

RIVEREAST

News Bulletin

Serving Amston, Andover, Cobalt, Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough, Middle Haddam and Portland

Volume 47, Number 31

Published by The Glastonbury Citizen

August 22, 2025



Take a Look, It's in a Book... Four canvases utilizing student's drawings decorate a colorful library in Andover Elementary School. The handmade artwork crafted by Wendy Kopp, owner of Over AndOver in Andover. Read more about Andover's plans for the upcoming school year on page 2.

Big Updates on Tap For Hebron Schools

By Toriana Williams

It's that time of year again. Parents love it, children dread it – it's time to go back to school! This year at Hebron Public Schools, students will be surprised by some major changes that are underway.

Hebron Superintendent of Schools Tom Baird recently sat down with the *Rivereast* to discuss the upcoming school year and what excitement awaits.

"We're very excited to have the kids back. This can be a boring place in the summer," he laughed. Surely the rush of new students, new staff, new programs and new play areas will liven the place up come start of school Aug. 27.

Empty halls and cafeterias may make school days in the summer feel slow, but for Baird, the anticipation of what will come must hasten things up. One dramatic change to the current curriculum involves every kid's favorite toy: Legos. Hebron parents, be sure to let your kids know they'll get to play and learn this 2025-26 academic year.

"We're going to be starting a new Lego robotics program as part of our [Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Spanish program]," informed Baird. Under this new initiative, Hebron Elementary School has embedded coding and engineering tasks within their curriculum. "For our fifth- and sixth-graders ... they [will] build and complete different Lego challenges. These Lego kits include motors that you have to code,"

he explained.

Additionally, new writing units will be implemented for fourth and fifth grade – as well as a new math curriculum for fourth grade.

Six years ago, HPS implemented the updated math program, called Illustrative Mathematics, and was met with great success. "Last year it was new to fifth grade... [and] fourth grade piloted it, decided to adopt it, so we're moving forward," Baird stated. "We find it to be a really robust and rigorous program."

Baird said he considers the previous program, Bridges in Mathematics, to be a strong program as well, and noted that it has been revised to meet current curriculum needs. Both sets of materials will be piloted in kindergarten through third grade next year, and a decision will be made then whether to invest in the updated materials for Bridges or focus on the Illustrative Mathematics program.

Along with new programs, new faces will also appear in Hebron Public Schools. A new school psychologist and 10 additional staff members have been hired across the different grades. "We're all really excited," Baird smiled.

Through a new state grant program, an additional special education teacher was added to Hebron Elementary School's team.

Baird explained, "All districts, post-COVID, [found] that our number of students with special needs has increased. So keeping up with

See Hebron Schools, page 26

At 83 Years Young, Still Shooting Hoops

By Josh Howard

Let's just say it's not an activity you generally associate with octogenarians. But for Paula Passarello, 83, of Hebron, playing basketball is just a part of life. And it was this proficiency with the hoops that recently helped the CT High Fives capture a bronze medal at the National Senior Games in Iowa.

It was the latest in a remarkable basketball journey for Passarello and her High Five basketball squad that was formed around the turn of the century.

Through the ups and downs of life, Passarello said the "camaraderie" of the team is what stands out the most.

"We basically had the same players ever since we started," she added. "We've been together so long and we've been such great friends and competitors."

Passarello is one of the founding "mothers" that are still competing today with the High Fives. Mary Berlyn, Sheila McKenna, Joan Youngs, Dency Sargent, and Phyllis Serafin (now an assistant coach) are the other originals and all six were present at the latest games in the Hawkeye State.

What started out as a group that began playing basketball together for fun has transformed into a team that travels to compete on a national stage.

The National Senior Games are held every other year in various cities throughout the country and this year the games yielded over 14,000 seniors competed in a variety of sports in Des Moines, Iowa.

Over the years, the High Fives have brought home several medals and ribbons, including securing gold during the 2015 games in St. Paul, Minn.

As the team rises through the age groups, Passarello said they keep the same "heart, desire, and spirit."

"Those always stay with you. But the body, not so much," she joked.

To stay in shape for the Senior Games, the High Fives practice for two hours in Willimantic every Friday. They also participate in various local tournaments as they have to qualify for the national tournament.

Passarello's daughter, Deirdre Osypuk, was able to watch her mother play in the Senior Games for the first time this summer, saying she

was both "amazed" and "a little nervous."

"The players get rough and I know how competitive she can be," added Osypuk. "But going down to Iowa was eye-opening. Inspirational is probably the best way to describe it."

Osypuk was in attendance for her mom's clutch moment which propelled the High Fives to the medal round this summer. Down by one point, Passarello calmly sank a pair of free throws with 13 seconds left on the clock as the team beat San Diego to secure their top-three finish.

Also in attendance for the High Fives' bronze medal run was a documentary film crew led by Jenny Schweitzer Bell. The crew covered the entire trip, from practice to games to the plan ride home. The documentary is currently in production.

Once they returned home, Passarello and her teammates were also honored at halftime of a Connecticut Sun game at Mohegan Sun Arena.

All told, the High Fives were one of four teams from Connecticut to bring back hardware. The 65-69-year-old group won gold, the 50-54 group placed silver, and the 70-74 group

See Still Shooting Hoops, page 27

Inside...

- Marlborough**
State Forest Turning Into Dump?pg 10
- Marlborough**
Recap of Heated Meetingpg 11
- Colchester**
BOE Incumbents Petition to Run.....pg 18
- East Hampton**
Info Session on Sewer Project.....pg 25
- Regional**
Obituariespgs 28 & 29
- RHAM**
Slugger Swinging for a Causepg 32

Crossword Puzzle...Pg 27
Sponsored by
Carl Guild Real Estate

Call
860-334-4808
to Schedule Your
Viewing!

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th from 1PM to 3PM

NEW CONSTRUCTION ON 152 STANAVAGE ROAD, COLCHESTER, CT

Offered by Joe Piechta and Zach Caldwell, this beautiful ranch offers relaxed one floor living with all the amenities. Three large bathrooms, an open floor plan perfect for entertaining. First floor laundry room, a (frog) future room over garage for office or gameroom, large basement, front and back porches.

Come take a look, you won't be disappointed.

\$859,600



LEGACY PARTNERS
KELLERWILLIAMS. REALTY
29 S. Main St, West Hartford, CT 06107



- Trustworthy
- Excellent service
- Exceptional results
- 20 yrs of Experience
- Proven track record

Your Professional Local Real Estate Agent!

I Am Ready To Help You Achieve Your Real Estate Goals In Today's Market!!!



Josh Brown
860-328-0166
joshbrown@kw.com

5 Star Service



No Obligation Consultations - Representing Sellers & Buyers - Serving all of CT

REG-22-25

Buy or sell with me... Use my truck for free!



CARL GUILD & ASSOCIATES
THE FUTURE OF REAL ESTATE

4 LOCAL OFFICES
100+ REAL ESTATE AGENTS
INVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY



www.carlguild.com
(860) 474-3500



RE1-31-25

NOW OPEN!



BEST CLEANERS

Same-day dry cleaning and laundry when you need it most.

Same Day Service

We make it easy to get your order in and out on the same day.

Free Home Pickup/Delivery

We will visit your neighborhood twice a week, on specified days.

Green Earth Cleaning

Leaves fabrics softer and colors vibrant longer with no chemical odor.



EXPIRING SOON!

MARLBOROUGH
4-8 East Hampton Road
(860) 467-0111
BestCleaners.com

\$1.50 OFF SHIRTS
(3 OR MORE)



Expires October 3, 2025
Incoming orders only. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

RE 8-22-25



Your Local Medicare Specialists

Let Us Help You Navigate Medicare

- Free personalized consultations
- Trust our capable team for your Medicare needs
- Dedicated to satisfying customers
- Providing exceptional Medicare solutions & quality plans
- Family owned & operated for over 30 years

HealthCare Associates

7 Dickinson Road
Marlborough, CT
860-295-9350

We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. We are licensed with AARP, Aetna, Anthem BCBS, CarePartners, Cigna, ConnectiCare, Humana, Trinity, UnitedHealthCare, and Wellcare. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE to get information on all of your options.

REG-14-24



CALL TODAY FOR:

- Winterization • Storage
- Shrink Wrapping • Boat Hauling

DOCK & BOATING ESSENTIALS

- Fuel Delivery
- Dockside Detailing
- Oil Changes
- Prop & Lower Unit Replacement
- Vinyl Protection & Restoration
- Dock Maintenance, Extensions & Accessories
- Fall Dock Removal

DOCKS
IN STOCK & READY FOR INSTALLATION

860-365-5930

29 Skinner Street,
East Hampton, CT 06424
CTDocks.com • ctdocks@gmail.com
OPEN MON-FRI 10-5:30; SAT 10-2

NEW LOCATION!

Call for a Quote!

Snap Dock and Shore Side Dock's EXCLUSIVE Connecticut Dealer!

REG-22-25



ConnValley School of Music & Dance
Where your music begins.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

SPECIAL OFFER - LIMITED TIME - NEW STUDENTS

Sign Up NOW & Receive 2 FREE LESSONS
your second month
(mention this ad during sign up)

www.connvalley.net



RE 8-22-2025

From the Editor’s Desk

Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

“School days, school days, dear old golden rule days.” – Will D. Cobb and Gus Edwards

“Be true to your school, just like you would your girl or guy.” – The Beach Boys

“School is cool.” – Arthur Fonzarelli

Yup, folks, we’re nearing the dawn of another school day. For most of *Rivereast*-land, classes are back in session next Thursday, Aug. 28. So that means this week is our annual back-to-school issue. Inside these pages you’ll find a variety of stories dealing with the upcoming academic year, as well as various pieces of handy school-related info (such as free and reduced-price lunch information). It may not exactly be one-stop shopping for all things K-12, but it’s pretty darn close.

So, good luck, students, as you hit the books (or I’m guessing tablets these days). And, parents, feel free to exhale. After all, as those old Staples commercials used to say, it’s the most wonderful time of the year.

Speaking of students: Are you between the

ages of 13 and 20 and interested in learning more about the criminal justice system? Well, this next message may be for you.

State Police Troop K Cadet Post 028 is seeking new members. Organizers of program say it promotes responsibility, discipline, leadership, physical fitness and teamwork.

There will be an Open House, where kids and their parents can learn more about the Cadets, on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., at Troop K, 15A Old Colchester Rd.

For more information, call advisor Mindy Johnston at 860-465-5468, email TroopKCadets028@gmail.com, or look for “Troop K Cadets” on Facebook.

Want to get in some late-summer golf and support a good cause at the same time? Goodwin University’s annual Golf Tournament returns next month, to raise funds for student scholarships.

The 20th annual tournament will be on

Editor’s Desk continued on page 30

Bulletin Board

I saw an item a while back about a Wisconsin woman who says she can talk with dogs, cats and horses. My initial reaction was, “Heck, anybody can do that.” But this woman says she can converse with the spirits of dead dogs, horses and cats that now reside “beyond the veil” as they say.

And it turns out she’s not the only one. I looked on the internet and there’s literally dozens of people who claim they can contact your departed pet. They call themselves “pet psychics.” And there’s no need for a face-to-face or providing your former pet’s old chew toy to encourage a psychic link—these talented psychics can chat with your departed pet and pass along its messages while you’re right there on the phone. I mean, how cool is that? With all the scams going on these days, it’s a real comfort to know there are folks out there willing to help you reunite with an old four-legged pal.

Of course, this sort of service doesn’t come for free. I mean, these are specialists after all. The typical charge ranges from about \$2 a minute to \$5 or more, which can presumably add up in a hurry.

As someone who treasures the memory of my now departed springer spaniels and (to a lesser degree) the odd frog and turtle that have come and gone through the years, I thought it would be nice to see how they’re doing in whatever realm they now occupy. However, I wasn’t sure I wanted to pay a lot of money if they embarked on some lengthy chat about chasing squirrels or something.

I mentioned my reservations to my old pal Suds McSpatz, who promptly offered to conduct the same service for two bottles of beer at the saloon of his choice—a bargain price I was unable to turn down, it being a hot day in August and all.

Suds made his first contact soon after “priming the pump” so to speak.

“It’s Sparky,” he said, staring into the distance. “He wants to talk to you.”

“Who?”

“Sparky.”

“I never had a pet named Sparky.”

Suds closed his eyes and concentrated a minute before replying, “Sparky the firefly? Rudely snatched off a leaf the night of August 3, 1959 and placed in an old mayonnaise jar with a clump of grass to keep him company?”

“Uh...”

“Little Sparky, who you paid attention to for all of 47 minutes, then forgot about until your mother found the jar rolling around under your bed a month later?”

“Gee, I...”

“Of course, by then Sparky’s spark was out. Permanently. I can tell you, he is not a happy camper.”

“Hey, c’mon. I was like seven years old!”

“Sparky says thanks to you he never had a chance to raise kids of his own.”

“Yeah, well tell him he saved a bundle on car insurance.”

“Ooops. There’s somebody else wants to talk to you. It’s one of your old dogs.”

“Patsy? Is it Patsy?”

“Wait a minute. Um. Yes! She says her name is Patsy!”

“Patsy! How are you doing, you good old dog, you?”

“Actually, she’s a little disappointed in you,” relayed Suds.

“What? No way! Not Patsy!”

“She says you threw away all her toys.”

“Yeah, but gee...she was dead. And they were all chewed up and covered with old spit.”

“She says how would you like it if you died and your wife took all your favorite stuff down to the dump.”

“Actually, that’s kind of a given. As a matter of fact, it’s about all I can do to keep her from taking my favorite stuff to the dump now. And I’m still alive.”

“Oh. Wait. I have a new contact breaking in. Splishy wants to talk to you. Actually, he’s pretty insistent.”

“Splishy?”

“Splishy the goldfish. Ring toss at the Glastonbury Grange Fair, 1963?”

“Doesn’t ring any bells.”

“He’s saying something about being flushed down the toilet.”

“Oh. Tell him I’m not home.”

“He really wants to talk.”

“I’m in the shower.”

“He...”

“I’ll call him back later.”

“He says he’s not leaving until you buy me a bag of beer nuts.”

“Okay, okay.”

“He wants you to buy me the big bag.”

“Naturally.”

And so I am left with many questions. About the fragility of life. The power of memory. The treasured bonds we form with our animal companions. And, of course, the greatest question of them all: what the hell would possess anybody to name a goldfish Splishy?

Jim Hallas

Rivereast Hours of Operation

The offices of the *Rivereast News Bulletin* and *Glastonbury Citizen*, located at 87 Nutmeg Lane, Glastonbury, are open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The *Rivereast* can be reached any time via email at bulletin@glcitizen.com.



Fun Runs Wrap Up... Thursday, July 24, marked the final day of Summer Fun Runs, a free five-week long program hosted by the Portland Parks and Recreation Department at the Portland Recreational Complex. Runners of all ages and experience levels competed for trophies, which were awarded to the top performers in each division. Pictured from left are the winners! Back row: Sully Deane, Megan Etheridge, Tim Dickerson, Mike O’Rourke; middle row: Ian Xiao, Patrick O’Rourke, Brianna Rooth, Liam Xiao, Erika Scheer; front row: Joyce Salamone, Romeo Freeman, Addalynne Scheer, Emmett Scheer. Not pictured: Amarose Tiea. Parks and Rec. thanked coaches Deb Rooth and Amie Leary, and Lily, for volunteering their time and making this program possible. Parks and Rec. also thanked staff members Annabelle, Cassidy, Breckin and Hayden for all of their work.

Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum

Early Letters Deadline

Due to our publication schedule next week, all letters to the editor for the Aug. 29 *Rivereast* **must** be submitted no later than **noon Monday, Aug. 25.**

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Pay Attention, People

To the Editor:

Colchester Board of Finance member Tim Vaillancourt loves to say “pay attention people; it’s your money.” The problem is, he never did. He didn’t pay attention a few years ago when town finances got bungled so badly the town had to pay \$100k for consultants to fix the mess and nearly failed an audit.

What he does best is make rude comments under his breath and get thin-skinned whenever someone questions him. What he’s never done is actually improve our town’s finances. This year, he voted for the budget, then campaigned against it. Strange move, unless you’re more interested in political games than good budgeting.

The truth is, Tim has failed on the Board of Finance. That’s why he’s ending his term early, aiming for the Board of Selectmen instead.

John Farrell – Colchester

Returning to BOF

To the Editor:

After a two-year hiatus, I am looking forward to returning to the Marlborough Board of Finance this November.

Previously, I spent 12 years on the Board of Finance (2011 to 2023), preceded by terms on the Board of Education (1998 to 2003) and Board of Assessment Appeals (2009 to 2011). I gotta admit that until recently I had not planned a return to public service. However, when the opportunity arose to fill a spot on the Republican ticket, I decided to go for it.

During my previous years on the Board of Finance I made sure that I asked questions and demanded the information needed to make informed decisions. Marlborough’s taxpayers deserve people on our boards and commissions who make sure that every tax dollar is spent wisely.

Between now and the municipal elections on November 4th I would ask you to take a close look at the various candidates who will be seeking your vote. I hope that you will support me and that you will select candidates who value the importance of representing your interests.

Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough

RIVEREAST

News Bulletin

Serving Amston, Andover, Cobalt, Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough, Middle Haddam and Portland

Published Every Friday by The Glastonbury Citizen
87 Nutmeg Lane • Glastonbury, CT 06033
Telephone (860) 633-4691
Email: bulletin@glcitizen.com
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 373 • Glastonbury, CT 06033

•

Email classified line ads to admin@glcitizen.com.
Email Legal Notices to legals@glcitizen.com
and call 860-633-4691 to pay with MC or VISA.

Kevin and Pat Rarey, Publishers

Josh Howard—Office Manager, Sports Editor
Mike Thompson, Editor

Staff Reporters:

Margaret O’Callaghan –East Hampton, Portland
Toriana Williams – Colchester, Hebron, Marlborough & Andover

PUBLISHER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY ADVERTISEMENT AT ANY TIME
Standard Mail – Postage Permit #1092 at Hartford, CT • Glastonbury Citizen (USPS-219-360)

Advertising Representatives:

Jason Baran, ext. 104 • jason@glcitizen.com
Lisa Snietka, ext. 103 • lisa@glcitizen.com

Art Department

Jeanne Giovann and Julie Misuraca

News copy deadline for *The Rivereast News Bulletin* is Tuesday at noon. Please address all letters & news articles to: **Rivereast News Bulletin**, P.O. Box 373, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Letter Writers: Letters must be 400 words or less, and must be submitted by Tuesday at noon. Email is preferred; send to bulletin@glcitizen.com. All letters must include the writer’s town of residence and daytime contact phone number. Letters focused solely on national issues or national public figures will not be published. Anonymous letters will not be published. All letters are subject to editing for grammar, spelling and clarity, and are also subject to fact-checking. No bullying or name-calling will be tolerated. There is no guarantee that all letters will be published.

(860) 633-4691 — bulletin@glcitizen.com

Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum

Election Year Tactic

To the Editor:

The BOF Republicans have been accused of using the Firehouse as a political tactic for the fall election. Not true. It is not a Republican tactic when it was a unanimous, bi-partisan vote for more information.

The BOF is doing their job and it's too bad if we disrupted the TC Democrats' goal to have a referendum in September. Why? They have alluded to its failure! But remain eager to spend the dollars to see it fail.

We need to invest in a firehouse. But we also need an accurate portrayal of the remediation work needed and how much it will cost. Then, and only then, can taxpayers make an informed vote on this project – and hopefully approve it.

Bridget McLennan – East Hampton

Note: McLennan is chair of the East Hampton Board of Finance and said she is also speaking as a taxpayer.

Time for a Change

To the Editor:

Four years ago a good friend of mine challenged me to stop complaining about things and do something about it. I laughed at first. Then I decided to go for it. It was a long shot. But with a lot of help I beat the odds and won a seat on the Board of Finance. It has been my honor to be a strong consistent conservative voice for the taxpayers of Colchester.

Never afraid of a challenge, I have decided to run for Board of Selectmen. It is long past time for some new blood and a new voice on the Board of Selectmen.

This town is moving in the wrong direction. We are making it unaffordable for a lot of folks. I would appreciate your vote in November

It's time to take your town back. Let's do it together!

Tim Vaillancourt – Colchester

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

Colchester BOE

To the Editor:

Recently, Colchester BOE approved several multi-year contracts of note. They approved a teacher contract which provides teachers with annual inflation adjustments and step increases. The step increase is based upon advancing one year in seniority, not merit. On average, over their entire contract teachers advancing steps will go from \$81K to \$86K to \$90K to \$94K. This will be about a 4% increase per year.

In their three-year contract, an elementary school principal advancing steps will go from \$153K to \$160K to \$171K in their final year. That will be a total increase of 12%.

The superintendent contract in 2024-25 started at \$223K salary plus another \$18K for retirement. The amount for following years is decided by the BOE in executive session. That is unavailable to the public.

Once they approve contracts the BOE obligates the taxpayer regardless if a budget is approved or not. The BOE approvals are the largest drivers for overall tax increases.

This is why education unions developed a strategy to get as many members and allies into politics. Unions actively try to elect union friendly BOEs. Also, if possible, get members as leaders on the local town committees. They donate millions to protect union agendas.

So when potential BOE candidates come knocking on your door, please consider these questions. Do they feel the public is adequately informed about the approval of new contracts during budget season? Should BOE members with past or present affiliations with education unions recuse themselves from approving education union contracts?

In closing: The voting for the BoE is by far the most important vote. Even if neither of the candidates for first selectman is appealing to you, please consider voting for the BoE offices.

Thank you for time and consideration,
James D. McNair III – Colchester

A Parent's Commitment to Colchester's Future

To the Editor:

I'm Olivia Duksa, a proud Colchester resident since 2005, wife to Bob, and mom to a 6th grader and a 12th grader. Like many parents, I've watched our schools do incredible things — and I've also seen where they could be stronger.

I own two small local businesses, Iron Horse Bio Energetics and Iron Horse Equestrian Club, and I've served on the Colchester Agriculture Commission. I know the value of hard work, accountability, and clear goals.

I'm running for the Board of Education because I believe our kids deserve an education that prepares them for real life after graduation. I want to make sure our budget is scrutinized and spent where it truly benefits students and teachers — not wasted at the top.

Our community deserves leaders who will listen, collaborate, and protect the quality of education for every child.

I invite you to reach out, share your thoughts, and get involved. Let's work together for Colchester's future.

Olivia Duksa – Colchester

The Whole Story

Dear Colchester Residents:

Have you ever wondered if you're getting the whole story about decisions in our town? You attend meetings, follow the news – yet sometimes it feels like important details are left out.

Take the recent car tax increase. The explanation given was a new state law. But what wasn't mentioned is that Colchester officials chose to use a higher optional rate than the state required.

Now the town is moving toward awarding FieldTurf a \$10–\$15 million sports complex design contract. What's not being discussed is that taxpayers have already paid FieldTurf – through the Board of Education – for essentially the same work. That 2024 contract, the first step in a Design-Build process, called for installation drawings and a permitting plan set ready for regulatory approval. Yet at a recent meeting, officials described the deliverable as only concept art and pricing. You can't build from concept art. So if the BOE already paid for detailed plans, why are we paying for them again?

Our public officials have never shown taxpayers FieldTurf's deliverables, nor have they clearly stated whether the work was completed as required by the contract. Meanwhile, many key decisions about these projects seem to be discussed in private, outside the formal public process.

This November, we have an opportunity to insist on transparency and complete information from our leaders. Colchester works best when residents get the full story—before decisions are made—not just the parts officials choose to share.

Michael Dubreuil – Colchester

Skate Park Rocks!

To the Editor:

I am writing to you to reach out about the new Hebron skate park at Veterans Memorial Park. I am very happy with the outcome of the skatepark. I am an avid scooter rider and I have been riding for six years. When I first started it was in the old skate park. I really appreciate the effort that went into this major improvement, the town and the builders did an amazing job. I wanted to thank them for bringing life back into this part of Veterans Park. I am just one of many grateful users of the skatepark.

I was a member of the RHAM skate club before graduating this year. The only space we had to use was the flat basketball court at Vets. We all wished someone would revive the old skate park. The new park is a huge upgrade for the current and future members of the skate club at RHAM.

This is a shining example of how improving an outdoor space brings a sense of community and allows a safe and fun spot for all types of people to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Cole Archibald – Andover

Thank You

To the Editor:

The Friends of the East Hampton Public Library is incredibly grateful to the businesses and families of East Hampton and the surrounding area who recently participated in our townwide Where's Bell scavenger hunt.

During the month of July, participating businesses hid a cardboard Bell, the Library's fox mascot, within their establishment. When Bell was found by people playing the game, the business provided a sticker for the finder's bingo-style game board. At the end of the game, prize winners were randomly chosen from the returned game boards, dependent on how many Bells were found. Gamers earned extra chances to win by attaching receipts showing that they'd purchased an item at any of the participating business. All 25 businesses that participated were represented by proof of purchase and the grand total of those receipts was right around \$7,500.

Thank you also to the wonderful staff of the East Hampton Public Library who helped administer the game with the Friends. We just love to see so much community participation in our events; if you are interested in joining or learning more about the Friends of the East Hampton Public Library, please email us at friendsofhepl@gmail.com or attend our monthly meetings at the library at 6 p.m. each first Monday.

Gratefully,
Eliza LoPresti, Secretary
Friends of the East Hampton Public Library



Sea Unicorns Win Again!

To the Editor:

While I am not a regular season fan, my family enjoys going to Dodd Stadium to watch the Norwich Sea Unicorns play baseball in the Futures League. This year we attended Game 2 of a three-game series of the League's Championship Game: the Sea Unicorns vs. the New Britain Bees. It was an exciting game as it came down to a 12th inning walk off by the Sea Unicorns.

The experience of watching baseball in a stadium that offers you upfront views of the game, good food and snacks, beer and soda, and nightly specials, is a lot of fun and a very inexpensive night out with your family.

I encourage you next season to keep a copy of the season 2026 schedule on your fridge as we do, and attend just one game. I think you will find it a wonderful way to spend a great time with your family.

By the way, the Sea Unicorns won the championship again, making them three-peat winners! Congratulations to them.

H. Jean Smith – Colchester

Chicken Barbecue Thanks

To the Editor:

Let it be known, to all of the loyal customers from Hebron and surrounding communities, your donations for the "Chicken-to-Go" fundraiser are greatly appreciated. The loyal consumers of Hebron American Legion Post 95 are an integral facet in creating the reputation that is rapidly approaching the "Famous" status, just as our Famous Legion Burgers. Please be aware that due to the overwhelming request for the nearly Famous product, it is encouraged to contact the appropriate phone and/or email to reserve orders. With regret, without reserving, there is a possibility that a drive/walk-up request may be unable to be fulfilled. Please note, our post wants to allow the entire community and beyond to partake in the cooks' sumptuous chicken delicacy.

A "shout-out" to our neighbor, The Flour Girl Bakery, Michelle, and her professional staff for their continued support of the military family next door. Visit the Flour Girl and purchase some outstanding bakery products. Note: Keep reading the *Rivereast* for upcoming status reports regarding the exciting grand opening of the ultra-modern Flour Girl facility next door, in the near future.

Once again, a heartfelt thanks to all of the donations for the soon-to-be Famous Legion's "Chicken to Fly."

Note: The Legion Building is available for events, i.e. birthday/ business promotions, meeting gathering, etc. For information, contact
See Letter, page 6



CIT7-3-25

HALE LAW FIRM
ROBERT J. HALE, JR., ESQ.

- Probate Litigation
- Estate Settlement
- Estate Planning
- Contract Disputes
- Conservatorship
- Wills, Trusts, etc.

860-430-9272 **www.attyhale.com**
41-B New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT 06033
ADVICE + REPRESENTATION = RESULTS



WANTED TO BUY
Antiques & Old Stuff

Bottles • Crocks • Jugs • Costume Jewelry • Pottery • Toys
• Games • Glassware • Silver • Coins • Gold
• Silver Plated Items • Watches • Typewriters • Sewing Machines
• Tools • Radios • Clocks • Lanterns • Lamps • Kitchenware
• Cookware • Knives • Hunting • Fishing • Military • Masonic
• Fire Dept • Advertising Signs & Much More

Call Donald Roy 860-874-8396

CIT5-29-25



Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum

★ Letters, cont. from page 5

Joe at 203-848-5913. Donations are accepted all year; forward them by mail to: Hebron American Legion, Post 95, Hebron, CT 06248-0095.

Also, the post is seeking participants for the annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, commencing at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Email Ron for details at park1969@comcast.net, or call Joe at 203-848-5913.

To all: Thanks, be well, stay safe, for God and country (USA).

Respectfully, submitted,
R. A. Bob Mangillo, Adjutant
Hebron American Legion Post 95

Why We Need a
New Firehouse

To the Editor:

The volunteers of the East Hampton Fire Department answer the call every hour of every day — protecting lives, property, and our community. But the firehouse we work from is outdated, unsafe, and no longer meets modern standards.

What's Wrong With Our Current Station — and How Skinner Street Solves It

1. Dangerous Apparatus Access
 - Barton Hill: Trucks exit onto a steep, busy road — hazardous for both firefighters and the public.
 - Skinner Street: Large, level parking lot with safe access away from traffic.
2. Bay Doors Too Small
 - Barton Hill: 12-foot doors can't fit many

modern fire trucks.

- Skinner Street: 14-foot doors — ready for today's apparatus.
- 3. Mold, Asbestos, and Pest Issues
 - Barton Hill: Persistent health hazards.
 - Skinner Street: Environmentally tested — clean and safe.
- 4. Unsafe Drinking Water
 - Barton Hill: Contaminated well water.
 - Skinner Street: Connected to the town's clean water supply.
- 5. No Proper Gear Cleaning Area (Cancer Risk!)
 - Barton Hill: No dedicated space for decontaminating firefighting gear.
 - Skinner Street: Built-in, ventilated gear-cleaning facilities.
- 6. Not ADA Accessible
 - Barton Hill: Three stories, inaccessible restrooms.
 - Skinner St: Single-story, fully ADA compliant.
- 7. No Fire Protection Sprinklers
 - Barton Hill: No sprinklers protecting \$7M worth of apparatus.
 - Skinner Street: Fully sprinklered to modern standards.
- 8. Failing Diesel Exhaust System
 - Barton Hill: Non-NFPA compliant; trucks not fully connected.
 - Skinner Street: Modern, compliant exhaust removal.
- 9. Poor Drainage
 - Barton Hill: Rainwater backs up into ap-

paratus bays.

- Skinner Street: Proper storm water drainage system.
- 10. Inefficient Heating, Cooling, and Ventilation
 - Barton Hill: Outdated systems, poor air quality.
 - Skinner St: Energy-efficient climate control, improved air flow, reduced cancer risk.
- 11. No Adequate Training or Meeting Space
 - Barton Hill: Too cramped for effective classes or meetings.
 - Skinner Street: Large training room for firefighter instruction and public programs like CPR and Stop the Bleed.

The Bottom Line

Our volunteers are willing to face danger for you — but they shouldn't have to do it from a building that puts them at risk before the call even comes in.

Skinner Street is safer for firefighters, safer for the public, and ready for the next generation of service.

Please attend our Tuesday workshops at 6:30 p.m. at Co. 1 Firehouse.

East Hampton Board of Fire Commissioners

Just Drama?

To the Editor:

In recent months, certain local Democratic voices have set their sights on citizens who value transparency and oversight, dismissing these principles as, at best, a waste of time and, at worst, harassment and a danger.

It is a tired and predictable playbook. Discredit anyone who dares to look behind the curtain. Cast questions as attacks. Twist scrutiny into harassment. This is the tactic of people who want control over the public, not partnership with them. They insist they believe in “real transparency” and “progress,” but only on their terms. And their terms are hollow by design, carefully shaped to look legitimate while delivering nothing of substance — certainly not real transparency or accountability.

The hypocrisy is glaring. These same individuals were eager to file multiple Freedom of Information requests when the previous administration was in charge. Oversight was a noble cause then. Now that they hold the power, the public is expected to stay quiet, trust them, and never look too closely. The message could not be clearer: do not question us.

Some members of Bernie's team at the Colchester DTC have carried this message forward. They have taken public stances against citizen

oversight and authority. They have dismissed the value of FOI. They have advocated for dissolving our Board of Finance, one of the few remaining bodies with real oversight power. They have floated replacing our town meeting form of government with a town manager system, which would wipe away the last pieces of direct citizen authority.

That is not reform. That is not progress. That is the deliberate removal of the public from the process and the concentration of power into the hands of a small, insulated group. They know best, and if you disagree, you are the problem.

We hear them speak about being on “the right side of history.” The truth is not complicated. No society in the history of the world has ever thrived without its citizens holding the ultimate authority. When that authority shifts to the government, the result is always the same: the people lose.

Colchester does not belong to a political party or a chosen few. It belongs to its citizens. Those who try to weaken citizen oversight are not looking to lead; they're looking to control. And control is something the people of Colchester should never hand over. Our response must be clear, firm, and final.

Jason LaChapelle – Colchester

Thank You, Terry Dominick

To the Editor:

Colchester's three veterans' organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the Colchester Veterans Honor Guard, are saddened to learn of the passing of Terry Dominick. He was not a veteran himself, but worked diligently with Colchester's veterans in any number of ways.

On the Saturday prior to numerous Memorial Days, Terry would join the veterans in replacing all the cemetery flags on all 11 town cemeteries. His meticulous attention during this event insured that not one veteran headstone went without a replacement flag.

He was also a stalwart support of the Memorial Day parade. For many years he has provided the truck and trailer to transport our veterans to and during the parade. He also helped return the veterans to their cars as well as unloaded the trailer full of chairs at the end of the parade.

Another veterans' event on which Terry always helped our Colchester veterans is Flag Day. Veterans dispose of worn and tattered flags during a ceremony on the Town Green on June 14th. Terry would transport the official burn vessel for the ceremony and would later gather the ashes for a second ceremonial disposal ceremony. This happened on a second day later each year. At this time, the hundreds of flags collected during the year were again ceremonially burned according to the rights dictated by the United States Flag Code. Terry provided the truck and equipment need to get this task properly accomplished.

Our hearts are saddened by Terry Dominick's passing. His volunteer work will be sorely missed. However, each veteran who worked with Terry will know that he will be looking over our shoulders year after year and telling us, he is glad to help in any way he can.

Thanks again, Terry,
from the Veterans of Foreign Wars,
American Legion and the
Colchester Veterans Honor Guard

Tarring the Democrats

To the Editor:

Last week, Andover resident Sam Prentice continued his efforts to tar today's Democratic Party as the same Southern Democrats that started the Civil War to protect slavery. He was responding to my rebuttal letter from the week previous. He newly writes, “Democrats try to run away from their racist past with the hysterically-absurd claim that Democrats and Republicans inexplicably switched ideological positions in the mid-1960s.” I ask Mr. Prentice to revisit my letter the previous week and see if he can still maintain his “hysterically-absurd” and “inexplicable” stances. I provided numerous examples of several prominent racist Southern Democrats that switched to the Republican Party after LBJ signed the 1964 Civil Rights Act. His MAGA-biased mindset ignores facts. He called it “ridiculous logic” to imagine Republicans could “adopt the racist attitudes of the southern Democrats.” Surely Prentice must know that changing one's party is easy-peasy, that racist Southern Democrats simply went to town hall and re-registered as Republicans. They didn't have to adopt “racist attitudes”; they maintained their “racist attitudes” in their new Republican Party.

Years ago, I switched from Democrat to Independent out of frustration with Democrats for not consistently opposing the wars in Iraq and



Rolling Stone

Wood Fired Pizza

NOW OPEN

Located at
Chris Cote's Golf Range
Thursday - Sunday
4:00PM - 8:00PM

1401 MAIN STREET • PORTLAND

Delicious Wood Fired Pizzas!

Enjoy Outdoor Dining in a unique setting by Chef Rob as seen on the Food Network.



To view our menu or order online go to:
www.vsrct.com

Portofinos

Italian Restaurant

246 New Britain Rd, Kensington, • 860-826-6374

You Deserve a Great Meal!

We specialize in Southern and Northern Italian cuisine. Everything at Portofinos is prepared using only the freshest ingredients and made from original recipes. Our menu includes many traditional as well as a variety of unique dishes. We also offer daily specials for lunch and dinner.



Shrimp & Pasta



Salad



Filet Mignon



Pizza

Hours: Mon. 11am-8:30pm,
Tue. Closed, Wed. & Thur. 11am-9pm,
Fri. & Sat. 11am-9:30pm,
Sun. 11am-8pm

Lunch & Dinner menu
www.portofinosrestaurantct.com

- Dine In
- Outside Patio Open
- Take Out

Order: 860-826-6374
(No Minimum)

We are following strict COVID-19 safety guidelines to ensure your safety.

Adriatic Restaurant

Featuring Italian & Balkan/Mediterranean Cuisine

Brought to you by the owners of
Portofino's in Berlin

Our Dining Room is Open
Wednesday through Monday
11am to 9pm



Weekly Specials*

— For Dine-In Only —

Military Mondays
15% Off Food. Active & Veteran.

Well-Done Wednesdays
Free side of mashed potatoes & Caesar Salad with your choice of Steak

Thank You Thursdays
15% Off Food. Police, Fire, Medical & Teachers

Must provide work ID

*Ask server for more info if needed

Adriatic Restaurant | 577 Franklin Ave., Hartford | 860-726-4155

Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum

Afghanistan. I did so at my town hall. I did not change any of my attitudes. I sometimes even refer to myself as a Republican. That would be an Abraham Lincoln, U.S. Grant, Teddy Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower Republican. And so I am, and that is why I have voted straight Democratic the last several decades, except for one election in support of Bernie Sanders. Republican voters today have abandoned the party of Abraham Lincoln. A penny in their pocket is the closest they can get.

Edmund Smith – Andover
Editor’s Note: Next week will be the last week for letters related to this matter. The subject has been beaten to death.

Row C for the BOE
To the Editor:
I am Marguerite (Margo) Gignac, incumbent secretary of Colchester Board of Education. Donna Antonacci, incumbent board chair, and I have both truly enjoyed being a part of the Colchester Board of Education. We appreciate the dedication and support of the Colchester community to our schools. As our term ends, we have made the decision to run for office again, this time apart from any political party.

We ask the community to support us on Row C for the BOE in November. We are Republicans but we do not feel the current leaders of our local party share our views. Donna and I believe in serving with honesty and integrity for our community as a whole, party should not matter when it comes to education or what is best for everyone in our town. We will not grandstand, point fingers or spread false narratives. We are who we are at all times and will continue to respect all members of our community.

We take great pride in what we have accomplished in our school system working in a bipartisan manner. We will be sharing that information as the weeks lead up to the election. As we move toward the November election, please look for the facts not the political and personal attacks and spreading of misinformation. We are all neighbors, we need to all work together to keep Colchester the wonderful town that it is, keeping it affordable by being responsible in our spending.

Marguerite (Margo) Gignac – Colchester
Candidate for the Board of Education

Refreshing Bipartisanship
To the Editor:

In an Aug. 11 special meeting, the Republican-led Board of Finance (BoF) discussed funding for the proposed new firehouse property.

· Dr. Richard Brown (Republican) expressed concern with existing environmental issues, the lack of residential zoning approval required by law for firefighters to be safely bedded down at the location, and the seller’s possible responsibility to pay for any additional remediation needed.

· Brown motions to withhold funding approval, pending answers to his concerns with a focus on the scope, costs, and compliance with residential occupancy standards was seconded by BoF member, Ted Turner (Democrat).

· In a refreshing display of bipartisanship, the motion passed unanimously.

In an Aug. 12 Town Council (TC) meeting, Ted Hintz (Republican) made a motion to discuss the BoF’s concerns.

· As a result, the TC voted to pursue the requested actions with bipartisan support.

· However, Democrat TC members, Karen Wanat (Vice-Chair) and Jordan Werme, voted against the motion that would provide the voters with information regarding potential health concerns for our first responders and possible financial pitfalls.

Later, Wanat took to social media to defend her position on the “Let’s Talk East Hampton” page, which is notorious for censoring conservatives. In her post, Wanat attempted to paint the positive bipartisanship at the BoF and the TC as “11th hour... election year tactics” stating she had previously raised her concerns about environmental issues in an email she sent in June in lieu of attending a related meeting due to personal travel. Note, her email made no reference to the residential zoning concerns.

The post unintentionally highlighted Wanat’s failure to follow up in any meaningful way, and her lack of results, claiming her concerns were “ignored” by the TC and Fire Commissioners. A striking contrast to the current bipartisanship at the BoF and the TC.

So, was the vice chair of the Democratic-led TC ignored by her fellow Democratic leaders? Are East Hampton Democrats that divided? Why was Wanat unable to get results from her vice chair seat and what does this say about her leadership?

Perhaps it’s time for a change in leadership,

with a focus on getting things done right, following through, and reaching across the aisle for the benefit of East Hampton taxpayers.

Bryon Turner – East Hampton

We Deserve Open Dialogue
To the Editor:

As we all know, you can’t believe everything you read online, and that’s especially true with the Facebook group Let’s Talk East Hampton. Run by Kyle and Mary Ann Dostaler along with Rina Johnson, the group has a pattern of removing posts that don’t fit their personal views. Counterpoints to the town budget? Deleted. Support for a local developer? Gone. If it challenges their narrative, it disappears.

Now they’ve taken it further. The group refuses to support the proposed new fire department at 11 Skinner St., not because of legitimate concerns, but seemingly due to a personal grudge against the property owner. That is not how healthy community dialogue should work.

The Board of Fire Commissioners and the East Hampton Fire Department have worked hard to explain the benefits of this location and invite public input. Yet every attempt to share updates or seek feedback in Let’s Talk East Hampton has been removed, while posts backing their agenda remain.

If this group is your main source of information, you may not be getting the full story. I encourage residents to also follow groups like Let’s Talk East Hampton CT, where conversations can happen without censorship.

East Hampton deserves better. We deserve open dialogue, not selective gatekeeping.

Respectfully,
Ted Hintz Jr. – East Hampton

Note: Hintz is a member of the East Hampton Town Council but is speaking as an individual.

Support Public Education
To the Editor:

Please join me in wishing all students, educators, and families a successful and happy new school year. In East Hampton, the first day is set for Thursday, Aug. 28, but the reality is that teachers and staff have been back at it for a while, setting up their classrooms, communicating to their incoming students, and completing the professional development that helps make our teachers and administrators among the very best.

This year looks and feels different. Schools are once again being asked to do more with less due to budget cuts and the state’s underfunding of special education. Meanwhile, the federal government continues its hostile approach to public education, illegally withholding funds and cutting programs that have proven successful in improving access and equity to students of all backgrounds and abilities.

It’s a tough time to be an educator. Honestly, it always is a challenging profession, but to continue to thrust mandates while increasing class size is leading to a point of critical mass (if we haven’t already reached it).

Local support for public education is more important now than perhaps any time in recent memory. We have some incredible families, PTOs, and other groups in East Hampton who are working to help teachers stock their classrooms and provide opportunities in the arts and athletics. But it can’t fall only on a few individuals and organizations; it takes a community to ensure our students succeed and help our teachers feel appreciated.

I encourage all parents and families to be as engaged this year as they possibly can. Parental involvement is imperative to student achievement. This can take many forms: donating sup-

plies to the classroom, monitoring homework and other forms of at-home learning, attending Board of Education or PTO meetings... all these are meaningful. Your time and efforts are investments that will only yield success.

I don’t speak for the Board of Education. I try to make that clear in every letter that I send to the *Rivereast*. But I do know that all our board members are deeply committed to working together to support the needs of our schools. We’re going to continue to do our best, and I hope the community will join us in that endeavor.

Cheers to a great year and thank you to those working to nurture achievement and acceptance in our schools.

Sincerely,
Matt Engelhardt – East Hampton
Note: Engelhardt is a member of the East Hampton Board of Education, but said he is writing independent of the board.

Right from Wrong
To the Editor:

The following exchange is from the movie *Call of Heroes*; the two characters are talking about what the bad guy plans on doing to them and their town. Liao: “Everyone just wants peace... To have a safe home and a good job. Don’t give them a hard time.” Sheriff Kenan: “You think we can solve everything if we kneel down.” Liao, “Just kneel first.” Sheriff Kenan: “If we kneel today, Will we be able to stand up tomorrow? Can our future generations live with their heads held high? We are not slaves. We are the owners of Pucheng. The more we fear, the worse our fate.”

Immigrants here are legally losing protected status and their jobs. Maria Matos, president for Latinos for Educational Advocacy and Diversity, said hundreds of immigrants lost their jobs

See Letters, page 30

ENTERTAINMENT



Gina Marie's

Restaurant & Catering Service

Pizzas • Gluten Free Items
Beer/Wine • Catering
Outside Dining
— Online Ordering —
www.ginamariesct.com

Try one of our freshly ground in-house



Steak Burgers



\$2⁰⁰ OFF Any Large Pizza



Offer good w/ this ad till 8/31/25. Pick-Up & Takeout Only.
Try one of our other 10 Gourmet Pizzas

71 Main Street, Rt. 66
Hebron, CT
Sun 8am to 7pm; Tues to Thurs 8am to 8pm; Fri & Sat 8am to 8:30pm

860-228-9375

Full Menu Served Daily
11AM-10PM



Call Ahead for WING ORDERS To Go!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Never A Cover 8:30PM-12:30AM

Friday, August 22nd “The Fridge Raiders”
Friday, August 29th “Brother Earl”
Friday, Sept. 5th “Ray Taylor”

47 MAIN ST. (RT. 66) HEBRON • 860-228-8148

RE8-22-25





OZ N BONES

SOME KINDA KICK ASS BBQ AND SIDES

43 Hayward Ave.
Colchester, CT

Our authentic & artisan original barbeque recipes, are made fresh from scratch.

Now serving Beer, Wine & Spirits from Ark Distillery!

BOOK NOW! Private Room Rental Available Upstairs

Dine In • Take Out • Lunch • Dinner • Catering

Find out just how kick-ass BBQ can be!!

(860) 537-3355
oznbonesbbq.com

  @oznbonesbbq

CAMPAGNA
Fine Italian Restaurant and Bar

Five Course Menu Offering on Sunday through Thursday
Five Course Meal \$30.00 • \$15 plate charge for sharing
— DINE-IN ONLY IN DINING ROOM —

APPETIZERS

Stuffed Mushrooms Mushroom caps stuffed with seafood stuffing
Zuppa D’ Mussels Sautéed in fresh tomato sauce or white wine sauce
Fried Mozzarella Topped with marinara sauce

PASTA COURSE

Penne Aglio Olio • Penne with garlic and oil • Penne Marinara
Penne Alla Vodka Asparagus, sun dried tomatoes in a vodka blush sauce

SOUP OR SALAD Cup of soup of the day or garden salad

DINNER CHOICES

Chicken Parmigiana
Eggplant Rollatini Rolled eggplant stuffed with ricotta, prosciutto and roasted peppers
Chicken Marsala Sautéed with mushrooms, shallots in a marsala wine sauce
Balkan Meatballs Beef meatballs sautéed with scallions, roasted red peppers, grape tomatoes in a marsala cream sauce

Stuffed Pork Chop Stuffed with broccoli, gorgonzola cheese and ritz crackers in a brown cognac sauce
Stuffed Sole Crab meat stuffing served over spinach

DESSERTS — Ask your server for our selections

WINE & DINE MENU
\$80 per couple / \$50 for single – Served Every Friday and Saturday
DINE-IN ONLY IN DINING ROOM

Serving Prime Rib Every Friday Night! Happy Hour Bar Only

151 Marlborough St. (Rt 66), Portland • (860) 398-5411
OPEN 7 DAYS FOR LUNCH & DINNER

SPECIAL! 2 LB STUFFED LOBSTERS! While they last

RE8-22-25

CT8-14-25

Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron

Historical Society Receives Capacity Grant

Hebron Historical Society has announced the award of a \$3,092 capacity grant by CT Humanities.

This grant will help to fund a new website for the Hebron Historical Society and support its mission to preserve and share Hebron's history.

The new site will improve our ability to share Hebron's history through online exhibits, provide public access to its online collections and improve membership communication. It will

Andover • Andover • Andover • Andover • Andover • Andover • Andover

Community Fund Awards Grants

The Andover Greater Together Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving announces the allocation of \$45,000 in grants to eight nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organizations. These grants aim to enhance the quality of life within Andover or address vital needs within the community.

This year's award recipients and their respective grants are:

- Andover Beautification Committee - \$5,000 in support of landscaping around new tree sign;
- Andover Recreation Commission - \$5,000 in support of the basketball program training and equipment;
- Andover Cub Scouts - \$1,500 for summer camp trip;
- Hop River Homes/Eastern CT Housing – \$10,000 for fire panel upgrade;
- Junior Achievement - \$1,000 for RHAM students from Andover to participant in the Entrepreneurship program;
- Operation Fuel - \$10,000 for energy assistance for Andover residents;
- Tolland County Robotics Foundation - \$2,500 for Andover children to participate in the Lego Explore program;
- Veterans Field Improvement - \$10,000 for playground equipment and pavilion at Long Hill Fields.

The community is invited to celebrate the 2025 grantees with the Andover Greater Together Community Fund Committee on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 6-8 p.m., at the Senior Center on 17 School Rd. Light refreshments will be available and the event is free of charge. All are welcome to attend and learn about the latest

Community & Senior Center Happenings

The Andover Community and Senior Center (ACSC) is open daily from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The lounge is open for cards, games and puzzles anytime, and coffee is always on. All are welcome. For all senior-related events, call the director at 860-798-6862. The center's monthly newsletter is available on the Town of Andover website, www.andoverconnecticut.org. Copies are also available at the center, Town Hall, and Andover Public Library. Call 860-798-6862 and ask for Haley in order to be put on the monthly newsletter email list.

Volunteer Opportunities Available: The center is looking for TGIF and Cards & Games helpers, kitchen servers, appointment confirmation phone calls, art teachers, cooking/baking instructors and other volunteers with special talents willing to share with the community. Evening hours are available. Please call or stop by the center if interested.

Movie & Snacks: Fridays, Aug. 29, 1 p.m. This is a free event; all are welcome.

Transportation: Please provide one week's notice for all requests. Registration is required. Paperwork can be emailed, mailed or picked up at the center. All passengers are required to fill out proper paperwork before utilizing transportation. Transportation is available to town events and meetings, voting, senior events, group shopping, and medical appointments. The driver's shift ends at 5 p.m.; please plan accordingly.

Transportation is curb to curb. Passengers must be able to navigate independently to the vehicle and during appointments. Driveways must be accessible. If assistance is required, passengers may bring an assistant (18 years or older). All seniors, veterans, and disabled are welcome. Call Linda at 860-498-2326 for all transportation-related questions.

Reserving Space at the Center: Call the director, Haley Proto, at 860-742-7305 x4510 or 860-798-6862.

Chair Yoga: Mondays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$7, payable at the time of class. Call Linda at the center for transportation.

Hair Care with Helen: Need a trim? Sign up for a dry haircut, offered by appointment between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Each session is 30 minutes and costs \$20. Hair must be clean and dry before your appointment. Transportation is available if needed. Space is limited; call Haley at 860-798-6862 to reserve your spot.

also be compatible with the latest technology, ADA compliant and allow in-house support of site information.

CT Humanities is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. HHS thanked the CT Humanities staff for their support and advice throughout the application process.

Visit hebronhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

projects.

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation established the Greater Together Community Funds in each of the 29 towns it serves, including Andover, with an initial investment of \$100,000. In 2021, the foundation awarded an additional \$50,000 to each of the community funds. In January, as part of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Centennial year in 2025 and the fifth anniversary of the Greater Together Community Fund program, the foundation has recently unveiled a new \$100,000 investment in each of its 29 town-specific Community Funds. This includes \$50,000 immediately available for grant-making and \$50,000 allocated to endowment.

The Andover Community Fund is directed by a committee that consists of residents from various backgrounds and neighborhoods of the city. The foundation encourages volunteers to lead its 29 GTCF committees as an initiative for residents to take ownership over the needs of their towns through grantmaking.

The Andover Greater Together Community Fund aims to support local nonprofits that are serving Andover residents to address critical needs, such as housing security, food security, childcare, healthcare, wellness, job readiness, and literacy. The committee offers support for these nonprofit organizations which seek to improve the lives of local residents.

Questions about the Andover Greater Together Community Fund 2025 grantmaking can be directed to Andover@hfpcommunityfunds.org. For more information about the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, visit www.hfp.org or call 860-548-1888.

Shopping Dates: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. Wil-
limantic 8/26 and Manchester 8/19. Transportation is available contact Linda at 860-498-2326.

Chair Massage with Linda: Tuesday, Aug. 27, 4-6 p.m. There are appointments every 30 minutes; cost is \$32. Sign-up is required, by calling Linda Derick at 860-655-4409.

Food Pantry: Mondays, 4-6 p.m. Transportation to Andover Congregational Church is available (except for on holidays). For more information on other available dates and times, contact Joan Soucy at 860-208-3226.

Community Yoga: Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$10, payable at the time of class. For more information, contact Linda Derick at 860-655-4409. Drop-ins welcome.

Gentle Yoga: Fridays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$10, payable at time of class. For more information, contact Haley Proto at 203-645-4933. Drops-ins welcome.

Seams Like Fun – Open Sew & Stitch: Every Thursday, 12:30-4 p.m. Bring supplies and a snack. Transportation is available. Call Haley with any questions at 203-645-4933.

Strong & Steady – Resistance Band Workout: All supplies are provided. Meets every Friday, 10-11 a.m. Cost is \$7, payable at the time of class. For transportation, call the center and ask for Linda.

Setback, Cribbage & Snacks: Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1 p.m. All are invited to this afternoon of cards, conversation, and sweet treats. Play classic games like Setback and Cribbage in a relaxed, friendly setting. Enjoy coffee, tea, and a variety of desserts while spending time with neighbors and friends. All experience levels are welcome. Free and open to all.

AVFD Tag Sale, Pancake Breakfast

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a multi-family tag sale and pancake breakfast on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the firehouse, 11 School Rd.

The tag sale will run from 8 a.m.-noon. The breakfast will run from 8-10:30 a.m. and will include all-you-can-eat pancakes served with sausage, juice and coffee.

Cost for the breakfast is \$8 for seniors and kids age 6-12, and \$10 for adults.

Fire Department Offers New Engagement Tool

The Hebron Fire Department introduces “Community Connect,” an online tool to help the Hebron Fire Department better serve residents and business owners.

Community members can create an online account in seconds and add information that the fire department said can help first responders respond more effectively during an emergency. This allows Hebron Fire Department personnel to access information such as property details, people in the home with different abilities, and pet information. Businessowners can update their contact informa-

Upcoming at the Library

The following events are taking place at Douglas Library. For more information, call 860-228-9312 or visit douglaslibrary.org.

Adult Programs: Blood Drive: Tuesday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Register at redcross.org.

Medicare Info Session: Wednesday, Aug. 27, 3 or 6 p.m. Learn the ins and outs of Medicare with Mark Macina of Senior Health & Retirement Services in Colchester.

Holiday Closing: The library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day.

Poetry Group: Tuesday, Sept. 2, 6:30 p.m. Hebron poet laureate Larry Zimmerman will lead an informal discussion of poetry. Bring one of your own poems to share for discussion and critique. Open to all ages. Meets every Tuesday.

Chair Yoga: Saturday, Sept. 6, 10-11 a.m. Karen Gomez will start this new fall session of chair yoga, held the first Saturday of the month. The program is free, but registration is required as space is limited.

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 bulletin at gileadchurchucc.updates.church, email gcc@gileadchurch.net, or call the Parish House at 860-228-3077. The church office is open at the GCC Parish House Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Summer Worship: Sundays at 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour at 10:30. Services can also be viewed online at YouTube at www.bit.ly/GileadChurchUCC and on Facebook at tinyurl.com/GileadChurchUCC.

This Week's Scheduled Events/Meetings: Saturday, 8/23 – Garden Yoga at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting); Sunday, 8/24 – Summer Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. (in-person in the sanctuary, as well as online and livestreamed); Sunday, 8/24 – Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m.; Monday, 8/25 – Bible Study via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 8/26 – AA Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 8/27 – Garden Yoga at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting); Thursday, 8/28 – Card Game Night at 6:30 p.m.

Card Game Nights: Hosted by the Fellowship

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 www.goodshepherdct.org for more information. The church office can be reached at 860-228-3727. Church of The Holy Family is a member of the Catholic Community of the Good Shepherd, with the Rev. Michael Phillippino serving as Pastor.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Phillippino is available for the sacrament on Thursdays at 7 a.m. and on Saturdays at 4 p.m., or by appointment (church phone ext. 110). Refer to the parish website for other available times at St. Columba Church in Columbia.

Knights of Columbus (KofC) Food Drive: The church's KofC is sponsoring a food drive through Aug. 24 for the benefit of Hebron Interfaith Human Services (HIHS). Items requested are: breakfast cereals; hearty canned soups (chicken, beef, and chowders); pasta sauce and tomato sauce; bottled fruit juice; juice boxes or pouches; canned fruit; canned white tuna, ham, and chicken; peanut butter; and pancake mix and syrup. Additional needs are bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet tissue, and paper towels. Place donations in the designated plastic bins under the table near the Robing Room. Mail monetary donations directly to HIHS, P.O. Box 634, Hebron, CT 06248.

KofC Back to School Drive: The church's KofC is also sponsoring a back-to-school drive for the benefit of Catholic Charities in Wil-
limantic. Supplies requested are: spiral and composition notebooks; 3-ring binders, dividers, and ruled paper; note pads, planners, sticky

tion, property information, and even receive real time text notification of when emergency responders are responding to your facility.

The fire department said this tool allows you, the community member, to have direct access to requesting permits, public education, as well as smoke detector battery replacement and installations.

To create a free online account, head to www.communityconnect.io/info/ct-hebron.

For more information, call 860-228-3022 ext. 163 or email contact@hebronfd.com.

Chess Nights: Pickup games every Thursday starting at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room. All skill levels welcome.

Yard Games: Having a graduation party? Picnic? BBQ? Stop in and borrow one of the library's yard games. These can be reserved ahead of time with a checkout period of one week.

Museum Passes: Most of the museum passes are print-from-home from the library website. See the complete list under the ‘Services’ tab.

Knit Wits: Mondays at 6 p.m. Bring your project or your questions for this group of knitters and crocheters.

Children: Lego Club: Mondays 4-5 p.m., starting Aug. 25.

Storytime will be starting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings the week of Sept. 2. Tuesday is ideal for ages 15 months to 3 years old. Thursdays are geared to ages 3-5 years old as they learn letters, numbers and colors. Siblings are always welcome at either session.

Committee on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome; no need to bring anything.

August Collection for HIHS: Through the end of the month, the Board of Missions invites you to collect needed food staples and hygiene items for Hebron Interfaith Human Services (HIHS). There is a collection bin in the church's main hallway.

‘Finding Steady Ground’ Support Group: This seven-session support group is designed to build resilience and calm during the current times. Dates for final sessions have yet to be determined. To sign up, call the church office.

Card-Making with Gayle: Sunday, Aug. 31, 11 a.m. Create seasonal greeting cards for \$15, with part of the proceeds benefiting the CT Food Bank.

Fall Save the Dates: Sunday, Sept. 14, Gilead Church Sunday School Kickoff; Saturday, Sept. 27, Trunk ‘n’ Treasure Tag Sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Gilead Church (rain date: Sunday, Sept. 28); Sunday, Oct. 5, 34th Annual Crop Hunger Walk at Andover Hop River.

notes, and folders; mechanical pencils, erasers, pens, “Wite-Out,” markers, and highlighters; scissors, rulers, calculators, and backpacks. Place donations in the designated plastic bin under the table near the Cry Room.

Bicycle Drive for Willimantic Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM): Through September, the Social Outreach Committee will collect donations of serviceable adult bicycles and equipment such as Ulocks, bike tubes, pumps, chains, and helmets for adult transportation. Donors can drop off donations at the church garage (interior left side; enter through the side entrance) or at the WAIM loading dock on Riverside Drive in Willimantic, Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Collection for Project HOPE, Inc. (Homeless Shelter): The Social Outreach Committee is collecting the following items for the shelter: paper towels, TP & 13- and 55-gallon trash bags; men's light-colored crewneck T-shirts & boxer briefs (M,L,XL,2XL); women's briefs (sizes 6-10); men's & women's crew & no-show socks; women's personal hygiene products; and laundry pods or liquid detergent. Place bagged donations in the oak collection box next to the Cry Room. Call Monica McKerracher (860-228-4211) for more information.

Parish Picnic – New Location: On Sunday, Sept. 21, from 2:30-5:30 p.m., the parish will celebrate a combined 100 years, with the 70th anniversary of St. Columba Church and the 30th anniversary of the Church of the Holy Family. The celebration will take place at the pavilion located in the Columbia Recreation Area on 10 Hennequin Rd., Columbia. More details to follow as the date draws near.

Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron • Hebron

United Brethren Synagogue News and Notes

With fall approaching, United Brethren of Hebron Synagogue, located at 10 Church Street (Route 85) in the center of Hebron, invites you to welcome the Jewish New Year by participating in High Holiday services.

Rosh Hashanah begins on the evening of Monday, September 22 at 6:30 pm with a Zoom service. On Tuesday morning, September 23, we meet to worship in person beginning at 9:30 am at the synagogue. A special children's service will be held first, at 9:00 am. At the end of the morning service, all are invited for apples, honey and cake to welcome in a sweet new year.

Yom Kippur begins with an evening Kol Nidre service at 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue on Wednesday, October 1. The next morning, Thursday, October 2, Yom Kippur services start at 9:00 am with a children's service. Then services for all ages begin at 9:30 a.m. with the additional Yizkor service held at approximately 11 a.m. and the closing service beginning at 5:30 p.m. The closing service will also be on Zoom. A break fast potluck dinner will be held around 6 p.m. at the synagogue.

There is no charge to attend services. All are welcome.

In keeping with the holiday season, all who attend services are asked to bring a bag of food for the Hebron Interfaith Human Services (HIHS) food bank, or to make a monetary do-

nation to HIHS.

An upcoming program, Jewish Immigrant Farmers in Eastern Connecticut, offers the opportunity for people to tour the historic synagogue.

Also, on Sunday, September 14 at 1 p.m., a showing of the documentary *Harvesting Stones* will be held at Saxton B. Little Library in Columbia. The film tells the story of how Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe ended up in towns like Hebron, Colchester, Columbia, and Lebanon and what their lives were like in the early-to-mid twentieth century. Then participants will get in their cars and drive first to the synagogue in Columbia and then to United Brethren of Hebron for tours and Q & A. The program is open to all and is free.

A capital campaign has been launched to fund renovations to the historic synagogue building. To learn more, go to www.gofundme.com/f/support-united-brethren-hebrons-vital-work.

United Brethren of Hebron offers a flexible, inclusive approach to Judaism. The synagogue combines elements from both the Conservative and Reform traditions in our services and our membership includes interfaith families and couples.

If you are interested in attending services, becoming a member or would like to learn more about the synagogue, visit www.ubofhebron.org or email ubofhebron@gmail.com.

Senior Center News & Notes

Russell Mercier Senior Center has announced the following programs. For more information and full program descriptions, and to register, call the senior center at 860-228-1700. **Pre-registration is required for all programs unless noted.** For an online senior newsletter, visit hebronct.com/seniorcenter.

Mindful Meditation: Monday, Aug. 25, starting at 11:25 a.m. The class is free, and led by Mandy Rocznia, who has been practicing mindful meditation for 17 years.

Sunshine Singers Sing-A-Long and Ice Cream Sundae Bar: Thursday, Aug. 28, 11:45 a.m. The ice cream bar is sponsored by Marlborough Health & Rehabilitation Center. The Sunshine Singers will perform songs that you're encouraged to sing along with, and afterwards you'll make your own sundaes. Both the concert and ice cream are free, but registration still required.

Weekly Shopping Trips: Pre-registration is required by the prior Thursday at 10 a.m. On Friday, Aug. 29, there will be a trip to Big Y, with pick-ups starting at 9:45 a.m. To sign-up, call

860-228-5977.

Recurring Daily/Weekly Happenings: Some programs have a fee, and some are no-cost; most require pre-registration. More information in the monthly newsletter or at the senior center.

Monday through Friday: Exercise Equipment Room, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – though from 9 a.m.-noon on Fridays.

Mondays: Enhance Fitness via Zoom, 9-10 a.m.; Massage, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Yoga, 10:15-11:15 a.m. **Tuesdays:** Knitting/Crocheting Group, 10:15-11:45 a.m.; Hand and Foot Canasta (cards), 12:45-3:15 p.m.; Card-Making, 1-2:15 p.m. **Wednesdays:** Enhance Fitness via Zoom, 9-10 a.m.; Yoga, 10:15-11:15 a.m. **Thursdays:** Massage, 12:30-6:30 p.m.; Sunshine Singers, 10:15-11:45 a.m.; Tai Chi, 10:15-11:15 a.m.; Chatham Health blood pressure screening, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month; Chatham Health Education Series, 12:15 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month; Mahjong, 12:45-3:15 p.m.; Bingo, 1-3 p.m.; **Fridays:** Enhance Fitness via Zoom, 9-10 a.m.

Vacancies on Town Boards, Commissions

The Board of Selectmen is seeking residents to serve on various town agencies in the Town of Hebron.

There are currently vacancies for regular members on the Commission on Aging, Hebron Housing Authority, Public Building Committee and the Hebron Green Committee.

There are vacancies for alternate members on the Commission on Aging, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Public Building Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Hebron Green Committee and the Historic Properties Commission.

There are three newly created alternate po-

Intro Classes on the Christian Faith

All are invited to new, free, weekly introductory classes on the Christian faith starting Sept. 7 at Christ Lutheran Church, 330 Church St.

Classes will be held each Sunday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. Classes will present and discuss the basics of the Christian faith in a straight-forward and relaxed environment. You will also learn about some of the differences between the different organized Christian churches.

Coffee and snacks will be provided before each class, starting at 10 a.m.

Hebron Native Defends America from Under the Sea

Petty Officer 2nd Class Samuel Bell, a native of Hebron, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to USS Virginia, homeported at Naval Submarine Base New London.

As a submariner, Bell is part of a small percentage of Navy personnel who serve under the sea.

Bell graduated from RHAM High School in 2019.

"I grew up watching my parents still be parents to my siblings, even when they were in the military," Bell said. "Even as adults, my parents continued to offer advice, support and guidance to them. Now, as a father, I can see why my parents treated them this way. This is how I am going to treat my kids as well."

Bell joined the Navy four years ago. Today, he serves as a torpedoman's mate aboard USS Virginia, a Virginia-class fast-attack submarine.

"I moved down to Las Vegas during COVID-19, and I thought there would be jobs available to me, as I had just graduated from welding school, but there weren't," Bell said. "I have family members who are or have previously served in the military, so I decided to join the Navy instead and gain my own experiences. I have two brothers-in-law who are currently serving in the Navy and two sisters and a brother who previously served in the Air Force."

The Navy's submarine force operates a large fleet of vessels. These submarines are capable of conducting rapid defensive and offensive operations around the world.

During his military service, Bell will have many opportunities to achieve various goals.

"My proudest accomplishments are getting my 'fish,' or submarine warfare device, and being selected as the boat welder from my experience graduating from welding school before joining the Navy," he said.

"I'm very proud knowing that my children



Petty Officer 2nd Class Samuel Bell, a native of Hebron, is stationed aboard the USS Virginia, which is homeported in New London. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class James Green, Navy Office of Community Outreach.

will look up to me and may want to serve their country just like their father did," Bell added.

"The Navy offers a second family in life."

Bell said he is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I want to thank my wife, Dominique, and my parents, William and Susan Bell, for all their love and support," he said.

Online Reources for Historic Research

Are you interested in learning about free online resources for historic research? The Hebron Historical Society and the Douglas Library invite you to a PowerPoint presentation by Romano Ghirlanda, president of Marlborough Preservation Society. This program will be held in community room of the library, 22 Main St., on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 11:30 a.m.

This program covers free online resources available through the Connecticut State Library and is divided into two sections.

Christ Lutheran Church News and Notes

Christ Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center (daycare) is located at 330 Church St.

Worship Service with Pastor Matthew Hardaway: 9-10 a.m. Sundays. All are welcome. Those unable to attend in person can join online at www.facebook.com/clchebron/live.

Adult Bible Study: Sundays at 10:30 a.m., following service and fellowship time. All are welcome.

Early Childhood Center (Daycare): Offers childcare, preschool, and before/after school

care, and is open to all faiths. For more information, call director Jennifer Johnson at 860-228-5134. Application forms are at www.clec-chebron.org.

Caring Shepherds Social Ministry Group: The group holds regular food pantry days to distribute food staples, household and hygiene items, as well as Bibles and prayers. For more information about donating or participating in food pantry days, call 860-228-1152.

Classifieds Pay

The Glastonbury Citizen & Rivereast News Bulletin

Call 860-633-4691 or email your classified line ad to admin@glcitizen.com

Hebron Veterans Scholarship Golf Tournament

The annual Hebron Veterans Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place at Chantclair in Colchester Saturday, Sept. 13, at 8 a.m.

To sign up, contribute or for more information, call Joe Fetta at 203-848-5913 or email Ron Parkyn at park1969@comcast.net.

Braces Made Me Smile!

Personalized Care for Children, Teenagers, and Adults



- Invisalign
- Clear Braces
- Digital X-rays
- Free Consultation
- Flexible Financing
- Cutting Edge Technology

JASON T. RANEY, D.M.D., LLC
Board-Certified Orthodontist



10 Wall Street
Hebron, CT 06248



(860) 228-9800
www.raneyortho.com

FIRESIDE SUPPLY, INC.

33B EAST STREET, HEBRON, CT



860.228.1383



STOVES & FIREPLACES - GAS, WOOD, OR PELLET
GARAGE DOORS & OPENERS
PELLETS, BIOBRICKS, & PALLETIZED FIREWOOD
CARPORTS, METAL STRUCTURES, GARAGES, ETC.
CHIMNEY, STOVE, & FIREPLACE CLEANINGS



SALES, SERVICE, & INSTALLATION OF YOUR
HEARTH & OVERHEAD DOOR NEEDS SINCE 1992
www.firesidesupply.net
COME TO THE COUNTRY AND SAVE!
CT License #HTG,0398151-HPG1 | CT License #HIC,0550849

LEGAL NOTICE FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
SEPTEMBER MOTOR VEHICLE APPEALS

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute Sec. 12-110, the Board of Assessment Appeals shall meet at least once during the month of September for the sole purpose of hearing only appeals for motor vehicles that appear on the prior October 1 Grand List.
The September session of the Hebron Board of Assessment Appeals will be Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 5 p.m. The Board will hear appeals for October 1, 2024 Grand List Motor Vehicle assessments ONLY. Such appeal shall be made in person to the Board at the Hebron Town Office Building, 15 Gilead Street, Lower Level, Hebron CT. Appeals will be heard on a first-come, first-served basis. It is recommended that appellants bring the vehicle to the hearing along with any documentation that will support your appeal of value. Agents representing the appellant must have a letter of authorization to represent the property owner at the appeal.

1 TB 8/22

Braces Made Me Smile!
Personalized Care for Children, Teenagers, and Adults



- Invisalign
- Clear Braces
- Digital X-rays
- Free Consultation
- Flexible Financing
- Cutting Edge Technology

JASON T. RANEY, D.M.D., LLC
Board-Certified Orthodontist



10 Wall Street
Hebron, CT 06248

(860) 228-9800
www.raneyortho.com

REB-22-25

FIRESIDE SUPPLY, INC.
33B EAST STREET, HEBRON, CT



860.228.1383

STOVES & FIREPLACES - GAS, WOOD, OR PELLET
GARAGE DOORS & OPENERS
PELLETS, BIOBRICKS, & PALLETIZED FIREWOOD
CARPORTS, METAL STRUCTURES, GARAGES, ETC.
CHIMNEY, STOVE, & FIREPLACE CLEANINGS

ENTERING OUR 34TH YEAR!

SALES, SERVICE, & INSTALLATION OF YOUR
HEARTH & OVERHEAD DOOR NEEDS SINCE 1992
www.firesidesupply.net
COME TO THE COUNTRY AND SAVE!
CT License #HTG,0398151-HPG1 | CT License #HIC,0550849

RE2-7-25

Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough

State Forest Turning Into Dump?

By Toriana Williams

Residents living near Salmon River State Forest and the Air Line Trail in Marlborough and Colchester are raising alarms over growing littering and loud music, both of which they say are disrupting the natural environment.

Shaun Griffin, who has lived in Marlborough for four years after moving from out of state, said he and other neighbors are at their wits' end.

Griffin, along with several other community members, recently walked the trail and river area to document the problem firsthand. What they found was troubling: visitors sitting in the middle of the river with chairs and tables, as well as numerous trash bags left behind. Litter on both sides of the river included diapers, clothing, toilet paper, used menstrual products, alcohol bottles and plastic bags.

“This is my backyard,” Griffin stated. “I moved here to get away from the trash.” Yet, it followed him all the way to the home of his dreams.

Some residents even spoke of visitors who were seen defecating in the woods, concerned for children and animals alike who may come across the biohazard. Human fecal matter can be dangerous to animals due to harmful pathogens like bacteria, viruses and parasites that it can contain. This could result in severe illness in animals if they ingest contaminated material.

Griffin also described incidents of obnoxiously loud music emanating from visitors’ cars, which were often equipped with enhanced stereo systems and subwoofer speakers mounted on tripods in the river. According to him, the noise not only disturbs residents but also scares away local wildlife. Vibrations from sound systems nearby and placed in the river can cause animals to temporarily or permanently leave their preferred habitats or alter migration routes. Vibrations can also disrupt crucial behaviors such as feeding, breeding, spawning, nursing and communication, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Peter Einsiedel, a longtime resident of 30 years, agreed. “This place is for the birds and the fish ... it belongs to them,” he said.

Both Griffin and Einsidel regularly visit the forest to photograph the wildlife, but they have noticed a steady decline in animals in recent months. Missing includes a pair of bald eagles Griffin routinely watched, as well as blue herons and ospreys.

According to numerous residents, this problem has been ongoing since the COVID-19 pandemic, but it has worsened significantly this year. Many believe that out-of-state visitors – who have already caused issues in parks elsewhere – are responsible for much of the disruption. In addition to littering and noise, Griffin showed evidence of illegal damming along the river, likely done to create swimming areas, and such activity can disrupt aquatic life and reduce biodiversity.

Residents have attempted to address the problems themselves by picking up trash, but many now feel that taking too much responsibility may obscure the true scale of the issue from state authorities.

“They’ve been cleaning up for years,” Griffin stated.

Recently, Griffin had difficulty contacting anyone from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), but he said the department’s park and recreation supervisor David Buckley did eventually call him and said that while he was aware of the situation and is planning to meet with law enforcement and parks management, “the bottom line is we can’t shut that area off to the general public.”

Buckley could not be reached for comment for this story.

Two DEEP officers from the Division of State Environmental Conservation Police later visited the park to assess the situation. Griffin said he learned that CTDEEP is understaffed, which limits supervision and enforcement. No further updates have been provided since.

Community frustration is growing, as many feel helpless to stop the ongoing damage.

“This is a statewide problem with parks,” Griffin said. “I don’t understand why people aren’t fighting. A wonderful, beautiful place is being ruined.”



Tater, Shaun Griffin’s pet blue heeler, looks towards his owner as large amounts of evidence sits behind him at Salmon River State Forest on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Residents have taken to social media to voice their concerns, and posts about the issue have drawn support from residents in several surrounding towns. Some commenters said they no longer visit the area because of the problem. According to a study by WalletHub, a personal finance website that provides resources to help consumers manage their finances, Connecticut has been found to have the third highest combined state and local tax rate in the nation. Griffin wonders where all that money goes.

While DEEP’s limited resources make enforcement difficult, residents are hoping that

increased public attention will lead to stronger action. Some have suggested regular volunteer cleanups, more frequent patrols, restriction on vehicles entering the area and a large dumpster to be accessible nearby.

For now, residents like Griffin and Einsedel continue to document the area, sharing images and stories online. It’s not just about keeping the place clean for residents, it’s about preserving natural land for wildlife, for future generations and for everyone who wants to enjoy a peaceful, natural space.

4th Friday @ the Arts

The Marlborough Arts Center welcomes Parker’s Tangent for its next 4th Friday @ the Arts Café series. The concert will be held Friday, Aug. 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main St.

Parker’s Tangent, based out of New Haven, plays blues- and roots-based original art rock. The band’s lineup features a female lead singer, drums, guitar, bass, and violin.

Admission to this program is free, subsidized by a grant from the Marlborough Greater To-

gether Community Fund of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. BYOW and nibbles to dine on. Other non-alcoholic beverages are available. There is on-site parking, and the Marlborough Arts Center is handicapped-accessible.

For more information, visit www.marlbrougharts.org, email info@marlbrougharts.org or call 860-467-6353.

St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. George S. Mukuka, Bill Gilles is deacon John McKaig is senior deacon retired. 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. The church website is www.stjfcchurch.org.

Weekend Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome.

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays at 9 a.m. **Weekly Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 3-3:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Faith Formation Programs: Registration for classes is open for the 2025-26 academic year by accessing the church website and click on the Faith Formation link in the upper menu. Cindy Bryan leads the active K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 family-based program, Eileen Gilles leads our middle school program and Helena Thomas leads the 2nd grade sacramental program and our 9th and 10th grade Confirmation program. For additional information, call the church office.

Knights of Columbus Golf Classic: Thursday, Sept. 23, at Blackledge Golf Course. Come enjoy a day of golf, prizes, games, raffles, lunch and dinner while supporting the community service efforts of the church’s Knights of Columbus Council. For more information, email KofCdriveForTHEFish@outlook.com or call Jim Castellani at 860-295-9904.

quarterly. Social activities are planned throughout the year to provide additional parish fellowship.

Community Outreach and Service: Food drives are held weekly for the Marlborough Food Bank. You may also bring non-perishable food or household donations directly to the Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. Various collections supporting Caring Families in Willimantic, House of Bread, ImmaCare, South Street in Hartford, Journey Home, Marlborough Elementary School and Catholic Worker in Hartford are a few of the other organizations supported. The Giving Community Garden is well underway for this growing season with over 3,000 lbs. of fresh produce provided to the local food bank since the garden began. Garden volunteers are always welcome with fresh produce provided for the local food bank. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website and are scheduled monthly.

Other Programs and Offerings: For information on other programs, seasonal offerings, adult faith formation, youth group, OCIA, 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).

Vacancies on Board, Commission

The town is seeking residents to fill vacancies on the Board of Education and the Park & Recreation Commission.

All residents of Marlborough who are registered to vote are eligible. Interested candidates should go to the town website, www.marlbroughct.gov, and type in “Application for Board or Commissions” in the search bar for the application.

The closing date on applications for vacancies is 30 days from the first date that the vacancy is posted in the newspaper. In this case, that date is today, Aug. 22.

Applications can be dropped off at the Town Hall in the Town Clerk’s office or you can mail them to: Marlborough Town Hall, Town Manager’s Office, P.O. Box 29, Marlborough, CT 06447.

Marlborough Day Returns Aug. 24

On Sunday, Aug. 24, the CT River Valley Chamber and It’s So Ranunculus Flower Shoppe will present the family-friendly Marlborough Day.

Taking place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Blish Park, the day will feature live entertainment, over 40 vendor booths and civic organizations, kid-friendly activities including the Roaming Railroad, face painting, and a photo booth. Performances by local favorites The Modern Riffs and DeeJay Renee Prescott of Shaded Soul will be showcased, along with the Marlborough Fife and Drum, and the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department. There will be a martial arts demo by Phoenix Martial Arts, and an appearance by Alex the Mermaid will also be featured.

Each family attending will receive a complimentary swag bag (while supplies last), and each individual attendee will receive a ticket to be entered into our door prize drawing for a mountain bike! Attendees must stop at the Chamber welcome booth to receive the ticket and the event program. Food trucks will be on site for the day, and will feature tacos, pretzels, snacks, seafood options and of course desserts.

Complimentary parking will be across the street at the Park Road field lot, and handicapped parking will be at the main lot next to the entrance.

For more information, visit www.crvchamber.org/events.

New Grief Share Session to Start

A Grief Share support group will run Tuesdays, starting Sept. 16 and ending Dec. 16, from 5-6:30 p.m., at Fellowship Community Church, 24 South Rd.

The group consists of 13 videos and discussion sessions with the last session on Tuesday, Dec. 16, which will be a Celebration of Life to honor your loved one.

There will also be a session titled Surviving the Holidays on Tuesday, Nov. 18. You do not have to attend Grief Share to register for this session. There will be a future news release for this session in the *Rivereast* sometime in October.

The sessions include watching a video, group discussions, and doing the sections pertaining to the video in the workbook at your leisure.

Grief Share features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include “Is This Normal?” “The Challenges of Grief,” “Grief and Your Relationships,” “Why?” and “Guilt and Anger.” This is not a consecutive program. If you have started a Grief Share

program before and have not finished or come in the middle of the sessions, you may still participate again.

There is a \$20 one-time registration fee, which includes the workbook. You will get the workbook at the first session. If you have already paid the \$20 registration fee from the previous Grief Share program, you will not need to pay again.

For more information, call 860-338-1060 or email shopgirl53@sbcglobal.net. Registration is on GriefShare.org. Click ‘Find a Group’ and look for Fellowship Community Church. You may register there to see the schedule for the sessions and other information pertaining to Grief Share.

Tag Sale Save the Date

The Town Wide Tag Sale will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration fee is \$25. Registration deadline is Oct. 1; no exceptions.

For more information, call 860-295-6203.

Like us on Facebook

RivereastNewsBulletin

Candidate Order Lottery

The Marlborough registrars of voters will conduct a lottery to determine the order in which candidates’ names will appear on the ballot for multiple-opening offices for the Nov. 4 election.

The lottery will be held in the large conference room at Town Hall, 26 North Main St., on Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. This lottery is open to the public.

Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough

Tensions Flare at Selectmen Meeting

By Toriana Williams

The Marlborough Board of Selectmen meeting this week was marked by debate over board appointments, road safety measures and multi-million infrastructure plans, as public comments at the previous Aug. 5 BOS meeting revealed deep divisions on how the town should move forward.

Public Concerns and Updates

Tuesday’s BOS meeting was opened with comments from Ann Terezakis, who questioned Selectman Louise Concodello’s decision to run for Board of Education while still serving on the Board of Selectmen. Although Terezakis acknowledged no charter rule prohibits such dual service, she argued it creates an appearance of conflict.

“The Board of Selectmen’s responsibility is to the town ... such responsibilities simply should not be in the same hands as the financial responsibilities of the school board,” she said.

Several residents echoed her concerns, calling the move “unethical.”

Also Tuesday, the board received an update on the \$3 million North Main Street reconstruction project, which is expected to be completed by late 2026. The plan includes \$100,000 in design work, removal of five feet of asphalt from each side of the roads to calm traffic and possibly raising portions of the roadway by up to six inches to improve visibility and safety.

Speed enforcement also became a point of contention when resident and psychologist Robin Grant-Hall urged officials to emphasize education over punishment after the installation of a speed camera on North Main Street. She suggested larger warning signs with flashing lights to “mold behavior,” rather than hit drivers with “horrifying” \$65 fines. Selectman Deb Bourbeau agreed, warning the current setup risked, she felt, “entrapping” motorists.

Parks and Rec. Programs

Marlborough Parks & Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions or to register, visit www.marlboroughct.gov. For more information, call 860-295-6203.

Youth Programs: Horseback Riding Lessons: Ages 5 and up, English or Western style instruction. The lessons are private and are an hour in length. The lessons days and times are flexible. Fee is four lessons for \$200/residents, \$205/non-residents.

Music/Dance: All classes held at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Fee is \$140. Schedule: Little Limelights Musical Theatre (ages 5-7) – Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:00pm, Sept. 10-Nov. 12. Tiny Twirlers (Ages 2-3) – Saturdays, 9:30am-10:00am, Sept. 13-Nov. 14. Kids Klub (ages 4-7)-Saturdays 11:45am-12:15pm. Sept. 13-Nov. 13. Sparkling Spinners (ages 3-5): Thursdays, 4:30-5 p.m., Sept. 11-Nov. 15. Tiny Twirlers (Ages 2-3): Tuesdays, 5-5:30 p.m., Sept. 9-Nov. 11.

Tennis Lessons: Mondays, Sept. 8-22, at Blish Park. Ages 5-7 are 3:45-4:30 p.m. and ages 8-12 are 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee: \$70/resident, \$75/non-resident.

Soccer Shots Mini: Age 2. Saturdays, September 13th – November 1st, 3pm – 3:30pm at the West Road upper field. Registration fee is \$105/resident, \$110/non-resident.

Soccer Shots Classic: Ages 3-5. Saturdays, September 13th – November 1st, 3:40pm – 4:25pm at the West Road upper field. Registra-

The board unanimously approved consultation with Department of Public Works employee Jim Grossman to design improved signage that complies with state law and better informs drivers about the camera and speed limits. The fines, however, will remain.

Selectmen also unanimously approved a lease agreement for a new fire truck pumper and passed a resolution supporting the Economic Development Council’s effort to form a committee to prepare for the nation’s 250th anniversary in 2026.

Board Appointment Sparks Heated Exchange

The meeting turned tense when resident Jamie Smigel, a former member of the Nature Trails and Sidewalk Commission, sought appointment to the BOE. Bourbeau objected, citing Smigel’s poor attendance at commission meetings. Concodello defended Smigel, noting her young family and evening meeting times had made participation difficult. She argued Smigel would have greater flexibility now and could attend BOE meetings via Zoom.

When Bourbeau, a Democrat, questioned Smigel’s commitment, Concodello, a Republican, sharply interjected, “Why are you picking on Republicans all the time?” This prompted stunned silence before the board urged her to “please not do this here.” Concodello’s motion to appoint Smigel, seconded by Republican Selectman Joe Asklar, failed in a 2-3 vote.

Roundabout Debate Continues

Planning and Development Director Peter Hughes proposed surveying residents at the upcoming Marlborough Day event about two options for improving the Route 66/Main Street intersection: either widening the road to five lanes in each direction or asking the state Department of Transportation to consider a

tion fee is \$110/resident, \$115/non-resident.

Lego – Wildlife Wonders: Wednesdays, September 24th – October 29th, 3:15-4:15pm in the Marlborough Elementary School cafeteria. Fee is \$126/resident and \$131/non-resident.

Adult Programs: Adult Ballet: Ages 18 and over, Tuesdays, September 9th – November 11th, 7:15-8 p.m. at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Registration fee is \$190.

Beginner Adult Tap: Ages 18 and over. Tuesdays, September 9th – November 11th, 6:30–7:15 p.m. at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Registration fee is \$190.

Adult Tap: Ages 18 and over. Thursdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13, 8-8:45 p.m., at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Registration fee is \$190.

Dog Obedience – Polite Dog Manners: – Fridays, September 19th – October 24th, 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Classes are held at the Marlborough Senior Center. Beginner level classes for dogs 5 months and older. Registration fee is \$115/resident and \$120/non-resident.

Beginner & Intermediate Tai Chi: Thursdays, 1-2 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Fee is \$40/resident, \$45/non-resident.

Zumba: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Fee: \$50/residents, \$55/non-residents, or a \$12 drop-in fee.

Pickleball: Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and Tuesday/Thursday, 9-11 a.m., at Blish Park Tennis Courts. Open to all levels of play. Registration is free for this program.

roundabout. This discussion follows months of debate.

According to the Capitol Region Council of Governments, 29 crashes have occurred at the intersection in the past three years, said Town Manager David Porter. While some residents favor a roundabout as a traffic-calming solution, others worry about costs, safety for pedestrians and the difficulty large vehicles would face.

At an earlier Aug. 5 meeting, residents offered mixed views. Hal Whitney urged postponing any decision until all town roads are repaved. Susan McFarland pressed for cost estimates, which officials have not yet provided. Zina Planeta, a school bus driver, warned roundabouts are “a nightmare” for long vehicles and unsafe for pedestrians.

Karen Wilkinson, citing Marlborough’s efforts to become pedestrian-friendly, said crossing similar intersections in Glastonbury was “near impossible.” In contrast, Beth Lander

Morris called for professional guidance, noting the public has not been fully informed of alternatives.

Other Business

In other news at the earlier meeting, selectmen unanimously renewed a contract with Blue Earth Compost, Inc. for waste collection at the town transfer station.

Town Manager Updates

At the earlier meeting, Porter provided updates on ongoing projects: paving has begun on Sherwood, Myrna and Fuller streets; the block replacement project at the transfer station is nearing completion; and a meeting with a contractor is scheduled for the South Buckboard project.

Porter also reminded residents of upcoming events, including Marlborough Day on Aug. 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the All Boards Meeting on Sept. 30, at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

Congregational Church Golf Classic

The Marlborough Congregational Church Golf Classic will take place Monday, Sept. 29, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Check-in and lunch begin at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:15 p.m. Cost is \$145/person, which includes a round of golf with a cart, lunch and dinner. Awards will be presented in various categories for both men and

women. Pay by Sept. 1 to be entered in an Early Bird drawing.

Exclusive sponsorships are available from \$50 to \$1,500.

For more information or a registration flyer, contact the church at office@marlcongchurch.org.

Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday Worship at Marlborough Congregational Church, located at 35 South Main St., is held at 10 a.m. The service is also broadcast live every Sunday at mcc.marlcongchurch.org and recorded for later viewing. Church pastor is the Rev. Valerie Seaver.

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided downstairs in the nursery but children are always welcome at the worship service. Activity bags are available in the narthex for children to borrow during worship. After worship all are invited for snacks and refreshments in the Thienes Lounge. Sunday school will resume on Rally Day, Sept. 14.

Sunday, Aug. 24: The service will be led by Seaver and is a Backwards Sunday. All are invited to attend and find out what this unique Sunday is all about. Seaver’s sermon title is “Being Intentional,” based on Ephesians 6:10-18 and Isaiah 58:9-14. Also at this service, two people will join the church as new members


Second Blessings Thrift Shop is closed in August, and will reopen Sept. 12. The eBay store

is open year-round at bit.ly/MCCebay.

Outreach: The church collects non-perishable food items year-round for Marlborough Food Bank with a basket located in the narthex for donations. Third-quarter mission-giving is for Community Partners in Action, Resettlement Program, which provides comprehensive services, from basic needs to medical care, for women who are re-entering society from York Correctional.

General Information: Marlborough Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming faith community and all are welcome. The church does not pass a collection plate, but free-will giving boxes are found by the doors in the sanctuary; people can also donate via a QR code in the pew racks or through the church website. For more information on the church or its programs, call Seaver’s direct line at 860-295-0432, email her at pastorval@marlcongchurch.org, or contact the church office at office@marlcongchurch.org.


PIANO
TUNER



Tuning,
Repairs &
Cleaning

Contact
TED WILLIAMS
Certified by
Hartt School of Music
(860) 228-0309
www.ConnecticutPianoTuning.com

Discovery Zone learning Center



45 Pendleton Dr.
Hebron
860-228-3952

152 Hebron Rd.
Marlborough
860-295-8003

2 Orlando Dr.
Columbia
860-228-8885

Infant, Toddler, Preschool, School Age Programs
Monday-Friday 7am-6pm Year Round
Ask about our curriculum & special programs!

Summer Concerts
Wrap Up

Marlborough Parks and Recreation will hold one more Summer Concert Thursday, Aug. 28, at 6 p.m., at Blish Park.
All are invited to this free concert. Bring a lawn chair, have some dinner and enjoy a night of music at the lake.
All concerts are free of charge. For more information, call 860-295-6203.

NORTHEAST
Auto & Truck Inc.

FULL SERVICE REPAIR
FOREIGN & DOMESTIC!

WE SELL USED CARS!
Need an economical vehicle for a college student leaving
for school soon? We have a few options!

DON'T FORGET THE TUNE UP FOR YOUR
STUDENTS HEADED BACK TO SCHOOL!

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-5PM 860-295-9517

Northeast Auto & Truck Inc.
394 North Main St., Marlborough, CT 06447
Exit 13 Route 2 Eastbound, behind Mobil station
www.northeastautoandtruck.com

DOUG'S
BARBER & STYLING SHOP

9A South Main St., Marlborough, CT
FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

APPOINTMENTS
RECOMMENDED

HOURS: TWF 8:30-5:30, THU 8:30-7:30, SAT 8-3

**860-295-9366**

Mums Sale Sept. 6
The Marlborough Republican Town Committee will be selling 10-inch fiber-potted mums at the committee’s annual fall plant sale on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Town Hall parking lot.
The mums will be available for pickup from 9-11 a.m. These mums are available in several colors including white, yellow, orange, purple and burgundy at a price of \$15 each.
For orders or information, call Louise Concodello at 860-295-0201 or Zina Planeta at 860-798- 6038.
The mums are supplied by Paul’s & Sandy’s Too, located in East Hampton.

Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough • Marlborough



Marlborough’s food scraps collection program is now one year old. Nearly 17 tons of food scraps have been collected in that time! Pictured here are Food scrap collection bins located near the exit of the Marlborough transfer station.

Town Marks One Year of Food Scraps Collection

Since August 2024, Marlborough residents have separated their food scraps from their other trash at the town transfer station. Instead of being transported to an expensive out-of-state landfill, the food scraps are turned into compost and renewable energy thanks to the town’s partnership with Blue Earth Compost.

Since the program’s kickoff, Blue Earth has collected nearly 17 tons of food scraps – 33,625 pounds – from Marlborough residents! The program has been organized by the all-volunteer Sustainable Marlborough team.

Blue Earth’s contract has been funded by Connecticut’s Nickel per Nip program, whereby every city and town in Connecticut with liquor or package stores receives five cents for the sale of each alcohol “nip” bottle sold within its borders. The funding is intended for local waste-related programs, such as waste reduction, recycling, and litter collection. As a result of sales from

Oct. 1, 2023, through Sept. 30, 2024, Marlborough received nearly \$8,500 through the Nickel per Nip program.

The Marlborough Board of Selectmen recently authorized Blue Earth’s contract for an additional year. More residents are encouraged to participate, and details about what can be composted can be found at www.blueearthcompost.com/what-we-compost.

To encourage further involvement, the town is providing food scrap collection starter kits to residents. The kits include a six-gallon bin and 25 compostable bags. The kits are being offered to the public at a reduced price of \$15. To purchase a kit or for more information, call the Building Department during regular Town Hall hours at 860-295-6202 or visit the Sustainable Marlborough booth at Marlborough Day at Blish Park on Sunday, Aug. 24.



Having a Tag Sale?

Reach more than 75,000 Homes For Just \$15 A Week

Includes 25 words; .20 cents each additional word (Now through September 15th, 2025)

Your Tag Sale ad will appear in:

- Rare Reminder**, mailed Thursdays to 40,500 homes in Newington, Wethersfield & Rocky Hill/Cromwell
- Glastonbury Citizen**, mailed Thursdays to 5700 paid subscribers in Glastonbury
- Rivereast News Bulletin**, mailed Fridays to 27,500 homes in Portland, East Hampton/Cobalt/Middle Haddam, Marlborough, Hebron/Amston, Andover and Colchester.

Just e-mail us at classifieds@rarereminder.com or call 860-563-9386.

Deadline is every Tuesday at 10am for that week’s papers.

Introduction to Zentangle

Marlborough Arts Center, located at 231 N. Main St., will offer an Introduction to Zentangle on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m.-noon.

Zentangle is a method of making art using structured patterns to enhance focus and a sense of calm and relaxation. It requires few supplies and can easily go anywhere from the kitchen table to the airplane to a sports event.

Laura Marks, a certified Zentangle instructor, will lead the class. She has many years of

teaching in a wide variety of settings, including since 2016 at the Arts for Healing Program of Hartford Hospital for cancer survivors and their caregivers. She is in the process of becoming certified as a health and life coach.

Cost is \$50 per student. Registration forms are at www.marlborougharts.org. Online registration is preferred but mail-in is also possible.

Richmond Memorial Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has announced the following items of interest. **Registration required for all programs unless noted.** For more information, full program descriptions or to register, call 860-295-6210 or visit richmondlibrary.info.

Not Your Grandma’s Board Games: Monday, Aug. 18, 6-8 p.m. Adults and teens can join gaming librarians to learn more about the new generation of board and card games. There will be several examples of games to share. After an easy group game, participants will divide into groups to learn and play games of their choice. Games will include: Anomia, Blank Slate, Deer in the Headlights, King of Tokyo, Munchkin, Ticket to Ride: Nordic, and more.

Stories and Songs: Monday and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. through Aug. 22. For children ages 0-5 with their caregivers (siblings are welcome to attend). Registration is not required. Held outside and inclement weather will cancel the program.

Level Up Your Perler Beads Skills: Love crafting with perler beads? Tweens and teens (ages 10 and up) can come Mondays, Aug. 11 and 18, at 4 p.m. to learn how to make 3D creations. The library will provide the beads, boards, and patterns. Registration is required.

Read to the Dogs: Monday, Aug. 18, 6-7 p.m. Young readers are invited to come in and read to a certified Reading Education Assistance Dog. Reading to a dog is a low-pressure way to encourage beginning readers, the library said. Register for a 15-minute time slot to secure your child’s spot. There is a limit of two children per time window (one per dog).

Children’s Concert at Blish Park: The library is partnering with Marlborough Parks and Rec for a children’s concert at Blish Park on Thursday, Aug. 14, beginning at 6 p.m. Joy Blooms will offer fun, upbeat music. While you’re there, get your face painted and play some yard games.

Senior Center News and Notes

Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Drive, is open for activities. For more information about any senior center program, call 860-295-6209 or email socialservices@marlboroughct.net. Follow the senior center on Facebook at Marlborough CT Senior Center.

Senior Center Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Swipe Key Tags: All members should swipe their key tag when attending a program. For a duplicate tag or to become a member, call the center.

Events: Friendship Tours Presentation: Aug. 27, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Come for a presentation on travel tips and help the senior center plan 2026 trips.

Blood Drive: Sept. 5 at 17 School Drive. For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or sign up online at redcrossblood.org with sponsor code “Marlborough.”

Chair Yoga: Cost is \$35/residents, \$40/non-residents. The class is 45 minutes. September session: Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Call to register.

Brain Health Lecture with Dr. Wendy Hurwitz: Sept. 12, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tips to optimize brain health. Part one of a two-part series. The event is fragrance-free.

Cancer Community Gathering: Sept. 17, 7-8:15 p.m. A self-led group of cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and loved ones get together to share openly about their experience with cancer. Sharing is done voluntarily and held in confidence. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lindsay Padula at hclindsapp@gmail.com.

AARP Safe Driver Course: Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lunch provided. Cost is \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-AARP members. Get a refresher on defensive driving techniques and traffic laws, and a potential insurance discount depending on your provider.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s: Oct. 19 at Rent-schler field. Call to join the senior center team or donate.

Friendship Tours Trips: Nov. 15, Medieval Times in New Jersey – cost is \$159/person. Dec. 5, Newport Mansions – cost is \$150/person. Call for more information.

Regularly Scheduled Programs: Billiards: Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon.

Bingo: Mondays, 1-2 p.m. Each card costs \$1 and additional cards after are 50 cents.

Cards: Monday, 2-3:30 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-3:30 p.m.

Chair Massage: Free, 15-minute chair massage every Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Must RSVP.

Blood Pressure Checks (free) and Chatham Health Education Presentation: Second Monday of each month. BP checks from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., followed by a presentation from 12:15-12:45 p.m. On Sept. 22, there will be a presentation on dementia.

Coffee & Conversations: Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. Each session includes a discussion on a particular topic of interest, activity and coffee.

Birthday Club: The fourth Tuesday of each month. August birthdays will be celebrated with cake on Aug. 26 from 1-2 p.m. Open to all friends and family. It does not have to be your birthday month to celebrate. However, if it is please RSVP.

Not Just Quilters: All skill levels welcome. Needleworkers and other handwork crafters also welcome. The group meets every Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Supplies not provided. Bring your own project or get in on the block of the month.

Parkinson’s Exercise: These are specialized exercise classes for those living with Parkinson’s disease. There is a fee for each class. Visit www.beatpdtoday.com/class-schedule or call 860-918-9594 to register and for more information.

Mahjong: Every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Fire Station No. 2, 200 West Rd., and the second Friday of every month from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Marlborough Bakery, 8 Independence Drive. All skill levels are welcome. There is no fee to play, but players use 2025 Mahjong cards, which they purchase on their own.

Sweet Picks – Free Bakery Items: On Monday and Tuesday mornings, between 8:30 and 9 a.m., local grocery stores will donate bakery items (breads, desserts, etc.) Come take a look and take, in moderation, what you need. For senior center members only.

Tap: The center’s tap dance group is open for new, experienced members. The group normally meets every Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m. However, there will be no tap in August; the group will resume Sept. 3.

Social Services: Food Bank: Located at 3 Wilhenger Drive, and can be reached at 860-295-6008. There is an open house Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-noon and 4-6 p.m. The food bank is in need of: canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots), jam/jelly, fruit cocktail, and canned fruit. The food bank is open to qualified residents in need.

Meals on Wheels: Provides meals and daily visits. The program serves people 60 years of age and over, and their spouses or caregivers. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is requested, but no one will be denied a meal if unable to donate. There is no income eligibility requirement. Menus can be modified to accommodate health concerns. You may apply directly with CRT by calling 860-560-5848, or call the senior center for a referral.

Senior Farmers Market Benefit Cards: This is a benefit card loaded with \$40 to use at any participating Farmers Market. Must be 60+ or a disabled individual residing in senior housing with congregate nutrition services and fall under these income limits: household of 1 – less than \$2,413/month, household of 2 – less than \$3,261. Call for more information.

Transportation: Transportation is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rides must be reserved three business days in advance. Reservations are taken Monday-Thursday. Call 860-295-6209 for more information.

Where in the World is the *Rivereast*?

Taking a vacation or a day trip soon? Or simply going out to dinner? Bring the *Rivereast* with you! Whether it's across the globe or across town, we want to see where you've been! Snap a photo with the *Rivereast*, send it to bulletin@glcitizen.com along with your address and, if printed, you'll receive a gift card to Campagna Restaurant in Portland! Happy travels!



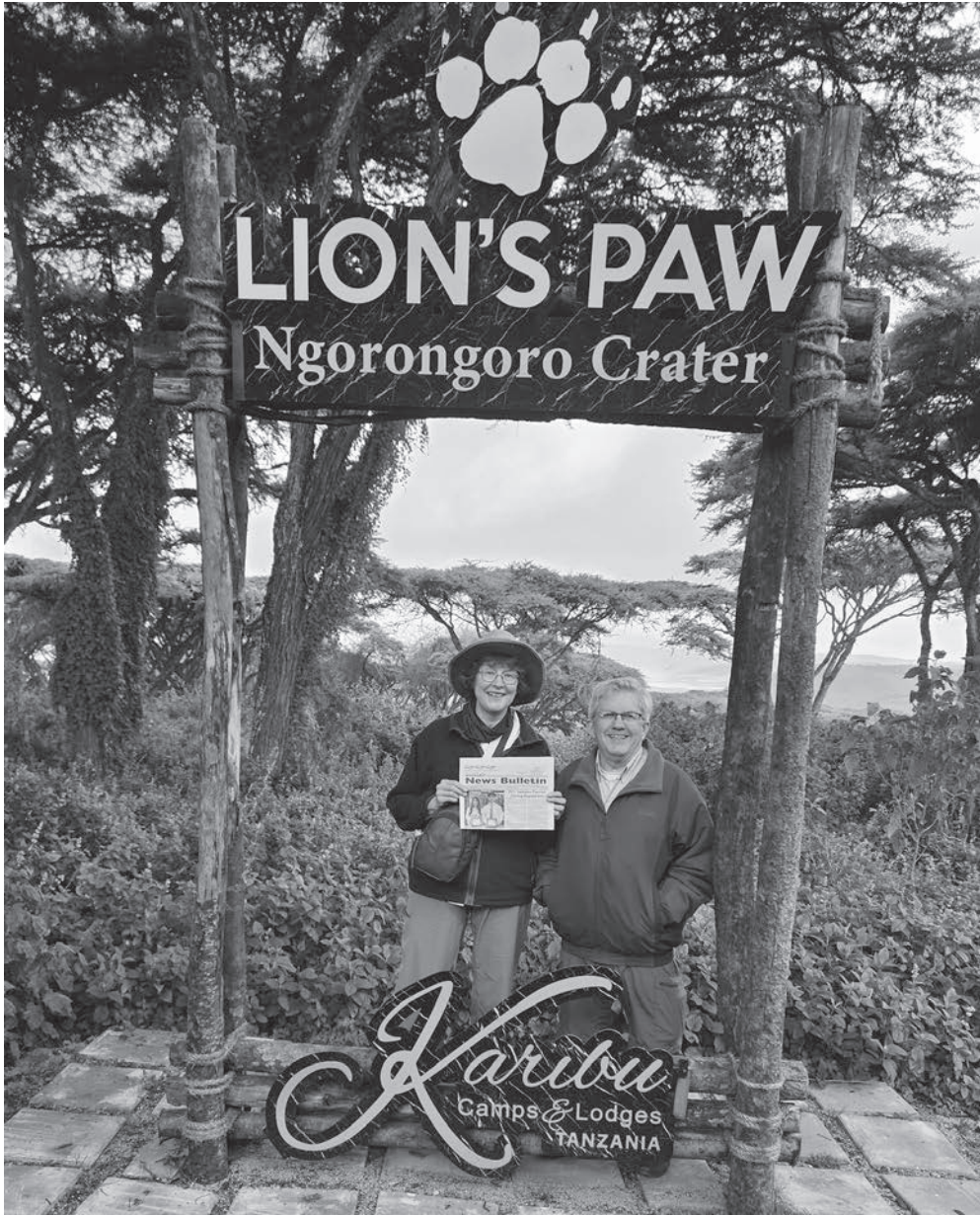
Fun in the Philippines... Felix, Stephen, Max, and Liz Hibino traveled to the Philippines for a family reunion. They're shown here all smiles, having completed the walk up the suspension bridge to get a better view.



San Diego Smiles... Laurel Bonham-Duvall and Dr. Richard Duvall of Portland recently took a trip to Sunset Cliffs in San Diego, Calif., for a family reunion! It was lovely!



Bulletin in Blackpool... Susan Ruffin and Saul McGarity recently took a trip to Blackpool, Lancashire, England and visited the famous Blackpool Tower.



Touring Tanzania... Daryl and Cindy Mortensen of Colchester brought along the *Rivereast* on a recent safari trip to Tanzania, which included game drives at Ngorogoro Crater, Tarangire National Park and Serengeti National Park.

Where in the World?

Going on a trip? Bring along the *Bulletin*!

Submit your travel photo holding the *Rivereast News Bulletin*, and you will win a \$25 Gift Card to Campagna Restaurant if your photo is one the four entries selected!

To enter, email your photo and address to: bulletin@glcitizen.com

\$25 GIFT CARD

Campagna
Restaurant & Lounge

Fine Italian & American Cuisine
151 Marlborough Street (Rt 66), Portland

Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland • Portland

Hoppy Blooms: Flower Pressing with Friends

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m., the Portland River-Valley Garden Club will gather at Concentric Brewing Company, 91 Main St., for an evening of flower pressing.

Bring your own blooms and a heavy book or flower press to take your creations home. All are welcome for this chance to meet garden lovers

and see what Portland River Valley Garden Club is all about. No gardening experience needed — just bring your curiosity and love of plants.

For more information, visit www.instagram.com/prv_garden_club or look for Portland River Valley Garden Club on Facebook.

Portland Exchange Touch-A-Truck

The Exchange Club of Portland will be holding its annual Touch-A-Truck event on Sunday, Aug. 24, 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 for 11 a.m.-noon.

All proceeds from the event will benefit VFW Portland Post #6121 for their improvement project for their building.

The VFW focuses on serving veterans, the military and communities, while advocating for veterans’ rights and fostering camaraderie

among those who have served in overseas conflicts. This includes ensuring veterans receive their earned entitlements, are respected for their service, and are recognized for their sacrifices.

The Oscar Meyer Weinermobile is scheduled to be at the event.

Admission \$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.

Soccer Club Fall Registration

Portland Soccer Club (PSC) is now accepting registrations for the fall 2025 Rec Season. Recreational registration will be accepted until Sept. 6. PSC will only accept registrations through online, at www.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub.

Cost per registrant is \$75. The schedule is: Pre-K: 8:45-9:30 a.m. (Saturday only); Dribbler: 9:15-10:15 a.m. (Saturday only); Kicker: 9:15-10:15 a.m. (Saturday games and practice on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 p.m.)

Dribbler and Kicker divisions will receive team shirts. Pre-K division will receive team shirts and balls. These will be available for distribution on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 5:45-7 p.m., at the Recreational Complex.

The Club-Recreational program will run from Sept. 6-Oct. 25; no Rec Soccer during Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 11). All games will take place at the Recreational Complex.

The age breakdown is: U4 (born in 2022) – Pre-K; U5 (born in 2021) and U6 (born in 2020) – Dribbler; U7 (born in 2019) and U8 (born in 2018) – Kicker.

For more information, contact Chad Wilson, president, at nosliw.dahc@gmail.com or 205-999-8842; Chris Donahue, vice president, at donahuecj@sbcglobal.net or 860-638-7400; or Anne Whalen, registrar, at awhalen34@yahoo.com or 860-690-3414.

PHS Class of ‘75 Reunion

The Portland High School Class of 1975 50th Reunion committee has scheduled a weekend of celebrations, beginning with a picnic on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 1-5 p.m., at Riverfront Park, 284 Brownstone Ave. On Sunday, Oct. 19, from 2-6 p.m., all are invited for a luncheon at Terrazza at Quarry Ridge Golf Course, 9 Rose Hill Rd., Portland.

The committee is seeking current contact information (address, email, phone number, cell number) for classmates. If you have any information to share, please contact Sue Hale Colby at mrstrucking@aol.com or Jane Klemba at klembajane@comcast.net.

Nominations Sought for Spirit Awards

Nominations are now open for the Ralph Paley Spirit of Portland Award, honoring the unsung heroes in the community who embody kindness, dedication, and the true spirit of service.

Submit your nomination by noon Monday, Sept. 1. Nomination forms are available at the Waverly Senior Center (7 Waverly Ave.) or can be emailed upon request.

To request a form or for more information, contact Sarah, Heather or Judy at 860-342-6761 or email selliott@portlandct.org.

Books for the Beach, Puzzles for the Patio

The Friends of the Portland Library announces that Books for the Beach and Puzzles for the Patio are now available at the Second Hand Prose used book shop at the library, 20 Freestone Ave.

There are recently released fiction, non-fiction and romance novels plus a variety of children’s and teens’ books and quality puzzles for

kids and adults. Also, a new collection of large print books has just been added.

Proceeds from the book and puzzle sales are used by the Friends to support the many children and adult programs offered by the library, including the popular summer programs as well as the museum passes and additions to the DVD collections.

Zion Lutheran News & Notes

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 183 William St. All are invited to participate in worship. Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor.

Worship Notes: Zion offers Sunday worship each week at 9 a.m. On the last Sunday of the summer months, weather permitting, worship will be held outdoors on the front lawn. All are welcome; bring a comfortable chair. The next date is Aug. 31.

Learning: Sunday school, for children age 3 to grade eight, is on hiatus until the fall. For more information, call Sylvia LeShane at 860-342-0658. The Adult Education group has been viewing and discussing the video series *The Chosen*. This group is also on summer hiatus and will

resume in the fall.

Community Outreach: The Worship and Music Committee is collecting snacks for the summer months to be donated to the Food Bank.

Year-Round Giving: Pull tabs are collected year-round and donated to the Ronald McDonald “House that Love Built,” supporting families with seriously ill children. Zion recycles computer ink cartridges to support office supplies for Sunny Hill Preschool and Zion.

For more information about any church activities, or if you are in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email zion.lutheran@snet.net, or visit zionlutheranportland.org. The office is closed on Fridays in the summer.

St. Mary Church News & Notes

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, located at 45 Freestone Ave., invites all to attend its services and events. For more information, visit www.stmaryportlandct.org.

Worship: Weekday Masses are Monday and Tuesday at 8 a.m., and Friday at 12:10 p.m. Weekend Masses are Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays between 4 and 4:45 p.m. Call 860-342-2308 to make arrangements.

Bereavement Support Group: All are invited to attend. The group meets each month on the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall and every fourth Tuesday in the church library at 2 p.m. Call Susan Bongiorno at 860-685-1966 for additional information.

Baptism: Call Sue Ferraiolo at 860-342-2308 to make arrangements.

Marriages: Contact the office at 860-342-2328 to make an appointment with the Rev. John Antonelle.

Holy Hour Benediction: First Friday of every month following the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

Blessed Mother Mass: First Saturday of every month at 9 a.m.

Hours of Operation: Church hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Notice of Ballot Lottery

The Portland registrar of voters will hold a public lottery to determine the order of names for multiple-opening offices on the ballot for the November municipal election.

The lottery will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m., in the Portland town clerk’s office located at 33 East Main St. All are welcome to attend.



Belltown Recycling
Quality Used
BRC
Auto & Truck
Parts

Family Owned & Operated
Dumpster Rentals

Free Pick Up & Delivery

For projects small or large, we have the right dumpster for you. Residential & Commercial Construction, House Cleanouts, Landscaping Debris, and Scrap Metal.



Book Today
860-267-7140

15 YARD - \$525 (2 tons)
20 YARD - \$625 (3 tons)
30 YARD - \$725 (4 tons)
40 YARD - \$825 (5 tons)

1 Week Rental

24 Old Coach Road, East Hampton, CT 06424

www.BelltownRecycling.com

RES-30-25



Gotta's Farm
Route 17, Portland
(860) 342-1844
Hours: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Daily

QP Farm Market
Rt. 66, Portland
(860) 342-5030
Hours: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm Daily

8 QUART BASKETS OF CANNING TOMATOES
\$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$25.00

Pick Your Own Peaches Open Daily 9AM-5PM

Gotta's own home-grown native fruits and vegetables picked fresh daily, available at both farm stands!!

We have native butter & sugar corn, silver queen corn, honey select corn, tomatoes, yellow and green beans, yellow and green squash, sweet and hot peppers, cukes, pickles, eggplant, peaches, nectarines, apricots, ginger gold apples, Williams Pride Apples, Red Free Apples! Half bushels of sweet peppers and hot peppers.

We also have native Watermelons and native cantaloupe.

1 gallon Summer Perennials are \$12.99 each or 3 for \$30.00

Pies, breads and desserts baked fresh in our farm stand bakery.

Visit our website at www.gottasfarm.com
If It's From Gotta's — It's Gotta Be Good!
Growers of Quality Plants for Four Generations.

RES-22-25

NEVER GIVE UP
UNTIL THEY BUCKLE UP.



VISIT
[SAFERCAR.GOV/
KIDSBUCKLEUP](http://SAFERCAR.GOV/KIDSBUCKLEUP)



IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL!

At Your SERVICE

Time to make sure your car and your child's car are safe to drive and in proper working order!

Stop in today for your Free Brake Check and overall vehicle readiness inspection!

We make KEYS & FOBS for less than the dealer!



\$10.00 OFF

Offer Ends 8/31/2025

We also have replacement batteries.

Newly Installed Public EV Charging Stations!



PortlandAutomotive.com



Rte. 66, Portland
860-342-0640

RES-25

Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester

Schools Focus on Literacy, Leadership and Long-Term Growth

By Toriana Williams

As the new school year approaches, Colchester Public Schools is navigating leadership changes, curriculum updates and plans for long-term improvement, Superintendent of Schools Dan Sullivan said.

For Sullivan, who has overseen the district since 2023, the most noticeable change this year is the retirement of Chris Bennett, longtime principal of William J. Johnston Middle School.

Bennett, who served the district for more than two decades, stepped down over the summer to pursue personal goals. “That’ll be the thing that ... really catches most people’s attention,” Sullivan said. “But I also think it’s pretty widely known at this point.”

To fill the gap and support continuity across the district, several familiar faces have shifted roles. Stacy Ewing, formerly assistant principal at WJJMS, is now principal at Jack Jackter Intermediate School, while Melissa Cyr, previously assistant principal at Bacon Academy, serves as associate principal at JJIS. Longtime WJJMS science teacher Bonnie McAney has moved into the assistant principal role at WJJMS, and Jennifer Martin, who worked in special education, is now assistant principal at Bacon Academy. Sul-

livan also welcomes a new administrator from outside the district, Kelly Bahre, joining from Bolton Public Schools as assistant principal at Colchester Elementary.

“Even though it’s a small district, the schools are geographically close ... a lot of the people know each other,” Sullivan said. “It’s an opportunity by having people moving between schools to get ... a better feeling of [what happens across the district]. Families also get a lot of familiar faces, which I think they can appreciate.”

Alongside staffing changes, Colchester schools are continuing work on literacy, with a focus on the science of reading. Sullivan emphasized that ensuring all staff, especially at the elementary level, are aligned in teaching literacy remains a priority. “This is a forward-facing change, but it’s not the only change,” he said.

While no major construction or repairs are planned this year, Sullivan noted that the district maintains buildings proactively. Each summer, student crews – primarily college-aged – assist with painting and cleaning to keep schools in good condition.

Perhaps the biggest long-term initiative on the horizon is pursuing district-wide accredita-

tion. CPS has historically had individual schools accredited, but the district recently voted to expand the process across all schools.

The district accreditation brings in a third-party evaluation of the effectiveness of operations across the board, Sullivan said.

“They look at curriculum, instruction, assessment, leadership, use of resources, adequacy of resources, extracurricular offerings, et cetera,” he explained. A lengthy process, it may take 18 months to two years to finish.

“I think that people will see the value in the process,” Sullivan stated. The findings will eventually be compiled into a report and open to the public for review.

Reflecting on the upcoming school year, Sullivan offered guidance for students, staff and

families. “My message is to work hard but live in the moment,” he said. “Sometimes we get so focused on what’s next that we don’t enjoy what’s right in front of us.”

Each school year is a fresh start – an opportunity to do things differently, Sullivan shared.

While there are no major challenges facing the district, the size of Colchester allows Sullivan and his team to know both staff and families well, providing opportunities to support students from preschool through high school.

Teachers return on Aug. 25, with students beginning classes on Aug. 28. With leadership transitions, curriculum focus and district accreditation underway, the stage is set for a year of growth – so students, be sure to sharpen your pencils!

Grandma’s Got a Gun

Colchester Community Theatre presents the world premiere of *Grandma’s Got a Gun*, an original play by Joel Michael Kalinowski, on Saturday, Aug. 23, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 24, at 2 p.m., at Ahavath Achim Synagogue, 84 Lebanon Ave.

In the play, Evelyn Westbrook is sharp-witted, loving, and ...opportunistic. When her grandsons gather to celebrate her 80th birthday and one unexpectedly breaks his leg, she quickly devises a plan to help them rebuild their bond before it’s too late. The forced close quarters (and a dash of her strategic meddling) lead to surprising revelations, new romantic possibilities, and healing from the shared grief they have all carried for too long.

Note: There will be a prop rifle used during the show and gun sound effects off stage. There is no violence and no one will get shot.

No food or beverages are allowed. The performance will last approximately one and a half hours, with a 15-minute intermission.

Tickets are \$15 each. Tickets are on sale at www.colchester.ludus.com. All ticket sales are final – no refunds or exchanges. Tickets will be available at the door on performance days subject to availability.

For additional information, contact producer Laura Brown at 860-305-8605 or email info@colchestercommunitytheatre.com.

Summer Reading Program Wrapping Up

Cragin Memorial Library, located at 8 Linwood Ave., is holding its Summer Reading Program. The theme of this year’s program is “Color Your World.”

You do not have to be a resident to participate. Log your reading with the library by Aug. 29. This year there are programs for Adults (ages 18+, or graduated from high school); Teens (ages 11-18, or entering grades 6-12); and Kids (ages 0-11, or entering grade 5).

Adults: With each book you finish (up to 25) stop by the library for a raffle ticket and prize. Put your raffle tickets toward one of the library’s grand prizes.

Teens: When you log 300 minutes, stop in

and pick up your summer bag. Log your reading to earn Cragin Bucks and shop in the library store. Every 30 minutes earns one Cragin Buck.

Kids: When you log 200 minutes, stop in and pick up your summer bag! Log your reading to earn Cragin Bucks and shop in the library store. Every 20 minutes earns one Cragin Buck. Sign up and start logging at craginlibrary.read-squared.com.

For more information about all of the library’s summer programs, visit www.colchesterct.gov/cragin-memorial-library/pages/monthly-news-letter-events.

Ahavath Achim Schedule

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

Services: Fridays at 6:30 p.m., live and on Zoom; Saturdays at 10 a.m., live and on Zoom.

Classes on Tuesdays: Folklore of the Talmud at 6 p.m., followed by Talmud at 6:30 p.m., and Kabbalah at 8 p.m.

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

Setback League to Start

St. Joseph’s Polish Club will start up its Setback League on Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6:45 p.m.

The league runs for 28 weeks. For more information or to sign up, call Cindy Hardy at 860-823-9278 or Deb Crider at 860-204-1555.

Ahavath Achim Schedule

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

Services: Fridays at 6:30 p.m., live and on Zoom; Saturdays at 10 a.m., live and on Zoom.

Classes on Tuesdays: Folklore of the Talmud at 6 p.m., followed by Talmud at 6:30 p.m., and Kabbalah at 8 p.m.

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

Colchester History Museum Open for Season

The Colchester History Museum is open Sundays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The museum, located at 24 Linwood Ave., will be open through Dec. 28. All are welcome.

The museum is free and offers both permanent and special exhibits all highlighting the people and events in Colchester’s history. The museum offers guided and self-guided tours.

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

Wetland Ecosystem Exploration

The Colchester Land Trust (CLT) will hold a Wetland Ecosystem Exploration Saturday, Sept. 14, at 11 a.m., at the Bulkeley Hill Preserve. Meet at the field side of the parking area.

Megan Trujillo, board member, will discuss the unique plants, wildlife, and hidden wonders that thrive in the wetland environment.

Boots are recommended for the wetland exploration hike. Magnifying glasses, bug catchers, and critter nets are encouraged to enhance your experience. The CLT will also look to bring some of the materials to provide to the participants as well.

Trails are not groomed and have rocks and roots and wet areas. The trail is not stroller-friendly.

The hike is for ages 6 and up. There will be a longer hike to the wetland area, so be prepared to walk. The hike is free for CLT members, and \$5 for non-members. Children under 18 are free. Sorry, no dogs for this event.

Rain postpones to a date yet to be determined.

For more information, contact Megan Trujillo at meganl.trujillo@gmail.com or text or call 518-526-6882.

Colchester Federated Church News

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

Worship: Sundays at 9 a.m. The service is also broadcast via Facebook Live. Worship videos are at www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org under the Worship tab. Updated information is on the church’s Facebook page.

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

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



Skyview Team

AT CARL GUILD & ASSOCIATES



Matt Faski
Sales Associate



Jack Faski
Owner/Broker



While your enjoying your beach time...let us work on fulfilling your real estate dreams...

Call Us For All Your Residential & Commercial Needs

860-334-7188 or 860-214-1147

www.skyview-realty.com 35 Hayward Ave., Colchester, CT 06415

Like us on Facebook



RivereastNewsBulletin

Why Buy When You Can Rent?

WE RENT ALL TYPES OF TOOLS & EQUIPMENT FOR ALL YOUR HOME PROJECT NEEDS

Bobcat Skidsteer Loaders, Mini Excavator, Tractor with bucket & backhoe, Tillers, Edgers, Pole Pruners, Chainsaws, Stump Grinders, Gas Power Hedge Trimmers, 6" & 12" Chippers, Pumps, Yorkrakes, Power Augers, Dethatchers, Overseeders, Jackhammers, Hammer Drills, Hardwood Floor Nailers, Trenchers, Floor Polishers, Carpet Cleaners, Seam Irons, Power Stretchers, Floor Sanders & Edgers, Hilti Gun, Toilet Auger, Power Drain Snake, Wallpaper Steamers, 40' Ladders, Tile Saws, Sod Cutter, Aerators, Pressure Washer, Power Towels, Compactors, Brick Paver Saws, Sheetrock Lifters & Dustless Sanders, Lolly Column Cutters, Party Canopies, Tow Behind Compressors and so much more . . .

Visit our website for more information and pricing

www.ctrentme.com

Rental Center

Rt. 16, Linwood Ave. • Colchester
(860) 537-4256

Located with Gano's Power Equipment
Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-6:00pm; Sat. 8:00am-2:00pm



Whether you are looking for warmth in the winter, or Alaska in the summer, or Mississippi and European Rivers are beckoning you...



...NOW is the time to start planning your cruise!

Call Hebron Travel Today!

Hebron Travel SINCE 1994

61-B Main Street, Hebron, CT 06248
860.228.8221 • hebrontravel@cs.com

Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester

Free, Reduced-Price Lunch Info

Colchester Public Schools has announced today its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Local school officials have adopted the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility. The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for determining participant’s eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP).

Income Guidelines for Child Nutrition Programs: July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026
Free Meals

Household Size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income
1	20,345	1,696	848	783	392
2	27,495	2,292	1,146	1,058	529
3	34,645	2,888	1,444	1,333	667
4	41,795	3,483	1,742	1,608	804
5	48,945	4,079	2,040	1,883	942
6	56,095	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,079
7	63,245	5,271	2,636	2,433	1,217
8	70,395	5,867	2,934	2,708	1,354
Each additional family member	7,150	596	298	275	138

Reduced-price Meals

Household Size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income
1	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557
2	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
3	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
4	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
5	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
6	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
7	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
8	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
Each additional family member	10,175	848	424	392	196

Students residing in households with income at or below the levels shown in the chart above are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals or free milk through SMP. A free/reduced meal application will be sent home on the first day of school along with instructions and frequently asked questions and answers. These forms are also available in the main office at each school and on the Colchester Public Schools website. To apply for free or reduced-price school meals or free milk through SMP, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price school meals cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast, and milk programs through SMP. Additionally, all school-aged students in income-eligible households can receive school meal benefits regardless of a student’s immigration status and the district/school does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the CNPs. Note that the district may share your eligibility information with education, health, social service, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a student based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the

Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All students in these households are eligible for free school meals or free milk through SMP. The school district will notify households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs of their eligibility and all enrolled students residing in the household will be offered free school meals or free milk through SMP unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any students were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal or milk benefits extended to those students. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by Sept. 22.

Some students may be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals or milk through SMP based on HUSKY A (Medicaid). No application is required if the district directly certifies a student based on participation in HUSKY A (Medicaid). Students in these households are likely eligible for free or reduced-priced meal or milk benefits and will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be offered free or reduced-price school meals or milk through the SMP, unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any students were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free or reduced-price school meals or milk benefits extended to those students.

Additionally, some students may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk through SMP if the students were determined to be eligible for Summer Electronic Benefits (S-EBT). No application is required if the district determines that a student is eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk due to participation in S-EBT. Students in these households are likely eligible for free or reduced-priced meal benefits and will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be offered free or reduced-price school meals or free milk accordingly, unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any students were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free or reduced-price school meals or milk benefits extended to those students.

If a student is not directly certified, the household should complete and submit a free and reduced-price meal application form. The application for households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits require the SNAP or TFA client ID number and the households may be asked to provide proof of the SNAP or TFA client ID number. The signature of an adult household member is also required.

Students in households participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Please com-

plete and submit a free and reduced-price meal application or contact the determining official for more information. For a tutorial on how to complete the application, visit vimeo.com/777367788.

When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any student’s eligibility for free school meals if the individual student is “Other Source Categorically Eligible” because the student is categorized as either: homeless; runaway as defined by law and determined by the district’s or school’s homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. Households with students who are categorically eligible under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs should complete and submit a free and reduced-price meal application and check-off the relevant box. Questions should be directed to the determining official. For any student not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the school or determining official about any student also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the other students.

Households notified of their children’s eligibility must contact the determining official or school if it chooses to decline the free school meal benefits. If households/students are not notified by the district/school of their free meal benefits and they receive benefits under qualifying public assistance programs or under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs, the parent/guardian should contact the determining official for their school.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are categorically eligible for free school meals. A foster parent does not have to complete a free/reduced-price school meal application if they can submit a copy of the legal document or legal court order showing that the student is a foster child. Additionally, a foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits.

If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced-price school meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free school meals. A foster child’s eligibility for free school meals does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

Free and reduced-price school meals application forms for all other households require a statement of total household income, household size, and names of all household members. The last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member must be included or a statement that the household member does not have one. The adult household member must also sign the application certifying that the information provided is correct.

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals, the District Nutrition Program Coordinator/Cafeteria Manager 860-537-9421 or email iranheim@colchesterct.org will review applications and determine students’ eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals. If a parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis.

If they wish to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to Jessica Kuckel, assistant superintendent, 127 Norwich Ave., Suite 202, Colchester CT 06415 or 860-537-7208 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure. Each school and the central office of the school district has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by an interested party. If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes at any time, the household should contact the school to file a new free and reduced-price school meals application. Such changes may make the students of the household eligible for reduced-price school meals, free school meals, or free milk, if the household income falls at or below the levels shown in the Income Eligibility Guidelines.

Questions regarding the free and reduced-price school meals application process may be directed to the determining official at 860-537-9421 or email iranheim@colchesterct.org. A video tutorial on how to complete a free and reduced-price school meals application can be viewed at How to fill out the Application for Free and Reduced-price Meals or Free Milk and Summer EBT.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g.,

Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA’s TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling 866-632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant’s name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. fax: 833-256-1665 or 202-690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Thanks for the Donuts... The members of Colchester Veterans Honor Guard recently thanked Mohamed Mosed of the Colchester Donut & Cafe for providing refreshments for the regular Veterans Honor Guard meetings. Pictured from left are John Mainella, Mohamed Mosed, Bob Kvederas, Tom O’Meara and Al Letendre.

Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester

Incumbents Petition to Run After Magnet School Backlash

By Toriana Williams

In a sudden turn of events in Colchester politics, two sitting Board of Education members – chair Donna Antonacci and secretary Margo Gignac – have opted to gather petition signatures to remain on the ballot. This was after being passed over by the Republican Town Committee at its recent caucus in June.

Despite being an incumbent, Antonacci lost her nomination from the local GOP delegation at the caucus, signaling a sharp break with establishment support.

Caucus Upheaval and Fallout

Antonacci reported both she and fellow incumbent Alex Oliphant were initially included on the RTC’s recommended slate, but then were overtaken during caucus proceedings. At the July 15 caucus, Republicans selected Corrine Loyola and Cody McNeely to replace Antonacci and Oliphant on the slate. Loyola and McNeely will run alongside the RTC’s two other recommended candidates, Cari Duigou and Olivia Duksa.

Meanwhile, Gignac, as well as her daughter Rosemary, had not planned to run again at the time.

The underlying reason for Antonacci’s ouster from the Republican ticket appears tied to the board’s support for a proposed magnet school program at Bacon Academy. Both Antonacci and Gignac backed the initiative, only to see it generate significant backlash from the town Republicans. Ultimately, the proposal was shelved, but community resistance appears to have led to political costs for its proponents. “They’ll use anything against you in this town,” said Gignac, also citing social media as a common result of escalation.

Antonacci and Gignac originally decided to run for the BOE because they noticed a deficit in the Bacon Academy school system. While the two were acting on the board, the BOE hired superintendent Dan Sullivan, created a 200-page detailed budget book, reinstated a grammar program, implemented social and emotional programs and more, they said.

“I would not have voted for Dan Sullivan when we were hiring the superintendent ... but you know what? He’s done a phenomenal job,” Antonacci admitted to Gignac’s surprise.

Although the two felt confident in the results

of their time on the board, they also felt unsupported.

Gignac explained how she felt there was an extreme lack of communication within the RTC as well as between the RTC and the BOE. She spoke on writing letters to the RTC outlining the BOE’s accomplishments, which were either met with no response, “or some sort of attack.”

Gignac explained the initial reason behind not running for a second term was due to the others on the ticket. “If you’re going to be running people that don’t have integrity, that can’t be honest and supportive ... I don’t want to be on that ticket.”

Magnet School Misinformation and Misunderstandings

The magnet school program proposed for Bacon Academy was not intended to turn the high school into a magnet school, but rather to add a specialized program under its umbrella. The curriculum would have offered training in high-demand fields such as firefighting, EMT services and nursing.

“This was a program that was needed and necessary within the state,” said Gignac.

Opponents questioned how much the initiative would cost Colchester taxpayers, but supporters said the financial model worked in the district’s favor. The state would have paid tuition for each out-of-town student, and sending districts would have covered transportation, explained the two.

“[The program would have] brought in money to defray the cost of the budget,” said Antonacci.

She acknowledged that the board did not roll out information as effectively as it could have, which contributed to confusion and misinformation. Some residents worried about the required enrollment of students from Hartford, raising concerns about disciplinary issues.

Antonacci said this was based on misconceptions, noting that students would have been held to rigorous academic and behavioral standards, with expulsion as a consequence for persistent problems.

“There was a lot of misunderstanding of how the magnet school would work in our district,” she said.

Antonacci also suggested that some of the backlash may have been fueled by bias. “A lot of



Donna Antonacci, left, and Marguerite “Margo” Gignac, right, laugh together as they chat at the Sweet Aroma Coffeehouse & Bakery in Colchester on Sunday, Aug. 17.

us believed it had to do with racial [prejudice],” she shared. Despite the opposition, Antonacci added, “I would do it again.”

From Party Endorsement To Petition Rails

Following the caucus snub, Antonacci decided to run as a petitioned candidate – and convinced Gignac to join her. The move allows them to bypass party endorsement and still appear on the ballot. This decision is followed by a belief they still retain strong voter support and view the caucus outcome as disconnected from broader public sentiment.

“In the community at large, I feel like I might have more support,” said Antonacci, since it is the community that elects.

Running as petitioning candidates offers both risks and rewards. Without the official party backing, campaign infrastructure and messaging support may be limited. However, if they successfully connect with voters – particularly those sympathetic to the magnet school cause – they could offset the lack of GOP endorsement with grassroots backing.

“I wasn’t shocked by it,” Antonacci said in reference to how she felt when she lost her nomi-

nation.

She believes she and Gignac faced heavy opposition within their party due to the magnet school proposal and because they were “willing to go against party lines.” Yet, they feared the possible outcome of all their hard work being undone. “When you completely change boards, they can undo everything faster than it takes to rebuild,” she stated.

When asked why she ran as a petitioned candidate, Antonacci replied, “I just want to continue [doing] good work and what’s right for the kids.”

Gignac said, “We have made so much progress,” and credited much of their momentum to Sullivan. The two believe they helped shape Bacon Academy into a school where parents could be proud to send their children.

“Seeing that change makes us want to stay on four more years,” stated Gignac.

More specifically, the two ran as petitioned candidates because it allowed them to run without having to change parties. “I don’t want to be a party flipper,” Gignac shared, but “it’s not about politics; it’s about what’s right.”

Upcoming Programs at Library

Cragin Memorial Library, located at 8 Linwood Ave., has announced the following programs. For full descriptions, call 860-537-5752 (Adult Department), 860-537-7201 (Children’s Department), or visit www.craginlibrary.org. Registration is required for all programs unless noted. All programs are free and sponsored by Friends of Cragin Memorial Library.

Fall Storytime Session: Runs Sept. 29-Nov. 20; sign-ups begin Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m. Mondays: Mother Goose Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Ages 2 – 5; Tuesdays: Play With Me, 10:30 a.m. (5 Sessions run 10/21-11/18, no program 11/11), Ages 12 – 36 months; Lego/Duplo Challenges, 6 p.m., family program – no registration required; Wednesdays: Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Ages up to 12 months; Thursdays: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Ages 3 – 5; Story & a Craft, 5 p.m., for children and their caregivers -- no registration required; Fridays: Sensory Table (Runs year-round regardless of storytime sessions), 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Teen Subscription Book Boxes: First Monday of the month. Registration is required. For those going into grades 6-12. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.

Medicare Educational Events: Wednesday, Sept. 3, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., with local insurance agent Mark Macrina. For accommodations of persons with special needs, call 860-338-1466 TTY 711.

Super Saturday Sensory: Music: Saturday, Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m. Best for ages 2 and up.

A Court of Fantasy Readers: Monday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m. New members welcome. For this month, read Quicksilver by Callie Hart.

PJ Storytime: Thursday, Sept. 11, 6 p.m., for children and their caregivers. This is a drop-in program.

Free Paint: Saturday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m., for children and their caregivers. This is a drop-in program.

Paint with Dotters: Monday, Sept. 15, 10:30 a.m., for children and their caregivers. This is a drop-in program.

The Business of Fighting: Monday, Sept., 15, 6 p.m. Storyteller Arnie Pritchard has created a story based on his father’s letters home from the front lines of World War II. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.

Baby Free Play: Thursday, Sept. 18, 10:30-

11:30 a.m. Best for ages up to 24 months. Drop-in program.

Half-Day Gaming: Friday, Sept. 19, 1-2 p.m. Drop-in program.

Super Saturday Storytime: Birds: Saturday, Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m., for children and their caregivers.

Birding by Ear with the Connecticut Audubon Society: Saturday, Sept. 20, 1 p.m. Learn how to identify birds by song and call, and which resources are most useful. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.

Early Learning Week: Monday, Sept. 22-Saturday, Sept. 27. All ages invited to this drop-in program.

Cookie Party: Tuesday, Sept. 23, 3-3:30 p.m. Drop-in program.

Chatham Health Jeopardy!: Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m. Questions will revolve around different vaccinations such as RSV, COVID and flu. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.

Family Craft Night: Paint with Shaving Cream: Wednesday, Sept. 24, 6 p.m., for children and their caregivers. Drop-in program.

Books For All: A Conversation About the History of Censorship: Thursday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752 to register.

Foodie Fun: Saturday, Sept. 27. Kids and teens will pick up a fall-themed food bag.

Writing Club: Saturday, Sept. 27, 2-3 p.m. Drop-in program.

Cragin Book Club: Monday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m. New members welcome. For this month, read How to Age Disgracefully by Clare Pooley.

Free Play: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Drop-in program.

Setback League to Start

St. Joseph’s Polish Club will start up its Setback League on Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6:45 p.m.

The league runs for 28 weeks. For more information or to sign up, call Cindy Hardy at 860-823-9278 or Deb Crider at 860-204-1555.

Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

Sunday Services: All are welcome. Service is at 10:30 a.m., preceded by an Adult Sunday School Class at 9:30 a.m.; there is prayer before service at 10:15 a.m. Children’s church is also available for ages 4-11. The main service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook; visit

Senior Center News & Notes

Colchester Senior Center, 15 Louis Lane, has announced the following. Unless noted, registration is required for all programs. For full program descriptions and to register, call 860-537-3911, email csc@colchesterct.gov, or for a full list of activities, visit www.colchesterct.gov.senior-center.

Monday, Aug. 25: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise w/ Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 10:30 a.m., Unleash Your Joy; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 11 a.m.-noon, fitness orientation by appointment; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg, Bridge, Set Back.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: 8:30 a.m., Golf League; 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:30 a.m., Watercolor Class No. 2; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m., Senior Spotlight; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1 p.m.,

www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT or look for the church on Facebook.

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.

Small Groups: The church has various small groups for men and women that meet at different days/times/locations of the week. Call the church office for more information.

Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, located at 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship Sundays at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. The church choir always welcomes new members. Services are also available on Zoom; visit www.westchesterconchurch.org for login information. Sunday School for children meets during the worship service.

Twelve-Step Meetings: Al-Anon meets in Canney Hall Wednesdays at 7 p.m. AA meets in Canney Hall Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

Scouts: The church sponsors two Scout BSA units: Troop 109 and Pack 109. During the school year, Troop 109 meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Pack 109 meets twice a month on

Cornhole; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

Wednesday, Aug. 27: 9 a.m., Making Memories, Walking Group; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Hand and Foot Card Game, Sit & Be Fit; 1 p.m., Sew-cial Time; 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Cardio Drumming.

Thursday, Aug. 28: 9 a.m., Exercise w/ Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m.; Yoga; 11:30 a.m., Library Days; noon, Senior Benefits; 12:05 p.m., Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet; 4 p.m., Ultimate Bingo.

Friday, Aug. 29: 9 a.m., Social Service Hour, Open Art Studio; 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1:30 p.m. Bingo.

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Outreach and Other Opportunities: Knitting Group meets Thursdays at 10 a.m. The Blessings Box is at the end of the church parking lot and contains donations of non-perishable food, personal care, and other items for those in need. Take what you need; donate what you can. Also, the church sponsors the Wounded Warrior Project, a donation opportunity to help veterans.

For more information, visit westchesterconchurch.org, email westconchurch@gmail.com or call the church at 860-267-6711. Pastor Ron Lake can be reached at 860-428-3460.

Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester

Senior Center Upcoming Trips

Colchester Senior Center has announced a trip coming up. Trips are available to senior center members and their adult guests over the age of 18. Membership is free for Colchester residents aged 55 and older. There is an annual fee of \$15 for seniors residing outside of Colchester. For more information or to register, call 860-537-3911 or email csc@colchesterct.gov.

Newport Playhouse – A Twisted Christmas Carol: Tuesday, Dec. 2, 9:15 a.m. A *Twisted Christmas Carol* is a Texas spoof of Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*. It's Christmas Eve in a small west Texas town, and cantankerous barbecue joint owner Buford Johnson is visited in a dream by ex-business partner Hank Walker, who takes Buford on a journey like *Scrooge's*. The cost is \$160 per person and includes a huge buffet dinner and cabaret style performances. Space is limited.

Discover the Canadian Maritimes Coastal Wonders: May 23-June 2, 2026. This 11-day, 10-night trip includes airfare, hotels and meals (10 breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners). Cost is \$4,299 per person for double occupancy, if booked before Nov. 23. Collette will be at the Colchester Senior Center on Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m. to do a trip presentation. For more information or to register for this trip, visit gateway.gocollette.com/link/1346736.



Gray House Farms — Garden Center —

15% off Bulk Mulch • Bagged Mulch 5 for \$30.00

15% OFF SHRUBS & PLANTS

Bulk Top Soil, Compost, Mulch, Stone & Sand – Delivery Available

Farm Fresh Native Corn & Produce Available

109 Loomis Rd., Colchester, CT 06415 • 860-365-5846

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

www.facebook.com/GrayHouseFarms

OPEN Wed-Sat 9am-5pm • Sun 9am-3pm

Dean's, President's Lists

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that Samantha Ciaglo of Colchester made the University of Hartford's Dean's List and President's List for the spring 2025 semester.

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.

Vendors Sought for Fall Market

Colchester Federated Church's annual Fall Market is coming up on Nov. 1, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This fair showcases local crafters, vendors, farmers and more.

If you would like a table at the fair to sell your goods, reach out to Renee Misbach at rouillette01@snet.net for more information. Spaces are filling up quickly.

Biggy's Colchester

WINE & SPIRITS

15 BROADWAY STREET, NOEL'S PLAZA
COLCHESTER, CT • 860-537-2455

IC

DUI DEFENSE

Charged with a DUI? Call for immediate help.

860-530-1781

www.ironchris.com

Belltown

Wine & Liquors

Discount Beer, Wine & Liquors
Your Local One stop shop
Biggest & Discounted Liquors store in Town

36 E High St., East Hampton, CT • MON-SAT 10-8 • SUN 10-5

Largest Selection of CT local Craft Beers

SPECIALS \$15⁹⁹

White Claw
Truly
Corona Extra 12pk Blt/Can
Sam Adams Octoberfest or Jack-O

SPECIAL \$19⁹⁹

30 Pack Cans...
Busch
Busch Light
Natural Ice
Natural Light
Pasbt Blue Ribbon

SPECIAL \$25⁹⁹

30 Pack Cans...
Budweiser
Bud Light
Coors Light
Miller Light

BEER'D BREWING

DOG & BOATS 4 pk Cans...\$14.99
COUNTERWEIGHT
HEADWAY 4 pk Cans...\$10.99
FAT ORANGE CAT
BABY KITTENS 4 pk Cans...\$8.99
THOMAS HOOKER
NO FILTER 4 pk Cans...\$11.99

Also choose from HOP CULTURE, ARBOR LODGE, BACK EAST, ABOMINATION, NEW PARK, B-SHARP, KENT FALLS, TOX and more!

VODKA

SPECIAL \$29⁹⁹

Tito's Vodka

GREY GOOSE 1.75L...\$44.99
SMIRNOFF VODKA 1.75L...\$19.99
FLIGHT VODKA 1.75L...\$15.99
SVEDKA VODKA 1.75L...\$17.99

TEQUILA

CASAMIGOS BLANCO 750ML...\$42.99
CASAMIGOS REPOSADO 750ML...\$44.99
ESPOLON BLANCO 750ML...\$29.99
ESPOLON REPOSADO 750ML...\$31.99
ESPOLON REPOSADO 1.75L...\$59.99
PATRON SILVER 750ML...\$42.99
DON JULIO BLANCO 750ML...\$44.99
SOMPREGO TEQUILA 750ML...\$16.99

RUM & WHISKEY

SPECIAL \$59⁹⁹

Henry McKenna 10 Year 90° 750ml

Knob Creek Bourbon 750ML...\$35.99
Basil Hayden...\$39.99
Jameson Irish Whiskey...\$29.99
Capt. Morgan Rum 1.75L...\$27.99
Bacardi Superior Rum 1.75L...\$19.99

WINES

SPECIALS \$12⁹⁹

Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc 750ML
Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc 750ML
Kendall Jackson Chardonnay 750ML

SPECIAL \$11⁹⁹

Woodbridge 1.5L
Barefoot 1.5L
Yellowtail 1.5L
Matua Sauvignon Blanc 750ML

SPECIAL \$19⁹⁹

Whispering Angel Rose Wine

THE BEACH ROSE 750ML...\$15.99
ROSE ALL DAY 750ML...\$7.99
LA MARCA PROSECCO 750ML...\$17.99
90+ PROSECCO 750ML...\$10.99
JOSH PROSECCO 750ML...\$15.99
SANTA MARGARITA PINOT GRIGIO 750ML...\$21.99

COCKTAILS

CUTWATER 4PK...\$14.99
JACK DANIELS 4PK...\$13.99
FISHER ISLAND LEMONADE...\$17.99
SUN CRUISER 8PK CANS...\$18.99
SURF SIDE 8PK CANS...\$18.99

Not responsible for typographical errors.
Sale ends 9/1/25

860-993-1074

FIND US ON

Summer Special!

Sign up for ANY package for 30 days for the price of a wash.

(see attendant for details)

Single Wash
\$24

GOLD

Single Wash
\$19

Gift Cards Available!

SILVER

Single Wash
\$15

BASIC

EXTERIOR WASH & DRY

Single Wash
\$12

44 Amston Road, Route 85, Colchester, CT
860-537-4325

Open 7:00am-7:00pm
7 DAYS A WEEK

REG-20-25

Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Colchester • Col

Host your next special event at
Terrazza Restaurant

Our banquet rooms are available
to make your event unforgettable.



Book online at: www.TerrazzaCT.com
Check out our social media pages @Terrazza_CT

Terrazza Restaurant

9 Rose Hill, Portland CT 06480
www.TerrazzaCT.com • 860-788-3558
Sun-Thu • 11am-9pm | Fri-Sat • 11am-10pm

CHVFC Golf Classic

The Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company (CHVFC) annual Golf Classic will be held Friday, Sept. 26, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

The CHVFC is a nonprofit organization that has been providing service to the Town of Colchester and its neighboring communities since 1854. The tournament is held to raise funds to support the company's school scholarship fund, recruitment, retention, and to maintain the Schuster Park training facility and event venue.

If you are interested in being a sponsor or player, please contact 860-537-2512, email CHFD28golftournament@gmail.com, or visit the CHVFC Facebook page for a QR code.

Community CPR

Colchester Fire & EMS, located at 52 Old Hartford Rd., will hold a Community CPR and 'Stop the Bleed' event on Friday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

In this free Family and Friends CPR class, learn CPR and relief of choking in adults, children and infants. Use of an AED (automated external defibrillator) is also included in the training, and participants will receive a student manual for ongoing reference.

To sign up for the class, contact Fire Headquarters at 860-537-2512 or firedepartment@colchesterct.gov. The class is for Colchester residents only.

A future class will be Wednesday, Nov. 12,
from 2:30-5 p.m.

Class of '75 Reunion Coming

The Bacon Academy class of 1975 is planning its one and only 50th Anniversary Reunion. On Saturday, Sept. 6, from noon-5 p.m., the class is gathering at the Colchester Fish and Game Club for a relaxed, catered picnic by Oz 'N Bones.

The cost is \$50/person and can be paid by venmo@SABISHEL. Or, checks (made out to: 75 Reunion) can be sent to Scott Bishe, 155 Main St, Middletown CT 06457.

For more information, join the private class group on Facebook (search for "Bacon Academy-Class of 1975-Class Reunion"), or email baconclassof1975@gmail.com.

State Police Cadet Program

The Connecticut State Police Troop K Cadet Program is now recruiting area teens.

Troop K Cadet Post 028 is seeking new members, male and female, between the ages of 13-20 who are interested in learning about the criminal justice system. A career in law enforcement or the military is not required.

There will be an Open House Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., at Troop K, 15A Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. Parents are also encouraged to attend, though their attendance is not required.

For more information, contact advisor Mindy Johnston at 860-465-5468 or email TroopKCadets028@gmail.com. The program is also on Facebook; search for "Troop K Cadets."

An advertisement for Alyson's School of Dance Colchester. The background is black with pink and purple accents. On the left, a dancer in a pink leotard and white tights performs a backbend. In the center, a dancer in a pink leotard and white tights performs a backbend. On the right, a dancer in a pink leotard and white tights performs a high kick. The text 'Alyson's School of DANCE' is prominently displayed in white and pink. Below it, 'Colchester' is written in white. A pink button with white text says 'Register Now for classes'. Below the button, the website 'alysondance.com' is listed with a globe icon. At the bottom, a white text line reads 'We are closer than you think- register online or in person'. The bottom left corner has the code 'RF8-22-25'.



BLACKLEDGE
RIVER TAVERN

Live Music!
6:30-9:30
August 23 - Justin Vendette
August 29 - Palmieri & Cooper
August 30 - The Locomotives
September 6 - Jeff Wieselberg

Open to the public 7 days a week
www.BlackledgeCC.net
180 West Street - Hebron
Call for reservations (860) 228-0250

**Visit our website to view our
Weekend Dinner Specials!**

RF8 23 25

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 christian-lifechapel.org.

Bible Study for Men: Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
and Saturdays at 8 a.m.

Community Bible Study and Prayer:
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Donuts with Don and Bible Study for Women will restart in September.

CLT 'Trail Crew' Volunteer Event

The Colchester Land Trust (CLT) is organizing a new Trail Crew monthly volunteer event.

The group will perform stewardship activities on the land trust's properties each month. The work will vary from simple monitoring to tree-cutting activities.

An organizational meeting will be held at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave., on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m. You may also email the land trust at Info@ColchesterLandTrust.org.

The Trail Crew will begin work in October. Participants under 16 years of age should have an adult accompany them.

Colchester • Colchester • Colchester

Singers Sought for Christmas Concert

Guardian Angel Parish/St. Andrew Church is looking for singers for its upcoming Christmas Concert.

This year's concert, "Who Would Send a Baby?," features uplifting readings and music that celebrates the wonder and joy of the Christmas story.

The concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 14, and rehearsals will be held every Thursday evening beginning in September. (Start date still to be determined.)

All are welcome – whether an experienced singer, new to a choir, or just love to sing. For more information, contact Terry Phillips at 860-608-0130 or mephillips@snet.net.

Driveway Need Help?

— Driveway Replacement Specialist —

- Fast Dependable Service
- Experienced Staff
- Competitive Pricing



Driveways • Parking Lots
Roadways
FREE ESTIMATES

New England

BLACKTOP

INC.

860-633-4554

www.NewEnglandBlacktop.com

Satisfying All of Your Paving Needs in your town! Celebrating **52 YEARS** of Quality Service! — SINCE 1973 —

GLASTONBURY, CT
LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED
CT LIC. #0556808 – FULLY INSURED



REMODELING CONTRACTORS

**WINDOWS, DOORS, DECKS
KITCHENS & BATHS
SIDING & ROOFING**

860-682-5509 **FREE ESTIMATES**

Locally Owned & Operated • Licensed & Insured



Hebron Property Owners!!!

Thinking of selling or buying?
Call Jim Celio – Century 21 AllPoints Realty

49 YEARS OF LOCAL REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE

Hebron's #1 Agent – Total Transactions Closed
2016 – 2017 – 2018 – 2019 – 2020 – 2021 – 2022 – 2023 – 2024

Hebron's #1 Agent – Total Closed Market Volume
2016 – 2017 – 2018 – 2019 – 2020 – 2021 – 2022 – 2023 – 2024

**Based on ranking of ALL agents as compiled by CT MLS.

Want References and Recommendations?

Please visit the link below to view unfiltered reviews and comments on Jim's performance from past buyer and seller clients!

www.realsatisfied.com/Jim-Celio

For complete professional real estate service:
Call Jim Celio Today 860-463-2563

Jim Celio, Associate Broker
Century 21 AllPoints Realty
Cell: 860-463-2563
Email: jimcelio@aol.com



17 Main Street, Hebron, CT 06348 • Office 860-228-9425 Ext: 2107

Accepting New Clients

open 7 days a week

MONDAY - FRIDAY 6AM-8PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 6AM -12PM



Wellness Visits Urgent Care Emergency

Colchester Veterinary Hospital

364 OLD HARTFORD RD. COLCHESTER CT (860)537-3435
WWW.COLCHESTERVET.NET

Legacy Living

SUPPORT GROUP

Being a caregiver is hard, but you aren't alone.
We are here with you and for you.
Join us as we take a break together.

**First Thursday
of Each Month
at 4:00 PM**




85 STAGE HARBOR RD,
MARLBOROUGH, CT

P: 860.295.9531
MARLBOROUGHHEALTHCARE.COM

THE PRUE LAW GROUP

Eastern Connecticut's
Premiere Law Firm


NOW IN COLCHESTER






When legal matters, we're here for you:

Estate Planning . Estate Settlement & Probate
Elder Law, Title 19 & Conservatorships . Business Law
Real Estate Law . Personal Injury Law . Litigation . Divorce & Family Law

Scan here to schedule a consultation today:



Follow us @pruelawgroup



COLCHESTER – NEW!
167 Lebanon Avenue, Suite B

WILLIMANTIC
720 Main Street

BROOKLYN
7 Putnam Place

COVENTRY
2181 Boston Turnpike

(860) 423-9231

pruelawgroup.com/colchester

TURNER & SONS

Serving Central Connecticut

- Solar Roofing
 - Roofing
 - Siding
 - Carpentry
- Windows
 - Doors
 - Gutters
 - Decks

Beauty, Quality, Responsibility
Since 1956

860-346-7405

www.turnerandsonslc.com



Douglas H.
Turner



John "Hayden"
Turner

License # 624984

0225cm

East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton

Council Tables Discussion on New Firehouse

By Margaret O’Callaghan

At a lengthy meeting of the East Hampton Town Council last Tuesday, Aug. 12, council members discussed what to do with the proposed \$10 million new firehouse, before ultimately agreeing unanimously to table the idea.

Also last Tuesday, after residents spoke soundly against the project, the Town Council voted unanimously to tell the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) it was not in favor of the sewer extension proposed for the west side of town.

Discussion on the \$10.21 million proposed new firehouse saw some complaining about the price, while others were concerned about the land it would be built upon. Fire Chief Robert Rainville, had explained the poor living conditions in the main station. He claimed there was mold everywhere and said the building was too old to manage. He said he hopes that if this plan is approved, then the department may draw in more volunteers, as well as boost morale among those already involved.

The council explained that the Board of Finance has met to discuss the purchasing of 11 Skinner Street, where the firehouse would be built, but still had some questions on the project and would not move any resolutions forward until it obtained more information.

According to the meeting’s minutes, council members “questioned the presence of an underground storage tank and the concern about the funding in the project cost for the environmental remediation that would need to be done to make the property up to standard for residential

use.”

Ultimately, the council voted 5-2 to move forward with 11 Skinner Street if the Board of Finance will hold a special meeting in time to go to referendum and agree to consider the resolution with a positive outcome from the environmental report. Karen Wanat and Jordan Werme voted against the motion.

An opportunity to learn more about the new firehouse will be available soon. The leadership of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department will provide an opportunity for the public to participate in a guided tour of the headquarters firehouse next Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. Residents will be able to review the current condition of the firehouse located at 3 Barton Hill Rd. and learn about the challenges the fire department says the building presents.

Immediately following the tour, the Board of Fire Commissioners will conduct a workshop, during which residents are invited to learn more about the proposed new firehouse project and ask any questions they may have.

Also last Tuesday, the WPCA sewer expansion proposal was discussed – and met with wide distaste during public comment. In fact, there was no commenter throughout the entire meeting that was in favor of the expansion.

Many concerned residents spoke up for their neighbors who couldn’t make the meeting, questioning who was really benefiting from the proposal. The WPCA has been claiming that the sewer systems were in need of redoing for

not only structural reasons but also for the sake of the environment – to which speakers of the night asked for statistics, research, and in-depth explanation.

A few who had commented and were residents of the streets that are to be affected, mentioned their recently redone septic systems that had cost them thousands of dollars, just to now be forced upon a payment of a projected \$170 a month for 40 years. Tim Johnson, one of the commenters, had explained that this was redone just about three years ago.

By the end of the meeting, Town Council chairman Dean Markham had said, “this council isn’t insensitive to this concern,” and concluded with a similar stance as the people.

The WPCA met the next night to further discuss the sewer proposal; see related story on page 25.

Also at the meeting, a letter from Kim Crabbe was left regarding the Senior Task Force. During the first POCD meeting held this summer, a main concern was the quality of life for seniors in town – especially regarding the activities that were either being or not being held. In her letter in paragraph 5, she wrote, “Our Senior Center, under the leadership of our new director Holly Marrero and her talented and committed staff, has seen changes in programs and activities, along with increases in membership each month. The new programs reflect more modern and diverse offerings to engage older adults in

the community. Spend one day at the Center, and you will see a vibrant, engaged, fun and lively place with multiple programs and a variety of activities being offered each day.”

Despite their understaffing, Crabbe had expressed her high hopes for the expansion and progression of the town’s Senior Center. She had also left what she said was her favorite quote, which sums up the spirit that was in the room during the entire meeting, “Nothing happens until first a dream.”

Those in charge of the senior center had asked for remarks on their new survey, in hopes of providing a fair and easily understandable way to communicate the suggestions for the program as well as for general seniors in town.

Town Council vice chair Karen Wanat had suggested for more direct selections in the answers in the survey’s checkbox in order to receive better, specific opinions.

Also at the meeting, Police Chief Dennis Woessner took to the podium to clear up rumors he said were going around town regarding the police department’s collaboration with Middletown. He explained that the only exchanges being done were for prisoners, as the town often experiences overflow. He said that those taken into custody by the police may have to spend time in Middletown and that the only extra payment needed for the Middletown Police Department would be for the food given to the prisoners and nothing else explicitly stated.

Haddam Neck Fair 5K Returns Aug. 31

A tradition returns this August as the Haddam Neck Fair once again kicks off its final day with the 5K Road Race. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome.

The 2025 race will take place Sunday, Aug. 31 at 9:30 a.m., beginning and ending at the fairgrounds in East Hampton. Participants can look forward to a rural course that winds through Haddam Neck’s rolling countryside. The 5K features relatively flat stretches, two gentle declines, and one short but steep climb. The race is US-ATF certified, sanctioned and insured, and will be professionally timed by Platt Systems.

All finishers will receive a commemorative medal, and top runners in multiple age categories will be recognized with awards. Register by Aug. 25 for a discounted fee. A limited number of race T-shirts will be available for purchase on

race day.

This year’s entry fees are \$18 for pre-registered runners and \$20 for day-of registrants. Seniors age 65 and over may register for \$13 in advance or \$15 on race day. Online sign-up fees may apply.

Runners can register online at runsignup.com/Race/CT/EastHampton/HaddamNeckFair5K or submit a mail-in application by Aug. 25 to Road Race c/o Margaret McCutcheon Faber, P.O. Box 326, Middle Haddam, CT 06456. Checks should be made payable to the Haddam Neck Fair Association Fairgrounds.

Free fair admission is included for all registered participants on the day of the race.

For more information or questions about the race, contact Margaret McCutcheon Faber at msmfaber@gmail.com or 860-301-5856.

Alto, Tenor, Bass Vocalists Sought

The Portland-based Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords, conducted by Samuel Tucker and accompanied by a 10-piece orchestra under the direction of Alan Dougherty, is currently seeking dedicated individuals to join its expanding alto, tenor, and bass sections.

No auditions or prior experience are required. Rehearsals will commence Tuesday, Aug. 26, from 6:45-9 p.m., at St. Francis Church, Msgr. Fox Parish Hall, 10 Elm St., Middletown, in preparation for the spring concert scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m., at Portland High School. New members may enroll through Sept. 16.

Celebrating 35 years of community engagement, this ensemble delivers performances featuring an array of musical styles, including popular classics, contemporary hits, and select classical and patriotic works. The group’s mission is to uplift spirits, alleviate stress, and foster wellness through music. The group has 90 current members from across Connecticut. Affiliation with Middlesex Health is not required for membership.

Proceeds from the concerts and annual pa-

tron drive are allocated toward scholarships for Middlesex County seniors intending to pursue degrees in nursing or music. To date, the Vocal Chords has awarded \$87,500 to area students.

For further information, visit vocalchords20.org or contact 860-342-3120. Additional resources are available on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram.

Firehouse Tour and Community Q&A

The leadership of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department will provide an opportunity for the public to participate in a guided tour of their headquarters firehouse on Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. Residents will be able to review the current condition of the firehouse located at 3 Barton Hill Road and learn about the challenges the building presents.

Immediately following the tour, the Board of Fire Commissioners will conduct a workshop during which residents are invited to learn more about the proposed new firehouse project and ask any questions they may have.

Arrest in July Boat Fire

A local resident was arrested Tuesday in connection with the July 5 boat fire on Lake Pocotopaug, according to East Hampton Police.

Keron Flannery, 73, of East Hampton, turned himself in pursuant to an active warrant for his arrest, stemming from an incident involving illegal fireworks that caused a boat fire, police said. Flannery was charged with illegal possession of exploding fireworks, second-degree reckless endangerment, and creating a public disturbance, police said.

East Hampton Police Chief Dennis Woessner told *CT Insider* that emergency crews responded to Sears Place at approximately 9:52 p.m. July 5 after receiving reports of a

fireworks explosion on a boat in the water. The boat became engulfed in flames after one of the fireworks exploded in close proximity to the vessel, the news outlet said. Woessner told *CT Insider* the fireworks were launched directly from the pontoon boat.

The resulting explosion caused two people aboard the vessel to jump into the water to escape the flames, *CT Insider reported, adding that the two sustained minor burn but declined medical treatment at the scene.*

Flannery was released upon posting a \$10,000 court-set bond and is scheduled to appear at Middletown Superior Court on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Lions Raffle for Scholarship Program

The East Hampton Lions Club is conducting a raffle to support their annual scholarship program. The Lions will offer four \$1,500 awards to graduating East Hampton students. Applications are available by contacting the East Hampton High School guidance office.

The raffle offers a \$2,025 grand prize. First place is \$225 with two winners, second place is \$125 with two winners, and third place is \$55 with two winners. Also, the first-, second- and

third-place winners will be reentered for the grand prize draw.

A total of 700 tickets will be sold, at \$10 per ticket.

The raffle runs through Saturday, Oct. 25, with the drawing to take place that day at the East Hampton Lions Club picnic pavilion at 62 N. Main St. Time for the drawing is 2:25 p.m.

For information or tickets call Lion Tim Denman 860-519-4951.

KENNETH BARBER & ASSOCIATES, LLC



Kenneth Barber, Esq.



John H. Porter, Esq.



Joseph Cassidy, Esq.

YOUR ATTORNEYS

“Currently in a close relationship with my Air Conditioner.”—Sandra Shea

Barber-Law-Firm.com
P: 860-267-2263
29 West High Street
East Hampton, CT 06424

Visit us on Facebook



Meet Callie! Callie is a one-year-old husky mix weighing in at about 50 pounds. Callie is playful and endlessly sweet. She never has a bad day. She loves walks, hikes, and exploring new places, so if you're looking for a companion for outdoor adventures, she's your girl. Callie is dog-friendly and would thrive either as your one-and-only or with a canine buddy.

Lila, 3 yrs, is old enough to have good manners but young enough to still be playful. No kitten antics here- no climbing the curtains, no knocking items off of counters. She was fostered in a home with other cats and a large gentle dog. She got along fine with the dog and has become much better with other cats. With a slow introduction she should be able to live happily with a feline friend. Lila is ready for her best life with a person she can call her own.



FOR MORE INFO ON ADOPTING CATS OR DOGS, CALL 860-569-0722
VOLUNTEERS & FOSTER HOMES NEEDED – CALL: 860-569-0722



Protectors of Animals, Inc. 144 Main St., Unit O, E. Hartford, CT 06118
A non-profit, all volunteer animal rescue organization,
rescuing abandoned, abused and impounded cats and dogs.

WWW.POAINC.ORG

REB-22-25

East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton



The biennial TANGO2 Benefit Banquet and Auction will take place Nov. 1. The banquet will be hosted by Mike and Kasha Morris, shown here with their son Ryan at the 2023 banquet and auction. Ryan Morris was diagnosed with TANGO2 Deficiency Disease in 2017 at the age of 16. Photo by Walt Jedziniak.

TANGO2 Benefit Banquet Coming

The biennial TANGO2 Benefit Banquet and Auction is set to take place at 5 p.m. Nov. 1, at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell.

The banquet will be hosted by Kasha and Mike Morris, who founded the TANGO2 Research Foundation in late 2017 after their then 16-year old son Ryan was diagnosed with a rare genetic disease called TANGO2 Deficiency Disease (TDD). Ryan Morris is a 2020 graduate of East Hampton High School and currently enrolled in an adult day support program located in East Hampton. All proceeds from the banquet will be used to fund research and support programs related to TDD.

Since its inception, the foundation has grown from representing less than 15 families impacted by TDD to over 250 families and patients in 20+ countries. It just recently surpassed \$1.1

million in overall grants awarded to more than 30 researchers across eight different countries.

The event will include a cocktail hour, three course meal, music, dancing, wine pull, bourbon blackjack as well as various raffle and auction items. The theme of this year's banquet is "B-lieve in Hope," in recognition of the role B vitamin research has played in transforming the lives of those affected by TDD.

There are still tickets available for purchase, at a cost of \$85 per person. For more information regarding the banquet or to donate, visit tango2banquet.raiselysite.com or email kasha.morris@tango2research.org.

Mike and Kasha Morris said they would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the local individuals and businesses that have supported the foundation over the years.

VFW Lobster Fest Fundraiser

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5095, in partnership with the VFW Post 5095 Auxiliary, will hold the 19th annual Lobster Fest Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 27, from noon-5 p.m., at 20 North Maple St.

This longstanding community tradition is the organization's largest annual fundraising event. Proceeds will directly benefit local veterans and their families, as well as contribute to critical repairs and improvements to the Post Home.

Attendees will enjoy an afternoon of food and entertainment, including the return of DJ 128, who will provide music throughout the day. There will be a raffle table with various prizes.

Menu highlights: 1¼–1½ lb. fresh Atlantic lobster, ¾" thick prime ribeye steak, 1 lb.

baked potato, fresh local corn on the cob, homemade Chamis Clam Chowder. Optional Add-On: 1 lb. of fresh steamers.

Tickets are \$65 and include choice of one lobster or one ribeye steak, accompanied by baked potato, corn, and chowder. A \$25 add-on includes one additional lobster or ribeye steak, and a \$15 add-on includes 1 lb. of fresh steamers.

Tickets are available by advance purchase through VFW Post 5095 at 860-267-8837 and by visiting the post at 20 North Maple St. in East Hampton during canteen open hours (Tuesday-Friday, 3 p.m.-close, and Saturday and Sunday, noon-close. Availability at the door will be extremely limited and cannot be guaranteed.

Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person and Zoom services at 10 a.m. on Sundays. All are welcome. To connect electronically, go to www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com for directions. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with the Rev. Diana Rogers, priest-in-charge.

Donations: Food items for the East Hampton Food Bank may be placed in the black totes at the rear of the church.

Returnable Bottles and Cans: Are collected in cans by the shed.

Gardeners Still Needed: Volunteers are still

needed to weed, water, and plant in the Pollinator Garden. Speak with Rogers if you are able to help.

Cookie Booth: Some time slots are still open for volunteers to work at the Cookie Booth at the Haddam Neck Fair during Labor Day Weekend. Check the sign-up sheet in the rear of the church. Donations cover the cost of the cookie dough are welcome.

Information/Assistance: Contact Senior Warden Donna Hryb at 860-633-0472 or donnaadubehryb@gmail.com for more information.

Haddam Neck Fair to Make Return

Celebrating 113 years of agricultural heritage, fun and community, the 2025 Haddam Neck Fair will run Labor Day weekend, from Friday, Aug. 29 through Monday, Sept. 1, at the fairgrounds, 26 Quarry Hill Rd., East Hampton.

This year, Friday Night Truck Pulls are back by popular demand. Watch the power and grit of the Street Trucks competition light up the Large Ring as engines rev and crowds cheer.

Live music will fill the air all weekend, with performances on the Main Stage from local and regional favorites. Whether you're into country, rock, or folk, the fair's 2025 entertainment line-up features something for every ear – including day and night performances.

Fairgoers can also enjoy tractor pulls, animal barns, educational exhibits, games, rides, and the petting zoo. There will also be carnival rides and skill games, family-friendly demonstrations, food vendors, and more.

And don't forget to stop by Chainsaw Carving and Fly Whiskers on the South Lawn, in addition to the entertainment at the Gazebo and Grange.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for senior/military, and a weekend pass is \$35. Kids under 12 are free, and parking is also free. Skip the line and buy your tickets online now at haddamneckfair.com.

Wine-Tasting Fundraiser

A Wine-Tasting Fundraiser to benefit the projects of the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug (FOLP) will take place Sunday, Sept. 14, from 1-4 p.m., on Laurel Island.

The cost is \$50/person which includes round-trip boat transfers, wine-tasting, a souvenir glass and a small snack. Limited beer tasting is included, along with soda for non-drinkers.

There will be a teacup raffle and live music by John Moore. Jack Solomon will be available to answer questions about the history of Laurel Island. Guest can relax, explore the island and enjoy lawn games.

A representative from the Conservation Lake Commission will be on hand to answer any questions regarding Lake Pocotopaug.

Boat transfers will run continuously from 1-4 p.m. from West Shore Marine, 90 Main Street. Parking is available at Sears Park. Note that there is no outside food, no outside alcohol, no smoking, and there is also no private boat docking on the island. This event is rain or shine. Limited tickets are available in advance or on the dock.

For tickets, call Kevin Kuhr at 860-395-7548. Tickets will also be available from any FOLP member.

For more information, visit www.FLPEH.org or look for Friends of Lake Pocotopaug on Facebook.

Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

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

Music at the Fair: All are invited to join the church at the Haddam Neck Fair Bandstand on Sunday, Aug. 31, at 11 a.m., for a Community Worship Service. 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.

Children's Ministry: Children's Ministry, for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, is held in Fellowship Hall during worship. The theme is "Friends with God" and is taught through Bible stories where the characters are friends with God. A toddler nursery is also available. Confirmation Class is held on alternate Sundays during the worship service.

Vocal Choir: Will resume in the fall, on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Adult Bible Study: Will also resume in the fall, on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Music Room.

Women's Fellowship: The next gathering will be in the fall.

Office Info: The office can be reached at 860-267-2336; hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 8 to 4 p.m. The church website is www.hncovenantchurch.org.

Parks and Rec News & Notes

East Hampton Parks and Recreation has announced the following items of interest. For full program descriptions or more information, or to register, call 860-267-7300 or www.easthamptonrec.com.

Zumba Classes: At Sears Park Pavilion Mondays and Thursdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. No dance experience necessary. Cost is \$10 to drop in or \$50 for a 10-card class punch.

Dog Day in the Park: Sunday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Sears Park. Parks and Rec. is currently seeking vendors and dog-related businesses to join the fun. There is a \$25 vendor fee.

Fall Golf Clinics: At Portland West Golf Course, with golf pro Gerry D'Amora. Held at the on-site driving range, with the potential to get out on the course on the final day. No experience necessary. The **Ladies Fall Golf Clinic** will be Tuesdays, Sept. 2-30, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fee is \$150/resident, \$160/non-resident. For **Junior Golf Clinics**, the fee is \$120/resident, \$130/non-resident, and the schedule is: Grades K-2, Wednesdays, Sept. 3-24, 4-5 p.m.; Grades 3-5, Wednesdays, Sept. 3-24, 5:15-6:15 p.m.; and

Grades 6-8, Tuesdays, Sept. 2-23, 4-5 p.m.

Parfum Des Fleurs (The Perfume of Flowers): A Floral Diffuser Workshop: At Sears Park Pavilion Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Craft your own reed diffuser with floating flowers and a custom floral blend. All materials provided; no experience needed. Cost is \$35.

Introduction to Watercolor Painting: Mondays, Sept. 8-29, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Alison Walck will guide people into the world of watercolor artistry in this hands-on workshop for beginners. Fee for the four classes is \$50/resident, \$60/non-resident.

Aging Gracefully: Modern Makeup Workshop for Women 40+: At Blush Beauty Collective, 185 Marlborough St., on Monday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 p.m. Learn to use your current products in smarter, more flattering ways and discover age-appropriate techniques to enhance your natural beauty. Bring your own makeup bag. Cost is \$40, and includes a complimentary makeup brush set, eyeshadow palette and signature mocktail.

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. Visit www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center for more information and a list of regular weekly and monthly activities, including games, quilting, Bible study and more.

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 10:30 a.m. the day before. Meals are free; a \$3 donation is requested. A Form 5 document must be completed before registering for lunch; stop by the senior center to complete and submit the form.

Monthly and Special Events: Wonderfully Wicked Women's Group (WWW): First and third Mondays at 10 a.m. in the East Hampton Library Community Room. This is a low-key opportunity to meet others and share resources, with the theme of Sisterhood.

Mighty Magnificent Men's Group: Meets every second and fourth Monday at 10:30 a.m. All men are invited for a social hour of facts, activities, and snacks.

Trailblazers Senior Walking Group – Monday, August 25 at 9 a.m. Step into wellness with the Trailblazers Senior Center Walking Club! Whether you're a leisurely stroller or a brisk walker, all pace levels are welcome. Contact the Senior Center for information.

Café Conversations with the Coordinator - Tuesday, August 26 at 12:15 p.m. Meet with Senior Center Director Holly Marrero to share ideas and provide feedback.

Advanced Beginner Pickleball Classes – Wednesdays, August 27 through September 17th, 10:15 a.m. at the Sears Park Pickleball Courts. This 4-week program is designed for those who understand the fundamentals of pickleball and includes tips on more advanced techniques and strategies. Cost is \$65 for the session. Please sign up at the Senior Center.

Bike Rides for Seniors – Friday, August 29, at 10 a.m. with Kim Clouser from Airline Cycles featuring a ride at 506 Church Street, Amston. Bring your bike, a drink and sun block/bug spray. Please call to register 860-267-4426.

Friday Film & Fun – Friday, August 29 at 1 p.m. This is a free afternoon of popcorn and a movie with a little trivia time provided by the Senior Center coordinator. The movie *Nonnas will be shown*. Features actors Vince Vaughn and Susan Sarandon.

Art with KaReN – Sunday, August 31 at 2 p.m. Paint something beautiful with this fun art group. Cost is \$5 for supplies. Please register in advance.

Nature is Everywhere – Tuesday, September 2 at 10:30 a.m. Naturalist Lynn Kochiss will give a presentation on the importance of leaves for insects. Please sign up in advance.

Trips: Leaves for Insects Ramble: Wednesday, September 3, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – departing the Senior Center at 9:15 a.m. Naturalist Lynn Kochiss will lead an easy paced 2-mile walk, with a stop at the Highlawn Forest for a talk about the importance of leaves for insects. The trail is relatively flat with some inclines. Dress for weather and possible wet trail. Bring binoculars if you have them. Extreme weather cancels. \$4 Bus donation suggested. Please register at the Senior Center.

East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton

WPCA Holds Info Session on Sewer Project

By Margaret O’Callaghan
The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held an information session last Wednesday, Aug. 13, where residents once again expressed strong opposition to the proposed sewer project.

At its meeting the night before, the Town Council voted to have the town manager send a letter to the WPCA indicating it was not in favor of the sewer expansion.

Much of the public comment at that evening’s Town Council meeting was also focused on the sewer project, with multiple residents expressing concern with what they perceived to be a lack of information associated with the project, as well as its price tag and who ultimately will benefit from it.

The information session began at 6 p.m. the following evening. A large concern voiced by townspeople was “Who is paying for this?” Via a PowerPoint presentation, the question was answered (from the original project funding plan): 90% grant, meaning 80% is paid for by the federal government and 10% is paid for by the CT State government, and the other non-grant 10% is paid for by local funding, meaning those being affected.

One woman who commented on the lack of information alleged that vital information had been left out from public letters, and added that one time appears as a mistake, but redacting information twice makes the WPCA look bad. Whether it was their intention to be strategic about that or not, she claimed that it was not a

good look for the organization. Frequent commenter Mike Rovillo asked the WPCA members to show empathy to the citizens – this expansion is not a small project. It can negatively impact individuals and families living in the area very easily, the cost is steep and the timing is too sudden. He pleaded to the authority, “We’ve got to move on.”

An audience-wide outburst asked for those involved in the project to either end the proposal or prove that it’s fair, needed, and beneficial to all. However, the follow-up did explain that mandatory sewer hookups for systems in close proximity to the main road would be needed, meaning more money would be taken from those in the area.

Tim Johnson, who had his sewer redone in July 2022, claimed the cost estimates for the project “are grossly, grossly inflated.”

One resident also wondered aloud why the town government seems to repeatedly cater to a specific developer in town – Wayne Rand to be precise. The expansion was needed in order to build new affordable housing near the streets that were projected to be involved in the sewer expansion.

From this comment, the town’s public utilities administrator, Anthony DeSimone, agreed that with the new POCD coming up, the tie between developers and government officials be rewritten in the town charter.

Youth Bowling Registration Open

Ray’s Rebels Youth Bowling League invites kids from East Hampton and all *Rivereast* towns to join the league.

Sign up before the league fills up. Registration forms can be found at Kickback ‘N Bowl or email RaysRebelsBowling@yahoo.com for a form to be sent to you.

Free Home Energy Audits Available

All this month, East Hampton residents can receive free Home Energy Solutions Energy Audits.

According to the East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force, the Home Energy Solutions program supports cost-saving measures for residents (homeowners, tenants and landlords) by improving energy efficiency within the home. Residents who participate usually receive many hundreds of dollars in energy-saving measures, the task force said.

After Aug. 31, the fee for a Home Energy Solutions Energy Audit will revert to \$75.

Schedule an assessment by visiting HeatSmartCT.org/East Hampton, or calling 877-878-3006 (be sure to mention “HeatSmart”).



This image shows the areas that would be affected by the much-criticized proposed sewer expansion.

The conclusion to this project has not been officially completed as there will likely be battles between developers, future proposals, and environmental concerns, but for now, with the backing of the Town Council, it seems residents will be able to rest easy for a while.

Quilt Project to Benefit the Food Bank

The East Hampton Quilt Project is selling raffle tickets for a 62” x 62” quilt, created by local women. Proceeds benefit the benefit of the East Hampton Food Bank.

The quilt depicts 12 sites in East Hampton, including The Air Line Trail, The Bevin House, Bevin Bros. Manufacturing, Hurd Park, Congregational Church, Pumpkintown at Paul’s and Sandy’s Too, Lake Pocotopaug, Comstock Bridge, Old Bank building, Pine Brook Preserve, Library/Community Center,

and EH Draft Horse Rescue. The group is selling raffle tickets for \$10 each or 3/\$25 (cash only). Tickets are available at Paul’s and Sandy’s in the main building, East Hampton Public Library, Old Bank, and The Hairtage. For continuous updated information on when and where tickets will be sold, visit sites.google.com/view/easthamptonquiltproject/home. The drawing will be on Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Food Bank.

Bingo at VFW Post

All are invited to bingo every Thursday at VFW Cobra Post 5095, located at 20 North Maple St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and games start at 6:30 p.m. There are cash prizes.

Pre-order a fresh homemade sandwich to eat or a drink in the bar to be served during intermission.

Senior Mixed Golf League

Seniors in all of the *Rivereast* towns are invited to join the Belltown Fall Senior Mixed Golf League, which starts Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 9:30 a.m., at Portland West Golf Course.

All skill levels are welcome to join. Contact Jack Anderson for more information at 860-882-3752 or jackande52@aol.com.

58th Class Reunion Coming

All 1967 Bellringers are reminded to save the date for the 58th class reunion coming up Sunday, Sept. 21, from 1-5 p.m., at The Dublin, 42 East High St. Order off the menu, paying as you go.

For reservations, call Helen at 860-918-2332, Rita at 860-798-1092 or Geri at 860-682-2067.

Athletic Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations

The East Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame Association (EHAHOFA) is accepting nominations through Sept. 7. If you know of a worthy candidate – which could be an athlete, coach, team or contributor -- email seidlt@sbcglobal.net for a nomination packet or go to the Hall of Fame website, ehahof.wixsite.com/bellringer for more information.

The induction ceremony will be Friday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m., at Blackledge Country Club.

Also, the EHAHOFA’s membership and committee are very small, and new members are sought, preferably those that have a knowledge of history of sports in East Hampton. Email seidlt@sbcglobal.net if interested.

VFW Big Bucks Bingo

VFW Post 5095 will hold Big Bucks Bingo on Sunday, Aug. 24. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and play begins promptly at 1 p.m., at VFW Post 5095, 20 North Maple St.

For \$100, attendees go all-in with a full suite of bingo cards. There will be no limits, and “serious cash prizes,” the VFW said. A light lunch will be available.

Seating is limited. Tickets are available during the normal weekly bingo game at the Post on Thursday nights, during the intermission.

Email post5095bingo@gmail.com with any questions.

Class of ‘10 Reunion

The East Hampton High School Class of 2010 is planning its 15th reunion.

Share your availability at tinyurl.com/4yue98x.

Call to Artists

The East Hampton Art Association will have its 45th annual Art Show Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Congregational Church of East Hampton, 59 Main St.

If you would like to display your work, please contact ehaact@gmail.com for the details and registration form (which must be mailed back along with the entry fee and received by Aug. 29).

For more information, find the association on Facebook or look online at easthamptoncantartsassociation.org. Registration forms are also available at East Hampton Public Library, or call Geri at 860-682-2067 or Rita at 860-798-1092.

Wood Pellets
&
Bio Bricks
NOW IN STOCK!

Ready for
Pick-Up or Delivery

CALL TODAY!

East Hampton
ACE Hardware
Route 66, East Hampton
(860) 267-7943
OPEN: Mon-Wed 8-6;
Thurs & Fri 8-7; Sat 8-6; Sun 9-5

Portland Home
& Hardware
724 Portland Cobalt Rd.
Route 66, Portland
(860) 342-4847
OPEN: Mon-Fri 8-6;
Sat 8-5; Sun 9-2

STARR AUTO

INC.

Collision & Auto Body Repair

3 Generations of Service in East Hampton

We work directly with your insurance company.
Call owner Victor Biondi for a free estimate or more info.

860-267-4225 OR 860-808-9191

2 Starr Place, East Hampton, CT



EAST HAMPTON
FAMILY DENTAL

Family Friendly Dentist for Adults & Kids
Gentle, Convenient & Affordable



Meet Our Dentist:
Dr. Vijaya Canakala

- Personalized Dental Care
- Implants, Porcelain Crowns & Bridges, White Fillings
- Cosmetic Dentistry, Teeth Whitening, Extractions, Dentures
- Modern Technology (Digital X-rays, Intraoral Cameras)
- Preventive & Conservative Treatment
- Open Evenings for Convenience
- Emergency Same Day Appointments
- Flexible Payment Options

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!
Schedule your appointment at: **860-267-9904**

41 West High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424
www.EastHamptonFamilyDental.com

East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton • East Hampton

East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St, has announced the following. For full program descriptions or to register for a program, call 860-267-6621 or visit easthamptonpubliclibrary.org.

Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Adult Programs: Meet the Authors of *Saved: Equine Rescues of Connecticut*: Tuesday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m. Photographer Sarah Grote and author Andrea Steele will bring awareness to how equines come to be at risk and introduce you to the Connecticut people who work to rebuild the lives of these animals. Learn specific ways to stop neglect and abuse.

Cookbook Club: Tuesday, Sept. 2, 6:30 p.m. This month's theme is Sweet n' Sour. Bring a prepared dish, 12 copies of the recipe to share, and come hungry. Food should arrive ready to eat; the library will provide the plates and forks. Register or drop in.

Tech Help: Thursday, Sept. 4, 2-4 p.m. Basic

technology help for phones, laptops, tablets, and e-readers. No registration require; just bring your device with you.

Teen Programs: Magic: The Gathering (Grades 7-12): Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1-3 p.m. Whether you already know how to play the card game or want to learn, come together and play with people of all skill levels. Bring your own decks or use one of the library's.

Children's Programs: Lego at the Library: Grades K-3: Tuesday, Sept. 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Bring your creativity and build with Lego.

Cartooning Workshops with Jason Deeble: Tuesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Author, educator and graphic artist Jason Deeble will help kids level up their drawing skills, build unforgettable characters, and create dynamic plots. Kids are encouraged to attend all three sessions to get the most out of the program, but it's okay if they can't make it to every session. Sponsored by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County and Connecticut Humanities.



Dart Tourney... Fowler-Dix-Park VFW Auxiliary 5095 recently held a Dart Tournament Fundraiser to benefit the Auxiliary's Veteran Relief Fund. A good time was had by all! Pictured from left are Jesse Bracken, Alex Prince, Jason Prince, Kelly Ezold, Robert Prince, Taylor Prince and Chris Ezold.

Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover



Among the many new initiatives on tap for Hebron Public Schools this year is a new “mud kitchen” that is being implemented at Gilead Hill School, to encourage imagination and social interaction for children in preschool through second grade.

★ Hebron Schoolst, cont. from page 1

our staffing to meet that demand is really important.”

A new business manager was also recently hired. Cindy Hughson spent nine years as an executive assistant to a superintendent before moving into the world of finance where she spent nearly four years as East Haddam Public Schools’ school business manager.

“We feel very fortunate because that position is difficult to fill,” Baird said. “To be able to hire an experienced business manager ... we feel really lucky.”

Under this position, Hughson will oversee all of Hebron Public Schools’ finances, such as grants, spending, creating financial forecasts, budgeting, payroll and accounts receivable, transportation and food service. “If the school is spending money or getting money, she’s on top of it,” he stated.

Baird explained that over the summer a large portion of time was focused on facilities. “Our families certainly know that our facilities are in need of some improvement,” he said. So, to that end, a partial roof replacement is nearly completed at Hebron Elementary School as well as repairs on their playgrounds.

At Gilead Hill School, a new outdoor play-based learning space is in the works – something for which kids should be especially excited. What will essentially be a mud kitchen is being installed in a previously unused courtyard area to ensure better use of space and to create more nature-based activities for kids.

“It’s where kids can really work on their social interactions with each other,” Baird clarified. “Kids need more experiences where they’re interacting with less direction.”

Focused on allowing children to take the initiative in the activities they engage in with one another, mud kitchens foster creativity, sensory exploration and problem-solving skills whilst promoting a sense of appreciation for nature. Visualize a blank canvas for imaginative play where kids take charge, and the adult staff will intervene only when necessary. Other infrastructure additions include a new playground, both of which will be completed by the start of

the new year.

“There is multimillion dollars’ worth of work that needs to be done in both schools,” Baird said, addressing current challenges.

Come autumn, the school will be conducting a study in collaboration with the town to ascertain what the cost would be to bring the schools up to code, as well as whether or not they need to repair, renovate or build a new campus for the school system.

“We’re really cramped for space,” he stated. “So that’s going to be a study we’re doing ... so we can then begin to make smart, long-term plans for the school infrastructure.”

He said Gilead Hill’s preschool program is officially maxed out as 17 new preschoolers will enroll this year, and their half-day program is moving from four days a week to five. “The long-term projection is that we will continue to steadily grow,” said Baird.

Baird, who is now approaching his sixth school year as Hebron Public Schools’ superintendent, enjoys working alongside the town. “Our community is really supportive; our families are very supportive. ... The schools are well-run, and we have a good level of resources for our kids. Our kids have the support that they need in our schools.”

Due to a recently conducted climate survey, Baird happily admitted that parents have reported to be extremely proud to send their kids to Hebron Public Schools.

Next Tuesday, Aug. 26, Hebron Public Schools will hold a meet-and-greet activity. Both schools, Gilead Hill and Hebron Elementary, will open their doors in the morning for families to visit in order to acclimate and prepare for the new school year. A bus will also be available for children to ride with their families if any are nervous about taking transportation to and from school. “Anything we can do to make the first day go as easy as possible,” Baird offered.

As teachers settle in and hallways fill with the never-ending chatter of youth, Baird hopes for a smooth opening and another engaging year at Hebron Public Schools.

Faith Formation Registration for 2025-26

The St. John Paul II Parish, the churches of St. Patrick in East Hampton and St. Bridget of Kildare in Moodus, has opened registration for classes beginning in September.

All registrations must be received by Sept. 4. The registration form is available in the Faith Formation Building, in both churches and on the Faith Formation website, www.sspatrickandbridgetchc.org; it can be downloaded, completed and returned to the Faith Formation Office either in person or through email or snail mail.

Fees for the grade 1-7 program are \$50 per child with a \$100 family cap; fees for the eighth grade and confirmation preparation program are \$100, all-inclusive with a one-time registration.

All classes will be held in the Faith Formation Building and Marian Hall at St. Bridget Church on Sunday mornings twice per month. Classes will take place 10-11:30 a.m., dismissing in time to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

To participate, families need to be registered with the St. John Paul II Parish and children entering a sacrament preparation year must have completed the year of faith formation classes the prior year. Also, for any first-time registrations, a baptismal certificate is required.

For more information, call the Faith Formation Office at 860-267-6644 or email Dani Anino at sjp2dre@gmail.com or Molly Bickford at sjp2ym@gmail.com.

‘Driving for Drafts’ to Return

The 11th annual “Driving for Drafts” Duke Memorial Charity Golf Tournament, to benefit the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue, will take place Saturday, Sept. 13, at Portland Golf Course, 169 Bartlett St., Portland.

Shotgun start is at 1 p.m., with check-in beginning at noon. Enjoy a grilled lunch and a buffet dinner along with raffles and prizes. Cost is \$150 per person. Sponsorships are also available, including an “In Memoriam” sponsorship to honor a loved one or a pet.

Registration closes Sept. 6. To sign up as a participant or become a sponsor, forms are available at www.ctdraftrescue.org/2025-golf-registration-and-sponsorship, or send an email to cdhr.golf@gmail.com.

EHHS Class of ‘75 Reunion

The East Hampton High School Class of 1975 will hold its 50th Reunion Saturday, Aug. 23, at 5:30 p.m., at Campagna Restaurant, 151 Marlborough Rd.

The cost is \$40 per person and can be paid by venmo@Sandra-Ross-195, or checks can be sent to Sandra Ross, 131 Deer Run Drive, Colchester, CT 06415.

Book Talk at Library

A book talk with Megan Desrosiers will be held at Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Road, Middle Haddam, on Friday, Aug. 22, at 5 p.m.

Desrosiers will discuss her book *Gardens of the Underworld*, featuring her artwork and poetry based on poisonous plants. Her artwork is currently on display through most of September during library hours.

Call 860-267-9093 for more information.

Congregational Church News & Notes

East Hampton Congregational Church is located at 59 Main St. Sunday services are at 10 a.m. The Rev. Robin Blundon is the interim minister. Sunday School is provided for children and coffee hour is directly after service for fellowship.

For more information about the church and its activities, visit cc-eh.org or call the church office at 860-267-4959. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

EHAA Scholarship

The East Hampton Ambulance Association is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an undergrad student who has completed one year of studies in a health/medical program. You must be a resident of East Hampton or Haddam Neck.

Application deadline is Aug. 31. For more information and an application please go to ehems.org.

Art Show Coming

The East Hampton Art Association is sponsoring a Peachy Keen Art Show on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of East Hampton, 59 Main St.

There will be art to view and purchase, and also peach shortcake for sale for \$10 per serving – including a raffle ticket for a free artist’s picture – and bottled water for \$1.

The show is rain or shine. Admission is free.

Sunday School Kicking Off

East Hampton Congregational Church at 59 Main St. is kicking off Sunday School starting Sept. 7. Children will experience part of worship service then go to classroom with dedicated experienced teachers waiting to share their faith, crafts, snacks and more. All families are invited to this friendly church.

Who Let the Ducks Out!: In the next month, the church will have rubber ducks around East Hampton with attached notes to them for others to enjoy. The church will then post a photo of their location as a hint for anyone to find. The ducks come in various colors and designs. Take pictures and share where and when you found a duck and your plans for that duck.

Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story • Cover Story

★ *Still Shooting Hoops, cont. from page 1*

took home a fourth-place ribbon.

Along with the memorable moments on the court, Passarello noted that there are just as many off of it when they travel for the games.

“We get a lot of people coming up to us saying ‘You really inspired me,’” she noted. “But I think that if something is your passion and love, don’t look at the number of years and just enjoy where you are at in that moment in time.”

But she also remembers a time when women’s basketball wasn’t played on a national stage.

She grew up in Norwich and first started playing organized basketball for the Academy of the Holy Family, an all-girls school in Baltic (CT).

“I’ve always loved basketball, but I come from a period of time when there were no college teams, and no mentors, and no camps,” said Passarello, who is one of Caitlin Clark’s biggest fans and wears No. 33 in honor of Larry Bird.

After a hiatus from the game, Passarello picked up a basketball again in her 50s and decided to start hooping again with a group in New Britain where the seedlings for the High Fives were planted.



Hebron resident Paula Passarello, shown in the photo at left, helped lead the CT High Fives to a bronze medal at the 2025 National Senior Games this summer. During the CT High Fives latest trip to the summer games, a documentary team led by Jenny Schweitzer Bell filmed and interviewed the team throughout the entire process. The team is pictured at right with the documentary crew in Iowa.

The team has endured injuries on the court and heartaches off the court, yet Passarello noted it has all been part of the journey.

“We’ve been through a lot of sadness and a lot of joy, and that is why everyone has been so supportive of one another,” she added.

Passarello has also endured her fair share of bumps and bruises on the court as well, including a concussion and bloody noses, yet note “that’s part of the game.”

Throughout the years, the High Fives had had a total of nine head coaches, most recently Jane Grilley who has guided the team through the past three trips nationally.

One of the team’s previous coaches was Karissa Niehoff, who was formerly the executive director for the Connecticut Association of Schools-Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CAS-CIAC) before becoming the first female chief executive officer of the Nation-

al Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Whether or not the High Fives are gearing up for another run at the 2027 Senior Games in Tulsa, Okla. remains uncertain.

However, Passarello said that she will continue to practice and stay active with her other athletic interests of tennis, pickleball, and golf.

Ospuk said her mother’s will and competitiveness is something to marvel at, noting, “I wouldn’t want to be playing against her, that’s for sure.”

Passarello also hopes to spread the word about the Senior Games and is always in recruitment mode to find the next player for the High Fives.

Visit ctsrwomensbasketball.com to find out more about senior basketball in Connecticut.



THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD IS SPONSORED BY:



Buy or sell
with me...
Use my truck
for free!



4 Local Offices | 100+ Real Estate Agents | Invested in the Community



www.carlguild.com • (860) 474-3500



Regional • Regional • Regional • Regional • Regional • Regional • Regional

Mathnasium Helps Students Succeed, As School Starts

By Margaret O’Callaghan

It’s back-to-school season – and Mathnasium in Glastonbury is here to help students succeed!

Located at 63 Hebron Ave., the math tutoring center is ready to take on students grades K-12. Run by Glastonbury resident Beth Schlater, the learning center specializes in helping the individual student excel at their own personal math level.

She moved to town around the pandemic when she found her dream home, but decided she wanted to find work to keep herself busy. Schlater found the Glastonbury Mathnasium in need of business help. She explained she had big shoes to fill, as the previous owner was so beloved by those who attended the tutoring center.

Schlater was prepared for the challenge – at that point, she had been running small businesses for around ten years and has a background in finance. She took over in June 2022.

It took two years for the business to run smoothly under her guidance, but now that the center’s improved, Schlater is looking forward to expanding in the future. Most children who attend the Glastonbury Mathnasium are in grades 7-12, so she’s hoping to gain more traction with the younger crowd.

Schlater explained that some students are above or below their grade level in math and it’s important for instructors to recognize that. She compared learning mathematics to building a brick wall, “you can’t have a weak foundation if you want a strong wall!”

The Glastonbury Mathnasium doesn’t hire just anyone who knows how to add and subtract – the hiring process is rather rigorous. Those who apply must first pass a very difficult exam to showcase their skills, then must take training courses to see if they’re not only a fit for the tutoring center but to work with children. Patience and a cheerful attitude are important for instructors at the location since they never want to tell a student that they’re “wrong.” Instead, they hint towards the student that they may want to check over their work or find a mistake for themselves.

Schlater takes pride in her employees, “I have great instructors!” The highly individualized program creates a non-judgmental environment for students who are looking to stabilize their understanding of math – whether they’re

struggling or simply want to improve their skills. The ultimate goal for instructors, according to Schlater, is to “find what’s missing” and build on up from there.

Instructors and students can take anything up to Calculus II, a testament to the instructors’ collective love for math. To share their love and help students learn math is something Schlater looks for when picking an instructor.

For those looking into joining the Mathnasium family, do not worry about pesky online work. Beth Schlater wanted to prioritize accessibility for parents and students – she understands that the internet might not be easy for all. So for now, Mathnasium is keeping most things on paper. Schlater was worried that using online tools may strike a nerve with parents who had to help their students access school through the computer during the pandemic – those times were stressful.

Schlater not only wants to make things easy for those who do not want to use the internet, but also for the town as well. She explained that when she’s asked by Glastonbury’s PTA for advertising to help the school, she will always do it. Not only is it great outreach for the business, but it also helps the organization. She remarked, “I was a PTA mom!” Schlater knew that gathering businesses for help was always a bit difficult and if she could do anything to make the board’s life easier, she would.

With the team’s love for math and Schlater’s love for business and the community, Glastonbury Mathnasium is sure to thrive and become a staple for the town’s ever-growing community of small businesses.

Belltown Tennis Played 3x Weekly

The East Hampton Parks and Recreation tennis program for adults is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-10 a.m., at the Sears Park courts. Players from all *Rivereast* towns are welcome.

This mixed-doubles program is free, requires no partners and is open to all levels of adult play, except beginner.

Pre-registration is not required; just show up. For more information, call or text Natalie Hurt at 860-227-8538.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 No longer working

5 Authoritative order

10 Chevron rival

14 Earring holder

15 Turkish bigwig

16 Can't do without

17 High point

18 Imprudent

20 Handlebars, et al.

22 Not quite right

23 Kind of whale

24 Gradual absorption

26 Where Pearl City is

28 Pure

31 Ali Baba's cry

36 Pipe thread type

37 Go a few rounds

38 Popeye and Bluto

40 Persona ____ grata

41 Just makes, with "out"

43 Rejected

45 Wisconsin observatory

47 "Hello" or "Goodbye"

48 "Little Fires Everywhere" author Ng

51 Lent a hand

55 Spooks

57 Type of gland

59 Backsides

61 Land division

62 On the safe side

63 Pool problem

64 Norse thunder god

65 Texter's "I didn't have time for it"

66 Airplane wing parts

67 Canal zones?

DOWN

1 Bad-mouths

2 Supercharge

3 More than plump

4 Cessna's company

5 Heroic poem

6 Nova Scotia university

7 British ____

8 Deep cleft

9 Little bit

10 Shaman's doctrine

11 Word after heat, fire or water

12 Mediocre grades

13 Bettor's concern

19 Arrangement holder

21 Pile up

25 Cook too long

27 Final transport

29 Cream additive

30 Give temporarily

31 Comply with

32 Finger jab

33 Worked out

34 European peak

35 Danger for Stuart Little

39 Biblical mount

42 Summer pest, slangily

44 Rile up

46 Otherwise

49 Divulge

50 Gene Autry's Texas birthplace

52 Russian retreat

53 Typo

54 Batik artisans

55 Petty quarrel

56 Campaign event

58 Exploits

60 UK fliers, briefly

Copyright 2025 by The Puzzle Syndicate

Answers to Previous Crossword:

S	P	O	T		B	A	T	H	E		H	I	G
A	L	M	A		A	L	O	U	D		A	S	I
R	U	N	S		P	L	A	G	I	A	R	I	S
I	M	I	T	A	T	E	D		B	L	A	S	T
				P	E	N	I	N	S	U	L	A	S
F	R	O	S	T	S			P	E	R	S	I	S
L	O	T		S	T	R	A	P		M	E	N	L
A	V	E	R		S	O	R	E	S		S	C	A
R	E	N	E		S	T	R	U	T		E	V	E
E	S	T	A	T	E	S		P	I	N	N	E	D
				C	H	R	I	S	T	E	N	E	D
T	E	S	T	E	R		P	H	R	A	S	I	N
I	D	E	O	L	O	G	I	E	S		T	A	I
D	E	E	R		R	I	N	S	E		E	R	N
E	N	D	S		S	L	E	E	T		R	Y	A

Obituaries

Salem

Paul J. Westermeyer Sr.

Paul J. Westermeyer Sr. passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, July 25. Born in Meriden on April 11, 1938, Paul eventually moved to Colchester and made it his home for over 30 years, where he and his wife Lorraine raised their loving family.



A devoted family man, Paul was also an entrepreneur and “car guy.” He owned and operated multiple successful small businesses in town, including used car sales, auto rentals, power equipment sales and others. He was an active and proud member of the Colchester community, serving on the CBA and other local boards and commissions. He remained in the automotive business until 2023, as a sales associate with local area car dealerships, most recently Secor Subaru.

Paul was predeceased by his son, Paul Jay Westermeyer Jr. He is survived by his loving wife, Lorraine (Skut), his son Brian, son Jeffrey and daughter-in-law Sarah, and his beloved grandchildren Jacob and Grace.

In keeping with Paul’s wishes, all services will be private.

Colchester

Terence P. Dominick Sr.

Terence P. Dominick Sr., 62, of Colchester, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, after a short battle with glioblastoma brain cancer.



Born March 27, 1963, he was the son of the late Henry and Victoria Dominick. Terence was a 1981 graduate of Saint Bernard High School in Uncasville. He went on to the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service in New York City and graduated in the fall of 1982. After taking the National Board Certification of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, he served his apprenticeship with Belmont Funeral Home in Colchester and received his funeral director’s license in 1985. In 1982, he applied to the state of Connecticut and received his Connecticut license to sell and manufacturer monuments. In 1984 he began the laborious task of opening and closing graves with his two good friends, Ed and Mike Bakja of Lebanon.

After numerous years, he asked the love of his life, the person he would remain loyal to till the end, Virginia Lee Falbowski to take his hand in marriage. She did and gave him Terence Jr., Henry C. and Joseph S. to carry on his name. Three good boys.

Terence was a member of the St Joseph Polish Society, the Colchester Fish and Game Club for 50 years, and The Knights of Columbus Cardinal Spellman Council 6107.

Terence is survived by his wife Ginni and children, Terence P. and Katherine Dominick of Manchester, and Henry and Becky Dominick and Joseph and Isabelle Dominick, both of Colchester.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Aug. 23, at noon, at Saint Andrew Roman Catholic Church, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester. Interment will follow in the Old Saint Andrew Cemetery in Colchester. There are no calling hours.

East Hampton

Robert Charles Richter IV

Robert “Bobby” Charles Richter IV was born May 30, 1992, and passed away in an accidental drowning on Sunday, July 27. He left the world the way he lived his life...on the water.



Growing up on Great Pond in Belgrade, Maine, Bobby started fishing at age three with his Snoopy fishing pole. He soon moved on to canoes and small boats – then to his prized Polar center console boat.

He graduated high school in three years because sitting in a classroom was not for him. He immediately went to work repairing cars and boats at Belgrade repair shops. He also did logging and lawn care with close friends and helped his mom and dad at the family’s Belgrade Lakes Four Season Cottages.

But his passion was always the outdoors – whether he was open water fishing, ice fishing or hunting in Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, or Massachusetts. He started selling worms and tackle to the cottage when he was six.

Bobby shot a Maine moose when he was 11 and many deer, partridges and turkeys followed. He was one of the youngest people in the state to become a Registered Maine Guide at the young age of 18. Because he knew instinctively where the fish were, he soon became sought after by vacationers around the lake in search of bass and northern pike. He could find them!

In the fall, he and his father, went on an annual deer hunt at the cabin in the Berkshires with the hunting crew. In the Summer, he honed his salt water fishing and clamming skills with his RI friends, who became his extended family. “Fishcation” was a much-anticipated event with buddies in Matunuck and Snug Harbor.

Bobby moved to the southeast coast of Florida in 2019 where he earned his Captain’s license and his career was born.

He fished the Indian River, Sebastian Inlet as well as offshore and the Bahamas. He started “Polar Express Charters,” taking anglers out for a great catch. He also fished and maintained the “Chasseur” with one of his closest friend and mentors from Vero. In the early Spring he would captain the 45-foot “Riser” to the Bahamas and enjoyed time spent there with its owner, a dear friend.

He never stopped doing boat work, marine electronics, boat sales or selling tackle for StrikeZone Fishing where the crew and owners were like family. He had many close friends in the area who were also family to him.

Bobby was a very likable, smart, hardworking young man whose accomplishments and friendships left an indelible mark. Always smiling, always barefoot and brightening every space he entered.

He often said he wasn’t going to get married and have kids. He just wanted to fish, make a good living and spend time with his friends & family. He accomplished all of that and more.

He leaves behind his best friend; his father, Robert “Bob” Charles Richter III (who he called every day) and his partner Betsy Ceriello; his mother, Laura Engel Richter; his sister, Avery M. French and her husband, Joseph D. French; his nephew, Horace G. French and their fluffy dog Pearl; his grandmother, Annie M. Richter; and his grandfather Peter Engel. In addition, he leaves many cousins, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends up and down the eastern seaboard.

He was predeceased by his grandfather, Robert C. Richter Jr.; his “Mema,” Patricia Engel; his uncle, Thomas Engel; and his dog, Lily.

We will remember Bobby on Saturday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m., at the Westchester Congrega-

tional Church, 98 Cemetery Rd, Colchester, CT 06415, followed by a reception in his PaPa’s yard on 5 Markham Rd. in East Hampton.

Please come as Bobby would off the boat: sunglasses, t-shirt & flip flops, no ties necessary. To commemorate Bobby, donations may be made to Junior Marine Guides, juniormaine-guides.org/donations.

A Reef will be donated in his name through the Indian River County Artificial Reef Program, details TBD for donations.

https://indianriver.gov/services/public_works/coastal_engineering/artificial_reef_program.php

Online condolences may be shared at www.seawindfh.com.

Marlborough

Nancy Giulietti

Nancy Marie Guzie Giulietti of Marlborough passed away Tuesday, Aug. 5, peacefully, surrounded by her soulmate Dave and their cherished son Nathan, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.



Nancy was born in Torrington Oct. 10, 1954, and lived there through her high school years. Early in Nancy’s career, she worked as a fixed income broker. Most recently, she truly enjoyed running a successful eBay business.

Nancy and Dave’s amazing and inspiring story began with a chance meeting through Nancy’s dear friend Karen Coughlin at the ‘Gold Building’ in Hartford. This was just the start of an incredible journey that was formalized when Nancy married the love of her life on Sept. 24, 1988. A beautiful ceremony and reception were shared with their closest family and friends

The love story would grow with the birth of Nathan in July 1992. Nancy reduced her time in the workforce to dedicate her days to raising Nathan. Those years were a source of great joy for her as she and Nathan formed a strong lifetime bond (that was never more evident than throughout her illness).

Nancy enjoyed traveling, especially to her favorite Caribbean beach resorts and the beautiful coast of Maine. One of her favorite things to do was spend a relaxing day with her husband at Hammonasset Beach. Nancy was an avid snow skier enjoying the mountains of Vermont.

Nancy and Dave enjoyed many musical adventures together. Whether it was a show and a few nights at Mohegan Sun or just an evening at home watching classic and epic concerts while enjoying a cocktail or two.

In addition to her legacy as being a phenomenal spouse and mother, Nancy will be remembered for her compassion, humor, and infectious laugh. She was a very sweet, patient woman who would enjoy a good laugh (mostly due to the antics of her husband).

Nancy admirably relished spending time with her niece and nephew, Erin and Bryan Grenier.

Friends and family are invited to gather at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Ave., Glastonbury, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10. A celebration of Nancy’s extraordinary life will take place in the funeral home at 11 a.m. This will be followed by a reception at Glastonbury Hills Country Club, 239 Country Club Road, South Glastonbury.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Nancy’s favorite charity, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, at www.stjudes.org/donate or by mail to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

For more information, or to share a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com.

Amston

Ralph Kelvin Holda

Ralph Kelvin Holda, of Amston, passed away at his home Sunday, Aug. 17, at the age of 66.



Born June 13, 1959, in Hartford, Ralph was the beloved son of Victor and Helen Holda. After graduating high school, he pursued his passion for craftsmanship by establishing his own masonry business, which he operated with pride and dedication for over 35 years.

In 1986, Ralph married the love of his life, Tamra, and together they built a home in Amston, where they raised their two sons.

Outside of work, Ralph enjoyed a long career playing rugby with the Hartford Wanderers, he enjoyed boating fast on Long Island Sound and had a lifelong love of music – especially drumming. In his younger years, he performed with several local bands.

Ralph will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his devoted wife, Tamra; his mother, Helen of Rocky Hill; his son, Otto and his wife Nichole, and their daughter Lily of Wilmington, Mass.; his son, Kelvin of Amston; as well as his siblings, Gary Holda and Susan Sharpley.

He was predeceased by his father, Victor, and his brother, Alan Holda.

A Catholic Mass will be held at St. Joseph Church in Willimantic at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ralph’s memory may be made to Kelvin’s work program at HorizonsCT.org.

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences and to share a story of Ralph for his family, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Lebanon

Peter DeCaprio Sr.

Peter Anthony DeCaprio Sr., of Lebanon, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 12, after a brief illness. Peter was born June 29, 1932, in East Haven, the son of the late Antonio and Assunta (Losio) DeCaprio.



He had a long career in banking, working as a loan officer and in managerial positions at two banks in the New Haven area. After relocating from Connecticut to Palm Beach, Fla., he spent the last 19 years of his career at First Choice Credit Union, retiring from there. In 2008, Peter and his wife moved back to Connecticut to live with his son in Lebanon.

Alongside his professional life, Peter served in the United States Army. He was called to active duty during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Germany. Following active duty, he continued to serve in the Connecticut National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring as a Sergeant Major (E-9) in June 1992 after completing 43 years of military service. Throughout his military career, Peter received numerous awards and decorations, including the 20-Year Service Medal from the State of Connecticut, the Germany Occupation Medal, the European Theater Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and many others.

Peter was predeceased by his beloved wife of 57 years, Rita Teresa DeCaprio, whom he has sorely missed for the past 15 years, and by his son, Peter A. DeCaprio Jr. He is survived by his 105-year-old sister, Josephine Farricelli of Branford. He is also survived by his son, Mark P. DeCaprio and his wife Cathryn of Lebanon, and his youngest son, Matthew F. DeCaprio and his wife Brenda of Ellenboro, N.C. He leaves behind nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Peter was also predeceased by his brothers: John DeCaprio, Modestino (Albert) DeCaprio, Louis DeCaprio, Phillip DeCaprio, Pasquale DeCaprio, Nicholas DeCaprio and Adolf DeCaprio; and by his sisters: Raffaella DeCaprio, Laura (DeCaprio) Esposito and Theresa Guglielmi.

Peter’s family will receive guests at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, on Thursday, Aug. 28, from 5-7 p.m. Military honors will be rendered during the visitation hours. At the conclusion of visitation, friends and family are invited to a time of special music and sharing from 7-7:45 p.m. A private burial will follow at Saint Lawrence Cemetery in New Haven.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Tri-County Memorials

Monuments • Markers • Mausoleums



10% OFF

any monument

(in stock) w/ this ad, must present ad at point of sale, not valid w/ any other offer. Certain sizes on certain products. Expires 8/31/25.

Stone & Bronze Memorials
Cemetery Lettering • Pet Markers
Duplicate Work • Designing

Pre-Need Financing Available*
Title 19 Specialist
Manufacturer's Perpetual Warranties*
Vandalism Insurance


MANY NEW COLORS IN STOCK!

402 West Main Street, Norwich, CT
860-886-6200

231 Boston Post Road, Waterford, CT
860-443-8744

366 Windham Road, Willimantic, CT
860-456-8658

www.TriCountyMemorials.com
tcmemorials@aol.com



The early stages of communication disorders are easier to spot when you know the signs.

IDENTIFY THE SIGNS

AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE HEARING ASSOCIATION

For info: IdentifyTheSigns.org

DOMINICK & SONS

MONUMENT WORKS, INC.

Monuments & Marker Sales & Service Since 1982

- Cleaning • Repairing
- Cemetery Lettering

215 Lebanon Ave., Colchester

located w/ Colchester Florist

860-537-3289

"A monument should cost no more than a family can afford."



Obituaries

Glastonbury

Thomas P. Kane

Thomas P. Kane, 82, of Glastonbury, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, Aug. 12. Born in Hartford, he was the youngest son of William and Margaret Kane.

Thomas attended St. Michael's College in Win-ooski, Vt., and the University of Connecticut School of Law. He began practicing law in Glastonbury at Katz and Sco-ville, PC and later opened Kane and Hartley, PC, with Richard H. Hartley III. He retired from practice in 2017, but stayed involved in his firm, Kane, Hartley & Kane, PC. He was a past president of the Glastonbury Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He coached soccer, baseball and was a member of more Glastonbury clubs, committees and associations than anyone can remember.

He was predeceased by the love of his life, his wife of 58 years, Dina, who he loved and missed every day, and his brother, William Kane. He is survived by (by age, not importance, because as anyone who knew him knows, his favorite child, daughter-in-law or grandchild was whichever one he was talking to at that time...) his son Thomas B. Kane and his wife Wendy of Colchester and their daughters, Hailynn and Gracyn Kane; his son Jeremy S. Kane and his wife Christine of Monroe and their sons Tyler and Owen Kane; and his brother Donald Kane, of West Hartford. He is also survived by Dina's cat, Ali, who disliked everyone but her, but who grew to tolerate some other people, Thomas included.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Aug. 20, at St. Dunstan Church, 1345 Manchester Rd., Glastonbury. Friends called Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospi-tal, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

Colchester

Elisabeth Abrams

Elisabeth "Liz" Abrams, RN, 89, of Colchester, passed away peacefully at home, on Tuesday, Aug. 12, surrounded by her daughters. Born in Malden, Mass., on June 24, 1936, she was the daughter of Rolph and Rose (Kirschner) Ruben.

She married the love of her life, William Abrams, on Sept. 1, 1956. The couple shared 67 years of a God-centered marriage, full of love, laughter and joy with their family, before he was promoted to Heaven on May 28, 2022.

Liz earned her RN from the 2nd graduating class of the accelerated Nursing Program at Mo-hegan Community College, Norwich, at age 40 and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from St. Joseph's College in Maine. She worked over three decades in health care, including Backus Hospital and Lawrence and Memorial Hospitals as a nurse and case manager. Nursing was a passion that never left her.

Liz was a nationally ranked Senior Athlete, winning numerous gold medals in the National Senior Games and placing 7th in the nation in table tennis in her age group.

She loved studying European history, especially WWII. She loved helping others – always with grace – and made time for anyone who had a need or came to her to share their heart. Whenever you were with her, she made you feel important. She was a joyous person who loved to laugh.

But her greatest passion was her Messianic faith and her family. She taught her family the importance of having a personal relationship with Yeshua, the Messiah. She taught her children by example the importance of love and respect for others.

Liz and Bill served together in churches, youth groups, and co-founded Youth Encounter Inc. (YEI) and the New Life Singers. She was a deacon and choir member at Grace Fellowship Church.

She will be greatly missed by her three daughters, Judy Abrams and Susan Abrams of Colchester and Rachel Olson of Taftville; grandchildren, Becky (Tim) Chamberlain, Benjamin Abrams, Matthew (Christina) Smigiel and Jordan (Mariah) Smigiel; and great-grandchildren,

Eliza, TJ, Emily and Sayde.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bill Abrams, USN Ret.; her parents; her brother, Stephen Ruben; sister, Lorelei Ruben; and grand-son, Daniel Smigiel.

The family is especially grateful for Liz's wonderful medical team during the last six months while on Hospice at home including Heaven's Hands caregivers, and the exemplary Hartford Healthcare Hospice Team of doctors, nurses, aides and volunteers.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, at 11:30 a.m., at Grace Fellowship Church, 102 Providence-New London Tpke. (Route 184), N. Stonington (www.gracefellowshippecf.org). The service will be livestreamed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Jews for Jesus (www.jewsforjesus.org), the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org), planting a tree in Israel in her memory (www.shiva.com/trees), or a donation to a non-profit of your choice.

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with the care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

R. Craig Nelson

R. Craig Nelson, 62, of East Hampton, formerly of Wethersfield, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 14, after a short and courageous battle with cancer.

Born March 11, 1963, Craig was the beloved son of the late Richard Craig Nelson Sr. and Gail Nelson. He grew up in Wethersfield, where he spent most of his life before moving to East Hampton in 2019. For over 30 years, Craig worked as a custodian in the Wethersfield School System, where his hard work and quiet dedication left a lasting impres-sion on everyone who knew him.

Craig was happiest when he was near the water. He loved the peace of ice fishing in the winter and the simple joy of living year-round on Lake Pocotopaug. The lake was more than just a view – it was his way of life. He loved the still mornings, the sparkle of the water on sunny days, and evenings spent watching the light fade over the shore. Being on the lake with his wife, Catherine (Cap), and their animals – dog Anna-belle and cats Samantha and Cheddar – brought him endless happiness.

Craig leaves behind his devoted wife of six years, Catherine (Cap) Egan, and his beloved animals. He is also survived by his sisters San-dra (and David) Onderdonk of Colchester and their children, and Lori Nelson Zak (and hus-band Piotr Zak) of East Hampton; his sister-in-law Linda Lannan of Woodbury and her children Morgan (and Peter) Kovach and Scott Lannan; and sister-in-law Vanessa Rourke of East Hampton and her daughter Ashley (and Travis) Wolf of Marlborough and their children Hunter and Greyson.

He cherished his bond with neighbor and dear friend Taylor Barthell. Craig loved Tay-lor like a son, and their friendship – filled with laughter, stories, and countless hours together – was one of the great joys of his life. Taylor's girl-friend, Holly, was also part of that special circle of lake memories Craig held so dear.

Craig was a member of the Wethersfield Game Club, a lover of the outdoors, and a man who appreciated the simple things – a calm day on the water with the love of his life. Craig also had a lifelong love for English Setters, a breed he proudly declared was "far superior" to all others, and he treasured the companionship and loyalty they brought into his life.

In keeping with his wishes, there will be no public services, but a private family memorial will be held in the early fall.

In lieu of flowers, Craig would ask you to pay it forward: buy someone a coffee at Dunkin', treat a favorite dog to a pup cup, or simply do something kind for someone else.

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



East Hampton

Gordon A. Bushee

Gordon A. Bushee of East Hampton passed away on Monday, Aug. 18, at the age of 85. Gordon fought to live, but died a terrible death due to thy-roid cancer, lung cancer, stomach cancer and con-gestive heart failure.

Gordon was born in Pittsfield, Mass., on Jan. 10, 1940, and was the son of the late Alfred and Helen (Batchelder) Bush-ee. Gordon moved with his family at a young age to Danby, Vt. After college he moved to Connecticut to work as an engineer for the State of Connecticut. He proudly served his country in the Army National Guard for 6 years. After moving to Connecticut, he met and married Ruthann (Barr) Bushee. They were married for 60 wonderful years and together they had one terrific son, Scott Bushee.

Gordon loved the outdoors and enjoyed fish-ing and hunting. He was a member of the Power Squadron, Belltown Sportsman's Club and the Fly Fishers Association. He loved to fix things and there wasn't anything Gordon couldn't fix.

In accordance with Gordon's wishes services will be PRIVATE. Please respect the family's re-quest for privacy at this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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



Colchester

Randall Milton Farrington

Randall Milton Far-rington, 64, from Col-chester, passed away peacefully at Hartford Hospital on Saturday, Aug. 16. He was brave right up to the end and had his loved ones at his side. He was predeceased by his parents Jackie and Milt Farrington.

He leaves behind his wife of 41 years, Cheryl; his sister Brenda and her family of Hebron; his only daughter, Heather Hilton, husband Brandon, along with his pre-cious granddaughter Arabella and grandsons Jake, Aden and Nolan. He shared fond memo-ries with friends Rich, Greg and the Mantor family.

Randy started young at Ely's Sawmill followed by a long career working for DOT. He could be seen driving tractor trailer, operating a backhoe, doing drainage roadside, along with plowing. He loved to razz people and if they could give it back to him, you might be a friend.

He enjoyed pulling doodlebugs or IH tractors at the fair, fishing in the sound, riding motor-cycles, and going to Maine. He also had fond memories of being part of the Haddam Volun-tee Fire Department. Surely, he is happy and laughing with his other friends who left their families too early.

Most cherished was time spent with his grandkids. He will forever be watching over all of them.

His final rest will be alongside his grandpar-ents and parents in Wilton, Maine, at a later date. Please feel free to donate in his honor to Haddam Volunteer Fire Department.

Special thanks to all the nurses and doctors who helped to take care of him.



Hebron

Yolande Rubb

Yolande Rubb, 78, of Hebron, formerly of Columbia, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Hartford Hos-pital, surrounded by her beloved family. Born in La Patrie, Quebec, Cana-da, on Oct. 12, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Raoul and Madeleine (Audet) Corbeil.

At age 12, Yolande's family immigrated to the United States, settling in New Hampshire. Ar-riving with only French, she quickly mastered English and earned New Hampshire's highest academic award for a French-speaking student.

On Sept. 24, 1966, Yolande married the love of her life, Donald Rubb. They first made their home in Windsor Locks before moving to Ver-non, where they raised their family, and later to Columbia in the late 1990s. Yolande and Donald shared 57 years of marriage until his passing on Oct. 5, 2023.

A lifelong learner, Yolande returned to school later in life, earning her Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Connecticut in 1995. She worked in various roles over the years, most recently as secretary at the Beckish Senior Center in Columbia. Her greatest joy, however, came from being a devoted wife, a loving moth-er of three, a proud grandmother of six, and a gifted artist. She was accomplished in wood carving, photography, and painting across many mediums, earning recognition and awards for her work.

A devout Catholic, Yolande was a faith-ful communicant of St. Columba Church. She loved nature, took pride in her home, and filled her yard with plants and beautiful flower gar-dens. She also had a special fondness for angels.

Yolande will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her children, Stephen (Susan) Rubb of Glastonbury and Monique (Thomas) Ryan of Hebron; her siblings, Jean-Luc Corbeil of Florida, Lise Welch of New Hampshire, and Denise Brown of Rhode Island; her grandchil-dren, Marissa Rubb, Jason Rubb, Jenna Bogac-zyk, Benjamin Ryan, William Ryan, and Lucas Ryan; along with many extended family mem-bers and friends. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her daugh-ter, Genevieve Bogaczyk.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, at 10:30 a.m., directly at St. Columba Church, 328 CT-66, Columbia. Burial will be private in Columbia Center Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Yolande's memory may be made to the Children's Law Center at www.clcct.org.

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Col-chester has been entrusted with arrangements. For online condolences and to share memories of Yolande, please visit www.auroramccarthyfu-neralhome.com.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Water Pollution Control Authority
Town of East Hampton
September 2, 2025

The Town of East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority does hereby establish a Public Hearing in accordance with Chapter 103, Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, at 6:30 P.M. on September 2, 2025. The purpose of the hearing is to allow property owners to which charges will be levied for use of the sewer system to be heard regarding the proposed annual sewer use rates and the EDU water value effective on October 1, 2025. A copy of the charges is on file in the Town Clerk's office and is available for inspection by the public. Effective October 1, 2025 the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of East Hampton does hereby establish the gravity sewer user rate at \$605.00 per EDU unit and an additional \$500.00 for properties with grinder pumps maintained by the WPCA. For applicable commercial properties utilizing the EDU determination that are billed on water consumption, the EDU Flow value will be reduced from 250 gallons per unit to 200 gallons per unit in FY 2026. The value will be reduced again to 180 gallons per unit in FY 2027. Water consumption data and wastewater flow throughout the system indicate that the actual EDU water value is approximately 160 gallons per unit. Sewer Use charges shall be made on the basis of an October 1 through September 30 year, payable in one payment in advance on October 1 or in two equal payments on October 1 and April 1 of each year. Affected property owners, electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Hampton, Connecticut, are invited to attend and participate in such public hearing. Information to log into the meeting will be available on the Public Hearing agenda on the WPCA webpage at www.easthamptonct.gov. Written comments on the amendment will be accepted via email at adesimone@easthamptonct.gov or by mail to the East Hampton WPCA, PO Box 218, East Hampton, CT 06424. Dated at East Hampton, Connecticut, this 5th day of August 2025. The East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority Anthony DeSimone, Public Utilities Administrator

TOWN OF COLCHESTER
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Colchester Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 3, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Colchester Senior Center Making Memories Meeting Room at 15 Louis Lane, Colchester, CT to hear and consider the following application(s): **PZC2025-010 Freedom Property, LLC** Special Permit and Site Plan application for proposed 30-unit multi-family residential development on 2.55± acres located at 31 Parum Road (MBL 12-00-065-000). Zoning District: Suburban Use (SU). At this hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of these applications are located in the Land Use Department and Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday). Application materials are also available on the Colchester Planning & Zoning Commission webpage at <https://www.colchesterct.gov/planning-zoning-commission>. Planning & Zoning Commission Joseph Mathieu, Chair

Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum

★ *Letters, cont. from page 7*

in southeastern Connecticut after their protected status was revoked by DHS. According to Art Feltman, executive director of International Hartford, Immigrants in Connecticut own 26% of the state’s businesses and make up 30% of all startups in the state. Datahaven reported that those businesses contribute an estimated \$1.6 billion to the state’s economy.

Madina and her sister living safely and legally here in Connecticut having to leave Afghanistan because their dad worked with American soldiers. Nina and her two children leaving Sumy, Ukraine because of heavy missile bombardment. Refugee status is a legal way to immigrate to the United States, but recent mass deportations, travel bans and visa program cancellations have left many fearing for their status. (The preceding two paragraphs are taken from recent *Hartford Courant* articles.)

The 14th Amendment Section 1 states, “...nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...” Here legally or illegally, the Constitution guarantees due process for all, presently due process is being denied to citizens and non-citizens.

In previous letters I have written about getting/being educated, I have a reading recommendation, Martin Niemoeller: “First they came for...”

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Manning – Andover

Wishful Thinking

To the Editor:

If you missed Hebron’s Department of Public Works Action Committee meeting on Monday, Aug. 18, you can catch it online at hebronct.com. Highlights include: 550 Old Colchester Road is bustling with activity. Along with its regular duties, the site is playing host to a design team while the remaining environmental tests are being conducted. All this information then gets reworked into one of the most important steps in the process, the design plan itself.

Next, the Action Committee, once again, reaffirmed its commitment to 550 Old Colchester Road and to keeping the public informed every step of the way. Then they went out of their way to clear up a *Rivereast* letter to the editor, dated 8/1/25. The committee explained that the north side of Kinney Road is still zoned as mixed-use and is NOT, in fact, fully preserved. I greatly appreciated this clarification. With all the huge changes coming to Hebron Center, and Amston, its easy to miss something. Now, just to be clear, the south side of Kinney Road IS in land preservation; the north side is NOT. The south side is home to the Raymond Brook Park and is also a recognized wild life habitat. The north side, including the town’s 88.62 acres, is not entirely part of the same programs. Thirty-five acres, of the town’s property, are wetlands and in Open Space. However, the remaining 53.62 acres, of town land, are NOT in preservation. Saying otherwise, was, in fact, wishful thinking. See Board of Selectman, March 7, 2019.

Editor’s Desk continued from page 2

Monday, Sept. 8, at the Hartford Golf Club in West Hartford. A shotgun start is scheduled for 11 am, and the day includes golf, breakfast, lunch, dinner, complimentary beverages, raffles, and on-course contests. The event supports the Goodwin Foundation Scholarship Fund to assist students with demonstrated financial need as they work toward certificates and degrees in career-focused fields.

This year, Goodwin welcomes WFSB Channel 3’s Scot Haney, as honorary event chair. Haney is the weekday morning weatherman on Channel 3 and also can be seen on its afternoon lifestyle show *Better Connecticut*.

If interested in participating in the tournament, you can register at www.goodwin.edu/foundation/golf. For more information, contact Heidi Carlson at 860-727-6747 or hcarlson@goodwin.edu.

One of my all-time favorite *Seinfeld* episodes is the one where the New York Public Library’s investigation officer – appropriately named Lt. Bookman – investigates Jerry after learning he has a library book that’s 20 years overdue. The highlight of the episode comes when Bookman goes to Jerry’s apartment and interrogates him. Actor Philip Baker Hall turns in a fantastic deadpan performance, that’s a terrific send-up of Jack Webb’s classic Sgt. Friday character from *Dragnet*.

“Yeah ’71, that was my first year on the job. Bad year for libraries. Bad year for America. Hippies burning library cards, Abby Hoffman telling everybody to steal books. I don’t judge

As we inch closer to rebuilding the PW there will be more and more details to follow and, as we all know, the devil is in the details. For the most up-to-date information, on this project, listen to the regular DPWAC meetings. Its easy and interesting especially if you like trucks, the transfer station and/ or architecture. These hybrid meetings offer three options, you can listen on the phone, watch on the computer or attend in person. All three options offer the public a chance to speak. Don’t miss out, tune in. #save17

Jean Tulimieri – Amston

Protecting Water Ratepayers

Dear Colchester Neighbors:

Two years ago, one of my priorities as a candidate for first selectman was to protect ratepayers and the water infrastructure downtown residents and commercial businesses rely on. Municipal water is an important asset that’s key to the well-being of residents and our local economy. As a ratepayer on the system, I was strongly opposed to plans to potentially sell-off Colchester’s water system to a for-profit company.

Colchester’s public system offers affordable water rates and puts decisions about rates, infrastructure, and health in the hands of people who actually drink the water. The short-term gains of a sale would have been wiped out in the years and decades to follow as residents lost control of the water we drink. I promised to stop the privatization of our drinking water system and to pursue grant funding to repair and improve the neglected system.

As first selectman, I have kept both of those promises and prevented any increase to water usage rates.

Shortly after taking office, we approved important maintenance to one of the Elmwood Heights water towers by using federal ARPA funds – saving ratepayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. We also applied for funding under the CT Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to make critical repairs to our filter plant at Cabin Road to protect our water capacity to ensure Colchester’s economy can continue to grow without harming existing residents. We put forward a plan that would allow us to make these and other required repairs – totaling millions of dollars – without impacting water rates. In June, voters approved these projects at referendum.

Without these efforts, Colchester water rates would have skyrocketed due to deferred maintenance. Instead, water usage rates will NOT increase this year. As a water ratepayer myself, I think that’s pretty good news.

Unfortunately, a few individuals who are NOT ratepayers on the system are now spreading misinformation in this paper and in public meetings by intentionally mixing-up water rates with sewer use rates for our regional five-town sewer system. I encourage residents to get the facts from the Sewer and Water Commission meetings or by contacting the Public Works office.

As first selectman, I will continue working to

a man by the length of his hair or the kind of music he listens to. Rock was never my bag. But you put on a pair of shoes when you walk into the New York Public Library, fella.”

If you’ve never seen the episode, well get thee to Netflix and seek it out. You won’t regret it.

What’s my point in bringing all this up? Well, in San Antonio, Texas, there was recently a case that Lt. Bookman wouldn’t have liked one bit.

In June, a library book has been returned nearly 82 years after it was borrowed from the San Antonio Public Library.

The book is *Your Child, His Family, and Friends* by marriage and family counselor Frances Bruce Strain. It was checked out in July 1943 and returned this past June from a person in Oregon.

Apparently, the person who returned it had recently lost their father, and while going through a few boxes of books he’d left behind, came across that unreturned library book.

Your Child, His Family, and Friends was a guide for parents on helping their children navigate personal relationships. It was checked out when the person’s father was 11 years old.

Thankfully for the sender, San Antonio Public Library discontinued fees a few years back. Otherwise, a book nearly 82 years’ overdue would have quite the fine attached to it, I imagine.

See you next week.

deliver real savings for ratepayers and to protect the drinking water system we use in our homes, businesses, and schools.

Sincerely,
Bernie Dennler
Colchester First Selectman

Sewer/Water Information

To the Editor:

I am the acting chair of the Sewer/Water Commission, speaking, however, as a citizen living within the sewer/water district.

We are 100% bipartisan volunteers with a very clear focus; advocates for the ratepayers with oversight of plant operations. Simplified, there are two very distinct entities with separate budgets.

Water rates are made up of: 1) the cost to operate the plant and 2) the costs of the water. We maintain our aging plant/infrastructure while eliminating as much iron and other contaminants as possible.

The sewer side it is a little more complicated. The Sewage Plant is located on land in East Hampton adjacent to the Connecticut River. The plant is owned 50/50 between East Hampton and Colchester with each town accepting sewage from others in a cost-sharing arrangement. The intertown agreements can be confusing but essentially, each town pays their pro-rata share. Everything you flush, pour down the drain, washing machines, etc., ends up in East Hampton. The plant is old, in need of upgrades per DEEP regulations; repairs to this equipment is astronomically expensive. The pro-rata costs to operate Joint Facilities is passed onto Colchester and accounts for most of the sewer bill.

The commission investigates annual needs, creates two separate budgets with the Public Works Director leadership, vote on the bottom line balancing the needs of the infrastructure with the needs of the ratepayers. If approved, it is sent to a public hearing allowing for the public to ask questions before the budget is voted forward to the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). The WPCA is comprised of the members of the Board of Selectmen. The accusation that Bernie Dennler is raising rates is very inaccurate. The first selectman has only one vote – he or she does not prepare the budget; only votes on it.

As for the water referendum question recently and the statement that there would be no effect on anyone’s bill as a result, this is 100% true.

We are borrowing money thru a state bond to pay for infrastructure repairs/improvements, paying off the current balance. There is no effect on the water budget, the bond payment is unchanged. Adjustments to base charges, consumption charges, etc. are based on operational costs that would have been exponentially higher if the referendum failed. Unlike the schools, roads, ball fields, etc., we cannot defer health and safety needs to our water supply or distribution systems.

Ron Silberman – Colchester

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

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 4th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buck Foreman Room (2nd Floor), 265 Main Street, Portland, CT.
PZC Application #25-01: 1359 & 1401 Main Street. Request for a Special Permit for special event permit to hold the Portland Fair in the month of October. Application of the Portland Fair and property of Cote Range LLC and Portland Farmers Fish and Game Club Inc. Map 75 Lot 2 and Map 68 Lot 1. Zone FP.
PZC Application #25-02: 819 Glastonbury Turnpike. Request for Special Permit request for food truck hosted by Star Hill Family Farm. Application of Nino DiBiase and property of Star Hill Family Farm. Map 110 Lot 5. Zone R-25.
PZC Application #25-03: 168 Marlborough Street. Request for Special Permit request for two mixed use buildings with 4 residential units per building and 25% of the total building footage commercial. Application and property of S&G Holdings. Map 20 Lot 147. Zone B-2.
Dated at Portland, CT this 15th day of August 2025
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission

2 TB 8/22, 8/29

**MIDDLE HADDAM HISTORIC
DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, August 28, 2025
6:30 P.M. AT TOWN HALL
LEGAL NOTICE**

Public hearing will be held to consider the following:
Application 607 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Robert Dietz of 11 High Point Road, Middle Haddam, to replace an existing toolshed with a free-standing 24- by 28-foot two-car garage and an attached, open-sided, 10- by 28-foot shed. A 140-foot, stone driveway would lead to the garage from an existing asphalt driveway.
Application 608 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for David Madacsi of 33 Knowles Road, Middle Haddam, to install a 10-foot-high, 32- by 48-foot solar pergola on concrete footings. All black solar panels to be mounted on a wooden frame.
The foregoing application is available for public review at the East Hampton Town Hall. At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications will be received.

1 TB 8/22

What Were Democrats Doing?

To the Editor:

What was the Democratic-dominated Town Council doing in March, April, May, June, July? They were in receipt of the environmental review of the proposed firehouse property which reported serious problems and they did nothing about.

We, the BOF, didn’t receive any of the environmental documents until a few days before it’s special meeting on Aug. 11 and that came to us through a back door not normal official channels.

At our special meeting we were being asked by the town council to approve the \$10 million bonding for the fire house purchase. That was the whole purpose of that special meeting but we had not received any presentations or formal communications in reference to anything concerning the new firehouse. We were expected to approve the \$10 million purchase in the blind!

It wasn’t until a few days before that meeting when the BOF received the environmental report (dated February) where it states that the property is designated an “establishment.” An establishment draws special scrutiny from DEEP and EPA. There are many concerns that come with that designation and the town council did nothing. It should have been a huge red flag.

The BOF tabled the funding request and questioned the incomplete remediation. It is our responsibility on this board to protect not only the finances but the health and welfare of all our citizens. If we don’t it would be negligence on our part. There must be further evaluation and remediation to the property. Our firefighters deserve a safe, clean building to perform their volunteer duties.

The Democratic-dominated Town Council should have demanded action in February when they first received the environmental evaluation.

Alannah Coshow – East Hampton
Note: Coshow is a member of the East Hampton Board of Finance but is speaking as an individual.

Hebron Town Clerk

To the Editor:

The question: Shall the town of Hebron through the revision of the Hebron town charter, change the office of the Hebron town clerk from an elected to an appointed office?

After much research, years of deliberation and promoting that the Hebron town clerk position should remain elected, I’ve come to the conclusion that “the times they are a changing.”

If the Charter Revision Committee chooses to recommend that the Board of Selectmen change the office of town clerk from elected to appointed, I hope they will use language to assure that the appointed town clerk will be chosen based on qualifications through an interview process. Not a political appointment. The duties of a CT town clerk (more than 800 defined by statute) have become very technical, and it is necessary to have someone in this office with knowledge and experience.

Example: We currently have an extremely experienced, proficient assistant town clerk who would easily step into the position of town clerk if that option became available. She is not a resident of Hebron, although she has deep family connections to this town. When the time presents itself, the town would be well-served by the promotion of the assistant town clerk to the position of town clerk. BUT under the current Hebron town charter, she could not be considered.

I also believe that a “qualified appointed” town clerk must be assured of the independence of the office so they can freely fulfill statutory directives without fear of reprisal. The office of the town clerk should remain answerable to the people of Hebron by fulfilling the responsibilities that protect Hebron history, while attending to the daily duties and planning for the future demands of running a successful department.

This would be an option that I feel comfortable recommending and endorsing in the best interests of Hebron.

Respectfully,
Carla A. Pomproicz – Hebron

Place Your Classified Ad Online!

Visit www.glcitizen.com
and click “Classifieds”
Fill out the fields and submit
payment via PayPal.

SATURDAY
AUG 23, 2025 • 1–9:30 PM
PURNELL PLACE • MANCHESTER, CT



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
MUSIC ALL DAY • CRAFT BEER • FINE ART & CRAFTS • GAMES
INTERACTIVE ART PROJECTS • FOOD TRUCKS

POCKET VINYL
MARMO
GARRETT MOORE
ALI KAT & THE REVELATORS
FRIENDZWORLD MUSIC
THANKFUL SOUL REVIVAL
SGT. SCAG
BAP PACK
MANCHESTER PIPE BAND
THE ELDEST SPAWN
ADDY FIERECK

CRAFT BREWERS
URBAN LODGE BREWING
2ND BRIDGE BREWING
LABYRINTH BREWING
CENTER STREET BREWING
OFF THE RAILS BREWING
DEAD LANGUAGE BREWING
STAFFORD CIDERY
QUIVER SPIRITS

COCKTAIL SESSION
BY BIRCH HILL TAVERN
5–9:00PM

SILK CITY FEST IS MADE
POSSIBLE IN PART BY A GRANT
FROM THE TOWN OF
MANCHESTER'S DOWNTOWN
ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT
PROGRAM



Imagine
MANCHESTER



RHAM Slugger Swinging for a Cause

LEGALS

REAL ESTATE

TOWN OF COLCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE OF AGENT DECISION

Notice is hereby given that on August 14 2025, the Duly Authorized Agent for the Colchester Conservation Commission made the following decision:
W2025-3126 - 155 Westchester Rd.; Jeffrey Naples -Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 05-14-016-000, Proposed 4' wide milling walking path within Upland Review Area. - **Approved with Standard Conditions**
Dated August 14, 2025
Conservation Commission
Falk von Plachecki, Chair

1 TB 8/22

LEGAL NOTICE

The Pond and Lake Connection will be making an aquatic pesticide application to Lake Pocotopaug located on N. Main St., East Hampton, CT. The following permitted herbicide(s) will be used: Sonar AS and Sonar H4C. The application will be made on or around 8/25/2025.
Information regarding the application may be obtained from: The Pond and Lake Connection- Brookfield, CT 06804 203-885-0184
www.thepondconnection.com
Do not use the water for the following purpose(s) for the time listed below:
Irrigation: 30 Days
There are no other water use restrictions!

1 TB 8/22

LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTIONS
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission took the following action at their Regular Meeting, which was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 7:00pm on the following:
1. **Petition 2025-16 & 17** – Petition of Savy & Sons for Special Permit and associated Site Plan approval to construct a 20,000 square foot storage building at Parcel #10-10 and 612 Church Street on 3.44 acres in accordance with Section 3.E.2.5.1 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, Amston Village District. **Approved, with conditions.**
2. **Petition 2025-18** – Petition of the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission to revise Section 5.O.3 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations to allow Temporary Liquor Permits to be granted for up to three (3) years and renewed during that time by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. **Approved.**
3. **Petition 2025-19** – Petition of Colby Salline for Special Permit for construction of an accessory structure exceeding 900 square feet in accordance with Section 2.E.8 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations at 162 Skinner Lane, Residence-1 District. **Approved, with condition.**
The video recording of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting can be seen using the following link:
<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/773848d879f6e6815ca1eeced8290b5e3ffcc17aa25b12114ef36aa6f7b6f58b>

1 TB 8/22

HOME SELLERS: Here are my 4 exclusive benefits you won't get from any other real estate agent in CT. 1st, I'm a full-service discount broker. Your total fee, including professional photography and exposing your home to the entire world of real estate, will be either 3% or 4%, never more. 2nd, my "Cannot Fail" marketing system usually generates multiple offers within several days on the market. 3rd, for most homes sold, I'll give you a certificate for a 5-day, 4-night luxury cruise for 2 with more than 100 destinations available. 4th, your buyer will see online that I'm offering my "Peace of Mind Guarantee". If, within 6 months of homeownership, you decide you no longer want to live here, I'll sell your home for free. If they have an interest in your home, this intensifies that interest. I've sold 1000+ homes, including in your town; I can sell yours. Alfonso Carbone; Best Real Estate Agents; direct: 860-798-6095. theproperty-professor@yahoo.com.

RENTALS

EAST HAMPTON- LAKE POCOTOPAUG WATERFRONT: One bedroom, four room 2nd floor apartment; \$1,300/ mo plus utilities, references and security; available Sept 1st, 860-205-8593.

GLASTONBURY OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: Individual offices or space up to 1000-1400 square feet suites. Use of conference room included. Call 860-633-3545.

CANDLELIGHT APARTMENTS, GLASTONBURY:

RENT NOW, one bedroom available, renovated, first floor. Rent is currently \$1,750 per month. Includes heat/hot water, trash, sewer. Onsite storage and assigned parking available. Property is a SMOKE FREE Complex. Please call via text or cell 860-913-6723, Office 860-529-1725.

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS ILLEGAL For Help Call 888-247-4401

If anyone refused to rent to you because of your source of income, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, religion, marital status, age, disability or because you have children, you may have been the victim of illegal housing discrimination. Contact the Connecticut Fair Housing Center.

Your local friend in Real Estate

A Smile is a curve that sets everything Straight!

ANGELA ARESKO

Better Service | Better Marketing | Better Results
Better Real Estate

860.883.9005
angela@arescorealtor.com
www.angelaaresco.com

RE8-22-25

Century 21 Allpoints Realty

Whether you're considering selling your home, or beginning the quest to find your first/next home, let me partner with you to accomplish your goals! As a team member of Century 21 Allpoints, we have the experience, resources, relationships and proven track record to guide you through this volatile Market.

Mark Kehrhaan,
for all Your real estate needs!

860-638-9485
Markk.realestate@gmail.com

#1 CENTURY 21 Firm in Connecticut Since 2000.
We have been Family Owned & Operated since opening in 1989.
With 11 offices in CT.
Awarded the prestigious Centurion Award

CIT4-4-24

ADVERTISERS

The Glastonbury Citizen and Rivereast News Bulletin will make every effort to see that all advertising copy is correctly printed. The publisher assumes no liability or financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertising, but will reprint, without charge, that part of an advertisement in which an error may occur, provided that a claim is made within 5 days of publication. The liability of the publisher on account of errors in or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion. Also, the publisher takes no responsibility for statements or claims made in any advertisement, and will upon request, reveal the name and address of the person or persons responsible for placing any display advertisement, political or otherwise, except for "blind" box ads. The Glastonbury Citizen Inc. reserves the right to reject advertisements which it deems unsuitable for its publications. Every effort will be made to verify the legitimacy and propriety of all ads for the protection of our readers. The Citizen will take requests for specific placement of ads and will try to accommodate everyone's requests. The Citizen cannot guarantee specific placement.

TREE & LANDSCAPING

LAWN MOWING & FALL CLEAN-UP:

Accepting new customers. Prefer Portland and East Hampton areas. Senior and Vet discounts. Free estimates. Call 860-638-8812.

LAWN MOWING:

Professional, competitive rates. Call Thomas 860-267-7515.

TREE CARE BY LICENSED ARBORIST:

Pruning, disease treatment, consulting, planting and removals. Professional quality service and expertise. LaPila Arborists, LLC at lapilaarborists.com or 860-965-5546.

Wayne's

TREE SERVICE, LLC
Colchester, CT

FULLY INSURED

FREE ESTIMATES

Fully Equipped

Tree Removal Experts

Hazardous Tree Removal

75 ft. Bucket Truck Service

COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL

Call Ken at 860-996-2729 or Call Wayne at 860-883-3234

RE10-18-24

YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE!

Call: 860-633-4691

NEED A TRIM?

WANT TO REGAIN YOUR LAWN COMPOSURE? WE CAN HELP!!!

LAWNS-N-STUFF

"WE DO MORE THAN CUT THE GRASS"

COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL • FULLY INSURED

NOW SCHEDULING WEEKLY MOWING

• MULCHING • SHRUB TRIMMING • TREE WORK /PLANTING • FERTILIZING • GARDEN INSTALLS

• WALLS/WALKWAYS • DUMP RUNS/HAULING • MINI-EXCAVATING • DRAINAGE • BOBCAT WORK

860-295-9692

Marlborough, CT

RE7-5-24

DESIGN

BUILD

Member of BBB

Big enough to be professional – Small enough to be personal

860-659-5757

www.generallandscaping.com

CT Lic #555660

RE4-12-24

TREE & LANDSCAPING

JIM'S TREE
STUMP REMOVAL
Fast Service
Reasonable Rates
Free Estimates
860-267-9957



RE4-2-21



HOWES
Landscaping &
Tree Service LLC
Howes your yard?

Specializing in
TREE REMOVAL and all
your LANDSCAPING NEEDS!
860-608-1480
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
Free Estimates • Fully Insured

RE8-8-25

KARLEYROSE Gardens LLC

- Light Land Clearing
- Light Excavating
- Trench Work • New Lawns
- Stone Driveways • Shed Pads
- Garden Restorations, Mulching, Trimming

All Types of Landscaping

Licensed & Insured — SINCE 2004 —
Text or Call Dave 860-398-3719

RE8-8-25

DB STUMP
Removal LLC
860-205-3266
LICENSED & INSURED • VETERAN DISCOUNTS

- Stump Grinding / Removal
- Brush Cutting
- Yard Expansions

www.dbstumpremoval.com
f DBStumpremoval



RE3-24-23



JEBE
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LLC

Quality Work
Same Day
Call Returns

— FOUR SEASON SERVICES —
CALL NOW FOR WEEKLY MOWING
Pruning • Brush Clearing
Mulch • Stones • Snow Removal
Call Jaime (860) 478-8457
www.jebelandscape.com

RE6-20-25

Landscaping Services

Weekly Lawn Mowing • Mulching • Seeding
Bush/Hedge Trimming • Brush Clearing,
Spring/Fall Cleanup, Drainage, Walls
Year-Round Services

Scalia & Associates, LLC
(860) 657-4810
scaliaf@sbcglobal.net

CIT5-8-25



LAWNS -N- STUFF
LANDSCAPING SERVICES
- SINCE 1990 -

NOW IS THE TIME TO
SCHEDULE YOUR
NEW BACKYARD OASIS.

PATIOS • FIREPITS • WALKWAYS

CALL US TO DISCUSS EXPANDING
YOUR YARD AND POSSIBILITIES!

860-295-9692
Marlborough, CT

RE2-18-22

Tree Removal
CALL JACK TODAY

Property Maintenance • Weekly Lawn Care
Landscaping • Spring & Fall Cleanups
Walkways, Patios, Retaining Walls
Bobcat & Excavation Services • Lot Cleaning
— COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL —
Call Jack for FREE ESTIMATE
(860) 818-2773

CIT3-9-23

RYANS TREE SERVICE
Hazardous Tree Removal We Climb or Bucket
Truck Service
CALL NOW
FOR LOW
SUMMER RATES!

- Aerial Work & Yard Expansions
- Stumpgrinding & Grading (including muddy driveways)

No Job Too Small!
Accepting Most Major Credit Cards    
FULLY INSURED State Lic. #SFPH000902 FREE ESTIMATES

Call 860-228-5009



RE8-15-25

EASTBURY
Landscaping & Home Improvement

- Mowing
- Brush cutting
- Brush/ Tree Removal
- Stump grinding and removal
- Grading/ Drainage
- Gravel Driveways/ Extensions
- Retaining walls, walkways & patios

- Demo and debris removal
- Sheds/ Outbuilding Repairs
- Shed Pads



- For more info call or text 860-906-7825
- Eastburyhomeimprovement@gmail.com

CIT7-17-25



Shorts Landscaping LLC
FULLY INSURED
FREE ESTIMATES
CT Hic Lic #0635384

Weekly & Bi-Weekly Mowing

Walks • Patios • Retaining Walls
Light Excavation & Drainage
COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL
— CALL STEVE —
(860) 917-5459


Serving Colchester &
Surrounding Towns

RE3-20-20



**Certified Arborists
of Marlborough LLC**
CT Licensed Arborist #S-6236

LOCALLY OWNED
FULL SERVICE TREE EXPERTS

Remove your high-risk trees
BEFORE the storm season arrives!

860.573.0428
toddrcohen@hotmail.com
Veteran Owned
& Operated

Senior, Veteran, & First Responder Discounts

FULLY LICENSED & INSURED

RE3-8-24

CLASSIFIED

Pay

The Glastonbury
Citizen
&
Rivereast
News Bulletin

Call
860-633-4691
or
email your
classified line
ad to admin@
glcitizen.com

Toper's Lawncare Plus LLC
(860) 295-0097

Property Maintenance • Landscape Bed Renovation
Spring Cleanups • Tree & Shrub Planting & Removal
Topsoil, Mulch & Decorative Stone Installation
Seasonal Cleanup • Dethatching • Plug Aeration
Over-Seeding • Yard Expansion • Drainage • Excavation
Lawn Installation/Repair • Weekly Mowing
Tick/Mosquito Control

Brush Removal
including roots

SENIOR
CITIZEN
DISCOUNT



 Toper's
Lawncare
PLUS

HIC.0600529

RE3-29-24



Dorsey Construction
Summer is Here!
Gutter & Leader Cleaning • Painting
Powerwashing • Waterproofing • Landscaping

Concrete Work – sidewalks, stairs,
patios, colored concrete & stamped concrete

Roof Repair – rubber roof, torchdown,
metal roofs, and slate roof repair

— Looking For New Mowing Accounts —
John Dorsey • 860-890-9884

RE6-20-25



KC
LAWN
&
LANDSCAPE

NOW SCHEDULING
MULCHING SERVICE
& WEEKLY LAWN
MOWING

Commercial & Residential – Kyle C. Salamone, Owner
www.kclawncarellc.com Portland, CT
HIC.0642096 Fully Lic. & Ins. • Free Estimates 860-342-0352


VISA   

RE5-16-25



**GREEN VALLEY
LANDSCAPING LLC**

Shed Pad Installs
Landscaping & Mulch Installs
Lawn Maintenance

860.531.2820
greenvalleyland.com



CIT6-19-25

Spring/Fall Clean-ups • Dethatching
Shrub/Tree Removal
Pruning • Brush Clearing
Patios • Retaining Walls • Paver Walkways
Mulch • Stones
Sidewalk Edging

30 YEARS
EXPERIENCE

CALL CHRIS
860-644-2595

QUALITY WORK
REASONABLE RATES

L&L Landscaping

RE4-18-25

TREE & LANDSCAPING

**TREE
REMOVAL**

We Climb
Licensed Arborist
on Staff

— YARD EXPANSIONS —
FIREWOOD FOR SALE

We Now Accept All Major Credit Cards • Fully Insured

C & C Lawncare – East Hampton
(203) 435-5355

RE10-13-23

RSK Tree Service, LLC
SERVING AMSTON, ANDOVER,
HEBRON, MARLBOROUGH & PORTLAND

**Tree Removal • Stump Grinding
Multi-Tree Discounts • Crane Service
Brush Clearing • Yard Expansions
Shrub Removal**

— RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL —

Ryan Krajewski – 860-573-1244

   GLASTONBURY, CT *Licensed & Insured*

rsktreeservice LLC@gmail.com



Bulk Materials Lot

LAWN & GARDEN REFRESH!

Great products for fixing lawns and helping gardens:
**Premium Screened Top Soil for Lawns & Gardens
 plus Black Gold Leaf Compost**
 Dress your garden beds with your choice of 9 premium
 bulk mulches or 5 different decorative stones.
 Pick it up or have it delivered – 7 days a week!
— LOW DELIVERY MINIMUM —

OPEN EVERYDAY INCLUDING SAT 8-6; SUN 9-6

**93 EAST HIGH STREET – (ROUTE 66)
 EAST HAMPTON – (860) 267-0143**

Has your garden gotten out of control?
Too tired to maintain it on your own?
Don't know where to start on your spring garden?



Garden Restoration by RnR Garden Angels

- Garden Spring Cleaning ■ Edging ■ Cut Backs ■ Soil Amendment ■ Fertilize ■ Mulch ■ Plant Division ■ Plant relocation ■ Dead Heading for continuous blooms ■ Garden Mapping ■ Plant Tagging ■ Weekly Garden Maintenance ■ Foundation Plantings ■ Pruning ■ Weeding ■ New Plantings
- Garden Design ■ Garden Art from 100% recycled materials



"Weeding out all your garden woes."

RnR Garden Angels
Call today for a **FREE** consultation
860.365.0504
CT Lic. HIC.0645188

WE'RE HIRING! Call us today for more info.

NOW SCHEDULING:
New Weekly Mowing

**COMPLETE LAWN
MAINTENANCE**



**ANV
LANDSCAPING**
Commercial - Residential
Locally in East Hampton, CT

**Scheduled Mowings
Mulching / Garden Installs
Irrigation Services
Lawn Expansion/Grading
Spring / Fall Cleanups
Lawn Renovations
and Clearing
Plowing / Salting
Dump Runs**

Fully Licensed & Insured – HIC # 0661818

860.913.6203

REF-22-25




Lawn TECS SR LLC.

Yard Grooming / Lawn Maintenance

H (860) 295-1479 • C (860) 214-9923

RLFrancks@comcast.net

Summer Is Here!

Schedule Your Cleanups Today

We're into summer and it's time to start thinking about cutting that overgrowth area back and don't forget your drains.

SERVICES INCLUDE: **Weekly/Bi-Weekly Mowing • Brush Removal
Downed Tree & Debris Removal • Mulch Installation
Light Moving • Light Hauling • Spring & Fall Cleanups**

— CT LICENSED & FULLY INSURED —

86 JONES HOLLOW ROAD, MARLBOROUGH, CT

SHORT ON TIME? Take the summer off and let us mow your lawn!



Now Scheduling
Weekly Mowing
& Spring Cleanup
Customers

Colchester & Surrounding Towns

Small Excavation Jobs
with Mini Excavator or Bobcat
Call for Topsoil Delivery
All Your Landscaping Needs
Call 860-537-2945

Terence & Diane Clark ~ FULLY INSURED ~ CT Lic. 562383

REG-7-25



DONDERO
LANDSCAPING • LAWN CARE

A Full Service Stone & Landscape Company
Serving Hebron, Marlborough,
East Hampton, Portland For 20 Years

**Free Advice Tips
on Layout & Design**
CALL FOR SCHEDULING
**Large Boulders? We can break
them into usable wall stone!**

Bluestone – treads, steps,
pattern, patios, sidewalks
Arborvitae – dark American
green giant, CT grown
Landscape Boulders, you pick
CALL FOR PRICING



<u>Stone Work</u>	<u>Brick Work</u>	<u>Lawn Renovation</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>Tree Take Down</u>
Retaining Walls	Walkways / Patios	Topsoil	Cleanup	Weekly Mowing	Yard Expansion
Garden Walls	Brick / Bluestone	Hydroseeding	Weeding / Pruning	Spring / Fall Cleanup	Stump Removal
Steps / Repairs	Relevel / Rebase	Grading Yard Drains	Mulching / Edging	Organic Fertilizing	Bush Removal

Top Soil • Crushed Stone • Mulch – FREE DELIVERY – 3 Yard Minimum

DONDERO LANDSCAPING 860-228-2003 **FREE Written Estimates**

SERVICES

NEED A RELIABLE PLUMBER? or Home Repair Pro? Call Justin – Your Local Plumbing & Bath Specialist! From leaky pipes to full bathroom makeovers, we do it all: Pipe repair; Water heaters, toilets & garbage disposals; Kitchen sinks & faucets; Tub & shower valve replacements; Full & partial bath remodels. Fast. Friendly. Affordable. Free Estimates, Licensed & Insured, Call or Text Justin Today: 203-440-5496 Quality Work You Can Trust!

DUMP RUNS/LIGHT HAULING: Same day appointments available. Cleanouts, basements, garages. Even junk in the backyard. We can take as much or as little as you want. Mark 860-295-9692 or 860-916-9577.



**SEAL COATING,
CRACK FILLING &
SMALL REPAIRS**

**Residential &
Commercial**

Call for
a free estimate
860-632-7283

Asphalt
Maintenance
Paving Contractors, LLC



over 25 years in business

painting, window/door installation, vinyl siding installation and roof installation. Pool patio & deck patio. Stucco, finish basement, ceramic tiles, bathroom, remodeling. Building maintenance, fence installation.

Family Owned Local Electricians specializing in service changes, generators, remodels, outlets, lighting and more!

www.Tuthillelectric.com 860-395-7638

FREE ESTIMATES • Fully Licensed & Insured E1 #0197601

BBB
ACCREDITED BUSINESS

BBB
ACCREDITED BUSINESS

BBB
ACCREDITED BUSINESS

ASPHALT MAINTENANCE

— — — ampavingct.com — — —

PAVING CONTRACTORS, LLC

DRIVEWAYS • PARKING LOTS • DRAINAGE

ALL TYPES OF CONCRETE WORK
BLUESTONE PATIOS & WALKWAYS

860-632-7283

FULLY INSURED Licensed Contractor • CT Lic. #579594
Commercial & Residential • FREE ESTIMATES • 7 days a week

SENIOR &
VETERAN
DISCOUNTS

Over 25
years in
business



SERVICES

PLUMBING & HEATING

*from dripping faucets to all
your major plumbing/heating needs*

Water Heaters • Zoned Heat
Boiler Replacement
Bathroom Remodeling

Call Leo at 860-267-2354

Lic. # P204015H389727

Insured

RE3-13-20

ALL TYPES OF MASONRY

Patios • Walls • Paver Driveways
Stone for Pools, Patios, Decks
Stone & Bluestone Brick & Pavers

ADMasonry

Free Estimates • CT Lic. #06096-1701 • Insured
— GLASTONBURY BASED —

860.368.9486

29 Years Experience

CITB-14-25

Brilliant Basement
Waterproofing, LLC

Egress Windows, Foundation Repair, Crawl Spaces
Sump Pumps, Pumps Eliminated in Most Homes.
Deal Direct With Owner - No Middle Man, Yard Drainage

HIC. 0653192 • CALL US
860-598-8091

www.brilliantbasementwaterproofing.com

RE3-13-23

JOHN LACY PAINTING

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
Quality Craftsmanship

Walls - \$159
18' x 16' avg. room

860-416-8354
john_lacy@icloud.com

Insured
Free Estimates
40 YEARS
EXPERIENCE

RE3-15-24

HYDROPURE

Water Treatment, LLC

SALES • SERVICE • REPAIRS

WATER SOFTENERS • FILTERS
REVERSE OSMOSIS • UV UNITS

Treat For: Iron, Manganese, Bacteria
Hardness, Low pH, Sulfur, Nitrates
Sediment, Taste & Odor Removal
www.hydro-pure.com
info@hydro-pure.com
Lic #PLM280191

860-537-1949

RE3-13-20

Snow Septic Repair, LLC

— FREE ESTIMATES —

A fully licensed & insured specialist of
sub surface waste water disposal systems
for residential & commercial properties.

New Installations • Real Estate Inspections
Repairs • System Diagnostic Services
Soil Testing • Video Camera Pipe Inspections

Over 20 Years of Professional Experience
Guaranteed Pricing & Warranties Available
SnowSepticRepair.com • 860-221-8735

RE3-13-20

CLEAR BLUE
WATER SYSTEMS, LLC

Residential & Commercial

Well Pumps & Holding Tanks
Water Softeners & Filtration
Rust & Iron Removal
PH Correction
Odors Eliminated
Radon & Uranium Mitigation
Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water Systems

860.342.0432
clearbluews@yahoo.com
www.clearbluewaterystems.com

Complete Service & Installation of
Well Pumps & Tanks
Water Softening Filtration
Drinking Water Systems

Lic.# W1-357 • PLM-0284625 • HIC-0627753

RE11-18-22

ELEVATE

EARTH & WATER WERKS LLC

Call or Email
for a FREE
Estimate!

Licensed & Insured

SEPTIC SYSTEMS
EXCAVATION SERVICES
WATER & SEWER MAINS
Drainage, Grading and More!

(860) 334-6425
earthandwaterwerks@gmail.com

RE4-11-25

Free
Estimates

ALL
PURPOSE
PAVING, LLC

State of the Art
Equipment

MUDDY DRIVEWAY? CALL US TODAY!

No
Job
Too Big
or
Small

IMMEDIATE
RESPONSE

Reasonable Rates
Senior Discounts
Church Discount

Driveways • Parking Lots
Gas Station • Private Roads
Sidewalks/Curbing
Seal Coating • Asphalt Repair
Parking Lot Sweeping
Gravel Work • Hot Crack Fill
Excavation & Drainage

Lic# 00548924

"All Work Guaranteed"

FULLY INSURED

860-267-2109 • 860-827-3090 • 860-883-3314

Let our crew give your driveway a quality makeover.

RE3-7-25

GREEN
VALLEY
PAVING

SEALCOATING

Asphalt Repair & Maintenance
Hot Rubber Crack Filling

860.531.2820

f

CIT7-14-23

FULLER

PAVING & GRADING

Reclaiming • Residential • Commercial
Save \$ on in place recycling of your old
pavement creating a great base to pave on.

FREE ESTIMATES

See us on the web www.fullerpavingct.com

195 Jones Hollow Rd., Marlborough, CT
860-295-9566

Established 1990 - Proud of Our Great Service Record
FULLY INSURED • CT LIC. # 0537749

CIT3-5-20

House Washing,
Roof Cleaning,
Gutter Cleaning
& More!

No Water, No Problem!
Just let us know.

Suds & Sunshine LLC

860-942-3913

HIC. 0654618 - Insured

FREE
ESTIMATES

Google Us ★★★★★

RE3-9-25

Caso's HVAC, LLC

Heating • Cooling • Installation • Service
Natural Gas Conversions

We Install High Efficiency Heating & Cooling Equipment
(HIGH EFFICIENCY BURNS LESS FUEL)

Specializing in Boiler Repair, Central Air,
Hydro Systems, and Sheetmetal for new and existing homes.

We Offer Maintenance Contracts
Residential & Commercial • Over 20 Years Experience

CT Lic#
S1 394141

(860) 267-5851

Insured

RE3-13-20

Ceiling & Wall
Repair Specialists

All phases of Painting
Interior/Exterior

Texture Removal & Repair
Sheetrock/Taping & Water Damage

Wellis Painting

Where Quality Still Counts
EST. 1986 - Lic# 568591

860-652-9259 cell 860-324-8544

CIT6-19-25

AIR FLO
MECHANICAL LLC

Installation & Service Available

Specializing in Natural Gas & Propane
Oil to Gas Conversions
Central & Ductless AC • Furnace • Boilers
Pool Heaters • Water Heaters • Sheet Metal

— FINANCING AVAILABLE —

CT Lic
#393394

860-989-5079

BBB
ACCREDITED
BUSINESS

MITSUBISHI
ELECTRIC
COOLING & HEATING

DIAMOND
CONTRACTOR

RE11-6-20

Asphalt
Solutions

Sealcoating
Crack Filling
Paving

Free Estimates

SUMMER
SPECIAL!
\$100 OFF

Call Tyler 860-333-0070

Major Credit Cards Accepted - Licensed & Insured HIC 0657488

CIT6-19-25

TAYLOR
PAVING LLC

Our 40th Anniversary!
"Original Owners Since 1985"

DRIVEWAY
PROBLEMS?

FREE ESTIMATES

On Your Asphalt Paving Work, Permanent
Base Stonedust Products, Processed Gravel,
Compaction, Excavation & Drainage Work
Now Scheduling for October!

(860) 537-1379
(860) 334-5135

Cash & Senior Discounts
All American Crew Members!

Owner Pricing
All Work Guaranteed
Local & State Specs

Alan & Chase Taylor, Father & Son owned - CT Lic. #562442

RE10-4-24

AAA
Electrician Services

FOR ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS
Residential & Commercial Wiring

Don't Pay the Big Company Prices!

Service Upgrades, New Construction, Remodels Additions,
Outlets & Lights Added, Generators, Kitchens

Installation of Automatic or Portable Generator Systems

LICENSED - No Job Too Big or Too Small - INSURED

Call Shawn 860-759-6652
aaaelectricianservices.com

BBB
ACCREDITED
BUSINESS

ELC. 0209770-E1

RE10-4-24

STREAMLINE GENERATOR

a division of
STREAMLINE ELECTRIC LLC

www.thepowerisout.com

860.467.6466

SALES - SERVICE - INSTALLATION

KOHLER
GENERATORS

PLATINUM DEALER

There is a better option than the brand
you hear so much about. Ask us WHY!

IN STOCK!

KOHLER

CIT3-17-22

HOME IMPROVEMENT

STARKEY HOME RE-MODELLING: Call today for a free estimate on all your Interior and Exterior needs. Roofing, decks, sheds, windows/doors, gutters, landscape services, porches, patios, framing, carpentry, siding, kitchens/baths, basements, flooring (tile, hardwood, laminate & vinyl), painting/staining, insulation, trim, etc. Locally owned. Licensed/Insured. James 860-573-3597.

ACCELERATED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Materials Per Yard \$25 Screened Loam, \$40 Dark Compost, Call Jim @ 860-223-3260 for delivery. Email: sales@APMbuilds.com Website: APMbuilds.com

ALL STAR MASONRY: Affordable prices. Our prices can't be beat. Patios-walkways-steps-walls-concrete-chimney-pavers-bluestone-drainage-decking and more. 35 years' experience. Fully licensed and insured. HIC#0563329. https://mersiniv12.wix-site.com/allstarmasonry. Call Bebe 860-960-9167.

ALL TYPES OF FLOORING: Tile, Carpet, etc. Also, back-splashes. Home Improvement Licensed. Plascencia Flooring, LLC. Call 860-338-4779 or 860-881-5402.



Elliott Construction, Inc.

new construction, home improvements, roofs, decks, additions, renovations, interior/exterior painting

860.303.8265 elliottflom27@gmail.com

in business since 1977 • licensed & insured



R.J. Swider Contracting, L.L.C.

Specializing in Additions & Remodeling

860-228-3912

www.rjswidercontracting.com Ct. Lic.#541663



DAVIS PRO PAINTING LLC

Power Washing

860-573-6860

• On Board Water Services • Free Estimates • Fully Insured

Davispropaintingllc@yahoo.com



BENGSTON HANDYMAN & PAINTING SERVICE

Carpentry / Windows / Doors / Painting Texture Ceilings Repair/Drywall & Taping Power Washing / Plumbing & Electrical Repairs

860-729-9387 East Hampton, CT

CT#0633081



Premier Painting CT INTERIOR & EXTERIOR PAINTING

Deck & Fence Staining Carpentry / Power Washing

Experienced, Professional, Exceptional Service

FREE ESTIMATES

CALL / TEXT 860-944-5614

www.premierpaintingct.com

premierpaintingct@gmail.com

Licensed & Insured HIC# 0670230

CABINET REFACING: Not an overpriced box store or franchise. Local company, cabinetmakers specializing in refacing since 1986. All wood products, custom work and counter tops. Deal with the owner. Wood'n Excellence CP#0664648, 860-345-2050.

CHARLIE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT: & handyman services. 20+ years experience. Basement hatchways, entry/ interior/storm/ garage doors. Decks, tiling, carpentry, porches, screening, drywall. Ceiling fans/suspended ceilings and painting. Small jobs welcome. Guaranteed work. 860-463-9077.

D&A TILE: Free estimates. Licensed and insured. All types of tile work, kitchens, baths. All work guaranteed. 16 years experience. Call 860-508-0893.

ELI'S HARDSCAPE AND HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC: offers 20 years of expertise in all phases of interior and exterior painting, paver patios, stonework, foundation repair, flooring and decks. Free estimates. Please contact Chad at 959-895-5606.

GENERAL HOME REPAIRS: Handyman, painting, rotted wood, framing alterations and structural repairs. Fully licensed/insured. Call/Text Ben Egri 860-712-6257.

GUTTER & ROOF CLEANING: Clogged gutters? Roof stains, moss? Optional lower cost guards. LO-CAL. RELIABLE. AFFORDABLE. Insured, #HIC.06517074. Free estimates. Text/Call Marc 860-498-2524.

HARDWOOD FLOORING: Installation, repairs, sanding, staining, dustless refinishing. Carpet and vinyl, LVT and ceramic, all flooring. Finish carpentry and decks. HIC#0624266. Fully insured. Free estimates. BROTHERS HOME IMPROVEMENT & FLOORING, LLC. Locally owned/ operated info@brothershomeimprovementct.com, www.BrothersHomeImprovementCT.com 860-432-5716, 860-882-7672.

J & S MASONRY: Design patio, pool patio, Chimney repair. Stone walls, brick walls, retaining walls, steps. Roofs done, veneers done, walkways. Cement, tiles, paving and building maintenance. All kinds of masonry and home repairs. Call John, 860-796-0006.

JACQUES BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT: KITCHENS ~ BATHS ~ DECKS. * Beautiful Craftsmanship * Excellent References * Licensed & Insured * Owner On Every Job. Call/Text: 860-918-1401.

PRINCE OF GUTTER CLEANING: Hand cleaned out then rinsed. Starting at \$125. Insured. Josh Langdon 860-922-4621.

RENE'S INTERIOR TRIM LLC: 35 years of experience in all phases of carpentry. Some of the services we offer include - Crown molding, chair rails, window-seats, bookcases, entertainment centers, cedar closets, custom stairs. Pocket doors, interior/exterior doors, radiator covers, porticos, mantles. Wheel-chair ramps, replacement hatchways, replacement windows, sump-pumps. Wood decking changed to Trex, attic stairs, new kitchen and bath. Water damage and rot repairs of all kinds such as leaky roofs, doors, windows or plumbing fixtures. We do complete repairs of drywall and plaster! We also combat the entry of mice and more. Call Rene 860-716-2678.



HOME DESIGNS BY BRUNO

See Me Before You Build!

3D Plans * Permit Plans Budgets

860-537-5345



all about blinds

89 Main St. East Hampton Custom Window Treatments

Shades * Shutters Shears & Draperies

860-267-8330

allaboutblindsct.com



CHARTER PAINTING & RESTORATION

56th ANNIVERSARY Family Operated

Painting & Carpentry Interior & Exterior Painting

Estimates given in an A-LA-CARTE Fashion

"WITH ATTENTION TO DETAIL"

Home/Church/Historic Restoration - Int & Ext

Since 1973 Over 2300 Aluminum Sided Homes Repainted

Carpentry Services

Water Damage

Preparation Specialist - Menu Format Proposals

Textured Ceilings/Removal of Popcorn & Paper/Drywall & Crack Repair

Hardwood Floor Finishing

Powerwashing

Our loyal tradesmen have rejuvenated 1000's of Connecticut homes. LET YOUR HOME BE NEXT!

Call Christian Charter

860-646-7668

www.charterpainting.com

chinchart4u@hotmail.com Insured #HIC.0619547



RESIDENTIAL HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC

Roofing • Siding • Skylights • Windows • Gutters Leaf Guards • Chimneys • Ridge Vents • Repairs

2022 GAF Roofing & CertainTeed Siding Specials!

Ask about our **Master Elite** "25 Year Workmanship Warranty!"

Velux 5 Star Skylight Specialist/Installer "Bringing Light to Life"

Ask about our "NO LEAK" Warranty!

Call (860) 334-9979

www.skylightspecialist.com/connecticut-skylights

Licensed & Insured CT Lic. #569972



Exteriors of CT, LLC

22 Kreiger lane, Glastonbury

www.ctexteriors.com

CT#0632519

Siding

- Many colors and styles to choose from
- Never have to paint your home again
- Industry's most advanced materials
- Lifetime warranty

Windows

- Lower your energy costs
- Increase the resale value of your home
- Reduce maintenance
- Lifetime warranty

Roofing

- Protect your largest asset - fix roof problems now and avoid costly repairs later
- Increase the resale value of your home
- Professional job from start to finish
- Lifetime warranty shingles

Call now for your free window, siding or roofing estimate!

• Roofing • Siding • Windows • Decks

CALL TODAY! 860-657-2038



KKS Construction

Property Maintenance Residential / Commercial

Carpentry – Roofing Windows – Doors

o – 860.633.6015 c – 860.550.0932

Lic 0570333 / Ins - Est. 1995 kimsadlon@cox.net



SM WELCH REMODELING SPECIALIST

860.295.1295

• ADDITIONS • BASEMENTS • DECKS • DORMERS • BATHROOMS • SIDING • GARAGES • KITCHENS • ROOFING

Certified Green Professional Certified Aging in Place Specialist

smwelch.com • Insured • CT 607510



Licensed HIC# 0587738 & Fully Insured

STARR BUILDERS LLC

From Additions, Decks, Roofs & Doors to Finished Basements, Siding & Floors

(860) 267-1496

starrbuilders@sbcglobal.net Free Estimates



Since 1992

MARK'S PAINTING

860-267-4125

Freshen Up for Fall!

All Phases of Painting & Carpentry Quality Interior Painting

MARK PESZYNSKI LIC. #563897



FRANKLIN Painting LLC

877-646-7774

Book your appointment at: franklinpainting.com

Your Neighborhood Painters Bonded & Insured – HIC#570442

Call NOW for a quote on:

- Interior
- Exterior Painting & Staining
- Powerwashing
- Textured Ceiling Repair & Repainting
- Cabinet Refinishing
- Light Carpentry
- Light Commercial
- Color Assistance



CUBETA PAINTING

FREE ESTIMATES

Interior / Exterior • Residential Kitchen Cabinets • Power Washing • Shed Demos • Junk Removal • Hot Tub/Pool Removals

REASONABLE RATES — SENIOR DISCOUNTS

FULLY INSURED • HIC #0621468

Glastonbury 860.328.5057



Drywall Service & Repair, LLC

— 35 YEARS EXPERIENCE —

959-888-1442

LICENSED & INSURED

Residential & Commercial Drywall & Carpentry Mold Remediation Services

Water Damage Repairs • Drywall New & Repairs

10% OFF Popcorn Ceiling Removal

\$100 OFF For New Customers

HOME IMPROVEMENT

FOUR SEASONS PAINTERS LLC

EXTERIOR/INTERIOR Painting

• Specializing in Wood, Aluminum & Vinyl Siding

• Staining, Powerwashing

• Carpentry, Replacement Windows & Home Improvements

• Free Estimates, Insured

Kevin Greer 860-646-7760 Lic. # 574298

www.FOURSEASONSPAINTERS.net

Reliable

Quality Workmanship



KC MASONRY

Stonewalls • Brick Walls • Bluestone • Steps

Fireplaces • Chimneys • Patios • Sidewalks

We can also do all Masonry Repairs!

Free Estimates

Lic. No. 0604514

KEN (203) 558-4951

Alan Soucy

Home Improvement

ROOF REPAIRS

ROOFING

Full Roofing Systems

Leaks • Rec Rooms • Bathrooms

Decks • Windows • Doors

860.657.6462

Lic# 0622777



Swanson PAINTING

Michael Swanson, owner

Powerwashing, Light Carpentry, Laminate Flooring

OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

MAKING HOMES BEAUTIFUL!

CALL: 219-575-0370



A BEST GUTTERS

Seamless Gutter Installation

White or Custom Colors

ALU-REX Gutter Protection (20% Savings)

Fascia Replacement

FOR A FREE ESTIMATE, CALL (860) 537-0819

Visit us at www.abestgutters.com

Fully Insured • CT Lic# 0646855



Marc Viccaro HOME IMPROVEMENT

OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

• Decks

• Remodels

• Finished Basements

• Sill Rot Replacement

• Replacement Windows & Doors

• Finish Trim

• Structural Repair (rot)

• To Do Lists

860-604-3411 Marc Viccaro

HIC # 0650133 • CT Licensed & Insured

Bud Stula Home Improvement

Kitchen & Bath Remodels

Ceramic • Hardwood • Vinyl Floors

Carpet Restretching • Trimwork & Painting

No Job Too Small — HIC # 0632650 • Insured

Call 860.377.0380

SHAW DRYWALL

HANGING & TAPING

First Class Service & Quality Work

860-228-0680

CT. LIC. #0623063 FULLY INSURED

UNITED POWERWASH & PAINTING

Interior / Exterior Painting

• Commercial • Residential • Full Service Preparation

• Minor Drywall & Ceiling Repairs

— FULLY LICENSED & INSURED —

Call Now For A Free NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATE (860) 608-8376

The PowerWashing Kings

Others wash, We Clean

Commercial / Residential / Condos

ROOF & HOUSE CLEANING

Call for Roof Washing Specials!

860-854-7079 — FULLY INSURED —

thepowerwashingkings.com

We use "green" friendly solutions for best results!

PARKER PAINTING

Interior/Exterior • Powerwashing

Light Carpentry

Ceiling & Sheetrock Repair

Water Damage Repair

— FREE ESTIMATES —

LICENSED & INSURED

860-338-0156

Alan Soucy

Home Improvement

860-657-6462

www.alansoucy.com

We Specialize In Creating New Kitchens & Baths

From design to finish you'll love our work!

If it's time to upgrade your kitchen or bath, visit us online for virtual tours of our projects.

— Call Us Today for a FREE Consultation —

PAQUETTE ROOFING LLC

Specializing in Residential & Commercial Roofing for over 20 years

— Free Competitive Estimates

— Financing Options Available

www.paquetteroofing.com

Hebron, CT Fully Insured LIC# 0615769

860.748.8410

CLEANING SERVICES

BRAZILIAN CLEANING SERVICE: Responsible, Brazilian woman seeking house cleaning clients. Very professional and punctual. Also good with pets. Only text Ana Paula 860-477-6035.

CLEANING LADY: Animal lover. Traditional work ethic. Detail oriented. Flexible. Great references. Call Carol at 860-228-0012.

HOUSE CLEANING: Need some help to get your home clean? I'd be happy to help. I have 10+ years of experience. I offer reliable service. reasonable rates and I do an amazing job. References upon request. Please call or text for free estimates. ARIANE' S CLEANING, 860-331-5309.



HOUSE CLEANING: Cleaning with care! Detailed and trustworthy. Weekly, biweekly, monthly, or one-time cleaning. Residential/ Commercial. Please call Carol and Eny for Free Estimate 860-964-8531.

The Better Housekeeper: Premium cleaning for seniors, who value quality and trust, because you deserve the best. 860-413-2353.

WINDOW CLEANING/POWERWASHING : Themarcoclean-windows.com. Since 1991 and loving it! Local & Insured. In/out \$15.50, outside only \$11.50. Text Marc at 860-508-0447.

CHRISTINE'S CLEANING

COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

Building Maintenance Services. Economical Rates & Prof. Skills. New Customer Discount Available.

860-798-7961

M.J. Emonds

MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS LLC

17 Nutmeg Lane, Glastonbury

860-657-4554

www.emonds.com



Call for all of your air conditioning needs.



COMFORT SPECIALIST

VISA

MARCA

Residential & Commercial – Licensed & Insured

CHRISTOPHER HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC.

YOUR ROOFING AND SIDING EXPERTS

Roofing | Siding | Gutters | Windows | Decks

\$1000 OFF or FREE Gutters with Full Roof or Siding Replacement

with this ad

FREE Estimate

860-381-9336

christopherimprovement.com

Financing Available

FOR SALE

COBBLE STONES FOR SALE: over 1,500 pieces, \$2,500. Trailers (3ft-4ft) \$200, (4ft-8ft) \$1,000. Boat motor, 9.9hp \$700. Fishing Boat 9Hp, 12ft \$1,200. Call JB 860-966-9364.

FURNITURE FOR SALE: Couch with matching chair and ottoman. \$175. Call/Text 860-508-5890.

CANON CAMERAS: 3-A10, asst. FD lens, inc. 24 mm 14, 200mm 28, Haliburton cases, tripods & more. 860-667-4227.

END ROLLS OF NEWSPRINT: Great for art projects, wrapping and packing, table coverings for public dinners, etc. The Glastonbury Citizen. 87 Nutmeg Lane (off Oak Street) 860-633-4691.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: cut, split, delivered locally \$285/CORD. Can custom cut to size. Multiple cord discount. Discounted outdoor firepit wood available. FREE local delivery. Call/text 860-202-8950.

SUN MOUNTAIN GOLF PUSH CARTS: Speed Cart & Pathfinder 3, exc cond, barely used, \$100 each or \$175/both 860-306-8161.

MOW YOUR LAWN IN HALF THE TIME: 52" Wide SCAG walk-behind mower. Young, only 400 hrs, 2,400 more to go. Unmatched cut. Tough, durable components for long life and reliable performance. Excellent condition. Sale price \$3,500. Call 860-617-5789.

SUNFISH SAILBOAT FOR SALE: \$400 or best offer. Call Wayne 860-886-3019

TAG SALES

TAG SALE: 48 Copper-beach, Portland. Aug 23rd 9-3. Collectibles, Watertown Slide Mahogany table. 3 leaves, excellent. Westmorland Glass, others. Furniture, patio set, small appliances, dishes, jewelry. more, come & browse. Must observe parking.

ESTATE SALE: Aug 22nd, 23rd, 24th 9-4. 720 Farmington Avenue, Kensington CT. Antiques, furniture, household items, tools, china, Snow blower/yard tools, so much more.

EMPTYING GARAGE AND BASEMENT: Sat, 8/23, starts at 10AM. 476 Parum Road, Colchester. Tools, vintage electronics, and some mysteries yet to be revealed (It is in the basement!)

ESTATE/TAG SALE: Moving, couches, high top kitchen table & chairs, cabinets, items for everyone! 41 Taft Ave 2nd floor, Newington. Saturday Aug 23rd 9-3.

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE: Sat 8/23 & Sun 8/24, 9am-2pm. 5 Glenwood Dr, East Hampton. Household, toys, games, clothes, collectibles, décor & more. Cash/Venmo.

MULTI-FAMILY TAG SALE: Sat, 8/30, 8am-1pm. 123 Shailor Hill Road, Colchester. Household, kitchen, tupperware, books, picture frames, CDs, 55" TV, gaming chairs, and lots more!

TAG SALE: Saturday, 8/23 9am-3pm. 81 Southwood Rd, Newington.

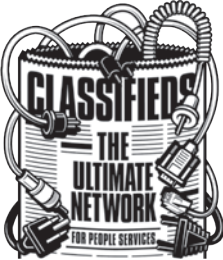
TAG SALE: Assorted tools and household items. August 23-24 and August 30-31. 9am to 2pm. 29 Glastonbury Ave, Rocky Hill. No Early birds.

TAG SALE: Sat, August 23rd, 8am-2pm. 146 Bear Swamp Road, East Hampton. Miscellaneous household and garage, etc. Something for everyone.

TAG SALE: Saturday 8/23 9:00am -1:00pm. Rain date Sunday 8/24. 23 Pfister Dr Newington. Lots of kitchen, Christmas, golf, decor big & small, hardware, tools, electronics, apparel and more.

TAG/CRAFT SALE: Sat. 8/23, 8am-1pm, 406 Lake Road, Andover. Home décor, handmade candles, soaps and body oils; ladies apparel; jewelry; beauty supplies; kitchen & housewares; full-size platform bed-frame; massage table w/ carrying case; and more. Bonus! Available upper-body massage performed by licensed practitioner - \$15 for 15 minutes.

YARD SALE: Sat, 8/23 & Sun, 8/24. 8AM-4PM. 335 Westchester Road, Colchester. Furniture, tools, baseball cards, books, lots of home décor, seasonal decorations, bikes, and Precious Moments collectibles.



HTG.0393975-S1



860-666-4200
absoluteairservices.com



AUGUST IS
“BACK TO COOL”
MONTH!



MITSUBISHI
ELECTRIC

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

\$1000.00 OFF
A NEW
MITSUBISHI
DUCTLESS
COOLING SYSTEM

VALID IF PURCHASED BY 8/31/25

10 YEAR LABOR WARRANTY ON ALL
NEW INSTALLATIONS AND 0% FINANCING,
SAVE EVEN MORE WITH REBATES AND TAX CREDITS

Call Now! 860-613-5230

Or Visit Our Product Showroom For More Information

A FREE WHOLE HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY INSPECTION

PREPARE FOR LATE SUMMER STORMS
\$500.00 OFF A NEW GENERAC GENERATOR



ELECTRICAL DIVISION

Heating - Cooling - Electrical - Generators

Lic # ELC-0202689-E1



GENERAC®

Heating & Cooling Installation and Service
absoluteairservices.com

1116 Portland Cobalt Rd. (Rt. 66), Portland
Hours: Mon - Fri 8 AM - 4 PM

For All Your Home
Electrical Needs!



\$500.00 OFF
A NEW GENERAC
WHOLE HOME
GENERATOR INSTALLATION

VALID IF PURCHASED BY 8/31/25

**Scan The QR Code
To Recieve Our
Digital Flyer**

422 Windham Rd. RT 32 Willimantic, CT 06226

*All Sales Are **While Supplies Last** • We Will Custom Cut & Bulk Wrap All Primals*

12 To 16 Lb Avg.

15 To 20 Lb Avg.

4 To 6 Lb Avg.

lb.

lb.

Ib

lb

lb.

lb

b.

lb.

1b

lb

lb.**b.**

lb

L

12

1 lb. Pkg

ea.

2.5 lb. Pkg

1

1

Windham 061925 Page 1

E8-22-25