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The Celebrate East Haddam Fall Fest is this weekend, October 5 to 7. See today's insert for more!



A boat and dock sit on the precipice of Moodus Reservoir dam. Photos above and below courtesy of East Haddam Fire Department.



Flooding coursed through the Goodspeed rehearsal studios, carrying away furniture.



Floodwaters battered a stretch of Neptune Avenue, finally carrying it away and leaving a deep rift. Photo courtesy of Jacob Spurlock.

## Torrential flooding batters the town

By Danielle Faipler

Severe rains hit East Haddam hard Tuesday night, September 25, washing away a stretch of Neptune Avenue, leaving a boat hanging off the Moodus Reservoir dam by a thread, and doing millions of dollars in damage to local roads, houses and businesses.

The storm left some residents without power, some stuck in the mud, and others with flooding homes and basements. Flooding caused multiple road closures, fire alarms, basement pump-outs, and required several rescues.

The flooding was severe enough for some drivers to become trapped in submerged vehicles, requiring rescue assistance from the East Haddam Fire Department.

"It was a very major storm, and it came down very fast. There was a tremendous amount of damage done," said First Selectman Emmett Lyman. "I want to thank both Public Works crews and the Fire Department for getting on the job as fast as we began to realize there would be trouble. They stayed with it through night and the next day, until the town was as secured as we could make it. It was a tremendous effort on their part."

According to Lyman, the storm caused an estimated \$3 million in damage to town roads and properties.

About 17 miles of the town's gravel

## Village revitalization draws myriad ideas

By David Holahan

While citizens presented a wide variety of ideas at the meeting of East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee (EHVRC) on Wednesday, September 26, there was one thing everyone agreed on — the 2.6-acre town office property overlooking the Connecticut River was East Haddam's "crown jewel."

Many who spoke also agreed that what happens on the site is crucial to the town's future.

Ideas ranged from giving the prop-

erty to the Goodspeed Opera House but keeping it on the tax rolls to accepting an existing proposal of establishing a craft brewery and brew pub there. Several of the younger people in the largely middle-age-and-above audience spoke about their desire for development that appeals to their generation.

EHVRC Chair William Gerrish said the purpose of the meeting was "to hear what town folks think," and it was clearly a success in that regard. He pointed out that the commit-

tee's monthly meetings were open to the public and that people could send written comments to admin@easthaddam.org prior to the next meeting on October 24.

The comments that have been sent in already were not available at press time but will be included in next week's paper.

"East Haddam is one of only two towns on the lower Connecticut River — the other being Essex — with a commercial center right on the river,"

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## Constitutional amendment would give public a say in land sales

As a resident of the town of East Haddam, I take pride in our being home to two of Connecticut's most revered state parks, Devil's Hopyard and Gillette Castle. As a frequent visitor to the beautiful grounds of the castle, I am but one of more than 300,000 people each year to enjoy this unique state asset.

But did you know that Connecticut's General Assembly uses legislation every year known as the "Conveyance Act" to give away, trade or sell publicly owned lands, including state parks and forests, without any assurance of public input? The prospect is frightening. These lands belong to all of us, and it is essential that "we the people" always have a voice in their protection.

On November 6, we have an opportunity to right this wrong. Ballot question #2 provides for a Constitutional amendment that places fair, reasonable and common-sense restraints on the sale of valued public property by requiring a public hearing and two-thirds vote of the General Assembly before a swap, sale, or giveaway of state parks, forests, and other valuable public lands can be carried out.

This is not a partisan issue. By establishing a Constitutional amendment, Connecticut will join neighboring states of New York, Massachusetts and Maine, which have already enacted similar amendments. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I encourage everyone to vote "yes" on question #2 on November 6, to ensure that a deliberative and transparent process directs the future of our treasured public properties. Once gone, they're gone forever.

*Starr Sayres  
East Haddam*

## Alzheimer's walk nets almost \$3k

Many thanks to Elsie and Bonnie, Bob and Havi, Silvana, Betty, East Haddam Garden Club and the Chestelm residents. The staff at Chestelm Adult Day Services, Chestelm and All Care walked to find a cure for Alzheimer's on September 15 at Ocean Beach Park in New London and collected \$2958.50 so far.

If you didn't get a chance to support us, it's not too late. You can go to alz.org and find our team "Peacock Pride" and make your donation today. Thanks to all of you for helping us to have such a successful day. All of the money raised will help our local Connecticut chapter to support family members, families and caregivers with Alzheimer's. Many thanks to those who have and continue to help us to find a cure for Alzheimer's!

*Chestelm Adult Day Services  
East Haddam*

## Ziobron responds to criticism

This past week, my opponent continued his negative campaigning with both video and a mailer targeting me directly. His campaign is furthering its claims in trying to portray me as hostile to women's issues.

With all that is going on nationally, it seems that any action that can be interpreted as adversarial to women is fair game to be called out, regardless of context. I'm an outspoken Republican, which makes me an easy target.

A recent criticism is around the issue of pay equity for women. Yes, I voted against HB 6850 in 2015, because it was a poorly constructed bill. I felt it needed to go back to committee, which it did. After careful bipartisan review, I had no qualms supporting it and I enthusiastically voted in favor in 2018.

I feel strongly that the drafting and revision of law as something that should be taken seriously. Hundreds of bills — many of them good conceptually — die in committee each year. Bills that finally find their way into law are the result of years of consensus building and bipartisan work. You won't find that in opposition talking points or some fake website, because such information does not suit Mr. Needleman's opportunistic narrative.

We too often forget the difference between campaigning and legislating. Pick any particular vote I have made (something that is easy to do with my 100% voting record), strip away the context, and one may find something that can be conveniently weaponized. Drill down into process, or better yet, listen to my testimony, and suddenly things are no longer so cut-and-dried.

I have fought for women throughout my career, just as I have fought for all my constituents regardless of race, color, gender, town, or age. I hope to earn your vote and continue that work.

*Melissa Ziobron  
East Haddam*

*Candidate for the 33rd District, state Senate*

## Endorsement for Irene Haines

I am supporting Irene Haines for state representative for the 34th District. Irene has always been active in her community and gets things done. She has served as both president and cultural arts coordinator for the East Haddam Middle School Principal Advisory Council. She is a founding member, past president and violist in the Colchester Civic Orchestra. She was a founder and is a board member of the *East Haddam News*. She was the Chatham Girl Scout service unit manager (East Haddam and East Hampton), a Cadette and Senior Girl Scout leader (East Haddam) and served as the East Haddam Youth & Family Local Prevention Council business liaison.

Irene is a past president of the East Haddam Business Association and a current member of the East Haddam Economic Development Commission. Last year she spearheaded the revival of the East Haddam Holiday Doors. Irene has also served as an Alzheimer's Association event coordinator and Rathbun Library trustee.

Irene regularly attends the East Hampton Board of Finance meetings to get a better understanding of the finance issues in East Hampton. She is committed to seeing that state funding for education is not cut.

Please join me in voting for Irene Haines for state representative for the 34th District on November 6.

*Barbara Angelico  
East Hampton*

## Endorsement for Norm Needleman

I will vote for Democrat Norm Needleman for state senate on November 6. Please let me tell you why.

Norm is the first selectman of Essex. The town is about equally divided among Republicans, Democrats and unaffiliated voters. We citizens have elected him four times.

We have elected him not because of party affiliation but because he is a strong leader. Our schools are wonderful. We have beautiful parks and excellent recreational facilities and programs all while maintaining among the lowest taxes in the state. Every year since Norm has been first selectman Essex has had balanced bipartisan budgets.

As first selectman, he led economic development efforts that made the town home to more than 700 businesses. He started his own manufacturing company in Essex that employs nearly 150 people. We are grateful that he chooses to bring this successful business experience to public service.

While I am reluctant to have him leave Essex, we need him in Hartford. He will bring proven bipartisan problem-solving skills to the state's finances and attract new business just as he has done in Essex. He favors a law to ensure equal pay for women that will strengthen families, and he will support world-class education for the state as he has done for our town and region.

We have enough charismatic people posing as public servants. Norm Needleman will go to Hartford with boots-on-the-ground leadership, a strong mind, and a caring spirit. He has earned our votes, and we need him to represent us.

I hope you will join me in voting for Norm Needleman on November 6.

*Claire K. Matthews  
Essex*

## Endorsement for Melissa Ziobron

I have known Melissa Ziobron for many years. I first met her when I was a commissioner on the Haddam Economic Development Commission and she was chairing the East Haddam Economic Development Commission. I remember thinking to myself, "Wow, that lady has a lot of energy and is really organized!" As I got to really know Melissa and found out that she was going to run for a state rep position, I was selfish, thinking politics is going ruin her and we are all going to lose out. Boy, was I wrong! She is "herself." She is extremely knowledgeable, kind, caring, but also a fierce fighter for her constituents. Melissa Ziobron has given me hope and optimism that one day, with our hard work, our children will be able to afford living in Connecticut as well as our seniors. The thing I like best about Melissa is "she listens." She really wants to hear you and understand where you're coming from. This is

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## TO THE EDITOR

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the type of leader we need in the senate fighting for us!  
Melissa Ziobron has my vote; I hope she has yours too.

*Lori Maggi  
Haddam*

### Endorsement for Irene Haines

Irene Haines is an excellent candidate to send to Hartford to represent the 34th District in November. Irene has been very involved in the East Haddam community. Having served as president of the East Haddam Business Association, she is more than aware of the issues that business operators face.

Connecticut is missing the boat. We are among the slowest states for economic recovery and that should not be! Let's send Irene to Hartford on November 6. I will be voting for her.

*William McCann  
Middle Haddam*

### Endorsement for Irene Haines

Connecticut has been under the control of Democrats and we are turning into Detroit. The wealthy and businesses are leaving to save money just like the auto companies left Detroit. The legislature has been under the control of Democrats to the point that the billions of casino money has been squandered and now they want tolls back. We cannot keep electing Democrats that destroy everything they touch with excessive regulations and payoffs to their union friends. Irene Haines will represent the change we need in Hartford.

*Sal Nucifora  
East Hampton*

### In favor of purchasing Miller Farm

As a former president of the East Haddam Land Trust (EHLT) and a former neighbor of Peggy and Larry Nichols, I am so excited to hear that EHLT has been given the opportunity to acquire 87 acres of the Miller farm property on Tater Hill Rd. This property, adjacent to a wonderful working farm which also was

part of the Miller farm at one time, is a special piece of land in the one of the most rural parts of town. Its purchase will not only protect and ensure the viability of the organic food production at Four Root Farm, but it will also provide acres of land for passive recreation, protect valuable habitat bordering the Eight-mile River watershed and the Lyme Important Bird Area, and also enlarge an existing wildlife corridor.

It is wonderful to know that this lovely piece of land will now be kept as open space in perpetuity, thereby meeting the long-time goals of Larry and Peggy Miller Nichols. Hooray to the Land Trust for their enormous contributions to perpetuating the rural character, scenic values and wildlife habitat of East Haddam!

*Barbara Bloomberg  
Tamworth, NH*

## 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.

## Candidate endorsements

The East Haddam News accepts letters to the editor endorsing candidates for town office and will publish them as space allows. These are subject to existing letter policy. All letters will be fact-checked. Endorsement letters will not be published in our final issue before the election (Thursday, November 1).



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**Elaine Muszynski**  
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# Dispose of unused pills safely at drug take-back event

On Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the East Haddam Police/Resident Trooper and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 16th opportunity in 8 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to the East Haddam Police Department at 1 Plains Rd., Moodus (access through the rear of the municipal building next to the skate park). The service is free

and anonymous, no questions asked. The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps — only pills or patches.

Last fall Americans turned in 456 tons — 912,000 pounds — of prescription drugs at more than 5,300 sites operated by the DEA and almost 4,300 of its state and local law enforcement partners. In its 15 previous take-back events, DEA and its partners have taken in more than 9 million pounds of pills overall — more than 4,500 tons.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue.

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows year after year that the majority of misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including someone else's

medication being stolen from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 27 Take Back Day event, go to [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com) or contact Officer Jeff Rhoades at 860-891-8200.

# Ride or Stride to help fund youth and family programs

East Haddam Youth and Family Services' third annual Ride or Stride will take place on Sunday, October 7, at the Moodus Sportsman's Club. This fun family event is organized by the EHYFS Board of Directors and run entirely by volunteers. Bike, run, or walk in your choice of three routes and a 5K timed or untimed route. A delicious picnic and raffle prizes will be provided afterward.

Last year our riders, walkers and runners braved the weather to help us fund the programs listed below. This year we are hoping to have a beautiful fall day that provides a fun and inclusive event for all our community members. To register and learn more about options please visit <https://rideorstride.wordpress.com/> or call 860-873-3296, 860-638-8180 or 860-823-0448.

Donations are also always welcomed and much appreciated. Your donation of:

- \$35 would support one middle school student attending SHARP (Safe Home Alone Readiness Program) or one individual or family counseling session.
- \$50 would support one session (two months) of a homework assistance program at the middle school.
- \$100 would support one elementary school Family Night.



Past participants in Ride or Stride. Photo courtesy of East Haddam Youth & Family Services.

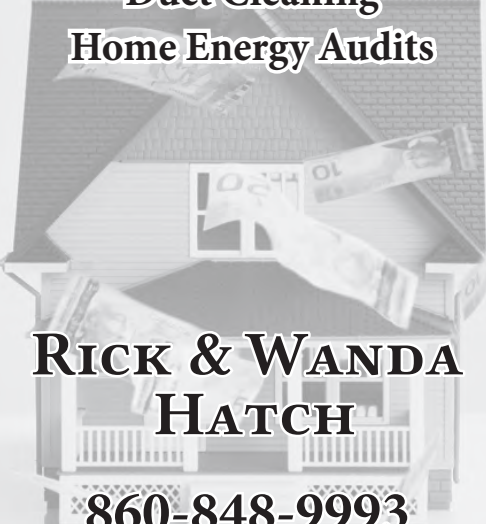
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OBITUARIES



Randy John Radzavich

Randy John Radzavich, 49, of Columbia and formerly of East Hampton, East Haddam, Haddam and Westbrook, passed away on September 23 at Hartford Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Middletown on May 5, 1969, he was the son of Theresa Havens of Colchester and Thomas Radzavich of Norwich. He married his beloved wife Cynthia (Kretock) Radzavich on February 6, 2016, in Columbia, where the couple made their home. Randy worked in sales

for Kenyon Laboratories in Higganum. He had a great talent for photography and fierce curiosity for knowledge and working with computer technology. Randy loved gardening, playing set back, amateur and professional photography, and his beloved pet bunny, Pez.

Most importantly, he will be remembered by his loved ones for his wonderful sense of humor and for the loving devotion he gave to all of them. He will be sadly missed but always remembered with love by his beloved wife, Cindi; his parents and stepfather, Ralph Havens; his sis-

ter, Angela Radzavich of Higganum; and numerous extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be held privately, according to his wishes. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)). The family would like to thank all the nurses and doctors at Hartford Hospital Neurology ICU, especially Becci and Ashley, who were kind and gentle. The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

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Village revitalization draws variety of ideas from citizens

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said David Johnston, a Main Street resident and one of 50 who attended the meeting. He added that he and his wife moved to town 15 years ago with the expectation that the village center would be redeveloped.

“We have an opportunity here — the town is at a pivotal point,” said Bill Chilton, an architect. “This is a complex design problem to set right, and it would be best to look at it holistically, to look at it in the context of the river and the Goodspeed; we should establish a balance between analyzing the problems and getting the process wrapped up.”

Jeff Miller, an urban planner, said: “The RFP [request for proposals] process is very important for generating ideas, for knowing the economic viability of bidders. Issues with vehicular and pedestrian access need to be resolved.” He also brought up the controversial redevelopment of Moodus in the 1960s and the importance of vetting proposals to determine if they are economically feasible in today’s market.

Scott Jezek, a lawyer, recommended that the town give the property to Goodspeed with “appropriate conditions,” including that it be on the tax rolls. “To think that the center of town is about anything but

the Goodspeed is a mistake,” he said.

Roni Berson, a member of the volunteer Goodspeed Guild, suggested that a gift shop and a convenience store should be included in the development, the later to provide a place in town where visiting actors and production staff could shop. She also said that the input of professionals would be important in “developing an overall plan for the best use of the property.”

Aaron Trawick, who was among the smattering of younger residents in attendance, said: “I’m looking for a different vibe in the downtown area; thirty-somethings in town go to Chester or even to Hartford to hang out.” She added, “We need things that will bring young people into town.”

Jesse White-Fresé also expressed Chester envy and supported the brewery proposal. “I am jealous when I visit Chester; it’s a great gathering place. I love this town, but I don’t feel there are places for me to go in the village. I think we can make East Haddam a cultural mecca.”

Brendan Mathews, a builder, said the site should have “boutique stores and restaurants, places for young people to hang out.”

“We need to be thoughtful and careful about what the town does with this crown jewel,” said Bill Cross. “I’d like to see a study on whether to lease or

sell the property.”

Edward Blaschik, who works for the Goodspeed but said he was not speaking on his employer’s behalf, spoke at the meeting and also submitted a written comment, which reads in part: “I strongly believe that East Haddam should not sell the property in the Village ... [it] is one of the greatest assets the town owns. It is the door and window to our community ... Selling this property will secure us a one-time hit of what a million dollars, then what? Our town budget is 31+ million dollars. What is a million dollars going to do for us? Short-lived return ... East Haddam has to be a partner with the developer. East Haddam has to be at the table and have some level of control over the property in perpetuity.”

Andrew Lord, an environmental lawyer, urged the town “not to overthink this business opportunity or to wait too long to make a decision on developers.”

Jeff Riley, an architect who is representing a group of investors interested in developing the property, said after the meeting: “Everything I heard tonight is in line with what we would expect, from the concern expressed for financial feasibility and needed infrastructure and planning, to the town’s involvement. It should be a participatory process.”



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Olzacki named Region 14 superintendent

Joseph Olzacki of East Haddam has been named superintendent of schools by the Region 14 Board of Education (Bethlehem/Woodbury). Olzacki, who has a Ph.D. in educational leadership, has more than 20 years experience in

education from Connecticut to Rwanda, including positions in East Haddam, Chaplin, and Bloomfield. Previously he has served as director of the Rwandan Teacher Education Program. He started his new job October 1.



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# Morefit named October Business of the Month

Morefit, LLC has been named the October Business of the Month by the East Haddam Economic Development Commission and the East Haddam Business Association. Founded by Maryla Radziszewski in 2008, Morefit is on Creamery Road in the beautiful, historic East Haddam Village. Its 1870s building, which once housed the W.J. Squire gill-net factory, was transformed by Maryla into a community-driven wellness center. Since 2015, the building features serene massage/treatment rooms, a spacious area to exercise individually or in a group setting along with a welcoming, relaxing lobby.

Morefit offers expert health and fitness training along with professional wellness services. With a staff of eight trained and certified instructors and therapists, they offer a wide array of group classes, personal training, nutri-

tional counseling, birth doula services, massage therapy (including myofascial therapy / corrective movement patterns, clinical massage, deep tissue massage, sports massage and ayurvedic massage), craniosacral therapy and acupuncture services. It is Morefit's goal to teach clients to actively improve and maintain their health while providing the professional support needed to prevent and treat injury.

Drop in to take one of Morefit's weekly cardio, boot camp, yoga or Zumba classes or sign up for one of the Morefit membership packages. Gift certificates are available for those looking for a meaningful, special gift.

Morefit is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Morefit is at 62 Creamery Rd. For information, call 860-873-1816 or visit [www.morefitct.com](http://www.morefitct.com).

From left: Top row, Jessica Stone, EHBA; First Selectman Emmett Lyman; Maryla Radziszewski, LMT, owner of Morefit; and Robert Casner, EDC. Bottom row: Amy Dubenetsky, LMT; Patrick Mielt, CPT; Billi-Jean King, CPT; Beth Jezyk, LMT; and Diane Mckenna, executive assistant.

# Business association hosts business development expo

The East Haddam Business Association (EHBA) will host a Business Development Expo Tuesday, October 30, from 1 to 5 p.m. at East Haddam's new Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd. New and existing businesses in East Haddam and surrounding towns are encouraged to attend.

Topics will include information about customer service, marketing, tourism, project management, business planning, lending, insurance and business start-up basics. Guest speakers will include Meg Yetishefsky,

director of the state Small Business Program; Jill Belisle, contract specialist from the state Department of Administrative Services, Procurement division; Jim Jackson from the Connecticut Small Business Development Center; Anne Driscoll, Tom Gezo, Debi Norton, and Eric Munro from SCORE; Irene Haines from AAA Insurance; Jennifer Height from Liberty Bank; and Karen Tessman from the Community Economic Development Fund. A networking reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gelston

House, 8 Main St.

This event is free for EHBA members and \$15 per person for nonmembers (applicable toward a 2018 membership).

In addition, regional businesses are invited to promote themselves through a business services information fair scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. The fair cost will be \$25 to \$50 per table depending on the size of the table. EHBA members will receive a discount. Participants are welcome to attend workshops of their choosing, browse

the business services fair, and network with attendees, speakers, and sponsors. Sponsorships and volunteer opportunities are available. For information contact Judith M. Dobai at 800-595-4912 or [jdobai@ffcsconsulting.com](mailto:jdobai@ffcsconsulting.com).

The East Haddam Business Association's mission is to promote, support and advocate for local businesses through cooperative community outreach. For more information about the EHBA visit [ehbact.org](http://ehbact.org), or [www.facebook.com/EHBusinessAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/EHBusinessAssociation).

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Men's 35+ Basketball League

**Looking for four Teams. Tentative game dates (Thursdays):** October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8 and 15. Six weeks and one week for playoff (1v2 and 3v4). Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School. Game times: 7 and 8 p.m. Cost: \$350/team (10 players/team).

Kidscapades Toddler  
Sensory/ Science

Ages 3 to 4. Toddlers will become little scientists with our engaging hands on experiments. Experiments will have an eruption component. They will also mix, measure and explore sensory play activities. Class takes place in Park and Rec Activity Room

in Municipal Office Complex. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, October 11, 25; November 1, 8 (No class on October 18). Cost: \$60.

Kidscapades Toddler Time Art

Ages 3 to 4. Children will create craft projects based on seasons, holiday, characters, or books. A variety of materials are provided for the children to explore and create their masterpieces! Class takes place in Park and Rec Activity Room in Municipal Office Complex. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursdays, October 11, 25; November 1, 8 (No class on October 18). Cost: \$60.

Kidscapades Sizzling Science

Children will become junior scientists with our engaging hands on experiments. Some experiments will have an eruption component. Class takes place in Park and Rec Activity Room in Municipal Office Complex. 4 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, October 11, 25; November 1, 8 (No class on October 18). Cost: \$60.

Change Your Life  
Human Movement Seminar

Andrew Petrulis will teach this seminar, focusing on correcting postural imbalances. Find ways to take

care of our everyday pain and put away the medications. This is a great learning experience for all ages especially for those with an active lifestyle. Tuesday, October 9, at 7:15 p.m. in the Park and Rec Activity Room at the Municipal Office Complex. Free.

Pickleball

A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It is played on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net, using a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. All sessions held in the gym at the new municipal office complex. We will provide all equipment. Drop-in fee is \$5.

Bootcamp Fitness

This program is designed to build strength and fitness through a variety of intense group intervals over a one-hour period of time. Our fun group dynamic will help motivate you while you improve your cardio, core strength, agility and balance. The next session runs September 4 to October 9. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. or Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

Gentle Yoga

Appropriate for all levels of fitness or yoga experience, ages 16 and up. Increase strength and flexibility while decreasing stress. Enjoy moving your body and breathing mindfully. Current session runs through October 28, once a week for entire session, cost: \$75. Wednesdays and Sundays, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd.; Fridays, 10:30 a.m. at the Grange Hall, 488 Town St. Wear loose comfortable clothing. Bring a yoga mat and water to drink. Call the office for financial aid.

Co-ed Adult Soccer

Join us on Sunday nights for a few hours of healthy competition and a good work out. Please pre-register so we can add you to the private Facebook page and group email that we use to communicate with each other. Outdoor is played at Nichols Field, but will be moving indoors for the colder months beginning Sunday, November 4, at the East Haddam Elementary School. Sunday nights at Nichols Field from 6 to 8 p.m.

Co-ed Adult Basketball

Wednesday nights 6-8pm in gym at Municipal Office Complex. Ages 18+.

For additional information on these programs, please go to [www.easthaddamrec.com](http://www.easthaddamrec.com) or call 860-873-5058.

LEGAL NOTICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR  
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Seeking qualified individual to serve as a liaison between established and new business interests to encourage and facilitate a positive business environment, increased economic vitality and yield a positive impact to the Grand List. Position shall assist in supporting the Town's economic development program and redevelopment activities, including efforts focused on the retention and expansion of existing business and efforts to bring in specific targeted businesses. Responsibilities include strategizing, marketing, planning and managing special economic development projects. Part-time 15 hour position. Salary range \$21.00-\$23.00/per hour. Detailed description available upon request. Application with resume and cover letter are required. Send application package to Selectmen's Office, 1 Plains Road, P.O. Box 385, Moodus, CT 06469. Posted until filled. EOE.

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LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

Legal Notice is hereby given, that the East Haddam Sewer Usage Fee for the October 1, 2018 Grand List is due and payable at the Office of the Tax Collector, on October 1, 2018.

If the above payment is not made on or before November 1, 2018 the fee becomes delinquent and is subject to interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month (18% per year) from the installment due date. Minimum interest shall be no less than \$2.00 per tax bill, per installment. Checks should be made payable to: EAST HADDAM TAX COLLECTOR.

Payments postmarked after November 1, 2018 will be considered delinquent and will be subject to interest as stated above.

Payments may be made in person, online at [easthaddam.org](http://easthaddam.org) (there is a fee for all credit/debit and e-check payments) or by mail. Mail to: P.O. Box 403, Moodus, CT 06469-0403

Office hours are Mon, Wed and Thurs, 9:00AM to 4:00PM, Tues, 9:00AM to 7:00PM and Fri, from 9:00AM until Noon.

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EAST HADDAM LEOS

LEOS HOLD PAINT PARTY



On September 22, the East Haddam Leos hosted a Bob Ross Paint Party. The party was to introduce the Leo club to potential new members. At the party, attendees were able to enjoy treats while painting along with one of Bob Ross's paint videos. At least 15 teens participated.

SCHOOL

Family Resource Center offers kindergarten readiness program

The Family Resource Center is offering a kindergarten readiness program for children ages 3½ and up, and registration has begun, according to the East Haddam Early Childhood Council. This program will allow children preparing for kindergarten to enhance their development in areas such as creative expression, cognitive development, executive functioning, language and literacy development, and social and emotional development. Registration is required. Space is limited. Class will begin October 23 and will be held

on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group will meet at the Family Resource Center in East Haddam Elementary School. To register or for more information on programs at the Family Resource Center, call Early Childhood Coordinator Lauren Kasperowski at 860-873-3296 or email lauren.kasperowski@yahoo.com. Please indicate the age of the child attending. The council reserves the right to prioritize enrollment. Registration deadline is October 18.

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

The importance of a fund balance

The taxpayers' understanding of the financial status of a town government is essential to the health of that government. Government accounting can be complicated, and therefore, hard to understand. However, if properly used, there are accounting tools that can keep financial status reports simple and clear for everyone to understand. One such tool is the fund balance. Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in a governmental fund. It is a universally used metric in external financial reports for state and local governments. The information in a fund balance enables financial statement users to recognize monies that are available to finance activities, programs or projects. Governmental funds account for the essential, usually tax-supported activities of a government for a town such as East Haddam. These funds include:

- The general fund, where a government accounts for everything not reported in another fund
- Special revenue funds, for reporting specific revenue sources that are limited to being used for a particular purpose
- Debt service funds, which account for the repayment of debt
- Capital project funds, which track the accumulation and use of resources for constructing, acquiring and rehabilitating capital assets such as buildings and roads
- Capital reserve funds, which save for future capital needs in accordance with the town's Capital Improvement Plan
- Permanent funds, where a government reports principal amounts that are restricted to being invested to produce income but cannot be spent
- Fiduciary funds, which the town holds as a trustee or agent on behalf of an outside party.
- Other funds, which benefit the town such as endowments

The monies in a fund are either required to be used for the purpose of the fund or intended by the government to be used for that purpose. The exception is the general fund that has no use designation or assignment. In almost all situations, the governmental funds balance sheet reports cash and other financial re-

sources such as receivables as assets and conversely, amounts owed that are expected to be paid off are liabilities. In any given fund, the fund balance is, essentially, what is left over after the fund's assets have been used to meet its liabilities. A fund balance is required to be reported in two components — reserved and unreserved. When a fund balance is reserved, it either means that the resources are in a form that cannot be appropriated and spent, or that the resources are legally limited to being used for a particular purpose. The portion of a fund balance that is not reserved is called unreserved fund balance. It represents monies that can be used for any purpose of the fund that they are reported in. A fund balance can also show designations and intentions of the unreserved fund balance. In summary, a fund balance is a transparent indicator of the status of a particular fund for current and future expenditure of assets over liabilities. Fund balances are critical to the understanding of East Haddam's governmental finances.

Sources: Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and 2018-2019 East Haddam Budget Book

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## COMMUNITY

### Historical society presents program on aerospace history

The East Haddam Historical Society will be presenting a program on Wednesday, October 10, titled *Connecticut Takes Flight: 100 Years of Aerospace History*.

From early flying machines to supersonic jet engines, from helicopters to space suit life support systems, Connecticut played an important role in the history of flight, both past and present. By highlighting the stories of pioneering local aviators such as Frederick Rentschler and Igor Sikorsky, as well as lesser known contributors to Connecticut's unique aerospace heritage, this lecture will chronicle more than 100 years of aerospace history in the state by drawing on the extensive collections of the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks.

The presenter, Amanda Goodheart Parks, has worked as a public historian, museum educator, and historical interpreter for more than a decade. She earned her Ph.D. in history from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and is currently the director of education at the New England Air Museum, where she coordinates school, youth, and public programming focusing on the history of flight.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free to members. A \$5 contribution is requested from non-members. The East Haddam Historical Society Museum is at 264 Town Street.

### East Haddam Garden Club talk to focus on hydroponics

"Hydroponics: Four Types and a Small System Anyone Can Use" will be the topic of a program Wednesday, October 17, at 7 p.m. at the East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd., Moodus.

The speaker will be Connecticut state licensed arborist Kim Syrel. Her presentation will focus on the four most common commercial hydroponic systems that also can be used by hobbyists. She is the designer and creator of the "Lettuce Ladder," a home hydroponic growing system that uses little space yet can produce a variety of vegetables (she will demonstrate her invention at the program). She enjoys growing vegetables without soil, using and reusing water, and saving energy.

Sponsored by the East Haddam Garden Club, this event is open to the public, free, and include refreshments. A brief club business meeting will precede the program. For more information: 860-267-6228.



## CHURCH LISTINGS

Church listings are published as space permits. Send your church listings to [editor@easthaddamnews.org](mailto:editor@easthaddamnews.org).

### First Church of Christ, Congregational

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**Worship and Sunday school** every Sunday at 10 a.m. At First Church, we believe that no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, no matter who you love or what you believe, you are welcome.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Monday at 6:45 p.m. and Friday at 5:30 p.m.

### Harvest Church

15 School Rd., East Haddam

**Harvest Church meets for worship** at 10 a.m. Sunday at 15 School Rd. (in the school). Guests are always welcome. Harvest Church is Christ centered, Bible focused, and Reformed. Call or text Pastor Dick Gerber (860-759-4080) to inquire about Bible studies and youth activities.

### St Stephen's Episcopal Church

31 Main St., East Haddam

**Sundays, 8 a.m.:** A simple service with a deep history, featuring Morning Prayer and a celebration of Holy Communion. Offered without the distraction of music, this spoken service creates space for quiet prayer and reflection as we approach together the mysteries of our faith.

**Sundays, 10 a.m.:** A festive celebration with joyful music. This service of worship and thanksgiving is accessible and welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds. Come find your way.

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### Westchester Congregational Church

449 Westchester Rd. (Route 149), Colchester

**October 7:** Troop 109 50-ish Anniversary Celebration. Boy Scout Troop 109 was started up in 1968 with the sponsorship of the Westchester Congregational Church in Colchester. Although not active continuously for 50 years, we are going strong in our third incarnation, and that is reason enough to celebrate. We will mark this milestone on October 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Westchester Congregational Church. If you were involved in the past, know anyone who was, or are involved now, please contact us as soon as possible. There will be memories, ar-

tifacts, fun, and food. Please email [Troop109is50@gmail.com](mailto:Troop109is50@gmail.com) or call 860-267-6711 or 860-537-4013 and leave a message so we may contact you.

**October 20:** Turkey dinner with all the fixings, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. On the menu are turkey, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, roll, dessert, coffee, tea and juice. Tickets: Adults, \$12; seniors over 62, \$11; child 6-10, \$6; under 6, free. Family price \$40. Take out is available. Call 860-267-6711.

**Sunday services including Summer Sunday School** continue at 10 am every Sunday, led by Pastor Ron Thompson with scripture readings, hymns, and music from the choir. The first Sunday of each month includes the Service of Communion which is open to everyone. All are invited to coffee hour following the service in the fellowship hall.

**The Choir** participates in weekly worship with anthems and performs Cantatas and other special music throughout the year led by Music Minister Mrs. Betty Ous. We are always looking for more choir members.

**Ladies' Lunch Bunch** meets the first Thursday of each month at different area restaurants.

**Boy Scout Troop 109** and Cub Scout Pack 109 will start up regular meetings in the fall but are having great summer adventures at camp and more. Venturing Crew 710 meets every other Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

**Al-anon** holds weekly meetings in the church's fellowship hall Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

**AA** meets every Friday evening at 8 p.m.

**Community outreach:** The Community Luncheons are held each week at St. Andrews or Colchester Federated Church. Our Blessing Box is in our parking lot for anyone in need to obtain non-perishable food item and toiletries and anyone who is able may donate items. We help at the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic and the Colchester Elementary School Reading Program. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is ongoing. Please contact us for more information.

**Knitting Group** meets Thursday mornings at 10. Bring your knitting, crocheting, sewing, or anything else you're working on and enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship with new and old friends.

Westchester Congregational Church is affiliated with The National Association of Congregational Churches, and all are welcome. For more information on the church and its programs and fundraisers, stop by for a visit, find us on Facebook, visit our new website: [westchesterconchurch.org](http://westchesterconchurch.org), email [westconchurch@gmail.com](mailto:westconchurch@gmail.com) or, to speak to the minister, call the church at 860-267-0480.

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Wanted

**New resident of the area seeking church organist position.** Well versed in most denominations and most familiar with traditional worship. Also experience working with choirs. References provided. 814-873-7941. [J4]

**Boat trailer needed** to transport 13-foot boat to repair facility in Columbia. Preferably would like to rent or borrow for several weeks, but would consider purchase also. Boat is presently located in East Haddam at Lake Hayward. Please call Joe at (860) 608-0610. [J4]

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*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.

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Floods slam town

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roads, including Mitchell Road, Sims Road, Parker Road and Salem Road, eroded 2 to 4 feet and will need to be filled to replace washed-out sand and gravel.

Considerable damage was done to Neptune Road, which is constructed over a filled gully with a drainage culvert that runs alongside the American Legion hall. Flood waters and debris blocked the culvert and blew out a section of the road, which then flowed downstream into a homeowner's yard, damaging their vehicles and property. It is expected to cost \$500,000 to fix the damage to the road, said Lyman.

Other culverts around the town were also eroded and must be filled in.

Damage to the roads made for hazardous driving conditions, and the town's fire department responded to several rescue calls.

During a call on Mitchell Road, the Lyme Fire Department assisted the East Haddam department, using a rope rescue team to rescue the trapped driver, wrote Fire Chief Brian J. Auld in an email. No injuries of civilians or emergency personnel were reported.

Auld noted many of the responders used their

personal four-wheel-drive vehicles to access the location of the victims during the calls. "I couldn't be more proud of the devoted effort the personnel of the department put forth in this high-risk situation," he said.

Superintendent Brian Reas closed the schools on Wednesday after consulting with the town's police department, selectmen and public works department and other departments. There was no damage to the structures of the schools, said Reas, but the roads had low visibility, and Public Works was still in the process of assessing damage to the town.

East Haddam residents observed 6 to 8 inches of rainfall. On average, Middlesex County saw about 4 to 6 inches of precipitation.

The town also saw flooding along the Connecticut River near the Goodspeed Opera House. According to Lyman, there was water damage to the opera house's library and costume area.

Route 82 by the East Haddam Swing Bridge was closed due to the storm, said Lyman.

The National Weather Service issued flash flood warnings for Middlesex, New London and Hartford counties, advising residents to remain inside and off

the roads if they could help it.

September is the peak of hurricane season, according to the National Weather Service, so residents should be prepared and take practical safety steps during severe weather when necessary.

According to the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, families should update or develop an emergency plan, which details a designated meeting spot in case of separation, safe places in the home to seek refuge, emergency contacts in and out-of-state, and residents should know how to turn off electricity, gas or water when necessary.

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## Upcoming and ongoing

**At the Goodspeed, 6 Main St. Through November 25: The Drowsy Chaperone.** A hilarious valentine to show tunes and show people. Tickets at the box office or at [goodspeed.org](http://goodspeed.org).

**At Spectrum Gallery, 61 Main Street, Centerbrook. Through November 4: Autumn Arts Festival Gallery Group Show.** For information, call 860-767-0742 or visit [www.spectrumartgallery.org](http://www.spectrumartgallery.org).

## Thursday, October 4

**10:30 a.m. At the library: Baby Time,** Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St.

**6:30 p.m. At the library: Origami,** East Haddam Free Public Library, 18 Plains Rd.

**7 p.m. Book discussion and signing,** Lyme Public Library, 482 Hamburg Rd., Lyme. James R. Renn will discuss his book *Solemn Graves*. Free; call to register at 860-434-2272.

## Saturday, October 6

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bikes for Kids Collection,** Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd. The East Haddam Police Union is collecting used bicycles for Bikes for Kids. Drop off donations of bicycles at the town offices during these times. For information, contact Officer Russ Gingras at 860-891-8204.

**9 a.m. (tee time) Fundraiser golf tournament** by Hale-Ray Alumni Association, Black Birch Golf Club, 10 Banner Rd., Moodus. Tournament, cash prizes, raffle. Tickets are \$100 including riding cart and dinner. Registration deadline October 1; contact Dave Hurlbut at 860-301-8217 or at [haleray-alumni@gmail.com](mailto:haleray-alumni@gmail.com) with questions, to register, or to donate raffle items or money.

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 23rd Annual Quilt & Needle Arts Show,** First Church of Christ, 499 Town St. Admission: \$7. Information: Margaret Charney, 860-537-3323.

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m. East Haddam Leos Apple Fest,** Grange Hall, 488 Town St. For children 3 and up. Apple-related games, face painting, music, bake sale, photo booth, bounce house.

## Town office buildings, Senior Center, libraries, transfer station are closed Monday, October 8, for Columbus Day.

**8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday. At the library: EHFPL Teen Library Lock-in,** East Haddam Free Public Library, 18 Plains Rd.

## Sunday, October 7

**1 to 5 p.m. 23rd Annual Quilt & Needle Arts Show,** First Church of Christ, 499 Town St. Admission: \$7. Information: Margaret Charney, 860-537-3323.

**2 p.m. Workshop on Medicare health insurance plans,** St. Lawrence Church, 7 Hemlock Dr., Killingworth. The deadline for open enrollment for Medicare is October 15. Come to this free workshop to hear all of the options thoroughly explained by an insurance professional and a pharmacist. No advanced registration. Information: Contact Melissa Ferrara, 860-663-3482.

## Monday, October 8

**Columbus Day.** Town office buildings, Senior Center, libraries and transfer station will be closed.

## Tuesday, October 9

**4 p.m. At the library: Super Mario Party,** East Haddam Free Public Library, 18 Plains Rd. All ages.

**7 p.m. Board of Education meeting,** Nathan Hale-Ray High School cafeteria, 15 School Dr., Moodus

**7:15 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission meeting,** Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

## Wednesday, October 10

**10:30 a.m. At the library: Baby Time,** Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St.

**3:30 p.m. At the library: Science Club,** Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St.

**5 p.m. At the library: Tech Help with the East Haddam Leos,** East Haddam Free Public Library, 18 Plains Rd.

**7 p.m. Ethics Commission meeting,** Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

**7:30 p.m. Presentation: Early Aviation in Con-**

**necticut,** East Haddam Historical Society, 264 Town St. Jerry Roberts presents this program that discusses early aviation in the state from 1850 to the Space Age, including amazing characters from the early days.

## Thursday, October 11

**10:30 a.m. At the library: Baby Time,** Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St.

**2 p.m. At the library: Mystery Book Club,** Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St.

**6:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees meeting,** East Haddam Free Public Library, 18 Plains Rd.

## Friday, October 12

**6:30 p.m. Rock concert: Disciple, Decyfer Down,** Bacon Academy, 611 Norwich Ave., Colchester. Dove Award winners Disciple and Grammy nominees Decyfer Down are supported by Deep Valleys and Tetelestai. Doors open at 6 p.m. General admission tickets \$15; groups of 10 or more \$13 each. Order at [iTickets.com](http://iTickets.com).

## Saturday, October 13

**1 to 4 p.m. Eightmile Riverfest,** Devil's Hopyard State Park pavilion, 366 Hopyard Rd. Bluegrass music; family activities featuring birds of prey and native reptiles; food including chowder, chili, apples, cider and other sweets; and displays by local and state organizations. Inclement weather cancels; check [eightmileriver.org](http://eightmileriver.org) for updates.

**2 and 7:30 p.m. performances. The Mikado,** Valley Regional Performing Arts Center at 256 Kelsey Road, Deep River. Gilbert & Sullivan's classic 1885 light opera performed by the Connecticut Gilbert & Sullivan Society with full orchestra, costumes and sets. Tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door; students \$15. Call 860-554-1256 or visit [ctgands.org/tickets](http://ctgands.org/tickets).

**7 p.m. American Legion fundraiser,** Post 156, 33 Neptune Rd. A night of comedy and music to benefit the local post. Music by Coconuts, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, raffle prizes. Doors open at 5:30; show starts at 7. Tickets: \$20 per person or \$35 per couple; can be obtained from post members, at the Social Club bar, or at the door (while they last). Information: 860-873-8042.

## Sunday, October 14

**7:30 p.m. Presentation: Mysteries of East Haddam,** East Haddam Historical Society, 264 Town St. Local historian Karl Stofko will be presenting another amazing and witty program at the historical society.



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Academy to host state Senate candidates for debate Oct. 16

The Bacon Academy Young Democrats, Colchester Young Republicans, and the Bacon Academy Debate Club will be hosting the first debate for the 33rd state Senate district on Sunday, October 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Bacon Academy in Colchester. This is a free event.

A meet and greet with state representative candidates will take place in the auditorium lobby from 6:30 to 7 p.m. The debate will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium with Democratic candidate Norm Needleman and Republican candidate Melissa Ziobron.

The public is welcome to come watch the debate. All candidates for the 33rd District state Senate race are welcome to participate in the debate as long as their paperwork to be on the ballot was filed with the secretary of the state’s office by October 1.

Senate district 33 includes Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook.

For information, please email mkeho399@colchesterct.org.

Leos to hold Apple Fest

The annual East Haddam Leos Apple Fest will take place Saturday, October 6, at the Grange Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At the festival — hosted by the Leos as a way of giving back to the community — kids 3 and up can play various apple-related games, have their face painted, listen to music, and enjoy goodies at the bake sale, as well as getting their picture taken at the photo booth and enjoying the bounce house.

Quilt and needle arts show

First Church of Christ, Congregational will hold its annual Quilt Show Columbus Day weekend, October 6 and 7. The show includes exhibits by artists local and otherwise, displayed in the church’s historic meetinghouse. Some items are for sale; this year’s offerings include an antique quilt top made from satin fabric in the classic Log Cabin pattern. The show also features embroidery, knitted and crocheted items and sometimes hooked rugs.

Visitors can shop at vendors and a boutique, then satisfy their appetite with a bowl of homemade soup, chili or chowder. After that, they can top it all off with a slice of homemade pie and coffee from the event’s cafe.

A raffle quilt will again be available this year. This year’s quilt is called “Prairie Rose.” It is queen-size and hand quilted. Tickets are \$1 each; the drawing will be at 4 p.m. on October 7.

Show hours: Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, October 7, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7.

It’s not too late to enter your works of art for this year’s show. There is no fee to exhibit. Forms are available at [www.ehquiltshow.sc43.org](http://www.ehquiltshow.sc43.org) or email to First Church at: [contact@firstchurcheh.org](mailto:contact@firstchurcheh.org). For more information contact Margaret Charney at 860-537-3323, Kathy Sewell at 860-873-1333, or Betty Haines at 860-873-1985.

Bikes for Kids collection

Looking to get rid of that used bicycle that has been taking up space in your garage or shed? Why not donate it to Bikes for Kids?

Bikes for Kids takes bicycles in any condition, reconditions them, and distributes them to those in need. To date, more than 22,000 bicycles have been donated while “helping to provide kids in need with the enjoyment of owning and riding their own bicycle.” For more information, visit [bikesforkidsct.org](http://bikesforkidsct.org).

Bike drop-off and collection will be on Saturday, October 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the East Haddam Municipal Building, 1 Plains Rd., Moodus. The event is sponsored by the East Haddam Police Union.

Those with questions or comments can contact Officer Russ Gingras at 860-891-8204.

Tours feature cemetery ‘residents’

Hadlyme North School will hold its third annual Graveyard Tour at Riverview Cemetery on Saturday, October 6, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The organization’s cemetery sleuths plan to “bring to life” several of the cemetery’s residents, interpreting their histories and lives firsthand in compelling words.

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# Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV: Overachieving Underdog

By Steven Rossi

Let's begin by digesting a bit of automotive alphabet soup. PHEV is an acronym for Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle. This is the latest subset of energy-efficient alternatives that's elbowed its way in between what's now a traditional hybrid (a combination of gasoline-powered engine and electric motor) and a fully electric vehicle.

The beauty of a plug-in is that it initially behaves like an all-electric. Yes, you plug it in to charge it up. And that means when you head out from home, you're running on thrifty, electric charge for the first 20-something miles. That's great for running errands and noodling around the neighborhood.

After that, it functions like a hybrid by relying on gasoline and electric power, either in series or in parallel. So in a sense, the Outlander's the best of all worlds. You can either plug in, fill up, or do both.

A 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine is combined with two electric motors (one for the front wheels, the other for the rears). But most significantly, all-wheel drive is also featured, so the

Outlander PHEV provides all-road and -weather capability, along with enhanced operating efficiency. It's the exclusive, mid-sized PHEV SUV on the road today in the mid-market segment. There are no direct competitors. The only other place you can find such a plug-in utility vehicle is among the upscale, and certainly pricier, European alternatives. Which by the way, is where they've already sold 100,000 of these amped-up Outlanders.

Mitsubishi, meanwhile, is a brand that's long been flying beneath the radar. Unfortunately. But most recently, Nissan took a controlling interest

in the underdog, and long-overdue investments are already in play. Examples of improved dealer representation, better financing availability, increased advertising commitment, leveraged purchasing power, and improvements in product detail have all been evident already.

When it comes to the Outlander itself, obviously, it's not the most luxurious or content-rich alternative out there. But that's what I like about it. It's a bit more logical and conservative, and easier to command and control because it's not overloaded with all the bells and whistles. Yes, it includes things like buttons and knobs. So not only is it intuitive, but it also comes standard with what's now well-respected and proven Japanese quality.

Neither is the Mitsubishi the quickest or most nimble handler, either. The PHEV package adds 500+ pounds to its curb weight, and thus this Outlander tips the scales at almost 4,200 pounds. It's certainly quiet, comfortable and well isolated, however, keeping the unruly noise and harshness of the outside world at bay.

And while its styling is attractive, it's not overly so. That's because the Outlander architecture is now at least five years old, so while its design is competent, it's not cutting edge. The *Chicago Tribune* calls it "a great compromise." Which is fine by me, too. (By

the way, I'm not a fan of the big "PHEV" stickers on its flanks, which call undue attention to it. I'm sure they can be easily removed.)

Interior-wise, same story: capable and conservative, but nothing over the top. Some of the shiny plastic trim does come off as a bit chintzy. And there's a funny thing I've noticed about all Mitsubishis. Their door handles and steering wheel always seem to be just a smidge on the small side.

The Outlander itself is just the right size, though — seats five, and has more than its

fair share of carrying capacity because the third-row seat is eliminated in the PHEV version (though there's still a cupholder back there). It can tow 1,500 pounds and deliver a miles-per-gallon equivalent of 74 MPGe, for a total operating range of 310 miles.

Pricing starts at \$34,595; the GT I tested was \$40,295. The upgrade included forward collision mitigation, lane departure warning, a multi-view camera system, adaptive cruise control, led headlights, fog lights, a power glass sunroof, heated steering wheel and a 710-watt Rockford Fosgate premium audio system.

The new-for-2018, practical, plug-in Outlander features a 10-year/100,000-mile powertrain warranty. And don't forget to check on possible federal and state (and dealer) incentives that might be available, since it's an overachieving EV underdog.

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