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# First Cub Scout Touch-A-Truck at EHHS Sunday

#### by Cathy Maldonado

Cub Scout Pack 61 of East Hartford is excited to announce its first-ever Touch-A-Truck event, taking place Sunday, May 18, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at East Hartford High School, 869 Forbes St.

This family-friendly event invites everyone to enjoy an upclose look at a wide variety of vehicles while supporting the only remaining Cub Scout Pack in town.

Any business wishing to participate should contact Pack 61 leaders as soon as possible by calling Chris Tierinni 860-817-3701 or e-mail Pack61East-Hartford@gmail.com

The Touch-A-Truck event aims to revitalize Scouting in East Hartford while providing an engaging and educational experience for families.

Kids will have the opportunity to see, explore, and even sit in different types of vehicles brought in by local businesses and organizations such as

SEE TOUCH-A-TRUCK, page 10

### BANNERS REVEALED AT LIBRARY



#### **COMRADES IN BANNER ARMS**

Walls of the Raymond Library are lined with banners Wednesday before the official welcoming ceremony with East Hartford veterans and their families arrived. At left, Steve Sokolosky and James 'Jim' Shelmerdine. Sokolosky purchased a banner featuring his son, Major Joe Sokolosky, Bronze Star recipient in Operation Enduring Freedom. Jim Shelmerdine, 93, served in the Korean conflict and led his fellow veterans in every parade carrying a sign with the sim-ple message, "Freedom Isn't Free." His banner goes up Monday on Main Street.

# Veterans banners going up on Main

#### **By Bill Doak**

Colorful banners lined the walls of the lower level of the East Hartford Public Library Wednesday, each featuring a portrait of an East Hartford member of the military – past, and present, trimmed in red, white and blue.

East Hartford veteran Brigitte Berner (USN- CTI2) came up with the idea after seeing the banners go up in South Windsor and Manches-

"I noticed and admired other towns I have passed through that have these ban-

SEE BANNERS, page 10

# 'Supermarket sweep' to benefit food pantry

#### **By Bill Doak**

During a time of renewed focus on hunger and "food insecurity" an East Hartford couple are acting to do something fun about it: A Community Supermarket Sweep Contest.

Chris and Ashley Tierinni have be active in supporting the school-based backpack program for the past few years, a closet set aside in each elementary school stocked with canned goods and basic foodstuffs where teachers and school staff take heed to potential signs of hunger in their classroom, and can offer discrete access to food for students to take home on weekends.

Now they have enlisted the support of the East Hartford Lions Club and ShopRite to allow six teams to compete in a friendly, fun but timed "grocery games"-style contest Wednesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. at 31 Main St.

All are welcome to take part, either in a big way as a shopper, a sponsor or as a spectator.

"We came up with this idea as a way to both raise awareness about food insecurity in our town and a way to provide vital contributions to our town's local food pantry, all while having fun and fostering community spirit," said Chris Tierinni, a building contractor, Little League coach and candidate for political office a couple of times in East Hartford.

The way it works is six teams of 2-3 people each will be challenged to purchase a week's worth of groceries for \$150. Judges will go through the shopping carts and the team which manages to purchase the most items will win.

See SUPERMARKET SWEEP, pg 10



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### **AROUND TOWN**

### Schools have new IT director

East Hartford Public Schools (EHPS) has selected Benjamin Brown to replace Roberta Pratt, the district's current Chief Information and Technology Officer, who is retiring at the end of June. Brown is currently the Chief Technology Officer for the Darlington County School District in South Carolina. He will join EHPS in mid-June.

Superintendent Thomas Anderson said, "We are excited to welcome Benjamin Brown, along with his experience and expertise, to East Hartford. I am confident he will further enhance our district's systems and operations to meet the demands of our increasingly technologi-

Brown's career includes more than 25 years as an educator and information technology leader. For the last five years, he has led technology and operations in Darlington County to support student learning, school safety and district-wide efficiency. This includes overseeing information technology (IT), media services, data and analytics, instructional technology, student information systems, and cybersecurity.

He previously served as the Executive Director of Information Technology for Durham Public Schools and the Chief **Technology Officer and Director** 



Benjamin Brown

of Career and Technical Education for Northampton County Schools, both in North Carolina.

Prior to leading IT departments, he served as a middle school assistant principal and a career and technical education teacher for grades 6-12.

# PD gains POST-C accreditation

The East Hartford Police Department proudly announces its endorsement of Connecticut POST-C State Tier III Advanced Accreditation, voted by the POST Counsel Accreditation Sub-Committee on April 30, 2025, and approved unanimously by POST Council on

This milestone reflects the department's unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards in law enforcement and professional excellence.

The accreditation process underscores the department's focus on transparency, accountability, and building trust within the community. It affirms a priority of best practices, enhancing both operational efficiency and public safety. The East Hartford Police Department is also internationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), and the recent Tier III State Accreditation endorsement further reinforces the departments commitment forward, demonstrating a continuous effort to enhance our services and oper-

"I applaud the leadership and members of the East Hartford Police Department for achieving POST-C State Tier III accreditation, a milestone that reflects East Hartford's commitment to professionalism, accountability, and service. This accomplishment is the result of our department's dedication and collective pursuit of excellence in policing," said Mayor Connor S. Martin.

"While this accreditation award is significant, our work does not stop here. We remain focused on advancing our policies, training, and community partnerships as we actively pursue CALEA Advanced accreditation. Our department is committed to continuous improvement, ensuring that we meet and exceed the highest standards in law enforcement for the citizens of East Hartford," said Chief Mack S. Hawkins.

#### **EAST HARTFORD RESIDENTS: MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

### **SATURDAY MAY 17 8AM-1PM**



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- Remove other items from your car or trunk that could be mistaken as Household HazWaste.
- Bring something to read, the wait is usually 5-15 minutes, but can be up to 30 minutes (and at the very large collections sometimes longer).
- No Smoking in Your Car. Most wastes are flammable.
- Please put waste fuel in a container that you do not want returned.

Saturday, pitch in, help clean up Downtown Join Mayor Martin for Spring volunteers will also be tasked

Community Cleanup Day May 17. This annual cleanup day will bring together members of the community to roll up their sleeves and give a few hours to tidying up the town.

Community Cleanup Day starts Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and lasts until 2 p.m. in Downtown and along other public throughfares. Volunteers will gather first at the Town Green at Alumni Park, 1021 Main St. where thet will be assigned to a cleanup squad. To coincide with Armed Forces Day, May 17, a special group of with cleaning headstones of veterans at Hillside Cemetery using a non-toxic cleaning solution under supervision. An EH Public Works crew will provide protective wear, but dress appropriately. Register to volunteer - every hand helps! Registrations closes Friday, May 9. Volunteers will receive more details as the event nears.

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community-cleanup-dayregistration Lunch will be provided following the cleanup.

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#### Market vendors sought

East Hartford Farmers' Market issued a Call for Vendors .

Are you a farmer or market vendor that produces CT-made milk, bread, other foods, or locally produced crafts who wishes to be part of the East Hartford Farmers' Market? Are you a business or non-profit organization looking to promote your services?

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### DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

### Sembrando porque la piña esta agria

Con lo caro que esta todo hoy en día, muchas personas estas buscando la manera de ahorrar sin sacrificar su calidad de vida, y montar un jardín casero es una buena manera de al menos aliviar el bolsillo y buscarte un hobby. No hay que tener un mega terreno para hacer esto; con un pedacito de patio, un balcón o hasta unas latas viejas puedes comenzar a sembrar lo tuyo.

Imagínate no tener que comprar mas recao, culantro, ajíes, o lechuga cada semana porque los tienes ahí mismito, fresquecitos y sin químicos. Además, del ahorro en el bolsillo tienes la tranquilidad de saber que lo que estas comiendo lo sembraste tu.

Empezar es más fácil de lo que parece; puedes reutilizar botellas plásticas, cubetas o cajitas de madera como tiestos.

Las semillas las puedes sacar de los mismos vegetales que compras o conseguirlas en eventos como el Farmers Market que va a estar ocurriendo el 15 de Mayo en Hillstown Grange #87, 617 Hills St. De 4:00pm a 7:00pm. Eventos como este hay muchos por venir este verano. Así que este pendiente a esta columna que yo te aviso en cuanto me entere

También puedes ir a la tienda y comprar los sobres de semillas o las plantas que no son tan caras para que te ayuden a comenzar este proyecto.

Si haces compost con los restos de cocina, como cáscaras y borra de café, ya tienes abono gratis.

Sembrar en casa es un acto de rebeldía y de amor: amor por tu salud, por tu familia y por este planeta que tanto nos da. Lo mejor es que, mientras cultivas, también te desconectas un poco del corre y corre del diario vivir. Ver cómo crece una planta que tú mismo sembraste da una satisfacción brutal. Así que si estás buscando una forma práctica de enfrentar la economía como está, empieza tu jardín casero. Verás que no solo lo vas a sentir en el bolsillo, también en el corazón y si no, pues al menos conseguiste un hobby nuevo.

#### Próximo:

El 17 de mayo la ciudad de East Hartford está invitando a los residentes, negocios y miembros de la comunidad a unirse para un día de limpieza comunitario. El evento va a correr de 10:00am a 2:00pm. El último día para registrarte es el 9 de mayo. Para más información accede aquí https://www.easthartfordct.gov/mayors-office/webforms/2025-east-hartford-community-cleanup-day-registration

"Veterans Commission Memorial Day Flag Placing" este evento es el 17 de mayo a las 8am en el Hillside Cemetery en conmemoración de Memorial Day.

Clínica de Vacunas para Mascotas contra la Rabia será este 31 de mayo, de 9am a 12:00pm en East Hartford Fire Station #1 (726 Main St). Estacionamiento será en Town Hall (740 Main st). Solo se aceptará efectivo y serán \$20.00 por mascota. Todos los gatos deben estar en su cargador y los perros deben estar amarrados. Debes traer prueba de vacunaciones previas. Para mas información accede a https://www.easthartfordct.gov/home/news/east-hartford-rabies-vaccination-clinic

Conecta Conmigo: cmaldonado8816@gmail.com

### Memorial Day Parade parking on Goodwin campus

East Hartford's Memorial Day parade and more events will take place Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. on Riverside Drive.

The event will consist of three parts, including a parade, program at the Fallen Star Memorial and celebration of East Hartford. The parade kicks off promptly at 10 a.m., proceeding from 9 Riverside Drive to the

Place flags May 17

The East Hartford Veterans Commission would like to extend an open invitation to join us in a memorable experience of honoring our deceased Veterans by placing an American flag at the Veteran's headstones for Memorial Day. The flag placing ceremony will be Sat. May 17th 2025 @ 8 a.m. at Hillside Cemetery, Hillside St. We welcome all volunteers. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a long screwdriver to help make a hole in the hard earth for the flag shaft. FMI contact John Cook at 860-212-9966.

Fallen Star Memorial located at Goodwin University. The parade will be followed by a program at the Fallen Star Memorial and a family-friendly celebration of East Hartford with food trucks, music and activities.

Please note that only vehicles that are parade participants will be permitted to enter Willow or Colt Streets on the day of the parade. Suggested parking for marchers is at 403 and 417 Main St.

Spectators are welcome to park in any of the lots on the Goodwin University campus, (but may not access via Willow or Colt Streets.)

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# Springtime Bouquet for Mom







The East Hartford Woman's Club/GFWC/CT (EHWC/GFWC) in conjunction with the East Hartford Fire Department (EHFD) is sponsoring a SPRINGTIME BOUQUET in memory or honor of our mothers and other important women in our lives. As Mother's Day approaches, we remember these women who have impacted our lives. For the cost of \$5.00 per name, you may "purchase" a flower and know that your donation will assist the East Hartford Fire Department with the purchase of smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are kept on all fire apparatus and available to any town resident by contacting the Fire Marshall's Office at 860.291.7405. This bouquet will be presented on June 5, 2025 at 5:00 pm via Zoom. The Zoom Link is:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87248245832?pwd=7ioYiaUBHvrUznn3jtnsF9WS0PQ2Rw.1.

Meeting ID: 872 4824 5832. Passcode 459637.

The names will be published in a June issue of the Gazette.

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## SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

# 'GOP tax cuts come at the expense of health care, SNAP and Medicaid'

Monday East Hartford Congressman John Larson lashed out at Republican House leaders for dismissing objections to a tax reduction bill as "not germane" to which Larson vehemently protested, stating "in this bill, what we find is that while the top percent gets the bulk of the tax cut, they pay for it, pay for it, by cutting people's health benefits," said Larson. "14 million Americans get [their health benefits cut], so that billionaires can have more. How much more money does Elon Musk need? 42 million Americans will see lower food assistance and SNAP benefits so that billionaires can have more."

Rep. Larson's full remarks:
"I don't know if you've ever

"I don't know if you've ever had the opportunity, Mr. Chairman, to go to Augie and Ray's in East Hartford, but it's this incredible institution that's located right next to Pratt and Whitney aircraft and a shout out quickly to the IAM there who's on strike for fair wages. But you get real, practical, straightforward questions and answers from them, and they would be somewhat confused about this when you, for example, they don't talk a lot about germaneness. And when asked about and, you know, you heard the discussion at the beginning here that we had with regard to what would be ruled germane and what wouldn't. We'll see as we progress through the through the night, but basically germaneness here is what people don't want to vote on.

"So whatever is put forward by this side of the aisle will not be deemed germane and therefore not voted on. And I guess



CONGRESSMAN LARSON

the disheartening thing here is that, listen, everybody on this

# Pack 61 'Touch-A-Truck' Sunday at EHHS

To the Editor and Our East Hartford Neighbors:

Cub Scout Pack 61 of East Hartford, of Scouting America, is overjoyed to announce that we will be holding a Touch-A-Truck event in East Hartford on May 18th from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at East Hartford High School, 869 Forbes St.

This event will be the first of its kind in East Hartford.

Who are we? Pack 61 is the last Cub Scout Pack in East Hartford. Cub Scouts is a division of Scouting America for children of elementary school age, Kindergarten through fifth grade. Scouting America is a non-profit organization that runs solely from donations and registration fees of its members and is focused on enriching the lives of all children, from four years old through 18 years old.

As Cub Scout leaders, we offer a fun-filled curriculum for the children that teaches them

different topics using a handson approach, which aids in information retention. All of the money raised through fundraising and annual Pack dues goes



right back to the Scouts, to be used for trips, special events, awards, and anything else we may need to run a successful program.

We are holding this Touch-A-Truck event this Sunday to help revitalize Scouting in East Hartford and to hold a fun event for all to attend.

What is a Touch-A-Truck? A Touch-A-Truck is a community outreach event in which local businesses donate their time and use of one or more of their vehicles for the local community to see, learn about, and possibly even sit inside. This is a great opportunity for businesses to provide free marketing to the community, as well as engage with children (and adults) who get excited to see "big trucks" up close and personal.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us. E-mail us at: Pack61EastHartford@gmail.com Visit us on Facebook at: East Hartford Pack 61. Donations can be mailed to: Pack 61 of East Hartford, 944 Forbes St., East Hartford, CT 06118

Yours in Scouting
Troop 61
East Hartford

side of the aisle, they're good people. They're decent, caring Americans who love their country as much as we do, and that's what makes this so difficult. When you look at how disproportionate this bill is because what it is simply, fulfilling the Trump promise to make permanent the tax cut of 2017. But to do that, he charged Elon Musk with finding cuts.

"And so they look to 70% of the budget that includes Social Security and Medicare and defense and decide that's what they're going to do. And in this bill, what we find is that while the top percent gets the bulk of the tax cut, they pay for it, pay for it, by cutting people's health benefits. 14 million Americans get [their health benefits cut], so that billionaires can have more. How much more money does Elon Musk need? I guarantee you the billionaire class is embarrassed by what's being proposed here. The largest cut to Medicaid in its history.

"Imagine. 42 million Americans will see lower food assistance and SNAP benefits so that billionaires can have more.

I've had public hearings throughout my district, and Erin from Bristol who says she has no idea what she would do without Medicaid and SNAP. She's a wartime veteran and a single mother of four boys. This is who we're talking about, the people who will be directly impacted by this bill. You're good people.

"You know this, and yet we're going to persist and take this to a vote. Our amendments will be ruled non-germane, won't go forward, and you'll take this on to the floor. Catherine and Richard of Southington say, 'We have a 39-year-old son who was born intellectually disabled,' and asked me, 'If we cannot take care of the innocent in our society, how can we be called Christian?'

"Judith from Granby, who said, 'My daughter with MS asked, should Mr. Trump or his 1% cronies get more? My daughter and thousands of others do not need to suffer because of unbridled greed.' Can it be possible that MAGA really stands for 'Make America Greedy Again?'"

# State library gets funding back

The Connecticut State Library has been notified by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) that its FY2024 federal grant in the amount of \$2.16 million awarded under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States program has been reinstated, reversing its April 1 decision to terminate Connecticut's grant mid-year. IMLS also told the State Library it plans to issue a FY2025 LSTA award to Connecticut. IMLS provided no specific reason for either the initial termination or the reinstate-

"Today, we are relieved that

Connecticut residents can continue to rely on our vital library services a little longer," said Deborah Schander, State Librarian. "However, we remain cautious, as the President's proposed budget for FY2026 includes the full elimination of IMLS."

LSTA funds support many of its programs, including: early literacy and summer reading, support for veterans and military families, professional development for librarians and library staff, professional consultants, workforce development, interlibrary loan and resource sharing, digital connectivity and digital navigation.

# Website notes fast-fading reminders of town's agrarian past: Barns

Did you know that there is a Connecticut website listing historic barns. Based on the same concept of designating historical mills and industrial com-Preservation Connecticut produced a 2025 site along with the State Historic Preservation Office and the Community Investment Act.

East Hartford is well represented on the historic mills site. and holds its own with 35 listings on the barn website (Connecticutbarns.org). Understandably the majority of East Hartford barns centered around the tobacco crop. Of the structures presented 14 clearly show a tobacco barn style, but East Hartford was also a farming community producing a variety of crops and dairy.

The website's intention is to highlight the state's remaining barns or carriage houses as many of these structures had been razed over the past cen-

The website states: "Historic

barns in Connecticut had been almost completely undocumented. As outbuildings, barns had rarely been included in National Register of Historic Places until the last decade when the total context of a historic site has been considered essential to historic signifi-

With each barn that is lost another piece of the state's rich agricultural history disappears. The statewide survey took place from 2006-2010 and involved the participation of more than 400 volunteers all over Connecticut."

The site lists the barns under the following categories: Local Historic District; National Historic Landmark; National Register; and State Historic Resource Inventory.

Only one barn is on the state historic resource inventory. This is actually a pair of barns on Forbes Street listed as the Bansemer Farm. The site notes that these two barns date from

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Looking back at East Hartford

by Rob Kanehl

the 1800s, and have undergone a number of additions and renovations.

There are two structures on the National Register. They are both currently being used as residential garages. The first is on Central Avenue and was constructed as a barn, the other is on Garvan Street constructed as a carriage house.

All the rest of the 32 listed structures are from the team of volunteer historians who traveled around the state obtaining photos and information of existing barns. These other barns in-

clude the blacksmith shop in Martin Park overseen by the town's historical society.

The remaining 31 barns carriage houses can be found throughout the town reflecting the fact that East Hartford historically was truly a farming community until well into the 1900s. The structures listed are as follows: 7 on Forbes Street; 6 on Silver Lane: 4 on King Street; 3 on Central Avenue; 2 each on Wells Street and Main Street; 1 each on High Street; Gilman Street; Clement Street; Church Street; Bissell Street and Beaumont Street.

A grain of salt when researching the site. A listing appears of a structure out my backdoor with no other information. It was photographed by a volunteer from the road in 2010. No attempt was made to contact the owner, who gladly would provide the history of the parcel of land.

Also, the barn is not located at the address listed.

# **Community Tag Sale June 14**

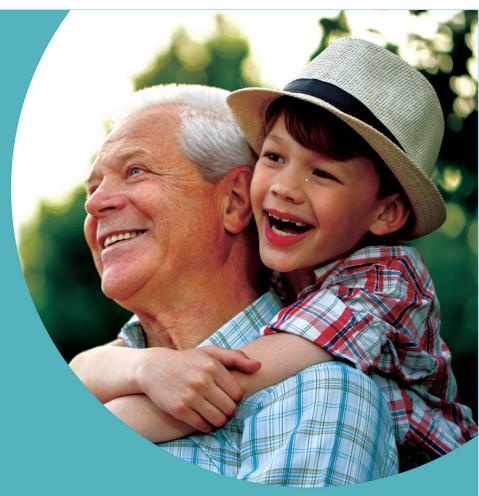
Community Tag Sale: All Saints Church, 444 Hills St., Annual Community Tag Sale taakes place June 14 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is a great way to meet your East Hartford neighbors while clearing out your home of unwanted, unnecessary or surplus possessions. There is no charge to vendors to set up a table or two in a 10-foot by 10-foot space. Parking is free, and best of all - delicious lunch is available for nominal fee or to take home. Come and enjoy a wonderful Flag Day with us! Rain date is June 21. To reserve a free space, text or call 860-490-3270, leave a message.



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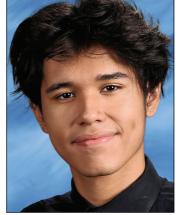
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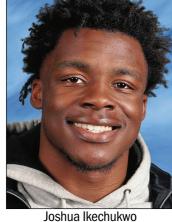
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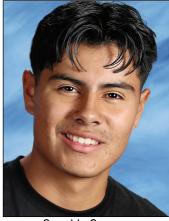


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Simeon Knight







Damian Mach



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# Society

# **WOMAN'S CLUB INSTALLS OFFICERS, BOARD**



THE EAST HARTFORD WOMAN'S CLUB/GFWC held it's Installation Banquet on Tuesday, May 6, at the Nutmeg Restaurant in East Windsor. Above, from left to right, are the members of the newly installed Executive Board of EHWC/GFWC. Jeanne Kehoe - Two Year Director, Elaine Santos - Two Year Director, Sandra Gingras - Treasurer, Lauren Keegan - Corresponding Secretary, Candy Tatro - Recording Secretary, Joan Olenick - Vice-President, Maegan Kiger - President, and GFWC/CT President Kathy Barnes. Missing from picture were Debbie McNamara - Historian and Kathy Cattanach - Assistant Treasurer. At right, from left to right, is Outgoing Co-President Linda Chamberlain, newly installed President Maegan Kiger, General Federation of Women's Club's/CT President and Installing Officer Kathy Barnes, and Outgoing Co-President Cynthia Messikian.

# Walk down your A1C Saturday

The East Hartford Lions Club invites you to take part in the Walk Your A1C Down Walkathon on Saturday, May 17, 2025—a special event focused on promoting diabetes awareness and supporting local youth. This walkathon is an incredible opportunity to come together as a community, raise awareness about diabetes, and make a positive impact on the lives of children.

Saturday, May 17 at 9 a.m. starting at Hillstown Grange Hall, 617 Hills St., to the intersection of Forest and Oak streets, and back to 617 Hills.

All ages and fitness levels welcome. Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow walkers and the shared goal of raising awareness about diabetes and its management.

The East Hartford Health Department will be on-site to provide A1C testing, offering participants an opportunity to gain valuable insights into their health and the importance of monitoring A1C levels.

Funds raised during the event will go directly toward sponsoring a child to attend the Meriden YMCA Diabetes Camp. This summer camp provides children with diabetes the education, resources, and support they need to live healthy, active

lives while enjoying a fun and memorable camp experience.

Whether you participate in the walk, sponsor a walker, or make a donation, your support will help change lives. This event combines community action with meaningful impact helping children and families manage diabetes more effectively while ensuring they have access to life-enriching opportunities. Fight diabetes and support our local youth.

To register contact the East Hartford Lions Club president Roz White by e-mail: blanche6713@msn.com





The Garden Club of East Hartford

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Annual Spring Plant Sale!

Saturday, May 17, 2025

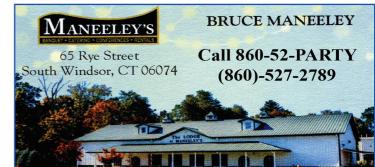
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(rain or shine)

# Sunset Ridge School

Bake Sale, Tag Sale & Drawings!!





# **EAST HARTFORD SPORTS**

## Dallas wins the Cooper cup

Dallas has become the basketball capital of the world and the centerpiece this year is the same as a year ago.

Last year the college basketball world looked on as the nation's top high school player, Cooper Flagg , whittled his college choice to two perennial national powers, UConn and Duke. After visiting the Duke campus in North Carolina, without making a visit to Storrs, Flagg announced he would become a Blue Devil. It was a foregone conclusion he would be one and done at

Cameron Indoor Stadium.

In making his announcement Flagg said he felt comfortable at Duke because everyone made him feel at home and

#### SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray

made him feel like family. He would have had the same feeling if he visited

UConn. He could have also had unlimited NIL money with Connecticut being among the first states to allow athletes to take advantage of NIL opportunities. Shed no tears. Flagg was more than adequately compensated with endorsement money as a college freshman.

The Mavericks landed the number one pick in the lottery and Flagg could have been more enthusiastic about the prospects of moving to Dallas. It will be interesting to see how the Mavs handle that pick. Number one picks today aren't nearly as needy as their predecessors, who didn't have the wide open legal spigot of money available to them in college. Flagg holds most of the cards.

The WNBA regular season tips off this weekend with all eyes on the Dallas Wings and #1 draft pick Paige Bueckers. Expectations are high for the UConn star who played no draft games with the Wings, signing a four year contract worth \$350,000. WNBA salaries are chicken feed compared to the money today's college stars bring with them from campus.

UConn Athletic Director David Benedict recently petitioned the state legislatures Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee to further review an NCAA plan expected to be instituted this fall to allow schools themselves to directly compensate student athletes to settle a multi-billion dollar settlement for loss of NIL opportunities on behalf of student athletes.

On the national level President Trump, in an effort to standardize NIL compensations, proposed a presidential commission on college athletics. NCAA president Charlie Baker responded, "The fact there's an interest on the executive side of this speaks to the fact everybody is paying a lot of attention right now to what's going on in college sports. I'm up for anything that can help us get somewhere." ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips echoed Baker's optimism that the proposed commission can create a national NIL standard. "We need to have something that comes out of Washington that connects all 50 states", Phillips told the ACC Network, "Because we've had a piecemeal project that has really undermined college sports. We do need some help at some point to create some clarity around some of these issues."

With the "House Settlement" bill set to take effect in the fall, allowing schools to use their own resources to compensate athletes national standardization is the best way to insure everyone is playing on a level field.

# Mixed results for Hornets

The East Hartford High School baseball team had been showing signs of improvement as the season progressed, but that seemed to take a step back Wednesday after they dropped a 15-5 decision to East Catholic at McKenna Field here in town.

The Hornets were coming off an effcient 5-1 victory Tuesday on the road against E. O. Smith after falling 6-2 on Monday to Tolland in a busy three days following rainy weather. Last week EHHS was edged out in a one-run loss at home to Windsor, 5-4. Those games were a vast improvement from the contests against Glastonbury and South Windsor, and a sign Hornet hopes were rebounding. EHHS baseball stands at 5-11 on the

year with five of the team's 11 losses coming on the road.

East Catholic's win bumped their record up to 12-4.

East Hartford faces Cheney Tech in a 6 p.m. contest Friday.

The Chargers are on a roll and will be fired up looking for their seventh straight victory. East Hartford will be defending its home field once again.

### BRIAN COLLINS INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME



EAST HARTFORD'S OWN BRIAN COLLINS, who dedicated 25 years to shaping young athletes as the head coach of Glastonbury Girls Cross-Country and Track & Field, has earned a well-deserved place in the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Class of 2025. Throughout his impressive tenure, Collins not only fostered a love for running that extended into collegiate careers and beyond but also amassed a winning record across all three seasons, culminating in this prestigious recognition. He was celebrated alongside ten other accomplished inductees from across the state at a ceremony held May 8 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. Pictured, from left are Len Corto, CHSCA Executive Director; Babby Nuhn, CHSCA Hall of Fame Committee Chair; Collins, and Bill Vanderrest, President CHSCA.

### Goats win 1-0 in 11 innings behind Gabriel Hughes' effort

Dyan Jorge put down a sacrifice bunt that allowed the game-winning run to score as the Hartford Yard Goats defeated the Binghamton Rumble Ponies 1-0 in 11 innings on Tuesday night at Dunkin' Park. The game was scoreless heading to the bottom of the 11th before Jorge's sacrifice bunt was fielded but thrown into right field allowing the automatic

runner Bryant Betancourt to score the only run of the game. Yard Goats starter Gabriel Hughes had his second perfect outing of the season, retiring fifteen consecutive batters and striking out three in five innings. The Rumble Ponies did not have a hit until the seventh inning. The Yard Goats are now 11-5 at Dunkin' Park.

Yard Goats starting pitcher

Gabriel Hughes was outstanding on the mound and lowered his ERA to 1.99 with five shutout innings. He retired all 15 batters faced with three strikeouts, including Mets infielder Ronny Mauricio who is on a MLB rehab assignment with Binghamton. Hughes left a scoreless game after five innings. The game was scoreless through 10 innings.

# THE GAZETTE OBITUARIES

# Frank Perrone, 88; Habitat for Humanity volunteer, St. Joseph Medal awardee

Frank Perrone, 88, loving husband of Joan (Millette) Perrone, peacefully entered into eternal rest on May 7. Born in Hartford November 7, 1936, he lived in Hartford until the family moved to Wilson when Frank was a teenager. Frank is predeceased by parents Peter and Mary (Pandozzi) Perrone, sisters Concetta (Perrone) Melo and Therese (Perrone) Benedetto, aunts and uncles.

After marrying Joan, the love of his life, they lived in Hartford then moved to East Hartford in 1962.

Frank loved music, especially classical and liturgical. He was a member of several choirs, including the choir of the Cathedral of St. Joseph for over twenty years. Frank



known as "Mr. Fixit" by family and friends. He rarely threw anything away, always finding ways

to repair or repurpose something. He was a giver, not a taker, always available to offer his assistance to anyone who needed it. He volunteered with Homefront, Habitat for Humanity, and many other civic projects. He was a communicant at St. Christopher



Frank Perrone

Church and was active in the parish. In 2024, Both he and Joan were honored by the Archdiocese of Hartford with the St. Joseph Award of Appreciation, the highest parish level award that can be given to a lay person, for their long-standing dedication

and service to his parish. He was a member of the finance council for both the church and school, treasurer for the church social club, and most recently, an altar server - something he had wanted to do since childhood. He was an avid fan of UConn Women's basketball and

was active in the Boy Scouts of America and was proud to have been in the Order of the Arrow. He was a great example of what a scout should be.

In addition to his wife. Frank leaves three children: Cathy Welskopp (Dave). Thomas Perrone (Melinda) Diane Troy (Andy); four grandchildren: Kyle and Ryan Smith (Cassie) and Claire Timothy Perrone; two greatgrandchildren: Savannah and Carson Smith, and two special family friends: Donna Daigneault and Patricia Berkery. The world has lost a genuinely decent, caring person. May he find rest and peace in the arms of God. The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff of Autumn Lake Rehabilitation Facility in New Britain for the care, love, and compassion shown to Frank and his family, and all of the nurses and personnel at AccentCare, who helped to make Frank's final journey as peaceful as possible.

On May 23, there will be a gathering in the hall of St. Christopher Church, from 9 a.m.-10:15 followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10:30. Following light refreshments in the church hall, burial services will take place at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frank's name to The Boy Scouts of America, or The National Kidney Foundation.

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# Eileen (Coughlin) Burnham, 98

It is with deep sadness that we announce the pass-Eileen (Coughlin) Burnham, beloved mother of Maureen Rodgers of Saybrook, Patricia Rodgers of Ellington and Gigi Tappan of Pembroke, MA, who passed away peacefully at the age of 98 at Yale New Haven Hospital on May 10, 2025 after

a sudden illness.

A proud mother of three girls, Eileen was a strong, independent woman who provided love and support to Maureen, Patty and Gigi throughout their lives, and they are forever grateful to her.

Eileen Burnham

Eileen was born on September 25, 1926 to Mary Ann (Flannery) Coughlin and Martin J. Coughlin who were Irish immigrants. Her siblings, James M. Coughlin, Gerald L. Coughlin and Lillian M. Hanley, predeceased her.

Eileen attended Southwest Grammar School and Bulkeley High School in Hartford. Attending the Class of 1944 reunions brought Eileen much joy. After graduation, Eileen attended Hillyer College but opted to go to work at Aetna Life Insurance Company to start earning money instead of completing her college education. Prior to her retirement, Eileen worked for 10 years at the State of C o n n e c t i c u t, Department of Transportation.

In 1978, Eileen married Robert (Bud) Burnham after meeting him at a wedding where he asked her to dance, and the rest is history. Eileen enjoyed being a farmer's wife working at the Burnham Farm Stand selling

vegetables on Main Street in East Hartford. Her friends and extended family especially enjoyed her "famous" whiskey cake and mint brownies. Eileen and Bud enjoyed spending time at their condo at Sterling Village in Boynton Beach, Florida until Bud's passing in 2004. At Sterling Village Eileen served as President of the Arts and Crafts Club, played bocce, sang in the Sterling Village Chorus and enjoyed walking up and down the intercoastal walkway trying to get her 2,000 steps in at age 98.

Eileen was a Charter Member of the East Hartford Women's Democratic Club and was a Life Member of the Irish American Home Society.

Eileen enjoyed her three trips to Ireland where she visited her aunts, uncles and many cousins. She celebrated many of her birthdays with her daughters with special trips that included New York City, Niagara Falls, and Charleston.

In addition to her three girls, Eileen leaves to mourn her passing three grandchildren: Gregory W. Tappan, Brianna L. Marchioni and her husband, Michael, and Alyssa M. Tappan. She also leaves Paul Klager, her nieces and nephews and their spouses: Marvann and Jeff Lindquist, Kathleen Hanley, Thomas Hanley, Jr., Joanne and David White, Donald W. House, Jr., and Rosemary and Alain Munkittrick.

Eileen was fortunate to live a long and healthy life. She enjoyed her weekly setback nights, attending political functions and all of the activities at the East Hartford Senior Center with her wonderful friend, Dolores Kehoe, who provided friendship to Eileen and her family. Her family is also forever grateful to Donna and David Burnham of East Hartford for looking out for Eil over the years that she lived next door on Old Main Street.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 from 3 to 6 p.m. at D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. Mass of a Christian Burial will be Friday, May 16, at 10 a.m. at North American Martyrs Parish, St. Mary's Church, 15 Maplewood Ave. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Gifts in Eileen's memory may be made to a charity of your choice. Online visit www.desopoeh.com

#### Peter Anselmo, 98; veteran

Peter Anselmo, 98, of East Hartford, passed away with his loving family by side his on Thursday, May 8, 2025. Born on July 27,1926 in Hartford, CT., he was the son of the late Nicholas Anselmo and Mary Moren. Peter was drafted into service during WWII before his graduation from Hartford High School,

and was honorably discharged, but upon return from service he went back to Veterans High to complete his diploma. He served in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Czechoslovakia and Spain.

Peter was an electrician, plumber, carpenter, and welder running the machine shop for Hartford Electric Light, was a member of Knights of Columbus, and worked with Junior Achievement. In his free time, Peter enjoyed taking his daughters to the park to feed the fish, play games and cards on the living room floor or enjoying a baseball game.

Peter is survived by his devoted wife of over 74 years Jeanne (Perriolat) Anselmo of East Hartford; two daughters, Alice Anselmo of New Jersey and Blanche Fellows of Glastonbury; eight adored grandchildren, Daniel Jeffries and his wife Alicia, Heather Sawyer and her wife Jennifer,



Peter Anselmo

Dominic Rossi; eight great- grandchildren Peyton Sawyer Grace Lucia, Riley Michaela Sawyer, Lucia, Hadley Farnham, Jameson Farnham, Peter Rossi, and Nico Rossi. He also left two special people, Ron Fellows and Jamie Bain. Peter was predeceased by his daughter Marie (Anselmo)

Stacie Lucia and her

Ronald Fellows and

his husband Joseph

Laura Farnham and

her husband Jody

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Joyce Samiotis. A funeral service to celebrate Peter's life will be held on Friday (May 16th) at 11 am at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. with burial with military honfollowing in Green Cemetery, Hubbard Street Glastonbury. Peter's family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, May 15, from 4-7 pm at the funeral home. Gifts in Peter's name may be made to the Dementia Society of America (for Awareness and Research), 188 North Main Box Doylestown, PA 18901. Special thanks to Marlborough Health and Rehab for the care and love they showed Peter and his fam-

ily. Visit www.desopoeh.com

Rossi, and his beloved sister

### **OBITUARIES**

# Jane Clark Landry, 93

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mom. Jane Clark Landry, May 6, 2025, at the age of 93. Mom passed peacefully at her home in Glastonbury, CT.

Born June 21, 1931, Jane was the beloved daughter of the late Kenneth Grant Clark and Dorothy Bidwell Clark of East Hartford, CT. Jane was the devoted and loving wife of the late Clifford A. Landry, Jr., who passed away in 2002.

Jane grew up in East Hartford and graduated from East Hartford High School, Class of 1948. Jane and Cliff were high school sweethearts.

In mom's youth, she enjoyed summers vacationing in Gent, NY, on her cousin's farm and at her aunt's oceanside cottage in

Upon high school graduation, Jane began working at the Twin Hartford's Insur-Company, now ance known as The Hartford Insurance Company. From there, she turned her attention to Cliff and on Flag Day, June 14, 1952, they were married at the East Hartford Congregational Church. Jane and Cliff often

talked of their fond mem-

ories living as a married couple on the campus of Springfield College. After graduating, they moved to Berlin, CT, where they raised their family, while her husband was the Berlin High School Vice Principal and football coach. Mom was always there to support dad and the

Family was always the most important part of her life. Mom lovingly cooked and baked for her family; hand picked apples



Jane Landry

and blueberries for her pies were among the favorites. Beyond the kitchen, gardening was a favorite pastime.

As her children grew, Jane began a 25year career as a Unit Coordinator at New Britain General Hospital.

In Jane and Cliff's leisure, they loved to travel; favorite trips included an Alaskan cruise, a Hawaiian vacation on Oahu, the Bahamas and Bermuda, and enjoyed camping and boating with their family and grandchildren. We will always remember

mom as a gracious, kindhearted Christian; greatly loved and deeply missed. Jane leaves behind her lov-

ing children, daughter and sonin-law Nancy Sylvester and Dr. Russell Sylvester, Jr., of Farmington, her son and daughter-inlaw (Ret.) Captain Mark H. Landry, USCG and (Ret.) Rear Admiral Mary E. Landry, USCG of Bonita Springs, FL, and her son Jeffrey C. Landry of Glendale, AZ. Her cherished grandchildren, Michael Landry and his wife Jill, Katelyn Landry, Allison Sylvester and Sarah Sylvester. Her adoring greatgrandchildren Jack and Madelvn Jane Landry. Her sister-in-law Frances Landry Terase and her husband Bob of Marlborough, CT, dear cousins, nephews, and nieces.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her brother David Clark and his wife MaryJo of Maryland, her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Dorothy Landry Weaver and George Weaver of Vineyard Haven, MA.

To mom's friends and neighbors, a heartfelt thank you for your unwavering support and thoughtfulness. A special thank you to mom's caregiver, Priscilla Asante.

Friends and family may call at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 61 Main Street Unionville, Saturday, May 17. from 9-11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service in the church at 11, the Rev. Dr. Sandra Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the family plot at Riverside Cemetery, Farmington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 61 Main St., Unionville, CT 06085 or to Springfield College, 263 Alden St., Springfield, MA 01109. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

# **Touch-A-Truck this Sunday**

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emergency response trucks to construction equipment.

Pack 61 is the last active Cub Scout Pack in East Hartford, serving children from kindergarten through fifth grade under Scouting America, a nonprofit organization.

The group focuses on character development and skillbuilding through interactive activities, covering topics from STEM and the arts to civic service and outdoor adventures.

Businesses and individuals interested in participating or donating can contact Pack 61 by email at Pack61EastHartford@gmail.com. All donations are tax-deductible.

With hopes of making this an annual tradition, Pack 61 invites the entire East Hartford community to come out, support local youth, and enjoy a day filled with fun, learning, and big trucks.

# Supermarket shopping spree

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But, in reality it will be the East Hartford food bank which will take the prize.

Community sponsorships are being sought to support the contest. "We are looking for 6 Gold level Sponsors (\$150) & 6 Silver level Sponsors (\$50),"

said Tierinni. If interested please e-mail ashlev.tierinni4454@hotmail.co m for sponsorship information. Sponsors will be on a first come, first-served basis.

"Whether you want to form a team to compete, or to show your support through a sponsorship, this event is an opportunity to make a real difference," said Tierinni. "It's about community solidarity, kindness, and raising hope for those in need. Please join us! Let's come together to tackle food insecurity and stock our town's food pantry shelves!"

For more info, call 860-817-

### Veterans banners on Main

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ners. It makes me feel like it's a community that cares, and takes the time and effort to highlight their special hometown heroes."

Wednesday she explained how, in the Navy she learned "never be first to volunteer for anything." Berner served as a cryptologist (she speaks fluent Russian). "So naturally here I am," she noted of her role of volunteering to coordinate the banner effort. "I presented the idea to the town's Veteran's Commission. Naturally, they said, 'go with it, Brigitte. So once again, here I am."

She had help and Mayor Connor Martin and his staff were quickly on board. Ekaterine Tchelidze, Mayor Connor Martin's chief of staff, coordinated the effort to get sponsors for the banners at \$200 each.

The Gold Star banners and banners for someone who has

just enrolled are free of charge from the banner company. East Hartford's Frank J. Tedone, whose remains were interred in Arlington National Cemetery April 23 after just being identified 81 years after being shot down on a bombing mission in Burma in 1943, has a banner ready to go up in his hometown. He graduated from East Hartford High School in 1941.

The East Hartford VFW post purchased 15 banners immediately for members, as did town hall departments with military members, such as the police department. The rest of the banners were purchased by family members, the newly-homed World War II Legacy Foundation Museum at 102 Pitkin St The 24x48-inch double-sided banners will go up next week on Main Street and remain there until Veterans Day in November, then will be given to the families or sponsors.

Wednesday many of the veterans honored showed up where Berner and Tchelidze presented each with a handsome plaque by Discount Trophy engraved with their name and the photo on the banner.

The veterans congratulated one another as they posed for photos next to their banner. Veteran Frank Forest got a big cheer from his granddaughter when he went up to collect his plaque. Retired Korean War Iim Chalmardina and



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#### **BY CORINNE HORAN**

#### **MAY 17: HELP PLACE FLAGS ON VETERAN'S**

GRAVES at Hillside Cemetery. Meet at 8 a.m. anad ioin members of the East Hartford Veterans Commission. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a long screwdriver to help make a hole in the hard earth for the flag shaft. FMI contact John Cook, Veterans Commission, at 860-212-9966.

**MAY 17: MAYOR MARTIN'S SPRING COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY.** Give a few hours to tidving up the town. Begins on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and lasts until 2 p.m. in Downtown and along other public throughfares. Volunteers will gather first at the Town Green at Alumni Park, 1021 Main St. where thet will be assigned to a cleanup squad. To coincide with Armed Forces Day, May 17, a special group of volunteers will also be tasked with cleaning headstones of veterans at Hillside Cemetery using a non-toxic cleaning solution under supervision. An EH Public Works crew will provide protective wear, but dress appropriately. Register to volunteer at https://www.easthartfordct.gov/mayors-office/webforms/2025-east-hartford-community-cleanup-day-registration Lunch will be provided following the cleanup.

MAY 17: BIKE RODEO at South Congregational Church, located at 1301 Forbes Street in East Hartford, will host a free Bike Rodeo in their parking lot behind the building on Saturday, May 17th, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Bring your kids for fun and challenging activities designed to teach the skills and precautions needed for safe bike riding. There will also be raffles and giveaways, along with free car seat safety checks and car seat installments. The program is offered in cooperation with the East

Hartford Police Department, and is open to the

community. FMI call 860-568-5150 or contact

MAY 17: WHEN DISASTER STRIKES: Join Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation on Saturday at 10 a.m. for the guided walk, to learn about local and national disasters through the experiences of Cedar Hill residents on this tour of the historic cemetery. Karin Peterson shares stories about the Titanic, 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, 1888 Blizzard, 1938 Hurricane, and more. Admission \$10; free for Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation members. Advance reservations recommended online at

www.cedarhillfoundation.org. Cedar Hill Cemetery is located at 453 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford, The walking tour begins at the flagpole at the end of the entrance drive.

MAY 18: TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at East Hartford High School, 869 Forbes St. The Cub Scouts of Pack 61 will host this first-ever event and are also looking for businesses to bring one of their trucks down to allow kids to sit in it, ask questions about it, and learn. Sponsorships welcome. The Pack is grateful for anything the community might be willing and able to donate to the Touch-A-Truck event and the Pack hopes to make this an annual event in our town. Donations can be mailed to Pack 61 of East Hartford, 944 Forbes St., East Hartford, CT 06118. If questions or to help make this first-time event a success e-mail Pack61EastHartford@gmail.com.

MAY 19: HARTFORD BLOOMS presents an evening of jazz legends with Nat Reeves and his MNN Trio at the Parkville Market, 6 to 9 p.m. with Rodney Jones. Jam session at 8:15. \$20 tickets includes one drink. Advance tickets: 860-422-7937.





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