

Calendar

Saturday **Nov. 12**

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR — MANSFIELD CENTER

First United Methodist Church, 29 Puddin Lane, Mansfield Center, will host a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (860) 423-6418.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR — DOUGLAS MANOR

Douglas Manor, 103 North Road (Route 14), Windham, will hold its annual holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the resident's fund.

SCOTLAND SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

Scotland Elementary School, 68 Brook Road, Scotland, will host a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Handmade crafts and food.

WATERCOLORS WORKSHOP

Russell Mercier Senior Center will host a one day Watercolors Winter Church Scene Workshop from 9 a.m. 1 p.m.. This event will be held at the Gilead Cong. Church, 672 Gilead St., Hebron.

HOLIDAY FAIR — COVENTRY

The Gleaners of the Second Congregational Church of Coventry, Route 44, Coventry (across from Highland Park Market) will host a holiday fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day will end with a roast pork dinner. Serving will take place between 4:30 and 6 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling (860) 742-1616.

FALL BOOK SALE — COLUMBIA

The Friends of the Saxton B. Little Free Library will host a used book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to raise funds for the library. All proceeds directly fund library materials and programs. Free admission. The book sale will be held at the Chapel on the Green, Route 87, Columbia (right next to the library). Info: (860) 228-0350.

FIRST AID WITH CPR/AED COURSE — RHAM

The RHAM Education Foundation will sponsor an American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid with CPR/AED course from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at RHAM High School, 85 Wall St., Hebron. The cost of this program is usually \$75, however residents of Hebron, Andover and Marlborough can save \$20 when they use coupon code "RHAM" when they register. There is also the option of taking only the first aid or only the CPR/AED section at a reduced cost of \$35 using the same coupon. Anyone wishing to register for this course by visiting www.code1web.com or by calling (860) 786-1789.

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Al Malpa

But can he shoot free throws?

For only being 6 months old, Troy the red-nosed American pit bull can sure handle a basketball. He was with his owners Juan Carlos Garcia and his brother Oscar Garcia, at the basketball courts behind Windham Middle School recently. Oscar Garcia said Troy looks to them as parents and specified that it is his brother Juan Carlos Garcia who is the mom. All are Willimantic residents.

Weather Report

FORECAST

Tonight: Clear. Low 30. **Sunday:** Mostly cloudy. High 63.
Saturday: Partly cloudy. High 56. **Monday:** Few showers. High 62.

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Area towns sign off on water agreement

Pledge preservation

By TRACI HASTINGS
Chronicle Correspondent

The Windham Region Council of Governments has passed a resolution to protect local waterways.

The resolution expresses a commitment to balance growth with conservation and adopts a plan to help ensure that development in the Windham region does not degrade water quality.

The council's member towns are Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Hampton, Lebanon, Mansfield, Scotland, Willington and Windham.

"Land within and surrounding public water supply areas, lake watersheds, wetlands, and river and stream corridors should be used in a manner which protects water quality and quantity, preserves aquatic habitats, minimizes hazards to life and property from flooding, provides access for recreational purposes, and retains to the maximum extent possible lake shores and stream banks in an undeveloped state such that their beauty can be enjoyed by future generations," the resolution states in part.

"The Windham Region Council of Governments supports watershed-based planning and the thoughtful consideration of the entire watershed in its regional planning efforts, and will continue to work to ensure the long-term environmental health and vitality of the watershed, thereby enhancing the social and economic vitality of watershed communities."

The resolution was intended for the preservation of the Willimantic River, the Natchaug River and the Shetucket River, as well as other local tributaries.

Clark Stearns, the outgoing first selectman of Scotland, was chairman of the Windham Region Council of Governments at the time the resolution was passed earlier this month.

Stearns said, although the resolution does not include enforcement measures, it stands to remind people to treasure water as a valuable resource.

"We need to be aware of it and take steps not to harm it," Stearns said.

The impetus for the resolution came from Chaplin, with Chaplin First Selectman William Rose sponsoring it.

Rose credits Chaplin Planning and Zoning Commission member and Council of Governments Senior Planner Jana Butts with drafting the wording.

Chaplin was also the site of the signing of a conservation compact last April, with eight local towns — Ashford, Eastford, Mansfield, Union, Willington, Windham, Woodstock and Chaplin — participating.

The compact signers agree to uphold environmental standards through the Natchaug River Basin Conservation Compact, overseen by the Nature Conservancy and the Green Valley Institute.

"This is just another step in raising the level of awareness that we need to protect our water," Rose said.

He noted, especially in Connecticut, residents tend to take the availability and safety of water for granted with droughts a rarity in the state.

But he said that mindset needs to change.

With the University of Connecticut responsible for draining the Fenton River a few years ago and more and more pressure on water supplies with increasing development, Rose said it was important to not just to keep the water supply safe and potable, but also to make sure it wasn't wasted.

"It's not an endless supply," Rose said.

Art director to be on 'Eye on Connecticut'

WILLIMANTIC — Elizabeth Peterson, director of the Akus Gallery at Eastern Connecticut State University, will be the guest on Charter Communications cable television Channel 14 program Eye on Connecticut Wednesday.

The program will be broadcast live from 9 to 10 p.m. and viewers are welcome to call the Charter studio at (860) 456-3000 with their questions and comments.

The Akus Gallery currently has an exhibition entitled "Beta Israel: Ethiopian Jews and the Promised Land" with photographs which chronicle how Operation Moses in 1984 and Operation Solomon in 1991 transported thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel in a modern day exodus.



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 3. Drawing will be held on November 17th and the winners will be notified by phone.
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