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Jack Miner competes in national golf tourney

By Barbara L. Nelson

While practicing at the Black Birch Golf Course for this week's Special Olympics National Golf Tournament, Jack Miner instructed his golfing partner and father, Chris Miner: "Keep your head down, don't look up."

And Dad listened. Over the past few years, Jack, who is 18 and a senior at Nathan Hale-Ray High School, has won several Special Olympic medals in golf at local and state competitions. But this is the first year that he and his father are headed to the nationals, the Special Olympics National Golf Tournament that was held near Nashville, Tennessee September 22-25.

They play well together, coaching one another throughout the round. "My son Jack Miner and a couple of athletes from the Colchester Special Olympics Golf Team have been invited and have the rare opportunity to compete in the National Special Olympics golf competition," said Chris Miner, who is a volunteer golf coach



Chris and Jack Miner, father and son team, won a silver medal in Alternate Shot – 9-hole play at the Special Olympics Unified Sports® Fall Festival golf competition at Sleeping Giant Golf Course in earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Connecticut Special Olympics.

for the Special Olympics.

Jack and Chris joined several other athletes representing Connecticut in at the Hermitage Golf Course in Old Hickory, Tennessee, one of the top public courses in the nation. More than 14 athletes from Connecticut and over 200 nationwide are competing in several golf competitions there this week. Cliff Backus of Moodus also

was part of the Connecticut contingent competing in Tennessee.

"As Special Olympic athletes, Jack and his teammates work diligently on golf skills, course rules, social interaction, and good sportsmanship," Chris said. "It is amazing to see these athletes grow and succeed."

Jack and Chris will be competing in a nine-hole Alternate Shot
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Selectmen hear ambulance report, set town meeting

By David Holahan

At an 18-minute East Haddam Selectmen's Meeting on September 18 attended by six people and two selectmen, the board heard a positive ambulance report from Laurie D'Aquila, president of the East Haddam Ambulance Association and set Tuesday, October 1, as the date of a special town meeting.

D'Aquila reported that the EHAA received 75 calls in August and only needed help from another town for one of those calls. The resulting mutual aid rate of 1.4 percent is under both the EHAA goal of 10 percent and the state Office of Emergency Services (OEMS) threshold of 50 percent, D'Aquila said.

She added that the average response time was three minutes and that the OEMS commended the association for its improved performance in recent months. She also said that to meet its staffing requirements, the association would be hiring paid staff to augment its volunteers and the services currently provided by a staffing agency. She said this would be more cost effective.

She also said the EHAA was hosting a training session for the Stop The Bleed Program on Tuesday, October 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Town Office Complex (MOC) and that people could sign up by calling (860) 873-2185. See article on trauma surgeon Ron Gross for more on the program.

The selectmen also approved the bid of Janet's Sweeping Property Care to vacuum out the towns 1,450 catch basin and 50 headwalls at a cost of \$39 per catch basin and \$42 per head wall, or a total cost of \$58,600. In many cases the East Haddam Public Works Department cleans the headwalls, which receive water from pipes that go under roadways.

The two selectmen present—First Selectman Emmett Lyman was out sick—also voted to hold a special town meeting on Tuesday, October 1, at 8 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall (492 Town St.) to approve a new five-year contract with Willimantic Waste Paper Company to accept the town's trash, bulky waste and recyclables.

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Stop The Bleed first aid course

The East Haddam Ambulance Association is holding a Stop The Bleed Program training session on Tuesday, October 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the East Haddam Municipal Office Complex. The nationwide program trains people to be citizen

first responders until paramedics arrive. To sign up, email David Brown, director of the EHAA, at directorehAA@gmail.com or call (860) 873-2185. Each class is limited to 24 people, with one instructor per eight trainees.

See story on Ron Gross, who will be one of the instructors, on **page EH2**.

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Trauma surgeon's goal is to stop the bleeding

By David Holahan

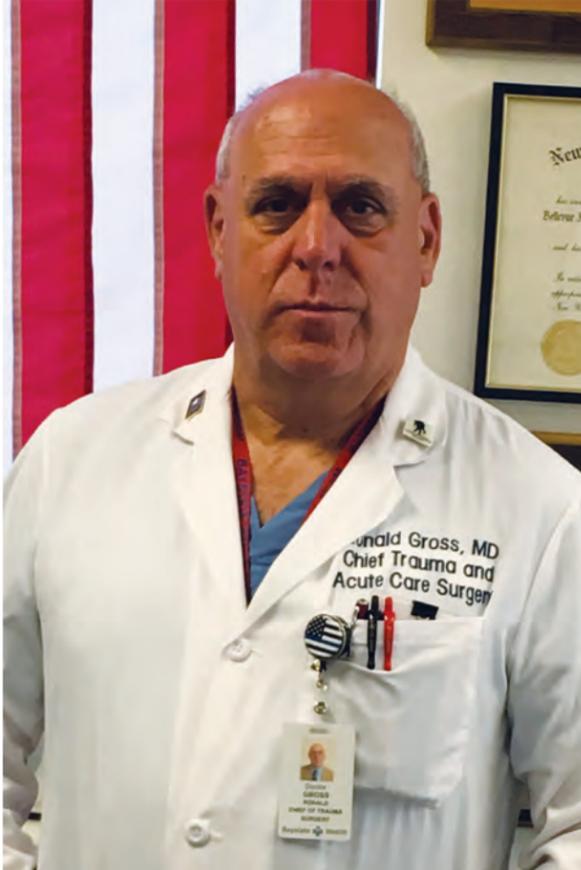
Dr. Ron Gross doesn't do things half way. The trauma surgeon's goal is to help train as many people as possible in East Haddam—and elsewhere in Connecticut—to be, in effect, citizen first responders.

In fact, he says he would like to see every adult in town learn how to treat traumatic bleeding until the paramedics arrive.

He and the East Haddam Ambulance Association have made a good start and will continue their efforts at a Stop The Bleed Program training session on Tuesday, October 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the East Haddam Municipal Office Complex. To sign up, email David Brown, director of the EHAA, at direttorehaa@gmail.com or call (860) 873-2185. Each class is limited to 24 people, with one instructor per eight trainees. Gross will be one of the instructors.

To date, 27 members of the EHAA and 40 East Haddam teachers and school employees, have taken the class, Gross said. He is hoping to enlist the aid of town officials in setting up training sessions for municipal employees. Some 800,000 Americans have taken the class and an estimated 200,000 more worldwide in the past six years.

The Stop The Bleed Program is a collaborative nationwide effort that got its start in Hartford in response to the Sandy Hook School shooting in 2012. Dr. Lenworth Jacobs, then director of trauma and emergency medicine at Hartford Hospital, was a moving force in founding the Hartford Convention, which brought together a variety of public and private entities and individuals interested in improving the medical response to traumatic events, both large and small. Among the participants were: Homeland Security and Department of Defense representatives, EMTs, and doctors such as Ron Gross. The Stop the



Ron Gross, M.D.

Bleed Program came out of that collaboration.

Gross, who previously had worked as associate director of trauma with Dr. Jacobs at Hartford Hospital, was among those involved with the organization at its inception in 2013. "The goal of the Stop The Bleed training is to make people first responders until the cavalry arrives," said Gross, who is a U.S. Army veteran and served in Iraq in 2003. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the East

Haddam Ambulance Association. He added that the course teaches three basic concepts of first aid: the use of a tourniquet, how to pack wounds, and the use of pressure on wounds to reduce or stop the bleeding.

"The most common cause of preventable death is extremity bleeding," Gross said. "Someone crashes their motorcycle into a guardrail and is bleeding from an artery or a kid falls off the jungle gym, breaks his arm and is bleeding from a lacerated artery." He added that accidental deaths like these are much more common and cause many more preventable fatalities than the mass shooting incidents and terrorist attacks that have become so common in recent years.

Gross, who is 68 and a member of the East Haddam Fire Department, has had extensive experience with treating traumatic injury, both from his decades in private practice as well as his tour in Iraq. He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves from 1991 to 2005, rising to the rank of Colonel. He started his medical career in private practice, and has been associated with a number of Connecticut hospitals over the years, including Yale New Haven and Bridgeport.

Gross moved to East Haddam in 2003. He married JoAnn Sikorski, a town resident. He retired from Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts in July 2018, where he had been Chief of Trauma and Acute Surgery Care for a decade. When he told his wife that he had finally retired, he said she said, "Yeah, let's see how long that lasts—I give it a week."

He proved her wrong, however. It took him six weeks to un-retire. St. Francis Hospital in Hartford called, asking him to help them manage and staff their level 1 trauma center. He's still on the job.

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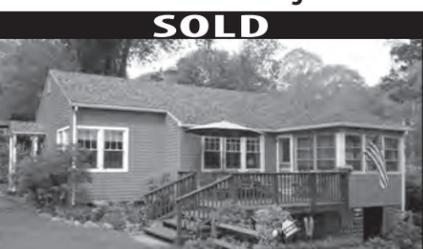


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Town seeking Vietnam veterans

The State of Connecticut is planning an event to honor East Haddam's Vietnam Veterans. In support of this, the Town of East Haddam is preparing a list of all Vietnam Veterans currently living here.

A review of Town records, American Legion and VFW memberships has found 48 such individuals currently residing in East Haddam. Most of these, but not all, were awarded the Vietnam Service

Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal or Expeditionary Medal (pre-1965).

If you, or someone you know, had duty in Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia, during the Vietnam Era (1961 to April 1975), the town would like to add these names to their list. Please contact the First Selectman's office at (860) 873-5021 or by e-mail to admin@easthaddam.org.

Our deadlines

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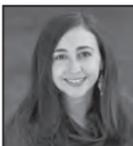
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- **Essex Steam Train Rides:** Saturday Train Rides from Essex to Goodspeed Station in Haddam. There will be a shuttle for train passengers to get to Fall Weekend events in East Haddam and Haddam. More info available at essexsteamtrain.org
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- **East Haddam Art League Fall Show:** Rathbun Library on Main St Sat Oct 5th 9am – 1pm
- **East Haddam Historical Society Museum:** 264 Town St Sat & Sun from 12:30 to 4pm Visit the 7000 sq. ft. nine-room museum and experience our local history from 1750 to present day.
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Joshua Schwartz-Espinosa.

felt by many and his cheer was enough to uplift the spirits of any person caught in his presence.

Joshua underwent regular treatment at the DaVita Dialysis Center located in Middletown. It was no surprise to anyone that he developed a deep relationship with the staff, no doubt as a result of his infectious charm. During his time undergoing treatment, DaVita Dialysis provided extensive financial assistance to Joshua to cover expenses that his health insurance was unwilling to cover.

To honor Joshua's memory, on October 25, the anniversary of his passing, the family will be making a charitable donation to DaVita Dialysis Center. The family would like to extend this opportunity to any family and friends who are willing and able to donate to this gracious medical facility on Joshua's behalf. The family believes there is no better way to honor the memory of the loving and giving nature of Joshua Schwartz-Espinosa than by giving back to the very people who helped him and others in their times of need and care.

Donations are payable to the "Joshua Schwartz-Espinosa Memorial Fund" and can be made at any Liberty Bank or mailed to: Liberty

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Any questions can be emailed to Joshua's mother, Melissa Espinosa, at miespinosa46@sbcglobal.net. The family extends a thank you to any and all who can contribute to this memorial fund.

*Juan and Melissa Espinosa
East Haddam*

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*Pete Govert
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Candidate endorsements

The East Haddam News accepts letters to the editor endorsing candidates for town office. 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, October 31).

Candidates' submission

The East Haddam News invites candidates for town office to submit one letter of 300 words or fewer by October 3 detailing their qualifications and reasons for running.

ARTS / ENTERTAINMENT

Goodspeed seeks local child actors for Sept. 28 audition

Here's your chance to join a professional acting company. Goodspeed Musicals is holding auditions for local Non-Equity child actors between ages 7-10 for its upcoming production of "A Connecticut Christmas Carol." Auditions will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Alice Hammerstein Mathias Rehearsal Studio in East Haddam.

The role of Tiny Tim will be played by a fragile

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A covered bridge for a pondering journey through Devil's Hopyard

By George Fellner

The rural character of East Haddam is certainly one of the enticements for people to live here. Its inherent beautiful landscape provides places for a timeless connection with the natural environment for both the local inhabitants as well as for visitors from throughout the region.

One of the most significant areas—complete with a waterfall, unique geological features, wooded trails, scenic valley views, outcroppings and rocky ridges, along with a covered bridge over the Eightmile River—is Devil's Hopyard State Park, an 1,000-acre-plus site acquired by the State in 1919 (and added to over the years). The major attraction is certainly Chapman Falls, a multi-stepped Scotland Schist stone formation, dropping over sixty feet. It is interesting to note that the falls provided power for Beebe's Mills until the 1890s.

There are numerous intriguing stories that offer the roots for the name "Devil's Hopyard." Although they are not verifiable, they do pose thought-provoking ponderings for the reader. There may have been a man named Dibble who grew hops used in the brewing of beer. Perhaps over time, Dibble's Hopyard morphed into Devil's Hopyard.

A totally different kind of story relates to the pothole stone formations near the falls. These multi-sized, cylindrical geological features were formed by stones rushing through the stream that became trapped in eddies. The stones spun within these whirlpools, resulting in depressions within the rock of the streambed. In turn, the depressions attracted additional stones and the potholes increased in size. Of course, the colonial inhabitants did not have the benefit of this specific scientific understanding. Through their imagination, perhaps the devil was passing though the falls and happened to get his forked tail wet. This angered the devil and his hooves burned holes or footprints within the rock. Hence,

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Pondering journey through Devil's Hopyard

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the name "Devil's Hopyard" was born.

A short distance downstream from the falls, the Eightmile River forms a natural barrier separating the picnic and parking areas from the wooded trails. Although this bridge appears to be a remnant of a past age, it is actually the second bridge constructed at this location by the park's staff in 1986. The raging West Branch of the Eightmile River flowed through and destroyed the original bridge back in the great flood of 1982.

This covered bridge here is a simple gable form with concrete foundations accommodating a double span over the river. The wood structure consists of post and beam construction with diagonal bracing,

along with rafter beams and tie beams. Board and batten wood siding provides a solid wall envelope along the sides and a series of five horizontal openings between the wood posts offers an airy interior environment.

In a sense, this covered bridge may act as a passageway for a pondering journey. As one walks along the multiple trails, visions of fields with hops or of a prancing devil with burning hooves may be evoked as the sunlight filters through the foliage above.

George Fellner, AIA, architect and photographer, writes a monthly column on the architecture of East Haddam. Fellner Architects is located at 382 Town St., East Haddam, gfellner@fellnerarch.com, websites: fellnerarchitects.com and gfellnerphotography.com.

KIDS

Early Learning Play Group open to children up to age 5

Children from birth to 5 years old can gather, learn, sing, hear stories and create with others in a play-based setting on Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Family Resource Center in the East Haddam Elementary School. The program runs through May of next year.

This no cost registration is not required. Email or call Early Childhood Coordinator, Lauren Kasperowski at lauren.kasperowski@yahoo.com or (860) 873-3296 with any questions. The Family Resource Center is located in the East Haddam Elementary School, 45 Joe Williams Road, Moodus.



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Historic gardens are topic of Garden Club talk

"Historic Gardens of Connecticut" will be the topic of a program presented by the East Haddam Garden Club on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd., Moodus. The event will be open to the public, free, and include refreshments.

The speaker will be Laurie Masciandro, a spokesperson for Connecticut's Historic Gardens (a consortium of 15 restored properties) and site manager for founding member Roseland Cottage in Woodstock, a National Historic Landmark.

She will discuss the history and beauty of these 15 distinctive historic sites and gardens.

The gardens closest to East Haddam are at the

Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme and the Thankful Arnold House Museum in Haddam.

To a great extent, flowers and foliage on display at these sites today represent plantings dating back to each garden's historical peak. Some of the meticulously restored gardens even feature original plantings. Each of the properties designated as a Connecticut Historic Garden is associated with a historically significant residence, so visitors also learn about notable figures from the state's past and how they lived.

Connecticut's Historic Gardens are: Bellamy-Feriday House & Garden (North Bethlehem), Butler-McCook House & Garden (Hartford), Florence Griswold Museum (Old Lyme), Glebe House Mu-

seum & The Gertrude Jekyll Garden (Woodbury), Harkness Memorial State Park (Waterford), Harriet Beecher Stowe Center (Hartford), Hill-Stead Museum (Farmington), Osborne Homestead Museum & Kellogg Environmental Center (Derby), Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden (Suffield), Promisek at Three Rivers Farm (Bridgewater), Roseland Cottage (Woodstock), Stanley-Whitman House (Farmington), Thankful Arnold House Museum (Haddam), Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum (Wethersfield), and Weir Farm National Historic Site (Wilton).

This program will be preceded by a brief club meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call (860) 873-8968.

EVENTS

Fire auxiliary lasagna dinner

The East Haddam Fire Department Auxiliary will be hosting its annual Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, October 19 at the American Legion Post #156, 35 Neptune Avenue, Moodus.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. and last seating will be 6:30. Tickets are for sale by contacting Cheryl Siegmann at (860) 716-5692 or tickets can be purchased in advance at the Legion.

To get an accurate count and make enough lasagnas for everyone, limited tickets will be available to purchase at the door. Take out dinners may be purchased in advance. Prices are \$12 Adults, \$7 children 7-12 years old. Admission is free for younger children. All proceeds will go towards equipment for the fire department.

Benefit craft fair

St. Bridget's Ladies Guild in Moodus is holding its annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church hall, 75 Moodus-Leesville Road. Vendors wishing to participate can contact Marilyn Meyers at (860) 250-3728 or mmeyers51@att.net to reserve a table. Tables will be provided. The fee is \$25 and an item from your table for our raffle. The deadline for vendor reservations is October 25. Proceeds from the Craft Fair will benefit the Mercy Scholarship Fund.



Quilts on display at a past quilt and needle arts show at the First Church of Christ, Congregational.

Quilt and needle arts show

The 24th annual Quilt and Needle Arts Show at the First Church of Christ Congregational at 499 Town St., East Haddam, is Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. It features exquisite display of quilts and handwork, vendors and boutique for shopping, cafe with homemade soup and desserts. Admission is \$7. For more info, contact Margaret Charney at (860) 537-3323 or monkeywrench52@sbcglobal.net.



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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING EAST HADDAM

The Electors and citizens of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut qualified to vote in Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Town Street in the said Town of East Haddam in the said Town of East Haddam at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 for the following purposes, to wit:

Item 1: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to enter into a five-year agreement with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. for a contract for municipal solid waste disposal, municipal bulky waste disposal, single stream recycling with adjustable rate after 36 months and municipal hauling services.

Item 2: To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED, that the Town of East Haddam accept the gift/donation/transfer of real and personal property from the East Haddam Free Public Library and Reading Room Association, Inc. in furtherance of the creation of a single, unified town library system as provided in the ordinance adopted by the Town Meeting on June 19, 2013.

Dated at East Haddam, Connecticut
this 26th day of September, 2019

Emmett J. Lyman
Susan C. Link
Robert R. Smith
Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF EAST HADDAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The East Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 8:00 pm at the Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Room #1-2, 1 Plains Road, Moodus to hear the following:

#19-08 – 85 Tater Hill Road, David & Jane Shaver, Special Exception Review to convert an existing Tai Chi studio to an accessory apartment. Assessor's Map 13, Lot 18.

#19-10 – Staehly Farm, Special Exception Review for events at the Staehly Farm properties on Petticoat Lane and Town Street. Assessor's Map 28, Lot 01 & Map 19, Lot 8.

At this hearing interested persons shall be heard and correspondence received.

Crary H. Brownell, Chairman
Dated at East Haddam, CT this 19th day of September, 2019

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

The East Haddam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing and meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Office Building, Meeting Room #2 to hear the following:

Appeal - #1116 – 126 Lake Shore Drive, Lawrence M. Lusardi, Trustee, requesting a variance to Section 10.1 of the East Haddam Zoning Regulations to construct a shed 8' 11" from the side property line where 10' are required. Also, setbacks for the same shed of 49' from the water where 50' are required. Assessor's Map 80, Lot 304.

Appeal #1117 – 137 Daniel Peck Road, Charles F. III & Rita R. Riordon, requesting a variance to section 10.1 of the East Haddam Zoning Regulations to construct a garage 14' 8" from the front property line where 40' are required. Assessor's Map 59, Lot 33.

Appeal #1118 – 11 Stony Brook Drive, Anthony & Megan Acquarulo, requesting a variance to Section 10.1 of the East Haddam Zoning Regulations to construct a garage 14' from the side property line where 25' are required. Assessor's Map 27, Lot 21.

At this hearing interested persons shall be heard and correspondence received.

Dated at East Haddam, CT this 13th day of September, 2019.
J. Gregory Daigle, Chairman

TOWN OF EAST HADDAM INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTION

The East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission, at a regular meeting of September 17, 2019 took the following action:

Approved - #W19-13 – 66 Ridgewood Road – Roland A. DePratti, replacement of a retaining wall and patio in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 87, Lot 78

Approved - #W19-14 – 261 EH Colchester Turnpike (Moodus Reservoir), Oleg Real Estate, LLC (owner), Sheilah Gibson (applicant), install a 4 foot fence in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 67, Lot 2.

Dated at East Haddam, CT this 18th day of September, 2019
Randolph Dill, Chairman

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God is not prejudiced, he does not favor one above another. God declares that "all have sinned" – ROMANS 3:23. And again, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way." – ISAIAH 53:6A. But there is hope from being eternally separated from God. What else does Isaiah say? "... and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." – ISAIAH 53:6B

We are guilty, but Jesus took our sin and punishment, making it possible for "whosoever" to be forgiven. Yes, everyone has sinned, but anyone may be forgiven!

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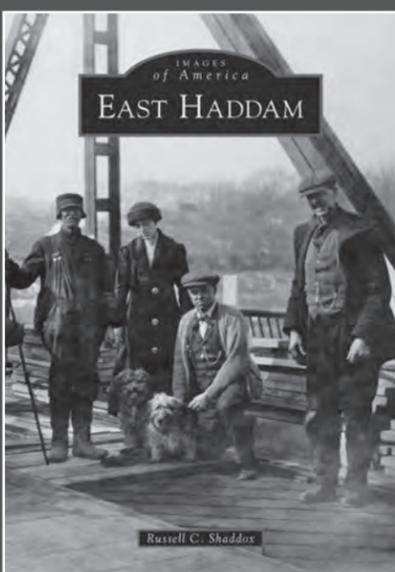
If the above payment is not made on or before November 1, 2019 the fee becomes delinquent and is subject to interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month (18% per year) from the installment due date. Minimum interest shall be no less than \$2.00 per tax bill, per installment. Checks should be made payable to: EAST HADDAM TAX COLLECTOR.

Payments postmarked after November 1, 2019 will be considered delinquent and will be subject to interest as stated above. Payments may be made in person, online at 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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OBITUARIES

Erling R. Johnson

Erling R. Johnson, passed quietly in Middlesex Hospital, Middletown on September 9, 2019 with his beloved friend Christine and her son Michael Bongiorno at his side. Born June 2, 1948 in Hartford, he lived in West Hartford and attended Hall High School. He was self-employed as a landscaper, was a printer for the state of Connecticut, and was employed by Colt Manufacturing. He returned to college and in 1996 received his B.S. in Occupational Safety from Central Connecticut State University.

Erl enjoyed a career in Industrial Safety. As a

licensed Asbestos Inspector, he traveled throughout the USA and Canada, and retired from LFR Environmental Consultants. He was an avid gadget collector and was fond of electronics, gaming in all forms with family and friends. His greatest passion was working on anything with an engine and had good times with his orange Roadrunner. Known as the "Big Swede" in his circle of close friends, he enjoyed dining with the "Tub Club" and attending classic rock concerts. He was an ace card player and looked forward to setback at the East Haddam Senior Center.

He always had a project, his favorite being the home he loved in Moodus. He traveled for fun

throughout Europe and visited family in Sweden. He was a member of the Vasa Order of America, CT District #1 and Vice Chair of Vasa Park. Even though in later life he was challenged by illness, he always persevered with a stoic and light heart; tall and strong, he was never down. Erl is predeceased by his parents Helge and Edith Olsson Johnson. He is survived by his sister Linda and her husband Bruce Cutler of Vernon, and brother Bertil and wife Marsha Johnson of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and many loved nieces and nephew and cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VOA CT District #1 Scholarship Fund.

PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES

From the East Haddam
Parks & Recreation Department

Back To School: Tween-Teen Yoga: Ages 10-14, Mondays September 30, October 7, 21, & 28 (No class October 14), 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Municipal Gym/Parks and Rec Activity Room, \$50 per participant (all 4 classes)/\$75 (2 participants in the same family)/\$15 drop-in fee.

Adult & Child Movement Class: Ages 4-8, accompanied by an adult. Maximum 2 children per adult. Mondays, September 30, October 7, 21, & 28, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m., \$50 (4 classes; 1 adult + 2 children)/\$15 drop-in fee.

Cheerleading Club -Grades 1-2: Fridays, 3:30–5:00 p.m., EHES Gym, 9/27, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/2 - optional performance at East Haddam/Coginchaug Football Game, \$55. **Grades 3-5:** Tuesdays, 3:30–5:00 p.m., EHES Gym, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, and **Friday 11/1, 11/2** - optional performance at East Haddam/Coginchaug Football Game, \$65.

Kidscapades Sizzling Science: Ages 4-8, Thursdays 3:15 – 4:15 p.m., October 10, 17, 31 and November 7 (No class October 24), East Haddam Elementary School, \$60.

Kidscapades Toddler Sensory/Science: Ages 3-4, Thursdays 11 a.m. – noon, October 10, 17, 31 and November 7 (No class October 24), Parks & Rec Activity Room, \$60. **Kidscapades Toddler Time Art:**

Ages 3-4, Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., October 10, 17, 31 and November 7 (No class October 24), Parks & Rec Activity Room, \$60.

A Seasonal Qigong Workshop for all Ages – Autumn: Saturday, September 28, 2-5 p.m., Parks and Rec Activity Room, \$45. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Unified Family Fall Kickball Game – Saturday, September 28 (October 5 Rain date), 3-5 p.m. at Nathan Hale-Ray High School Softball Fields, \$2/person (includes one ice cream).

Group Guitar Lessons: Group lessons are one of the best ways to get started learning music! This course is specifically designed for the beginning guitar player. Wednesdays, October 2-November 13 (No class October 23), grades 2-5: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Grades 6-12: 2:15 – 3:15 p.m., Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School, \$60 (without the purchase of guitar), \$100 (with the purchase of guitar). Last day to register if you need to order a guitar is September 25.

Crochet Club Gathering with Sabrina: Occasional Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Parks and Rec Activity Room. Free!

Gentle Yoga: September 4 to October 20. Ages 16+, Sunday and Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center; Fridays: 10:30 a.m. at The Grange, \$65/session (1x/week) or \$10 drop-in.

Pickleball: Tuesdays and Fridays: 9:30-11:30 a.m.,

ages: 18+, Thursdays: 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$5 drop-in or purchase Pickleball club card, 10 games for \$40.

Introduction to Cooking for grades 6-8: Mondays 11/18 & 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, & 12/16, 2:15 – 3:45 p.m., Nathan Hale Ray Middle School Consumer Science Room, \$70.

Co-Ed Soccer: Ages 18+, Sundays 6-8 p.m., Nichols Field.

Boot Camp Fitness: Ages 16+, Tuesday and Thursdays: 6 p.m. Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. Cost: 1 session/week \$45, 2 sessions/week \$69, 3 sessions/week \$87, Drop-in fee \$10.

American Heart Association First Aid/CPR Class: Wednesday, October 23, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Parks and Rec Activity Room, \$60.

Girls Basketball Fundamentals for Girls in Grades 3-5: Fridays, Nov 8, 15, 22 and Dec 6, 3:30-5 p.m. at the East Haddam Elementary School, \$50.

To register or learn more about a class, please go to www.easthaddamrec.com.

STUDENT NEWS

Nathaniel Goff has made the Tufts University Dean's List. Tessa Smith was named to the President's List at Western New England University. Brittany Velikaneye was inducted into Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society at Eastern Connecticut State University. Austin Urban graduated from UMass Dartmouth this year.

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Jack Miner competes in national golf tourney

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Competition—where each golfer takes turns hitting the ball.

“I can’t wait to take the plane to Nashville and show people I’m an athlete just like my brother,” said Jack, whose brother Ryan is a senior at Xavier High School in Middletown and the captain of the Xavier Falcons football team.

Like many Special Olympians, Jack’s primary challenge is autism, and participating in the Special Olympics impacts his life for the better.

“Special Olympics, especially the golf team, truly gives Jack the opportunity to find a comfort zone and work on skills many of us take for granted,” said Chris. “He meets new people, competes, and earns a sense of accomplishment. Jack is also learning to graciously shake hands with good sportsmanship congratulating other athletes when things did not go his way.”

On September 8, the father and son pair were awarded the Silver medal in Alternate Shot nine-hole play at the Special Olympics Unified Sports® Fall Festival golf competition at Sleeping Giant Golf Course in Hamden, competing with athletes from all over the state.

“Jack Miner is a remarkable golfer, admired by his peers and coaches at his high school and those on his Special Olympics Colchester team,” said Marc Mercadante, Vice President of Sports, and Local Programs for Special Olympics Connecticut. “His skill, focus, dedication, and passion for the sport inspire not only his teammates but everyone who has the pleasure of seeing him play. We are extremely proud and privileged to have Jack—and his dad Chris—as representatives of Special Olympics Connecticut in a national-level competition and as members of the



Jack Miner practices at the Black Birch Golf Course in East Haddam. *Photo by Barbara Nelson.*

Special Olympics Connecticut family.”

P.J. Parkus, Jack’s Hale-Ray High School varsity golf coach, agreed and said Jack is a highly skilled golfer and is a positive addition to the team. Jack earned a varsity letter last year.

“When he’s out there on the course, you wouldn’t even know Jack is special from everybody else,” Parkus said. “He never gets mad and never gives

up. He’s out there having fun. And he never misses a practice. He’s made me a better player just having played with him.”

Jack’s mother Suzy Miner, a nurse at the high school and middle school as well as the high school volleyball and softball coach is very proud of Jack and his accomplishments.

“Jack works hard at everything he does and has grown through the help of many in the East Haddam community,” she said. “Jack receives a great deal of support from his classmates and teammates at Hale-Ray High School. We are fortunate to live in the town we do—especially with the help of coaches Tim and Susan Wrinn, P.J. Parkus, Sheila Delaney, Mike Boccaccio, and Leo Parciak. They have all been instrumental in Jack’s athletic success.”

Jack also enjoys skiing, swimming, basketball, and bowling. The Miners are appreciative to all who help contribute to the gofundme.com account they set up to help defray the cost of Jack’s and his fellow athletes’ trip to nationals.

Special Olympics Connecticut provides year-round sports training and competitions for over 12,000 athletes of all ages with intellectual disabilities and Unified Sports® partners, their teammates without limitations.

The other Connecticut Special Olympians attending the Special Olympics National Golf Tournament are: Cliff Backus of Moodus; Andrew McMillan, David Dennin and Michael Hedrick of Trumbull; Christopher Summers of Groton; Andrew Szczesny and Lisa Thomasco of Mystic; Joseph Nicholas Grodovich of Rocky Hill; Robert J. Chellstorp of Wethersfield; Stephen Emblidge of Waterford; Kevin Smith of West Hartford; and Anthony Thibeault of Bristol.

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Children from birth to 5 years old can gather, learn, sing, hear stories and create with others in a play-based setting on Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Family Resource Center in the East Haddam Elementary School. The program runs through May of next year. This no cost registration is not required. Email or call Early Childhood Coordinator, Lauren Kasperowski at lauren.kasperowski@yahoo.com or (860) 873-3296 with any questions.

Have your military service honored on **East Haddam's Wall of Honor**. Dedicated as a living memorial to all our town's men and women, past and present, who served in our nation's military in war or in peace. By appointment: contact Forrest L. Anderson at (860) 873-8712 or forrest.l.anderson@mac.com

Don your sash and raise your banner to celebrate **100 Years of Votes For Women: The Women's Suffrage Movement in Connecticut** at the East Haddam Historical Society & Museum. The new exhibit explores the women's suffrage movement. All are invited to commemorate the extraordinary achievements of local women—both past and present—who have shaped not only our town but helped form the national political landscape. The East Haddam Historical Society is located at 264 Town St. Open May through October, weekends, 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, contact (860) 873-3944.

September 26

Meeting of the East Haddam Lakes Association on Thursday, September 26 at 7 p.m. at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club, 299 East Haddam - Colchester Turnpike to review budgets and other business relating to the lakes.

September 27

Spectrum Gallery Autumn Arts Festival group show open reception, Friday, September 27 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Spectrum Gallery and Store, 61 Main St, Centerbrook. For more information, call (860) 767-0742 or visit spectrumartgallery.org.

September 28

Help Clear Trails on Stewardship Saturday at the Shugrue Parcel, 9 to noon. Lunch will be provided. The Parcel is located on Town Road near Lake Hayward. Park at the cemetery. Rain Date is October 5. Event is sponsored by the East Haddam Conservation Commission. Questions? Contact: Todd Gelston at (860) 873-8221.

Impacts of Climate Change for Connecticut and Long Island Sound, an exploration of the current and predicted impact of climate change over the next 100 years. Takes place at 2 p.m. at Lyme Public Library, 482 Hamburg Rd., Lyme. Free and open to all.

October 2

East Haddam Art League member, Andrew Wallach, will have an **Artwork Presentation** on Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Two Wrasslin' Cats. For more information on Andrew, an acrylic "revolution" abstract artist, check out <http://facebook.com/thespinningheadstudio>.

October 5

Hadlyme Hall Meet and Greet: All invited to meet new neighbors and visit with old friends at Hadlyme Hall, 1 Day Hill Road, from 5 to 7 p.m. Music by Whalebone Creek. Refreshments sponsored by the board of Hadlyme Hall. Don't miss out on this evening of fun and friendship in our historic hall.

October 12-13

The 24th annual Quilt and Needle Arts Show at the First Church of Christ Congregational at 499 Town St. East Haddam is Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. It features exquisite display of quilts and handwork, vendors and boutique for shopping, cafe with homemade soup and desserts. Admission is \$7. For more info contact Margaret Charney at (860) 537-3323 or

monkeywrench52@sbcglobal.net

October 16

"Historic Gardens of Connecticut" will be the topic of a program presented by the East Haddam Garden Club on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd., Moodus. The event will be open to the public, free, and include refreshments. The speaker will be Laurie Masciandro, a spokesperson for Connecticut's Historic Gardens (a consortium of 15 restored properties) and site manager for founding member Roseland Cottage in Woodstock, a National Historic Landmark.

October 29

This year's 2nd Annual EHBA Business Expo is going to be held at the East Haddam Town Hall on October 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. followed by an opportunity to network at a local restaurant.

November 9

St. Bridget's Ladies Guild in Moodus is holding its annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church hall, 75 Moodus-Leesville Road. Vendors wishing to participate can contact Marilyn Meyers at (860) 250-3728 or mmeyers51@att.net to reserve a table. Tables will be provided. The fee is \$25 and an item from your table for our raffle. The deadline for vendor reservations is October 25. Proceeds from the Craft Fair will benefit the Mercy Scholarship Fund.

ARTS

Artist presentation to take place October 2 at coffee house

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If approved by voters, the per ton cost of solid waste and bulky waste would rise incrementally each year from the current \$70.26 to \$100 a ton in fiscal year 2024. Recyclables would go from earning the town \$5 per ton to costing the town \$30 beginning in March 2020 and rising to \$40 by 2024. Hauling

rates would rise incrementally per load from \$162.30 to \$190 by 2024.

The other item on the town meeting agenda will be to approve the transfer of property of the East Haddam Free Public Library to the town as part of the continuing effort to establish one library system for the town. The town previously took ownership of the Rathbun Free Memorial Library.



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