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Pedestrian Bridge
at Bradley Point
opened Tuesday

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Popular bands headline Savin Rock Festival '22

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Classic rock bands Parkway Diner and The British Legends of Rock Show will headline the Savin Rock Festival in Old Grove Park on Friday and Saturday, July 29-30, respectively.

The annual festival, sponsored by the University of New Haven and New England Brewing Co., will showcase the sights, sounds, smells and tastes that made the 20th-century Savin Rock Park "the playground of New England," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said.

The festival, which pays homage to the legacy of "the Rock," is scheduled from 5-10 p.m. July 29 and noon-10 p.m. July 30.

Along with live music, it will feature a "bigger and better" midway of rides and games — and, of course, boatloads of seafood and other mouthwatering dishes.

The midway will include "new and improved" rides, including a Ferris wheel, said George Marenna Jr., who owns Marenna Amusements.

Marenna will offer wristbands for unlimited rides for \$30 and a sheet of 21 tickets for \$20.

A number of nonprofit organizations will set up informational booths in the 152-year-old Grove, and a fleet of food trucks on nearby Palace Street will serve up burgers, hot dogs, cheesesteaks, fried dough, gyros, lobster rolls, tacos and meatball

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File Photo by Alicia Sandella

While the adults enjoy the music and dancing, kids are drawn to rides and food at every Festival. Left -- Parkway Diner is one of the headline bands scheduled for the weekend.



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Maddie DeMayo, age 5, a West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. student, predicts plenty of sunshine and warm breezes to go fishing!

On this Date

2011 -- STS-135 lands. This space shuttle was the 135th and the last space shuttle flight of American Space Shuttle program.

1983 -- Lowest temperature ever measured on Earth. Vostok Station, a Russian station on Antarctica experienced the lowest temperatures ever measured in recorded human history. The temperatures fell to -128.6°F (-89.2°C).

1980 -- Mary Eugenia Charles is elected as PM of Dominica. Her election to office made her the first female and the longest PM of the Commonwealth of Dominica. She is also the first elected female head of state in the Americas.

1977 -- Libyan-Egyptian War begins. This short war between Libya and Egypt started with Libya striking Egyptian cities. The war lasted for 2 days with a ceasefire on July 24.

1969 -- First person walks on the Moon. Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the Moon's surface almost 7 hours after Apollo 11, the space craft that carried them, landed on the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon. Armstrong uttered his famous words, "one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind."



Submitted Photo

Appears in movie

Resident Rose Beloin was a recent cast member of the movie, "Tony Martone," that premiered in the Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, RI, last week. She also appeared in a film short, "Dancing in the Dark," that was previewed on the same night. The movie is set to hit Amazon Prime in the next few days. She is set to appear in another movie, set for release in October, and was cast in a music video now on Youtube. Many residents know her as she heads to the beach and dances on the dance deck.

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Bygone landmarks

West Haven in a bygone era shows two one-time landmarks of the Savin Rock Amusement Park and the resort area that made the town famous. The Hotel Sea View was a posh Victorian-style hotel that catered to summer travelers to the shoreline. Meanwhile, the Old Grove teemed with families looking for a bit of fun at a time when six-day-a-week jobs were the rule, not the exception.



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Dear Felicia

It may be summer, Felicia, but that don't mean things in this Vaudeville show we call West Haven ain't percolating – politico-wise – as it has since we've writ this regular mis-sive. In fack, these past couple o' weeks have been really busy with matters pertaining to the governing class hereabouts.

Sammy Bluejay has been keepin' busy perched around the Actors Colony, listening in on the recurring saga that is the Rossi Administration v. MARB. After all these years, I won't bore yew with calling them the Municipal Accountability Review Board, yew should already know that. Tennyrate, things have heated up in the tense relationship betwixt Herroner and the members of the panel. The most recent set-to bein' the lack of some ethics forms that weren't signed by a significant number (10 percent) of the municipal employees.

Interestingly enuff, Sammy noted that the same excuse given for the lack of the materials was somehow given for this. The information was available and sent, but not forwarded to the MARB. This is a similar scenario given about at least two other things in the past few months, one concerning the auditing firm that resigned in situ, and the police pension revision and budget that MARB said showed a deficit.

Sammy noted that maybe his friends the carrier pigeons would be more effective in getting things to the various offices, cuz it seems that somewhere between City Hall and said offices, things go missing.

Needless to say, the MARB, which has been flexing its powers since the city got the dubious honor of being the first in the state to go Tier IV, wasn't havin' any and is now talking about encouraging the

Legislature to impose some sanctions against our fair city. Now, Cobina ain't a big fan of the MARB and thinks the whole Tier IV thing is just bureaucrats wanting more control, but with the agendas of the meetings being sent out ahead of time, wouldn't it behoove someone in the Actors Colony to make sure that things are completed – at least insofar as the records requested are concerned?

The thing is, says Sammy, not only doesn't the MARB show any respect for the city, it is now of the opinion – not said but it doesn't hafta be – that our people are non compos. That's a Latin phrase, sweets. Loosely translated, incompetent.

Meanwhile, MARB members have stated it's their goal to change the culture around the Actors Colony, and methinks they are going to do it or die trying. The next few months might be fun to watch as the penel members seems to have reached the end of their tether, and Herroner is miffed by the way she and the city are treated. Get the popcorn, it'll be an interesting few weeks.

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Nelly Nuthatch brought this into Cobina and whilst she is impressed by the sentiment regarding the stance taken, the use of buzzwords to diminish the op-

position is not a good look. I am referring to the latest kerfuffle between Trenee McGee, the sitting rep of the 116th Assembly District and her challenger Joe Miller.

Kudos to McGee, foistly, for bucking the Democratic Party and voting against the abortion bill that the General Assembly passed and was signed by Ned Lamont. She spoke eloquently and forcefully about what the evil has done to the African-American community. Miller, is on the other side, interestingly, jest like one would expect of a white liberal.

Where McGee went wrong – and this ain't the foist time she has fallen into this – is she called Miller a "supremacist." Huh? She didn't say "Joe Miller is a supremacist," but the context of her comments were abundantly clear. It's a low blow and what they like to call an "unforced error." Nope. It's dirty politics meant to shut someone up and belongs nowhere in a civil society.

What methinks went on is the lady determined she was takin' an unpopular (in her party) stance on the issue, and had to maintain her woke bona fides by using silly buzzwords like "supremacist." She should be roundly booed for this, and, in a saner world, lose some credibility. Don't hold yore breath waiting for that to happen.

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Then, Iva Lootey came in with this nugget about Barry Lee Cohen and his attorney asking the judge in his recent lawsuit to reconsider her verdict. To recap: she agreed there were multiple problems with the way absentee ballots were handled, and had some strong words in her decision, but she only moved on nine ballots rather than 14 more, which would have put the entire ishew in another realm. There's a bit difference between 21 ballots off and less than 10. The request is to add into the number those other ballots, which probably changes the calculus of any appeals of the ruling going forward.

As Iva and I were talking, I reminded him what Cobina said about the ruling when the decision came down: the judge punted. She found all kinds of things wrong, but wouldn't tread into the territory of calling for a new election. Courts hate to do that.

As of this writing she ain't made a decision, but it could come down by the time yew git this missive. Remember the entire election hinged on 32 votes by a relative newcomer to the political scene – and a Republican on top of it. But, the fack the city came into the news about fraudulent use of federal Covid money just months before, labels – party labels – kind of became non-issues in many people's mind.

And Madame Olga passed this way on the day that former State Rep. Michael DiMassa's wife pled guilty to a lesser count of wire fraud, and admitted in court that she took money and gave it to her husband. This portends an interesting situation.

Honey bunch, that's the second guilty plea by my count. John Bernardo pled guilty and is set to be sentenced in late September, now the Mrs. is a convicted felon and will be sentenced at a later date. One wonders when DiMassa himself is gonna plead out hoping that he won't be a guest of the federal government in one of its secure facilities for a very long time?

That's usually the way these investigations work with the FBI getting all its smaller fish netted, hoping to get the big fish. And, it's lookin' more and more like they are counting DiMassa as the "big fish." I still am sad about this, Felicia. Setch a promising individual with soooo much to offer, and somehow, somewhere, things went amiss. He lost his positions, his job, his reputation. Was it all worth it?

He still has to face the bar of justice in court and his trial is ready to begin, but it ain't looking good unless they have some info not heard about in the last year or so.

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You can't make this up. The need for a new Allingtown Library has been an issue in the borough for two or three years – at least since before Covid, when the former site at the old Forest School building was vacated when new owners took over. Now we hear the Village Improvement Association has come up with a plan where they are gonna build a building and have, more or less, committed to same.

As luck would have it, word came down that CVS in Allingtown is ready to move out of its building, and that might be a perfect location for a new Allingtown library. Not sure what the VIA is gonna do, or if it's interested in that site, but effen it can switch gears legally, that might be the place to put the facility. Plenty o' space and more than 50 parking spaces is a win-win. We shall see what transpires. Nothing in this burg is ever easy.

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In the good news department, it was nice to see the members of the Sandy Point Association and members of the Vertical Church getting together to freshen up the area around the Point. People getting involved in setch projects is jest such a nice change of pace from the usual nonsense we hafta talk about on a regular basis. Tennyrate, kudos for their good work.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close, mitt luff und kizzez,

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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I would like to draw attention to the spectators of the baseball and softball at the high school once again parking on the sidewalk in the fire lane by the fence.

The sidewalk is getting ruined and the people who use it for walking have to squeeze past or walk on the busy roadway.

We have a very large new parking lot at the school that can accommodate all of the cars and make it safer for all.

Thanks in advance for your help in this matter.

JM

Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

I received this letter back in the late spring. Although I have other complaints and issues to work on, I kept plugging away on the one below because it illustrated a safety issue.

I continued to refer this problem to various councilpersons and after giving them

adequate time to respond, the issues were just not solved. As you can see in this letter, there is a safety hazard here that require attention immediately. Council members have been very cooperative but there are occasions when prompt attention should be followed to correct hazardous conditions.

A brief note to City Council members:

First, thank you for responding to Gripe Vine and for making efforts to follow up on my reader's complaints., if you leave an issue with the city, please try to get back to Gripe Vine with an indication that the problem is going to be investigated. My readers would like to know their taxes are helping maintain valuable city property.

A visit from a police officer to this site would encourage visitors to the baseball field to park safely and remove the hazard for those visiting the game at the park.

Shoreline restoration panel hires contractor

The Shoreline Restoration Committee has chosen SLR International Corporation to perform the site analysis and design work leading to a nature-based coastal resilience plan to address necessary coastal resilience and ecological restoration of a 1.5-acre portion of the shoreline adjacent to Old Grove Park in West Haven.

"The Land Trust of West Haven and the City, along with City Council members Gary Donovan and Colleen O'Connor, and others from environmental groups in the city, have been collaborating on this project for the past year," said project co-coordinators Marilyn Wilkes, Vice President, Land Trust, and Mark Paine, Director, Parks and Recreation. "The goal is to restore that area of the shoreline and create a best practice model for coastal ecosystem exploration with a 'living classroom.' It will be an aesthetically pleasing area with environmental resilience filled with educational opportunity."

SLR was chosen because it has decades of experience successfully working on projects in West Haven, completing ecological restoration projects, coastal area management analysis and planning, and municipal park planning and designs. It also submitted the lowest bid on the Request for Proposal. SLR is a global leader in environmental and advisory solutions that help clients achieve their sustainability goals.

"SLR is excited to partner with the Shoreline Restoration Committee on this important project. Though small in size, the landscape position of this site displays enormous potential to serve as a restoration model for other parts of the fantastic West Haven shoreline," said Megan B. Raymond, Principal Scientist at SLR, who will lead the ecological portion of the project. Jason Williams, Principal Landscape Architect, will lead the concept design effort.

The Shoreline Restoration Committee will work with SLR over the course of five months as it creates a site analysis of the 1.5 acres; a site assessment report including natural/green infrastructure opportunities; preparation of two draft concept plans for the project; ongoing community involvement up to and including collecting community input on draft plans; preparation of a final Nature-Based Coastal Resilience Plan; and creation of preliminary engineering plans to 30% design.

For more information on the Shoreline Restoration project and updates, visit the Land Trust of West Haven [website](#) or the City's [website](#).

Rubber City Band plays tonight

The West Haven Summer Concert Series continues in Old Grove Park at 7 p.m. today with horn-powered rock classics performed by Rubber City. The two-hour concert is free. The rain date is Monday at 7 p.m. For rescheduling information, go to the Department of Parks and Recreation's website at <https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>.



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Many people who ride on the bus to the senior center, don't wear masks over their masks on their faces only under their chins.

The driver has signs that say you have to wear a mask to cover your face. Still people don't! They cough and sneeze in the air on the bus.

SJ

Dear SJ:

Mask wearing regulations

have been changing. If the bus signs indicate, "Wear A Mask," let's wear it!

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Rulings restored order

Despite the hair-on-fire reaction by some here in Connecticut and elsewhere, the four major Supreme Court decisions are a much-needed reversal of the "make it up as we go along" efforts of various iterations of the court over the last three generations. Contrary to what Progressives think, Democracy was served very well in four major decisions, and the power of the federal and state governments was – at least in part -- curtailed.

The Bruen decision, knocking down New York's Conceal Carry Laws, was a win for the traditional understanding of the Second Amendment that goes back to the beginning of the nation. The State of New York was using licensing restrictions to make determinations as to who gets its permission to carry. The majority decision is best described by Justice Clarence Thomas who said, "State of New York issues public-carry licenses only when an applicant demonstrates a special need for self-defense, we conclude that the State's licensing regime violates the Constitution," Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court's 6-3 majority. The intent of the amendment as traditionally interpreted was important as Progressive states look to make ownership bureaucratically onerous.

Religious liberty – the right to practice one's religion, not just worship in a building – was upheld in *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*. This is the case of the Washington State football coach who prayed on the 50-yard line after games on his own. His prayers were joined by players and fans with the school district worried it violated the Separation Clause. He was fired when he refused to stop.

Unfortunately, that clause over the last 60 years or so has moved toward a "freedom from religion," rather than "freedom of religion."

Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote for the majority a synopsis of the erroneous standard of the last three generations: "Here, a government entity sought to punish an individual for engaging in a brief, quiet, personal religious observance doubly protected by the Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment. And the only meaningful justification the government offered for its reprisal rested on a mistaken view that it had a duty to ferret out and suppress."

Once again, freedom, rather than the diktat of a government agency was given its due.

In *West Virginia v. EPA*, the encroachment of agencies becoming a fourth branch of government with legislative power was staunch and will have an effect going forward. This had to do with the EPA making rules regarding the Clean Air Act by fiat. The agency had its wings clipped. The majority decision summed up the longstanding problem: The case "refers to an identifiable body of law that has developed over a series of significant cases all addressing a particular and recurring problem: agencies asserting highly consequential power beyond what Congress could reasonably be understood to have granted."

Congress must now authorize the powers of the agencies and oversee in an authentic way the rules it puts out as being under its intended utility. That is a blow for Constitutional order and a check against unfettered bureaucracy.

In the most controversial decision, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, all that need be said is Constitutional order was further rectified with this decision. All that need be said is Justice Samuel Alito's summary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision. The case was taken from the states where it rightfully belonged.

"Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division."

We have all won under these decisions.



No, the justices didn't lie to panel

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

The left simply lost the intellectual and political fight over the direction of the Supreme Court but can't bear to admit it.

Progressives tell themselves instead that they've been undone by a series of dirty deeds, including the alleged deceit of conservative justices who lied to the U.S. Senate about their commitment to preserving *Roe v. Wade*.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez believes that impeachment proceedings should be in play.

What the perjury case against the justices in the *Dobbs* majority lacks is any evidence of assurances made under oath or otherwise that they would vote to uphold a ruling of the court that had, justly, been under withering assault since it was handed down 50 years ago.

This shouldn't have been hard to figure out. Any judge who considers himself or herself an originalist was going to believe that *Roe* was bad law because there wasn't remotely colorable warrant for it under the Constitution. There might have been varying views on what deference was owed to precedent, or other tactical questions; there wasn't any meaningful disagreement on the core matter.

The dance that went on is that Democrats would try to get conservative nominees to say that *Roe* had been a pre-

cedent for a long time. The nominees would agree, while not going any further. They'd often cite -- correctly -- the refusal to comment on contested questions going back to Ruth Bader Ginsberg's confirmation hearings.

Typical was an exchange between Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Amy Coney Barrett during her hearings. Klobuchar pressed Barrett whether *Roe* was a "super precedent," or a ruling that no one thinks is in play anymore. Barrett demurred, "I'm answering a lot of questions about *Roe*, which I think indicates that *Roe* doesn't fall in that category."

This wasn't deception -- it was clearly saying, if obliquely, that *Roe* was vulnerable to challenge. I'd prefer if nominees were less lawyerly, but they are experts in subtle distinctions and the longstanding politicization of the confirmation process puts a premium on indirection.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh has been a particular target for post-*Dobbs* attack. Pro-choice Republican Sen. Susan Collins told *The New York Times* that she feels he misled her in a private meeting.

The *Times* story doesn't say that Collins asked Kavanaugh directly if he'd overturn *Roe* -- presumably for good reason. The senator would have known such a question would have been highly improper. In fact, she praised Neil Gorsuch

during his 2017 confirmation for saying he would have left the room if someone asked him for a commitment to overturn *Roe*.

It is doubtful that Kavanaugh told Collins anything in private that he didn't say in his sworn public testimony as well. If he was playing some sort of double game, Collins should have felt an obligation to call Kavanaugh out on it. She didn't. In fact, she gladly voted for him.

It is true that in his hearings Kavanaugh leaned heavily on the notion that *Roe* was precedent and that it had been reaffirmed in *Casey*, what he called "a precedent on precedent." Yet, other supporters of *Roe* weren't inclined to over-interpret this. As Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island told Kavanaugh at the outset of the hearings, "Your own words make clear you do not really believe *Roe v. Wade* is settled law since the Court, as you said, 'can always overrule its precedent.'"

In her dramatic floor statement supporting Kavanaugh's nomination, Collins made it clear that she also understood that his commitment to precedent was not absolute. It would give way, she explained, "in those rare circumstances where a decision is 'grievously wrong' or 'deeply inconsistent with the law.'"

The Court held in *Dobbs* that *Roe* was, indeed,

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Wait for What?

By Jamal Jivanjee
Guest Columnist

Imagine that you've been feeling a bit off for the past few months. So, you decide to make an appointment with the doctor just to cover your bases and make sure everything is kosher. One appointment turns into two, and then a referral. You answer all the questions and take the tests they order for you. A couple of weeks later, the phone rings: "You need to come in right away."

As you sit down and face the physician who is sitting comfortably behind the desk, the words "I'm so sorry" and "... about six months" are all that echo in the chasm of your being.

"This has to be a mistake. I still have five years until I can retire. I've done my time. I've worked hard. We've been saving everything we can to be able to relax and travel to all the places we've always said we wanted to go. I just need ten more years at the least. Five to finish out my career, and the other five to enjoy the decades of hard work. I've been waiting for this season of life where I can finally live. What do you mean only six more months?"

By this point, you are probably realizing that you haven't been present enough in life to be the parent or spouse that you truly desired to be. As a parent, you've been saving the creating of memories for the upcoming vacations. As a spouse, you figured you would have time in retirement, when you'd be able to be together without any distractions. That's why you sacrificed so much of your life over the years. You just need a few more years to make it all worthwhile. If you would have known your life would be over in six months, you would never have agreed to postpone your life to the future. How can you get the years back?

For far too many of us, a brief awareness of our mortality or a brush with death, is the only time when we consider the rareness and tremendous value of everyday life. The more rare something is, the greater the perception of its value. Of all the living beings on this planet, human beings possess something that no other being has; conscious awareness of our own impending death. It is for this very reason that humans have the ability to be conscious of the rarity and value of this thing that we call life. It is only when we value something that we treat it with utmost care and precision. Most of us, however, only give mental assent to our mortality. As a result, we live life as if our death was not a present tense possibility.

If you had six months to live, how would your day today change? How much time and energy would you spend on drama and arguing with others? Would you slow down and enjoy your meals and engage in meaningful conversations with your loved ones? Would you worry about the future less? Would you take that trip you've always wanted to take, and would you put the phone down a bit more? How about your work? Would you quit your job feeling that it is a waste of your valuable and limited time, or would you work even more diligently and with more focus knowing there is something of value the world needs you to leave behind? I think you already know the answers to those questions.

If there is one thing that I am passionate about, it is living. I am passionate about helping people live for a living, not simply for survival. There is nothing better than a life well lived to its full potential. In order to do this, I am convinced that we cannot wait any longer to live. We cannot wait for retirement, for heaven, for the weekend, or for the vacation.

Living must begin today because we are not guaranteed that we have six months left to live. As a matter of fact, no one is guaranteed that they have the rest of the day. What is guaranteed, however, is that you have this moment. Learning to live in alignment and harmony with this moment is an inside job that the majority of people on this planet have not learned how to do. My wish and blessing for you is that you will learn the art of living for a living.

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## Lowry: *No lies were told*

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egregiously wrong. Collins might be disappointed, but she shouldn't feel ill-used.

Roe never deserved to be written into law in the first place. The conservative justices never said they would preserve it, and they've done their duty to the Constitution by finally abandoning it.

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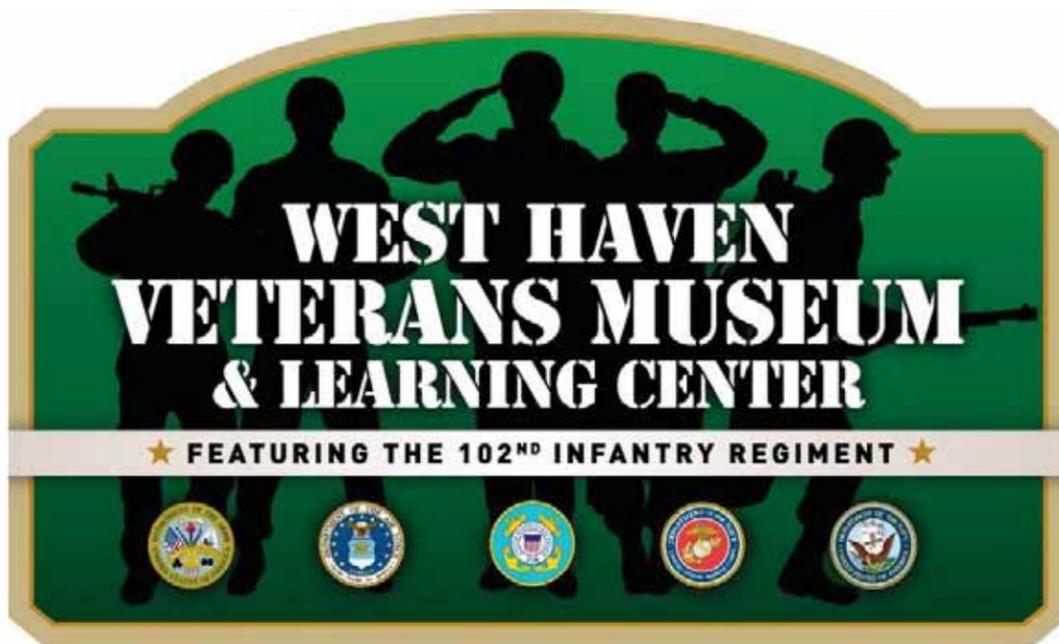




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# Festival: Bands headline weekend event

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bombs. Dessert trucks will offer cannoli, ice cream, cupcakes and kettle corn.

The craft fair, a festival tradition, will also take place, spread beneath the park's oak trees, organizers said.

Resident-only parking for vehicles displaying a valid, affixed beach sticker will be available in the lots on Oak Street and Altschuler Boulevard. Free overflow parking for residents and nonresidents will be available in the grass lot on Oak Street, across from the Surfside public housing complex.

The festival will open at 5 p.m. July 29 with welcoming remarks by Rossi and the national anthem sung by Adeline Mellilo, a 2022 graduate of West Haven High School.

Brian Smith, a former co-host of WPLR's "Smith and Barber the Morning Show," will serve as the "ringmaster" of ceremonies for a fifth time.

The Navels will perform the best of Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks at 5:30 p.m., followed by Parkway Diner, playing favorites by Billy Joel and Elton John and hits of the '70s and '80s, at 8 p.m.

Day Two will kick off at noon July 30 with the festival's first Touch-a-Truck event, held on Altschuler Plaza off Captain Thomas Boulevard until 4 p.m.

At noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., members of the West Haven Fire Department, led by Fire Marshal Roger Scotte, will demonstrate the department's 35-foot smoke trailer and show children what to do in the event of a fire.

A K-9 demonstration by the Police Department is also planned during the afternoon.

At 3 p.m., West Haven firefighters will demonstrate the Jaws of Life tool by prying open parts of a vehicle to free those trapped inside. Members of the West Shore Fire Department will demonstrate the department's amphibious rescue boat.

At 4 p.m., Tre Paul, a trio anchored by retired city police Detective Sgt. Paul Raucci on drums, will open the musical lineup by playing a 90-minute set of rock, oldies and sing-alongs.

Just before the concert, Smith will introduce Elizabeth Shea, an incoming senior at West Haven High, who will sing the national anthem.

Then, at 6 p.m., Echoes of Sinatra will perform a timeless tribute to the one and only Frank Sinatra. The band, fronted by Sinatra tribute artist Steve Kaz, will trace the career and life of Ol' Blue Eyes through music and storytelling, including swing renditions of the Sinatra songs you know by heart.

"Don't miss the opportunity to experience this exciting show, featuring classic songs, skilled storytelling and world-class musicianship," Kaz said.

At 8 p.m., The British Legends of Rock Show will invade the stage and play "a powerful rock 'n' roll buffet celebrating the two undisputed greatest decades of British rock music: the '60s and '70s," the band said in a statement.

The two-hour show will dig deep into the British music catalog, "from the Animals to Led Zeppelin and everything in between."

Watch the band's promotional video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/RJiv2iC-qMsc>.

If it rains, all bands will perform in the West Haven High auditorium, 1 Circle St.

West Haven's flagship festival was established in 1982 by the Chamber of Commerce — initially under the direction of Brian M. Stone, David Gesler and Michael Shiner and thereafter by John L. Perrone and his wife, Mary Perrone — to bring organizations, clubs, businesses and families together for a summer festival that celebrates life in one of America's oldest coastal communities.

From the dawn of the Savin Rock House hotel in 1838, the Rock had long been a resort hub until it was officially in-

corporated as an amusement park by the Savin Rock Park Co. on Memorial Day 1925, when it opened to 300,000 visitors and 66,000 automobiles in one spectacular day. For the next four decades, the

popular seaside park captured the hearts and imaginations of "Rock rats" of all ages. "The Coney Island of Connecticut" shuttered on Sept. 21, 1966, to pave the way for the Savin Rock Urban Renewal Project.



**Tre Paul**  
Good Music, Good Fun!

Photo By Michael P. Walsh

Marissa Franco, front, and Chloe O'Connor take orders from hungry customers at Franco's Fried Dough-Licious during the 2021 Savin Rock Festival as Mark Franco prepares homemade fried dough inside his popular food truck. Tre Paul, a trio anchored by retired West Haven police Detective Sgt. Paul Raucci on drums, will open Day Two of the Savin Rock Festival by playing a 90-minute set of rock, oldies, and singalongs in Old Grove Park at 4 p.m. July 30. (Publicity Photo)

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### Christmas in July

The West Haven Historical Society sponsored its "Christmas in July" Craft Fair on the grounds of the historic Poli Mansion, 686 Savin Ave., which is also the organization's headquarters. A number of crafters and artisans set up shop on the grounds with hundreds of shoppers looking to get their holiday shopping done early. The event is one of several listed for the mansion over the course of the year. Photographer Meari Avery caught a few of the crafters prior to the event's opening.



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## First on the Fourth!

It was a special Fourth of July celebration at the Union School/Savin Rock Communities group at the Union School apartment complex. The residents were able to not only celebrate the nation's birthday, but have their first group celebration in more than two years. Judging from the faces, a good time was had by all. Guest was State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115), who took the picture.

## Center plans Newport trip

The West Haven Senior Center will offer a bus trip Aug. 3 to the Newport Playhouse in Newport, Rhode Island. The trip includes lunch and the suspenseful comedy "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a love triangle set in a Howard Johnson's motor lodge involving a woman, her lover and her husband.

The trip costs \$125 and includes transportation, admission, lunch and all gratuities. Payment is due June 24. For reservations, call (203) 937-3507 or register at the senior center, 201 Noble St., upper level.

The bus will depart at 8:45 a.m. from the Savin Rock Conference Center parking lot, 6 Rock St., and leave at 5 p.m. from Newport.

Newport Playhouse's COVID-19 policy requires patrons show proof of full vaccination, which verifies they have received a second shot at least 14 days before the event. Proof of vaccination must show a name that matches the government-issued document. for the person seeking entry.

## Haley campaign 'Meet & Greet' slated, July 28

Republican State Representative candidate Aaron Haley will be hosting a Meet & Greet Pizza night at Capetta's Italian Import, 188 Boston Post Road, on Thursday, July 28, from 6-8 p.m. The \$5 minimum donation will include unlimited pizza and soda. For additional information, please contact Campaign Manager Steven R. Mullins at (203) 824-4262.

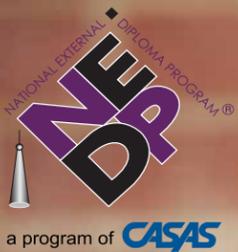
## Deadline reminder

Publicists are reminded the deadline for notices to be printed in the West Haven Voice is Monday at 4 p.m., unless otherwise cleared with the editor. Emailed copy should be either a Word document or PDF that allows copying.

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## Lifeguards honored for heroic action

Lifeguards Issac Gorske and Madison Hobart received state citations from members of the West Haven General Assembly Delegation last Friday, in recognition of the lifeguards saving an 11-year-old boy during a water rescue in June at Oak Street Beach. Shown are: West Haven Director of Parks and Recreation Mark Paine, State Reps. Dorinda Borer (D-115), and Treneé McGee (D-116) Gorske, Hobart, State Rep. Charles Ferraro (R0117), and West Haven Pool and Waterfront Coordinator Margaret Ruggiero.



## Dem Miller denounces Rep. McGee

Joe Miller, the Democratic Primary challenger to State Rep. Treneé McGee (D-116), issued a statement regarding the personal attacks she has leveled on him over his stance on abortion, calling him a "Supremacist" in this morning's *Hartford Courant* [article](#), as well as at public events:

It was never my intention to talk about personal matters in my family's lives, and never thought I'd have to in this campaign. But after Treneé McGee has repeatedly attacked me as a "supremacist" when it comes to the issue of reproductive freedom, I felt it important to explain why this issue is so important for me:

When my mother was the age of 19, she ended up suffering from an ectopic pregnancy, which required her to have an abortion performed in order to save her life. My mother wouldn't have survived, and I wouldn't have ever been born if Roe V Wade protections weren't in place in the early 90s. Neither of us would be here today.

For Treneé McGee to call my stance on reproductive rights "supremacist" is just beyond the pale. The entire notion is heartless, despicable, and wholly uninformed. For such a devoutly religious person, she was extremely quick to cast judgment on me.

On behalf of my mother and my family, I call on State Representative McGee to apologize for her hateful words and focus on our policy differences rather than gutless personal attacks.

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# Booster Eligibility

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### Which booster should you get?

- If you are 12-17 years old: Pfizer.
- If you are 18 years or older: Pfizer or Moderna.





Above -- Inside the mammography station of the Yale New Haven Health Mobile Mammography Unit. Above right -- Exterior of the Yale New Haven Health Mobile Mammography Unit. Below --The Avangrid Foundation tours the mobile mammography unit. Pictured left to right, Andrea L. Silber, MD, Professor of Clinical Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Associate Director Community Engagement and Health Equity for Clinical Research, Yale Medicine, Yale Cancer Center; Ramón Castresana Sánchez, Director of the Iberdrola Group Foundations Committee; Laney Brown, VP Sustainability, Avangrid; Pablo Colón, Director of Corporate Citizenship and Executive Director, Avangrid Foundation; Sherena Harris, Mobile Mammography Unit Outreach Coordinator, YNHH Radiology; Lucy Sirico, Director, YNHH Development; Stephen M. Jakab, CFRE, President, Bridgeport Hospital Foundation and Interim VP, YNHH Development; Jacquelyn Crenshaw, Senior Manager, Diagnostic Radiology, YNHH; Teren Basel, Development Officer, Grant Specialist, YNHH Development.



# Mammography clinic scheduled today, July 28

Women in West Haven looking to receive a breast cancer screening are invited to visit the Yale-New Haven Health Mobile Mammography Unit when it comes to town later this month.

The unit will be at Cornell Scott Hill Health Center on July 21 and 28.

“Yale New Haven Health has always been at the forefront of healthcare. The mobile mammography unit is a prime example of this – and

a critical resource for ensuring that women get screened regularly,” said Jacquelyn Crenshaw, Senior Manager, Diagnostic Radiology, Yale New Haven Health. “We take pride in providing safe, reliable and consistent service. This means we ensure the comfort of every patient while delivering results in an easily understandable manner. Our goal is to be there for our patients year after year.”

Since June 1987, the unit has

been bringing Yale Radiology’s world-class breast imaging expertise to women across Connecticut.

Now in its 35th year, the unit conducts more than 4,000 exams annually and is especially instrumental for providing medical exams to women in underserved communities who may experience language, transportation or work barriers.

During the pandemic, the unit continued operating, providing services safely and with social distancing. In fact, in 2020 the unit became the first in the country to be equipped with screening ul-

trasound in addition to 3D mammography, thanks in part to community partners like the Avangrid Foundation, the charitable giving arm of the AVANGRID family of companies. Ultrasound is important for women with dense breast tissue, who may otherwise have limited mammographic sensitivity. The partnership between Yale New Haven Health and the Avangrid Foundation that makes the ultrasound possible is now in its second year.

“The Avangrid Foundation is proud to support the essential services provided by the Yale New Haven Health

Mobile Mammography Unit,” said Pablo Colón, Director, Corporate Citizenship at Avangrid and Executive Director, Avangrid Foundation. “At AVANGRID, we believe in keeping our communities safe. This was true more than ever during the height of the pandemic when our support helped to keep the unit in service. Safety is one of our many shared values with Yale New Haven Health and the reason we’re proud to partner with them to make healthcare more accessible.”

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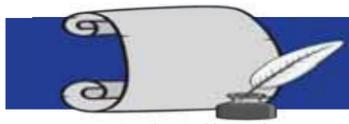
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## Frank Belbusti Summer, 1952

Twenty-Four-year-old Frank Belbusti sat behind the wheel of the race car as it slowly circled the track at Savin Rock's Donovan Field. How had he gotten himself into this mess, he asked himself. Earlier that day, the scheduled driver for one novice race car had reneged, and Frank had half-jokingly said, "You bring the car, I'll drive it." He forgot the statement and went to the West Haven Speedway to watch the races. Suddenly, they were searching the stands for him to drive that race car. And what were his qualifications? Only that he knew how to drive a car! Frank's bluff had been called, and he

was scared, but he had to save face, so he had gotten behind the wheel.

That race car was a 1935 Plymouth coupe, rescued from the junkyard, with a flathead six-cylinder engine and a single-barrel carburetor and an unmuffled exhaust system. Inside, the car was gutted: the windows had all been removed—only the windshield remained—and there was only one seat. Outside, the fenders had been removed, and the tires were treadless "slicks." The race was performed with the manual transmission always in second gear.

Suddenly, the flagman waved the twenty-four cars on with a green flag; this was

immediately followed by the deafening roar of two dozen engines screaming for all they were worth. Inside of the race car, even though Frank had ear flaps on his helmet, he could hear the roar of the engines, and the rattling of the car's sheet metal. It was like being in a big tin can, he thought to himself.

Each quarter-mile lap took about fifteen seconds and was covered at speeds of sixty miles per hour. Fear was replaced by purposeful action, as Frank began to pass other cars. At the corners, he felt the car sliding sideways a bit—he'd have to watch it. If another car tapped his car while he was sliding, he knew that he would spin out of con-

trol. A few minutes later, the race was over. Frank thought he had won for sure, until the checkered flag was given to another driver and Frank's car was waved off into the pits.

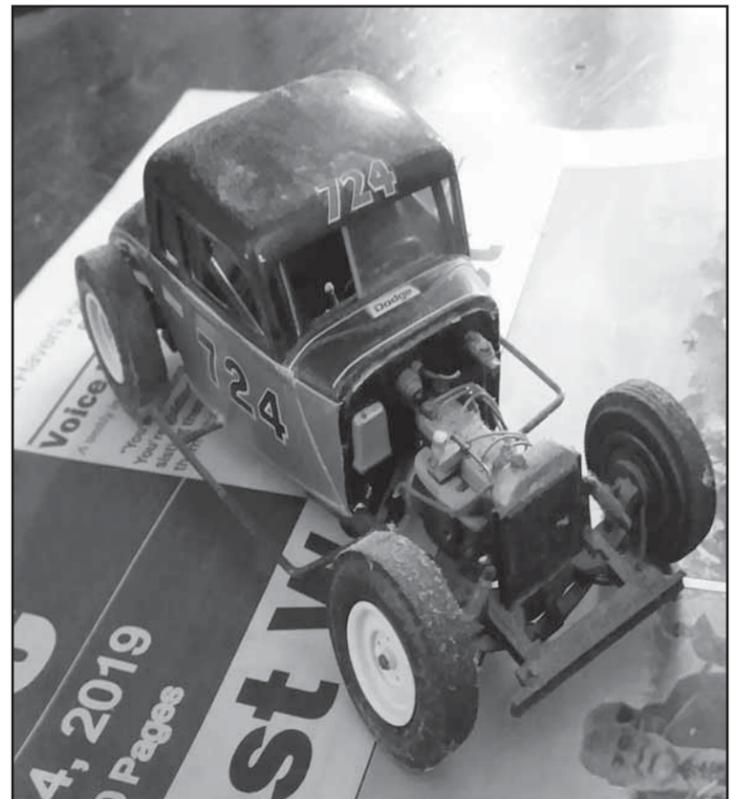
So, he hadn't won the race, but Frank had caught the fever, and he began to race regularly, for Marshall's Garage had seen him drive, and had asked him to be the driver of one of their cars. In 1953 he became the Donovan Field Track Champion, and in 1954 he became the Circuit Champion for the tracks in the state of Connecticut. He raced—and often won—until he quit racing in 1958; for now, Frank Belbusti had a young family, and a growing construction business, and his priorities had changed.



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff



Frank Belbusti was a 24-year-old favorite in the days of the Savin Rock Speedway with his car the 724.



Frank Belbusti's popular 724 is shown in model form.

## City departments plan 'VIP Nights'

West Haven's Youth and Family Services and Department of Parks and Recreation are teaming up with several city departments to provide an activity-filled "Westies VIP Night" for residents on July 20 and Aug. 11.

The free events, held outdoors at Carrigan Intermediate and Savin Rock Community schools, will include a video game trailer with nine gaming stations, interactive games by Crazy Konez, pizza by Franco's Fried Dough-Licious and face painting by Picasso Parties. The July 20 event is for West Haven residents

ages 14-18 and will take place from 4-7 p.m. at Carrigan, 2 Tetlow St.

The Aug. 11 event is for residents ages 9-13 and will take place from 4-7 p.m. at Savin Rock, 50 Park St.

Registration is required at [https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/activities/program\\_details.aspx?ProgramID=29717](https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29717).

Space is limited for the events, and no walk-ups are allowed.

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## Scholarship winners

The Village Improvement Association, the committee that runs the city's library system, has announced its 2022 Scholarship winners. Scholarships are funded through the VIA's endowment and generous donations in the name of former board members Pam Gardner, Gert Beckwith, Francis Blanchette, and former Library Director Connie Sacco. Pictured from left to right are Rodjae Smith, Cameron Murray, Analacea Turcio, Hannah Davey, and Henry Slomba.



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## Land Trust sets contest

The Land Trust of West Haven (WHLT) is holding its first annual Photo Contest to celebrate and showcase the natural beauty of the city. It is seeking photos that feature nature and open spaces, as well as native plants and animals found in West Haven. The contest begins June 1 and photos can be submitted until July 15 through the online portal.

It is free to participate and open to the public. Local amateur photographers and children are encouraged to enter.

Details, official rules, and entry form can be found here: [bit.ly/whlandtrustphotocontest](https://bit.ly/whlandtrustphotocontest) The winning photographs will be featured on the WHLT website, social media, and a fundraiser calendar for 2023. While there is no cash prize, the photographers' names will be included in the calendar with their photos and each will receive two calendars as a memento of their achievement.

A panel of WHLT judges will review submissions in July 2022 and choose the best six photos to be in the calendar. The public will "vote" for the remaining six winners. Those with the most "likes" and "shares" at 9 p.m. on Sept. 2, will be included in the calendar. Winners will be announced on or before Sept. 6 on the Land Trust's Facebook page.

## Stamp Club meets

The New Haven Stamp Club meets every Tuesday at 62 Clark Road in North Haven.

The club is part of a stamp show every fourth Sunday of the month from 93 at the Annex Hall, 554 Woodward Ave., in New Haven. All are welcome.

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# Post 71: Zone II champs advance in tourney

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walking two and striking out three.

Despite taking a 1-0 lead in the first, the game was defined by missed opportunities for the Westies.

While Anthony Rubin's sacrifice fly scored Tyler Jones for a 1-0 lead, Post 71 got just the one run despite the first three runners reaching.

The Westies put a pair of runners on in the second when Jacob Fowler was hit by a pitch and Mike Madera reached on an error, but neither came around to score.

After Hamden scored a pair of unearned runs in the third, West Haven evened the game in the bottom of the inning when Tyler Jones left off with a triple to left and scored on Gilbert's single. Gilbert stole second, but was left stranded in scoring position.

Hamden took a 4-2 lead in the fourth, before West Haven went down in order the next two innings. Trailing 5-2 in the sixth, Evan Jones hit a one-out single, but was stranded at second.

Post 71 had one final opportunity in the seventh as Madera walked with one out and Izzo followed with a single, but both were left stranded in West Haven's second loss of the season.

West Haven lost its second in a row and third in four games with a 3-2 loss at Madi-

son. Haygen Axelrod went the distance for the Westies as he allowed just four hits and three earned runs, while walking five and striking out one.

A two-run single by Gianni Gambardella in the third gave the Westies a 2-0 lead, but a two-out rally in the fourth propelled Madison to score three runs on two walks and two hits.

The Westies had one final opportunity to even the game in the seventh as K.J. Harp and Gilbert singled with one out, but West Haven stranded a pair in scoring position.

Post 71 got back on the winning track with a 9-3 home victory over Madison to improve to 10-3 on the season. Harp led the offense with three hits, while Tyler Jones and Cam Cruz each had a pair of hits.

Supan picked up the win, tossing five innings and allowing two runs. The West Haven starter walked three and struck out five.

After Madison took a 1-0 lead in the first, West Haven took the lead for good with four runs in the first and two in each of the second and third innings for an 8-1 lead.

In the first, Gilbert's sacrifice fly scored Gambardella, Supan singled to score Gambardella, and Evan Jones singled to score Harp and Supan.

Another sacrifice fly by Gilbert in the second scored Dan Izzo, before Tyler Jones

scored on an error. Tyler Jones reached on an error in the third to score a pair, and Harp singled to score Tyler Jones in the sixth for a 9-2 lead.

Post 71 took the series from Madison and improved to 11-3 with a 13-4 road victory. Izzo and Harp each had a pair of hits, with Izzo driving in three runs. Tyler Jones, Rubin, Haygen Axelrod and Madera each drove in a pair.

Post 71 took a 2-0 lead in the second inning as Supan singled, Axelrod walked with one out, and Madera singled to score Supan, before Tyler Jones walked with the bases loaded to score Axelrod.

West Haven took a 4-1 lead in the third as Harp singled, Rubin and Supan walked to load the bases, and Axelrod reached on a one-out error to score Harp. Madera grounded out to score Rubin for a 4-1 advantage.

The Westies increased the lead to 6-1 in the fourth as Tyler Jones reached on an error, and scored on a double by Gilbert, before Gilbert scored on a ground out by Rubin.

After Madison got within 6-4 in the fifth, Post 71 put the game away with seven runs in the sixth for a 13-4 lead.

Izzo singled and scored on a double by Tyler Jones, who scored when Harp reached on an error for an 8-4 lead. Rubin singled to score Harp, Axelrod singled to score Rubin, and Izzo doubled to clear the bases, scoring Cruz, Axelrod and Madera for a 13-4 lead.

Tyler Jones pitched the first five innings, allowing four runs on eight hits, while striking out three. Izzo pitched the final two innings, allowing one hit, walking three and striking out two.

West Haven improved to 12-3 with a 1-0 forfeit victory over Branford Tuesday evening as Branford could not field enough players.

After a slow start, West Haven used a nine-run fourth inning to post a 16-3 road victory over Branford in a game stopped after five innings. The Westies improved to 13-3.

Izzo, Rubin, Constantinople and Cruz led the way with two hits apiece. Gilbert and Axelrod each drove in three runs, while Cruz and Izzo delivered two.

Hay picked up the win for Post 71, tossing a two-hitter. Hay did not allow an earned run, while walking five and striking out five.

Trailing 2-0 after a pair of West Haven errors in the first, the Westies evened the game in the third. Harp reached on an error and scored on a triple by Izzo, before Izzo scored on Gilbert's sacrifice fly to center.

West Haven broke the game open with nine runs in the

fourth. Izzo singled to score Madera, Gilbert doubled to score Cruz and Harp, Rubin singled in Izzo, and Evan Jones singled to score Gilbert for a 7-2 lead. Axelrod followed with a single to score Rubin and Supan, and Cruz doubled to score Evan Jones and Axelrod.

Post 71 put the game away with five runs in the fifth, with three of the runs coming on bases loaded walks.

The Westies improved to 14-3 with a 13-3 six inning victory over Branford to complete the series sweep. Constantinople and Joe Malan-gone combined on a 7-hitter in the win, with Constantinople picking up the victory in four innings worked.

Axelrod led the offense with three hits and two runs batted in.

Harp had two hits, two runs scored, and three runs batted in, Izzo had two hits and two runs batted in, and Madera added a pair of hits.

West Haven took a 3-0 lead in the first when Tyler Jones singled, Gilbert reached on an error, Harp singled to score Jones, and Cruz reached on an error to score Gilbert and Harp.

Post 71 pulled away with five in the second for an 8-0 lead. Madera and Tyler Jones sandwiched walks around a single by Izzo to load the bases, Harp singled in a pair, Izzo scored on a wild pitch, Axelrod drove in a run with a single, and Supan scored on an error.

Leading 8-1, Post 71 added a run in the fourth when Constantinople reached on a fielder's choice to score Cruz.

With a 9-3 lead, Post 71 put the game away with four in the bottom of the sixth. Supan scored on a balk, Axelrod singled to score Cruz, and Izzo hit a two-run double to end the game.

West Haven closed the regular season with an 11-8 victory over North Haven. With the victory, the Westies finished the regular season with a 15-3 record and Zone 2 regular season champions.

Harp led the Westies with three hits and three runs scored, while Tyler Jones, Gilbert, Rubin and Evan Jones each had a pair of hits. Gilbert also drove in four runs.

Post 71 took a 4-0 lead in the first as Harp singled, Izzo was hit by a pitch, and both scored on a double by Tyler Jones. Gilbert singled to score Tyler Jones, and Evan Jones hit into a fielder's choice to score Gilbert.

After North Haven scored in the second, West Haven increased the lead to 7-1 in the bottom of the inning with three more runs. Madera and

Harp opened the inning with singles, Tyler Jones walked with one out, and Gilbert was hit by a pitch to score Madera. Rubin hit into a fielder's choice to score Harp and Jones for the 7-1 lead.

The Westies added four more in the third. Evan Jones and Cruz led off with singles, Madera hit into a fielder's choice to score Jones, Izzo hit a run-scoring single, and Gilbert singled to score Harp and Izzo.

North Haven scored two in the fourth and five in the fifth to get within 11-8, but West Haven held on for the win.

West Haven opened the state tournament with a 4-1 victory over Moosup in the first round of POD G play. Supan tossed a complete game 3-hitter, allowing an unearned run, while walking one and striking out six.

Tyler Jones led the offense with three hits, while Harp drove in a pair of runs.

Trailing 1-0 in the second, West Haven evened the game when Izzo drew a bases loaded walk to score Supan, who reached on a fielder's choice.

Post 71 took the lead for good with three runs in the sixth.

Evan Jones reached on an error, Cruz was hit by a pitch, and Tyler Jones singled to score Evan Jones for a 2-1 lead. With the bases loaded, Harp singled to score Cruz and Tyler Jones for a 4-1 advantage.

West Haven advanced to the final of POD G play with a 4-3 victory over Trumbull at Piurek Field. Gambardella was the story of the game as he tossed a complete game 5-hitter, allowing three earned runs, while walking one and striking out 11.

After Trumbull tied the game with three runs in the sixth, West Haven answered immediately in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good.

Harp reached on an error, moved to third on a sacrifice by Rubin, and scored on a sacrifice fly to center by Supan. Gambardella needed just nine pitches to retire the side in order in the seventh to send West Haven to the final.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead in the second as Rubin singled, moved to second on an error on the play, third on a sacrifice, and scored on a passed ball.

Post 71 increased the lead to 3-0 in the third when Tyler Jones led off with a walk, and Gilbert was hit by a pitch with one out. With runners on the corners,

Tyler Jones scored on a fielder's choice by Harp, before Harp stole second and third, and scored on an error on the throw to third.

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### Borras endorses challenger Miller

Joe Miller, Democrat for State Representative in the 116th District against RepTreneé McGee, announced an endorsement from veteran and 8th District West Haven Councilman Victor Borras. The primary is Aug. 9.

Borras said, "We need a fresh perspective and a fresh mind to represent us in West Haven. Joe Miller has a hunger to help the people, and I know he will put in the tough work to make our lives better no matter who we are,"

I am honored to earn Victor's trust and support for our campaign. Victor represents a changing of the guard in our city, and we share the same values when it comes to helping the people we seek to represent," Miller said.

## Aces offers STEM Camp dates

Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) is excited to announce Summer of STEM programming. In partnership with 21st-CentEd, ACES is offering FREE summer programs that will enhance a child's creativity and innovative thinking, all while having fun and participating in STEM activities.

The "Lego Robotics Spike Prime" program is for students in grades 4-5.

The "Design Thinking & Entrepreneurship – Sneaker Design Challenge" is geared towards students in grades 6-8. Summer of STEM programming will run Aug. 8-11, and Aug. 15-18 from 8-11 a.m. Both programming options will be at ACES at Chase and ACES Educational Center for the Arts (ECA).

"Lego Robotics Spike Prime" will allow students to understand and apply the engineering design process using the LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime Set.

"In this program, children will design and build various robots, which will require critical thinking and solving complex problems, while building confidence and having fun. Other activities will include Kiki the Dog Robot, Test Grabber, Prototype Legs for Robot Race, and more.

"Design Thinking & Entrepreneurship – Sneaker Design Challenge" will have children and teachers engage in a co-learning experience as they learn about STEM and design thinking, how to use empathy in design, exercise agency in innovation, and use collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity to prototype a hand-made shoe design and develop a pitch for a potential business idea.

Other activities that will take place are a shoe design sprint, rapid prototyping, pitch challenge, and more.

"The Summer of STEM programming is a phenomenal opportunity for children to learn about STEM, have fun, and work with others. ACES is grateful to collaborate with 21st-CentEd, and to provide this exceptional programming free to all interested children in Connecticut.

"We can't wait to see the projects that the children create," said Lucia Fonseca, Assistant Director of ACES International.

To learn more and to register, visit <https://www.aces.org/schools-programs/aces-international/summer-of-stem/?fbclid=IwAR2luOUWM-wYcOqbDL9Ud1kmyzXOKWuuet3qgIkqD8uhU9iyUbH18L5nA>.

## Agency looks for public input on plan

The South Central Regional Council of Governments and its municipalities are working together to update the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The plan is aimed at identifying and assessing the region's natural hazard risks – flooding, hurricanes, winter storms – and determining how to best minimize or manage those risks.

To increase public participation, SCRCOG has launched the South Central Connecticut Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey so those in the planning area can share their opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process.

The information provided by the five-minute survey will help the planning team better understand local concerns and issues as expressed by the region's residents and can lead to mitigation activities that should reduce the impacts of future disasters.

Take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCRCOG2023>.

For more information, visit the plan's webpage at <https://scrcog.org/regional-planning/regional-hazard-mitigation/>, or contact Rebecca Andreucci, SCRCOG's senior transportation planner, at [randreucci@scrcog.org](mailto:randreucci@scrcog.org) or (203) 466-8601.



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# Best of the West, Aug. 14

A local business owner is sponsoring a family event to help build a scholarship fund, and to provide school supplies for local students. Called, The Best of the West, this daylong basketball tournament will feature teams from various neighborhoods and for various age groups, including a Mayor's Trophy game.

The event is scheduled for Aug. 14 at Veterans Memorial Park, Bull Hill Lane. Levi Jordan, owner of Connecticut Groomerz, will provide a mobile barber shop, along with food vendors,.

Back pack school supplies will be collected by State Rep. Trinee' McGee (D-116), while several local businesses have sponsored banners supporting the event.

Music, provided by DJ. Skiino (Lamar Green) is on tap, while Majesty Whitaker will serve as the day's mistress of ceremonies.

The highlight of the basketball events include 3-on-3 games and trophies, a local celebrities game, and Meadowbrook v. Fairfax for the Mayor's Trophy game.

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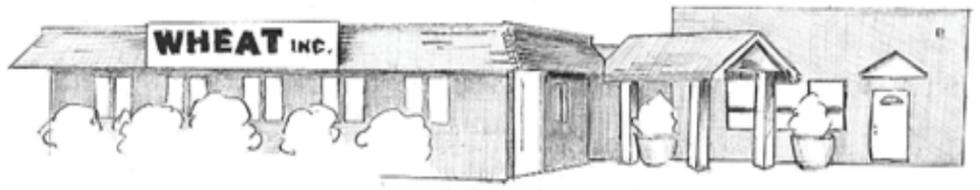
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| 12 | Baton Rouge sch.           |
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| 14 | Figure of speech           |
| 15 | "- show-time!"             |
| 16 | Parthenon locale           |
| 18 | "The A-Team" actor         |
| 19 | Le - (French news-paper)   |
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| 23 | Actress Tyne Howard        |
| 27 | Director                   |
| 29 | Cut up, as a pizza         |
| 31 | Metric measure             |
| 34 | Desert haven               |
| 35 | Tam topper                 |
| 37 | "Ray Donovan" actor Voight |
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| 10 | Miss Piggy's pronoun |
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| 17 | Rhyming trib-        |
| 21 | Thin pancake         |
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| 28 | Spanish gold         |
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| 32 | Debtor's let-        |
| 33 | Celeb gossip site    |
| 36 | Office note          |
| 37 | Legal expert         |
| 40 | More skilled         |
| 42 | Food from heaven     |
| 43 | Verdi work           |
| 44 | - a beet             |
| 45 | High hairstyle       |
| 46 | Nile vipers          |
| 48 | Spa sounds           |
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**MAGIC MAZE** ● **WORN AROUND THE NECK**

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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| Bolo     | Dog tag    | Necklace    | Shawl |
| Cowbell  | Garland    | Necktie     |       |

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

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**Answers to this week's puzzles**

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**Answers**

**WORN AROUND THE NECK**

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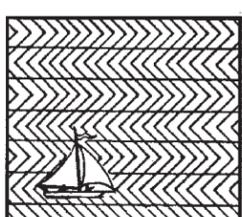
**Weekly SUDOKU**

Competitors ceased in 394 A.D., were resumed in 1896, the initial year of modern games. The Olympic Games trace back to ancient Greece. Yet, the 1996 event commemorates an historic 100th year. Of what significance was the year 1896?

**Junior Whirl**

by Hal Kaufman

**BOUNDING MAIN EYE-BEFUDDLER**



IT'S been shown time and time again that we can't always believe what we see. In the sailing scene at left, for instance, it would seem that each of the parallel horizontal lines veers either up or down.

But, if you sight these lines at eye level from the side, you will find that all are straight and parallel.

This is an adaptation of one of the oldest and cleverest of optical illusions.

**GAME TIME!** The Olympic Games trace back to ancient Greece. Yet, the 1996 event commemorates an historic 100th year. Of what significance was the year 1896?

Answers: 1. For 2, Thor; 3, Mayor; 4, Fenwick; 5, Matador; 6, Condon; 7, Alligator.

**ROLL CALL!** Answer quickly, if you can: In calling the roll alphabetically, which U.S. states are first and last? Limit: 30 sec.

Alabama is first, Wyoming is last.

**THIS, that, OR** the other thing could be one of the seven terms to be placed in the diagram shown. Let's see how quickly you can identify these words from the following definitions:

1. Opposite of against.
2. Norse god of war and thunder.
3. Important city official.
4. Stepped-up enthusiasm.
5. Bullfight principal.
6. School passageway, for example.
7. Crocodile's big-mouthed cousin.

Time limit: Two minutes.

# Cove River Bridge opened Tuesday

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and state Rep. Dorinda Borer were set to “light the bridge” to mark the official opening of the new Cove River pedestrian bridge.

At press time, the public lighting celebration was set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Sea Bluff Beach’s new upper parking lot, just off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

“This magnificent bridge will shine as a beacon for those on land and at sea, highlighting Bradley Point Park and Sea Bluff Beach as a major shoreline destination,” Rossi said. “I’m excited to see it lit up for the first time with my fellow Westies.”

The pedestrian bridge features decorative lighting designed by Apex Lighting Solutions of Wethersfield, according to the bridge’s project manager, Keith Lundgrin of Terry Contracting & Materials Inc. of Riverhead, New York.

Lundgrin said the LED lighting, mounted on the arch and controlled by a phone app, is programmed to change colors and display color patterns and sequences on the bridge for holidays.

The 88-foot-long, prefabricated aluminum truss bridge connects Bradley Point Park to Sea Bluff Beach and will allow pedestrian access over the Cove River for the first time in more than 20 years, Rossi said.

The white powder-coated bridge, manufactured by GatorBridge of Sanford, Florida, replaces the original concrete footbridge built in 1938.

The Frankson Fence Co. of North Haven fabricated and installed a matching guardrail at each end of the bridge.

The Sea Bluff parking lot, though not completely finished, has been “significantly” upgraded with gray, permeable brick pavers that allow water to penetrate the joints and drain into the gravel base with no runoff, Lundgrin said.

The lot will also include new Victorian lampposts, along with fresh plantings this fall, he said.

The pedestrian bridge complements the new Cove River tide gate system, which became operational in late 2021.

The bridge and tide gate projects, which began in March 2021, are part of the city’s Coastal Resilience Plan and were paid for by a \$3.9 million state grant secured by Borer, D-West Haven.

“I’m thrilled with the way this project turned out on multiple levels,” Borer said. “The new self-regulating flood gates will improve wa-

ter flow and our ecosystem; the pedestrian bridge will connect our beach paths; there is more accessibility to our Veterans Memorial and Charlotte Bacon’s playground; and finally, it’s a feather in the cap to the sightline of our beautiful coast. I know generations to come will enjoy the results of this project, and I hope the community comes out to celebrate it with us.”

For the tide gate project, Terry replaced the river’s deteriorated wooden gates with new steel gates under the bridge on Captain Thomas Boulevard.

The Cove River flows into Long Island Sound through the tide-regulated gates,

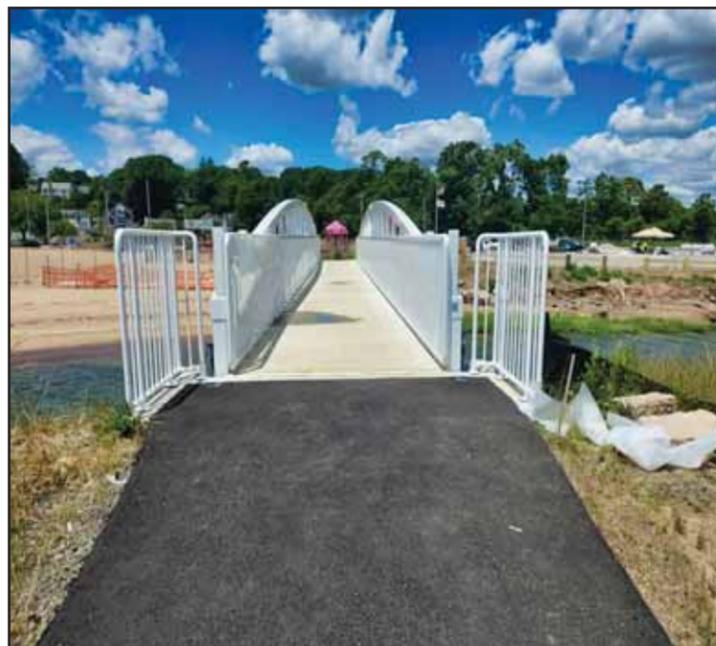
which about the Charlotte Bacon “Where Angels Play” playground at Sea Bluff Beach.

City Engineer Abdul Quadir said the tide gate system comprises two flap gates and two self-regulating gates that enable the city to control the tidal height within an inch to keep the salt marsh healthy and prevent flooding.

In high tide, the flap gates close to prevent the Sound from flooding the marsh on both sides of the river; in low tide, they open to allow the river to flow into the Sound, Quadir said.

Photo courtesy Frankson Fence Co.

The new Cove River Pedestrian Bridge.






## SUN, BEACH & VACCINE

### COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

Age group:  
6 months to 11 years and  
12 years and up.

Vaccines offered:  
Pfizer, Moderna and J&J

Location:  
Oak Grove Park, 200 Oak Street, West Haven

**JULY - 7TH, 14TH, 21ST**

**AUG - 4TH**

**TIME: 6PM-9PM**



# Sports

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## Post 71 takes two wins in Legion State Tourney

The West Haven Post 71 American Legion baseball team concluded the regular season with a 15-3 record and Zone 2 title, before winning the first two games of the state tournament.

West Haven Post 71 improved to 9-1 with a 5-3 victory over Hamden Post 88. Just two days after suffering its first defeat of the season at Hamden, West Haven rode the pitching of Anthony Constantinople to the victory.

Constantinople went 5.1 innings, allowing two earned runs on eight hits, while walking two and striking out three. Dan Izzo pitched the final 1.2 innings, allowing just one hit and striking out two.

Trailing 1-0, West Haven tied the game in the second inning when Chase Supan and Evan Jones hit one-out singles, before Supan later scored on a passed ball.

Post 71 took the lead for good in the third with three runs for a 4-1 advantage. Izzo started the rally with a two-out single, stole second and scored on Ray Gilbert's single to center.

After Anthony Rubin was hit by a pitch to put a pair of runners on, Supan singled to right to score Gilbert. Rubin then scored on a wild pitch for a 4-1 lead.

West Haven dropped its second in three games along with the series in a 5-2 loss to Hamden at Piurek Field in West Haven. With the loss, Post 71 fell to 9-2 on the year.

Jack Hay took the loss on the hill for the Westies, tossing 5.1 innings. Hay allowed two earned runs on six hits, while

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Above -- Tyler Jones single against Trumbull in second round of state tournament. Right -- Gianni Gambardella pitching against Trumbull in second round of state tournament. The Post 71 team topped Moosup in the first round, before topping the Trumbull squad, 4-1, Sunday. They were scheduled to play last night at Piurek Field.

