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Town office closings: The town office buildings, senior center, libraries and transfer station will be closed tomorrow, March 30, in observance of Good Friday.



About 300 people turned out for East Haddam's March for Our Lives event. Photos by Jason Bogdan.

300 attend local protest march

By Jason Bogdan

Hundreds of people gathered in East Haddam Saturday, March 24, for one of the many "March for Our Lives" event taking place throughout the world. About 300 signed in and met in front of Two Wrasslin' Cats Coffee House on Town Street to hold up signs in protest of gun violence and attacks like the recent Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Florida.

Owner Mark Thiede offered his location as a collaboration with the social-justice vigil held by local group Together We Rise in front of the café on Saturday mornings since November 2016. Business was open with free coffee for those attending.

"We are very proud to be part of March of Our Lives," said local resident Greg Coleman, one of the organizers of the weekly vigils. "We don't need that fear of gun violence — nor do our children."

This event was emceed by Sophie Spaner, a sophomore at Valley Regional High School of Deep River, who said "it's very important that it's the students who drive this movement." She ad-



A group of about a dozen counter-protestors demonstrated opposite the event.

dressed the large crowd and played her own song about the importance of March for Our Lives. Additional musical performances included Dianne Adams, who has sung at other vigils, and former Connecticut State Troubadour Thomasina Levy.

Besides Spaner, other students from nearby elementary schools, high schools, and colleges spoke onstage about gun violence. Each called to mind the victims of Stoneman Douglas and other Continued on page EH8

Town working to buy library; accessibility to be next issue

By Danielle Faipler

Town officials are in the process of purchasing the East Haddam Free Public Library, a building the town currently maintains and operates, and have received permission from the state attorney general to move forward in the process, which is still in the beginning stages.

The East Haddam Free Public Library would be a gift to the town, and the town would not have to pay for the building. Currently, the town operates the library, at 18 Plains Road.

"Libraries are great ... but we do need to take a hard look at what we've got, and we don't want to be without a library," said Lyman.

The next step in the process will be to go to public hearing and then to town meeting for residents to accept the purchase of the building.

"East Haddam is small-town government, and is probably the purest form of government. But ultimately, we come back to town meeting ... This is pure democracy," said Lyman.

Town officials underwent this process several years ago when it purchased the Rathbun Free Public Library, which was formerly operated under the Rathbun Trust endowment. The town now owns and operates the Rathbun Free Memorial Library, at 36 Main Street.

The East Haddam Free Public Library was operated through the Reading Room Association; however, approximately 11 years ago, the town began supplementing the endowments at both libraries to assist with the costs associated with their operation.

"They're fairly substantial endowments that generate income, and that income was intended, originally, to support the libraries as independent items," Continued on page EH8

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OBITUARY

Doreen Barnes Palmer

Doreen Barnes Palmer, age 69, the beloved wife of Stuart R. Palmer, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning March 20. Her husband and loving son Christopher D. Barnes of Philadelphia were by her side. Born in Grand Junction, Iowa, and raised in Natick, Mass., the daughter of Eugene and Eda (Ferrari) Gross, Doreen lived all of her adult life in Connecticut: Wallingford, Cheshire, and the last 26 years in East Haddam.

She was an award-winning Dale Carnegie Instructor, a registered nurse with Lower Valley Visiting Nurses in Centerbrook, and a director of sales at Pilots Point Marina in Westbrook.

Doreen loved to garden and go antiquing in search of treasures. She was an accomplished baker and known for her talent for creating beautiful things with a needle and thread. She had a great love of music throughout her life. Doreen embraced life with an insatiable whimsical curiosity but, of all life's gifts, Doreen most valued

her family, friends and her faith. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Wallingford, where she and Stuart were married on June 1, 1991, and was a current member of the First Congregational Church



of Deep River. She will be re-

membered as a joyful, loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, who was always there when needed with the warmest hug and her unforgettable smile. In addition to her husband Stuart and son Christopher, she is survived by three stepchildren, Tracy

Acker and Christine Palmer, both of Rexford, N.Y., and S. Douglas Palmer of East Kingston, N.H.; her four step-grandchildren, Olivia and Emily Acker, and Hailea and Morgan Palmer; and her six sisters and brothers,

their spouses and children.

A memorial service was held Sunday, March 25, at the First Congregational Church of Deep River. An additional memorial service took place Tuesday, March 27, at the Saybrook at Haddam retirement community.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Doreen's name to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. The family wishes to thank Candy and Anthony Nero of East Haddam, and the staff at both Saybrook at Haddam retirement community and Chestelm Healthcare and Rehabilitation for their care and support.

To share a memory of Doreen or send condolences to her family, please visit www.rwwfh.com.

TO THE EDITOR

Town offices create new town hub

A new hub has been created now that all of the town offices have compartmentalized into one historic, revitalized building in Moodus. The iconic East Haddam Free Public Library is a part of this hub. It has served the community for 130 years, welcoming all ages with its well-attended programs providing endless joy and wonder in the printed word. It is impressive to know that only 1 percent of our town's current budget is relegated to support both town libraries. Forty percent of all the residents living in the town's 55 square miles hold a library card. Given the exciting reconfiguration of our town's core, it seems a great opportunity to welcome new patrons to enjoy our library.

Dolores Tedford Moodus

Thank you from the K of C

On behalf of St. Bridget of Kildare Knights of Columbus #9358, thank you to all of the local businesses that contributed raffle prizes for our St. Patrick's

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.

Day dinner on Sunday, March 11. These raffle prizes were instrumental in making this a very successful dinner. The proceeds will go back to the parish and East Haddam community. Thank you, East Haddam business community!!

> Frank Buckley Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus

COMMUNITY

Register for April 7 Community Lions 5K, half-marathon races

It's not too late to register for the Community Lions 5K run/walk or half marathon. The races will be held on Saturday, April 7, with a start/finish at the East Haddam Senior Center in Moodus.

Online registration fees are \$25 for the 5K run or 5K walk challenge, and \$50 for the half marathon. Mail-in and race-day fees are \$30 and \$55. Students: take \$10 off your registration fee. Register early and save. T-shirts will be handed out to the first 200 who register.

The races are USATF certified with chip timing, mile splits, scenic routes, water stops and food for runners. Volunteers and police will be along both routes to direct runners and traffic.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and both races start at 9:30 a.m. Register online at racewire.com; email ehclrace@yahoo.com for more information.

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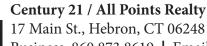
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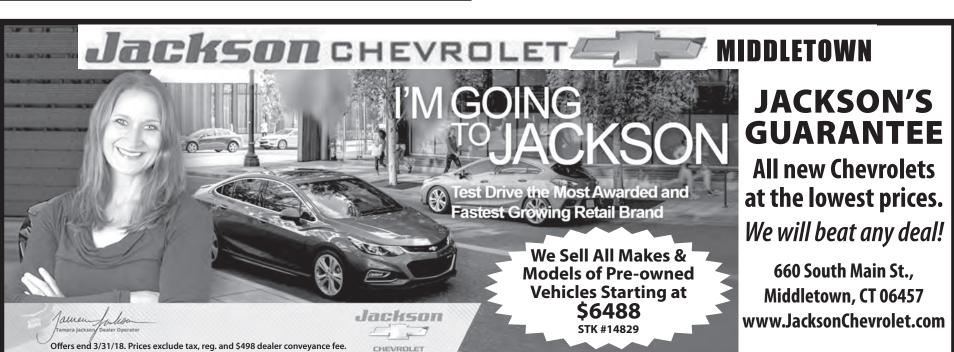
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Comprehensive state bird survey under way

By David Holahan

The Connecticut Bird Atlas, an ambitious three-year survey of birds statewide, commenced in this month as volunteers began to fan out across diverse habitats to document breeding species, as well as those that winter here or pass through during spring or fall mi-

A joint project of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the University of Connecticut, it is being funded by \$650,000 in federal aid earmarked for wildlife restoration, along with donations by nonprofits such as the Connecticut Audubon Society and in-kind contributions by UConn.

A similar statewide breeding atlas was published in 1994 based on information compiled from 1982



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The project has organized the state into a grid consisting of 601 blocks of nearly 9 square miles each, and volunteers can go to ctbirdatlas.org and click on any open block they'd like to survey.

to 1986. The current effort will include additional criteria, and the preliminary results will be posted online periodically, according to Min Huang, a DEEP wildlife biologist who is on the five-member Atlas oversight team. Complete data and comprehensive maps won't be available on the website until shortly after the survey reporting ends in 2021.

"The goal is to provide relative abundance estimates across the state for our breeding species," Huang said. "This kind of information will be extremely helpful for informing conservation actions, both public and private, that can ensure that we protect those areas most critical for birds for future generations."

The project has organized the state into a grid consisting of 601 blocks of nearly 9 square miles each (roughly 3 miles on a side), and volunteers can go online (ctbirdatlas.org) and click on any open block that they would like to survey. Atlas regional coordinators respond via email to confirm that a request for a block has been approved.

The website also includes various information on protocols and procedures for reporting data and a schedule of training workshops that volunteers can attend, such as one on June 3 at the Audubon Center at Bent of the River in Southbury.

Over three years, block watchers are expected to devote a total of 20 hours to surveying their territory. They report where and when they see evidence of breeding activity, such as finding an active nest, ob-

HONOR ROLL

Emma Link of East Haddam was named to the University of Delaware dean's list for the fall 2017

Tess Buschmann and Marisa Conlin of East Haddam were named to the dean's list of Southern Connecticut State University for the fall 2017 semester.

serving courtship displays, or spotting a bird carrying nesting materials, or simply occupying suitable habitat during the normal breeding season for the species.

At this writing, two weeks after the unveiling of the atlas project's website, nearly half of the blocks were taken. People who want to contribute in a less formal way can report what they see in their backyards or elsewhere on an "incidental observation form" available online. Block volunteers are asked to document their time and mileage as part of the data collection effort.

While about a dozen local birds begin nesting in the winter — for example, bald eagles and great horned owls — most species breed during the spring months and right into August. A blog on the Connecticut Bird Atlas website contains timely updates as well as helpful information and tips for volunteers.

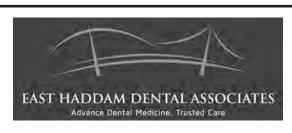
Among other online resources is a link titled "safe dates," which provides ranges of dates and description of habitats where various species are likely to be breeding: for example, eastern screech owls from April 1 through August 1 in "open deciduous forests, woodlots, orchards, residential areas."

Atlas researchers already have basic information about many of the birds that nest here or frequent the state, as well as a general sense of the species that have been trending up or down. For example, there clearly are more common ravens and red-bellied woodpeckers in Connecticut than there were in 1986, but fewer ruffed grouse and northern bobwhite.

A checklist established by the Avian Records Committee of Connecticut lists 437 species that occur in the state. The previous bird atlas reported 188 breeding species in the state, 175 of those confirmed and the rest likely breeders.

But the new atlas is seeking to obtain more detailed statistics on the abundance of nesting birds and the specific areas where they are breeding. "We have a general sense of what's here and where, but we don't have it well quantified," said Chris Elphick, an associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at UConn who is on loan to the atlas project. "We're interested in the more subtle changes, where numbers of a particular species may have declined by 20 or maybe 30 percent. That's a lot, but it is easy for changes like that to slip by under our radar."

Scientifically designed bird atlases were first conducted in the United Kingdom in the 1960s and have been undertaken by many U.S. states, including Massachusetts, Florida and Texas.



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FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

More common budget terms

Second in a series of articles by the Board of Finance

The East Haddam Board of Finance (BoF) is responsible for the oversight and submittal of the Annual Town Budget to the citizens. 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 is to explain the financial terms commonly used in the budget meetings. This second article in the series explains the meaning of six additional financial terms. They are:

- 1. General Fund: The General Fund is the general operating fund of the town and operates under a legal budget. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- 2. Reserve Fund: The Board of Finance may recommend the town establish a reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures. The fund is created by a majority vote of a town meeting. The fund may be built up by:
- Transferring to it any general fund cash surplus available at the end of any fiscal year.
- Levying an annual tax of not more than 4 mils

earmarked for the fund.

3. Including in it surplus cash funds already held in reserve for capital and nonrecurring expenditures (S.7-361).

Source: Handbook for Connecticut Boards of Finance

- **3. Capital Budget:** The capital budget is a specific program of capital projects to be undertaken and the method of financing them. It is the implementation of the long-range capital improvement program and the setting forth of definite plans to be undertaken and completed in a specific period of time. Source: Handbook for Connecticut Boards of Finance
- **4. Capital Reserve**: A capital reserve is a type of account on a municipality's balance sheet that is reserved for long-term capital investment projects or other large and anticipated expenses that will be incurred in the future. *Source: www.investopedia.com;* see 2. Reserve Fund.
- **5. Bonds:** A bond is a fixed-income investment in which an investor loans money to an entity (typically corporate or governmental), which borrows the funds for a defined period of time at a variable or fixed interest rate. Bonds are used by companies, municipalities, states and sovereign governments to raise money and finance a variety of projects and activities. Owners of bonds are debt holders or creditors of the issuer. Source: www.investopedia.com
- **6. Debt Service:** The amount of money required to make payments on the principal and interest on outstanding loans, the interest on bonds, or the principal of maturing bonds. Source: Farlex Financial Dictionary. Debt service is usually expressed as the amount paid over one year. For example, money spent paying off the bond or loan for a capital project such as a school.



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Spring soccer is coming to Parks and Recreation

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

Gentle yoga

Appropriate for all levels of fitness or yoga experience, and 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 alike. 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.

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. Next session is March 27 to May 5. Tuesdays and Thursday, 6 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. You may also attend 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.

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

TOWN CALENDAR

Thursday, March 29

Transfer Station Committee, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

Friday, March 30

Good Friday. Town office buildings, Senior Center, libraries and transfer station will be closed.

Monday, April 2

7 p.m. Agriculture Commission, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

Tuesday, April 3

6 p.m. Board of Fire Commissioners, Company No. 1 Firehouse, 440 Town St.

7 p.m. Water Pollution Control Authority, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission

Wednesday, April 4

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.

Thursday, April 5

Economic Development Commission

Monday, April 9

7 p.m. Recreation Commission, East Haddam Elementary School, 45 Joe Williams Rd.

Tuesday, April 10

7 p.m. Budget public hearing, Nathan Hale-Ray High School auditorium, 15 School Dr. After the budget hearing, the Board of Finance will meet to set a budget for the annual budget town meeting.



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Ziobron, Casner meet with state AG's office about historic properties

Editor's note: Bob Casner is a member of the board of the East Haddam News.

State Representative Melissa Ziobron (R-34) and longtime East Haddam Historical Society member Bob Casner met with representatives from state attorney general George Jepsen's office on March 20 to air their concerns about the Connecticut Landmark Society's property management practices, following apparent signs of neglect emerging in two town landmarks, the Amasa Day House and the Palmer-Warner House, which are owned by the society.

"While Connecticut Landmarks has the best intentions for this beautiful property, my constituents have continued to share their concerns, and those need to be addressed. Sunlight is the best disinfectant, and in this case would benefit not only the public demanding answers, but the organization that has been charged with keeping our history alive," said Ziobron.

"It is apparent that Connecticut Landmarks' lack of transparency has led to a loss of trust in the group's ability to properly maintain the Palmer Warner house," said Casner. "A full and complete

disclosure of the Frederick Palmer Memorial Fund is a first step in open communication. The lack of open financials and movement of large sums of money out of the fund appears to be outside the purview of the [Connecticut Landmarks] group as the use of the fund was directed by the donor, Howard Metzger, in his will. The East Haddam community welcomes the investigation by the attorney general's office and a report stating its findings."

Ziobron had written to the attorney general's office to share constituents' concerns and ensure that issues be addressed regarding the condition of the property and verification of the investment income left behind by the former owners. The attorney general's office has agreed to keep her office apprised as the process moves forward, she said.

STATE GOVERNMENT



State Senator Art Linares testifies before the legislature's Public Health Committee supporting the creation of a maternity mortality review committee.



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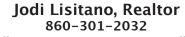
Linares testifies on bill to track maternal mortality

State Senator Art Linares (R-33) testified this month before the legislature's Public Health Committee encouraging passage of legislation to create a maternity mortality review committee within the Department of Public Health. It is Raised Bill 304, An Act Establishing A Maternity Mortality Review Committee Within The Department Of Public Health.

"The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate among industrialized countries," said Linares. "One organization estimated that 23.5 mothers die for every 100,000 births. This information is, and should be, shocking. While the rates of mothers dying before, during, or after birth have been dropping in other nations, between 1990 and 2015, it has gone up 56 percent in the United States."

Linares said that epidemiologists credit poor record-keeping as the reason better numbers are not available and the reason the rates have risen so dramatically.

"The key to understanding and improving the maternal mortality rate is better record-keeping," he said, adding that Connecticut does not have an established method for tracking the number of and reason for maternal deaths.



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Town libraries

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said Lyman. "Through time, it's become inadequate. Before, [the town] was contributing to both libraries on an annual basis to support them, and without us they could not have made it."

Due to exhaustion of the endowment funds, the town currently provides financial support to the libraries. During the 2017 fiscal year, of the town's \$4.3 million budget, 0.9 percent was spent on the town's libraries. Throughout the area, East Haddam spent the least, percentage-wise, on its libraries.

During the 2017 fiscal year, Salem spent 1.02 percent of its budget on its library system, and the town of Hebron spent 1.17 percent of its total budget on the Douglas Library.

At the same time, East Haddam has one of the highest rates of library usage compared to other area towns. For example, the total circulation of materials in East Haddam was 6.38 percent per capita. Killingworth had the next highest circulation per capita at 6.28 percent. The Brainerd Library in Haddam had the third highest circulation per capita at 6.05.

During several selectmen meetings, citizens expressed concern that it did not make any sense for the town to take over the building as numerous improvements are necessary to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In May 2017, the town hired East Haddam-based Fellner Associates Architects to conduct an ADA accessibility study. The study included two strategies: one to make just the main floors accessible, and one to make both buildings completely accessible.

According to the study, the price tag to make the main floor of the Rathbun Free Memorial Library accessible is approximately \$236,000 for preliminary construction, and approximately \$27,000 for professional fees. To renovate the main floor of the East Haddam Free Public Library, the cost is \$265,000 for preliminary construction costs and approximately \$28,000 for professional fees.

The price tag for making the entire buildings ADA compliant is \$1.2 million for the East Haddam Free Public Library, and \$2.3 million for the Rathbun Free Public Library, the study said.

According to Lyman, the town is looking into the possibility of establishing a committee tasked with determining how the town should approach the library improvements.

"We're not sure if it would be better to go and make the improvements, or if it would be better to build a whole new library," said Lyman. This is the question the committee would try to answer.

Lyman said the town would try to establish the committee after the opening of the new Municipal Office Complex to determine whether the town should renovate both libraries to bring them into compliance with ADA standards, or construct a new building entirely.

According to Libraries Director Michael Gilroy, the library is requesting a \$2.5 million placeholder for the possible construction of a library during the 2025 fiscal year. It is the very early stages, and is dependent upon what the library committee — once established — determines.

Their recommendation will be presented to the town, so the town can decide how to move forward. However, any decision to renovate the buildings or construct a new facility would require approval from residents at a town meeting, said Lyman.

According to Gilroy, the libraries are beginning to outgrow the current space, so the timing around library improvements is perfect. During a January 31 town meeting, residents approved the acceptance of a \$4,000 grant in January from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the storage of archival volumes.

In addition, the town's young-adult catalog expanded. Located primarily at the East Haddam Free Public Library, it consists of popular novels, graphic novels, Japanese-style manga, and an electronic catalog of DVDs.

Compared to towns around the shoreline, the East Haddam library system has the lowest funding, but one of the largest circulations in the shoreline area

"For the past 10 to 15 years, we've needed a new facility," said Gilroy.

According to Gilroy, if the libraries are not expanded, some parts of the collection will be put into storage, affecting the quality of programming and overall experience provided for patrons.

Protest march

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school attacks, including the 2012 Sandy Hook tragedy that took place in Newtown, Conn.

Booths onsite included receptacles for donations to help support the movement and a sheet for residents to sign up to vote for the upcoming midterms. The Middlesex chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, an organization calling for gun reform, also was on hand.

However, not everyone at the event agreed with the protest. A group of about a dozen counter-protesters stood across the street during the vigil with loudspeakers, defending the Second Amendment. "We are as appalled about the crises as they are, but we don't think gun reform is the solution," said Chris Walsh, one of the opposition. Walsh said the counter-protesters believe in more "common-sense solutions" such as increased resource officers and school threat assessments, and ultimately seek "a return to the values of God and patriotism."

Several local officers were on hand to help patrol traffic and stayed in case of any conflict between the sides, but no altercations or issues surfaced during the event. Spaner said she was satisfied by the turnout and encouraged all to continue supporting the student movement.



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Exterior of the new 1 Plains Road town offices.

Town offices get final touches; ribbon cutting May 12

By Jason Bodgan

East Haddam's new Municipal Office Complex on 1 Plains Road has recently opened while its construction is just a few months away from completion.

The project to turn the former middle school building into offices for the town staff began in February 2017. The architecture redesigns were done by Silver Petrucelli & Associates of Hamden, and the construction by Downs Construction of New Britain. Work included a complete overhaul of the prior gymnasium, refinishing of the floors, and technicians on site to work on the lighting.

"There is a great deal of enthusiasm here," said First Selectman Emmett J. Lyman about the progress and current results. "The committee has done a fabulous job and the staff are surprised by how well it's come along."

Town Clerk Debra Denette already has high regards for the various enhancements to her work space. She has found the extra space to be excellent for conducting business, noting that the work put into filing has been "cut in half" with a lot less hassle in organizing. "Everything is light, bright, and

According to the Emergency Man-

agement Director, Craig Mansfield, the progress has been consistently going smoothly on schedule with zero budget issues for the ribbon-opening ceremony set for Saturday, May 12. He said he is very thankful towards everyone involved in the project including the committee and constructors who had done "a great job in such a short timeline."

SENIOR CENTER

Thursday, March 29

9 a.m. Tai chi 10 a.m. Knitting 10 a.m. to noon. Computer help 1:30 p.m. Easter egg hunt. Be a kid again and run, walk or skip to find eggs! Plesase sign up in advance.

Thursday menu: Herb crusted cod, mashed potatoes, roasted veggies.

Friday, March 30

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please send your calendar items to editor@ easthaddamnews.org. We need to receive items by the end of the day on the Wednesday *preceding* the week you want your notice to appear.

Upcoming

Nature in Black & White, an exhibit of original artwork running March 30 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. For opening reception, see March 30 listing. For more information call 860-767-0742 or visit spectrumartgallery.org.

Thursday, March 29

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Agape Feast, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 31 Main St. Information: ststeves.org/easter.

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Communion, First Church of Christ, 499 Town St. With Rev. Milton Brasher-Cunningham.

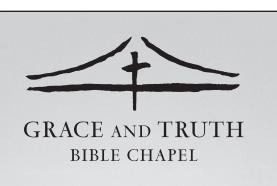
8 p.m. Traditional Service of Tenebrae (The Deepening Shadows), Westchester Congregational Church, 449 Westchester Rd., Colchester. Special readings, music and the extinguishing of candles to remember Jesus' night in Gethsemane, his arrest, trial and crucifixion. All are invited to attend.

Friday, March 30

No school for Good Friday holiday.

8 a.m. Good Friday Cross Walk. Starting at St. Bridget's Church, 75 Moodus Leesville Rd., and ending at St. Stephen's Church, 31 Main St.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Spring open house, Sunny Buns Tanning & Spa, 26 Falls Rd. Gift bags for the first 25 guests, \$1,000 in raffle prizes, one-day deals.



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Sunday Worship, 11 am

1 p.m. Good Friday worship, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 31 Main St. Information: ststeves.org/easter.

5 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 31 Main St. Information: ststeves.org/

6:30 p.m. Opening reception for *Nature in Black* & *White*, an exhibit of original artwork, Spectrum Gallery, 61 Main St., Centerbrook. New and original work by fine artists and artisans; wine, appetizers and desserts. Exhibit runs through May 13. For more information call 860-767-0742 or visit spectrumartgallery.org.

Saturday, March 31

9 a.m. to noon. Girl Scout cookie booth, Two Wrasslin' Cats Coffee House, 374 Town St. Purchase cookies for yourself or make a cookie donation to our local military or food bank. Available flavors are Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Savannah Smiles, gluten-free Toffee-tastic, and S'mores.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. I-Park Volunteers Day, 428 Hopyard Rd. Volunteers needed to help with trail maintenance, gardening, and decommissioning site-responsive artworks at the art park's campus. Information: visit i-park.org or write events@i-park.org.

6 p.m. Interfaith Community Passover Seder and Dinner, Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Ave, Colchester. With Rabbi Ken Alter, Pastor Ron of Westchester Congregational Church, and Rev. Lauren of the Federated Church. Those interested in attending should RSVP the synagogue office at 860-537-2809.

Sunday, April 1

6:45 a.m. Easter sunrise service, Gillette Castle, 67 River Rd. Breakfast to follow at Hadlyme Congregational Church, 47 Town St.

7 a.m. Easter sunrise service, Westchester Congregational Church, 449 Westchester Rd., Colchester. Weather permitting; in case of inclement weather the service will be held in the sanctuary. Immediately following will be a breakfast hosted by the deacons for all who attend. The traditional family-friendly Easter service will be at 10:00.

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Easter Sunday service, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 31 Main St. Information: ststeves.org/easter.

10 a.m. Easter Sunday service, Hadlyme Congregational Church, 47 Town St. Coffee hour to follow.

10 a.m. Easter service communion, First Church

of Christ, 499 Town St. With Rev. Milton Brasher-Cunningham.

Harvest House closed for Easter Sunday.

Tuesday, April 3

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 4

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/.

Saturday, April 7

8 a.m. to noon. Town wide cleanup day. Annual effort to clean up what winter has left behind in the town's streets, waterways, and public areas. Meet at Town Hall at 8 a.m. to join the group — or start from your own street. All who participate are invited to a picnic afterward at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club, 299 East Haddam–Colchester Turnpike. Sponsored by the sportsmen's club and the town's scout troops.

8 a.m. Community Lions 5K and half marathon races, East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd. USATF certified races with chip timing, mile splits, scenic routes, water stops and food for runners. Online registration fees: \$25 for 5K run or 5K walk challenge, \$50 for half marathon; student discount \$10. Mail-in and race-day fees: \$30 and \$55. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and both races start at 9:30 a.m. Register online at racewire.com; email ehclrace@yahoo.com for more information.

Tuesday, April 10

9:30 a.m. Moms Club of Moodus, First Church of Christ, 499 Town St.

Friday, April 13

Early dismissal at schools for professional development.

Saturday, April 14

6 to 10 p.m. Cats in the Castle, Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, Conn. A fundraising event benefiting

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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 28

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Celebrate East Haddam, Heritage Park, 15 Great Hillwood Rd. Fifth annual East Haddam Business Association event. Free general admission. Live music, face painting and bounce house, fresh local fare and food trucks. Meet and greet local business owners; a chance to shop, enter to win a prize, learn about special programs, promotions, and local summer events. Rain date Sunday, April 29. Vendor spaces \$25, email ehbamembers@gmail.com for more info and to request a vendor registration form.

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.

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Dated this 29th day of March, 2018 William M. DiCristofaro, Chairman

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Good Friday Worship 1pm

Stations of the Cross 5pm

Easter Sunday, April 1, 8am & 10am

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 31 Main St., East Haddam.

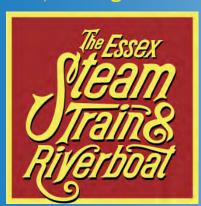
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LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

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

Thursday, March 29

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

3 p.m. Wall of Honor scanning workshop,

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Friday, March 30

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Monday, April 2

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

Tuesday, April 3

6:30 p.m. Coloring for Adults, Rathbun. Coloring pages and pencils supplied. This program is presented the first Tuesday of every month.

6:30 p.m. Friends of East Haddam Free Public Library, EHFPL. Volunteer group that helps support the library. For membership details or volunteer opportunities, call the library at 860-873-8248.

Wednesday, April 4

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

3:30 p.m. American Girl Club, Rathbun. Bring your favorite doll and make cute doll accessories.

Thursday, April 5

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

Friday, April 6

5 to 8 p.m. World Domination Club featuring Axis & Allies, EHFPL. Both teens and adults are welcome to compete to take over the world!

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.



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