

Grants to improve parks

State Senator Saud Anwar welcomed state grants totalling \$776,625 for improving Bicentennial Square and adding overlooks along the East Hartford Riverfront near Bulkeley Bridge.

The grants came from the state's Urban Green and Community Garden Grant funds. East Hartford will receive \$105,350 to redesign Bicentennial Square. Senator Anwar says the park "has fallen into disrepair" and the state says the 19 maple trees planted for each of the 19 men killed during the Vietnam War are missing.

At Great River Park, which is managed by Riverfront Recapture, \$571,275 will pay for painting the existing bridge overlook, improving condition of stairs and ramps there, and for new signage.

There will be an informational exhibit on the history of the Bulkeley Bridge, the world's largest stone arch bridge and one of the oldest carrying interstate traffic.

In addition the town will get another \$100,000 for Brownfield Remediation of the Silver Lane Plaza. The town already received a \$125,000 grant for brownfield remediation from the state for remediating the plaza during former Mayor Marcia Leclerc's administration. However those funds were used to remediate the site of a former strip club at Main and Pitkin streets to accommodate the construction of a new Dunkin' coffee franchise.

This time the grant comes not from the federal government.

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CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH



EAST HARTFORD AND HARTFORD joined forces Saturday in a day-long, bi-shoreline celebration of emancipation and history with music, dance and foods on the bridge and along the Connecticut Riverfront. See page 6.

Neglected Stevie Nicks defies odds, rules the roost at POA

Kristen Greenblatt
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Four-year-old Stevie Nicks, a ginger beauty, came to Protectors of Animals at 144 Main St. in September. It was not her first time there. She was first adopted as a kitten, but the other cat in the family never accepted Stevie. So for three years she was confined to one room.

When Stevie's family moved, they returned her to POA - angry, confused, and scared. Instead of one room, she was in a single cage. No one could touch her - she would hiss and spit and swat and had terror in her

eyes. Confined, again, but this time in a much smaller space. The fear was real. Eventually POA socializers were able to move her, and she stretched her legs and explored. She loved it, but now the problem was getting her back in her cage. Stevie is not the kind of cat you can pick up, and very, very smart.

After lots of trial and error and many, many hours, they hit upon Stevie's favorite food. Some days it would work, some it would not. She began to trust a few of the volunteers.

Now when she came out she was not trying to get as far away from people as possible.

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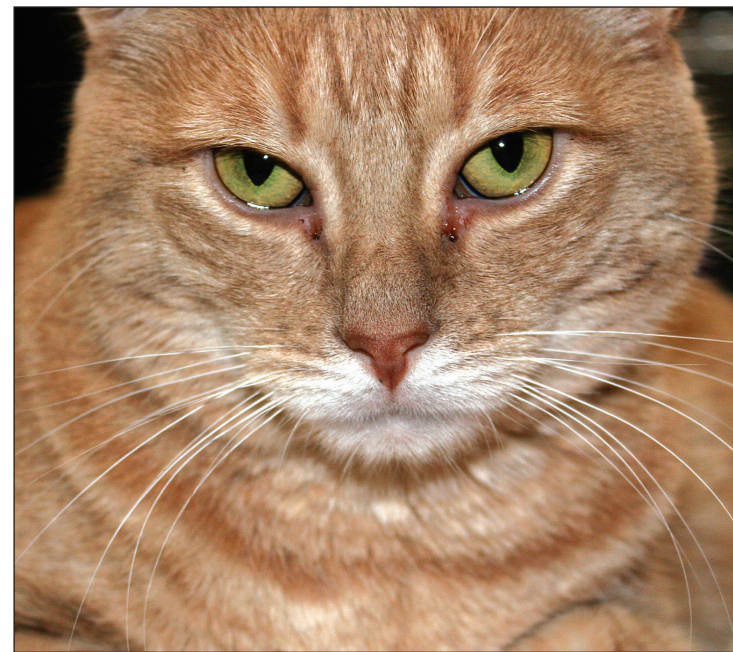
STEM Academy at O'Brien

East Hartford Public Schools announced the East Hartford Science & Technology Academy (EHSTA) will launch in fall of 2027.

As reported, it will be an innovative district-operated, school-within-a-school STEM academy offering students career-connected pathways and project-based learning via university and industry collaborations.

The academy will serve approximately 150-200 students in Grades 5-8, with an initial rollout in Grades 5-6. It will be in a dedicated wing of East Hartford Middle School equipped with technology labs designed for robotics, prototyping, aerospace, data science, artificial intelligence, and

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STEVIE NICKS is a survivor in search of the right home.

AROUND TOWN

SNAP gets summer boost

Just in time for farm markets, families of more than 350,000 children are getting a special summertime food assistance benefit in the amount of \$120 per child through the Summer EBT program (S-EBT).

The funds will be administered by the state Dept. of Social Services in partnership with the state Dept. of Education. The program functions similar to SNAP - the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - and will give a boost in food benefits to families with children.

According to Gov. Ned Lamont, over \$42 million in S-EBT funding will be distributed to families this summer.

Those who qualify include families with children who are already enrolled in SNAP, the Temporary Family Assistance Program (TFA), or who are on Husky A with an income less than 185% of the federal poverty level. Additionally, families who were determined eligible for free or reduced-price school meals during the 2025-2026 school year will automatically receive these benefits.

"These additional food benefits will help provide support to families during the summer months while kids are on break from school to ensure they continue to have access to nutritious food," Governor Lamont said. "Our administration remains committed to increasing food security for families."

"We know how much families rely on school meals during the year, and this benefit helps make sure that support doesn't disappear the moment summer break begins," Connecticut Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton Reeves said. "Our goal is to make this as simple as possible—most families don't have to do anything at all to receive it."

The funds were electronically distributed last weekend to the majority of families who qualify. Families who were not automatically enrolled in S-EBT can apply for the program until August 31 at portal.ct.gov/sebt.

All families who qualify will receive the benefits either on their SNAP card or a previously issued EBT card, such as last year's S-EBT card.

GOVERNOR VISITS CUP O'JOE



GOVERNOR NED LAMONT, SECOND FROM LEFT, holds a tray up at the Cup O'Joe on Main Street on Juneteenth. He was in town with Mayor Connor Martin and Board of Education Chairman Tyron Harris to support both local businesses and Harris's campaign for the 10th District seat. See story and additional photo, page 5.

AG claims victory in rules case

As part of a coalition of 19 attorneys general, Attorney General William Tong issued the following statement after the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts granted the coalition's motion for a permanent injunction and blocked key provisions of Executive Order No. 14248 from taking effect. Issued by President Trump on March 25, 2025, the Executive Order attempted to conscript state election officials in the President's campaign to impose documentary proof of citizenship requirements for voter registration, and withhold federal funding from states that

don't comply with the order.

"This was a blatantly unconstitutional effort by the President to unlawfully commandeer state elections and micromanage how we vote. We sued, we stopped him, and we will continue to fight back against any and all efforts by this President to disenfranchise voters and control our elections," said Attorney General Tong.

In April 2026, Attorney General Tong also joined a coalition of attorneys general challenging Executive Order No. 14399, which interferes with state elections restricting voter eligibility and mail voting.

Recycling, trash pick up as usual July 3

Town offices are closed July 3 the day before Independence Day. However while town employees get the day off, the private company which does trash and recycling collection will be out collecting town garbage and picking up recycling July 3. The town's transfer station on Ecology Drive will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 4th.

To schedule a bulky waste pickup, call All American Waste at 860-289-7850.

MDC issues H₂O report

The Metropolitan District (MDC) released its 2025 Water Quality report noting that drinking water provided to its member towns met or exceeded all state and federal standards.

"MDC's annual water quality report once again affirms that our system is delivering clean, reliable drinking water that meets the highest standards. As representatives of the MDC's member towns, the Metropolitan District Commission takes great pride in supporting the investments, oversight, and skilled workforce that make this possible, while remaining accountable to the communities who trust us every day," said Donald Currey, MDC Chairman.

<https://themdc.org/press-releases-mdc-releases-2025-water-quality-report/>

Joke of the Week

Why did the chicken go to the gym?
To work on its pecks.



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DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

Entre Palabrerías se Sana

Hace unos días me encontraba hablando con una amiga a la que la vida le ha dado duro, como a veces suele pasar. Entre una cosa y otra, me encontré tratando de subirle el ánimo con una enredadera de refranes, dichos y frases que en mi cabeza parecían tener muchísimo sentido.

Que si “no hay mal que por bien no venga”, que si “después de la tormenta ya verás que viene la calma”, que si “más se perdió en la guerra”, “no te preocupes que a cada lechón le llega su navidad”. Llegó un punto en que ni yo misma sabía si la estaba consolando o si estaba participando en una competencia internacional de refranes random.

Y es que cuando alguien está pasando por una ruptura, una decepción o, por poner un ejemplo completamente al azar y para nada... cercano a la realidad, encuentra a su pareja siendo infiel en un hotel, uno recurre a todo el repertorio de frases que vienen bajando de generación en generación. Ahí salen la abuela, la mamá, el papá, la tía y hasta el vecino que siempre tenía una opinión, sobre todo.

Porque la verdad es que crecimos rodeados de refranes. Eran la versión latina de las terapias rápidas. Uno llegaba llorando y no recibía una charla de cuarenta minutos sobre crecimiento personal. No. Recibía un “al mal tiempo, hay que darle buena cara” y a seguir caminando. ¿funcionaba? Probablemente no. Sabemos y tenemos bien en claro que tenemos que ir a terapia. Pero en esos momentos esas palabras de aliento llegaban más que bien. Eran como pequeños abrazos de esperanza que te daban ganas de seguir.

Los refranes no son solamente palabras. Son recuerdos. Son generaciones enteras tratando de dejarle una brújula emocional a los que vienen detrás. Son pequeños recordatorios de que otros también han sufrido, se han equivocado, les han roto el corazón y aun así siguieron adelante.

Claro, hay algunos que, siendo honestos, merecen una segunda revisión. Porque cuando uno está llorando por una decepción amorosa, escuchar “hay muchos peces en el agua” puede provocar más ganas de llorar que de ir a pescar. Pero la intención siempre está ahí.

Quizás por eso seguimos repitiéndolos. Porque detrás de cada refrán hay alguien que nos quiso lo suficiente como para intentar enseñarnos a sobrevivir los días difíciles. Son frases sencillas que nos recuerdan que la tristeza pasa, que las heridas sanan y que la vida sigue, aunque en ese momento parezca imposible.

Y si algún día se encuentra tratando de consolar a una amiga y termina lanzando un reguero extraño de refranes sin mucho orden ni sentido, no se preocupe. Está participando en una tradición muy nuestra. Una en la que el amor, el humor y la esperanza viajan de generación en generación disfrazados de dichos populares.

Eventos próximos que no te debes perder:

El Museo de Historia de Connecticut te invita a caminar los Hiking Trails para que disfrutes de escenas históricas. Esto es una gran oportunidad de poder disfrutar Connecticut. Esto es una serie que ofrece caminatas mensuales en diferentes localizaciones culminando en Oct. 2026. La próxima será en Julio 24 Hikers, se reunirán en Hartford para descubrir el impacto que tuvo la Revolución en lo que entonces era una de las ciudades capitales del estado. Esta caminata también incluirá una visita a la exhibición “La Revolución de Connecticut” del museo (que abrirá el 4 de julio. Para más información accede a museumofcthistory.org

No te pierdas el Farmers Market comenzando el 7 de Julio. Esto será todos los martes de 12:00pm a 2:30pm en el Town Green, ubicado en el 1047 de Main Street. Se aceptan los beneficios de SNAP, WIC y Senior FMNP. No habrá mercado el 4 de agosto.

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Hartford Y leader on national board

Adrienne W. Cochrane, J.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of YWCA Hartford Region, has been elected to the Board of Directors of YWCA USA – the nation’s leading organization dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. She joins a 21-member national board guiding the strategic direction of a movement serving communities nationwide.

Cochrane has led YWCA Hartford Region since 2018, a tenure in which the association secured the largest gift in its more-than-160-year history and took ownership of its Hartford headquarters – now being transformed into The Center for Community Engagement



Adrienne Cochrane

and Impact. She serves on the state’s Paid Family and Medical Leave Authority and the Governor’s Council for Women and Girls, and previously spent fourteen years with the National Urban League movement.

“To be elected to the YWCA USA Board of Directors is a profound honor and a responsibility I don’t take lightly,” said Cochrane. “I’m ready to bring everything Hartford has taught me to the national table – and to help steward this movement’s promise of dignity and opportunity for women and families everywhere.”

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SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

Load of malarkey from old John Larson

To the Editor,

"We are in a constitutional crisis. 'DOGE' cut staff at Social Security and stole your personal data.

Trump officials are out to privatize your benefits. Speaker Johnson wants to raise the retirement age.

Automatic benefit cuts are closer than ever, and Republicans are not only doing nothing about it, they are stealing the American peoples' data and taking an axe to Social Security customer service," said Larson.

"Connecticut seniors will be hit the hardest if no action is taken. Democrats are united and ready to act ..."

What a load of malarkey from this old dinosaur! Plain fact of the matter is that John Larson and his cohort of Democrats - or as I like to refer to them today, American Socialist/Communists - have been amongst those calling the shots for Social Security for his past 27 years in the Congress.

Of greater significance during his watch, Democrats have had significant control of the Congress during the 16 years of Obama/Biden.

If there's a problem, it's not the Populist movement that's done it, it's the Socialist/Communist movement. The goal is complete dependency on the State with the goal of exploiting of ALL your tax dollars to give to socialist programs.

You will not only earn money but earn it to pay it all to the state which will dictate how you live as it doles it out.

Insofar as workers in the Social Security Administration (SSA) go, automation has been in place for years starting with Obama. So there's nothing new on that count.

What is refreshing is cutting unneeded staff that still exists despite automation.

So, who's responsibility is it for the waste and who should credit go to for its removal?

Trump Derangement Syndrome is a dangerous thing but a potent weapon for the Democrats to blind the gullible from the truth. The truth of the matter is removing wasted payroll and benefits bolsters a struggling benefit to seniors.

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"Instead of joining Democrats to protect and enhance these programs, Donald Trump and Republicans are busy sabotaging them." - says U.S. Representative John Larson.

Au contraire, my fellow Nutmegger; the Republicans are trying to correct decades of neglect by YOU and your ilk.

You're just playing on the fears of seniors and what they really should be fearing is another 20 years of neglect.

This state needs more balance in its government. One-party politics keeps the wrong party in power, Republican or Democrat.

When you vote this November, don't vote for the party, vote for the best persons no matter the party, and vote for persons who demonstrate the integrity to work across the aisle.

In the mix there is success; in uniformity there is communism.

Allen E. Horner
East Hartford

AI in schools? Not so fast

U.S. Senator Chris Murphy, during a hearing of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, discussed the risks of rushing AI into schools without a plan to regulate the technology or verify whether AI improves the educational process.

Murphy expressed serious doubts that AI companies have the right incentives to support student learning.

Speaking as a parent, Murphy noted AI's corrosive effects on kids' mental and social health:

"I don't think there's any way to overhype the damage that AI has already done to our kids' ability to succeed. I'm the parent of an incoming 12th grader and incoming 9th grader, and I've seen already how, at scale, kids have outsourced critical thinking, have outsourced friendship, have even outsourced moral advice to AI."

Murphy laid out why we shouldn't blindly trust that AI companies are working in soci-

ety's best interests:

"The AI companies have a veneer of social benefit, but an underlying motivation of addiction and profit expansion... One observer of the major tech companies said these companies would burn everything to the ground as long as they're making a profit."

Murphy called for common sense guardrails around introducing AI into the classroom:

"We require a teacher to go through licensing before they are in a classroom. We require most complicated technologies to go through an approval process before they are handed out to the American public.

"What do you think about an idea to make sure that AI technology that is being handed to a teacher go through some expert approval process first to make sure that its actual function is to supplement the teacher's instruction, rather than its primary function is to try to spin you into higher usage and higher pay rates for the company that owns it?"

Email letters to editor@ehgazette.com

Opening Juneteenth Libations Ceremony honored freedom, legacy and community

To the Editor:

Bridging Freedom - The Juneteenth Celebration on June 20th at Great River Park began on the Founders Bridge with a meaningful ceremony that reflected the history, resilience and spirit of the African American Community.

This Libations Ceremony was held in honor and memory of Isaiah Mehki Williams.

Libations are a longstanding African tradition used to pay tribute to ancestors and loved

ones who have passed on, acknowledging their lasting impact on our lives and communities. Through reflection and remembrance, participants honored Isaiah's life while celebrating the strength and perseverance that Juneteenth represents.

The opening Ceremony set the tone for a day of unity, culture, education and celebration as the community of East Hartford, Hartford and beyond commemorated the emancipation of

enslaved African Americans. The moment also recognized the ongoing pursuit of freedom and justice.

All who were with us on Saturday were there to remember the past, honor those who came before us, and celebrate the promise of a brighter future together.

Vanessa Jenkins
East Hartford Black Caucus



Sometimes, signs of our history can be deceiving

Did you know that sometimes history is not history? But the connections from questionable history often causes researcher to discover the real facts.

At the Brewer House there are two tavern signs but they appear not be from historic East Hartford Taverns.

The colonial and early republic tavern was not just a bar, it was the meeting place for town leaders, the inn for travelers and the welcoming center for dignitaries.

East Hartford like most New England towns had taverns up and down its main streets. Being a major travel hub, East Hartford's public houses played host to overnight visitors, stage-coach travelers, presidents and generals.

The names of these inn or

taverns fill pages of the town histories. The first such establishment was run by John Sadler near the Connecticut River in the Naubuc section, as early as 1648.

The most famous would be either Pitkin's Tavern where Pitkin Street and Main Street merge or Woodbridge Tavern at the Manchester Green. Both played host to Revolutionary giants - Washington and Rochambeau.

The Wells Tavern once located on Main Street was where President Monroe stopped in 1817 when visiting the area. General Lafayette also honored the town with a brief visit to the same location then called Phelps's Tavern in 1824. What is very interesting is that same building was at one time own and operate by the Woodbridge

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back on our East Hartford

By Robert Kanehl

family which maintain the tavern in Manchester.

The two signs in the Brewer House denote tavern owners not listed in the town histories.

The first sign is a small wooden object about one foot square with the wording "Tavern, David Little 1784." The ac-

cession document for the sign, notes that the object was not an "original wooden sign," but new, whitewashed to make it look old or historic.

Lieutenant David Little was an actual colonial resident. According to Goodwin's 1879 East Hartford history, Little did not run a tavern. Later historians, however, note his tavern was near Silver Lane and Main Street.

In an effort to preserve it, this building was disassembled and stored hoping for restoration, but unfortunately it has disappeared with time.

The second tavern sign is for the 1813 S. B. Goodwin Tavern. It is surrounded by a four-foot frame with the hand painted sign hung in the middle; a sword drawn cavalrman or dragoon riding a gray horse.

The wooden sign appears genuine but has no paperwork.

History shows a Samuel O. Goodwin store during the 1813-time frame, located on Main Street.

The 1879 Goodwin history states this store and one run by the Pitkin family "were places of daily refreshment to the lounge and the passerby, whose habits of imbibition were the result of general custom rather than of individual weakness, as it is regarded today."

There was the Levi Goodwin Tavern located nearer the South Windsor line which also flourished at the same time. This tavern was "patronized by many of our once substantial citizens."

But no S. B. Goodwin is recorded in time.

So - could this sign be real but from a different town?

SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

Supports Angie Parkinson

To the Editor:

I am supporting East Hartford Town Council member Angie Parkinson for State Representative this November to replace the retiring Henry Genga, who has long been Angie's mentor.

First and foremost I agree with Angie that average people come first in our state - and in our country - and that government can play a definite role in making life better for average people - by doing alot more for basic necessities like healthcare, affordability, public safety, education, and employment too - especially in those times when jobs are lagging behind.

And what's more - she has been a great, longtime public school-teacher and community volunteer - because she has that gift of simple communication with average people - to explain complex things on a level that anyone - not just experts - can understand.

And she's been willing to devote the time and energy to doing that with countless town-hall meetings around the area - along with thousands of door to door 'hello-and-how-are-ya's' - and in community settings like our Senior Center- where she has often listened to all our concerns and all our questions - something people want and need in a representative.

And for the immediate fu-

ture, if elected as State representative - she will ask our top earners to pay their fair share by supporting a long overdue 4% surtax just on those earning over \$1 million. That very same policy was enacted in Massachusetts in 2023, raising almost \$2 billion in 2023 and \$2.5 billion in 2024. In order to cover the budget shortfall in public education and relief for ever-increasing local property taxes.

And there are actually more millionaires in MA now than there were before the surtax was implemented. And we can expect that same good result here - relieving the constant upward pressure on property taxes - especially for those with fixed incomes.

And there is so much more Angie can do for us in our town and in our state - to keep average people solvent, with good healthcare, and good education including Trade-school training - which leads to good jobs and stronger communities.

And so my vote will be for Angie Parkinson for State Representative this November - because she's in OUR corner - for everyday people - every single day...

Mike MacDonald
East Hartford

Governor visits businesses on Juneteenth

To the Editor:

For the owners of Cup of Joe and Perfect Pound Cake, this year's Juneteenth celebration brought more than recognition it brought a meaningful reminder of what community support truly looks like.

As part of the kickoff to Juneteenth, the businesses had the opportunity to welcome Governor Ned Lamont, alongside local leadership, in a visit that highlighted the importance of small, locally owned businesses to East Hartford's economy and culture.

"We were honored to open our doors and share our stories," said Tamika Mitchell, owner of Perfect Pound Cakes. "Moments like this shine a light on the hard work that goes into building something from the ground up, and the importance of having leaders who take the time to show up and support us."

Karriem Holness, owner of Cup of Joe, echoed that sentiment. "Having the Governor and local leaders visit our businesses means a lot. It shows that what we're building here in East Hartford matters and that small businesses like ours are seen and valued."

Both Cup of Joe and Perfect



Pound Cake represent more than storefronts they are gathering spaces, sources of pride, and examples of entrepreneurship rooted in passion and perseverance. For the owners, the visit was especially meaningful as it took place during Juneteenth, a time that celebrates freedom, resilience, and the continued pursuit of opportunity.

The owners also expressed appreciation for the consistent support from local leader and State Representative candidate Tyron Harris, whose presence and advocacy have been visible throughout the community.

"Tyron has been someone who doesn't just talk about supporting small businesses—he shows up," said Holness.

"Whether it's stopping in, helping amplify our work, or bringing attention to businesses like ours, that kind of support makes a real difference."

Local business owners emphasized that continued investment in small businesses is critical not only for economic growth, but for maintaining the character and connection that define East Hartford.

As East Hartford looks ahead, moments like these serve as a reminder that strong communities are built through partnership, visibility, and a shared commitment to lifting one another up.

For Cup of Joe and Perfect Pound Cake, the message is simple: keep showing up, keep supporting local, and keep investing in the people who make the community thrive.

Tyron Harris
East Hartford

The Gazette welcomes signed letters on subjects of interest. Include your phone number and e-mail to: editor@ehgazette.com

HARTFORD, EAST HARTFORD CELEBRATE

JUNETEENTH: A DAY OF UNITY & REJOICING

SATURDAY'S JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION brought Hartford and East Hartford together to reflect on the past, present and future of the Black experience in America. From a Libation Ceremony honoring the Ancestors as well as the memory of Isaiah Mehki Williams on the Founders Bridge, the day was united in dance and music, proof that the flow of the Connecticut River does not divide us, but unites us.



*Photos by
Andy Hart*



Society

SENIOR CENTER HOSTS FAREWELL



FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES bid farewell to Gregory Sterns with a going away pizza party, above.

EAST HARTFORD ON THE CAMPUS

East Hartford students were named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List at Central Connecticut State University. They are Tamara Alcazar, Sean Barrett, Saeed Barry, Gianna Betz, Abigail Boateng, Lois Boateng, Alyssa Brythe Owoo, Tristan Burke, Carlos Cheatham, Sam Chomick, Jalise Ciuro, Ulises De La Rosa, Angelo Delgado, Antonio Dewees, Thao Duong, Trinh Duong, Xiomara Egocheaga, Hadi Elhakim,

Jaden Enriquez, Myranda Franco, Allison Gonzalez Fernandez, Kayla Gray, Kiara Hamblin, Marko Haro, Kayla Henry, Rachel Karvelis, Krystal Kenward, Carlos Koranteng, Celina Le, Zora LeBon, Semoy Lester, Gisselle Lopez, Marcela Lozada, Avery Martinez, Ruth Mejia Paulino, Anissa Minto, Sofia Miranda, Matthew Monasterski, Andrew Monroe, Jaylen Morales, Leo Okonya, Nicole Orellana, Aeniecia Parkes, Ki-

mani Rattray, Karla Rodriguez Garcia, Julie Rojas, Jessie Sampson, Quannal Sanabria-Hutchings, Melanie Sanchez, Matthew Silvestre, Arianna Stroman, Sarah Tangarife, Jonathan Tulier, Victoria Venti, Ian Villafuerte and Alonzaya White.

Brewer House celebration June 27

On June 27 there will be a Brewer House Renovation Ribbon Cutting hosted by the town and the East Hartford Historical Society. At 2 p.m. Mayor Connor Martin will conduct the ribbon cutting at the Selden Brewer House to celebrate the culmination of the complete renovation of this historic 1827

home at the corner of Main Street and Naubuc Avenue. All are welcome.

Also, on Saturdays the Historical Society of East Hartford offers free tours. See period furnishings and photographs from the 1860s to the 1930s adorn the home. Tours begin at 11 a.m. Saturdays until 2 p.m.



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When you read this the first round of the final Signature event of the PGA Tour season will be underway at the TPC River Highlands in Cromwell with a stunning array of the biggest names in golf pursuing the crystal trophy. Seventy-two of the game's elite are here for the full four rounds of the Travelers Championship. Signature events have no cut and, with 10 of the top 12 players in the world on hand, there's no shortage of story lines on the way to Sunday's closing ceremony.

Can Wyndham Clark match the daz-

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



zling display of scrambling that carried him to a one stroke win in Sunday's U.S. Open at Shinnecock? Can Sam Burns maintain the intensity that brought him to within a whisker of matching the all-time final round comeback in Open History? When his birdie putt on the 72nd hole grazed the edge of the cup he fell one stroke short of matching Arnold Palmer's 7-stroke comeback in 1960. That same year Palmer, who won his first U.S. PGA Tour event at the 1956 ICO/Travelers, became the first two-time winner of the local event.

Clark and Burns aren't the only golfers worth watching this weekend. World #1 Scottie Scheffler, who won here in 2024, will take aim at Clark and Burns again after finishing tied for fourth last week. Seventh-ranked Tommy Fleetwood craves another crack at the TPC after letting it slip away last year with two bogeys on the final three holes and Keegan Bradley can be expected to be championing at the bit as he looks to become the first golfer since Phil Mickelson in 2002, the second ever, to win here in back to back years. In 2023 Bradley won with a tournament record 257. Last year he took advantage of the late meltdown by Fleetwood. He can expect the usual support from a gallery filled with fellow New Englanders. He'll have to be on top of his game against a field that includes third-ranked Cam Young, fourth-ranked Matt Fitzpatrick, #5 Russell Henley, #6 Justin Rose and #9 Collin Morikawa.

Scheffler and Bradley join three others who found the key to victory on the TPC track. Jordan Spieth forged perhaps the greatest finish in tournament history in 2016 when holed out from the bunker for a bird at 18, then held his breath while Daniel Berger missed a long, but makeable, birdie putt. With a gallery that started midway down the 18th fairway and packed the amphitheater around the green the ground literally shook when Spieth holed out. In 2022 Xander Schauffele took advantage of a late meltdown by Sahith Theegala to claim a two-stroke win and in 2021 Harris English won in an eight hole playoff setting the all-time PGA Tour record for playoff holes to determine a winner.

What lures you to the course for a PGA event? A packed elite field? The prospects for seeing an exciting finish? The chance to see history in the making?

At the Travelers Championship you can take your pick.

Cote aims for Victory Lane Friday

Now in his sixth season of Street Stock competition at Stafford Speedway, Belcher-town, MA native Bill Cote is still in search of his first feature victory. Cote and his #69 Roy's Auto Service team have come agonizingly close to a first victory, scoring a second place finish at the end of the 2024 season before posting a pair of third place finishes during the 2025 season. Cote has yet to visit the podium in 2026, but he has posted top-8 finishes in every race this season. Cote will be looking to break into NAPA Victory Lane this Friday, June 26 when the Street Stock division takes to the track for its biggest race of the season, the Midstate Site Development Street Stock 30.

"A win has evaded us for a couple seasons now," said Cote. "Just getting our first win would be huge in itself and if it was in the 30 lapper that would be awesome for sure. A lot can happen with an extra 10 laps and we're feeling pretty confident with the experience we've gained over the years. We'll see what happens with the traffic and a lot depends on who starts up front and where things go after lap-1. You have to be patient but at the same time when that green flag comes out, you have to go."

One of the reasons that Cote

Athletic's Burke gets contract extension

Hartford Athletic announced the extension of General Manager and Head Coach Brendan Burke, official as of Wednesday afternoon. The extension is a three-year deal that kicks in following the 2026 season.

Thus far through 2026, Burke has guided Hartford Athletic to a 4-2-5 overall mark in United Soccer League Championship action and a 2-0-1 record in Prinx Tires USL Cup play, both among the best starts in the club's short history. Hartford is coming off one of their most accomplished victories in USL Championship action, a 1-0 shutout over the previously unbeaten Tampa Bay Rowdies. Back on May 9, Burke also earned his 100th career victory across USL Championship play (both regular season and play-



Bill Cote's #69 has been a leader but yet to be in the winner's circle.

points to in his quest to secure a first career feature victory is the fact that his car starts out well but falls off as the race goes on. Cote and his team have made several adjustments during the week leading into the MSD SS 30 that he feels will make a difference.

"Our car seems to start off good in all the races and at the beginning of the year but we're still trying to find the right changes to make to the car with the track and temperature changes," said Cote. "We always seem to start the season off at open practice and the first race with the fastest car and then we take a couple steps back from there. We made a few changes on the car this week that we think will put us in the right direction and it's always a help to put new tires on the car and we'll have new tires for this week. It's been a good year for

us and I have a good feeling that you'll see us up front at some point during the 30 lapper. Thanks to my sponsor Roy's Auto Service and all the contingency sponsors, The Driveshaft Shop, R.A.D. Auto Machine, Universal Driveshaft, and New England Racing Fuel. Whether it's race fuel or a cash bonus, they all do so much to support the track and I appreciate them all even if they're not personal sponsors of mine. Also thanks to my crew, Chuck Balboni, my right hand man Ed, and my wife is always there every week supporting me."

Cote heads into the MSD SS 30 feature event sitting fifth in the Street Stock points standings. Cote's career best finish was when he finished the 2024 season in 9th place and he is looking to maintain his top-5 position throughout the second half of the 2026 season.

offs) over Detroit City FC.

"Extending Brendan's contract is a massive win for Hartford Athletic and the entire Greater Hartford community. When we brought Brendan in, we were looking for a leader who could change our culture, and he has done that - delivering a trophy and the most successful seasons in club's history," said Hartford Athletic Chairman Bruce Mandell. "This extension provides our club long-term stability to consistently compete for championships. In Brendan, we have a world-class leader who understands that Hartford is a premier soccer community and is dedicated to giving our passionate fans the winning team they deserve."

Burke holds a 101-111-67

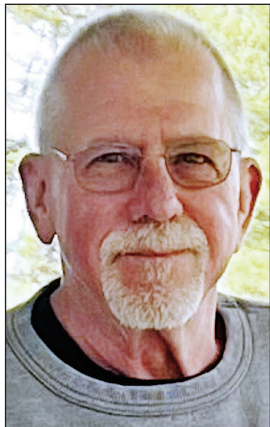
overall career record across the USL Championship (both regular season and playoffs) and a 29-28-19 overall record with Hartford Athletic. Burke also holds a 7-0-3 overall mark in USL Cup action since the start of his stint with Hartford while just last season, Athletic captured their first hardware in club history as winners of the Jägermeister USL Cup.

"Hartford has welcomed us with open arms over the past three years, and we are proud and excited to continue to call this home well into the future," said Burke. "Our focus now shifts immediately to sustaining and bringing even more growth and success to the club alongside all of the great people working so hard in every department."

OBITUARIES

Jon 'Stos' Stosuy; longtime East Hartford police officer

Jon W. "Stos" Stosuy, 69, of Rockwood, Maine and formerly of Tolland, loving husband of 46 years of Caren (Grady) Stosuy, unexpectedly entered eternal rest on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, surrounded by his beloved wife and daughters. Born in Waterbury on February 22, 1957, a son of the late Walter and Ellyn (Russell) Stosuy, he had resided in Tolland for 38 years prior to moving to Rockwood, ME two years ago.



Jon Stosuy

He graduated from Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, class of 1975 where he was a star football player his four years. He continued his education at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain where he was a member of their football team.

Prior to his retirement in 2011, Jon was a 30-year veteran of the East Hartford Police Department. He was proud to be part of the EHPD family, and he made some strong friendships that continued through his entire life. After retirement, he worked for A1 Landscaping in Tolland for five years. He was a former member of the Tolland Lions Club, and a former coach with Tolland Youth League Football.

Jon loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Rigoberto Verastegui, 83

Rigoberto Verastegui, 83, of East Hartford, passed away unexpectedly at his home Monday, June 8, 2026. Born on January 4, 1943 in Tacna, Peru, son of the late Victor and Raquel (Rojas) Verastegui, he had been a resident of town for 14 years. Prior to his retirement, Rigoberto was a self-employed taxi-driver for over 20 years. He loved soccer, especially Alianza Lima. Most of all, he will be remembered as a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Rigoberto is survived by his six devoted children, Jackeline Verastegui of

He also liked to travel with his beloved Caren throughout the Moosehead Region in upstate Maine. Jon was an animal lover and spoiled every dog he and his family had. Jon was known as the "grill master" and enjoyed cooking for his family and friends. Most of all, Jon was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who cherished his time with his daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.

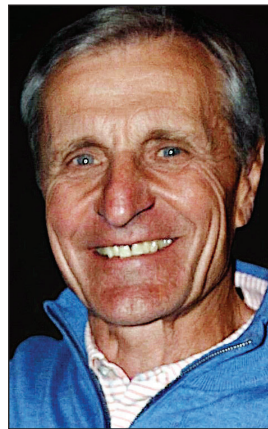
In addition to his beloved wife Caren, Jon is survived by two special daughters, Jennifer Palumbo and her husband Stephen of Tolland, and Lauren Lappen and her husband Matthew of Tolland; and two adored grandchildren, Angelo Palumbo and Giana Palumbo both of Tolland. He also leaves several dear friends and former police family members. Besides his parents, Jon was predeceased by an infant daughter, Leigh Ann Stosuy.

Jon's family will receive and welcome friends and family TODAY, Thursday, June 25 from 3 - 7 p.m. at D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. Funeral service and burial will be private. Gifts in Jon's name may be made to Protectors of Animals, 144 Main Street, Suite O, East Hartford, CT 06118. On-line, please visit www.desopoe.com

Peru, Raquel Verastegui of East Hartford with whom he made his home, Rigoberto Verastegui of Hartford, Roberto Verastegui of Hartford, Ronald Verastegui of Hartford, and Ronny Verastegui of East Hartford; two brothers, Percy Cervantes and Pablo Cervantes both of Peru; two sisters, Elena Verastegui and Ruth Cervantes both of Peru; twenty special grandchildren; seventeen adored great-grandchildren, and two great, great-grandchildren. Funeral services took place June 11 a.m. at D'Esopo East Hartford Chapel.

Frank Leone; Paul Harris Fellow, Rotarian

Attorney Frank A. Leone of East Hartford died surrounded by loved ones on Thursday, June 11, 2026, following a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Hartford on September 29, 1949, he was the youngest son of the late Alvin C. and Rosemary "Missy" (Pallotti) Leone. He was a graduate of Kingswood School, where he was a



Frank Leone

Prefect—a senior selected for outstanding leadership qualities to mentor younger students, a three-sport varsity athlete, captain of the wrestling team, sports editor of the student newspaper, and the recipient of the Andrew Blodgett Award, given to the student "possessing qualities of helpfulness, friendliness, and good citizenship," traits that defined him throughout his life. Frank received a B.A. in English from Wesleyan University, where he earned three varsity letters in wrestling, played one year of football, and gained a cadre of steadfast, lifelong friends, many of whom made tremendous efforts to visit him during his illness.

After receiving his J.D. from Suffolk University, Frank was admitted to the Connecticut Bar and joined and later became a partner in Leone, Throwe, Teller and Nagle, the East Hartford law firm founded by his father and where he practiced law with his brother and law partner Bill and later, his niece Valerie.

A lifelong resident of East Hartford, he served his community in a multitude of capacities, including as past Chair of the East Hartford YMCA Board of Managers, a corporator of Hartford Healthcare, past Chair of the East Hartford VNA Board of Directors, a Trustee of North American Martyrs Parish, and as President of the Raymond Library Company. In recognition of his commitment to community service, the East

Hartford Rotary Club named him a Paul Harris Fellow in 2025. Throughout his life, he enjoyed working with the youth in his community. He spent his high school and college summers as a counselor at High Meadow Day Camp and later dedicated ten years to coaching youth

baseball in East Hartford, mentoring many players (who still refer to him as "Coach") throughout their lives. For over 40 years he played Santa, handing out gifts to children at the annual neighborhood Christmas tree lighting.

An avid golfer, he was a member of Ellington Ridge Country Club for over 40 years, serving on numerous committees and on its Board of Governors. In recent years, he was also a member of Black Hall Club in Old Lyme.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother William A. Leone. He is survived by the love of his life Joanna Kelliher, who was a devoted caregiver and dedicated advocate for him throughout his illness; his brother Rev. Bryan A. Leone and his wife Katherine; his sister-in-law Beverly Leone; and five nieces and nephews and their families whose lives were shaped by his profound influence: Christina

Leone; Melissa Leone Delaney, her husband Richard, and their children Andrew, Ryan, and Kaitlyn; Valerie Leone Calciano, her husband Dominick, and their children Gianna, Dominick, and Liliana; Dr. Timothy Leone, his wife Jennifer, and their children Nicholas and Anthony; and Emily Leone. The legacy of his generous spirit and wise counsel will continue to guide the family for generations to come.

The family thanks his many loyal friends who formed a tremendous network of care over the entire course of his illness, providing rides to treatments, emotional support, and companionship. Thanks as well to the many medical professionals at Dana Farber, Spalding Rehabilitation, Yale Cancer Center, Gaylord Physical Therapy, Hospital for Special Care, Hartford Healthcare, Jefferson House, and Right at Home for their compassionate care.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, June 20 at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford followed by burial at St. Mary's Cemetery (Section B), Burnside.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the YMCA of Greater Hartford, East Hartford Branch (<https://www.ghymca.org/donate/tribute-gifts>). Please specify the East Hartford YMCA, in memory of Frank A. Leone. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoe.com

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O'Brien EHSTA to launch in 2027 school year

Parks grants

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"The East Hartford Science & Technology Academy is the latest example of the East Hartford Public Schools investing in its students and community," said Superintendent Thomas Anderson. "This academy will offer our next generation an exclusive future-forward learning experience housed within existing space at East Hartford Middle School."

The primary goal of EHSTA is to create a seamless Grades 5-post-secondary STEM pathway that prepares students for high-demand, high-paying careers in robotics, aerospace, data science, artificial intelligence, and biotechnology.

STEM occupations are projected to grow significantly faster than average — roughly 8-12% over the next decade, more than double the rate of non-STEM fields (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics).

"As the headquarters for Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford is already a hub of aerospace manufacturing. The establishment of the East Hartford Science & Technology Academy is a natural synergy," remarked Superintendent Anderson. Adding, "Relying solely on a college to career pipeline is too little, too late. East Hartford is poised to become a regional leader in hands-on, future-ready education by igniting curiosity and ingenuity early. Our stu-

dents can receive a top-tier, STEM-focused education without leaving East Hartford."

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metn but from the state Dept. of Economic and Community Development, which also has a Brownfield Remediation and Development program of its own.

The \$100,000 will allow the town to conduct environmental assessments and remedial planning beneath the 20.5 acres it now owns at 832 Silver Lane, formerly the site of a dry-cleaning business in Silver Lane Plaza which the town evicted and then demolished.

Stevie Nicks: From neglect to CEO at POA

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She was actually seeking them out with gentle rubs and meows, as if to say, is it okay if we spend a little time together? Stevie needed lots of reassurance and patience.

Fast forward to a few months ago and she was moved again, this time to the "main cat room," with the general cat population at the shelter! At first it seemed like we were back to square one where we would let her out on her own and it

would take hours to get her back in. But like we said, she is a very smart girl. She soon realized that her world was the same, it was just larger. Stevie is now out almost all of the time.

She has a favorite bed that we keep on a table, right in the middle of everything. There could be 10 people in the room and she sits in the center of it all. Stevie actively seeks out pets now, even from people that she doesn't know. If you pass her by without saying hello, she is going to stare at you until you do!

She still doesn't like to be picked up, and she usually has her back to you asking for pets

(eye contact makes her nervous), but WOW has she come a long way.

Stevie is a shelter favorite and is very much ready for a furrever home to call her own. She tolerates other cats, but we feel that she would be happiest as a one and only. She will need somebody who is quiet and patient and kind and will accept her just as she is... and she in turn is going to love you with every ounce of her being!

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ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN EASLEY (26-00156)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **June 23, 2026**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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JUNE 25: SOUNDS OF SUMMER concert, Tonight, 6 p.m. at Great River Park. This week featuring the **Chris Marra Band**. In case of inclement conditions the concert will be in the auditorium of the Community Center, 50 Chapman Place.

JUNE 25: IMMIGRATION AND THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP - at the Mark Twain House, Farmington Avenue, Hartford with author Anna O. Law, 7 p.m. Conversation with Prof. Anna O. Law on her new book Migration and the Origins of American Citizenship: African-Americans, Native Americans, and Immigrants. As the US Supreme Court considers a case that could significantly change the meaning of citizenship, we invite you to join us for a discussion of the long history of citizenship in America and the ways it continues to shape modern day immigration policy. See website for info.

JUNE 27: MEDITATE IN THE PARK Saturday at 11 a.m. near the blooming rose gardens of Elizabeth Park, West Hartford. Enjoy a guided meditation and short talk on how to keep a peaceful mind. Afterward, time to socialize and potluck. Bring a chair or blanket. Everyone welcome, kids and pets included. Free. FMI go to meditationinconnecticut.org

JUNE 27: BREWER HOUSE RENOVATION RIBBON CUTTING - Join the East Hartford Historical Society for a ribbon cutting at the Selden Brewer House, at 2 p.m. Come celebrate the culmination of the complete renovation of this historic 1827 home at Naubuc Avenue and Main Street.

JUNE 27, 28: THE WORLD WAR II LEGACY FOUNDATION MUSEUM will be open 3 - 7 p.m., 102 Pitkin St. The museum will be remembering World War II veterans born in June, commemorating their heavenly birthday. Stop by to share your photos.

JUNE 28: MEET ELIZABETH THOMAS, EAST HARTFORD'S POET LAUREATE June 28 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Wickham Memorial Library, 656 Burnside. Thomas is the first official Poet Laureate of East Hartford. If so inclined, bring a short (one page or less) poem to possibly share. The names of five readers will be drawn from a hat throughout the event. Refreshments. 656 Burnside Avenue.

JULY 2: SOUNDS OF SUMMER concert, 6 p.m., Great River Park. This week features the rollicking band, the **Sound Pipers**. In case of inclement conditions the concerts move indoors to the auditorium of the Community Center at 50 Chapman Place.

JULY 6: CONCERT FOR AMERICA'S 250TH by the Windham Concert Band at Great River Park, Mon-

day, July 6 at 6 p.m. (rain date: July 7) and "Sharing the Spirit of America," a nationwide simultaneous reading of the Declaration of Independence at the East Hartford Raymond Library Wednesday, July 8 beginning at 5:45 pm. Don't miss these events!

JULY 7: FARMER'S MARKET, TUESDAYS, 12-2:30 p.m. on the Town Green, 1047 Main St. SNAP, WIC, Senior FMNP benefits accepted. No market August 4. www.easthartfordct.gov/farmers-market for info.

JULY 8 - WICKHAM DAY QUILTERS OF EAST HARTFORD meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Wickham Library meeting room at 656 Burnside Avenue. Like to sew? Interested in quilting? Not a fan of driving at night? Attend a meeting to see if you would like to join us. Any skill level welcome. We

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meet the second Wednesday of the month. Wickham Day Quilters is a chapter of the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild. July program consist of a video on the History of American Quilts, and we will do a wire ring wreath project. Questions? E-mail us at Wickhamdayquilters@gmail.com

JULY 9: SOUNDS OF SUMMER concert, 6 p.m., Great River Park. This week features salsa band **Socky Y la Nueva Creacion**. In case of inclement conditions the concerts move indoors to the auditorium of the Community Center at 50 Chapman Place.

JULY 16: SOUNDS OF SUMMER concert, 6 p.m., Great River Park. This week, the ever-popular group **Cover 2 Cover** performs. In case of inclement conditions the concerts move indoors to the auditorium of the Community Center at 50 Chapman Place. July 23's concert is **The Score** followed by the **Soul Sound Review** on July 30. Bring the family, meet friends, bring a picnic basket.

AUGUST 5: EAST HARTFORD BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY Wednesday at a new location this year: McAuliffe Park. Mark your calendars for the first day of the 2026-2027 school year, which will be Wednesday, August 26. Register your child for

school if you have not already done so.

AUGUST 15: The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) of Connecticut announces the Hare Krishna Chariot Festival is coming to Riverfront Park in Glastonbury on Saturday August 15 from 11:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AUG 16: BUTTERFLIES WITH LEPIDOPTERIST VICTOR DEMASI Sunday, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bush Hill Preserve, 871 Hillstown Road, Manchester. Join Victor DeMasi of the Peabody Museum of Natural History and Land Heritage Coalition of Glastonbury on a walk through Manchester Land Conservation Trust's Bush Hill Preserve, to observe butterflies and learn about their ecology and conservation. Interested children are welcome! Wear sturdy shoes and long pants. Tick repellent is recommend. The field walk will start promptly at 10 a.m.

THURSDAYS - SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL ARCH TOURS, Bushnell Park, noon until 1:30 p.m. The Arch is open for FREE tours on Thursdays from 12-1:30 pm, May through October. Volunteer Arch Guides share the history behind the design and construction of the monument, along with the meaning behind its symbolic carvings and statuary. Tours last approximately 15-30 minutes, no pre-registration is required. Only have a few minutes? Climb the 96 steps to the top for the view.

GET A FREE CHECKUP - The Malta House mobile health care van parks on the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings at St. Mary's Church.

VISITING NURSE AND HOME HEALTH SERVICES are looking for Hospice volunteers to provide companionship and support. If interested, please contact John Roush at jroush@ech.org or 860-682-3405.

MY SISTERS' PLACE: Help provide affordable housing and services for families. Mail donations to Community Housing Advocates, 221 Main St., 4th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. FMI call 860-808-2048.

FOSTER FAMILIES needed for children in DCF care in every town. FMI or to register for a meeting, contact Annie C Courtney Foundation, 475-235-2184. Annie C works with the Dept. of Children and Families to find foster parents for over 3,000 children. FMI see www.anniec.org

INTERVAL HOUSE helps victims of domestic violence, advocacy, legal rights. 860-527-0550.

PROJECT LINUS delivers blankets to local hospitals. We are always looking for people to donate handmade quilts or afghans. Blankets need not be fancy, just colorful and washable, any size. To donate call 860-649-5513.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP at Riverside Health & Rehab Center meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 745 Main St.