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Cherry tree wish is planted

By Bill Doak

When the Gazette first reported on the efforts of Toshiko Uchino to beautify her neighborhood by picking up trash and litter, and planting flowers, perennials and cherry trees in 2021, her one woman effort to beautify East Hartford was just getting started on her ambitious goal of planting 10,000 trees.

Monday the 79-year old welcomed the consuls generals of America and Japan, the mayor, a state senator and the governor to Rentschler Field where she convinced state officials and Pratt & Whitney to rip out the existing trees along the main entrance to the stadium off Silver Lane and plant 35 cherry trees.

"So this is the energizer bunny," said Gov. Ned Lamont as he greeted Uchino warmly. Before he could say another word, Toshiko was explaining the symbolism behind planting Yoshino cherry trees here and in Connecticut. Last year she planted 35 of the trees on the campus of the University of St Joseph, and her tree planting effort will continue to expand.



TOSHIKO UCHINO welcomes Governor Ned Lamont to her cherry tree planting project Monday.

She organized her neighbors to help with planting bulbs and perennials near the steps of the Founders Bridge near her home at 235 East River Drive and the base of the Founders Bridge, and is building a pollinator garden using the Japanese landscape principles of found elements on an acre of open space owned by the Manchester Land Conservation Trust once used as an oil tank site nearby - "A work in progress," she

See CHERRY TREES, pg. 10



DAN, NATE AND AMERICO of P.E.S. Building Contractors of Berlin remove old caulking preparing to re-caulk the cupola atop Town Hall Wednesday.

Town Hall gets ready to reopen

East Hartford Town Hall is opening in three stages as the finishing touches are made to office furnishings.

New will be the location of the mayor's office and corporation counsel, which were swapped. And the development department was relocated and social services given more of an open concept in their space.

The Town Clerk is back in Town Hall, and the following departments will be included in the next phase of the move: Mayor's Office, Human Resources, Town Council Office, Corporation Counsel, Health and Human Services, Tax Office, Assessors Office, and Probate Court. All those town departments will close to the

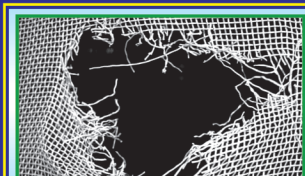
public Thursday, May 2 at 4 p.m. with services available only online through Friday, May 3 at www.easthartfordct.gov.

Probate Court will close at noon May 2. Electronic filing services will be available at www.ctprobate.gov. If needed, contact Chief Clerk Idaliz Gomez at idaliz.gomez@ctpro

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STATE SENATOR SAUD ANWAR, MAYOR CONNOR MARTINAND GOVERNOR NED LAMONT plant a cherry tree at Rentschler Field Monday.



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AROUND TOWN

Drug takeback day Saturday

With opioid overdose deaths on the rise, East Hartford Police and the East Hartford Health Department announce the Drug Enforcement Administration's Take Back Day, scheduled for April 27th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex.

At its last Take Back Day in October, DEA collected a high amount of expired, unwanted, and unused prescription medications, with the public turning in close to 599,897 lbs. (300 Tons) of unwanted drugs nationwide. Over the 10-year span of Take Back Day, DEA has brought in more than 8,950 tons of prescription drugs. Considering the majority of abused prescription drugs come from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets, clearing out unused medicine is essential.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. has continued to experience an increase in overdose deaths, with well over 107,941 residents overdosing during 2022, the most ever recorded in a 12-month period. This increasing trend in drug overdose

deaths, including illicit drugs and prescription opioids, has steadily occurred since 2002, but accelerated significantly over the last three years.

The public can drop off potentially dangerous prescription medications at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex, 31 School St.

Officials will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs, and will continue to accept vaping devices and cartridges at its drop off locations provided lithium batteries are removed.

Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps and illegal drugs will not be accepted. A public health nurse will be at the Safety Complex from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to share information about naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, a life-saving medication used in the event of an opioid overdose.

The health department will also be distributing medication disposal kits at no cost. These resources will be available while supplies last.

RIVER RECEDES, FERRY OPENS



THE ROCKY HILL-GLASTONBURY FERRY, the oldest continuously operating ferry in America which began service in 1655, is a three-car barge named the Hollister III towed back and forth by the Cumberland, a diesel-powered tug boat. With spring flooding diminished, the ferry, operated by the Connecticut Department of Transportation is now open on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. and on weekends from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For river and ferry operating conditions, check online: CTroads.com.

Help clean up East Hartford

The town invites residents, businesses, and community members to join Mayor Martin's team for a Community Cleanup Day Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Volunteers should gather at Alumni Park, 1021 Main St. to check in and be assigned cleanup tasks for the day.

Examples of cleanup tasks include but are not limited to park cleanup, mulching flowerbeds, weeding, and plant-

ing. At the end of the cleanup day, lunch will be provided for all volunteers at Alumni Park.

Of the annual cleanup, Mayor Martin said, "This annual event is a great opportunity to connect with residents while investing in our community. It's always a great time to dig in the dirt, clean up, and beautify our town because there's a real sense of accomplishment at the end of the day. This is also a great opportunity to students needing community service hours, so we really encourage everyone to come out."

All volunteers who sign up will be issued additional details closer to the event. Registration closes Friday, May 10th. Be sure to fill out the participation waiver in addition to the primary registration form. There is no rain date for this event.

Tours offered of the Selden Brewer House

The Selden Brewer House, located at 167 Main St. at the intersection of Main and Naubuc Avenue, will be open for free tours Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Listed on the National Registry of Historic Sites, the circa 1827 brick Selden Brewer home is a late Federal/early Greek Revival style of architecture and decorated in keeping with the period.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Organ donation: 'The most precious gift that anyone can possibly give'

East Hartford observed National Donate Life Month by raising the Donate Life flag at the Raymond Library Monday, April 15. Among the speakers were Art Parker, a double-lung recipient, Jeff Currey, a kidney recipient, Jenilee Tedesco, an organ donor, and Chris Kiely, a transplant recipient. The following remarks were given by Art Parker. - editor

By Art Parker

It is my privilege to be able to share my experience as a transplant patient with you today. I am a survivor, known by some as a walking miracle, and this is my story.

Very few people who are terminally ill are given a 2nd chance at life. I am blessed to be one of those people and I do my best to enjoy every day that God has given me.

I was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis in 2010. This means that I had scar tissue in my lungs creating fluid which made it difficult to breathe and the exact cause of my disease could not be determined.

It is terrifying to know that each breath that you take may be your last or the fear of falling asleep and not waking up. Prior to being diagnosed I served for 25 years in the United States Navy and Navy Reserve. I was stationed on two ships and was exposed to asbestos that was prevalent throughout those ships that were built in the 1950's, and at the Naval Air Station that I was assigned to, built in 1942.

I was informed in February, 2017 that my first ship, the U.S.S. Lawrence, is on the official list of ships exposed to Dioxin, more commonly known as Agent Orange, while stationed serving off the coast of Vietnam.

Within two years after being diagnosed, I was on oxygen 24/7. I was devastated when my pulmonologist informed me that my end-of-life prognosis was a maximum of 3 to 5 years.

In June of 2014, I was hospitalized for 7 days at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford. Then, through the persistence of my pulmonologist, I was transferred to Mass General Brigham and Women's Hospital emergency room in Boston, one of the 'top 10' transplant hospitals in the country.

Three days after being admitted to Brigham and Women's Hospital, my lungs completely stopped functioning. A breathing tube was inserted, and I was put on a life support machine called E.C.M.O. This is a heart/lung machine that kept me alive for 30 days. My wife was told at that time that my chances of receiving E.C.M.O. were 50 percent, and my chances of surviving the transplant were less than 50 percent.

Just prior to surgery, a pair of lungs were found and delivered by helicopter to Brigham and Woman's Hospital. I received a Double Lung Transplant on August 4, 2014.

I am alive today because of an unknown Organ Donor and the outstanding Transplant Surgical Team and staff at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

With the support of my wife, family, friends and especially Father Nock and my fellow parishioners at Our Lady of Peace Parish. Without their support, my wife would not have had the courage and the stamina to make the necessary decisions with the transplant team to save my life.

Support is very important for people going through difficult times or serious medical issues.

We all can be supporters of



FLAG RAISING RAISES AWARENESS - Art Parker, Jenilee Tedesco, Jeff Currey, Chris Kiely, and Mayor Connor Martin gathered on the Raymond Library Lawn April 15 to raise the Donate Life flag. Parker, Currey and Kiley are organ recipients. Jenilee donated a kidney to someone.

others with very little effort. All that is needed is a nod of acknowledgement, a smile, or a kind word. These small things make a world of difference to people in dire situations. I ask and encourage you to become a support person in some small way because by doing so you will encourage people to persevere.

I am extremely thankful for the gift of life from an unknown donor. I strongly urge you to consider becoming an organ donor. By doing so you can give the gift of life not to just one person, but you will also be helping many others with serious or terminal diseases.

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Wallace Stevens was more than just the Emperor of Ice Cream

by Robert Kanehl

Did you know that Hartford poet Wallace Stevens was more than just the poem Emperor of Ice Cream? In fact, Stevens even mentions East Hartford in his poetry. The insurance executive won a Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1955, and is often remembered for being more a recluse than a social butterfly.

Enjoying classical poetry, such as Connecticut's early 1800s Hartford Wits, my family has gathered various anthologies over the years. All of them seem to include Steven's Emperor of Ice Cream, but not any other of his work.

I guess I just don't get it. I find modern poetry hard to read and understand. Steven's Ice Cream, and William Carlos

Williams' Red Wheel Barrel, leaving me questioning the book cover terms: essential or world best loved poems.

Not until we found a small volume of just Stevens, did I read more of his visions and ideas. Poems that captured my eye were: Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird and The Snowman. I was hooked.

Stevens lived in the Elizabeth Park area of Hartford, and often walked to his Vice President's office at The Hartford Insurance. The city has erected a memorial path along this route in honor of the author.

Stevens came to Hartford in 1916, from New York. Born in 1879, his poetry voice was silenced in 1955, when he died of stomach cancer. Before coming

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back on our East Hartford

to Hartford, he had been a published poet, but was not well known. His fame came while living here, starting in 1933 with his second book of poems. After 1950, his fame expanded with two National Book Awards and his Pulitzer.

But what does East Hartford have to do with this author?

It appears that Stevens did not like the social life found in

the capitol city. He often was invited to various events, only to turn down or ignore the leading families wanting his company. Not quite as reclusive as Emily Dickinson, Stevens kept to his own little group of friends.

Among these friends were the members of the small band name of Friends and Enemies of Modern Music, which met at the Wadsworth Athenaeum. But more interesting is his connection to the Hartford Canoe Club located on Riverside Street in East Hartford.

This Club was an all male organization established the same year as Stevens' birth. Its current cabin like building next to Goodwin College was built in 1939. According to several ac-

counts on Stevens' life, each Wednesday he crossed the river, just to participate in a Club meal of cold roast beef, and drinks.

Could it have been while attending this East Hartford activity that Stevens was inspired to write his poem, Outside Wedlock? This piece reflects on seeing a lifetime fading away, by someone unmarried, fearing being forgotten:

The second stanza reads:

*"The poor piano forte
Whimpers when the moon
above East Hartford*

*Wakes us to the emotion,
grand fortissimo,*

Of our sense of evil,"

East Hartford always looks good in art and literature.

Donate to Backpack program

To the Editor:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

J J & C Contractors LLC has been collecting food to donate to the East Hartford Public Schools Backpack Program. Every year many families need a little extra help, and it is our mission that every child in our school has a well-balanced meal, even when they are not school.

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Please feel free to email Chris Tierinni at ctierinni@jjc-contractors.com or Ashley Tierinni at Ashley.tierinni4454@hotmail.com with any questions.

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Shad Festival for kids in Windsor

The shad always return to Windsor Historical Society! No bones about it - it's time again for some shad-themed fun! Children pre-K to grade 5 will enjoy fun-tastic outdoor activities including fishing for prizes, photo ops with Queen Roe-Ena, shad painting, shad cooking demonstration, and more! All children

will receive a festive derby hat, prizes, and craft activities to take home. Join the fishy festivities on Saturday, May 11 from 11 AM to 2 PM, at Windsor Historical Society, 96 Palisado Avenue, Windsor. Register in advance or just stop by on Saturday! Advanced registration: \$5 per child or \$10 per family.

Same-day registration: \$7/child or \$15/family. 860-688-3813 or windsorhistoricalsociety.org for information or online registration. Rain or Shine!

Fishing for Fun! is one of many events leading up to the traditional Shad Derby Festival on the Windsor Town Green Saturday, May 18.

Olmsted exhibit at the Raymond Library

The East Hartford Public Library is proud to host two exhibits celebrating the Hartford native Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) in this 202nd anniversary month of his birth (born April 26, 1822). Olmsted, who is considered the father of American landscape architecture, had close family connections to East Hartford and was the great nephew of Revolutionary War mariner, Gideon Olmsted.

The first exhibit highlights achievements in Olmsted's lengthy career, beginning with his appreciation of the restorative qualities of nature developed through his early excursions into Connecticut's beautiful scenery, among them afternoons spent under East Hartford's majestic elm trees in his grandparents yard. Exhibit panels include text and photos of his plan for Central Park, his campaigns to preserve Niagara

Falls and Yosemite, designs for the U.S. Capitol grounds and numerous parks, campuses and communities across the United States.

The second exhibit more closely examines several Hartford and Bridgeport park projects of the Olmsted Firm through archival postcards and photographs. His firm completed more than 6,000 projects throughout the country from 1857 to 1979, including nearly 300 in Connecticut.

Both exhibits are currently hanging in the Raymond Library atrium and will remain on display through May 5, 2024. The exhibits may be viewed during the library's open hours: Monday and Friday, 9 am to 5 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 am to 8 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm and Sunday, 1 pm to 5 pm. The Raymond Library is located at 840 Main St. There is no admission charge.

Auditions for EHSYF *Footloose!*

We are pleased to announce auditions for our 60th Anniversary Summer Production of *Footloose!* Auditions will be held on Saturday, June 1st between 10am and 5pm at East Hartford Community Cultural Center, with callbacks by invita-

tion on June 2nd. Children & adults ages 8+ welcome- no experience necessary! Go to www.EHSYF.org for more info and to sign up for your 90 minute slot! Reach out to ehsyf.inc@gmail.com with any questions or concerns!

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Ten-home Habitat 'Burnside Hope' celebration May 2

Habitat for Humanity will host a wall-raising ceremony for the 10-house Burnside Hope development May 2.

The ceremony will mark a milestone for the project, ten new "Net Zero" energy homes.

The 10 a.m. Thursday, May 2 celebration hosted by Habitat for Humanity of North Central Connecticut (HFHNCC) will feature the Wall Raising Ceremony to celebrate the project.

The development will take its

Bus trips

Perrone's Pal's upcoming multi-day trips: Aug. 27-29 - Three-day Boothbay Harbor, Maine; Sept. 23-25 Margartaville on Cape Cod; Oct. 15-17 Tropicana in Atlantic City; Oct. 29-31 - see "Daniel" at Sights and Sounds Theater in Lancaster, plus many activities. Please call 860-568-6229 or email Craftyjoanperr@gmail.com for more info and flyers.

Happy Traveling.

place in the historic heart of East Hartford, Burnside Avenue. The new neighborhood features Habitat sweat-equity, owner-built homes, all to become homes for new families.

The theme of "Hope and Opportunity" was selected by HFHNCC as part of its 35th anniversary at the site last year, which officially kicked off the construction groundbreaking ceremony.

A little less than one year

EH Garden Club to hear about bees April 29

The East Hartford Garden Club will welcome beekeeper Joe Fydenkevez of Busy Bee Apiaries, to its meeting April 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St. Joe is a local beekeeper from Crescent Drive, East Hartford, who bot-

later, Habitat staff and volunteers are now ready to turn this vision into a reality.

The event also marks the start of Habitat's Annual Women Build Initiative. During the month of May, teams of women from Hartford and Tolland Counties will join HFHNCC's construction crew to help build the homes.

Expected attendees include Mayor Connor Martin, Karraine Moody, Chief Executive Officer,

Habitat; Jill Hutensky, SVP, Market Executive, Bank of America Greater Hartford; Kristina Beaudoin, VP, Community Relations Mgr., Bank of America Greater Hartford; Susan Lane, Women Build Volunteer; Diana Gasca, Project Manager, Habitat; and Suzanne Feola, Director of Development, Habitat

Teams of women will be erecting the exterior walls and helping to build the homes of the Burnside Hope project.

cles and sells delicious honey and other products made by happy, local bees. He will give a PowerPoint presentation about the beekeeping process, from soup to nuts. Joe will discuss the life cycle of bees, and the queen bee. He just finished an

18-month queen rearing program through Penn State so he will bring components of the hive. Attendees will be tasting different types of honey. Busy Bee Apiaries also will have wax products and jars of local honey available for purchase.

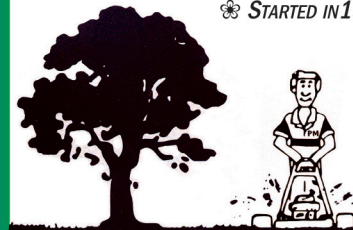
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Last week Sterling announced, after giving a couple of road trips a try, that he's ready to step aside and end one of the legendary baseball broadcast pairings of all time, with Suzyn Waldman, with whom Sterling had created a definitive broadcast booth blend since their first pairing in 1987.

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



Sterling and I share a common vortex in our careers, a moment that led us to the positions that defined us as broadcasters. In 1981 the founders of ESPN, Bill and Scott Rasmussen, tried their hand at national sports radio, Enterprise Radio. They hired Greg Gilmartin, creating a morning sportscaster opening at WTIC, where I gladly spent the final three and a half decades of my career.

Sterling was also hired by Enterprise Radio, which folded in a little over six months. A producer he'd worked with at Enterprise, invited the suddenly unemployed Sterling to New York to do some sports talk fill in work. The rest, as they say, is history.

While I found Sterling to be entertaining on Yankee broadcasts I was not blind to his shortcomings. As I texted to a Yankee fan friend when Sterling announced his retirement, "He could be a clown at times. He could get the call wrong. The consummate "homer", he frequently overrated his own importance to the broadcast, a master of self-promotion with his, often manufactured, signature calls, but he has become a big part of the overall aura that is Yankee Baseball."

I do have to admit that once, while joining Jeff Dooley on a New Britain Rock Cats broadcast from Norwich, against a Yankee farm team, I intentionally mimicked one of Sterling's "signature" calls, his elongated "Thaaaaaa pitch", giving Sterling full credit. But creating a signature call to establish your identity can also be problematic. Sterling's primary signature call was his "It is high! It is far! It is gooouue!" Too frequently the call ended with an embarrassed Sterling shouting, "It is high! It is far! It is... caught!" But, as Yankee fans are about to learn, there is only one John Sterling. Take a moment to remember some of the calls that defined him:

"Bern, baby Bern! Bernie goes boom!" his tribute to a Bernie Williams long ball and his similar homage to home runs by Yankee Japanese slugger Hideki Matsui, "A thrilla by Godzilla!"

"You're on the Mark, Texiera! An A-Bomb from A-Rod! The Giambino! Robby Cano don't ya know!"

And the history he called in typical Sterling fashion, "Ball game over! World Series over! The Yankees win! Thaaaaa Yankees Win!" "27 up, 27 down, baseball immortality (Cone's perfect game)!" "A base hit for Jeter! Derek Jeter in his final Yankee Stadium appearance. You can't make this stuff up!"

There may be a different sound to Yankees games this season, but John Sterling will always be "The Voice".

Play Ball! EH Little League opens



MAYOR CONNOR MARTIN threw a strike first pitch Sunday at Gorman Park, officially opening the East Hartford Little League Baseball season. Below, players were introduced after the national anthem honor guard ceremony. The EH Fire department flew a giant flag above the field in a drone photo captured by EHLL alum Matt Millebrand.



OBITUARIES

Carlton Owens, 98; Navy & Army WWII vet

Carlton Raymond Owens, 98, formerly of East Hartford and the Vernon/Manchester area, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 with his caring family by his side. Carlton was the loving husband of over 64 years to the late Rita E. (Bellovoda) Owens. Born in Norridgewock, Maine on December 24, 1925, a son of the late John and Anabell (Waugh) Owens, he had been a resident of the Vernon/Manchester area for many years prior to moving to East Hartford over fifteen years ago. Carlton was a proud veteran of the United States Navy and United States Army during World War II. He was a long-time member of Local 559 in South Windsor and was employed for 34 years as a Truck Driver by A & P Grocery Stores, East Hartford. After retiring from A & P, he went to work for Gerber Scientific in South Windsor for several years as a Security Guard. In his retirement years, he was a talented billiards pool player who loved shooting pool at the Vernon Senior Center. He also



Carlton Owens

loved traveling back to Maine and visiting relatives, friends, and areas where he grew up. Most of all, Carlton was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who loved his time spent with his entire family.

Carlton is survived by his five beloved sons, Dennis Owens of Lewiston, Maine, David Owens and his wife Myrna of Manchester, Robert Owens of Middletown, Daniel

Owens and his wife Sharon of Enfield, Carl Owens and his wife Terri of Stafford Springs; 18 special grandchildren; 37 cherished great-grandchildren; one adored great-great grandchild; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Along with his late wife and parents, Carlton was predeceased by a son, Russell Owens of East Hartford, his beautiful daughter Christine Elaine (Owens) Davis of Norwich in 1972, and all of his siblings.

Funeral service will be Friday (April 26, 2024) at 11 am at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Burial with military honors will follow at East Cemetery, (Westminster Section), East Center Street, Manchester. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home chapel on Friday morning (April 26th) from 10 - 11 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Carlton's name may be made to a favorite charity of the donor's choice. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopo.com

February family vacations in the Caribbean, spending time in Maine, bowling, making, and sharing his home grown strawberry and blueberry jam and the frequent phone calls to the grandkids to hear the results of their school events. He could also be heard talking to the 'grands' on the value of an education, savings, and a stock tip or two all the while glowing in their accomplishments. He also leaves his sister Joyce (Roger) Pulaski of Naples, Florida.

David could be found going to tag sales and then selling his "finds" at the flea market. He also loved antiquing, dabbling in the stock market, and discussing politics with anyone who would listen.

Graveside services are TODAY, Thursday April 25, at noon at Adath Israel Cemetery, 714 Pine St., Middletown. Donations may be made to Portland Library, 20 Freestone Avenue, Portland, CT 06480 or to Congregation Adath Israel Synagogue, P.O. Box 337, Middletown, CT 06457.

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Robert 'Red' Davidson, Sr.

Mr. Robert E. (Red) Davidson, Sr., age 86, a resident of 163 Ellington Rd., East Hartford, died on Friday April 5th, at Hartford Hospital. Born in Brattleboro, VT, on April 2nd, 1938, he was the son of the late Lyman and Marjorie (Hamilton) Davidson. Bob received his education in Brattleboro, and was a 1957 graduate of BUHS. Bob joined the US Army in 1958 until 1964. In his leisure time he enjoyed woodworking, vegetable garden, flower beds. Amongst his love of the outdoors, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and softball.

Following his marriage to Catherine R. White on April 11, 1973 in Bellows Falls, the couple relocated to East Hartford, CT where they made their home. Bob worked for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 21 ½ years, retiring August 31st, 1994. Bob was predeceased by his loving wife Kay, his daughter Bonnie Stansberry and his three sisters Kathy Williams, Marian Akley and Velma Merrifield and brother Lyman Davidson. Robert leaves two children: Robert Jr. and wife Lisa (Elliott) and Kelly Davidson, who he loved dearly. He also leaves his brother David Sr. and his wife Juanita,

Lydia 'Mamita' Medina, 98

Lydia Medina known as "Mamita", 98, of East Hartford, formerly of Manchester, beloved wife to the late Manuel Medina, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Born in Barrio Planas #2, Isabela, Puerto Rico, on June 3, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Lauriano Medina and Juana Perez. Lydia was married to Manuel Medina, for over 56 years. Together, they had a total of 11 children. She devoted her life to raising her family.

A loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she will be forever missed by her children, Isaac Medina, Jose Manuel "Tocayo" Medina, Elias Medina, Obed Medina, Esther Burgos, Rebeca "Becky" Medina, and Ruth Rodriguez, preceded by: Gladys Esther Medina, Manuel Medina Jr., Jose Antonio "Nito" and Hector Medina. She also left behind 31 adored grandchildren, 32 cherished great-grandchildren, and



Robert Davidson, Sr.

three grandchildren Sara-Ann, Kristy, Shayne, and five great grandchildren Ian, Christopher, Jacob, Antonio and Sasha Rae. He also leaves brother-in-law and sister-in-law Howard and Mary Crown of VT as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins and many beloved friends.

Calling hours are Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Avenue. Services will be held immediately after calling hours. Burial will take place at a later date in Vermont.

two treasured great-great-grandchildren. She raised four additional children, Antonia Crespo "Toña", nieces Gloria Rivera and Mary Perez, and a grandson, Samuel Medina, as her own. She was a lifetime member of what is now known as House of Restoration Church in Hartford, where she served the Lord for many years. She enjoyed making jigsaw puzzles, word searches, and coloring adult coloring books in her spare time. Lydia was genuinely loved by many and will be missed. She will forever be in our hearts!

Relatives and friends may pay their respects TODAY, Thursday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to noon with a Service at noon at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. Interment will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery (Section 12), 453 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford. www.desopofuneralchapel.com

David Finkelstein; history teacher, instructor

David Finkelstein of Portland passed away at home Monday evening April 22, 2024. David was the loving husband of Myra (Eisenstein) Finkelstein with whom he shared 53 years of marriage. Born in Bath, Maine to the late Jack and Sara Finkelstein, he moved at a young age to Portland, Maine. David is a graduate of the University of Maine where he thrived in all aspects of college life. He started his teaching career in Northern Maine and then moved to CT where he met Myra. For 35 years he was a history and driver's ed instructor at East Hartford High School. After retirement David was a van driver for the Portland Senior Center as well as a school crossing guard at Gildersleeve school.

Besides his wife, David is survived by his 2 sons Paul



David Finkelstein

(Eileen) and Jamie (Shivali) all of Rhode Island. The light of his life were his 4 grandchildren: Emma, Jay, Lily, and Ashton all of RI. Some of David's fondest memories were the annual

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Town Hall reopening soon

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bate.gov. The departments will reopen Monday, May 6 at noon except for Probate Court, which will reopen at 10 a.m.

Finance, Purchasing, Grants, Development, Building and Inspections, Registrar of Voters, Engineering move from the EH Cultural Center offices May 16. Those departments will close to the public that day at 4 p.m.

Services will be available online only Friday at www.easthartfordct.gov then they will reopen Monday, May 20 at noon. During the Friday closures, furniture, assets, and IT setup will take place.

Public Meetings

Boards, commissions, and Town Council meetings that have been scheduled for the CCC Auditorium will continue to be held at CCC through June.

Boards and commission meetings that have been scheduled for conference rooms at CCC, will move to Town Hall beginning May 13.

The town plans to launch a pilot program for adjusted summer hours for Town Hall offices on June 1, details to come.

Town Hall renovation began in mid-December 2022. Work included replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, modernization the elevator, new lighting, plumbing and electrical infrastructure, and a new roof. Among other improvements with environmental benefits is a new natural gas heating system to replace the existing and inefficient oil-burning boilers. Also included are repairs to the front entrance, and replacement of water-damaged ceilings.



From left: Yutaka Iwabuchi(UJSC), Takako Darling, Maruichi Foods & Deli, Ed Houlihan, Miyoshi America, Inc., Misawa Carter(UJSC), Toshiko Uchino(UJSC), Mr Ned Lamont(CT Governor), Alan Tan(Co-Chairperson on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity), Mayor Connor Martin, State Senator Saud Anwar, Consul General of Japan Gregory Boyko, and American Consul Kotaro Suzuki of Boston.



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Toshiko's cherry tree project

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noted- and continues to organize clean-ups once a month. The cherry tree planting is a year-round effort.

"We will keep planting wherever space is available to us," said Uchino.

Uchino founded the "Let's Clean Our Parks & Streets" group as well as the US & Japan Society of Connecticut. She counts on local sponsors and supporters to donate to purchase the trees, fertilizer, mulch and planting soil.

Retired from her role in managing Carten Controls, Inc., a US-based Japanese corporation that made valves for the semi-conductor industry in Cheshire, she helps connect a network of Japanese Americans.

Obtaining permission from Riverfront Recapture, she replaced some damaged trees with weeping cherry trees, and added azaleas, shrubs and flowering plants to the area.

Monday the Consul General

of Japan, Gregory Boyko, noted Washington D.C. now attracts tens of thousands to visit the blossoming cherry trees. In 1912, 3,000 trees were shipped to Washington D.C. as a gesture of friendship.

"The cherry tree beltway project is a great symbol of friendship and cooperation between our two nations who have a closer relationship today than every before," said Boyko.

Mayor Connor Martin also noted the project symbolizes people coming together, and noted the planting of cherry trees to commemorate the re-opening of the Wickham Library last year.

"The cherry blossom is the harbinger of spring and a reminder of the fragility of life and is seen as a sign of renewal and optimism," said Martin, aspects which are part of the renewal of the nearby Silver Lane neighborhood where apartments and enhancement of the commercial corridor is underway.



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WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

APRIL 25: Hillstown Grange #87 **BLUE GRASS NIGHT WITH YANKEE BLUE GRASS JAMMERS.** Enjoy some great, family-friendly tunes starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening at the Hillstown Grange Hall, 617 Hills St. Open open all, free of charge. Refreshments.

APRIL 27: MISS FOLKLORE USA CORONATION NIGHT at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center at 3 p.m. Contestants vie for award titles and opportunity to compete in the Miss Folklore International event in the Dominican Republic. For tickets or info call 860-474-0506. Sponsors invited! This is sure to be a fun and exciting event for everyone!

APRIL 27: BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE: Scouts BSA Troop 1 is holding a bottle drive Saturday, April 27 at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St., from 8 until 11 a.m. It will be outside in the parking lot. Proceeds support Boy Scout Troop 1 of East Hartford. Thank you!

APRIL 27: MONTE CARLO WHIST - Fun, games and supper - The Ladies Guild of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church is hosting a Monte Carlo Whist following supper on Saturday. Supper starts at 4 with Whist starting at 6 p.m. in the Lower Church Hall, 63 Popieluszkow Court, Hartford. The Whist will be conducted in both English and Polish. An optional light supper (potato pancakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey salad sandwiches, turkey noodle soup, and dill pickle soup) will be available for purchase beginning at 4 p.m. Admission for the Whist is \$5. Tickets will be sold at the door. Beginners welcome. Come for the supper, even if you don't play cards! Handicap accessible. Bring your friends. Benefits the Guild's Scholarship Fund. Info: 860-659-0356.

APRIL 28: PIANO VIRTUOSO AND PENNEY HIGH ALUM PAUL BISACCIA presents "Chopin (and Gershwin too!)" at 2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 837 Main St. This free performance will include the Fantasie-Impromptu (I'm Always Chasing Rainbows), waltzes, including the Minute Waltz, preludes including the Raindrop Prelude, the famous Nocturne in E-flat, Ballade in G minor, and of course the "Heroic" Polonaise ("Till the End of Time.") Paul brings his projector so everyone can see his hands close-up as he performs. Enjoy an unforgettable afternoon of Chopin. Arthur Rubinstein wrote "Chopin endures. His music is the universal language of human communication. When I play Chopin, I know I speak directly to the hearts of people." As an added bonus, Paul will play of set of Gershwin favorites to conclude his performance.

APRIL 29 & MAY 6: 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 Mondays, Apr. 15 & 29, May 6 from 2:30-4 p.m. as he

tracks the guitar's evolution to Bach, the Beatles, and Led Zeppelin. Sponsored by Presidents' College Lifelong Learning at the U of H. Visit hartford.edu/pc for more info.

PERRONE'S PALS TRIPS - "Nonsense" at Newport Playhouse Aug. 26; "Daniel" at Lancaster Sept. 4-6; Margaritaville at Cape Cod Sept. 23-25, Atlantic City Oct. 15-17. Contact Joan Perrone 860-568-6229 or Craftyjoanperr@gmail.com for info.

MAY 4: PANCAKES! Hillstown Grange will be holding a Spring Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning 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,

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bottomless cups of coffee, tea and juice for just \$6. Special "kid-cakes" available with chocolate chips. Featured pancake is blueberry. Hillstown Grange is located at 617 Hills St. - in Hillstown, the neighborhood where East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester meet.

MAY 4: PLANT SALE - The Hill and Dale Garden Club will be sponsoring a Garden/Plant sale on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to noon on the Hubbard Green in Glastonbury (Behind the Historical Society of Glastonbury at 1944 Main St.). All plants are perennials from the gardens of club members. With the current focus on the Pollinator Pathway Initiative, the sale will feature plants that are food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinating insects and wildlife. FMI 860-328-0861 or Hillanddalelect.org.

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.

MAY 19: 11TH ANNUAL STRONG FARM CHICKEN RUN is Sunday, May 19th. The Strong family wants to keep its 7-generation farm going as an agricultural learning center where everyone can experience the farm environment. Last year, a state "Good to Great" grant for \$108,000 was awarded to the farm but the farm still needs to come up with \$21,000 for upgrades to their big old yellow barn, installation of a restroom. Sponsors wanted, but the kick off will be at the 11th Annual Chicken Run on May 19th. Register at www.strongfamilyfarm.org/annual-5k-chicken-run.

MAY 17-25: GIANT BARN TAG SALE to benefit the Manchester Land Conservation Trust and its work to preserve open space lands. Shop Friday, May 17 through Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at 330 Bush Hill Road, Manchester, in the old cider barn on the farm. Browse through 5,000 square feet of books, games, dishes, tools, artwork, jigsaw puzzles, toys, furniture, machinery, household and sports items, near-antiques, glassware, holiday décor, and items both useful and decorative. There are four miles of trails at the farm, a story book trail, and a sheltered pavilion so you can shop and hike on the same day. Info about the Land Trust and its events at www.manchesterlandtrust.org.

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.

St. George's Episcopal Church in Bolton invites **CRAFTERS TO RENT A BOOTH** at the church's 48th Annual Craft and Harvest Fair Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on church lawn at 1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44, Bolton. Sign-up by Sept. 1. E-mail bkalina333@gmail.com or 860-643-9203.

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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