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FAITH IN MOTION



The day was gloomy, but the message was hopeful on Good Friday, March 30, during the East Haddam cross walk. More than 20 walkers participated at several points on the five-mile journey of spiritual reflection and nourishment. See story, page EH12. Photos submitted by Kathy Boyce.

Music on the River announces lineup

Music on the River has announced its 2018 lineup for the popular weekly event on the Goodspeed green. Performers for this year will be:

July 2 – U.S. Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band

Organized in 1970 to perform classic jazz, blues, and rags with a “New Orleans” flavor, the six- piece Dixieland Jazz Band has entertained audiences across America and around the world.

July 9 – Alex Shillo

This young singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist from Manchester, Connecticut cut his teeth as a

touring musician with his dad’s band, Silverado. With his dad’s and Bruce Springsteen’s (his hero) influence, he has developed his own brand of rock/ country music.

July 16 – Neal and The Vipers

A Rhode Island based band playing American Roots music: encompassing blues, rock and roll, rockabilly and surf. They have been entertaining fans for over 30 years! Neal Vitullo and the Vipers have shared the stage with many music legends, including BB King, Bonnie Raitt, Greg Allman, Jimmy Vaughan, and Robert Plant.

July 23 – Suitcase Junket

The Suitcase Junket, Matt Lorenz, grew up in Vermont and learned to sing copying his sister, a touring member of the trio Rusty Belle. After finding a beat up guitar in the dumpster, he taught himself

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Taxpayer group to hold second public meeting on April 26

By David Holahan

A group of East Haddam taxpayers—without a formal name and numbering roughly 15 residents—is hosting a second public meeting on the proposed town budget and taxes on Thursday, April 26, at the Grange Hall at 7 p.m.

The group has been convening weekly at members’ homes and has taken out several ads in the *East Haddam News* that focus on the town’s fiscal condition, such as the decline in budgetary revenue in recent years coming from the state. Another ad charted the drop in enrollment in the schools.

At a recent meeting, nine members discussed various ways to promote the upcoming meeting, whether by distributing a poster or through social media. Proposed copy for the poster included data such as: “The number of births in East Haddam numbered 101 in 1996 and 56 in 2016” and “Our student population is down 27% over the last 10 years (1,423 to 1,027).”

When one member pointed out that the proposed East Haddam town budget factored in \$4.2 million in revenue from the state, up from \$3.9 million in the current fiscal year, Christopher Read said, “I think they are being overly optimistic.” Michael Callahan pointed out that state aid is “fluid” and subject to change. Callahan had a chart that showed East Haddam’s per pupil costs as higher than the nearby towns of East Hampton and Portland.

The group describes itself as nonpartisan in makeup and mission with a goal disseminating factual information and encouraging citizen participation in budgetary deliberations and town affairs in general. When asked if the group is advocating that taxpayers vote down the proposed town budget, Read emphatically said “No,” adding, “We want people to do what they think is right. It needs to be a conversation in the community.” A written handout from the group stated, “We have worked very hard

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Roadside memorials

A sensitive topic that we might want to discuss as a community is “roadside memorials” created by friends and family when a loved one has died in an accident on our roads. How long should they be left up? A month? A year? Forever?

The thought of removing one feels very disrespectful, yet they are typically on public property or a right-of-way over someone’s private property, memorialize people most passers-by have no connection to and are daily reminders of a tragic, violent death. I imagine that it is especially difficult for the people who placed it to consider removing it.

My personal opinion is that cemeteries and other private places are the appropriate location for long-term memorials. There they are more about the person and their life, rather than the spot and manner of their death. It’s been my experience that roadside memorials are maintained less and less over time, and eventually seem the opposite of a memorial; they give the impression of having been somewhat forgotten.

I understand the desire to create a roadside memorial right away. If it were up to me, I’d say that leaving them in place for one year is about right. There’s something significant about having experienced a full year with a loved one gone; they aren’t forgotten, but thoughts of the shocking, sudden loss begin to be replaced by memories of their life.

Just my two cents. Sorry for everyone’s losses.
Warren Morse
Moodus

Town-wide clean-up day

Town-wide clean-up day was April 7. Many different groups participate in this annual event including the Boy Scouts, Community Lions, and more. Another group of citizens also pitched in to help reduce the amount of garbage waste left behind on our streets and clean up the environment. The East Haddam Supports President Trump group, which began rallying at the Route 82 Intersection across from Rotary Park two weeks ago, called off its rally for the weekend of April 7. The group that was origi-

nally conceived as a counter-protest to the Building Bridges for Justice anti-second-amendment protest across the street, wanted to highlight the importance of giving back to the community and being proactive about making it a better place to live in. Versus simply protesting with signs for an hour a week.

This principle is something that President Trump, who carried our community in the November 2016 election, is very fond of. It is the basis of Make America Great Again and encouraging personal responsibility. I applaud our President, the East Haddam Supports President Trump group, and all others who volunteered their time on Town-wide clean-up day to do their part in Making America Great Again by giving back to their community (and in this case, Mother Earth) through action instead of words.

Fiona Ulrich
Hadlyme

Palmer-Warner house

Thirty-six years ago, we fell in love with East Haddam with its rural landscapes, colonial architecture and its historical presence. East Haddam was quintessential New England. We chose to make it our home. Regrettably, we have seen the deterioration of these historical treasures, like Johnsonville and now the Palmer-Warner house. The loss of these East Haddam treasures will only diminish the value of our town. Not just the aesthetic value but the actual value of the town itself. If we wish to have sustainable growth in terms of people and tax revenues while reducing the individual tax burden, then we should consider maintaining our historical heritage.

There has been recent extensive news coverage by David Collins, columnist for The Day in New London, about the Palmer-Warner House, as well as other Connecticut Landmarks properties. Mr. Collins has written a number of articles that have questioned how Connecticut Landmarks maintains historic properties including the use of the Palmer-Warner trust funds.

The Palmer trust fund, with an original value of \$2,500,000, is now valued at \$1,500,000 without any apparent maintenance to this historic house and

during a bull market when most trust funds have increased in value.

It is also important to note that over the past 10 years, two separate East Haddam Historic Society special committees addressed the preservation and accessibility issues of the Palmer-Warner House with Connecticut Landmarks.

Both East Haddam Historical Society committees asked Connecticut Landmarks for:

- Proper maintenance and preservation of the Palmer-Warner house and grounds
- Open the Palmer-Warner House with regular posted hours for general public access

Both committees have invested countless hours in feasibility studies, long range plans and numerous meetings and discussions with Connecticut Landmarks without any resolution.

We do not need to lose one more architectural treasure in East Haddam. The Palmer-Warner House has survived 280 years. We need to ensure its preservation and public access. We need to have full disclosure of the current financial status of the Frederic Palmer Memorial Trust including an audit of all income and expenditures.

Above all else, we need to treasure and protect our historical heritage – value it.

Forest and Georgene Majors
Hadlyme

Letters to the Editor

The *East Haddam News* publishes, at its discretion, letters to the editor on topics of local interest from a broad spectrum of viewpoints. Their opinions reflect the views of the writers, not that of this newspaper. Letters may be edited for grammar. They should be 300 words or fewer. To be considered for publication they must include the author’s name, address and daytime phone number. Frequency of submissions from a single writer or group will be a factor in deciding whether to publish a letter.

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OBITUARIES

Robert W. Bostelman Jr.

Robert W Bostelman Jr. 74 of East Haddam, beloved husband of Suzanne (Schultz) Bostelman, passed away on March 28 peacefully at home with his wife.

Bob was born in Hartford, CT on January 19, 1944, and was the son of Robert Sr. and Edith Bostelman. He grew up in East Hartford and was a graduate of East Hartford High School Class of 1962. He served in the United States Army Reserves during the Vietnam War.

In 1966, Bob married the love of his life, Suzanne Schultz. He worked for Travelers Insurance, Stanley Works, Arrow and Hart, and the Hartford Courant before retiring in 1997.

Bob loved classic cars, photography, fishing, bowling, playing bingo and cards with his friends at the East Haddam Senior Center. He will be greatly missed by many for his huge heart and gentle smile.

Besides his wife Suzanne of 52 years, he leaves



his daughter Deborah Stockburger and her husband Paul and granddaughter Bethany of Alaska; his brother Karl Bostelman and his wife Bonnie of Michigan; his brother Eric and his wife Nancy and nephew Alex of California; his brother-in-law Warren Tanner and his wife Judy of New Hampshire; his sister-in-law Kathy Jendrewski of Connecticut; his uncle William Bostelman of Maryland along with his goddaughter Janice Henry and nephew Billy Bostelman of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews in New Hampshire, Colorado,

Arizona and Connecticut. He was predeceased by his grandparents Walter and Gladys Bostelman, parents Robert Sr. and Edith Bostelman, and his son Robert Bostelman III.

There will be a memorial service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd, Moodus, CT 06469 or the East Haddam Ambulance, PO Box 17, Moodus, CT 06469 or any other memorial donations of your choice.

COMMUNITY

Youth Helping Youth to host Senior (Citizen) Prom May 5

East Haddam's very first Senior Prom for citizens over the age of 60 is taking place May 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd. There will be music from your childhood, fun activities, and baked goods made by the event's hosts — Youth Helping Youth, a high

school youth leadership group that works with East Haddam Youth & Family Services.

The theme of the prom is "Fly Me to the Moon!" Come socialize with friends and with Youth Helping Youth members.

Call 860-873-5034 or come to the Senior Center to sign up and take home an invitation. Space is limited, so please RSVP by April 28. Questions? Contact Youth Helping Youth at youthhelpingyouthclub@gmail.com.



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Tribute to vocal teacher, performer at First Church April 28



A tribute concert to the late Leighton Rand Phraner will take place Saturday, April 28, 2 p.m., at First Church of Christ Congregational, 499 Town St. The concert is free and open to the public.

The tribute will offer a dozen of Phraner's former voice students in operatic arias, musical comedy and Gilbert & Sullivan selections accompanied by Deborah Lyon. The event will close with two sacred works previously offered at Phraner's November 28, 2017, memorial service attended by 220 family and friends. Kath-

leen Thompson will serve as mistress of ceremony.

A reception will follow in the church's fellowship hall.

A well-known vocal teacher and performer, Phraner began his professional career in New York City after graduating from Princeton. In addition to teaching voice, he performed lead roles in Hunter College Gilbert & Sullivan productions and with Village Light Opera Group, as well as appearing in Pirates of Penzance and HMS Pinafore at Lincoln Center with

the Little Orchestra Society.

After teaching for 20 years in New York City, he moved to East Haddam, where he opened the Phraner Vocal Studio in Moodus in 1977, where he taught for more than 35 years. He presented student recitals at First Church of Christ for many years and in 1981, with Robert Cumming, co-founded the Middletown-based Connecticut Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

Photos of Phraner in performance can be viewed at the society's website, ctgands.org.

Seminar series on growing healthy garden starts May 5

In an effort to bolster farming and agriculture, the East Haddam Agricultural Commission has announced a three-part seminar series called "Growing a Successful Bionutrient-rich Vegetable Garden." The first seminar will be held Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 488 Town St.

The cost for the series of three seminars combined is \$25 for those who rent a plot at the town's community gardens on Mt. Parnassus Road, or \$50 for those who have their own private gardens.

Phil Jones, BFA, certified instructor and owner of Jones Farm in Chelmsford, Mass., will focus the first

seminar on the importance of establishing and maintaining healthy soil in the garden. Attendees will learn easy and inexpensive methods to amend their specific soil throughout the growing season from their results from their homework, a performed soil test.

The second seminar in the series will take place Sunday, July 15, and will focus on plant health throughout the growing season. The third, on Sunday, October 14, will cover established practices on preparing beds for the winter season.

These are interactive seminars where attendees are encouraged to bring samples from their gardens

for testing and analysis as well as sharing of best practices.

The East Haddam Agricultural Commission acts as an advocate for local agriculture, helping to preserve, protect and promote the few remaining farms in East Haddam, contributing to the town's rural character, encouraging new agricultural enterprises, and helping to ensure that the community has a local source of food for the future.

For those interested in the above seminars, registration information will be published shortly. Seating will be limited.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Irises talk to take place in Hadlyme

The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club will hold a meeting Tuesday, April 24, at the Hadlyme Public Hall, 63 Ferry Rd., Hadlyme. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with refreshments. The program, which will begin at 6:45 p.m., features East Haddam resident Ruth Bennett, who will speak on the art of growing

irises in New England.

Bennett has been growing Iris for 30 years in East Haddam and is a Master Judge for the American Iris Society. Those with an interest in learning how to grow irises and would like to hear about the many different varieties Bennett grows in her garden will get much useful information from this program.

For information about the program, or to find out more about joining the garden club, contact Ellen Fennema at ellen.fennema44@gmail.com or 860-434-2373.

EH Garden Club scholarship

The East Haddam Garden Club (EHGC) announces they will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to an East Haddam resident senior graduating in 2018. Students must be at least a two-year resident of East Haddam to be considered for the scholarship. Students can be from Nathan-Hale Ray or any other high schools in the area.

The recipient will be selected based on: extra curricular activities, community service, teacher recommendations,

essay, GPA, and other criteria established by the scholarship committee.

Applications are now available from the guidance offices at the following schools: Nathan Hale-Ray, Mercy, Xavier, Vinal Technical, The Williams School, Greater Hartford Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Franklin Academy. Completed applications must be received by April 27, 2018.

For more information contact Dora Lyman at 860-873-9715 or school guidance offices.

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Definitions of six commonly used budget terms

Fourth in a series of articles by the Board of Finance

The East Haddam Board of Finance is responsible for the oversight and submittal to the citizens of the Annual Town Budget. The Annual Town Budget includes the Board of Education Budget and the Town Government Budget. The preparation of the Annual Town Budget is the result of a process that starts with a Tri-Board Meeting of the Board of Finance, Board of Education and Board of Selectmen. The process continues from the Tri-Board Meeting with a series of meetings, workshops and public hearings. The conclusion of the process is the Budget Referendum. One of the areas where the BOF believes it can help the budget development process be more effective is by helping to make sure that the discussions in the meetings, workshops and public hearings are clear and understandable for the citizens in attendance. Consequently, the BOF has written a series of articles to be printed in the East Haddam News. The purpose of this series of articles is to explain the financial terms commonly used in the budget meetings. In this week's EHN we are printing the fourth in a series of articles. This article explains the meaning of six additional financial terms:

- 1. Budget Referendum** – A town-wide vote by which the residents and taxpayers directly decide whether to approve or disapprove the proposed Annual Town Budget for the new fiscal year.
- 2. Interfund Transfer** – GAAP defines Interfund Transfer as a “flow of assets” (such as cash or goods without equivalent flows of assets in return and without requirement for repayment. *Source: Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)*)
- 3. Annual Audit** – All towns and cities must have their accounts audited at least once annually. An in-

dependent public accountant approved by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) must be selected by the board of finance to make the audit. Certified copies of the audit report must be filed with the board of finance within six months after the close of the fiscal year. *Source: Handbook for Connecticut Boards of Finance*

4. Appropriation – A legal authorization granted by a legislative body (for example, the Town Meeting or Board of Finance) to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. For budgetary/operating funds, these appropriations lapse at the end of the calendar year. For non-budgetary or special purpose funds, they do not lapse but continue in force until fully expended or their purpose has been accomplished or abandoned.

5. Annual Town Report – The board of finance must prepare and publish an annual town report.

The report must be available for distribution in the town. The report must include the reports of town officers and boards and required by law, a statement of the amount received under Part IIa of Chapter 240 of the General Statutes (town aid funds for improvement of highways and bridges) and of its disposition, and any other matters the board deems advisable to include. *Source: Handbook for Connecticut Boards of Finance*

6. Assessor – A local government official who determines the value of property for local real estate taxation purposes. Assessors are trained to determine the fair market value of property. The figures that they derive will be used to calculate future property taxes. The assessor estimates the value of real property within a city, town or village's boundaries. The value is converted into an assessment, which is one component in the computation of real property tax bills. *Source: www.investopedia.com*

TOWN CALENDAR

Thursday, April 12

- 6:30 p.m. Library Trustees**, Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St.
- 7 p.m. Municipal Office Building Committee**, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

Tuesday, April 17

- 7:30 p.m. Historic District Commission**, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.
- 7:30 p.m. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission**, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

Wednesday, April 18

- 7 p.m. Board of Selectmen**, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.
- 7 p.m. Firehouse Renovation Building Committee**, Company No. 2 Firehouse, 44 William F. Palmer Rd.

Tuesday, April 24

- 7 p.m. Annual town budget meeting**, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.
- 7 p.m. Board of Finance**, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

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Schindler, Susan; Childress, Elizabeth; 287 Town Street; \$329,000
Dibble, Diane; Hindle, George III; 133 Falls Road; \$145,000
Clippinger, Richard; McAdams; Norwich Salem Road; \$4,750
Bond, James; GN Consulting LLC; 45 Shanaghan Road; \$309,000
Ward, Joshua; Gura, John; 48 Warner Road; \$235,500
Sittnick, Stephanie; Carlson, Scott; 107 Hemlock Valley Road; \$342,000
Strategic Realty Fund LLC; Consic, Joseph; 19 Alexander Road; \$210,000

Callahan, Thomas; Heng, Marida; 5 School Drive; \$279,000
New England Real Estate Investments; Grunwald, Daniel E.; 17 Knoll Road; \$59,000
Humble, Thomas J.; Humble, Keenan; 98 Ballahack Road #2; \$295,000
Simler, William E.; LaPreay, Matthew; 22 Landing Hill Road; \$157,000
Savings Institute Bank & Trust; Boardman House LLC; 6 Petticoat Lane; \$76,000
Lasalle, William; Austin, Paula; 126 Newberry Road; \$215,000
Bogel, Veronica, Estate of; Rubin, Yvonne; 19 Deer Run; \$100,000

LIBRARY CALENDAR

EHFPL: East Haddam Free Public Library, 18 Plains Rd., Moodus.

Rathbun: Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St., East Haddam.

Saturday, April 14

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Earth Science Fair, gymnasium, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd. Lots to learn and see; lots of fun to have.

Monday, April 16

10:30 a.m. Story Time, Rathbun.

6 to 8 p.m. Teen Book Club, EHFPL. Ages 13 and up.

Wednesday, April 18

10:30 a.m. Baby Time, Rathbun.

6 to 8 p.m. Teen Manga Book Club, EHFPL. Try new Manga and discuss ones you enjoy with others.

Thursday, April 19

10:30 a.m. Story Time, Rathbun.

2 to 3 p.m. Rathbun Book Club, Rathbun. Check online or call for this month's pick.

Friday, April 20

6 to 8 p.m. East Haddam Art League Spring Art Show opening, Rathbun. Stop by and see world-class works by local artists.

Saturday, April 21

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Library Open House, Rathbun and EHFPL. See what your local libraries have to offer.

Monday, April 23

10:30 a.m. Story Time, Rathbun.

Wednesday, April 25

10:30 a.m. Baby Time, Rathbun.

6 to 8 p.m. Teen Write Club, EHFPL. Ages 10 and up. Discuss ideas, get feedback on your projects, do fun writing exercises, and enjoy free pizza.

COMMUNITY

Ray of Light to hold wine tasting fundraiser

“Cinco de Vino,” a wine tasting, will be hosted by Ray of Light Farm, 232 Town St., on May 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets to this lively Cinco de Mayo themed event are \$35 and can be purchased at the door or on line at rayoflightfarm.org.

The Locomotives will be providing music, and many different wines and beers will be provided for tastings by Shore Discount Liquor Store in Deep River. Local craft vendors will be on hand with jewelry, goat's milk soap, art, candles, bird houses and more. A silent auction will also be featured.

Ray of Light Farm, Inc. is a nonprofit animal sanctuary and animal-assisted therapy center committed to helping people make a positive connection with life through animals. The farm aspires to be a “healing presence in a wounded world.”



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PARKS & RECREATION

Lifeguards wanted

East Haddam Park and Rec is looking to hire lifeguards for the Town Beach this summer. Please contact Lisa Conroy at 860-873-5058 or lisa.conroy@easthaddam.org for information.

Gentle yoga

Appropriate for all levels of fitness or yoga experience, ages 16 and up. Increase your strength and flexibility while decreasing stress. Enjoy moving your body and breathing mindfully. Beginners and more experienced practitioners are welcome. The price is the same for residents and non-residents. You may also attend any of these yoga classes as a drop-in for \$10 per class. Sunday and Wednesday classes are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center and Friday classes at 10:30 a.m. at the Grange. Wear loose comfortable clothing. Bring a yoga mat and water to drink.

Park & Rec spring soccer

– Ages 2 to 5

TinyTykes is a six-week spring soccer program focused on the development of children ages 2 to 5 years old. Soccer experts and child development professionals have designed an innovative curriculum that introduces young people to the basic skills needed in soccer, while developing their motor, social, and psychological skills.

The program’s international coaches are experts

at working with young children and will combine soccer with fun games, stories and music to help keep children entertained and enthusiastic.

Sessions will be Sundays at Nichols Field from April 29 to June 10, except for May 27. The sessions are 60 minutes and take place from 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 3 to 5, and 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 2 to 3. There will also be a program for first graders, with more information to come soon.

Please use the link below to register online: challenger.configio.com/pd/171467

– Ages 6 to 8

Spring Soccer is back for 6- and 7-year-olds. Have fun learning the fundamentals of soccer and how to be a good teammate. Wednesdays at Nichols Field from May 2 to June 6, 6 to 7 p.m. Fee: \$60. Please register at www.easthaddamrec.com.

Bootcamp fitness

These group sessions will focus on exercises and functional movements like push-ups, squats, sprints and sit-ups. They provide a killer workout and a chance to sweat outside the gym. This program is designed to build strength and fitness through a variety of intense group intervals over a one-hour period. The class frequently gathers outdoors, and during bad weather moves inside. The fun group dynamic will help motivate you while you improve your cardio, core strength, agility and balance. Participants have used our class for weight loss, fitness

and race training. The current session runs through May 5. Tuesdays and Thursday, 6 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. You may attend any session as a drop-in for \$10 per class.

Adult co-ed indoor soccer

Join players on Sunday nights for a few hours of healthy competition and a good workout. This is a co-ed league. Please preregister so you can be added to the private Facebook page and email list that are used to communicate with the group. Participants age 18 and older only. This session runs through April 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the East Haddam Elementary School gym.

Summer day camp

East Haddam Parks and Recreation will be offering day camp from July 2 to August 10 (no camp July 4) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at East Haddam Elementary School. Camp is open to children who will be entering kindergarten through 8th grade this coming school year. After-care hours from 3 to 5 p.m. will be available for an additional fee. For those who have a little extra adventure in them, we will be offering field trips on Wednesdays. Camp will remain open for those who choose not to attend the trip. Camp will be held at the Town Beach on Fridays for all campers.

For more details about programs and to register, visit www.easthaddamrec.com or call the Parks and Recreation office at 860-873-5058.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For sale

For Sale: Dining Room set. Table 56” x 40” without leaves, 86” x 40” with leaves. Three leaves, four chairs. Good condition. \$75. Call Paul or Janet at 860-873-9445. [E10]

Single track shelf brackets, total of 70, from 6” to 16”, bronze, black, silver; nine bronze standards, and assorted stained pine wood shelves. Organize your books, basement, or garage this spring. Value over \$200; selling for \$50 takes all. All good condition. Call (860)873-9752 and leave message. [E10]

4 piece oak office furniture for free, **Maytag Epic Z washer and dryer**, excellent condition, both for \$200. **Kitchen cherry and granite pedestal table**, no chairs,

\$15. Call 860-891-8179. [E10]

Gravely plow blade \$200; **Chicken brooder** galvanized \$100; **three chick feeders** \$30 each; **two water** \$10 each; **double door pig feeder** \$150; **two large water barrels** \$75 ea; **Coleman Scanoe** \$200; **Moultrie tripod deer feeder** \$100; **deer target 6 point** \$150. **Taxidermy animals:** deer 9-point shoulder mount \$250; ring-neck peasant group, male and female pair, \$550; real skin Maine brown trout, \$200; just antlers, various sizes, best offer; juvenile bear; **old refrigerator** that works, and lots of miscellaneous items. Make an offer or inquiry. Call 860-873-1369; leave name and phone number. [E10]

14 ft Starcraft with trailer and 25 hp Johnson outboard, with many extras, \$1,000. Call Jerry at

860-537-3225. [D19]

Oak desk with computer drawer. Great shape! \$150 or best offer. Call Bob at 860-873-3383. [D19]

Youth western saddle, \$75. **Two antique doors**, 7 ft. x 30 in., \$50. **Antique corn shucker**, \$400. **Additional items**, make an offer. Call 860-873-9271 (p.m.). [D19]

Wanted

Jazz and rock LP records. I have been a collector for 35 years. I do not resell. Call Mike at 860-573-8678. [D19]

Tell everyone in town about your sale items with a free classified ad. (East Haddam residents only; one entry per resident; maximum 100 words; not to be used for commercial purposes.) Email your ad to editor@easthaddamnews.org by end of day on the Wednesday *preceding* the week you want your notice to appear. It will run for four weeks, or until we’re notified that the item has sold.

CORRECTION

An article in last week’s East Haddam News understated the frequency of the open-mic nights at Higher Grounds at 32 Main. The coffee house and gallery hosts open mic nights every Friday at 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Students invited to audition for production of *The Great Gatsby*

Current 7th- to 12th-graders are invited to audition for roles in a new production of *The Great Gatsby*. Auditions will be May 22 and 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Nathan Hale-Ray High School. Callbacks will be May 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. Everyone who auditions will be cast in the show.

The show, sponsored by East Haddam Parks and Recreation, will have performances August 16–18 at the high school auditorium. It will be directed by Alyssa Petty and Alexandra Currier, two Hale-Ray alumni who are returning to direct this production. They directed the production of *Dracula the Twilight Years* at Hale-Ray Middle School and have assisted and performed in several productions at the high school.

For additional information, program fee, and script material, please visit www.easthaddamrec.com.

Seasonal positions available at Gillette Castle, other state parks

Attention college students and graduates: Are you a history buff looking for a seasonal job? Consider applying for a position as an interpretive guide at one of Connecticut’s state parks including Fort Trumbull

(New London), Putnam Memorial (Redding), Gillette Castle (East Haddam) and Osborne Homestead Museum (Derby).

Learn more and apply for all DEEP seasonal positions at <https://bit.ly/2qcTuJp>. The jobs are listed as “Environmental Protection Seasonal Resource Assistant.”

Turkey dinner at Westchester Congregational Church April 21

The Westchester Congregational Church will host a Turkey Dinner with all the Fixings on Saturday, April 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church, on the corner of Route 149 and Cemetery Road in the Westchester section of Colchester, across from the Day Pond State Park sign. All are welcome.

The menu will include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and dessert along with coffee, tea or punch.

Cost is \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors (over 62) and \$6 for children (10 and under). Take-out dinners will also be available. All proceeds benefit the church’s general fund.

You may contact Evelyn at 860.537.1919 for more information or email westcongchurch@gmail.com. The church’s website is westchestercongregationalchurch.org.

Community Lions offer college scholarships to local seniors

The East Haddam Community Lions will award two \$2,500 scholarships to deserving graduating seniors who meet the following criteria:

- Must be high school seniors at Nathan Hale-Ray High School or residents of East Haddam who attend another high school
- Must have plans to attend college or further their education in a planned program in 2018–2019

Recipients are selected based on academic standing, financial need, extracurricular activities and other criteria established by the scholarship committee.

Applications can be obtained from area high-school guidance counselors or contact the Nathan Hale-Ray guidance department at 860-873-5065. Applications must be received by April 27.

Free GED instruction offered

Free GED tutoring is available at Adult Education to help residents get their GED. Conveniently located at 210 Main Street, Old Saybrook. Days and evenings. Enrollment is ongoing and there is no charge for East Haddam residents. Call 860-343-6044 for more information.

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Thursday, April 12

9 a.m. Tai chi
10 a.m. Knitting and crochet
10 a.m. to noon. Computer help
6 p.m. Pot luck dinner

Friday, April 13

8:15 a.m. Pilates
8:30 a.m. Massage with Cora
1 p.m. Game day

Monday, April 16

8:15 a.m. Pilates
9:30 a.m. Yoga

Tuesday, April 17

9 a.m. Tai chi

9 a.m. Shopping in Cromwell
10 a.m. Quilting
10 a.m. to noon. Computer help
12:30 p.m. Mah jongg

Wednesday, April 18

8:15 a.m. Pilates
10 a.m. Coloring

Thursday, April 19

9 a.m. Tai chi
10 a.m. Knitting and crochet
10 a.m. to noon. Computer help
1 p.m. Bingo

Friday, April 20

8:15 a.m. Pilates
1 p.m. Game day

SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, April 12

Corn chowder, soft shell tacos.

Friday, April 13

Macaroni and cheese, garden salad with tomatoes and cucumbers, Italian dressing, stewed tomatoes, twelve-grain bread, fresh banana.

Monday, April 16

Orange juice, stuffed green pepper, with tomato sauce, bowtie pasta, Capri blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday, April 17

Salisbury steak, twice baked potato, roasted veggies.

Wednesday, April 18

Orange-pineapple juice, garden salad greens, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, onions with grilled chicken strips, shredded cheese, Italian dressing, whole-grain saltines, 100% whole wheat bread, fresh banana.

Thursday, April 19

Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, butternut squash.

Friday, April 20

Grape juice, roast turkey with gravy, cornbread stuffing, cranberry sauce, peas and diced carrots, wheat dinner roll, peaches.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Upcoming and ongoing

Will Rogers Follies, the Broadway hit, at the Goodspeed, 6 Main St. April 13 to June 21. Shake hands with the heartwarming humorist who spun a rope, poked fun at headlines and never met a man he didn't like. Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. with select performances at 2 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. (with select performances at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets available through the Box Office (860-873-8668) or at goodspeed.org.

Nature in Black & White, an exhibit of original artwork running through May 13 at Spectrum Gallery, 61 Main St., Centerbrook. A six-week show that highlights the detail and beauty found in nature when artists limit their palettes to grays, whites and black. Information: 860-767-0742 or spectrumartgallery.org.

Thursday, April 12

6 p.m. Listening for God, St. Stephen's Church, 31 Main St. Participants will practice reclaiming attention, focusing, and learning to watch and listen for God in their lives and in the surrounding world. Information: www.ststeves.org/event/listening-for-god/.

7 p.m. Sergeant Stubby the War Dog: How a Stray Dog and His Best Friend Helped Win World War I and Stole the Heart of a Nation with Ann Bausum. Lyme Public Library, 482 Hamburg Rd., Lyme. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lyme Public Library.

Friday, April 13

Early dismissal at schools for professional develop-

ment.

Saturday, April 14

6 to 10 p.m. Cats in the Castle, Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, Conn. A fundraising event benefiting Cat Tales Inc., a nonprofit cat rescue. Includes appetizer, buffet dinner, desert, beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Silent auction; raffle items. Must be 21 or older. Purchase tickets at CatTalesCT.org/CITC. Information: events@CatTalesCT.org or 860-344-9043.

7 p.m. Author talk on Venture Smith and other figures of the American Revolution, Haddam Fire Station No. 1, 439 Saybrook Rd., Haddam. Best-selling author Russell Shorto will discuss his new book, *Revolution Song: A Story of American Freedom*, which weaves together the stories of Smith and other Revolutionary figures. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Haddam Historical Society, East Haddam Historical Society and First Church Cemetery Association of East Haddam. For additional information call 860-345-2400 or email contact@haddamhistory.org.

Sunday, April 15

4 p.m. Con Brio Choral Society Spring Concert, Christ the King Church, 1 McCurdy Lane, Old Lyme. Seventy-voice choir performs Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* (also called *Mass for Troubled Times*) and other works for choir and orchestra. Tickets are \$30 each, \$15 for students. Purchase in advance online at www.conbrio.org or call 860-526-5399.

5 to 6 p.m. Harvest House dinner. St. Stephen's Parish Hall, 31 Main St. Information: www.ststeves.org/transform/harvest-house/

Monday, April 16

No school for spring vacation.

Tuesday, April 17

No school for spring vacation.

2:30 to 5:30 p.m. First Church Clothing Bank open, lower level, First Church of Christ, Congregational, 499 Town St. Clothing is available to East Haddam residents at no cost. Donations of clean clothes in excellent condition are appreciated and can be brought during scheduled opening hours.

Wednesday, April 18

No school for spring vacation.

7 p.m. Celtic prayer service, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 31 Main St. Open to the public; all are welcome. Lasts ½ hour. Quiet and meditative Wednes-

day prayer service offers an opportunity to sit and be still with God. Information: www.ststeves.org/event/celtic-prayer-service/.

Thursday, April 19

No school for spring vacation.

Friday, April 20

6 to 8 p.m. East Haddam Art League Spring Show opening, Rathbun Library, 36 Main St. Refreshments; meet the artists.

Saturday, April 21

8:30 p.m. The Locomotives perform live at La Vita Gustosa, 9 Main St.

Sunday, April 22

5 to 6 p.m. Harvest House dinner. St. Stephen's Parish Hall, 31 Main St. Information: www.ststeves.org/transform/harvest-house/

Monday, April 23

9 a.m. to noon. Photo scanning for Wall of Honor. East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd. Have your military service recognized on the Wall of Honor display in the Municipal Office Building. Photos of yourself in uniform, and/or those of your (East Haddam resident) family can be copied and added to our town's Wall of Honor presentation.

Tuesday, April 24

3 to 6 p.m. Photo scanning for Wall of Honor. American Legion Post 156, 35 Neptune Ave. See April 23 listing for details.

Wednesday, April 25

3 to 6 p.m. Photo scanning for Wall of Honor. East Haddam Free Public Library, 18 Plains Rd. See April 23 listing for details.

7 p.m. Celtic prayer service, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 31 Main St. Open to the public; all are welcome. Lasts ½ hour. Quiet and meditative Wednesday prayer service offers an opportunity to sit and be still with God. Information: www.ststeves.org/event/celtic-prayer-service/.

Thursday, April 26

3 to 6 p.m. Photo scanning for Wall of Honor. East Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St. See April 23 listing for details.

Friday, April 27

7 p.m. What is Autism? A community conversation, Grange Hall, Town St. Hosted by the East Haddam Library System. The program is open to the public and will be an opportunity to learn more about autism. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, April 28

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. East Haddam Drug Takeback, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd. Bring your expired, unused and unwanted pills or patches for disposal. Liquids, needles or sharps cannot be accepted. The service is free and anonymous, no

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GRACE AND TRUTH BIBLE CHAPEL

Faith always has an object. We have faith, or believe, that someone or something will come to our aid. We're often disappointed because the things that we trust in are as frail and faulty as we are. Our hopes have been crushed. Our needs have gone unanswered. We are empty. Yet, there is One in whom our faith will never be disappointed, Jesus.

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

-JOHN 7:38.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



The Broadway hit “Will Rogers Follies” begins tomorrow at the Goodspeed and runs until June 21. See “Upcoming and ongoing” on the previous page. *Photo courtesy of Goodspeed Musicals.*

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questions asked. Coordinated by the East Haddam police, state troopers, and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Celebrate East Haddam 2018, Heritage Park, 15 Great Hillwood Rd. Hosted by the East Haddam Business Association; formerly known as “Taste of East Haddam.” Free admission. Live music, children’s activities and bounce house, food vendors and fresh local fare. Meet and greet local business owners; learn about special programs, promotions, and local summer events. Donations at the entrance will benefit local charities. Rain date Sunday, April 29. Vendor spaces \$25, email ehbammers@gmail.com for more info and to request a vendor registration form.

2 p.m. Clutter Control: Downsizing Your Stuff with David Downs. Lyme Public Library, 482 Hamburg Rd., Lyme.

Sunday, April 29

44th Annual Belltown Antique Engine & Tractor Show sponsored by the Belltown Antique Car Club. New Location: Danaher Field (across from the Haddam Neck Fire Station, near the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds), 73 Rock Landing Rd. in Haddam Neck (east side of Conn. River, off Rte. 151). Show opens at 8 a.m. and runs to 3 p.m. Antique stationary engines, working scale engine replicas and vintage tractors will be displayed and demonstrated. Event also includes a flea market. General admission \$4, children under 12 free. Info at www.belltowntantiquecarclub.org.

5 to 6 p.m. Harvest House dinner. St. Stephen’s Parish Hall, 31 Main St. Information: www.ststeves.org/transform/harvest-house/

Monday, April 30

7 p.m. Attracting Birds and Butterflies to Your Garden with Nancy Ballek Mackinnon. Lyme Public Library, 482 Hamburg Rd., Lyme. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lyme Public Library.

Saturday, May 5

2 p.m. English Tea Party, St. Stephen’s Church, 31 Main St. This year’s theme: “The Royal Wedding.” Tickets: \$25. Call 860-434-5611 or email Diane at ddvp40@aol.com to reserve a seat.

6 to 9 p.m. Cinco de Vino, Ray of Light Farm, 232 Town St. A wine tasting and Cinco de Mayo themed event to benefit Ray of Light Farm. Music by the Locomotives; wine and beer tastings by Shore Discount Liquor Store in Deep River. Local craft vendors, silent auction. Tickets \$35; can be purchased at the door or at rayoflightfarm.org.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. “Senior Prom” for citizens over 60, East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd. Hosted by Youth Helping Youth. Music from your childhood, baked goods, fun games. To sign up, call 860-873-5034 or come by the Senior Center. For information, email youthhelpingyouth@gmail.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated at Moodus, Connecticut this
2nd day of April, 2018

Debra H. Denette
East Haddam Town Clerk

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TOWN OF EAST HADDAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The East Haddam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing and meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Office Building, Meeting Room #3 to hear the following:

Appeal #1099 – Fred Masotta, 273 EH Colchester Turnpike, requesting a variance to Section 10.1 of the East Haddam Zoning Regulations to construct a detached garage which will increase the maximum lot coverage to 12.7% where 10% is allowed. Assessor’s Map 67, Lot 8.

Dated at East Haddam, CT this 6th day of April, 2018.
J. Gregory Daigle, Chairman

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Faithful make 5-mile spiritual journey

More than 20 walkers of all ages showed up on a gloomy, dreary day in Moodus on Good Friday, March 30, to make a five-mile cross-bearing pilgrimage through town and listen to the seven last words of Jesus unfold before them at seven stops.

Their journey began, as it does each year, at St. Bridget's Church led by Father Gregory Galvin. The second stop was acted out by Rev. Janice Kimball of Hadlyme Congregational Church. It was a short walk from there to United Methodist Church, where Rev. Stacy Goforth gave an emotional service.

As the walk continued, the pilgrims stopped at Chestelm Adult Day Services,

where Rev. Alicia Leslie from the online Spirit of Unity gave a personal message of God's love and grace. At the First Church of Christ, seminarian Valerie Seaver explained the message of 'I Thirst' and how it reflects on modern times. The sixth stop was at Christ Community Church with Pastor Vicki Triano, who lifted up the group with song and praise.

It was all downhill from there to St. Stephen Episcopal Church, where Rev. Adam Yates ended the seventh message of the day, after which the church generously offered homemade soup and bread to nourish the bodies of the walkers after their long spiritual journey.

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Taxpayer group holds second public meeting

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to eliminate any political view or individual agenda, preferring to present 'just the facts,' as we have come to understand them."

A subsequent discussion of what the group would consider to be a successful outcome of their efforts settled on increasing voter turnout at the town budget referendum on May 8 from the usual 30 percent to 40 percent or more.

In other discussion, the possibility of regionalizing town schools and whether the new municipal building

might be suitable for a town library came up. There was concern that a proposal, defeated last year in the Connecticut General Assembly, for towns to assume some of the costs for teacher pensions might reappear at some point.

The April 26 public meeting will include informational charts, such as one comparing per-pupil costs in various school districts, and discussion of the proposed town budget. "The meeting will be an opportunity for people to ask questions and have people there who can shed some light on their

concerns," said Bridget Compagno, who has a child in the school system. "We want people to be informed and to get involved. I hope this means going beyond just voting."

The Citizen's Guide to the 2018-2019 East Haddam Town Budget reports that proposed \$31,562,517 (town

and school expenditures combined) represents a 2.5 percent increase and a tax increase of 1.7 percent — with the mill rate rising .08.

Member Holly Read noted that the taxpayer group's efforts have spawned interest in a similar movement in the town of Lyme.

Music on the River

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to play and refine his singing. Since then, he's built a huge fan base and was named as Spotify's Best on their 2016 Folk and Americana Blues list.

July 30 – Auburn Mode

A cornerstone of Hartford's music scene, the group has a style that ranges from poignant and evocative to light and whimsical—an original fusion of progressive and energetic folk pop.

August 30 – Chris Smither

An American folk/blues singer, guitarist and song writer, his music draws deeply from his formative years in Louisiana learning the picking styles of Mississippi John Hurt, and Lightnin' Hopkins. Moving to Cambridge in the 60's, he became a forerunner in the burgeoning folk scene. His songs

have been recorded by a long list of well-known artists. The 2014 album "Link of Chain A Songwriter's Tribute to Chris Smither" is testimony to the respect and admiration for his songwriting by an all-star list of artists including Bonnie Raitt, Josh Ritter, and Patty Larkin.



All concerts are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the green at the Goodspeed Opera House. This year, there is a Tuesday night rain date at the green for all performances except for Suitcase Junket and Christ Smither. In the case of rain, these two concerts will be held at Nathan Hale-Ray High School the evening of their scheduled performance.

Donations can be sent to Music on the River, PO Box 377, Moodus, CT 06469. Donors of \$100 or more will receive a Music on the River t-shirt. Please include t-shirt size with your donation.

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Oh no, it's spring!

How do you know if you have allergies?

If you always sneeze when you pet a cat or feel sniffly at the start of spring, you could have an allergy. But how do you know for sure? The best way to find out is to see your doctor or an allergist. They will ask about your medical history, do a physical exam, and run tests.

You can help your doctor give you the right diagnosis:

Make a list of your symptoms. Based on these, your doctor may be able to rule out other causes like a cold, virus, or other illness.

Track the timing. If you're sneezing for a few weeks every few months, or if your symptoms are particularly bad in the morning, this may be another clue that you have allergies.

Note anything new. Are you using a new detergent? Did you change your skin care routine? Pay attention to any changes in your diet and lifestyle. They may help your doctor find what's triggering your symptoms.

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