woiwitz and his wife Deborah, Fred Woiwitz and his wife Rose; her nieces and nephews, Cathleen, Dayna, Erin, Hunter, Taylor, Reagan; two great nephews, CJ and Lucas; her aunt, Jeannette Fox and her husband Chris; stepson Mark, uncle Paul Privizzini and his wife Dee.

She was predeceased by her uncle, Thomas F. Brennan; cousin, Nicole Privizzini, and grandmother, Adele Brennan.

She will be missed by all her friends, dancers and by Christopher Saltus.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sea Turtle Conservancy, at conserveturtles.org.



Hebron

Margaret Seely

Margaret June Koch Seely was born June 12, 1928, in Crandall, Miss., to Georgia Josephine Loper Koch (Chatom, Ala.) and Anthony Koch (what is now the Czech Republic).

Raised in Hattiesburg, Miss., June graduated from high school a year early and had the great good fortune to meet Edgar T. Seely while he, a Brooklyn, N.Y., lad, was briefly stationed at nearby Camp Shelby during World War II. Ed and June married in 1945. Life’s journeys and Ed’s talent took them to Huntsville, Ala., where Ed was a mathematician at NASA’s Computational Lab as part of the Moon Team; June supported his work as a stay-at-home mom for their three daughters.

June volunteered as a Red Cross Gray Lady, softball coach’s assistant and band mom. She loved to read, socialize, craft, jitterbug, enjoyed vigorous games of bridge, Scrabble and Bookworm, and later in life, loved to quilt.

In 2001, Ed and June relocated to the Rockhaven community in Glastonbury, where, upon



Ed’s passing in 2004, June became an ardent supporter of the Glastonbury Senior Center, making many new friends and enthusiastically embracing the myriad activities and day trips offered there. In 2019, COVID-19 interrupted her travel, causing her to extend her winter stay in Florida, which ended up lasting the rest of her long life.

June “gussied up” nearly every day of her life to enjoy luncheon outings and socializing with people she met along the way.

June celebrated her recent 95th birthday wearing a sparkling celebratory tiara; the day before she passed away found her enjoying a dozen raw oysters in an island restaurant on the Gulf of Mexico. Death came swiftly and ultimately in her sleep just after midnight on Friday, Aug. 4, 2023.

June was predeceased by her parents, Anthony and Josephine Koch; her sister, Bobbie Koch Given; her husband, Edgar Seely; her grandson, Julian Ulloa; and her nephew, Charles Given.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara Seely Cooper and Scott Cooper of Bonita Springs, Fla. (who generously shared their home with June in her last years), Cindy Seely DeLorenzo and Tony DeLorenzo of Hebron, and Donna Seely Ulloa and Alex Ulloa of Utica and Inlet, N.Y.; her grandchildren, T. Alexander Wise and fiancée Megan Vendetti of Bristol, and Michael Ulloa of Marlborough; step-grandchildren, Toni DeLorenzo, Michael DeLorenzo and Brittney DeLorenzo; step-great-grandsons, RJ Walker Jr. and Oliver Stephens; great-granddaughter, Lily J. Wise of Bristol; and niece, Catherine Given Tranam of Tampa, Fla., and Cambridge, Mass.

Obituary Policy

Obituaries must be submitted no later than noon Wednesday for inclusion in that week’s paper. There is a \$75 charge for all obituaries.

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★ Hebron Nurse, cont. from page 1

“I’m ready to do this,” she recalled herself thinking. “I’m ready to make a difference.”

Maybe she was bit anxious — but after the exhausting buildup, who wouldn’t be?

“It’s faith over fear,” Clark stated. “You take that leap of faith.”

Then after the anesthesia kicked in, she dozed off — and it was over.

Her act of kindness was complete.

“This was the most rewarding and profound thing I’ve ever done in my life,” Clark said.

Clark briefly remained in the hospital before returning home. Her trip back to work will have to wait at least a couple months. Her Rivereast interview last Friday took place the day after her two-week follow-up appointment.

“I’m feeling good,” she expressed. “I walked two miles today.”

This journey will have a lasting impacting on her life and she highlights her newfound goal of advocating for living organ donation.

“It’s close to my heart,” she said. “My new mission is to get out there and promote it.”

It is an unexpected path and ambassadorship; she didn’t encounter kidney failure patients in her profession and her knowledge of the subject was admittedly limited before reading the article.

Now, Clark learned that it’s never too late to make a difference.

“If I can do this at 60, a lot of people can do it,” she said.

It’s possible the procedure is unsuccessful on the other side of the equation, which is why some donors and recipients remain anonymous forever.

Clark is interested in seeking out the people involved with her transplant and if the individual who received her kidney wishes to establish any contact in the future, she would welcome the opportunity.

“I hope this woman wants to reach out,” she expressed. “I’d become lifelong friends.”

However, Clark said she already feels an invisible attachment to the woman.

“Even if I never meet them, we’re forever connected,” she said.

Clark received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia and later her Master’s in Nursing and Education from Sacred Heart, decades into her career.

Her passion for assisting others remains paramount. When asked if she planned on returning to work, she immediately blurted out, “Heck yeah!”

“I’m still enjoying it,” she said. “Would I change my career? Not for a million dollars.”

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LEGALS

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm on August 14, 2023 at the East Hampton Town Hall - 1 Community Drive and via Zoom meeting (see Town website for details) to consider the following:
 ZBA-23-006: Bethanne Salva, 12 Brook Trail, Reduce side setbacks from 15' to 8.5' and 15' to 7.0' to construct deck with stairs. Map 10A/ Block 79/ Lot 7

2TB 8/4, 8/11

Legal Notice Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

At their regular meeting, the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission APPROVED the following application on August 7, 2023:
 • **Permit Application IWWC #23-07:** William Nolette, 760 East St.- Application to relocate pond outlet and to partially relocate and excavate an intermittent watercourse to restore flow through channel.
 If you have any questions, please contact the Andover Wetlands Agent at 860-742-7305 (extension 4221) or email (preferred) at wetlands@andoverct.org

1TB 8/11

HEBRON SELF STORAGE Auction Legal Notice

Facility operator's sale for non-payment of storage charges pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 42-159 through 42-169. For the satisfaction of the facility operator's lien, the following property will be sold at public auction on Friday, August 25, 2023 @ 11 AM, on the premises of Hebron Self Storage, 555 Church Street, Hebron, CT 06248. Hebron Self Storage reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time for any reason.

Unit #	Occupant	Contents
O	Cody DiFranzo-Hayes	Miscellaneous Household Goods

1TB 8/11

LEGAL NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:50 P.M.
Buck-Foreman Community Room,
265 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480

Pursuant to Chapter V Section 503g of the Town Charter, a Special Town Meeting will be held by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:50 P.M. in the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT for the following:
 ITEM 1. To Approve the amount of \$100,000 for a 2023 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant, from Fund 8-Capital Non-Recurring Fund - Water Department-Facility & System Upgrades to allow the Town to contribute towards the match for the \$500,000 grant application.
 A copy of the complete resolution to be voted on is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website at www.portlandct.org. Dated this 10th day of August 2023
 Attest: Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

1TB 8/11

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Andover Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of August 16th, 2023 in the Community Room of the Town Office Building, 17 School Road on the application of Donald Roser for his property located at 241 Lake Road. Applicant is seeking relief from Section 11.2 of the Andover Zoning Regulations. More particularly the applicant is seeking a reduction in the side yard setback from 25' to 4.2' and an increase in the maximum lot coverage from 12% to 23% to allow for the construction of an accessory structure (craft/storage shed). Interested parties may ask questions and/or otherwise comment at the time of the hearing or submit written comment to the Building and Land Use Office. Written comment may either be submitted in writing and directed to the Building and Land Use Office at 17 School Road, Andover, or, electronically at zoning@andoverct.org. Further information is available on the aforementioned web-site.
 Jim Hallisey
 Zoning Agent

2TB 8/4, 8/11

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF COLCHESTER ATTENTION COLCHESTER TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the Town of Colchester taxpayers that Real Estate tax bills on the Grand List of October 1, 2022, are due and payable on August 1, 2023.
The Town of Colchester does not have an approved budget for FY 2023-2024. Therefore, at this time you are receiving ONLY the first installment of your real estate bill. Once the budget is approved, you will receive any and all adjustments in your 2nd installment, which will reflect the approved mill rate along with any credits, if applicable. Additionally, once the budget is approved, we will be sending personal property and motor vehicles bills ASAP.
 If any tax due on August 1, 2023 is not paid on or before September 1, 2023, the tax installment shall be delinquent and interest at the rate of 18% per annum (1 1/2 % per month) shall be charged dating back to the original due date of the bill. Taxes that become delinquent after September 1, 2023 shall be charged delinquent interest for the months of August and September, 2023, or 3%. The minimum interest charge for delinquent taxes is \$2.00.
 Taxpayers who did not receive a bill should contact the Tax Office immediately. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or any interest charged should the tax become delinquent. Taxpayers may access tax bill information and pay on-line from the homepage of the Town of Colchester website at www.colchesterct.gov and clicking the "View and Pay Tax Bills" link under Online Services - fees apply.
 Avoid waiting in long lines by paying on-line under Online Services, return your payment by mail or use our night drop box located to the left of Colchester Town Hall's entrance. If a receipt is desired, please send a self addressed stamped envelope and two copies of the bill. Mail postmarked (US Postal Service postmark only) on or before September 1, 2023 will be considered as having been paid on time. **Payments dropped in the town hall's drop box after 4:30p.m. on September 1, 2023, will be considered as having been made on the following business day and will be deemed as paid late.**
 Please make all checks payable to the Tax Collector. Checks may be mailed to the Tax Office, 127 Norwich Avenue Colchester, CT, 06415. Questions concerning tax payments should be directed to the Tax Office, (860) 537-7210.
 Michele Wyatt, CCMC
 Town of Colchester
 Tax Collector

3TB 7/21, 8/11, 8/25

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CRAFTERS WANTED: Applications for vendors are still being accepted for the 32nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival on the Green on Saturday, Sept 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Colchester Lions Club, the event on the picturesque town green will feature hundreds of unique handmade creations from local crafters and artisans. There will be no mass produced or previously owned items. For vendor information, call 860-222-0796 or colchesterlionscraft-fair@gmail.com

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