

Preston Pipeline²

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From The Desk Of The First Selectman

Bob Congdon

Budgets – Preston's General Government and Board of Education budgets were approved by voters at the first referendum on June 20th. The Board of Education, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance worked diligently to present responsible budgets adding no new programs or services. While this allows the Town to continue operating without interruption, we are not out of the woods yet. The State Legislators continue to fail to develop a State Budget. They cannot agree on how to address needed structural changes to the way services are provided and funded in the State of Connecticut.



positive effects from the development of Preston Riverwalk. Uncertainty at the State level makes it ever more imperative that we take advantage of current momentum in the region as reliance on the State is not an option. Local and regional solutions must be created and funding sources developed.

Your help is needed to build a future for Preston and our region that will create a place where businesses, employees and families will want to call home. There are openings on most Boards and Commissions so, please, consider getting involved. The foundation has been built by many

We are hopeful that some of their draconian suggestions including massive cuts in revenues to municipalities will not be part of their solution. Such an action would pass the burden to municipalities to either cut services or dramatically increase local property taxes – the most regressive tax possible. One message coming out of Hartford is that we can no longer count on the State for stability or funding. Preston is well positioned to weather the storm given our strong financial position and the outlook of economic growth going forward.

dedicated volunteers, mostly retirees, who may themselves, never reap the benefits. They have dedicated their talents and hours of their time working to ensure a positive future for the generations to come.

Momentum – Southeastern Connecticut stands to benefit from the projected growth of General Dynamics and the

Become an active community builder, with your efforts, there are no limits to what we can accomplish.

Issues and ideas – If you have something you'd like to present to your elected officials, please attend a Selectmen's meeting held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 6:30 pm or contact me at (860) 887-5581, or e-mail me at: Congdon@preston-ct.org

To Cleanse and Bring Calmness

By Cathy Soper, Manager of Tribal Communications, Mohegan Tribe



The Mohegan Tribe, together with their Council of Elders, hosted a four-day ceremonial fire at the Preston Riverwalk site from July 6th-July 10th. The ceremony was held to bring peacefulness to the site and unity between the people of the Tribe, Preston and the surrounding towns.

"The fire was held to honor those that have come before us including our Mohegan ancestors and all of those who once lived and worked at the hospital site," said Charlie Strickland, Vice Chairman of the Council of Elders for the Mohegan Tribe.

Strickland added that, "The ceremony, itself, is a cleansing. It is a way to bring good medicine to the property and to push out negativity so that we can bring about positive energy."

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To Cleanse and Bring Calmness Continued from cover story.

During a welcoming prayer on July 6th, Chief Many Hearts, Dr. Lynn Malerba offered a blessing for the beautiful day, for everyone who was in attendance and for new beginnings and spoke to bringing calmness to the site.

“This place needs healing as there were some who were here who had difficult times. But is also is a place that our ancestors and neighbors gathered together. This ceremony is a way to ask the creator to bring healing and to honor the relationship with our neighbors that began with our ancestors so long ago.”

The special ceremonial healing was open to all visitors and held in the large field near the commuter lot on Route 12 in Preston. It remained lit 24 hours a day for the four days and was manned continuously by members of the Mohegan Tribe. The ceremony was the first of four planned cleaning and healing ceremonies at the property, one for each season, said Strickland.

Preston Redevelopment Agency

By Sean Nugent

I wish to first thank the people of Preston for your continued support of the Preston Redevelopment Agency (PRA). I'd also like to thank and acknowledge the 16 Preston residents who volunteered countless hours, energy, passion, and hard work since the PRA was formed in May of 2009.

Specifically:

Jim Bell, Joe Biber, Kent Borner, Allyn Brown, Mike Clancy, Bill Cummings, Andy Depta, Frank Ennis, Sandy Ewing, Kerry Gentry, Merrill Gerber, John Harris, Bill Legler, Mike Lavoie, Frank Matovic, and Linda Riegel.

I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge and thank our 1st Selectman, Bob Congdon, who has championed this effort for more than 22 years. Without all of you, we would not be where we are today!

Hopefully you were able to drop by the site and observe and learn about the Mohegan Ceremonial Fire that was held at Preston Riverwalk from July 6th through July 10th. The fire was held to honor those that came before us (tribal ancestors, those who once lived on the site, and those who worked at the former mental hospital). The ceremony served as a cleansing of all that has gone on before and to bring good medicine to the property. The fire was located in the field near the commuter lot. The fire remained lit 24 hours a day for the four days and was continuously manned by members of the Mohegan Tribe. Those who visited the fire shared prayers, learned more about the Mohegans and the ceremony, offered tobacco, and became part of the healing ceremony.

On Tuesday June 27th, our Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) held a public hearing regarding a request by the Mohegan Tribe to amend the zoning regulations specifically related to Preston Riverwalk. After hearing comments from the Tribe, the PRA, the 1st Selectman, and Preston residents and following an in-depth Commission discussion on the requested changes, PZC voted unanimously to accept the proposed changes with some PZC edits. The approved amendments become effective on July 15th. This was an important step for the

Town as it was the final action required by the State in order for the \$10 million clean up grant to be released.

At the end of this past CT legislative session (June), the 'PRA Special Act' was approved as part of the state 'Conveyance Bill'. As described in the PDDA (Property Disposition and Development Agreement), this legislative act allows the PRA to approve or disapprove of any 'substantial redevelopment changes' to the Master Plan. This plan was presented to the Town in early January, supported by PZC, approved as the PRA's amended Redevelopment Plan, and incorporated into the PDDA.

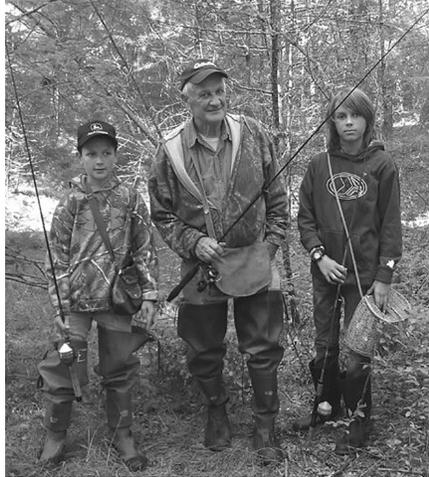
The PRA/Tribe presented the "Preston/Mohegan" story to the Norwich Planning Commission (May) and the CT Counselors of Real Estate (June). While the discussions addressed the sale of Preston Riverwalk to the Mohegan's, an important underlying message was that this development will serve as an economic development catalyst for our region! We are already seeing early signs of this as evidenced by the recent acquisition of buildings in downtown Norwich by a New York developer.

Since the Town's approval of the PDDA, the PRA and the Tribe have been working with our environmental consultant (Tighe & Bond), our abatement/demolition consultant (Manfort Bros.), CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and CT Department of Energy and Environment Protection (DEEP) to develop the detailed program plan for completing the clean up of the site. While the Town has accomplished a lot to-date, the final push is complex with many moving parts and permits required. With the recent action by PZC, we are targeting July 17th as our date to formally launch this last push.

Should you have any questions, suggestions or comments, please attend one of our meetings at Town Hall on the second or fourth Wednesdays of each month or contact our Chairman Sean Nugent at 860 917-6567 or Merrill Gerber at 860 887-7169.

THOMAS A. PIECHOWSKI 1932 - 2017

PRESTON – Thomas A. Piechowski, 84, a longtime resident of Preston, died on June 1, 2017 at the Wm. W. Backus Hospital. Born in Norwich on Nov. 25, 1932 he was the son of the late Walter and Mary (Wisniewski) Piechowski. Thomas grew up in Thamesville, attended St. Joseph grammar school, and was a graduate of the Norwich Free Academy class of 1950. On April 15, 1952 he enlisted in the United States Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Tarawa aircraft carrier during the Korean War.



In his youth, he was a caddy at the Norwich Golf Course and also began a lifelong passion for hunting, trapping, and fishing, which he learned from his uncle. He was a member of the Connecticut Trappers Association for many years. He was a kind, caring person who liked things done the “Thomas” way. He will be greatly missed as a Dziadia, Father, Uncle, Cousin, Brother, Son, God Father, and friend.

He returned to Connecticut in 1956 and received an honorable discharge on July 14, 1960. He was married to Josephine Wujcik on August 3, 1957 at St. Joseph Church in Norwich. They settled in Preston and Thomas began what would be a 33-year career with S.N.E.T., retiring as a telephone technician. In his retirement, he settled in to his role as a “gentleman’s farmer”, caring for chickens, spending countless hours maintaining his land and six-acre pond, and constructing his famous round wood piles.

In addition to his wife Josephine “Josie” Piechowski, he is survived by four children, Terry Kiertianis and husband Ralph, Andy Piechowski and wife Helen, Mike Piechowski and wife Michelle, and Peggy Rankowitz

and husband Michael; 12 grandchildren, Suzanne, Courtney, Matthew, Katelyn, Megan, Derrick, Laurie, Heather, Madison, Ethan, Jacob, and Emma; great grandson, Lucas; two sisters, Liz Stott and husband Rod and Ceilia Cubanski and husband Joe; and his brother Bernie Piechowski and wife Lynn. He was predeceased by two sisters, Florence Semmelrock and Albina Hansis.

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Preston Historical Society

Preserving The Past for Future Generations



Update on Long Society Meetinghouse

The Preston Historical Society is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a \$14,000

matching fund grant from the 1772 Foundation and the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. With donations, fundraising, and help from the town, we have begun work on the repair and restoration of the windows.

We plan to have a Walktober program with a tour of the Meetinghouse and the cemetery with Linda C. and Dave Oat on Sunday, October 8 at 1 pm. Please call Linda at 860-887-5828 if you'd like to help.

Please send any donations to Preston Historical Society, c/o Mark Christensen, 15 Amos Road, Preston, CT 06365.

Hallville Mill

(currently Piela Electric, Inc.)

Tim Norris, a local journalist recently invited Linda and Mark Christensen on a tour of the old Hallville Mill led by Judi Yasi, John Piela's daughter. Though the electrical company warehouse and repair shop takes up the main buildings of the old mill, it was evident that they were working hard to maintain the building. The principal structures of the mill are built of brick or stone with large stone-silled windows. Rehabilitation after a fire in the 1930's included removal of the third and attic floors of the southern portion. A fire in 1978 significantly damaged the southernmost section of the building.

Manufacturing-related activity had been undertaken at the site from before the Revolution when a fulling mill (where wool was cleansed and scoured) was erected along Indiantown Brook in 1752. Then in 1814, William Kimball created a carding mill. In the 1850's, the Hall family took over starting with wool manufacturing and enlarging to weaving ladies woolen dress materials, colored flannels, and eventually men's suiting. Wood manufacturing ceased in the mid 20th century and 200 years of wool processing came to an end.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Preston Historical Society is scheduled for Wed., August 30, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Old Preston Library, Route 164. Everyone is invited. Come out and check us out. Want to join or renew your membership? Please check out our website at www.preston-ct.org for information and an application. Look for us on Facebook at facebook.com/prestonhistoricalsocietyct/

Save the Date!
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3 – 6 pm
Preston Community Park

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State Legislative Update

By State Representative Mike France



The 2017 fiscal year ended on June 30, and Connecticut did not have a budget because the majority party refused to call one for a vote. Our caucus leader, Rep. Klarides, called for an up-or-down vote to take place in the House on a third, balanced, no-tax increase Republican-produced budget to settle our debt

once and for all. But we did not meet, and a vote was not taken. In addition to the House Republican budget, the Senate Republicans have a balanced, no tax increase budget that also was not voted on. We need effective leadership in Hartford.

This is the first time in modern history that the majority party failed to produce a single budget proposal until the last day of the fiscal year, when it was too late for detailed review, debate, and to receive a vote. Note that because there were no previous plans, the statement they released calling this new plan “revised” is very misleading. Connecticut’s current fiscal situation is unprecedented. The people of Connecticut deserve better from their elected representatives in Hartford. We do Connecticut residents no favors by abdicating our role and refusing to make the tough decisions.

I am proud of the budgets produced by my caucus. They hold municipalities harmless, restore education funding, protect our most vulnerable citizens and help Connecticut move through this fiscal crisis.

Our most recent plan accomplishes the following:

- Phases in exemptions/reductions for taxes on Social Security, pension income, and the estate gift tax
- Places a hard cap on General Obligation bond issuance at \$1.3 billion per year

- Maintains current Education Cost Sharing disbursements to towns, and creates education grants
- Implements a state government hiring freeze
- Increases our focus on fraud prevention and recovery

I am ready to vote on this plan, and believe it deserved to be called. Our vision for the state is to control spending, impose structural changes that result in significant savings to guard against future deficits, and get a handle on exploding pension and healthcare costs. We worked tirelessly to protect our hospitals, parks, education, mental health services and other services to our most vulnerable residents. Rest assured that I will continue to do what I can to help get our critical work completed and represent you. The Republicans in the Legislature have done our work, and are ready to lead.

As this article is being drafted on the anniversary of our country’s independence, Connecticut is being run by Governor Malloy under executive order due to the inaction by the majority party.

This dire situation causes significant uncertainty in our towns and non-profit organizations, who are deciding what programs that serve our residents need to be cut. This will continue until the Legislature votes on a biennial budget for the next two fiscal years. The next opportunity for debate and a vote may be July 18th, when we have been told that we will be called into special session to vote on the new budget.

The majority party is not ready today or tomorrow, and apparently does not anticipate being ready to vote on their budget for at least another two weeks.

Please look for further updates on the budget process at www.RepFrance.com and www.facebook.com/RepFrance, as I hope by the time you read this, Connecticut will be on a much better path to financial stability.

Your Town Government - With an Eye on Hartford

By Norman Gauthier

Preston, along with many other towns in Connecticut, has approved a budget for the fiscal year that started on July 1, 2017. Some towns have chosen to delay approval of their budgets until the state provides some direction on the type and amount of state aid to the towns. We are now well into the month of July and it appears that the state legislature is still not ready to vote on a budget.

The town could operate for a few months without a budget; we have done it before. Without a budget, state law allows towns to operate under the direction of their Board of Finance at expense levels of the prior year. First, we would use up our surplus. If that ran out, we would borrow sufficient funds to keep operating until a budget is approved and tax payments are collected. However, that is not what we did. Instead of all that, we approved an expense budget, set the tax rate at 24 mill (a 1% increase), sent out tax bills and are already receiving payments to keep the town operating normally.

The Preston Board of Finance recommended a budget with an assumption that the state would maintain its current level of financial support to the towns. The town budget estimates state revenues at \$4.8 million; that's 30% of the total income for the town. The rest comes from town generated income, various user fees, and property taxes. Any reduction in state revenues will have to be made up from another source; either we raise taxes or use surplus funds. Because the town is financially healthy, we will be able to absorb a small reduction in state revenue by dipping into our surplus funds.

Over the past years, the town's general fund has benefited from unplanned, unexpected income from several

sources: payments from FEMA after major storms, insurance reimbursements, and many years of budgets finishing in the black. In some years the accumulated surplus funds were used to offset property taxes and this year the surplus could be used to replace any reduction in state revenues.

In Hartford, the Governor is keeping the state operating by use of executive orders. That action should not affect Preston. The legislature is debating the details of the budget they can agree on. Do they cut spending, raise taxes, or both? The Democrats and Republicans each have their own constituencies to satisfy, but they do share a few common interests. Both parties support education so it is not likely that they will reduce state support in that area.

For us, that's good, because 2/3 of our state support is earmarked for education. Every member of the house and senate will try to get the maximum benefit for the towns they represent, so the overall municipal package won't change much. What may change is how the municipal aid dollars are allocated. On another page of this issue, State Representative Mike France discusses the budget making process.

Preston is well represented in Hartford and, at home the Board of Finance has been proactive in planning to deal with whatever the state does. In the meantime, we will keep our eye on activities in Hartford to see how the final state budget affects us.

We welcome your questions and comments. Contact the author at N.Gauthier@usa.net

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 Location: Preston Community Park
 Fee: \$115 per kid



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 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Ages: 7 - 12
 Location: Preston Community Park
 Fee: \$139 per kid

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 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Ages: Entering grades 4 - 9 in fall
 Location: Preston Veterans Memorial School
 Fee: \$165 per kid



ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult programs will resume in the fall. Men's basketball, yoga, chair yoga, knitting, co-ed volleyball and more!!

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Preston Community Park

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Story Times — Yes!

Story Time will continue through the Summer!
For children – Birth to five years old. Join us for stories,
songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Tuesdays, 10 to 11 am and
NEW for the summer - Lunchtime Storytime @ 11:30 am,
(bring a bagged lunch!) and Wednesdays, 10 to 11 am.

Holiday Hours & Closures:

Saturday, September 2nd - Monday, September 4th-Closed

For the safety of our staff and patrons, the library follows the inclement weather policy of the Preston Schools.

Thank you for your understanding.

Summer reading continues at the library!

Do you have required reading? Come find your book!
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Preston Library Summer Reading participants earn library bucks & can buy books from our library store!
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Summer reading ends on August the 19th.

Story times for children birth to 4 years old will continue throughout the summer on Tuesday at 10 am and Wednesday at 10 am.

Lunchtime story time will be on Tuesday at 11:30 am.

Come and enjoy some of our fun programs!

Registration for each program is highly recommended but not required.
You can register by phone at (860)886-1010.

Thursday, July 27th at 2 pm - Mr. Joe.

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Monday, July 31st at 1 pm - Harry Potter building challenge!

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Saturday, August 19th - Last day of summer reading.

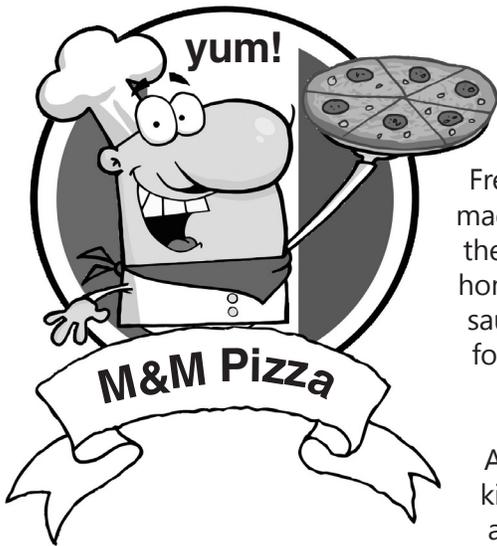
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News From Troop 75



Recently Troop 75 took a 7 day canoe trip down the Penobscot River in Maine. They left Roll Dam and paddled to Lobster Lake, many fun things, they hiked Lobster Mountain and enjoyed Jackson Cover. The troop paddled to the Pines Camp Area for the night. They fished and saw lots of wildlife.

They met up with 4 other members of troop 75 in Chesuncook Lake and went cliff diving. Then they left their canoes, packed up and drove to Freeport to visit L.L. Bean. After that, they traveled back to Preston and ASM Bob Peck and family had an awesome lunch for all.

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Cynthia A. Carano Memorial Scholarship Awarded To Jasmyn Cuc Saenz



The Cynthia A. Carano Memorial Scholarship committee is pleased to announce that the 2017 recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship has been awarded to Jasmyn Cuc-Saenz. Jasmyn, a 2017 graduate of Norwich Free Academy is the daughter of Pedro Cuc-Saenz and Rebecca Shelar of Preston. Jasmyn's essay, "How an Educator Has Positively Impacted My Life", written about her high school biology teacher, was chosen from three other applicants. "Her essay truly portrayed what the committee was looking for and honored Ms. Carano's legacy," said Gale Ennis, Chairperson of the scholarship committee.

A luncheon was held on Sunday, June 4th at Village Piz-za and was attended by family and friends of the applicants, the Carano Family, NFA Head of Guidance, Jean Elliott and members of the scholarship committee.

The Cynthia A. Carano Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 after the unexpected passing of beloved Preston teacher Cynthia Carano, an educator in the town for over 20 years. The award is given annually to a Preston graduating high school senior continuing on to a 2 or 4 year accredited institution. Since its inception, the scholarship committee has awarded \$8,500 to Preston students.

For details how to donate to the scholarship fund, or to apply for the 2018 scholarship please contact Gale Ennis at 806-887-3618.

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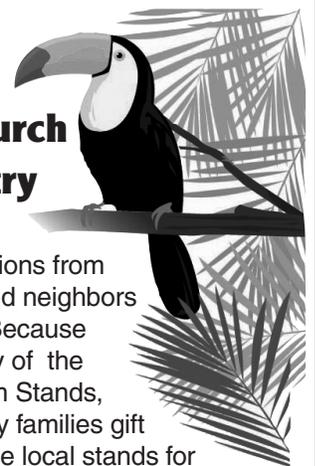
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News From The Preston City Congregational Church Two Can Food Pantry



The Toucan Food Pantry has benefited from many contributions from businesses and our friends and neighbors during the past few months. Because of this, and with the generosity of the Prue's and the LoPresti's Farm Stands, we were able to offer our many families gift certificates to be used at these local stands for fresh vegetables in July.

We greatly appreciate your donations of food, at the library, the churches (PCCC, St Catherine's, and St James), and the bank, which we collect regularly.

Thank you all so much.

PRESTON CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION FARM DATING PROGRAM

In Preston, love is in the air with the Farm Dating Program - matching the crop, the land, the animal, and the farmer! Preston's Conservation and Agricultural Commission (PCAC) keeps coming up with projects to bring attention to our program. Then, with the help of the students in the Unified Club at Preston Plains School along with Diane Hanson, Art Teacher and Jen Foltz, Unified Club Coordinator, the projects come to fruition.

Last year, if you drove through Preston, you might have seen the farm boards the students created with animals and crops painted on them. Since that project was such a success, this year, PCAC constructed blue-bird houses and a wood duck house for the students to paint.

On June 8th, PCAC gave the students an ice cream party to celebrate the Farm Dating Program and all of the creations. This year about 50 students were involved! It was overwhelming to see the support. We thanked the students for helping to preserve the part of Preston that our residents love – agriculture and open space.

PCAC is a group of volunteers consisting of Gary Piszczek, Matt Snurkowski, Lynwood Crary, Roberta Charpentier, Ted Zajac and Susan Mattern dedicated to conserving Preston's agricultural heritage. Please contact any one of us if you'd like to be part of PCAC or the Farm Dating Program.



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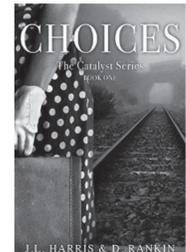
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

CT Authors Trail - J.L. Harris & D. Rankin, Preston residents, will be discussing their book, *Choices*, a story of sisterly devotion and ultimate betrayal. A heartbreaking yet inspiring tale of courage, faith, and the complex nature of relationships.

August 29, 6:30 pm

Library Community Room



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