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# Fest brought back Rock heyday



Photos by Michael P. Walsh

West Haven lifeguards Lauren Blake, 16, and Issac Gorske, 20, receive citations from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, third from left, on Friday evening for their "prompt response and extraordinary heroism in action" during two rescues on Oak Street Beach recently. With Rossi and the lifeguards are, from left, state Rep. Treneé McGee, D-(D-115); Councilman Robert Bruneau (D-9); Councilwoman Sarah J. Ackbarali (D-3), with son Christian, 5; Councilwoman Bridgette J. Hoskie (D-1); Margaret Ruggiero, the city's pool and waterfront coordinator; and Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton (D-5). Blake rescued a drowning 8-year-old girl who was struggling with the current on Oak A Beach at 2:50 p.m. July 7, and Gorske rescued a drowning 11-year-old boy who jumped off the pier of Oak B Beach at 1:05 p.m. June 29. Lifeguard Madison Hobart, 18, also received a mayoral citation for the June 29 rescue but could not attend the presentation. Below -- The midway of rides and games by Marena Amusements on Friday night was reminiscent of the days of the amusement park. See more on pages 12 and 14.



By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

The Savin Rock Festival brought back the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of "the Rock" for a weekend, giving thousands of festivalgoers a glimpse into the amusement park's glorious past and why it was Connecticut's most popular shoreline destination for decades.

The two-day festival, held in West Haven's historic Old Grove Park, showcased the time-honored recipe — musical groups, rides, games, mouthwatering foods — that made the 20th-century Savin Rock Park so special and so storied as "the playground of New England."

Along with a "bigger and better" midway of rides and games supplied by Marena Amusements, a row of eight food and six dessert trucks served up burgers, hot dogs, cheesesteaks, fried dough, gyros, lobster rolls, tacos and meatball bombs, as well as cannoli, ice cream, cupcakes and kettle corn.

The festival opened Friday with welcoming remarks by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and followed with a beautiful rendition of the national anthem by Adeline Mellilo, a 2022 graduate of West Haven High School.

Rossi thanked city departments, employees and volunteers for making the festival happen, including festival coordinator Kristen Teshoney, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy, Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo and entertainment coordinator Tom Conroy.

"I am proud to kick off the 2022 Savin Rock Festival and honor the history of the Rock," Rossi told the festive crowd. "Stop by and enjoy all the different foods — you won't be disappointed — and don't miss the craft fair."

Rossi also thanked the festival's title sponsor, the University of New Haven, along with sponsors New England Brewing Co., Industrial Recycling, Sabatino Tartufi, Frankson Fence Co. and Baybrook Remodelers Inc.

Radio personality Brian Smith, back for a fifth time as the "ringmaster" of ceremonies, then heralded the evening's musical lineup, saying, "Welcome to Day One of Savin Rock Festival 2022!"

The Navels, performing the best of Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks and other '70s and '80s rock classics, warmed up concertgoers for headliner Parkway Diner, which played favorites by Elton John and Billy Joel, including John's "Bennie and the Jets" and Joel's "The Downeaster 'Alexa'."

The bands entertained and interacted with the all-ages crowd, turning the concrete pad in front of the portable stage into a giant dance floor.

Before the Parkway Diner concert, Rossi, state Rep. Treneé McGee (D-116), and City Council members Bridgette J. Hoskie (D-1), Sarah J. Ackbarali (D-3), Robbin Watt Hamilton (D-5), and Robert Bruneau (D-9), presented citations onstage to lifeguards Issac Gorske, 20, and Lauren Blake, 16, of the Department of Parks and Recreation for their "prompt response and

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Amario C. a first-grade artist-in-residence at the Forest School After School Program, sponsored by the West Haven Community House, sees more fair weather in the forecast.

## On this Date

**1984 -- The Republic of Upper Volta is Renamed Burkina Faso.** The West African country was first created in 1958 as a self-governing French colony. It gained its independence from the French in 1960. Several coups dotted its political landscape. In 1983, a military coup installed Captain Thomas Sankara as the country's president. He changed the name of the country to Burkina Faso a year later on the coup's anniversary.

**1983 -- The Military Stages a Coup in Upper Volta.** A military coup in Upper Volta installed Thomas Sankara, a captain in the Upper Volta Army as its president. A year later, he changed the name of Upper Volta to Burkina Faso.

**1944 -- Anne Frank is captured.** For a 16-year-old Frank and her family were captured and arrested by the Germans from their hiding place in Amsterdam.

**1914 -- Britain declares war on Germany.** Britain declared war after Germany refused to get out of Belgium.

**1892 -- Abby and Andrew Borden are murdered.** The bloody murders of the two Fall River, Massachusetts residents. In their own home gained attention when their daughter Lizzie Borden was accused.



## Closes concert series

The West Haven Summer Concert Series comes to a close in Old Grove Park at 7 p.m. today with R&B favorites performed by Shaded Soul Band. 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>.

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# Bonding panel OKs funding for WHCH plans

The State Bond Commission approved more than \$930,000 in funding for capital upgrades to a pair of critical West Haven nonprofits at its July meeting in Hartford, House Bonding Committee Chair and State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115) announced on Friday.

West Haven Community House, a nonprofit that serves children, families and individuals with disabilities, was awarded more than \$680,992 in funding for capital improvement projects.

For more than 80 years, West Haven Community House has been providing

vital services to families. Some of the essential items this bond funding will cover include repairing drainage systems and damaged asphalt, major HVAC upgrades, roof replacements and playground safety improvements. In addition, there are planned improvements to a handicap

bathroom, HVAC systems and driveway repairs at all three of its group homes, among other projects.

«Thank you to Governor Lamont and the State Bond Commission for approving these funds for this deserving nonprofit,» said Rep. Borer. «As someone who went to

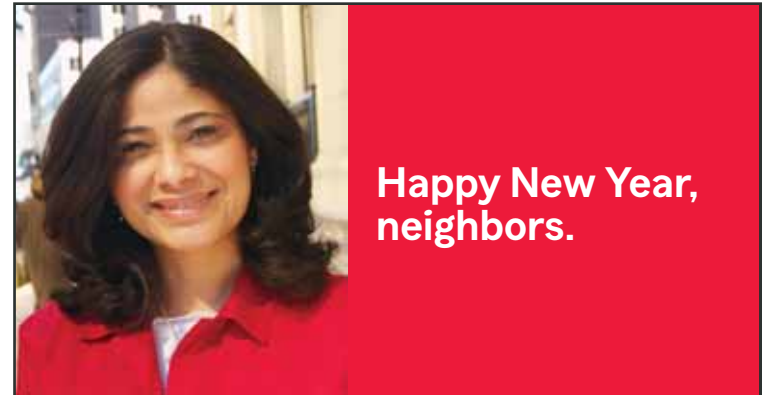
Community House programs when I was young, I know firsthand that every day the West Haven Community House positively impacts individuals and families in our community. This funding will assist in providing a safe and healthy environment for

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Submitted Photo

West Haven Community House Board President Katie Farrell, Executive Director Amy Guay-Macfarlane, State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115), Development Director Alan Olenick stand with Gov. Ned Lamont after approval from the State Bond Commission of \$680,992 on Friday for various capital projects including drainage, paving and roof repairs at Head Start, HVAC improvements and driveway repairs at group homes. For the past 81 years, the West Haven Community House has existed to facilitate healthy, productive, independent, and meaningful lives for children, adolescents, families and individuals with disabilities.



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# Dear Felicia

Greets and felicitations, hon. Hope everything is well since the last time we corresponded. Around these parts we're getting into the latter part of the summer - it must be so, the boob tube is chock full of "back to school" ads, witch must be churning the tummies of the kiddies enjoying their long retreat. Tennyrate, here in the Asylum by the Sea, things are as yew might expect.

This past weekend the latest version of the Savin Rock Festival took place, and, as yew might expect, it was a success for the most part. Hundreds if not thousands of residents and visitors clogged the thoroughfares to get to the Old Grove and its environs. Since Cobina's domicile is nearby, we were able to hear some of what went on without setting foot outside the house. In a sort of way it was nice. It was a reminder that things are really gettin' back to normal after the

lockdown nonsense of 2020. With this festival done, the city kind of settles into a pattern of getting the summer over with in a way. People do summer things, but there is always the thought that in just a couple of weeks, the rhythms of life go back to normal. Though we ain't been in school since Harding was in office, it's amazing how much the academic year affects almost everything.

Of course, one of the things that will be decided in the next few days is who will be the candidate for various offices. One setch contest is being conducted in the 116th district betwixt Trenee' McGee and Joe Miller.

The two have raised a kerfuffle over the last few weeks cuz McGee is anti-abortion and gave an impassioned speech in April over that fack. Miller is pro-abortion (no I ain't using pro-choice, that's

jest a buzzword), and was called out by McGee for being a "supremacist," something for which she ain't apologized for - and shame on her. People can't disagree about anything these days without somebody bringing race into it - McGee is Black, and Miller is White - and, of course, he's the worst of the worst because he is a "he." Yew know the nonsense, I don't hafta spell it out.

Meanwhile, Miller calls the isshew the fight for the "soul of the Democratic Party" - no hyperbole there, huh?

Frankly, with this little scrum, both candidates are showing that neither of them are worthy nor mature enough to represent the district - but the fack they have a D by their name means one of them will.

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*Sammy Bluejay came in t'other afternoon and we were talking about Barry Lee Cohen's decision to go further - possibly - in reversing the decision against him in Superior Court regarding the election dispute over Absentee Ballots.*

*Now, I ain't gonna recap the entire isshew, but suffice it to say that the judge saw merit in his complaints, but was unwilling to call the election fraudulent. In other words, she punted.*

*Well, a request to reconsider was denied, and now Cohen can appeal the case to higher courts*

*up to and including the state Supreme Court - witch interestingly once that the title Supreme Court of Errors. Sammy is interested to figger out what isshews the appeal will address. As yew know he likes to git "into the weeds" of things.*

*When it comes out - the appeal brief - Sammy can't wait to read it. I'm glad he will, cuz my days of reading long legal briefs and opinions are perty much over. Once we find out what will happen, we will give you a full report.*

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Nelly Nuthatch, meanwhile, has been nattering to Cobina about what some people call the "night life" at the Beach, particularly Old Grove and the stretch to Bradley Point. The fack that a certain number of vagrants occupy the area in the wee hours ain't news.

Heck, over the years people have been arrested or worse in the West Walk pool, police have been called down there for other reasons, and it's a well known "secret." The problem is getting some attention, however, cuz the vagrancy ain't dissipating with the first light.

People are getting skittish about going down there, lest they be confronted by vagrants. It's not a pretty site. It'll be interesting to see what happens now that the issue has "seen the light of day" so to speak.

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*Madame Olga stopped in with her crystal t'other afternoon and was wondering why things at the Haven site are moving about as slowly as they are? About three or four months ago, Herroner said there were negotiations going on betwixt the city and the Simon Group, the alleged developers of the Haven, once touted to be a high-end retail mall when it was announced almost eight years ago (this October).*

*It's been more than two years since the fences were put up, some demolition has taken place, but it seems to be stalled - once again - with boarded up houses rotting in the noonday sun. One of the negotiation pernts was supposed to be temporarily opening up Water Street to relieve traffic congestion in the First Avenue-Elm Street area. Well, that ain't happened, so one figgers the negotiations either went south, or other matters caused it to be put on the back burner. Never fear, Cobina will find out.*

*One wonder, though, was there a drop-dead date on the agreement to develop the property? In other words, did the city protect itself from delays setch as this? Maybe a deadline of some sort on developments is the way to go in the future. It sure as shooting will let the taxpayers know that things will either move, or the developer will be bidding adieu to the prop-*

*erty.*

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Iva Looty dropped by for tea, and wondered about Beach Street. A few weeks ago, the stretch from about Morse Park to the junction of First and Second Avenues was a driver's nightmare, and a repairman's dream. The Burma Road had fewer bumps and potholes. Well, the Highway Dept. must have been out cuz the holes were patched - at least temporarily. It ain't great, but it's better than having your gasamobuggy realigned every time yew traverse the area.

But there are rumblings the new developments that are supposed to go on Beach Street may have hit a "snag." Wonder what that means? Effen yew remember, the roadway of Beach Street is set to be redone with a seven-foot adjustment in height similar to what happened near the Water Treatment facility down the road. The flooding there has been a problem for decades, and the raising of the roadbed is seen as way to protect the road, the beach, and what is on t'other side of the street.

It is said an agreement was reached concerning the purchase of the former Chick's Restaurant, and that a new eatery is planned for the property once the former place is torn down. Well, the consortium that purchased it is said to be miffed with the city for "being difficult." That is a familiar story. Whilst city leaders look for economic development, doing business in the city ain't the easiest in the world.

Iva is hearing that the frustration is getting setch that the entire deal might be in trouble. Different words but the same old tune, ain't it?

Meanwhile, we ain't seen nor heard about the development that is supposed to be happening at the former Savin Rock Conference Center. One wonders effen that hit the proverbial "snag" or is still something to look forward to. Around these parts one never knows. It's always a guessing game - and a loooooong guessing game. We never do anything in a timely manner in this burg, always years and years.

For example, the Enterprise Zone was announced at least two years ago - jest before the end of either 2019 or 2020. What has happened over there? Nary a thing. All the ballyhoo about it, and special acts making it a special taxation district etc., and nothing...crickets.

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*With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez.*

*Cobina*

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**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Today's column is just in time for the upcoming hot August days and beyond: accessible portable toilets in West Haven!

For several months Gripe Vine has been receiving complaints of unsanitary conditions at many of the porta potties throughout West Haven. Hurray! Now many of us are relieved to hear of this new introduction to city wide personal toilets!

The City of West Haven has installed porta-potties throughout the city for public use, this announcement coming from West Haven's Public Works Commissioner, Tom J. McCarthy.

The Porta-A-Potties are open daily through Labor Day at the following locations: and times:

Quigley Stadium: 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. when games are played.

Veteran's Memorial Park 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Closes at 11:00 p.m.

Paterson Field closes at sundown.

Painter Park, closes at sundown.

Duffy Field, closes at sundown

Benham Field closes at sundown.

Pagels Elementary School Playground closes at sundown.

South Street Park, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Hubbard Farms Park closes

at sundown.

Prospect Beach, 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

April Street Boat Launch, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sandy Point Beach and Bird Sanctuary 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Morse Park closes at Sundown.

Sea Bluff Beach, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Oak Street Beach, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Bradley Point Park, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Charlotte Bacon "Where Angels Play" Playground 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Once again, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy also stated the portable toilets will be cleaned every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Otherwise, if it is a holiday week or there are "trucking issues," the toilets will be cleaned on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Maintaining clean, healthy accommodations was a frequent complaint to Gripe Vine. This is encouraging news. My readers are encouraged to let me know if sanitation issues are not observed with this city-wide installation of portable toilets.

Readers, may I suggest you clip this week's column of Gripe Vine and keep it in your glove compartment for reference on your bulletin board.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There is a pothole at the bottom of the driveway at 95 Park



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**

Terrace Avenue. Would you please have someone from

Public Works repair it?

*West Haven Resident*

**Dear West Haven Resident:**

I have contacted your District Council Person Meli Garthwait who promptly responded and referred your complaint to Public Works Commissioner Tom McCarthy. Please let me know if this pothole has been filled.

**Dear Gripe Vine Readers:**

I have pursued vehemently the complaint of motorists parking their cars on the sidewalk at the high school ball field. I did receive a reply

from your District Representative, Meli Garthwaite, who indicated your complaint would be forwarded to the West Haven Police Traffic Department. Has anyone seen an improvement here?

Readers, you can send your gripes, complaints and comments to [gripevine4wh@aol.com](mailto:gripevine4wh@aol.com) or mail them to Gripe Vine c/o of West Haven Voice, 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516 Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number kept in confidence with me.

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## Weekend festival a blast!

This past weekend the residents of West Haven were able to throw off the negative, almost daily, snipes at where we live to enjoy the positive aspects of this shoreline community. The Savin Rock Festival 2022 was enjoyed by thousands who ventured to the environs of the old amusement park.

With bands playing shows on each weekend night, people were able to throw off the cares of day-to-day life, and just enjoy the moment. They were also celebrating the tradition of this little part of the universe, which was a playground for the region for more than a century.

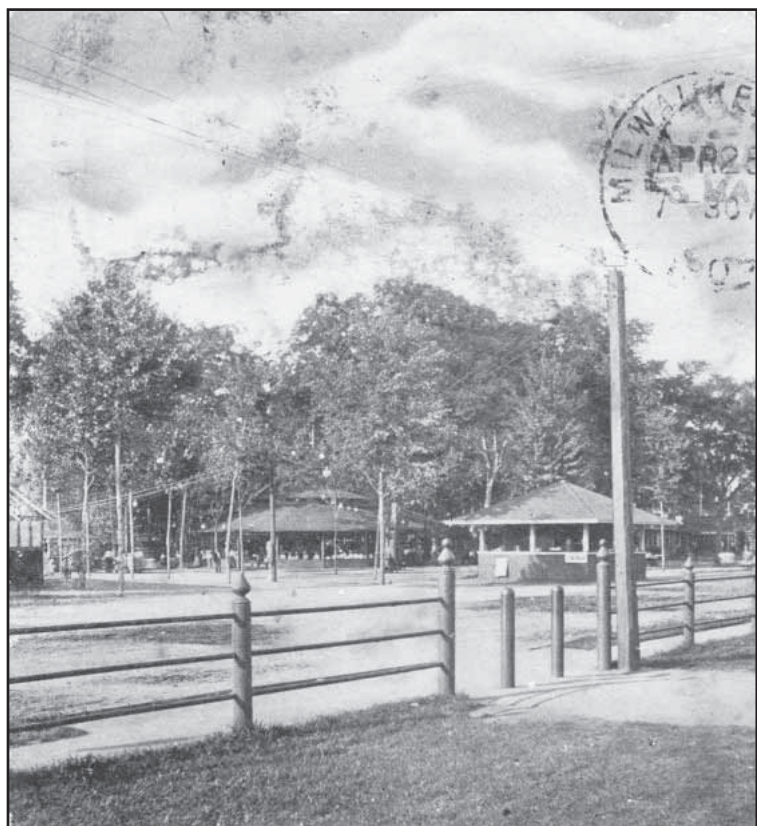
While the last of the amusement park was demolished in 1966, the effect the location had on our city's culture, attitudes, and yes, even its political life, are still felt today. And as the generation that remembers the days of the rides and attractions grows smaller with each passing year, newer generations of residents are interested in the history of the place and are hungry for more information.

Savin Rock, the landmark jutting out over Long Island Sound, and the amusement park that stretched along the current bike/walk path on what was once Beach Street, has been a big part of the history and growth of the community, from the time Thomas Painter spied the British Ships sailing into New Haven Harbor, through the halcyon days of the resort and amusement park era, through the decades-long fight to "Save Our Shore, down to today.

For one week out of the year, we forget about the problems that beset our city and community. We celebrate our history and everything up to the present, enjoying the sun and fun as offered by Festival organizers. The week is a respite, and there is nothing wrong with that. The problems will not go away, just reside in the background for a few days.

The fact the festival was able to be revived after financial distress and a pandemic seemed to assure its demise is a testament to the resilience of the city's residents and their determination to see that some normality comes back into our everyday lives.

Congratulations to all who made the week's events possible. It was a successful week, and it celebrated our community in the best way possible.



The Old Grove as it appeared in a postcard, dated from the first decade of the 20th Century.



## Greens: Stupidly self-destructive

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Without a doubt, the climate-obsessed green movement is the most stupidly self-destructive force in the world today, leaving a trail of irrationality and folly wherever it goes.

Consider its recent record of destroying the country of Sri Lanka, making Western Europe needlessly vulnerable to Vladimir Putin's energy blackmail and stoking higher energy prices in the U.S. that have contributed to the fastest decline in real wages in 40 years.

The greens are rapidly making up ground on the socialists as the modern world's foremost economic and social saboteurs (and, of course, the two now work hand in hand).

If a hostile actor were to consider the best way to harm a society from within, it would unquestionably be to increase the sway of climate alarmists and other environmentalists who believe it is their righteous duty to make it harder and more expensive to power a modern economy, as well as to build and grow things.

They seek to throw the gears into reverse on the millennia-long human quest for cheaper, more abundant and more reliable sources of energy, while putting new obstacles in the way of other human endeavor.

Since they are fired by a quasi-religious vision of an existential climate crisis on the

verge of ending Planet Earth, they reject cost-benefit analysis, not to mention basic realism. The resulting wreckage is all around us.

Sri Lanka achieved one of the highest ESG, or Environmental, Social and Governance, scores in the world and destroyed its economy in the process. The country banned chemical fertilizers in April 2021 as it hurtled toward becoming the world's first all-organic country. It proved one small step ahead for environmental pieties and a giant leap backward for Sri Lankan farmers. A large proportion of land went dormant, and production of rice, tea and other crops dropped precipitously. The resulting economic calamity has led to the collapse of the government.

This is basically the Green New Deal in miniature.

Sri Lanka is a small island nation in the Indian Ocean; Germany is a powerhouse in the middle of continental Europe. But the green disease doesn't discriminate on the basis of size or wealth.

For years, Germany pursued a policy of making itself dependent on Russian oil and (especially) gas, while congratulating itself on its great environmental virtue as it closed down nuclear power plants and ramped up renewable sources. Berlin can't say it wasn't warned of the risks of this approach. Such is the faddish grip of climate or-

thodoxy that it blew past all the blinking red lights. Sure enough, now Russia may well cut off the supply of gas this winter, at the same time that renewables have proved not ready for prime time (they are too intermittent, among other technical problems that won't be solved anytime soon).

In its wisdom, Germany decided to shut down the source of energy that is clean, reliable and doesn't require dependence on an authoritarian state hostile to the West -- namely, nuclear power. It fell prey to the environmental left's superstitious hostility to nuclear.

Even now, Germany is going ahead with shuttering its last three plants. It is turning again to coal to try to fill the gap this winter, underlining its disastrous mistake in prematurely eschewing such proven sources of energy in the first place.

Here in the U.S., of course, Biden pledged to "end fossil fuel" back in 2019, a promise -- given our prodigious reserves of oil, gas and coal -- that would make almost as much sense as Russia or Saudi Arabia pledging to do the same.

Even as inflation, with energy prices leading the way, destroys Biden's presidency, he and his supporters are determined to pursue a climate agenda that will drive up costs and create inefficiencies at home while doing next to

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# Letters, we get letters!

## Objects to Cobina take on abortion

I am writing in response to your columnist Felicia's celebration of the anti-abortion views of Trenee McGee. I don't find them laudable at all. As a woman, I find them out of touch with the needs and rights of women.

I researched a few articles on minority women and reproductive rights, and found this statement in an ACLU piece: "It is worth reflecting on the racist origins of the anti-abortion movement in the United States, which date back to the ideologies of slavery. Just like slavery, anti-abortion efforts are rooted in white supremacy, the exploitation of Black women, and placing women's bodies in service to men."

No one would disagree that individuals should have the right to make their own health care decisions. Does that not include women?

I agree with McGee that forced abortion, and forced sterilization are crimes against women, but forced pregnancy is also a crime against women.

Many years ago, I worked in a women's health care clinic as the RN in post op after abortion procedures.

The women we served came from all walks of life, rich, poor, minority, white. Some had children already and could not support another. Some wanted to finish their educations before having a child. Others had health issues.

Some were actually involved in the anti-abortion movement. We served them all, equally.

None ever told me they were forced into the procedure. In fact, I recall the women being profoundly relieved afterward.

Women need to protect their rights to control their own reproductive rights. Therefore, I am voting for Joseph Miller on August 9 for Democratic Representative of the 116th district.

*Judy Tierney*

## Support abortion, and Joe Miller

There will be a Democratic Primary for State Representative in the 116th District on Aug. 9. The endorsed candidate is incumbent Trenee McGee who is against a women's right to choose Chairman Mike Last, Mayor Nancy Rossi and now the Democratic Town Committee endorsed her. Roe vs. Wade was just overturned by the Supreme Court and the West Haven Democratic Party is supporting an anti-abortion candidate.

Everyday, West Haven is on the front page of the newspaper for negative news. The beat continues with this out-of-control group. Shame on them!

I urge all Voters in the 116 District to please get out and vote on Tuesday Aug. 9 for Joe Miller.

We must keep abortion safe and legal. Joe Miller will fight for a woman's right to choose.

*Rosemary Russo*

## Umbrella Impact serving residents

I would like to invite you to help us get the word out about the Umbrella Impact non-profit organization based in West Haven. Umbrella Impact began as a Christian Ministry in the West River section of New Haven at the Christian Love Center.

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Umbrella Impact is also gearing up for its annual banquet in September in honor of our young people, grades 1-12, who have shown dedication and rigor in their studies.

To that end, we are holding a Paint and Brunch fundraiser on Saturday Aug. 20th at Picasso Parties, 944 Ocean Avenue in West Haven.

For more information about our mission, please visit [www.umbrellaimpact.org](http://www.umbrellaimpact.org) or call Nasiyra Clayton at (203) 809-1342.

*Nasiyra Clayton*

## Lowry: *Logic no problem*

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nothing to affect global temperatures.

It makes no sense, but for the greens, that's never been a particularly important criterion.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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# Building Committee chair issues interim report

Building Committee Chairman Ken Carney issued an interim report of sidewalk construction completed and/or under construction as approved by the City Council, recently. The construction plans are part of the expenditures under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and the publication is a means to keep residents up to date on the projects and the expenditures. He reported 60 percent of the school work is completed and ongoing.

Carney said the report is meant to convey transparency on all projects under his committee's aegis.

### Sidewalks for Mackrille:

Replace the existing asphalt sidewalk with concrete along chase lane serving Mackrille school. Includes the installation of an ADA ramp.

Create a central sidewalk through the Mackrille parking lot from Chase Lane to an existing side walk from the school.

Includes a safety speed bump with a cross walk. Install one sidewalk on the Jones Hill Road side at the perimeter of the island joining the existing sidewalk. Extend an existing sidewalk from Jones Hill Road along the east side island to the existing crosswalk serving the Jones Hill side entrance of the school.

Includes upgrading 4 ADA

ramps to meet code. All sidewalk work is extending from existing sidewalks.

Estimated price **\$69,478**

### Bailey Middle School:

Pour a new concrete sidewalk to connect two existing sidewalks at the front of the school along Morgan Lane

Replace deficient sidewalks along Morgan Lane that service Bailey Middle school for a total of 8 Panels.

Estimated price **\$26,921.81**

### West Haven High school:

Extend the existing concrete sidewalk along Educational Way from the bridge to Platt.

Estimated price **\$10,000**

### Colonial Boulevard:

Install concrete sidewalks on both sides of Colonial Blvd. from Jones Hill Road to Rockefeller Avenue that service students walking to Bailey Middle School. Includes 7 ADA ramps.

Estimated price **\$109,981**

### Washington School Brown Street:

Replace broken sidewalk panels on both sides of Brown Street from Martin Street to Washington Avenue. This will service students going to Washington School

Includes 10 ADA ramps.

Estimated price **\$39,208**

**Grand Total of all the above: \$255,588.81**

### Additional Sidewalk Work:

#### Carrigan intermediate school:

Replace deficient asphalt

sidewalks from Carrigan school to Fairfax Street.

Includes 2 ADA ramps.

Estimated Price **\$13,321**

### Forest School

Replace deficient concrete with new concrete sidewalks from the school entrance to Josephine Avenue and Spruce Street

Estimated Price **\$9,603**

### Savin Rock Community School:

Miscellaneous sections of concrete sidewalks need replacing on East Avenue, Park Street, Peck Avenue, and Thompson Street.

Includes 8 ADA ramps.

Estimated Price **\$35,430**

### Seth G Haley South Street

Replace deficient concrete sidewalk sections with new on both sides of south street from the school heading south towards ocean Avenue.

Includes 4 ADA ramps.

Estimated Price **\$23,636**

### Mackrille School:

Replace sections of deficient concrete and asphalt sidewalks on Jones Hill Road and Strathmore.

Includes 5 ADA ramps.

Estimated Price **\$34,874**

### Pagels School

Connect two existing sidewalks with a section of new sidewalk on Hubbard Road serving Pagels School.

Estimated Price **\$8,000**

### West Haven High School (Platt Ave)

Replace sections of deficient concrete sidewalks on both sides of Platt Avenue servicing the Highschool.

Includes connecting existing sidewalks.

Estimated Price **\$29,088**

**Total of Sidewalk Work**

**Above Budget:**

**\$119,078**

**Total of all Work:**

**\$409,540.81**

## WHCH, WHEAT: Awarded funding from state panel

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the families of West Haven and perfectly aligns with their mission."

Said Amy Guay-Macfarlane, Executive Director of West Haven Community House: "Whether it is playground safety improvements for the 144 children we are approved to serve through our Head Start program or renovations at our three group homes, which will benefit the health and safety of the developmentally disabled adults who reside in them, the Governor and State Bond Commission made our day with their approval, and we thank Representative Borer for her advocacy in securing these funds."

Added Katie Heffernan Farrell, President of the West Haven Community House Board of Directors: "The community of children, families and adults with intellectual disabilities whom we serve was uplifted with the award of these funds. We thank Governor Lamont and the State Bond Commission and truly appreciate Representative Borer and Amy Guay-Macfarlane working hard behind the scenes to get these funds on the agenda and following through until their approval."

In addition to the West Haven Community House Funding, Rep. Borer secured an additional \$250,000 for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce (WHEAT), which has been providing food and referral services to West Haven residents in need since 1975. Currently, WHEAT helps 5,000 households, including 1,000 school-age children.

The funding will allow WHEAT to install new interior and warehouse area windows and exterior fire-rated doors, reseal the roof with a protective coating and repair the existing garage structure, which includes a new roof and siding, among other projects.

"We are delighted to receive these funds, which are crucial to our work at WHEAT and will help us continue our mission of feeding West Haven's residents in crisis," said Rose Majestic, WHEAT's Executive Director.

### Stamp Club meets Tuesdays

The New Haven Stamp Club has a stamp club meeting every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. at 62 Clark Road in North Haven. There is also a coin and stamp show at the Annex Club, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven, on the 4th Sunday of every month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome.

### Lee/Career Hall of Fame

The Richard C. Lee and Hill Regional Career High Schools Hall of Fame dinner will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Omni Hotel in New Haven. Sly Williams, one of New Haven's all-time great basketball players leads a class of 14 former students and teachers being honored for their career achievements and public service. Tickets for the dinner are \$60 each. Go to [lee-career.com](http://lee-career.com).

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# Bridge opening brings out impressive crowd

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

With a vibrant crowd looking on, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, cut a red ribbon to “light the bridge” to mark the official opening of the new Cove River pedestrian bridge in West Shore on July 19.

Standing at the bridge’s Sea Bluff Beach entrance with members of the city’s General Assembly delegation, Borer and Rossi, sporting a pair of oversize scissors, led the gathering of more than 250 people in an enthusiastic countdown before cutting the ribbon and setting the bridge aglow.

The all-ages crowd oohed and aahed at the newly lit bridge, bedecked with LED lights illuminated in red and white — and even purple, Rossi’s favorite color.

The Navels, a local classic rock band, also got in on the celebration, playing a free concert before and after the lighting spectacle in Sea Bluff Beach’s new upper parking lot, just a stone’s throw from the bridge off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

“This is a beautiful addition to our city, and for the first time in over 20 years, pedestri-



Drone Photo by Andrew Kosarko

An aerial view of people lining up to cross the Cove River bridge. The drone photo was donated by Jow Films LLC of West Haven.

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# Bridge: *Officials hail project completion*



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

West Haven Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, cuts the ribbon with West Haven Democratic State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115), second from right, to set the Cove River bridge aglow. With them are, from left, state Reps. Charles J. Ferraro (D-117), and Treené McGee (D-116), and state Sen. James J. Maroney (D-14).

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ans will be able to cross over Cove River," Rossi told the crowd, moments before lighting the bridge.

She added: "We are here this evening not just to celebrate the official opening of the bridge but also to view its beautiful light display. The LED lights are capable of the full spectrum of colors, allowing for unique displays. This will be an amazing addition to our scenic shoreline!"

Rossi concluded her remarks by thanking Borer for obtaining the project funding and the rest of West Haven's state delegation for their support. She also thanked City Engineer Abdul Quadir and a list of project contractors.

The pedestrian bridge fea-

tures decorative lighting designed by Apex Lighting Solutions of Wethersfield, according to the 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. Manufactured by GatorBridge of Sanford, Florida, the white powder-coated bridge 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 bridge complements the new Cove River tide gate system, which became operational in late 2021. The pedestrian bridge and tide gate project, which began in March 2021, is part of the city's Coastal Resilience Plan and was paid for by a \$3.9 million state grant secured by Borer.

Among the state leaders joining Rossi and Borer and speaking were Sen. James J. Maroney (D-14), and Reps. Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven, and Treené McGee, D-West Haven.

They were joined by City Council members Meli Garthwait, R-2, Victor M. Borrás, D-8, Robert Bruneau, D-9, Steven J. Johnstone, R-10, Gary Donovan, D-at large, and Colleen O'Connor, R-at large.

They were also joined by a contingent of city, police and fire officials, including City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy, Parks and Recreation Director Mark E. Paine Jr., Sidewalk Inspector Ernie Chiarelli, Tree Warden Leo Kelly, West Shore Fire Department Chief Stephen Scafariello, City of West Haven Fire Department Allintown Chief Michael R. Terenzio and West Haven Fire Department Deputy Chief William S. Johnson IV, as well as Land Trust of West Haven Vice President Marilyn Wilkes.

For the tide gate part of the project, Terry replaced the river's deteriorated wooden flap 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 abut the Charlotte Bacon "Where Angels Play" playground at Sea Bluff Beach.

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.

Officials said the gates are vital to preserving and restor-

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### When to get your 2nd booster:

- If you received Pfizer or Moderna - At least 4 months after your 1st booster shot.
- If you received a Johnson & Johnson/Janssen booster - At least 4 months after your 1st booster shot.

### Which booster should you get?

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



# Veterans group to expand footprint

Homes for the Brave (HFTB) has announced it has expanded its programs and services to West Haven.

Homes for the Brave is a nonprofit organization based in Bridgeport that aids in the fight against Veteran homelessness in collaboration with the Veterans Administration, and other community agencies. The objective of HFTB programs is to provide individuals with access to the support and skills training needed to live independently and engage with their communities.

Homes for the Brave West Haven opened the first of two houses in the spring and is opening the second house later this summer. The program is near the VA Medical Center and can serve a total of 14 male Veterans experiencing homelessness, providing them with temporary housing and on-site support. Each Veteran is provided with his own room, support with basic needs (food, clothing, etc.), case management, and support from peer support specialists in the evenings and on weekends.

"The goals of the program are to help each Veteran reach his objective to move into permanent and safe housing; as well as increase and stabilize his income, and work toward his self-determination goals. Homes for the Brave assists the Veterans they serve and provides the support they need to help them move on to independent living. Each Veteran has access to other Homes for the Brave resources, including vocational training, clinical treatment, and ongoing support after they leave the program. Homes for the Brave West Haven is operated in partnership with the US Veterans Affairs Grant and Per Diem Program, the VA CT Healthcare System, and the Veterans Support Foundation, which owns the buildings where the program is housed," a release from the organization read.

"Opening these two homes in West Haven allows us to provide our programs and services to Veterans in New Haven County, allowing us to serve more Veterans in need." said Vince Santilli, Homes for the Brave's CEO. "We are extremely pleased to expand into West Haven and serve Veterans experiencing homelessness in that area."



Submitted Photo

## Successful fundraiser

Surfside Veterans at 200 Oak St. recently had a car-wash fundraiser at Budget Car Wash. Co-sponsors Sammy Rivera from Budget Car Wash and Barry Cohen from Launch Communications aided in the effort. The organization is headed by Rich Deso, who also organized the event. Shown are: Deso, Cohen, Tom Whitlock, Paul Buel. Group shot: Rivera, and Surfside Veterans blue, Al Ter, Mr. Bubbles, Paul Buell, Doug Daniels, Tom Whitlock, Deso, and son, Ray Deso.



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# Savin Rock Festival in pictures!



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

The Navels warm up concertgoers by playing the best of Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks on Friday evening, along with 'Til Tuesday's "Voices Carry," Joan Jett's "I Hate Myself for Loving You" and Pat Benatar's "Heartbreaker."



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Echoes of Sinatra, fronted by Frank Sinatra tribute artist Steve Kaz, perform swing renditions of the Sinatra songs you know by heart Saturday evening. The 90-minute show traced Sinatra's life and career through music and storytelling.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Mason Dechio, 5, of Orange, sits behind the wheel of a front loader from the West Haven Department of Public Works at the festival's first Touch-a-Truck event Saturday afternoon.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

The British Legends of Rock Show headlines Day Two of the Savin Rock Festival in West Haven's Old Grove Park on Saturday night. The band delved into the pantheon of British rock royalty and played the crown jewels of the British music catalog of the '60s and '70s. The shoreline festival, sponsored by the University of New Haven and New England Brewing Co., attracted crowds of 2,500 and 3,000, respectively, and featured a row of food and dessert trucks.

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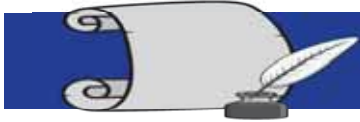
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## The Powder Puff Derby

Thanks to Jeanne Insalaco and Dolly Alfonso for their assistance in preparing this story-

August, 1965

Antonette "Dolly" Cambino was only nineteen years old, and her driver's license was less than a year old when she first heard of the Powder Puff Derby, which was being held at Savin Rock's Donovan Field. At the time, she was working as a secretary at Armstrong Rubber Company's Research and Development Department.

This race was for women only, circling Donovan Field's oval-shaped track, in race cars that had been modified to make them lightweight, yet rugged enough to withstand the rigors of oval track racing. Most cars had standard transmissions, and once underway, the cars were kept in second gear for the entire race.

The race cars rolled on wide, treadless tires called "slicks" and did not have the luxuries of power steering or power brakes.

The un-muffled exhaust pipes made a terrible roar when a group of cars were circling the track. Dolly was the younger sister of local racing personality Johnny "King" Cambino; she had grown up



Antonette "dolly" Cambino was a fan favorite during Powder Puff Derby nights.

around auto racing, and it didn't take much of a push to get her into that first race.

Says Dolly, "Johnny was quite a star at that time. I don't remember if I wanted to race in the Powder Puff Derby or if it was his idea, but being young and foolish at the time, I wanted to do it. However, you were supposed to be 21 years old to race, so Johnny told race organizer Harvey Tattersall that I was. And that was that.

"The first car I drove only

had first gear working. I guess they just wanted me to try racing and that was the only car available that they would let me drive. We were not given a chance to practice or take warm-up laps before the race, and I had no idea what I was doing. I sure had guts in those days—today I am afraid to drive on the highway.

"I went around the racetrack, not knowing what I was doing and moved out a little because the car in front of me was throwing up dirt and I

couldn't see very well. I don't remember if I clipped her or what happened exactly, but her car flipped over and the race was stopped. I remember her husband running out like a madman, telling her how crazy she was and making sure she was alright.

"When the race continued, I guess I started going too fast for first gear and smoke started coming out of the engine. I kept going for a couple of laps as they started giving me the black flag and I finally saw it



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

and went in to the infield.

"The second time I raced, I had a car with an automatic transmission, which was much easier to drive for me but unfortunately after a few laps on the back field, the gas pedal broke and I had to be towed in to the infield. These two races were the total of my Powder Puff Derby experiences. When I look back today, I can't believe that I did all that."

Today, Dolly Alfonso is retired and lives in West Haven with her memories.

# WHHS student wins, two cited in essay contest

Morgan Montz, a rising senior at West Haven High School, won the first-place prize of \$1,000 in the 2022 Connecticut Foundation for Open Government's (CFOG) Forrest Palmer High School Essay Contest, while Vittoria Favia and Connor Hummel each won \$50 for Honorable Mention.

Montz's essay addressed the use of "predictive policing" technology by some police departments and school boards to identify hotspots and individuals who could pose problems, even monitoring student social media

and maintaining data on individuals. "Gathering information without regard to people's privacy on the internet and using it to police predictively violates people's Fourth Amendment rights," she wrote, "therefore proving the practice of predictive policing to be unconstitutional"

There were awards for second and third place as well, followed by six Honorable Mention recipients, including Favia and Hummel. Of the nine honorees, only West Haven High School had multiple winners.

The essay contest is named

in honor of the late Forrest Palmer, who began the contest in 2000 when he was President of CFOG's Board of Directors. CFOG is a nonprofit educational organization founded on the principle that open, transparent government is in the public interest. CFOG sponsors the essay contest to encourage thought and debate among students on public and freedom of information issues. Students were asked to write essays on one of three topics:

Should Connecticut law continue to prevent the public, including students and parents, from reviewing the performance evaluations of

teachers?

Police departments and school boards have experimented with "predictive policing" technology to identify hotspots and individuals who could pose problems, even monitoring student social me-

dia and maintaining data on individuals. Do these practices violate civil rights protections?

Does the First Amendment protect teachers from being fired for teaching about race or other controversial issues in violation of school policy?



Photo courtesy of Michael O'Brien

Morgan Montz (center) took first place and \$1,000 in the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government's Forrest Palmer High School Essay Contest. For that she won She is flanked by Connor Hummel and Vittoria Favia, who won \$50 Honorable Mention prizes.



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# Festival: *Bands, attractions highlight event*

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extraordinary heroism in action" during two rescues on Oak Street Beach recently. The lifeguards were accompanied by their supervisor, Margaret Ruggiero, Park-Rec's pool and waterfront coordinator.

Gorske rescued a drowning 11-year-old boy who jumped off the pier of Oak B Beach at 1:05 p.m. June 29, and Blake rescued a drowning 8-year-old girl who was struggling with the current on Oak A Beach at 2:50 p.m. July 7. Lifeguard Madison Hobart, 18, also received a mayoral citation for the June 29 rescue but could not attend the presentation.

On Saturday, the 152-year-old Grove, fanned by a cool summer breeze, provided a stunning setting beneath the sun-drenched oak trees for activities and concerts, including Tre Paul, the Day Two opener.

The trio, anchored by retired city police Detective Sgt. Paul Raucci on vocals, played a 90-minute set of rock, oldies and singalongs, including Kool & the Gang's "Ladies' Night," Tom Jones' "It's Not Unusual" and Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline."

Before the concert, Smith greeted the crowd of happy faces and introduced Elizabeth Shea, an incoming senior

at West Haven High, who sang a stellar rendition of the national anthem.

Echoes of Sinatra followed and performed a timeless tribute to the one and only Frank Sinatra. The five-piece band, fronted by Sinatra tribute artist Steve Kaz, traced the life and career of Ol' Blue Eyes through music and storytelling.

For 90 minutes, Kaz entertained the crowd with fascinating stories of Sinatra, playful banter with the orchestra and spot-on swing renditions of the Sinatra hits you know by heart, including "Come Fly With Me," "Witchcraft" and

"Fly Me to the Moon."

The show featured Kaz crooning big-band standards from Sinatra's tenure with bandleaders Harry James and Tommy Dorsey and selections from the Great American Songbook.

Other Sinatra cuts included "Luck Be a Lady," "Summer Wind" and "My Way," culminating with the anthem "New York, New York."

The bands were complemented by Smith, a former co-host of WPLR's "Smith and Barber the Morning Show," who segued the performers with hysterical bursts of comic relief.

The night's headliner, The British Legends of Rock Show, delved into the pantheon of British rock royalty and played the crown jewels of the British music catalog of the '60s and '70s, including Led Zeppelin's "Good Times Bad Times," The Who's "I Can't Explain," the Spencer Davis Group's "Gimme Some Lovin'" and Elton John's "The Bitch Is Back."

During the afternoon, the festival's first Touch-a-Truck event gave children and those young at heart an up-close look at emergency response vehicles, including the West Haven Fire Department's new aerial platform truck, and big trucks, such as a front loader from the Department of Public Works.

Firefighters of the West Haven Fire Department, led by Fire Marshal Roger Scotte, demonstrated the department's 35-foot smoke trailer and showed children what to do in the event of a fire.

West Haven firefighters also demonstrated the Jaws of Life tool by prying open parts of a vehicle to free those trapped inside.

A short distance away, firefighters of the West Shore Fire Department demonstrated the department's amphibious rescue boat.

At the craft fair, longtime vendor Diane Della Camera of Savin Rock Printing was joined by first-time vendors Susan Caprio and Janette Quiles to sell their wares.

Della Camera sold Savin Rock T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tote bags and fuzzy dice. Caprio, the owner of Berry Berry Nice, displayed her frozen beverage treats, and Quiles, who owns Wallwork Creations, showed her custom-designed signs.

West Haven Rotary Club President Carrie Malangone, Secretary Denise Weber and Rotarian Dawn Callahan sold WestHavenOpoly, the West Haven centennial version of the board game Monopoly. The \$30 game is available at <https://westhaven.rotary-7980gives.org/whgame/Campaign/Details>. Sales benefit the Rotary Club Foundation.

At the festival's hospitality tent, Sabo sold coins, lapel pins and signed copies of the book "City of West Haven: Village to Town" from last year's West Haven Centennial Celebration, as well as signed prints of the Savin Rock flying horse Silver Fox and DVDs of the Savin Rock documentary, "See Ya at the Rock!"

West Haven's flagship festival, established by the Chamber of Commerce, debuted on July 24, 1982, to bring organizations, clubs, businesses and families together celebrating life in one of America's oldest coastal communities.

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# Post 71: *Team goes deep in Legion tourney*

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sumed 24 hours later and pitched a scoreless fourth for Post 71.

Constantinople led off the fifth with a single, moved to second on a wild pitch, and third on a sacrifice. Izzo then singled to right to score Constantinople for a 3-1 lead. Gambardella followed with a two-out single and Gilbert singled to center to increase the margin to 4-1.

Trumbull wasted no time getting back in the game with three runs in the fifth to even the game at four, but, with the bases loaded, a double play ball by Trumbull helped West Haven get out of the inning without further damage.

Post 71 capitalized on the momentum, scoring twice in the sixth to take a 6-4 lead. Supan and Evan Jones reached on errors to open the inning, and Izzo drew a two-out walk to load the bases. Tyler Jones followed with a single to center, scoring a pair for the two-run margin.

After leaving the bases loaded in the top of the seventh, West Haven held on as Trumbull stranded a pair in the bottom of the seventh, allowing West Haven to advance to the Super Regionals in Middletown.

Third-seeded West Haven opened the Super Regional bracket in Middletown with a dramatic 6-5 victory over Ellington in the opening round.

Trailing by a pair of runs entering the last inning, West Haven rallied to score three runs with two outs to pull out the victory.

Tyler Jones started the winning rally with a one-out double and Gambardella walked. Supan walked with two outs to load the bases before Evan Jones hit a two-strike single to right, scoring Tyler Jones and Gambardella. When an errant throw was made on the cut-off on the play, Supan scored the winning run.

Trailing 2-0 in the first, West Haven got on the board when Izzo led off with a single, Tyler Jones walked, Anthony Rubin singled to load the bases, and Supan reached on an error to score Izzo.

West Haven evened the game at two in the third inning when Tyler Jones hit a one-out single and scored on Rubin's double to center. The Westies then took a 3-2 lead in the fifth when Tyler Jones reached on an error, Gambardella singled, and Rubin grounded out to score Jones.

Tyler Jones, Rubin, and Constantinople led the offense with two hits apiece. Tyler Jones scored three times in the win.

Post 71 suffered its first defeat of the Super Regionals, falling to Danbury 5-0. West Haven could not get going offensively, managing only singles off the bats of Tyler Jones and Mike Madera in the game.

Danbury scored twice in the fourth and added three in the sixth to pull away. Gambardella went six innings, allowing seven hits and four earned runs, while striking out nine.

Madera picked up West Haven's first hit of the game in the third, but was erased on a double play ball. Madera's hit was the only runner of the game for Post 71 until Tyler Jones led off the seventh with a single. Jones was also erased on a double play ball to put a damper on any hopes of another West Haven comeback.

West Haven advanced to the finals of the Middletown bracket Super Regionals by defeating Middletown 2-1. In what turned into a pitcher's duel, Supan tossed a complete-game four-hitter, walking three and striking out five.

Post 71 scored all the runs it needed in the top of the first inning as Evan Jones led off with a single and scored on a

one-out triple by Rubin. Supan followed with a single to right, scoring Rubin for a 2-0 advantage.

Middletown loaded the bases in the bottom of the inning, but could not put a run on the board. Middletown had a leadoff double in the fifth, but never advanced, before a 30-minute lightning delay came after the sixth.

After Post 71 went down in order in the top of the seventh, Middletown had one final opportunity in the bottom of the seventh.

A hit batter and a walk had two on with two outs, before a single scored the first run. With Middletown looking to tie the game on the play, a perfect relay from Gambardella to Jones to Connor Hume at the plate prevented the tying run from scoring and propelled the Westies to the finals.

The run came to an end for the Westies in the finals of the Super Regionals. Having

to defeat Danbury twice, the Westies ran out of gas and fell 13-1.

Post 71 could not put a rally together after falling behind early when Danbury scored four times in the bottom of the first.

West Haven managed just five hits in the contest, with two of those safeties coming in the opening inning. Gambardella, who had two of the five West Haven hits, and Rubin hit one-out singles, before a ground out by Evan Jones put the Westies on the board, scoring Gambardella.

That was all the run production for West Haven as Gambardella doubled in the third, but was left stranded. Post 71 had one final scoring opportunity in the fourth when Evan Jones and Madera singled, but neither came around to score.

West Haven finished its impressive summer season with a final record of 20-6.



Photos by Michael Madera

Above -- Chase Supan delivers in a win against Middletown in American Legion Super Regionals at Palmer Field in Middletown. Below -- West Haven celebrates after a play at the plate ended the game in a win against Middletown in American Legion Super Regionals at Palmer Field in Middletown.



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## School system launches its new look on website

West Haven Public Schools has partnered with Apptegy, a school marketing company, to launch a new website. The newly enhanced whschools.org features a new look with what is hoped to be an user-friendly, responsive, and easy-to-navigate interface.

“Our new website allows us to better tell the story of our incredible students, staff, and our entire school community,” said Mike O’Brien, Communications Director. “I believe users will find it much easier to get the information they are looking for, while also keeping up-to-date with all the events and accomplishments happening throughout the district.”

The new design was created with the user in mind. Aside from the aesthetics and usability, the platform also provides administrators access to post frequent updates. Some of the new features include a News section to highlight all the exciting stories and accomplishments happening within the district and a Live Feed section for instant notifications. There is also an Events Calendar that can be downloaded to a user’s email or smartphone, and a Spotlight section to highlight our amazing students and teachers.

“This new website has been a year in the making. Mike and the team from Apptegy did an excellent job of developing it while taking into consideration what information our families need to take advantage of all the opportunities this school district has to offer,” said Superintendent Neil Cavallaro. “It will become an essential tool for the entire school community. I am excited about the release.”

A mobile app will be available in the coming weeks as well and will allow users to turn on push notifications to get the most up-to-date information from their respective schools, including school closings, early dismissals, etc.

### Essex train, boat ride, Oct. 13

The West Haven Senior Center will offer a trip aboard the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat on Oct. 13. The trip includes a one-hour ride aboard the steam train from Essex Station to Deep River Landing, followed by a one-hour ride aboard the Becky Thatcher riverboat on the Connecticut River.

The trip costs \$119 and includes bus transportation, tickets and lunch at the Griswold Inn. Payment is due Sept. 9.

For reservations, call the senior center at (203) 937-3507.



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# City installs 'potties' at various locations

The city has installed a number of port-a-potties across the city for public use, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy announced. McCarthy said the portable toilets will be cleaned every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Otherwise, if it is a holiday week or there are "trucking issues," the toilets will be cleaned on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, he said.

See the portable toilet map at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/4572/Portable-Toilet-Map-PDF>.

Port-a-potties are open daily through Labor Day at the following locations and times: Quigley Stadium, 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m. — when games are played; Veterans Memorial Park, closes at 11 p.m.; Peterson Field, closes at sundown; Painter Park, closes at sundown; Duffy Field, closes at sundown; Benham Field, closes at sundown; Pagels Elementary School playground, closes at sundown; South Street Park, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Hubbard Farms Park, closes at sundown; Prospect Beach, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; April Street boat launch, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sandy Point Beach & Bird Sanctuary, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Morse Park, closes at sundown; Sea Bluff Beach, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Oak Street Beach, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bradley Point Park, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Charlotte Bacon "Where Angels Play" playground, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

## City looks for resident input

The city is accepting suggestions and proposals for improvement and rehabilitation projects for city-owned neighborhood parks, playgrounds, open space, wildlife preserves, public tree plantings and trail parks, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

Funds for park improvements are provided by Rossi's American Rescue Plan Act spending plan through a grant from the U.S. Treasury Department.

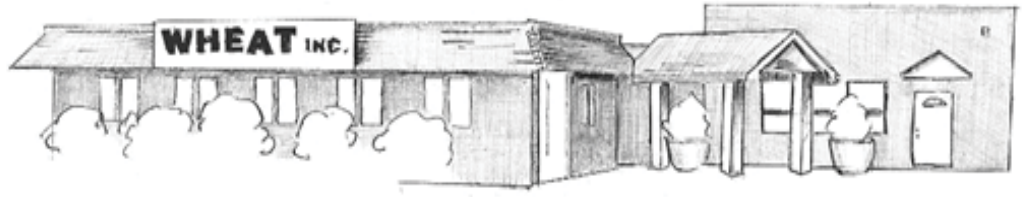
The park projects and funds will be overseen by the commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the mayoral-appointed ARPA Committee.

Proposals may come from any resident, community group, city department head or "park steward" committee.

Each proposal should provide a brief narrative of the proposed project, an estimated budget, photos of existing conditions, a description of how the park is currently used, and how the project will impact its use and appeal to the residents of West Haven.

For details, see the Parks Improvement Fund document and download a proposal form at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/4557/West-Haven-ARPA-Parks-Improvement-Fund-DOCX>.

Proposals should be submitted by email no later than Aug. 10 to city Grant Coordinator Doug Colter at [dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov).



WHEAT's pantry is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:30. Residents only need to bring a photo ID and two current pieces of mail (bills, lease, official letters, etc) and two or three grocery bags. Please call or email us to find out how to get food if you cannot come in person.

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| 1  | Entanglement            |
| 2  | "Entourage"             |
| 3  | Spike's warn-<br>ing    |
| 4  | Actor De Niro           |
| 5  | Turkey is part<br>of it |
| 6  | — glance                |
| 7  | Spectrum                |
| 8  | Soon-to-be<br>grad      |
| 9  | Cartoon vamp            |
| 10 | Medicinal<br>plant      |
| 11 | Peel                    |
| 16 | Coloring<br>agent       |
| 20 | Skedaddled              |
| 21 | Greek salad             |
| 22 | Apple tablet            |
| 23 | Melville sailor         |
| 27 | Dance syllab-<br>le     |
| 29 | Russian river           |
| 30 | Ump's call              |
| 32 | Gentle soul             |
| 34 | Newspaper<br>piece      |
| 37 | Headache aid            |
| 39 | Fits together           |
| 42 | Where the<br>action is  |
| 44 | Unruly group            |
| 45 | Tears                   |
| 46 | Job-safety<br>org.      |
| 50 | Literary rep            |
| 51 | Chopping tool           |
| 52 | Fish story              |
| 53 | Dogpatch<br>adjective   |

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
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## Answers to this week's puzzles

**King Crossword**

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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| 4  | BRINGS              |
| 9  | RAIL                |
| 12 | MESS                |
| 13 | UNCONVENTIONAL      |
| 14 | QUARTERBACK         |
| 15 | AIRHEAD             |
| 17 | HEAVYWEIGHT         |
| 18 | VERILY              |
| 19 | MADE FINER AS FLOUR |
| 21 | ROPE PARTS          |
| 24 | HOLY                |
| 25 | PREFIX              |
| 26 | SPASM               |
| 28 | PICTURE PUZZLE      |
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| 45 | THIEF               |
| 47 | EQUAL               |
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| 59 | MORAY               |
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| 9  | CARTOON VAMP        |
| 10 | MEDICINAL PLANT     |
| 11 | PEEL                |
| 16 | COLORING AGENT      |
| 20 | SKEDADDLED          |
| 21 | GREEK SALAD         |
| 22 | APPLE TABLET        |
| 23 | MELVILLE SAILOR     |
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ANSWER

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## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

APPLY NEW TACTICS TO TICK-TACK-TOE

YOU CAN have some fun playing this challenging variation of tick-tack-toe. Here's how: Two players take turns inserting letters rather than X's and O's in an attempt to complete a three-letter word in a straight or diagonal line. Words may read either left or right, up or down. Opponents, of course, try to block formation of words at every turn. First player to complete an acceptable three-letter word wins. Any letter of the alphabet may be used. Proper names are excluded. Make up your own rules if necessary.

**FIND TWINS!** Our viewer friend claims that two of the 12 fish in this tank look enough alike to be twins. Which two?  
One twin is at bottom left corner.

**SAY WHAT!** Financial circles may say this or that, and folks may not pay attention. But there are financial circles to which attention is paid every day. What are they?  
Half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies.

**SQUARE DEAL!** Challenge: You are asked to insert digits 0, 1, 2 and 3 in the diagram at right in such a way that each three-number row across, vertically and diagonally totals six.  
Properly distributed, each of the four digits will appear in all vertical and diagonal—but not in horizontal—rows.  
Present numbers remain in place.  
Time limit: 60 seconds.

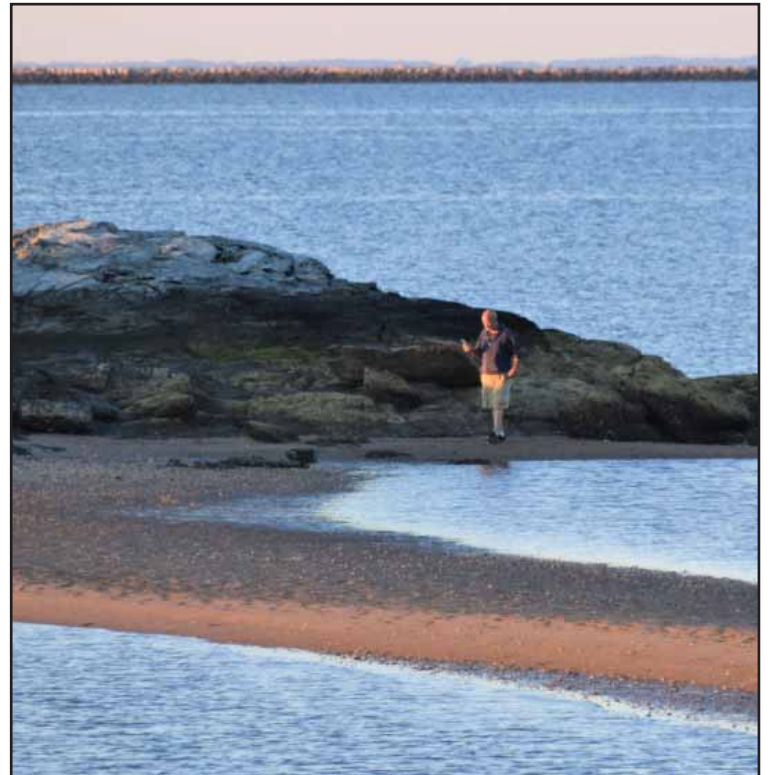
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Top row across: 0,3,3,0; next: 2,1,1,2; next: 1,2,2,1; bottom: 3,0,0,3.

Photos by Dan Shine

### Sunrise meanderings

Dan Shine, Voice Columnist and sometime shutterbug is part of that early-riser group of residents that jog or walk, getting their day started with a familiar route to Bradley Point. Just around sunrise, runners can be seen, as can be walkers with their dogs, or just loners, looking for some quiet. Many of the same people can be seen daily at the same places at the same times. Shine caught two scenes this week, one with a jogger near Prospect Beach (right), and an explorer (far right), who traveled over to Bradley Rock during low tide.



### Deadline reminder

The spring sports season is set to begin in both football and soccer. The West Haven Voice would like to remind league publicists and coaches of the requirements for weekly reports. All leagues are to have one publicist through whom all stories come. Our rule is: we will edit it, headline it and print it, but we will not write it.

Coaches are reminded to check with their league officials as to the protocol to be followed in order to have games published in the Voice. No individual games will be accepted. All games must be through the league's publicist.

Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 10 a.m. unless prior clearance is given by the editor for a later submission. All copy must be in paragraph form and is subject to the same editing for clarity, grammar and space as are all other submissions.

Pictures are welcome and will be published on an "as need" basis. Pictures should be accompanied by the names of the players involved, the action in the photo, and the score of the game.

All games must have scores in those divisions where scores are kept. We understand some younger divisions do not keep score, but those that do should be reported accordingly.

For information on sports submissions, please call the Voice office, (203) 934-6397 during regular business hours.

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## Post 71's Legion ride ends

Needing just one win to advance to the American Legion Super Regionals, the West Haven Post 71 baseball team found it was not going to be easy. Trumbull pounded 12 hits in the game, led 6-0 after three innings and never looked back in a 7-3 win over the Westies. Chase Supan took the loss for West Haven, allowing six runs in 2.1 innings of work. Evan Jones and Tyler Jones combined on 3-hit ball the rest of the way, but it was not enough in the loss Tyler Jones, K.J. Harp, and Ray Gilbert led the offense with two hits apiece.

Trumbull took advantage of a walk and an error to go along with a pair of hits for a 2-0 lead in the second. On the brink of its season possibly ending, Trumbull put the game away with four runs in the third on five singles and a double.

Despite being down by seven runs, West Haven had its opportunities.

Trailing 7-0, Post 71 got on the board with a run in the fourth as Tyler Jones led off with a double and scored on a one-out double. The Westies had runners on the corners, but failed to push across another run.

West Haven added a run in the fifth as Cam Cruz singled, moved to second on an error on the play, and scored on a single by Haygen Axelrod. The Westies again stranded a pair in the inning.

Gilbert doubled and scored on a single by Evan Jones in the sixth, but Post 71 left two more on base. In the seventh, Dan Izzo reached on an error to open the inning, Tyler Jones singled to put a pair of runners on, but neither advanced, setting up the one-game playoff to advance.

The title game started in a positive way as the Westies were the visiting team and took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Izzo reached on a bunt single to start the game, moved to second on an error, and scored on Gianni Gambardella's single to left.

Trumbull responded immediately in the bottom of the inning as a leadoff triple against Tyler Jones was followed by a ground out to even the game at one.

Izzo doubled with two outs in the third, but was left stranded, before Trumbull stranded a pair in the bottom of the inning.

Post 71 took a 2-1 lead in the fourth as Gilbert hit a one-out double to right and scored on a two-out single to left by Supan.

With the momentum on West Haven's side, the lights went out at Piurek Field, forcing the conclusion of the title game to wait another day.

Anthony Constantinople was on the mound as the game re-  
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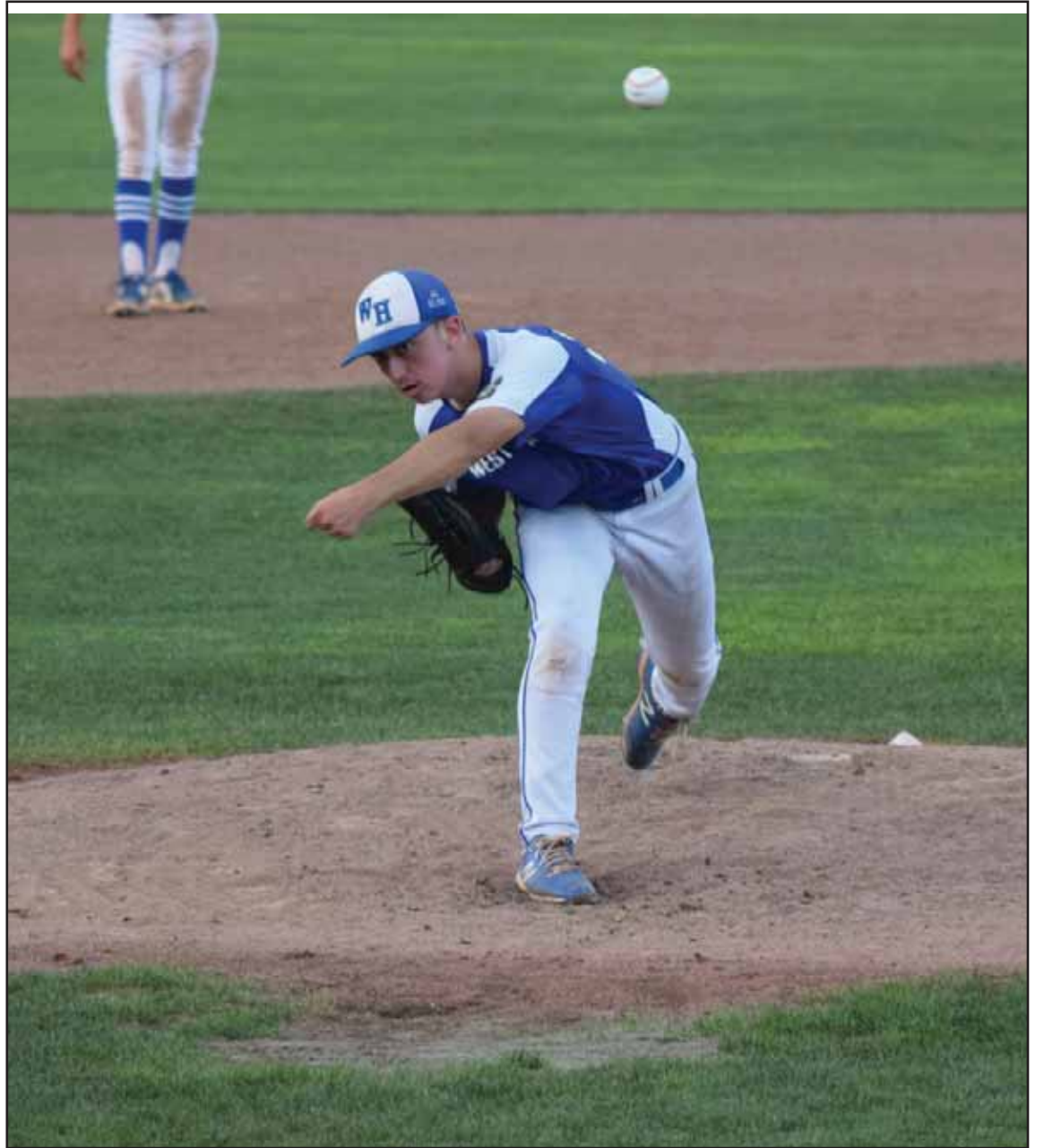


Photo by Michael Madera

Chase Supan pitches in a win against Middletown in American Legion Super Regionals at Palmer Field in Middletown. The Zone II champions ended with a 20-6 season record.

Submitted Photo



### Shore Haven Scholarships

The Shore Haven Junior Baseball League recently awarded its 2022 scholarships to alumni players. The seniors are moving on to college and other post-secondary studies. Those shown in the photo are: Madison Molster is the recipient of the Dini Family Scholarship and will be attending Arizona State University; Domini (DJ) Carfora is the recipient of the David Terese, Sr. Scholarship and will be attending Quinnipiac University; Robert Vets III is the recipient of the Shore Haven Junior Baseball Scholarship and will be attending the University of Rhode Island; and Hannah Davey is the recipient of the Joseph Morrell, Sr. Scholarship and will be attending Fordham University.