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New funding keeps state's housing crisis hotline open on weekends

Boost comes after Hearst report on service cuts

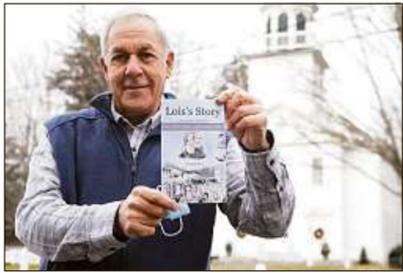
By Joshua Eaton

Connecticut's housing crisis hotline will continue to staff live operators on weekends after the state provided it with additional funding, reversing a previous plan to drop service on Saturdays and Sundays.

The change follows a report by Hearst Connecticut Media Group about concerns over a proposal to cut the hotline's hours of operation amid a surge in both homelessness and calls to the hotline for emergency housing help.

But the new investment was about half of what was requested and not enough to keep the housing service open 24/7, according to the United Way of Connecticut, which operates the taxpayer-

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Ned Gerard / Hearst Connecticut Media file photo

Former Southbury First Selectman Ed Edelson with his book "Lois's Story: A Young Girl's Inspiration Helps to Stop Hate and Fear," at South Britain Congregational Church in Southbury in 2020.

'It is a Conn. and American story'

Southbury marks 85th anniversary of rejecting Nazi camp

By Dan Nowak

SOUTHBURY — Eighty-five years ago, a representative from an organization that preached the teachings of Adolf Hitler purchased nearly 200 acres in Southbury, with plans to build a training camp similar to the ones the authoritarian ran for youth in Germany.

But Southbury residents said no, band-

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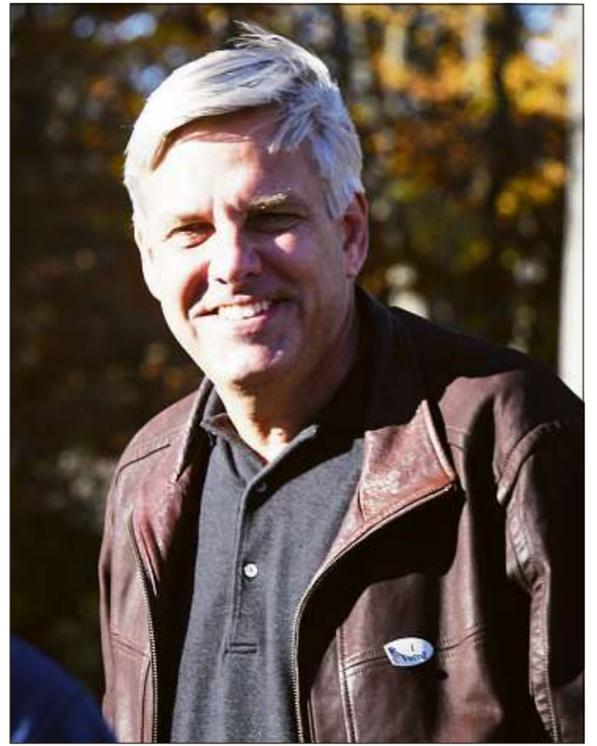


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Gov. Ned Lamont with fellow Democrats outside the District 7 polling center at Greenwich High on Election Day.



Ned Gerard / Hearst Connecticut Media

Bob Stefanowski, GOP candidate for governor, speaks with supporters outside Foran High in Milford on Election Day.

As voters cast ballots in midterm election, issues are as important as any candidate

By Jordan Nathaniel Fenster

Alma Faham, an immigrant from Jordan, was able to vote Tuesday for the first time, casting a ballot at Danbury High School.

"This is the first time I ever voted so I'm very excited," she said. I became an American citizen in August."

Faham said what was important to her was the quality of a candidate, not the party to which they are affiliated.

"This is why I wanted to become an American citizen. You shouldn't just vote for what party someone is but how good a person is," she said. "Republicans and Democrats should work together

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Alyssa Beck, of Danbury, holds her son, Henry, 3, while voting at Danbury High School on Tuesday.



Looking for Conn. election results?

Today's edition went to print before results were tabulated. But readers can head to newstimes.com to get complete results for all of the races across the state including for governor, U.S. Senate, Congress, the state legislature and more. There, readers can also find analysis from election night with what the results mean, insight from columnist Dan Haar, a look at whether early voting is moving forward in Connecticut and vote tallies for every race across the state.

UConn women plan 'new little wrinkles' without Paige Bueckers

By Maggie Vanoni

Everything changed for the UConn women's basketball team on Aug. 1.

That's when star point guard Paige Bueckers, arguably the best player in the country, suffered an ACL injury that would force her to miss the entire 2022-23 season.

The 2022-23 season that was supposed to be the year for a program that last won a national title in 2016. With Bueckers teaming with a healthy Azzi



Preview of the 2022-23 season

Fudd for a lethal backcourt leading a deep, talented roster, the NCAA title drought could seemingly end.

Instead, UConn is left facing the season without its best player — just as the team did for a long stretch last year, when Bueckers was sidelined with a knee injury.

How will the Huskies navigate life without Bueckers? We got our first glimpse on Sunday when UConn made quick work of Kutztown in an exhibition

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Charlie Neibergall / Associated Press

UConn head coach Geno Auriemma talks to Paige Bueckers during a practice session for the final round of the Women's Final Four NCAA tournament on April 2 in Minneapolis.



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Danbury residents cast their ballots at the Danbury War Memorial on Tuesday.

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instead of working against one another.”

Across Connecticut, issues were on the ballot during Tuesday's mid-term elections that were highlighted by a race between Ned Lamont and Bob Stefanowski for governor and Richard Blumenthal vs. Leora Levy for U.S. Senate. Every House and Senate seat across Connecticut were up for election, along with seats for Congress and statewide offices.

Voters at the polls in Connecticut often said they were voting along party lines, though some said they would break from party affiliation if a candidate was better on an issue important to them.

In Milford, retired residents Bill and Liz Thompson said that they had voted straight-ticket Republican, but were ardent supporters of local Democratic Mayor Ben Blake.

“It's more party-affiliated for us,” said Bill Thompson. “I just think the country is going in the wrong direction personally, except for Ben.”

Liz Thompson, a former dental hygienist, said she was worried about a lot of things including education but it was taxes that sealed the deal for her.

“It's the taxes,” she said, citing cost of living issues too. “They shouldn't tax us on what we make if it's just social security. It's not that much to begin with.”

While some voters stayed true to their party affiliation, in some cases issues pushed voters away from their party.

Sun Jen Yung, a 19-year Green-



Sandra Diamond Fox / Hearst Connecticut Media

Alma Faham cast her vote at Danbury High School on Tuesday. “This is the first time I ever voted so I'm very excited,” she said. “I became an American citizen in August. I am from Jordan, in the Middle East. This is a very special occasion for me. I did a lot of research on the candidates.”

wich resident, said women's rights and the preservation of democracy were the two issues that influenced the votes she cast at Greenwich Town Hall Tuesday morning.

A lifelong Republican, she said she revoked her party membership this year, choosing to be independent instead.

“It's sad what's happened to the Republican Party,” she said.

Though some voters focused on larger issues, like the economy, local concerns also drove votes.

Cheryl Lallo, of Danbury, said she voted for Michelle Coehlo because “she wants to bring a charter school to Danbury.”

“The schools are very overcrowded in Danbury,” she said. “I think we need more options for

schools in Danbury because the regular school system is too overcrowded.”

Regardless of why they were casting a ballot, many Connecticut voters said this election was an important one.

Jana Minor, voting at the New Haven Hall of Records, said “There has never been a more important election,” she said, emphasizing that her most important issues are the “rights of women to control their own bodies,” corruption and election denials.

When asked if he thought this election was significant, Michael Macary said he feels “uneasy about election day. It will be a pendulum swing.”

“I can see the effect of national

political money on a U.S. congressional campaign,” said Macary, who is a member and minority leader of the Wolcott Town Council.

“The waste of money by national parties shows the ‘campaign financing’ dilemma and the lies of omission and out and out smear tactics makes the most stable stomachs a bit queasy and people generally nauseated,” he said.

Officials suggest ‘high’ turnout

At the Board of Education in Hamden the line continued to grow throughout the morning. A poll worker in charge said there had been more than 600 people who cast their ballots as of 10 a.m.

Dwayne Branch, a resident waiting in line, said he hasn't seen a line this long in many years.

“Normally when I come here, it's like eight people out,” Branch said.

By noon on Tuesday, the Connecticut Secretary of State released its first count of voter turnout, with 104 cities and towns reporting an aggregate of 1,075,238 ballots cast including absentee ballots.

That equates to 19 percent of eligible voters in those locations. Morris led the state with 45 percent voter turnout at first check, with more than 30 percent of voters in Greenwich, Deep River, Eastford, Lyme and Newtown casting ballots in the morning hours.

Beacon Falls had the lowest early turnout at less than 5 percent, with Southington, Groton, and Montville having yet to hit double digits before noon.

Turnout was high in the initial

hour at Shelton's four polling places, according to Republican Registrar of Voter Pete Pavone.

“It was high in the initial onset,” said Pavone, adding that people were lined out the front doors at Mohegan, Long Hill, Shelton Intermediate and Elizabeth Shelton schools, though he said a few hours later that, “It has calmed down at this point.”

At Hubbard Elementary School, East Berlin election moderator Kirsten Cohen said it had been an unusually busy day.

“This is my third or fourth election and this is particularly busy,” Cohen said.

Despite a higher-than-usual turnout, voters had encountered few major issues as the day wore on.

East Berlin's only voting machine stopped working after accepting 935 ballots of the 4,625 residents who are eligible to vote in the town, Cohen said.

The town was sending a new machine, she said. In the meantime voters were directed to place their ballots in a side slot.

Those ballots will be put through the new machine in front of the entire crew of poll workers to make sure they all are counted, Cohen said: “If that doesn't work, we will count them by hand.”

In Norwalk, an official confirmed that a Columbus Magnet School ballot machine had malfunctioned, but that the issue was resolved swiftly.

“Wiggle a wire, started to work,” said Norwalk Republican Registrar of Voters Brian Smith. “Up and working fine.”

Staff writers Alexander Soule, Vincent Gabrielle, Chatwan Mongkol and Pat Tomlinson contributed to this story.

SOUTHBURY

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ing together to prevent the German American Bund from opening the camp.

A series of programs held in Southbury from Nov. 11-13 will mark the 85th anniversary of these events.

“This has become a very important story,” said Ed Edelson, who was Southbury first selectman from 2011-2015 and a coordinator of the committee organization the anniversary events. He wrote a book called “Lois's Story,” telling the story of that event through the eyes of youngster Lois Lindsay Brown who lived it.

“More people need to find out about this event and remember what happened here,” he said. “This is not a Southbury story, it is a Connecticut and American story. The 85th anniversary event is another opportunity to expose people to the story and what happened back then, including the many new people who have moved into Southbury.”

Anniversary weekend events include a Nov. 11 program at Temple B'nai Israel, all day activities on Nov. 12 at Pomperaug High, a commemorative dinner at the Wyndham Hotel on Nov. 12, a program on the morning of Nov. 13 at South Britain Congregational Church, and a walk on Nov. 13 organized by the Southbury Land Trust on land previously owned by the German American Bund. Attendance at the events is free but registration is requested to aid in planning for refreshments. Full details for the events are available on the town website.

How Southbury said ‘no’ to

the Nazis

The German American Bund was an American organization that only allowed members who were German descendants. The main goal of Bund leaders was to project favorable views of Nazi Germany and ultimately create a Nazi ruling party in the United States. Training camps were created for children aged 8-18 who wore Nazi uniforms, learned the German language and how to march, and were taught Nazi ideology (similar to Hitler Youth Camps in Germany).

In 1937, when the Bund had plans for a camp in Southbury, there were more than 20 camps established throughout the United States.

When he heard of the Bund's plans in Southbury, Yale Divinity School graduate Rev. Mark Edgar Newson Lindsay (Lois Lindsay Brown's dad), who was pastor of South Britain Congregational Church, researched what the Bund and their camps entailed.

According to a Yale Divinity School news report, when Lindsay learned what their intent was, on Nov. 21, 1937 he and Rev. Felix Manley gave Sunday morning sermons preaching against the Bund and their camps.

“The thing is, religious leaders back then were true leaders,” First Selectman Jeffrey Manville said. “When people like Rev. Lindsay and Rev. Manley spoke, people listened to what they had to say. In 1937 no one really knew Hitler's master plan and his intent for genocide. But they saw red flags and didn't like what was being done by the Bund. The anniversary event will help provide awareness for

what happened back then.”

The sermons became headline news, initiating a petition and other documents signed by residents. It was decided the town should create its first Zoning Commission to address the issue.

Manville said the Zoning Commission held a special meeting to discuss the Bund, resolutions were created and documents signed. A town policy was created prohibiting the use of land in Southbury for military training and drilling with the exception of the United States military.

The result was the Bund leaving town, abandoning the land it purchased and its plans for a camp.

Manville's great grandfather Dr. Samuel Green, the town's first doctor, was one of the people who signed the document to help create the new policy.

“I am proud to know my great grandfather was a part of this,” said Manville, who is a member of the anniversary organizing committee. “The documents he and others signed for this are hanging in Town Hall. When they had the special meeting to address this, some people at the meeting had no opinion, some didn't want the Bund and their camp in town, and others were there just for the curiosity of it all.”

Commemorating the anniversary

The 85th Anniversary Commemoration Dinner will be held Nov. 12 at the Wyndham Hotel, featuring a buffet dinner, musical performances, speeches and presentations. There is a fee of \$50 per person. Tickets are available and can be purchased



Courtesy of the committee organizing the 85th anniversary of when Southbury said no to the Nazis

Southbury residents banded together in 1937 to defeat an attempt by the German American Bund to build a Nazi youth camp in town.

through the Southbury Parks and Recreation system which will allow people to sign up online or in person, using credit cards or checks. Advanced tickets are required. Registration will close on Nov. 9.

Keynote speaker for the dinner is author Michael Benson, who recently published “Gangsters vs. Nazis: How Jewish Mobsters Battled Nazis in Wartime America.” Benson gives insight into how things could have been different in Southbury if people had not acted.

Local performers volunteering for the commemoration include Lisa Segal, Linda Goodman, Karen Lampiasi, Jim Capen, Cynthia Servetus, Meg Tornatore, Katherine Mombo and Sandy Carlson, the Woodbury poet laureate.

Other events include recognition of the work done by Scott

Sniffen in directing the original documentary “Home of the Brave: When Southbury Said NO to the Nazis;” panel discussions on the importance of the story in education; what has been learned about the Southbury story in the last 10 years and understanding the documents in today's context; a dedication of a historical road marker at the South Britain Congregational Church; and the walk conducted by the Southbury Land Trust.

For information on the events, registration information and links to videos and other background information go to www.southbury-ct.org/1937.

There you can also find a link to the Facebook page for the 85th Anniversary.

The Facebook page is hosted by the Southbury Historical Society.