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## 5,100 affected by loss of ACP

By Bill Doak

When Kyle Rosado's hometown of Yabucoa, located on the southeastern corner of Puerto Rico, was hit by Hurricane Maria in 2017, devastation was total.

"I left after 9 months. It took 10 months to get electricity back," Rosado related. "I decided to come to East Hartford because this is where I had family. I don't regret it."

Without strong English speaking skills, he found himself at the East Hartford Public Library. Here he connected with EH Works! which provided him with "wrap-around services" – help with a resume, business prep classes, language skills, and basic job training and an internet account that allowed him to land a job. Key to that was a \$30 internet subsidy which the library's Digital Navigators helped Rosado obtain.

"I suddenly had access to one of the world's most powerful tools, that is the internet," Rosado said. "It does make a difference. I was raised by a single mother and my grandmother back in Puerto Rico. Now we had internet in the household. If I didn't under-

See **CONNECTIVITY**, page 10



**DIGITAL NAVIGATOR** Aujahdai Ambrose speaks at the Raymond Library Thursday as Congressman John Larson looks on. Ambrose is one of the library's new team of Digital Navigators along with Malia Hunt, fourth from left. They were hired in 2021 to help citizens connect to the internet; now they are trying to help them stay connected.

## EHHS Spanish teacher honored at UConn

East Hartford High School Spanish Teacher Amber Dickey was named UConn's Neag School of Education's Outstanding School Educator of the year.

A 2017 graduate of the Neag School's foreign language education master's program, Dickey was recognized as EHHS's Teacher of the Month in 2021.

At EHHS Dickey proposed, developed, and piloted the first Heritage Spanish two-year course sequence.



Amber Dickey

She also modifies and enhances curricula monthly in response to student strengths and collaborates with other Heritage Spanish teachers to ensure vertical alignment of course and linguistic expectations for growth.

At EHHS, Dickey is a data team leader and leads meetings for all secondary World Language teachers in the district. While balancing mentoring new teachers in the department, she's also an EHHS study abroad liai-

son for Costa Rican Resources, an advisor for the junior class and the ASL Club, and an assistant coach for the cross-country team. Dickey will be a primary presenter at a University of Wisconsin online webinar for K-16 educators, is a teacher fellow for the UConn Human Rights Close to Home program, and is a published author for "Teacher's Discovery."

"I am humbled and deeply honored to receive the Outstanding School Educator Award," Dickey said. "This

See **EHHS TEACHER**, pg. 10

## Early voting starts Tuesday

By Bill Doak

The outcome of the Presidential Preference Primary April 2 may seem to be a foregone conclusion for Connecticut voters. But the message from the Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas Tuesday in Hartford was to encourage everyone to go to the polls – and to take advantage of the first early voting process in state history.

Early voting days will be

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**SECRETARY OF STATE** Stephanie Thomas speaks Tuesday.

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# AROUND TOWN

## Health Dept. surveying public about vaccination perceptions

Did someone ask you how you feel about vaccinations?

If so, the town's Health Department posted an explanation Monday, March 18: It is conducting a "Rapid Community Assessment" this week of town residents, school employees and town employees over 18 years old may participate.

Surveys take only 5-10 minutes, will be available online in English and Spanish, and will be anonymous and may be accessed here:

[https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_86Y0Ya0121cknFc](https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_86Y0Ya0121cknFc)

The survey focuses on community's perception of the COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations and is being conducted by the town "in collaboration with the Yale-Griffin Prevention Research Center (Y-G PRC), is conducting a survey to understand communication channels and residents' thoughts about vaccination. This information will help to improve vaccine confidence and uptake efforts." "It is important for us as the local health department to understand the different issues that may affect whether people in the community get vaccinated or not, and what we can do to ensure they have access to these vaccinations," stated the posting on the town website.

"Our objectives with this survey are to learn about people's attitudes about vaccines, things that make it easier or harder to get vaccinated, to learn about

your experiences with vaccine-related information, and gather how you think vaccine confidence and access to vaccines can be increased," said East Hartford Health Dept. Deputy Director Amanda Garrity.

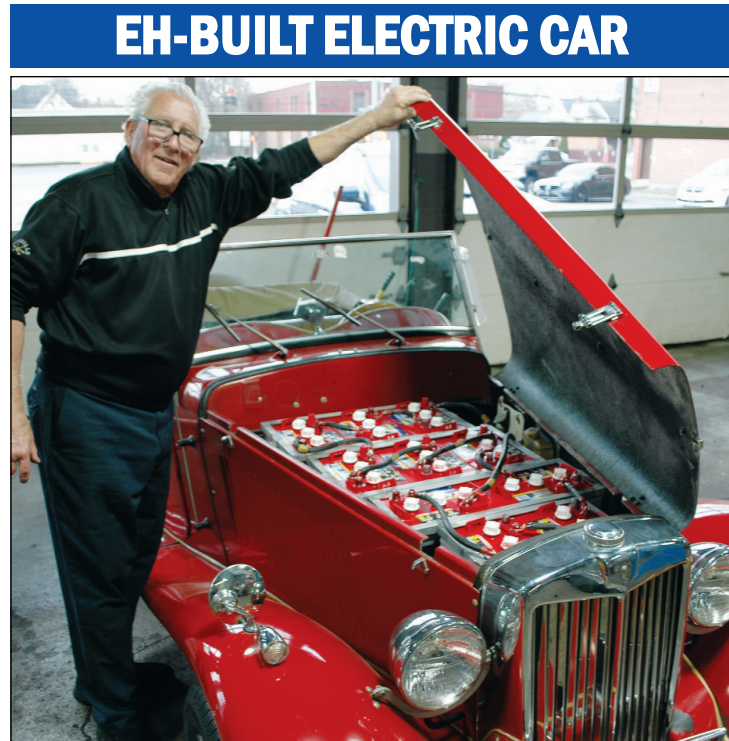
If questions e-mail Allison Beaulieu, [allison.beaulieu@yale.edu](mailto:allison.beaulieu@yale.edu) If you would like to talk with someone other than the study team to discuss problems or concerns, to discuss situations in the event that a member of the study team is not available, or to discuss your rights as a participant, you may call the Griffin Hospital Institutional Review Board at (203) 735-7421 or email [Ljaser@griffinhealth.org](mailto:Ljaser@griffinhealth.org).

East Hartford Health Dept. and volunteers went to various locations and events around town during the week.

## EH Alumni Scholarship available for undergrads

The East Hartford Alumni Association and Education Foundation is offering the inaugural East Hartford Alumni Legacy Scholarship to East Hartford graduates.

This scholarship is open to any East Hartford Public School graduate who completed high school prior to the current school year (2023-2024) and is pursuing either: an undergraduate degree; a certification through a vocational training program; or a graduate or professional degree.



JOE TATASCIORE, owner of Herb's Auto Electric, is helping to restore the unique Jones' Auto Electric car. He shows part of the 10 battery cells which power the unique vehicle, ahead of its time when made by Jones.

professional degree.

The East Hartford Alumni Association and Education Foundation will award up to a total of \$5,000 in scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 each.

Application requirements: You must submit the following by May 15, 2024 for your application to be considered complete:

Application including a response to the essay question (500 words or less): What influenced your decision to continue your education at this time, and how will this scholarship help you further your future endeavors?

A high school transcript or copy of diploma demonstrating you graduated from the East Hartford Public School system. This must be emailed to [giving@ehalumnifoundation.org](mailto:giving@ehalumnifoundation.org).

Recipients will be notified by June 30, 2024. Email [info@ehalumnifoundation.org](mailto:info@ehalumnifoundation.org) if you have any questions.

## Tea time at Garden Club

The Garden Club of East Hartford presents Nora Toomey, Clinical Herbalist of True Bloom who will be speaking on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 617 Hills St.

Her talk, "Nourishing the Nervous System: Herbs for Stress & Anxiety" will inform us about a handful of plants that nourish and support the nervous system. In this one-hour program, you will learn about plant actions and energetics as well as practical applications and preparations of various plants that prevent and relieve anxiety.

Each participant will receive a relaxing tea blend. The public is invited. A brief club meeting will follow.

## Home info

Take the important first step toward home ownership by attending the Getting Your First Mortgage workshop Wednesday, April 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Raymond Library community room #1.

Bank loan officers will tell you about the fundamentals of home buying: Determining your credit needs, Getting your financial profile in order, Available down payment assistance programs and How your mortgage payment is calculated.

Register in advance, as space is limited. Free. Go to the East Hartford library website and sign up: <https://easthartfordct.libcal.com/event/12038588>

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Goodwin University is seeking grant funding from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Recreational Trails Program. Goodwin will host a public meeting about the project on Thursday, April 4, 2024, 5 pm in Room 311, 211 Riverside Drive, East Hartford.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

The Town Council of the Town of East Hartford will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Cultural Center Auditorium, and via the Teams platform, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 7:15 pm. to hear public comment on the Town Bidding Threshold Ordinance, the Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance Ordinance and the Food Vendor Ordinance.

Any person(s) wishing to express an opinion on this matter may do so at this meeting.

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# Main Street closed Saturday at Pitkin

Saturday, March 23, from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. a portion of Main Street at Pitkin will be closed for a stop log exercise.

The purpose of the stop log exercise is to practice and prepare for a levee closure using the structure across Main Street just south of Pitkin.

Main Street between Pitkin and Silver Lane will be closed to all traffic and pedestrians at 6 a.m. Saturday, March 23, and will remain closed for the duration of the exercise, town Public Works officials stated.

Detours will be posted along Pitkin and Jayce Streets, as well as Silver Lane Extension. All

businesses within the area should plan to remain open throughout the exercise and patrons will be allowed to access them either via Pitkin Street or from the intersection of Main and Silver Lane Extension.

Police officers will be posted at various locations along the detour route.

A shuttle will be provided for pedestrians needing to cross the closed portion of Main Street.

"The Stop Log Exercise is an important drill that allows us to evaluate our operational readiness to respond to a flood emergency. This exercise provides

real-life experience to personnel from several different town agencies, including public works, the fire department, and the police department for a potential flood emergency," said Mayor Connor Martin.

The drill is being held in accordance with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) mandates, to ensure the Town has the materials, equipment, and trained staff necessary to erect the closure in the event of a flooding emergency.

For more information on the levee system visit: Levee System/easthartfordct

## Holy Week services at South Congregational

South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St., has planned the following worship opportunities for Holy Week, March 24 - 30.

All are open to the community.

**Mandy Thursday** worship begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. After music, prayers and meditation, the service will conclude with a Tenebrae ceremony which is characterized by scripture readings and the gradual extinguishing of candles fol-

lowing these readings.

Attendees are encouraged to leave the sanctuary in silence.

**March 29, Good Friday**, the church sanctuary will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. for anyone to drop in for a time of personal meditation. Rev. Kent Rhodehamel will offer scripture readings on every hour.

**Easter Sunday, March 31st**, brings a celebratory worship service which will include a special musical performance by a brass quintet. The service be-

gins at 10:00 a.m.

South Church is handicap accessible and parking is available behind the building. Follow the paved walkway from the parking lot to enter the church.

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Thursday, March 28, 2024



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## SPEAKING OUT & LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### East Hartford not becoming 'the cannabis capitol of Connecticut'

Recently a story about a proposed cannabis retail location approval called East Hartford "the cannabis retail capitol" of Connecticut.

In truth East Hartford has permitted two retail sales outlets, and two warehouse locations. Most Connecticut towns which have allowed cannabis sales have approved two outlets for such use. In reality East Hartford has permitted just what the legalization law allows - no more, no less.

Cities and towns impacted adversely by the enforcement of drug laws targeting cannabis sales are now the locations for reversing the social impact of those arrests.

East Hartford is one of many state municipalities identified to allow legal sales under "Public Act 21-1, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis."

Public Act 21-1, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized the adult use of cannabis in Connecticut. The bill established a Social Equity Council,

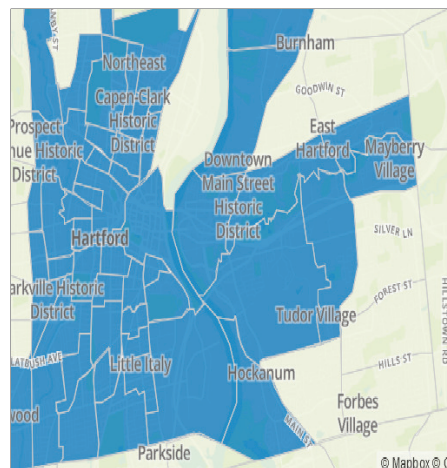
which will promote and encourage the full participation in the cannabis industry by people from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition. The bill targets its equity measures at "disproportionately impacted areas" (or DIAs), census tracts in the state that meet certain statistical thresholds, as determined annually by the Social Equity Council.

The map below shows census tracts that are approved for identification as disproportionately impacted areas, according to Public Act 23-79, An Act Concerning Cannabis Regulation. "Disproportionately impacted area" means on and after August 1, 2023, a United States census tract in this state that has been identified by the Social Equity Council by using (1) a poverty rate metric and (2) ranking of historical conviction rates for drug-related offenses by census tract.

The map at right displays the 2023 approved disproportionately impacted areas. The list of the 2023 disproportionately impacted areas was approved by

the Social Equity Council on August 1, 2023.

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census tract.

To identify these census tracts, arrest and conviction records from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) were geocoded to calculate the count of cannabis-related convictions in Connecticut from 1982-2020 by census tract. Geocoding refers to a process for converting street addresses into spatial data (latitude and longitude) that can be displayed as features on a map.

The address records from DESPP were cleaned and then geocoded. The geocoded address points were then assigned to census tracts using the TIGER/LINE shapefile from the U.S. Census Bureau that defines Connecticut census tracts. The conviction rates for each tract were calculated using the 5-year estimated population from the 2017-2021 American Community Survey (ACS), a product of the Census Bureau.

For more information about adult-use cannabis in Connecticut, visit [ct.gov/cannabis](http://ct.gov/cannabis).

### Ambulance companies press for 20 percent hike in Medicare reimbursement

A coalition of ambulance, emergency medical service (EMS) providers and state lawmakers gathered to call on the full General Assembly to "keep the promise." A modest increase in funding was approved in last year's budget for the way the state reimburses EMS providers who serve Medicaid patients. The coalition came together to reject Governor Ned Lamont's proposal to eliminate the much-needed 20 percent increase for Medicaid services. The \$5.36 million measure, which was overwhelmingly supported by lawmakers from both parties and signed into law by the Governor, was enacted to help support the staffing and retention of EMS personnel during a time of rising costs and staff short-

ages and payable in the upcoming second year of the two-year budget.

"Connecticut's ambulance services are always there when someone needs us, and when we needed help last year, the Governor and legislature gave us short-term help with a modest boost in Medicaid rates and commissioned a study to examine long-term, structural reforms to how this state pays for Medicaid services for its neediest people," said Bill Schietinger, from American Medical Response, who serves as Chair of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board. "The \$5 million that they provided for us was a recognition that ambulance services need urgent help as the study takes place. Now the Governor

wants to take that money away, and we are here to urge the entire General Assembly to keep the promise that they made."

"Basic and advanced life support emergency transports are reimbursed at 62 percent of Medicare rates, and in a world where funding equals access to care, ambulance services in areas with high Medicaid populations and those in my area in the rural parts of the state are even harder hit by the current reimbursement scheme, Schietinger added."

"Connecticut reimburses EMS and other healthcare providers for a portion of the services we provide, based on a percentage of what the federal Medicare program pays, and the federal rates do not reflect the

full cost of care," said Arne Meis from Winsted Area Ambulance Association. "This means Connecticut's ambulance and EMS providers lose money on every Medicaid patient we serve."

The ambulance and EMS providers said that this erodes the reliability of Connecticut's EMS system at a time when operational expenses are rising and staff recruitment and retention are falling.

"We were as relieved with the help the budget provided last June as we were astonished to see it taken away in the Governor's proposed budget adjustment last month," added Meis. "We are here today to put our shoulders behind the efforts that Democrats and Republicans in the legislature are tak-

ing to keep the promise they made last year."

Lawmakers from both sides of the political aisle showed united support for rejecting the Governor's proposed cut.

"We made a promise last session to give a modest increase to our ambulance and EMS providers. These providers play an integral role in public health, we must keep our word and support these critical services," said state Sen. Matt Lesser, Senate Chair of the Human Services Committee. "We know our Medicaid program is critically underfunded. So it's baffling why the Governor's budget would propose cutting budgeted increases for ambulance and EMS providers. These increases were agreed to by Gov. Lamont."



# In death, they found a way to remain in circulation

by Robert Kanehl

Did you know that there is someone who has made the Civil War Arch in Hartford his final resting place? Actually there are two people resting there, the architect George Keller and his wife, Mary. They were so enthusiastic about the project that when they died, they were cremated and placed within the arch.

This appears not to be an unusual request, according to my wife, who has begun hinting, now that I celebrated a certain birthday. Looking around, from simple tombstones, to pillars, to even 'books of life,' I have discovered there are many interesting final resting places.

People have wanted a memo-

rial to themselves since the beginning of time, just look at ancient Egypt for example. Many wealthy people have spent large parts of their fortune providing this memorial.

In East Hampton, there is an elaborate designed stone of a young lady looking at herself in a mirror. This stone used up the gold the interned found in Alaska, so his relatives would not benefit.

One of my wife's favorite final requests is that of Knight Harrison Ferris. Engraved on a large stone in West Cemetery right on the Manchester and East Hartford town line is the names of Knight and his wife Martha Manning.

Knight lived from 1888 to 1979. Martha lived from 1892 to

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1984. Unfortunately for the married couple, there is also engraved the sad reality of their family's grief. A daughter named Hope lived only one year, from 1920 to 21. On the other side is noted that 1921 saw the death of two boys, too young to have names.

Knight anonymously wrote the Old Cogger column about early 1900's life in the area for

the local paper. He became a forester and his hand prints touched several towns in the state through his work in planting and preserving trees. During the Great Depression he helped oversee the Civilian Conservation Corps landscaping and preservation programs.

He even secretly planted a black walnut seedling grown from walnuts collected at Mt. Vernon at the Pitkin Glass Works location.

This tree still graces the historical site off Porter Street.

After a 90 year productive life, his gravestone notes, he donated his body to Yale Medical College.

My wife thinks that's a good thought for me, but I don't want to scare off future medical stu-

dents. No, the best resting spot for me is in Harwinton, Connecticut.

It seems that 1800s resident Theodore A. Hungerford, became a successful publisher in Chicago and New York. Using his fortune, he established a trust to provide Harwinton with a public library. Enough funds were left to construct, stock and run the establishment, which served as the town library until recently. Currently the building is a museum dedicated to its name sake.

But there still remains, as laid out in the trust, a crypt with Hungerford's body in the basement of the building.

I have head of ghost writers before, but this is truly a ghost reader.

## SPEAKING OUT!

### Vote as if your country depends upon it - because it does

#### To the Editor:

As a concerned citizen, I am seriously afraid for the future of our country.

I realize that the choice this time is a difficult one, and many may not wish to vote for either candidate. But I implore you to vote, and also to think twice before you vote.

The choices of the two major party candidates have been decided, based on the presidential preference primaries in other states. Yet even though it is a foregone conclusion, Connecticut is about to go through the presidential preference primary process this month. Early voting begins March 26 for the first time. A historic moment to be sure.

Will Connecticut get a visit by one of the candidates for office? Who knows. Would it matter now? No, it will not.

Even with early voting, this is nothing new for Connecticut. Only one candidate has ever come to Connecticut to campaign: Barack Obama back in 2008. Not even Chris Dodd and Joe Lieberman campaigned here in their home state when they sought the nation's top jobs.

In 2024, the choices are not between the lesser of two evils, but the choice between the incumbent and the previous leader. My fear is for the nation because we, the people, have a very short political memory.

Do we vote for someone who is an admirer of the leader of

China, of Russia and North Korea? Someone who has received money to pay his bonds from Russian sources?

Someone who is only interested in inflating his ego and doesn't care a whit for who he hurts to stroke his ego?

Has caused the destruction of one of our major political parties, pretends he is religious when I, personally, believe he is actually the anti-Christ, and seems to want a position of dictator where he can decide to do anything he wants?

Someone who would dissolve the Constitution and make himself all-powerful and above the law and use the government to destroy anyone who doesn't follow his wishes? Who will make it legal to stay in power as long as he personally wishes?

One choice for President manipulates people by being a bully, or only pretends to care. That choice seeks to reward the rich, and ignore the middle class. That choice has been said to be a puppet of Putin and Putin wants him back in office as a way to weaken the power of the U.S.

He caters to those who have been discontented, for some reason, and tells them that he will take care of them.

In reality, if elected into the White House, one man clearly will only take care of himself. He is proud of using other people's money, called people who pay their taxes stupid. Read about him in his own words,

the Art of the Deal. A good businessman? A shrewd business operator. To him it is all the same. Being bailed out by his father's or other people's money in order to stay afloat is all fair game.

He has taken away many

rights of women, belittled the gay/lesbian community and those who stand against him.

This is not a case of saying "nobody's perfect." This is a matter of allowing a vengeful tyrant to retake the throne.

Again, vote even if you feel it

won't matter. And please, please, think seriously before voting, and deciding who to vote for. It is one of the most important things we can do as Americans.

Joan Perrone  
East Hartford

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## SW cello concert Sunday

SWCA Presents Cellist Michael Katz and Pianist Spencer Myer in Concert March 24th. The concert starts at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Crossings Retirement Community, 900 Hemlock Avenue, South Windsor.

Admission is free. Reception with the artist follows.

Hailed by the press for his "bold, rich sound" (Strad Magazine) and "nuanced musicianship," (The New York Times), Grammy nominated Cellist Michael Katz has appeared as a soloist and chamber musician in venues, at music festivals and with orchestras around the world. His musicianship has been recognized with many awards, among them all three awards at the 2011 Aviv Competition, first prizes at the 2010 Juilliard School's Concerto Competition, and the 2005 Turjeman Competition, as well as awards from the America Israel Cultural Foundation and the Ronen Foundation. Born in Tel-Aviv Israel, Mr. Katz began his cello studies at age 7. Mr. Katz received his Bachelor of Music

degree from the New England Conservatory where he studied with Laurence Lesser, his Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School where he studied with Joel Krosnick, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from SUNY Stony Brook as a student of Colin Carr.

Pianist Spencer Myer's orchestral, recital and chamber music performances have been heard throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa and Asia. Mr. Myer's career was launched with three important prizes: First Prize in the 2004 UNISA International Piano Competition in South Africa, the 2006 Christel DeHaan Classical Fellowship from the American Pianists Association and the Gold Medal from the 2008 New Orleans International Piano Competition. Spencer Myer's debut CD was released in the fall of 2007 to critical acclaim by Fanfare and Gramophone magazines.

The program will include Dvorák's "Silent Woods" from The Bohemian Forest, Op. 68;



Michael Katz

Kodály's "Cello Sonata, Op. 4"; Debussy's "Sonata for Cello and Piano in D minor, L. 135"; Grieg's "Allegretto for Cello and Piano in E major"; and Prokofiev's "Cello Sonata, Op. 119".

## Bring your favorite chili to the Grange March 21

Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St. in the Hillstown neighborhood, is hosting a big blowout Chili Fest Thursday, March 21.

Got a good recipe? Enter for the chance to win bragging rights!

Doors open at 6 p.m. for din-

ner featuring homemade chili. The Grange hopes to have some plain and some spicy for heat lovers.

Three scoops of chili, cornbread, drink and dessert - \$10. Chili cooks that bring a pot of chili get reduced price admission. For those bringing pots of chili, please come between 5:15 and 5:45. There will be prizes for best chili, first empty pot, and hottest chili.

The Grange Ag Committee will have a new supply of free garden seeds available. FMI call Frank at 860-690-2845 or email [hillstowngrange@aol.com](mailto:hillstowngrange@aol.com).

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# CELEBRATING MEXICO

Spring is here, and your town libraries have a full lineup of events. On April 8, from 2 until 5 p.m. you can **view the solar eclipse** from the lawns and benches outside both the Raymond and Wickham libraries. A Community Viewing Event will be held from the lawns of both branches, so join library staff at whichever branch is most convenient. The eclipse will be most noticeable between 2:13 and 4:37 p.m.

In the event of cloudy weather, a free indoor eclipse celebration takes place at the Raymond Library. Now through the Great American Solar Eclipse event, if you attend any library program in March you can get a free pair of eclipse viewing glasses. One pair of glasses per person.

### Spring vacation programs

*Job Prep for Teens*, Monday - Friday, April 8 - 12, 9 a.m. until noon. Are you between the ages of 14 - 24 and looking for help finding a job? Join us at Raymond Library for a series of in-person workshops, sponsored in partnership with East Hartford Works! Participants must attend at least one session to receive an invitation to Friday's Job Fair. Registration required. For program description and link to the registration form, visit the library website.

Monday: Resume Prep and Customer Service/Personal Branding Training; Tuesday: Red Cross Babysitters Training (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) OR Adult

## AT THE LIBRARY

& Pediatric First Aid (9 a.m.- 2 p.m.) [lunch provided]; Wednesday: Credit for Life Fair; Thursday: Communication and Teamwork; Friday: Job Fair.

*Read to Dogs*, Tuesday, April 9, 11 a.m. until noon. Come meet the library's furry friends! Members of the Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs group will be here with their dogs. Sign up to spend time each month reading together. Reading aloud to a dog can improve fluency, confidence, and comfort around dogs. Children and teens can sign up to read to a dog for 15 minutes at Raymond Library. Bring your own book or borrow one from the library! Registration is required. Best suited for children ages 5 and up reading independently.

**Wickham Program:** *Acrobat Li Liu with Elegant Equilibristics and Other Cool Stuff*, Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. - Li Liu was born in the city of Shenyang in The Northeast of China. At the age of six she began her acrobatic training, and the following year she was chosen to attend The Chinese National Circus School in the capitol city of Beijing. While in Beijing she trained for eight hours a day until she was 16. For many years Ms. Liu traveled extensively throughout Europe, Africa and Asia with The Liaoning Acrobatic Arts Troupe. She came to the United States in

2000 with Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus and toured all over the US for two years. She has been living in the US and working as a freelance performer since 2003. Li Liu's performance is made possible by the town Commission on Culture and Fine Arts. All ages. Register for a reminder.

**Makerspace Program: Paint By Number**, Thursday, April 11, 6 to 7 p.m. Have a fun and relaxing evening in the Makerspace at Raymond Library painting a paint-by-number. Registration required.

*Blackout Poetry*, Friday, April 12, 2 to 4 p.m. Stop by Raymond Library and take markers to old books and find the poems hidden within the pages. For ages 8 and up. No registration required.

**LEGO Play Day** - Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.; Sunday, April 14, 2 to 4 p.m. Use your imagination to build and create with LEGOs! Pick a design challenge card out of the bowl or make a creation of your own choosing. Completed LEGO masterpieces will stay on display at the library for the rest of the week. Program is for children of all ages. Duplo blocks will be available for our youngest builders.

Register for reminders online. The Raymond Library is located at 840 Main St. The Wickham Library is located at 656 Burnside Avenue.

FMI go to [www.easthartfordct.gov/library](http://www.easthartfordct.gov/library) or call 860-



**TERE LUNA** gave an interactive performance of Mexican music and dance Sunday at the Raymond Library. Tere studied under Marlén Santillán and Amalia Viviana Hernández, and both performed professionally and taught for many years. With her colorful dresses and narratives, she told stories of the rich tradition and culture of Mexico, and soon had everyone in the room dancing and following her with enthusiasm.

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# EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

## *In madness of March, march on*

I don't do brackets. I believe gambling on sports distorts the way you analyze them.

So, let's go to the brackets.

Rather than analyzing which number one seed drew the toughest bracket, analyze which region is the toughest for everyone else. That's the East, where the road to Phoenix goes through UCONN, the toughest out of the 68 teams.

Not only are defending national champions UConn better than the one that dominated last year's tournament, the Huskies are the #1 seed and vaulted

## **SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS**

by Scott Gray



over Houston and Purdue who both failed to win their conference tournaments. The overall #1 seed earns the right to request where they'd be seeded. UConn Coach Dan Hurley chose the East, in Brooklyn, where railroad alumni have an easy trek to the arena and a Friday start against Stetson. It'll be a home atmosphere. The Huskies don't wonder why they drew this division; Iowa State and Illinois do.

North Carolina may be the most vulnerable top seed with Arizona a very capable #2 in the West, where fourth seed Alabama may be an even more dangerous wild card than third seed Baylor. Toss in Clemson and Saint Mary's and this may be the most competitive region. North Carolina doesn't have to wonder why they drew it. They were a surprise fourth #1, edging past Tennessee.

Which takes us to the Midwest, where Tennessee's second and Purdue is #1. Purdue spent most of the season as the consensus top overall seed before showing chinks in the armor late in the regular season and in the Big Ten tournament. With Tennessee and Texas in the same region it may not be the most competitive, but it may well be the most dangerous for the top seed.

Houston stormed to season's end to earn the top seed in the South, where Marquette, from the Big East, is the second seed, and America East champ Vermont is seeded 13th. Houston may have the easiest road. The Big East drew just three NCAA berths, America East the usual one.

I have UConn, Texas, Arizona and Houston in the final four; UConn winning it all.

I was surprised the women's committee, just for star power, didn't put Stanford and Tara Vanderveer in the same region as UConn and Geno Auriemma, setting a potential meeting of the all-time coaching win leaders. Stanford is seeded second, behind Texas, in Portland 4. The Huskies, with Alliyah Edwards back, are better than the team the committee seeded third in Portland 3. They open Saturday at Gampel against Jackson State. USC is the region's top seed, Ohio State second. If it comes down to it I like UConn over Ohio State, then give them an even chance against USC.

South Carolina and Iowa are the Albany 1 and Albany 2 top seeds. If anyone keeps it from being an all #1 final four I think it will be UCONN. When the Huskies have three players off the bench talent alone makes them dangerous. I like them at least to the final eight.

South Carolina goes all the way.

But I don't do brackets.

## EHHS RUNNERS THIRD AT NIKE NATIONALS



**LET'S GO HORNETS!** Congratulations to these EHHS Seniors who placed 3rd overall in the Mixed 4X400 Meter Relay at the Nike Indoor Nationals last weekend! Jayden Brown, Jayden Burney, Keira Stewart and Kyrah Smith were also selected to the All American Indoor Track Team.

## TRY ZUMBA! in H<sup>2</sup>O or land

Adult Aqua Zumba will be held on Mondays and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the East Hartford Middle School pool.

The spring session will include 16 classes. and is \$80 for residents and non-residents. Classes begin Monday, March 25. Registration required online at [www.ehparks.org](http://www.ehparks.org), and registration is open now. Instructors from Eliza's Energy Source.

Adult Zumba and Yopalates will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Sunset Ridge Middle School Gymnasium. Zumba will be from 6pm - 7pm and Yopalates will be from 7:15pm - 8pm. The spring session will include 18 classes and is \$70 for residents and non-residents. Classes will begin on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Registration is required online at [www.ehparks.org](http://www.ehparks.org), and registration is open now for residents and non-residents. Instructors from Eliza's Energy Source. FMI visit <https://www.easthartfordct.gov/parks-recreation/pages/adult-senior-programs-1> or call 860-291-7160.

## Special Olympic Spring Sports starts on April 6

East Hartford Parks and Recreation is excited to announce that registration is now open for our Special Olympics Spring sports programs. These programs are open to special needs athletes aged 8 and up. Returning and new athletes can register online at [www.ehparks.org](http://www.ehparks.org).

The Special Olympics Swimming program will take place on Saturday mornings at the E.H Middle School Pool, from April 6th to May 25th, 8:45 am - 9:45 am. The fee is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. The Summer Games swim meet will be held during the first weekend in June.

The Special Olympics Track and Field program will also take place on Saturday mornings at the E.H Middle School Track & Field, from April 6th to May 25th, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. The fee is \$65 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. The Summer Games track meet will be held during the first weekend in June.

For more information about

our programs for participants with special needs, please visit East Hartford Parks and Recreation online at [www.easthartfordct.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.easthartfordct.gov/parks-recreation) or contact the Parks and Recreation office by phone at 860-291-7160.

## Lifeguards wanted

Lifeguard applicants must be at least 15 years old and have current certification in American Red Cross Lifeguarding OR be able to successfully complete a course prior to the start of the summer season. Lifeguards are assigned to one of the town's pools, and typically work a varied schedule including nights and weekends. The starting rate for a certified lifeguard this summer will be \$16.19 per hour.

Not yet certified? No problem! We have two upcoming lifeguarding courses, April 18th through May 11th, and the second course will be Mondays through Fridays May 13th through May 24th. Registration is available online at [www.ehparks.org](http://www.ehparks.org).



## OBITUARIES

## Pablo 'Pavi' Torres; USMC Vietnam veteran

Pablo "Pavi" Torres, 75, of East Hartford, entered into eternal rest surrounded by his family on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, and has reunited with his loving wife of 45 years, Josefina Sustache. Born on June 26, 1948, in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, the beloved son of Elena Torres, he had been a resident of Hartford for several years before moving to East Hartford in 1998. Pablo was a proud veteran, serving in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After honorably completing his commitment to the Marine Corps, he held numerous jobs in Puerto Rico before moving to Connecticut in 1987. While in Connecticut, he worked numerous jobs before retiring as a U.S. Postal Service maintainer to be a full-time caregiver of over ten years to his beloved wife, Josefina. In his free time, Pablo enjoyed cooking, playing dominoes, gardening, and joking around, as he was known to have a sensational sense of humor. A devout



Pablo 'Pavi' Torres

Catholic, he was a member of St. Christopher Church of Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford, and was very strong in his faith – he found comfort and strength in the Catholic faith. Above all, Pablo took the most pride in his family, caring for his wife before she passed and being a loving and devoted father, grandfather, brother,

uncle, and friend.

Pablo leaves behind his three children: Colonel Pablo J. Torres of Suffolk, VA, with the U.S. Marine Corps; two daughters, Marlena Torres of East Hartford, with whom he made his home; and Idelisa Torres of Manchester. His three grandchildren are Elicia, Adrian, and Austin. He also leaves behind fourteen siblings: Providencia, Mercedes, Haydeé, Edwin, Rita, Jorge, Margarita, Gladys, Jaime, Francisco, Gerardo, Alicia, Carlos, and Yolanda and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Funeral services took place Tuesday, March 19, from the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at St. Christopher Church followed by burial with military honors at Silver Lane Cemetery. Gifts in Pablo's name may be made to the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)).

## James 'Jim' Birtles, 70

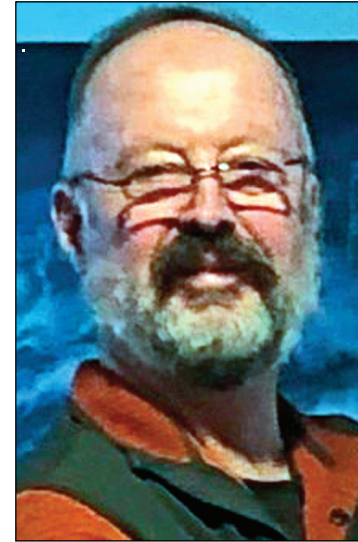
James A. Birtles, 70, husband of Charlene (Strong) Birtles passed away quietly in his sleep on March 14, 2024.

James was born August 6, 1953 in Hartford, a son of the late Alfred and Florence (Vermilyea) Birtles. He graduated East Hartford High School and then joined the U.S. Navy as a Seabee. Upon returning he worked for UTC in the Fuel Cells and Power Divisions and K&F Brick Co.

Jim enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting, was a member of the Rockville Fish & Game Club, East Hartford Sportsman's Club and an avid bowler at 10 Pin Bowling Lanes.

In addition to his wife, Charlene, he is survived by a niece, Brianna Birtles of Enfield.

Relatives and friends my visit with the family on Thursday, March 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Avenue. A Memorial



James 'Jim' Birtles

Service will follow at 11:30. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory may be made to Ducks Unlimited, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120-2350 or [www.donate.ducks.org](http://www.donate.ducks.org)

## Gayle 'GG' Fisher; active in her church, community, and town politics

On a beautiful morning, March 13, 2024, Gayle "GG" Fisher passed from the arms of her son David and daughter Katy, into heaven, where she was sure to be met by her husband Orin and son Michael, who predeceased her.

After a courageous three year battle with dementia, where she lost many great memories but retained a strong fight and wit to the end, she is now at peace.

GG, as she was known by all who loved her, lived her entire life in East Hartford. After her husband passed away suddenly, she cared for her family while balancing a career and a part-time job. Her mom Virginia was a tremendous help to her during this time.

When her children were young she volunteered at the concession stand at the Little League field in McAuliffe Park and traveled to hockey, baseball, soccer and softball games in support of her children's teams.

In the midst of it all she battled non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma twice, and still carried on raising three kids on her own. Her children learned from her example and enjoyed every

moment they had with her. David lives in East Hartford and brought her the best dog in the world, Buddy, to comfort her during the journey of dementia.

Michael, married to Lisa, carried GG's tradition of public service and spirit of determination. He passed away from pancreatic cancer but his memory burned bright despite the loss of so many others.

Katy, married to Nicole, lives in Niantic with their children Maya and Jameson and shares GG's great love of the beach, golf, gardening, kayaking and spending time outdoors.

GG worked for over twenty years in Hartford, serving as an administrative assistant in the Connecticut Sheriff's Office and then in the Marshals Office, a job she proudly took over after her own mother retired.

She was a member of the St. Isaac Jogues Women's Club, the Democratic Women's Club, and the Democratic Town 2nd District Committee, and served as a poll volunteer for every election up until her illness set in.

She believed that well-behaved women rarely made



Gayle 'GG' Fisher

history and worked to support candidates who demonstrated the ideals she believed would make society better for all.

GG loved road trips with "GB," William "Bill" Gaffey, her longtime partner and fellow travel enthusiast. Together they drove through New England, finding the best places to eat and wander. She enjoyed playing golf and watching her favorite teams, UCONN Women's Basketball and the Red Sox.

Her cottage at Oak Grove beach in Niantic was her favorite place to be. Putting her feet in the water was a pastime she enjoyed like no other and she passed her love of the water to her entire family, who cannot even think about the beach without picturing her rolling up her pants and walking in the waves.

Her greatest love of all, with no exception, was her love for her four grandchildren: Morgan, Kelsey, Maya, and Jameson. She traveled to every game, school event, and celebration, cheering them on in every activity and proudly sharing great stories of their achievements to her friends and anyone else who would listen! She taught them to use their manners, appreciate nature, and to believe in themselves. Each time she saw them, she would whisper into their ear, "Who's the best?" This was not just a compliment that she gave them, but rather a commitment she reminded them of each time she saw them. Be the best you can be. Make your best effort in all that you do, and make sure you do your best by others.

In addition to the family

mentioned above, GG is survived by her sister Sylvia, an extensive group of cousins, and many, many dear friends. She was lucky to have the kindness and support of Pansy HomeCare Services as the days became difficult to navigate on her own and her family is especially grateful for the loving care of Kelly, Glenda, Tameka, and Pansy.

We will celebrate her life and share great memories on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10:30 am with calling hours starting at 9:30 am at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, (Section R-2), Burnside Avenue, East Hartford.

In lieu of flowers, please make and share great memories with others.

This journey has made us all realize precious memories are never lost. They may fade in the minds of some but will be carried on forever in the hearts of the people we love.

For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit [www.desopoe.com](http://www.desopoe.com).



# Early Voting begins on Tuesday

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March 26, 27, 28, and 30, with voting hours from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Election Day for the Presidential Preference Primary will be on Tuesday, April 2, with voting hours from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

In East Hartford early voting will take place at a special designated area on the second floor of the Raymond Library set aside for that purpose by Librarian Sarah Morgan. There will be only one early voting location in the town, noted election officials, with your neighborhood polling place only opening on Election Day itself, April 2.

And yes, there will be Saturday voting," said Secretary of State Thomas. Ballots will be ordered by the town Registrars of Voters and only one laptop will be used to check voters in for the Presidential primary. A secure, dedicated internet voting connection will be set up from the library to the Secretary of State's office in Hartford.

As the Raymond Library's normal operating hours on Saturday are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on March 30 the library will remain open with extended hours until 6 p.m. to accommodate early voting with other library services limited.

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There is no early voting on Good Friday, March 29.

The state ballot boxes at the Town Hall and the Public Safety Complex will not be open for early voting. Be prepared to wait in a line at the library as each voter is checked in one by one.

Secretary of State Thomas thanked the state's many local registrars of voters for helping with the Early Vote effort.

"Absent funding for public outreach and education, my office is making every effort to make resources available. I am asking all stakeholders – including the press – to assist in our efforts to inform voters about early voting and how to engage with the democratic process."

Secretary Thomas made an appeal to the General Assembly's Appropriations Committee for a \$2.5 million an adjustment to the state's budget for more funding towards elections in the state.

"Towns are doing their fair share," said Secretary Thomas. "We're just asking the state to do theirs."

More information about early voting can be found at: MyVote.ct.gov.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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**NOTICE TO Nayomi Rodriguez Perez, whose last known residence was in the town of Caguas, PR.**

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the East Hartford Probate Court, a hearing will be held at the East Hartford Probate Court, E. Hartford Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT 06108, on **April 4, 2024, at 2:45 PM** on a petition for Continued Removal of Guardian of the Person concerning a certain minor child born on September 15, 2023. The Court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

**RIGHT TO COUNSEL:** If the above-named persons wish to have an attorney, but are unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By order of the court,

Idaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

# Loss of internet subsidy to affect 5,100 homes

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stand something at school I had the internet as a resource to go to, to learn what was in the world and also about myself. Now I am able to be a public speaker and speak English. I could not have done that without the internet."

In East Hartford some 5,100 homes are connected to the internet thanks to the ACP, or the Affordable Connectivity Program. The town received \$250,000 from the FCC to offer subsidized connectivity, paying \$30 toward internet service. With low-tier upload speeds the \$30 means households are online for free - or as low as \$9 a month, depending on their plan.

Now the four Digital Navigators working for the East Hartford Public Library are helping their ACP clients transition to other plans, such as Xfinity which offers plans as low as \$15, and Go Net Speed which told the Gazette that people can sign up for \$15 per month under a deal which only lasts until August.

Malia Hunt and Aujahdai Ambrose, two of the library's Digital Navigators, said an internet connection is a necessity for school, for work and for obtaining basic government services many of which need to be accessed online. Ther two are both East Hartford High School graduates who love their roles at the library. Hunt, studying for a degree in social work, said she is learning as she helps others.

"Our lives today depend on being online, she said. "It is about quality of life. It is satisfying to get whole families connected, and now our biggest fear is that they will just drop their connection because they are losign the subsidy.

Magdalena Wittenzellner, also a Digital Navigator, said being a mother of four she depends on having an internet connection for everything to do running her household.

"\$30 a month is a big deal to my monthly household budget," she said.

But GoNet Speed, an all-fiber network, does not cover the center of town: Main Street where the Raymond Library is located. Congressman John Larson said the library is central to the life of the families in East Hartford. His mother took her 8 children to the library regularly.

"It's logical to connect to the internet, I think everyone understands that," said Larson. "They understand the need and necessity to bring that into your house when you have a knowledge-based economy that relies on the internet. If you don't have access you are missing the boat."

Larson said he met with Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, chair of the appropriations commission, earlier that day to discuss the spending bill before Congress once again as it faces a shut down.

"Not only do you have the internet subsidy but we are looking to expand it," said Larson. "If all households don't have internet then surely they are missing out, leading to wealth inequity and income disparity."

The governor said the state will make nearly \$41 million available to fund projects that expand broadband infrastructure and improve internet connectivity using American Rescue Plan Act Capital Project Fund dollars through the state Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) through its ConneCTed Communities Grant Program.

While it will not subsidize the existing subscribers who

will be losing the FCC subsidy at the end of April, the state money will build new infrastructure "designed to support the goal of universal access to affordable, resilient, and reliable broadband."

The new state program will "prioritize underserved areas, focusing on those who have historically faced barriers to digital access."

The DEEP funded projects must be designed to connect residents and businesses to internet access with speeds of at least 100 megabits per second (Mbps) for downloads and 100Mbps for uploads. Applicants must be eligible to receive capital project funds, including local governments, private entities, and nonprofit organizations. Partnerships between public and private entities are encouraged.

## Mother's Day mammography van at St. Rose

The Hartford Healthcare Cancer Institute's Mobile Mammography van is coming to St. Rose Church, 33 Church St., Wednesday, May 8.

This service is aimed at women over 35 years of age. Patients between 35 and 39 years old only have one mammogram performed during this age period. After age 40, early detection tests should be carried out annually. Mammograms are not read on the spot. Patients will receive a letter in the mail 2-4 weeks after the mammogram with the results.

Appointments are required, and take only 10-20 minutes and are available from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The last day to schedule an appointment is the Friday prior to the event (May 3rd). Patients are required to give their date of birth and phone number upon scheduling, and insurance is not required. **If questions or to schedule an appointment, call the East Hartford Health Dept: 860-291-7324.**

This service is aimed at women over 35 years of age and who have had their last mammogram more than one year ago. Patients who had a diagnostic breast work-up at last mammogram with negative results and who received a recommendation to return.

## UConn honors EHHS teacher

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recognition is a testament to the incredible teamwork within my school community."

he Student Union Ballroom at UConn Storrs was filled on Saturday, March 9, with Neag School of Education Alumni Board members, faculty, staff, administrators, friends, and guests honoring eight distinguished Neag School alumni at the School's 26th annual Alumni Awards Celebration.

"Today, we are celebrating this event for the 26th consecutive year, thanks to the Neag School Alumni Board," said Jason G. Irizarry, dean of the Neag School of Education.

"A big thank you to all of the Board's past and present members for their continued support in making this annual celebration possible. It's always wonderful to see you all and spend the afternoon together."



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 (24-00126)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **March 12, 2024**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Kim Marie Woble, 375 Lake Street, Vernon, CT 06066

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF  
**CONRADO ALBERTO PUELLO**  
 (23-00483)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **March 7, 2024**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

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ESTATE OF  
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 (24-00122)

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Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Zbigniew Kabara, a/k/a  
 Joseph Kabara, 101 Jones  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF  
**RICHARD A. GALLANT, AKA  
 RICHARD ARNOLD GALLANT**  
 (24-00127)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **March 14, 2024**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

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# WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

**MARCH 21: HILLSTOWN GRANGE CHILI FEST.** Enter for the chance to win! Doors open at 6 p.m. for dinner featuring homemade chili. The Grange hopes to have some plain and some spicy for heat lovers. Three scoops of chili, cornbread, drink and dessert - \$10. Chili cooks that bring a pot of chili get reduced price admission. For those bringing pots of chili, please come between 5:15 and 5:45. There will be prizes for best chili, first empty pot, and hottest chili. The Grange Ag Committee will have a new supply of free garden seeds available. FMI call Frank at 860-690-2845; email hillstowngrange@aol.com. \*\*\*

**MARCH 21: GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26** Social Evening at the Masonic Hall, 895 Main St., South Glastonbury at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Beverly and Andy Bell will demonstrate starting your vegetable and flower gardens. Free seed packets for all. \*\*\*

**MARCH 22: THE AMERICAN PARKINSON DISEASE ASSOCIATION (APDA)** and Riverside Health & Rehabilitation will host a Parkinson's Lunch & Learn Friday, March 22 at 11 a.m. Held at Riverside Health & Rehab, 745 Main St., a complimentary lunch will be provided. Dr. J. Antonelle de Marcaid's topic: "Behavioral and Mental Health & Wellness in Parkinson's Disease." She is a board-certified neurologist with subspecialty training in movement disorders. Space limited. Register on the ctapda.org website and visit the events page, or e-mail hseymour@apdaparkinson.org, by March 18. You can also call Holly at 860-996-4276. \*\*\*

**MARCH 22, 23: EAST HARTFORD PARKS AND RECREATION WILL BE "SPLASHING FOR EGGS"** at the Middle School Pool, 777 Burnside Avenue, Friday, March 22 from 5:30-8 p.m. Participants will be assigned a time slot to 'hop' into the pool to collect some floating eggs. Children will then turn in their eggs for a goody bag. We will also have music, floats and snacks. U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets must be worn in the water for those who do not know how to swim, and children ages 6 and under must have a parent/guardian in the water with them at all times. This event is \$3 per child participant with an additional \$1.50 credit card processing fee and registration is required at ehparcs.org due to limited space. You may also stop by the Parks and Rec office and pay by cash or check. Parents/guardians do not need to register! \*\*\*

**MARCH 23: ANNUAL EGG HUNT AT MCAULIFFE PARK**, 30 Remington Road on Saturday, March 23rd starting at 11 am. There will be thousands of pieces of candy, treats and stuffed plastic eggs. This event is for children ages 10 and younger (and their accompanying parent/guardian.) Participants will be grouped by age and there will be staggered start times: Ages 3 and under 11 - 11:20am; (parent/guardian can accompany child on the field); Ages 4-5 11:30 - 11:50am; Ages 6-10

12:00 - 12:20pm Each child should bring their own bag or basket to collect eggs and candy. Please note that the parents/guardians of children ages 4 - 10 are not allowed on the field during the egg hunt. Dress appropriately for the weather. In case of inclement weather or poor field conditions, updates will be posted on www.facebook.com/ehparcs. \*\*\*

**MARCH 25: THE GARDEN CLUB OF EAST HARTFORD** presents Nora Toomey, Clinical Herbalist of True Bloom who will be speaking on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 617 Hills St. Her talk, "Nourishing the Nervous System: Herbs for Stress & Anxiety" will inform us about a handful of plants that nourish and support the nervous system. In this one-hour program, you

motor operator, dressed for the historical period. Learn about each historic car as you ride, and then climb aboard stationary trolleys at the visitors center. Make a hat, create a trolley fare ticket, visit the dress-up station to become a motorman or conductor. Lego station focusing on trolley and trains. Add your creation to the display. At the Fire Truck museum, view over 15 fire trucks dating back to 1923. LEGO Workshops are April 12 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$25 per person which includes admission. Advance registration required at www.ct-trolley.org. The Trolley Museum is located at 58 North Road (Rt. 140), admission is \$12 for adults, \$11 seniors 62 and up, \$11 for youth ages 12-17, and \$9 for ages 2-11. \*\*\*

**AMP UP YOUR GUITAR IQ** - The modern guitar has come a long way from its 15th century beginning as a literal instrument of rebellion in southern Spain. roots. Join University of Hartford Professor Christopher Ladd as he tracks the guitar's evolution to Bach, the Beatles, and Led Zeppelin. He'll both tell and show how the construction of the guitar itself has changed, with each incarnation opening up new musical expression. Music demonstrations included, of course! Sponsored by Presidents' College Lifelong Learning at the University of Hartford. Mondays, Apr. 15 & 29, May 6. 2:30-4 p.m. Visit hartford.edu/pc for more information. \*\*\*

**MAY 11: RACE IN THE PARK** registration now open. Run, walk and help save lives through the CT Breast Health Initiative. Stanley Quarter Park, New Britain on Mother's Day weekend, May 11. Sign up at www.ctbhi.org. Every dollar raised stays here in Connecticut. \*\*\*

**VETERANS COFFEE HOUR** at the Senior Center, 15 Milwood Dr., 10 a.m. third Tuesday of the month. Veterans - drop in! \*\*\*

**THE EAST HARTFORD SENIOR CENTER** serves breakfast Saturdays promptly at 9 a.m. Come alone or bring a guest. Every week is different breakfast menu, posted online. Breakfast comes with coffee or tea. One adult guest per member. Space limited, show up early. \*\*\*

**WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL: BRUSH UP ON THE BARD** - Ever wonder why these four of Shakespeare's plays - Hamlet, Othello, Macbeth, and King Lear - are considered his greatest tragedies? University of Hartford President Emeritus and Shakespeare scholar Humphrey Tonkin will lead the discussion. Sponsored by Presidents' College Lifelong Learning at the University of Hartford. Wednesdays, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2-3:30 p.m. Visit hartford.edu/pc for info. \*\*\*

**MY SISTERS' PLACE:** Help My Sisters' Place provide affordable housing and services for families in need by sending a donation to: Community Housing Advocates, 221 Main St., 4th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. FMI call 860-808-2048.

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**APRIL 6: SPRING BREAK PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St., Saturday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Take a break from spring cleaning and getting the garden ready and come relax and enjoy pancakes, sausage, bottomless cups of coffee, tea and juice for just \$6, children under 14 just \$3. Special "kid-cakes" with chocolate chips. Featured pancakes are "Girl Scout Cookie-Inspired." A local Girl Scout troop will be on hand to sell Girl Scout cookies, so bring extra cash. Free garden and flower seeds will be available in the upstairs Grange library. Just in are 800 packets of seeds from UCONN master gardeners' program with Burpees and Ocean State Job lot. FMI call 860-690-2845 or e-mail hillstowngrange@aol.com. \*\*\*

**TROLLEY MUSEUM APRIL PROGRAMS** - Looking for something to do during April vacation? The Connecticut Trolley Museum has scheduled activities all week long. Take a trolley ride with a