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Democrats pick Luke Bronin over John Larson

In 10th District Dem primary, Angie Parkinson prevails over Tyron Harris

by Bill Doak

Former Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin met in the spring outside the office of East Hartford's Congressman John B. Larson to suggest it was time for the 14-term incumbent to "pass the torch" and step aside.

Tuesday Bronin, after winning the First Congressional District's party endorsement, captured the 27-town primary in decisive fashion, grabbing the torch out of the Mayberry Village's native's hands.

And for Larson, whose campaign repeatedly mentioned how growing up in public housing helped shape his career, his old Mayberry Village neighborhood voted for his rival by 7 votes.

Democrats in the three voting districts which comprise the 10th Assembly District sided with Angie Parkinson, 840 votes to 798, over Board of Education

Chairman Tyron V. Harris - 51.3 percent to 48.7 percent. Harris petitioned to challenge the party-endorsed Parkinson for the seat held for the past 21 years by incumbent fellow Democrat Henry Genga, who backed Parkinson. Mayor Connor Martin and the members of the East Hartford Black Democratic Caucus backed Harris.

Harris, in a social media post, said that although the results were not what he had hoped for "I felt a lot of love and support. My commitment to this community does not end with an election. I am from East Hartford, for East Hartford, one with East Hartford."

Town Councilwoman Angie Parkinson also thanked her supporters and campaigners who knocked on every door in the district, like Harris. She also was backed by the Working



CONGRESSMAN JOHN LARSON consoles one of his supporters Tuesday after conceding the party primary.



BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR Tyron Harris, right, stumps for votes at Goodwin School Tuesday. Harris lost by 42 votes to Angie Parkinson.

Families Party and a number of unions. All of the Working Families Party candidates won election Tuesday night. She will now face Republican Chris Tierinni and independent Rebecca Connors for the general election Nov. 3. Tierinni challenged Genga unsuccessfully in the past two election cycles.

Tuesday the mood was gloomy in Goodwin University's Riverside Magnet School cafeteria as returns trickled in showing Bronin ahead early. Eventually the former Hartford mayor posted 54% of the vote, while Larson trailed with 33% and Jillian Gilchrest and Ruth Fortune single digits. Larson took time to praise the two women's campaigns while not mentioning Bronin's name.

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10TH DISTRICT STATE REP HENRY GENGA, right, out at the polls Tuesday in support of Angie Parkinson for the seat he has held for 21 years.

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Job search? Hiring Fair September 16

The 6th annual Hiring Expo will be held Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Hartford's Trinity Health Stadium.

Employers from industry sectors including finance, education, health care, hospitality, manufacturing, law enforcement will be on hand. Job seekers are encouraged to bring copies of their resume and dress for success.

Employers and recruiters may reserve a table by going to the Hartford Athletic Hiring Expo website at www.HartfordAthletic.com/expo.

Table reservations are available until September 7.

Pre-registration is not required to attend the Hiring Expo, it is free and open to the public. For assistance with career services, resume preparation, or job search, job seekers may contact their local American Job Center.

9/11 ceremony at Fallen Star

Goodwin University will be hosting its 9/11 Day Of Remembrance Program on Friday, September 11th at 10AM at The Fallen Star Memorial on campus. The program is open to the public and will feature presentations by Mayor Connor Martin, Police Chief Hawkins and Fire Chief Munson as we gather on the 25th Anniversary of 9/11/2001 to pay tribute to and honor our First Responders and Military Servicemembers along with those who perished on that day.

CLASSIFIEDS

TAG SALE - 30 Milwood Rd, East Hartford, Saturday, August 15, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 PM. Furniture, kitchenware, decor, toys, clothes, books, art, shoes.

LANDSCAPING - weekly mowings (\$45-\$55) spring cleanup, mulching, bush and hedge trimming, etc... call (860)985-6361 for a quote.

LOST DOG? ITEM FOR SALE? - A \$12 ad in the *Gazette* makes more sense than spending for markers, staplers, etc to place ugly signs on telephone poles.

GAZETTE CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

Regresando a la Escuela

El verano fue una aventura y, aunque el calor todavía sigue, ya se acerca el regreso a clases. Vuelven las alarmas temprano, las mochilas en la puerta, las loncheras, el tapón y una de las frases más repetidas en cualquier casa con estudiantes: "¡Avanza, que vamos tarde!".

Para los estudiantes, el regreso puede significar volver a ver amistades, conocer nuevos maestros y comenzar otra etapa. Para los adultos, la cosa se ve un poquito diferente, gastos, horarios, formularios, correos electrónicos y tratar de acordarse de veinte cosas a la misma vez.

Porque preparar a un estudiante para regresar a la escuela no es simplemente comprar una mochila y par de libretas. Está la famosa lista de materiales escolares que parece crecer todos los años: lápices, marcadores, carpetas, audífonos, calculadoras, papel, desinfectante y alguna que otra cosa que uno mira y piensa: "¿Pero desde cuándo piden esto para ir a la escuela?"

Después viene la ropa. Porque, claro está, durante el verano los nenes deciden crecer de cantazo y, de momento, nada les sirve. Ahí vienen los zapatos, los uniformes si hacen falta, el bulto, la botella de agua y la lonchera. Cuando uno finalmente mira el recibo, se pregunta si está preparando al muchacho para la escuela o para irse seis meses de viaje.

Y en muchos hogares latinos tenemos otro ejercicio mental que tampoco aparece en la lista: brincar constantemente del español al inglés. La lista de materiales llega en inglés. En casa hablamos español. El correo de la escuela llega en inglés. Mami o abuela pregunta qué dijeron y uno traduce. El nene contesta en inglés o, probablemente, en spanglish. Uno responde en español. Para cuando llega el próximo formulario, el cerebro está como que: "Mira, ¿en qué idioma vamos a funcionar hoy? Porque necesito saber".

Hablar dos idiomas es una tremenda ventaja y algo que debemos celebrar, pero también puede ser cansón. Sobre todo durante estas primeras semanas, cuando llegan horarios, información sobre transportación, reuniones, actividades extracurriculares y correos uno detrás del otro.

Hay días en que uno lee la misma oración tres veces. No porque no la entienda, sino porque el cerebro ya está pidiendo un break. Pero el regreso a clases también trae preocupaciones que van más allá de comprar materiales. Está el estudiante que comienza en una escuela nueva y está nervioso, el que entra a la escuela superior y comienza a pensar en qué viene después, o el que sabe que tendrá que esforzarse un poquito más en alguna materia. Mientras tanto, los padres y encargados están tratando de cuadrar trabajo, transportación, deportes, actividades y quién busca a quién y a qué hora. Y, por supuesto, está el bolsillo.

Porque vamos a estar claros: el regreso a clases sale caro.

Entre materiales, ropa, zapatos, mochilas y otros gastos, la cuenta sube rápido. Para algunas familias representa otro gasto del mes; para otras significa hacer malabares con el presupuesto, esperar al próximo cheque o decidir qué se compra ahora y qué puede esperar. Y cuando hay más de un estudiante en casa, ni se diga.

Por eso, en medio del corre y corre, también hace falta un poquito de paciencia. No todo va a salir perfecto el primer día. Se nos puede olvidar una carpeta, confundir un horario o dejar la lonchera encima de la mesa. Se resuelve y seguimos. Así que a nuestros estudiantes: disfruten, aprendan, hagan preguntas, hagan amistades y tengan paciencia con ustedes mismos. A los padres y encargados: ánimo con las mañanas, los gastos, las carreras y los cien correos electrónicos que están por llegar. A los que vivimos brincando entre el inglés y el español durante todo el proceso, good luck... digo, buena suerte.

Eventos próximos que no te debes perder:

La biblioteca pública de East Hartford Celebrando el final del verano "Ice Cream Picnic: End of Summer Reading Party" el 20 de agosto a las 2pm. No te pierdas el Farmers Market martes, 12 a 2:30pm en el Town Green.

Conecta conmigo: cmaldonado8816@icloud.com

Johns new Special Ed head

Wendy Johns is the new Chief of Student Support Services for East Hartford schools.

Johns began her role on July 1, and will lead Special Education and student services departments. She comes to town from the Waterbury school district where she had served as Director of Pupil Services and District School Climate Coordinator since June 2023.

During her time in Waterbury, Johns led development and implementation of Special Education and student support programs including Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), mental health services, and restorative practices.

"Ms. Johns brings a high-quality background in leadership, proven success in systems development, student-centered practices, and collaboration, along with a deep commitment to supporting all children. Her experience and expertise are a tremendous asset as we are working to strengthen the supports we provide to students and families in East Hartford," said EHPS Superintendent



Wendy Johns
Thomas Anderson.

Johns holds a master's degree in School Leadership and a master's degree in Special Education Administration from Wilmington University.

"I am truly excited to join East Hartford Public Schools and partner with our families, staff, and community to ensure that every student with a disability receives the support, opportunities, and high-quality learning experience they deserve, because our commitment is to Every Child, Every Day," said Johns.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD Board of Assessment Appeals

Property Owners in the Town of East Hartford are hereby notified that the Board of Assessment Appeals will meet during the month of September at Town Hall, 740 Main Street, Assessor's Office for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to **Motor Vehicles assessments** for the October 1, 2025 Grand List.

All persons wishing to appeal their assessment **must submit an appeal form by AUGUST 20, 2026**. Appeal forms are available in the Assessor's Office or on the Town of East Hartford website (www.easthartfordct.gov). For further information, call (860) 291-7260.

*Motor vehicles are based on MSRP. Mileage, wear and conditions cannot be reviewed. * Please bring all relevant materials to support the appeal/opinion of MSRP.

For automobiles on the October 1, 2025 Grand List **hearings** will be held:

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Thursday, September 17, 2026
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SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

'Make reflecting pools great again' Narcissus might agree

To the editor:

Given the five-month war with Iran, the ICE invasions of U.S. cities, efforts by the Trump administration to fix the 2026 Congressional elections, the skyrocketing of the prices of basic consumer goods, and the perpetual grifting of the Trump family—the Lincoln Memorial Pool brouhaha should be one of our least concerns.

As argued below, such is not the case.

Let me explain.

In an effort to beautify Washington, D.C. according to the aesthetic tastes of Donald Trump, our beloved president decided to have the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool floor painted "American Flag Blue." The refurbishing of the pool was part of an architectural redesign meant to symbolize the President's vision of turning the U.S. into a new "Golden Age," in which, as Trump envisions it, the nation would become "hot" again.

Based on the President's prompting, in the desire to complete the project in time for the 4th of July 250th anniversary celebration, the selected no-bid contractor turned this into a

rush job.

The result was an algae bloom in the pool which turned the color of the water bright green. Cracks, which led to the peeling of sheets of the lining of the pool, also soon appeared.

Rather than taking responsibility for the problem, in true Trumpian fashion, through the Department of Justice, the president shifted blame to what he claimed were vandals.

U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, Jeanine Pirro, charged former Olympian canoeist David Hearn with maliciously causing damage to the pool's lining even as there was abundant evidence that part of the lining had already come apart before Hearn got to the pool.

The tune of 'vandalism' was a refrain echoed by the President and the Secretary of Interior against Hearn, who was charged with a felony along with several others who were charged with misdemeanors.

Once it became clear to "Judge Jeanine" that the accusations against Hearn and the others could not hold, she called for a dismissal of the cases and blamed the Secretary

of Interior for holding back evidence that would have exonerated the victims of this hoax from the get-go.

Rather than accepting Pirro's assessment, Trump doubled down contending that the judge choked under pressure. In continuing to insist - with little credible evidence to back him up - that vandalism did occur Trump now wants her to re-open the case against Hearn and the other victims of his retribution.

Trump has a long history of castigating blame on others for his own self-inflicted problems. In this case, the problem is especially pernicious because the President of the United States is utilizing the legal system to lay responsibility on imaginary culprits, which, in Hearn's case could have resulted in a 10-year prison sentence.

That's on a personal level, which is troubling enough.

On a broader level, the accuser who has skirted the law well before entering the Presidency, is manipulating the legal system to justify his own vanity project in the futile effort to raise himself to glory.

What this shows is the

emptiness of his own morality in which the only thing that matters is that Trump is right, no matter how wrong he may be; and that those who reject his various lies and mischaracterizations become subject to his ridicule, intimidation, and, in this case, his outright persecution.

This is not only perverse; it is, in the most ethical sense, evil in which those who seek to excuse or defend his stance over such mendacious claims are participating in acts he perpetrated on the accused.

More fundamentally, he is corrupting the political culture by infusing governmental policy with the corrosive stench that goes to the core of his most primary political impulses.

In creating the conditions that have allowed this man to assume the office of the President of the United States, "We the People" have become corrupted in some fundamental sense in a manner that would have made the Founders of this nation shudder.

George Demetrian
East Hartford

New Federal banking rule strips interest from escrow accounts

State Attorney General William Tong and a coalition of 10 attorneys general filed suit opposing a new rule issued by federal regulator of national banks, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), that would strip states of their authority to require national banks to pay interest on homeowners' mortgage escrow accounts.

Mortgage lenders require borrowers to deposit money into escrow accounts to cover expenses such as property taxes and homeowners' insur-

ance.

While banks hold the money, it earns interest. In many states, mortgage lenders are required to pay a portion of that interest to homeowners.

In May 2026, the OCC issued new rules that would preempt state interest-on-escrow law for national banks, allowing the banks to keep the interest instead.

"Homeownership is out of reach for too many families already and the last thing they need is another rule that helps big banks profit off their hard-

earned money.

This new rule will put banks first, families last, and strip states of yet another tool put in place to help consumers," said Attorney General Tong.

According to the lawsuit, Oregon et al., v. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency et al., the OCC ignored federal court decisions upholding these laws and bypassed the safeguards Congress put in place to prevent this type of federal overreach.

The OCC's rule also puts Connecticut's smaller, state-

chartered banks at a competitive disadvantage.

While national banks would be exempt from Connecticut's interest-on-escrow law, state-chartered banks would still be required to comply.

Joining Attorney General Tong in filing this lawsuit are the attorneys general of California, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Fill the school food pantries

To the Editor:

Back to school is also back to the food pantry for many families in town.

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

For the first time in 12 years, the school backpack program ran out of food last year! It helps over 100 children by providing a healthy meal over the weekends. Donations welcomed of:

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

Once again, thank you for helping us help our local community.

The Tierinni Family

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East Hartford
Backpack Program

East Hartford once had its own National Football League team

Did you know that East Hartford had a National Football League team? It remains the only Connecticut town to be the official home of an NFL franchise.

Yes, Yale Bowl has seen the Giants host home games there, but the official hometown of the Giants remained New York.

The East Hartford team's homefield was the Velodrome located on the Connecticut shore just off the Bulkeley Bridge. This professional team, the Hartford Blues, played one season in the NFL completing against the best of the best of 1926.

After the 1925 season, George Mulligan, a boxing promoter, signed a contract sponsoring a football team at the Velodrome. He moved his semi-

pro team from Waterbury to town, renaming it the Hartford Blues.

The Hartford Blues made their league debut against the New York Giants at home on Clarkin Field of the Velodrome in September 1926. Despite wearing newly issued royal blue jerseys and helmets, the locals lost 21 to nothing.

That year, the NFL had 22 teams. Hartford is one which has faded from the minds of sports fans, except those ultra fans. Among the other teams the Blues faced was the Canton Bulldogs, which played near the future football hall of fame. They also faced off against the legendary Duluth Eskimos.

The team's schedule did not include playing the Chicago Bears or the Green Bay Packers,

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back on our East Hartford

By Robert Kanehl

but the Blues did face the NFL 1926 champions, the Frankford Yellow Jackets. The local boys played the league champs twice once at home and once away, losing both.

As the dust settled that season, the Hartford team finished 3 and 7, a respectable 13th overall.

The team withdrew from the

NFL, changed its name to the Hartford Giants and lasted another year as an independent semi-pro entity.

In 1940 another Hartford Blues team was founded, but played only at semi-pro status.

In the 1920s most of the players came from surrounding towns, but talent was not lacking. Future Hall of Famer Steve Owen played for the Blues. Several college and ex-pro players also were on the roster, including Jim Foley who was a Hartford area high school star, before going to Syracuse.

The Velodrome was opened in 1926 and taken down in 1929. It was originally built featuring a wooden bicycle track. The oval shaped space could hold about 8,000 spectators. Inside the oval was enough room

for a football field. It was seeded once Mulligan signed his contract.

Besides football and biking, the Velodrome also served as a location for boxing matches.

In town today is Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field. It may not have a pro-football team associated with now but once it was flirted that the Patriots were coming. Rentschler opened in 2003, with 38,000 seats, what a difference from the Velodrome. It has also hosted a much wider variety of entertainment options, from pro-soccer games to concerts.

Ticket prices however, looked much better at the 1926 Velodrome: General Admission was \$1.15; Reserved Grandstand \$1.63; Chair Grandstand \$2.30 and a NFL season pass was \$15.

School funding thoughts? Tell Blue Ribbon Panel survey

The Connecticut Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on K-12 Education Funding and Accountability wants to hear from students, families, educators, staff, and community members across the state. There are two ways to participate: Take the Anonymous Community Survey to share your thoughts and ex-

periences. Survey: https://law-columbia.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9N7wB0GtbUPQmz4

The Commission is also hosting virtual listening sessions twice weekly. Share your thoughts, ask questions and discuss concerns. <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/apointments/schedules/AcZssZ0>

SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

'Thanks to all who participated in process'

To the Editor:

I am deeply grateful to everyone who helped make this primary election a success. Ultimately, hundreds of people pitched in for what quickly became a community effort. Folks donated, wrote letters, knocked doors, made calls, put up signs, staffed polls, gave rides, hosted events, and also encouraged me along the way. I could not be more thankful.

I am also grateful to everyone who participated in this primary, especially Tyron Harris and his supporters. Contested primaries can be difficult, and they can temporarily divide people who ultimately share many of the same hopes and values for our community.

Now that the primary is over, I hope we can come back to-



ANGIE PARKINSON

gether. I believe we share a commitment to building a commu-

nity where everyone can thrive and where every person is treated with dignity, respect, and compassion. I believe we all value and wish to pursue economic, social, racial and environmental justice for the people of our town and state. I hope we can continue this effort together.

I look forward to connecting with more and more residents across our community, and with anyone who shares that vision, as we turn our attention to the work ahead. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process. I am honored by your support, and your vote absolutely matters. Onward!

Angie Parkinson

Town Councilwoman

Candidate

10th Assembly District
East Hartford

Officials critical of vaccine recommendations

Gov. Ned Lamont and Connecticut Public Health Commissioner Manisha Juthani, M.D. responded to an executive order signed President Donald Trump revising childhood vaccine recommendations:

Gov. Lamont said, "The dangerous executive order signed by President Trump this afternoon lacks scientific backing, revives a discredited link between childhood vaccines and autism, and undermines public health objectives. During the most recent legislative session,

I proposed and ultimately signed into law a bill that strengthens the Connecticut Department of Public Health's authority to set immunization standards grounded in peer-reviewed science and guided by the nation's foremost medical bodies. This executive order demonstrates why I pushed for this legislation: to ensure our public health policy is grounded in evidence, not at the mercy of political whims in Washington."

Commissioner Juthani said, "Connecticut will continue to

stand firmly behind evidence-based vaccination recommendations and the health of our children - full stop. Parents deserve clear, accurate information when making decisions about their children's health, and that means staying grounded in science and decades of data showing vaccines are among the most effective tools we have to prevent serious illness. I encourage parents with questions or concerns to talk directly with their child's trusted healthcare provider."

Governor's Blue-Ribbon Commission on K-12 Education Funding and Accountability

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ARTS & EVENTS

A healing day of art, wellness

by Bob Kanehl

The opening of the latest InterCommunity Gallery art show August 6 coincided with a big open block party on Main and Brewer streets as the community health center celebrated National Health Week with its own Wellness Day for artists and everyone else.

Celebrating in style was a multitude of visitors who came to enjoy both local art, meet the artists, and hang out in the parking lot where dozens of vendors set up booths and enjoyed a festive atmosphere together.

InterCommunity Health Care Center has been showcas-

ing art in their offices for several years now. They can rightfully claim title to being the only art gallery in town, and the rich diversity of the artists and art has enlivened the medical office complex, once the site of the old South Grammar school.

InterCommunity stresses that art is both a means of healing, and a method of obtaining wellbeing. The InterCommunity Gallery takes it to another level by exhibiting museum-quality art for all - patients, staff and visitors - to enjoy.

And so four times a year the gallery holds juried art shows with themes and prizes. This quarter, the art show entitled "Live!," featured 180 pieces of

work produced by 40 local artists. Along with the community Health Week fair the Gallery was open all day allowing visitors to purchase art while enjoying all the outdoor fair had to offer.

The Wellness Fair brought together nearly 30 vendors who told all about their organizations, provided youth-oriented activities, and passed out useful materials. Many were focused on health or health-related fields. Health screenings were offered as well as community-based resources, such as the East Hartford Library, were present to tell of opportunities many may not be aware of right here in town.



The idea behind all the variety, according to President & CEO Tyler V.R. Booth, was bringing the community together to help one another. Booth noted how the outdoor event was able to bring so many curious visitors to the campus who had questions or concerns about essential health care services available to them. Booths were there to reach out about 'whole-person' health care, art

and wellness, all the while fostering a sense of shared community. After the fair dissipated, the Center hosted a block party bringing live music by Kings of Karma and dancing to the parking lot. Over 30 pieces of art were sold during the Gallery's opening event, and the remaining art will be on display until Sept. 18 Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Fridays 8 to 5.

InterCommunity Gallery Featured Artists (each artist had up to 6 pieces in the show, for a total of nearly 180 pieces of artwork on display. Over 30 pieces were sold on the day of the event.

Selden Brewer House tours

The Selden Brewer House, located at 167 Main St. at the intersection of Main and Naubuc Avenue, is open for free tours Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Listed on the National Registry of Historic Sites, the circa 1827 brick home is a late Federal/early Greek Revival building decorated in keeping with the period. Furnishings and decor reflect the simple elegance of an important and prominent 19th and 20th century East Hartford family. Look for the "open" flag in front of the building. Free.



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Finex Credit Union is helping East Hartford students prepare for the new school year by donating school supplies as well as putting \$25 into a savings account for every student enrolled in school. All the students have to do is open up a new Finex savings account by Sept. 30.

"East Hartford is a community Finex is proud to serve, and we wanted this initiative to extend beyond the rally," says Mary Sullivan of the Burnside Avenue office of the credit union where she is director of business development.

With their new \$25 deposited into an account, students become members of a well-respected East Hartford-headquartered institution and will be on their way to developing good saving habits.

"Making this \$25 savings account open to every East Hartford student in public school we can help more local families introduce the value of saving early," observed Sullivan.

And the coordinator of the Family and Community Partnerships in town agrees, and thanked the credit union for its ongoing support of local schools and the community. Finex was one of the community partners setting up tables at both the National Night Out on the Town Green Tuesday, August 4 and the Back to School Rally at McAuliffe Park August 5.

"We are grateful to Finex Credit Union for its generous support of East Hartford Public Schools students," said Michelle Texidor-Pham. "Not only will the donation of school supplies prepare students for the new school year, giving students a head start on saving will help prepare them for a brighter financial future. They are investing in both our students and our community."

Finex Credit Union is member-owned and has established a mission to deliver personalized, technology-driven service "Wherever You Are." The long-standing credit union, founded by educators in 1938, now boasts over 16,300 members and has \$133 million in assets. It boasts that it now offers a "full suite of banking solutions" including digital banking, microbranches, Interactive Teller Machines, and mobile services.

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DeWayne Pryce of East Hartford earned the Master of Education in Adult and Career Education from Valdosta State University.

LVGH classes to begin soon

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford offers free English classes for all levels at the Wickham Memorial Library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 AM - 12 PM.

They are currently enrolling students for the fall term beginning on Tuesday, September 8th. Adults who live in the region and are interested in improving their English may register now at lvgh.org/student-application.

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Nellie part of Civic Center Celtics

In 1974 the Boston Celtics signed to play six games a season at the soon to open Hartford Civic Center. They played games in Hartford through the 1994-95 season, giving local fans the chance to see some of the greatest players in NBA history up close through the era of Bird, Magic and Jordan.

For a young reporter who grew up a Celtics fan it was an opportunity to become, even if just on an abbreviated schedule, a member of their home media, covering and interviewing many of the basketball heroes of my youth.

The original "Hartford Celtics" always remained special, the team that became

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



"our" team in those early years at the Civic Center, a team that consisted of such Celtics legends as John Havlicek, Dave Cowens, Jo-Jo White, Paul Silas, Don Chaney and Don Nelson.

As the Brooklyn Dodgers of the early '50's were my "Boys of Summer", those Celtics were my "Boys of Winter". They were always accommodating to the Hartford media and for the most part, made themselves accessible to local fans.

Those Civic Center Celtics lost a major player last weekend. Small forward Don Nelson, a beast on the front line who understood the mechanics of winning basketball better than most, passed away Sunday at age 86.

After his playing days he became one of the most successful coaches in NBA history with the Milwaukee Bucks, Golden State Warriors, New York Knicks and Dallas Mavs. Three-time NBA Coach of the Year, "Nellie" won the 2025 Chuck Daly Lifetime Achievement Award and was named one of the top ten coaches in NBA history.

It was with the Celts that he made his mark as a player on five of their NBA championship teams. It was with them that he became one of our original "Hartford Celtics".

When I covered the team it was gratifying to learn he was everything you hope one of the sports heroes of your youth will be.

Rest in peace, Nellie.

Speaking of the Celtics, former Celts center Enes Freedom, a voice of reason in times when reason is a rare commodity, set the stage for the WNBA to make sense of a senseless situation.

The league meets this week to determine its rules of eligibility, define what makes a woman a woman. It is, after all, the first word in their name. Does a person born a biological male become a woman just by declaring himself to be one, thereby becoming eligible to play in the WNBA?

Freedom laid it out last week, declaring himself a woman, available to any WNBA that wants him. By doing so he forced the league to approach the issue head on. He isn't really looking to play in the WNBA, he just wants the league to set its own standards, declare that a woman is born a woman, not a product of surgery designed to create artificial athletic superiority.

Enes Freedom would dominate in the WNBA, and he's declared himself exhibit A to make a league for women stand up for women.

Once again he's the voice of reason.

Players benefit from safety covers

by Bob Kanehl

The East Hartford High School has received 67 SAFR helmet covers for this year's season. These covers are designed to help prevent brain injuries as well as other neck and shoulder trauma.

The helmet shields were a gift from the nonprofit International Student-Athlete Academy (ISAA)'s SAFR Hero Program.

SAFR CEO John Zeglinski explained, "SAFR Helmet Covers are designed as a supplemental protective device intended to help reduce head impact forces when used in conjunction with certified football helmets. They are one component of a comprehensive player safety strategy that also includes proper coaching techniques, practice modifications, rule enforcement, and concussion management protocols."

Player safety has been a goal of all involved in local high school football, and these spring adjusting covers, are designed to channel impact forces away from the player's head, neck and shoulders. The company which developed these covers, has been working with both Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania to perfect their design. Over the years, their data shows a remarkable decrease in head and neck injuries, when the covers are used during a season.

Zeglinski added that football safety legislation continues to grow nationwide, partnerships like this demonstrate how communities can proactively invest in athlete well-being today. "We're seeing a fundamental shift in how communities think about football safety. The conversation is no longer just about responding to injuries—it's about proactively reducing repetitive head impacts before they happen. Schools, nonprofits, and lawmakers all share the same goal: keeping athletes on the field, in the classroom, and healthy for years to come. Partnerships like this demonstrate what's possible when communities come together to invest in the next generation of football players."

The SAFR Sports covers fit over the regular player helmet



EAST HARTFORD FOOTBALL TEAM players have added protection on their helmets this season thanks to the donation of SAFR helmet covers.

and are held in place by adjustable springs which allows for the covers to respond multidirectionally. Similar in concept to the large soft helmet covering seen on professional and college player, these covers are constructed of a light weight poly material, and hugs the helmet tighter, becoming almost unnoticeable from the sideline.

ISAA provided \$15,000 in funding for the East Hartford Hornets to provide this additional layer of protection. ISAA is a Philadelphia based nonprofit with over 30 years of service, promoting sports as a means of making a difference in a young person's life and a difference in the world.

Their SAFR Hero Program will ensure that East Hartford players will have access to innovative football safety equipment while reinforcing a shared commitment to protecting athletes and supporting the future of the game.

The SAFR Hero Program was created to connect generous organizations, donors, and community partners with football programs that are committed to making the game safer. By sponsoring SAFR Helmet Covers, ISAA is helping remove financial barriers that often prevent schools from adopting supplemental football safety equipment. East Hartford was selected for the award though the efforts of the school's coaching staff in making a priority

the connections to community and nonprofit organizations. Head Coach Tylon Outlaw stated, "At East Hartford, we believe how you do anything is how you do everything. That mindset shapes the culture we're building every day. Our responsibility extends well beyond football. We are committed to creating an environment where every student-athlete is challenged to grow as a learner, teammate, leader, and person. Supporting their health and well-being is part of that commitment. We are grateful to ISAA and SAFR Sports for investing in our students, our families, and our community. This partnership reflects a shared belief that when schools and community partners work together, we create better opportunities for young people to learn, compete, and thrive. We are proud to stand alongside organizations that share our commitment to developing the whole student-athlete."

Assistant Head Coach and General Manager Terrell Huff added, "This partnership reflects what makes East Hartford special. When schools, families, businesses, and community partners invest in our young people together, everyone benefits. It takes a village, and we're grateful to SAFR Sports for helping us create a safer environment where our student athletes can continue to learn, grow, and lead."

OBITUARIES

Timothy 'Tim' Fagan, 72

Timothy "Tim" J. Fagan, 72, of Manchester, loving husband of 25 years to Hyeonsuk Son, peacefully passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at Manchester Memorial Hospital after living with Parkinson's disease for several years.

Born in Hartford on May 6, 1954, a son of the late Martin F. and Amelia J. (Konieczny) Fagan, he had been a resident of East Hartford for 15 years prior to living in Glastonbury and finally settling in Manchester in 2003.

Tim attended school in Hartford and was a graduate of Hartford Public High School, class of 1972. Tim was a talented drywall finisher and a long-time member of the Painters Local Union 481 in Middletown, where he also served as an instructor, sharing his knowledge and experience in the trade with others.

An avid outdoorsman, Tim truly enjoyed fishing whenever he could, hunting, hiking, and biking. He liked traveling and camping in his camper at several national parks throughout the United States. He also served as a Scoutmaster for his son's troop, sharing his love of camping and the outdoors with a younger generation. Tim was



Timothy Fagan

an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and Boston Bruins.

Above all, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who cherished his time spent with his family.

In addition to his beloved wife, Tim is survived by a son, Christopher M. Fagan and his wife Kaitlyn of South Windsor; his

two adored grandchildren, Emma J. Fagan and Nathan E. Fagan, both of South Windsor; two stepdaughters, Yoohee Kim and her husband Jason of Mesa, AZ; and Yoon Kim of Manchester; his former wife, Debra (Cafro) Fagan of Andover; his best friend, Joe McCrea of East Hartford; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Private funeral services and burial at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Tim's name may be made to the Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's, 357 McCaslin Blvd, Suite 105, Louisville, CO 80027.

The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. Online visit www.desopoe.com

Clara B. (Morin) Bernier, 97

Clara B. (Morin) Bernier, 97, of East Hartford, entered eternal life on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at the Riverside Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in East Hartford. Born in Coaticook, province of Quebec, Canada on February 14, 1929, a daughter of the late Ferdinand and Caroline (Gauthier) Morin, she had been a resident of the East Hartford area for many years. Clara enjoyed crocheting, playing cards and bingo. She was an amazing cook and baker, known especially for her desserts.

Clara is survived by two sons, Ghislain "Jess". Bernier and his fiancée Joan Linnehan of Southwick, MA, Yvan Bernier and his wife Linda of East Hartford; two special grandsons, Jason Bernier and

his wife Kate of Mabank, TX, Yvan Bernier, Jr. and his wife Rachael of Manchester; a granddaughter, Jennifer Baez; four adored great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. In addition to her parents, Clara was predeceased by a daughter, Joanne Bernier of Hartford; a brother, Sylvio Morin of Canada; and three sisters.

A graveside service will be

Dennis Garrity, 81; firefighter, 1st paramedic

Dennis J. Garrity, 81, of Chaplin, loving husband of 51 years to Joan (Parizo) Garrity, peacefully entered into eternal life on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Davis Place in Danielson after a long illness.

Dennis was born in Hartford on May 21, 1945, the son of the late George and Blanche (Laroche) Garrity. He spent 55 years in East Hartford before living in Ellington for 15 years and, most recently, Chaplin for the past 10 years. He graduated from East Hartford High School, Class of 1963, and proudly served in the Air Force during the Vietnam era.

Dennis dedicated more than 28 years to the Town of East Hartford Fire Department, first as a firefighter and later as a paramedic, before retiring in 1996. He was a member of the first firefighter-paramedic class in Connecticut, making him one of the earliest paramedics to serve both the town of East Hartford and the state.

Outside of his career, Dennis enjoyed staying active and being involved in his community. He was a longtime member of American Legion Post #19 in Willimantic and an avid motorcyclist who enjoyed riding with the Red Knights and the



Dennis Garrity

American Legion Riders. When his children were young, he coached Little League and youth softball in East Hartford. Dennis also loved downhill and water skiing and volunteered with ski patrol at Powder Ridge Mountain and Mount Southington. He especially enjoyed traveling with his wife, Joan, and their trips to the casinos.

In addition to his beloved wife, Joan, Dennis is survived by his son, David Garrity of East Hartford; his daughter, Diana Frink and her husband, Seth, of Scotland; his twin granddaughters, Sadie and Sierra Frink of Scotland; his

brothers-in-law, James "Jim" Futtner of East Hartford and John "Jack" Parizo and his wife, Maryann, of Pompano Beach, Florida; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. In addition to his parents, Dennis was predeceased by his only sister, Joan Futtner of East Hartford.

Dennis' family will receive relatives and friends TODAY, Thursday, August 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. to celebrate his life. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online visit <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/.../dennis-garrity-12997491>

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Democrats choose Hartford's Luke Bronin over East Hartford's John Larson

From Page One

In Hartford Bronin, who had campaigned on generational change, shouted out to his supporters, saying they were his "not-so-secret weapon" throughout the campaign. "I hope that this campaign helps to send a message that if leaders in our party don't recognize that we need to make changes, then the changes are going to come from the ground up," Bronin said. "And that's a message our party needs to hear."

Larson was reflective as he addressed supporters, talking about the importance of his family and his appreciation for the support he received from voters and members of Con-

necticut's congressional delegation. He told the audience that it was time to "come together, heal, and move forward."

"The people in this district have spoken and it's time for us to come together and make sure that we all join forces because the issue here ... is Donald Trump and what he's doing to this country," Larson said.

"Life goes on," he added. "Yeah, I am disappointed — no question about it. But far from disheartened. We have responsibility and a job to do, and we've got to come together as people, as a Democratic Party, and fight for what's right for the American people."

Voters were inundated with mailers, TV ads and text mes-

sages in recent weeks as outside groups poured in millions. Combined the two men will have spent close to \$6 million in battling it out in the primary.

Larson, 78, touted his decades in Congress, saying experience matters and that his seniority would help Connecticut if and when the Democrats retake the House. He stayed the course in advocating for the bedrock issue of Social Security while Bronin suggested that a new direction is long overdue.

Bronin, 47, pushed for generational change. Larson, a former history teacher and insurance agency owner, made moves to capture the influential progressive wing of the Democratic party, which is perceived

as expanding nationally. He stressed the argument that he must be doing a good job because the Trump administration was targeting him along with "working families."

If Democrats win back the House of Representatives Larson would be poised to take a coveted chairmanship of one of the House committees under House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries from Brooklyn, who endorsed him.

But Bronin struck quickly where it counts the most: Fundraising. The former Hartford mayor called upon his roots in Fairfield County and Wall Street, and left out to an early lead in fundraising while promising not accept any corporate PAC money. Larson called foul on that pledge and made the issue one of money sources with ads linking Bronin to billionaires wanting to build data centers. But as he made it about class warfare, Greenwich greenbacks versus East Hartford's humble roots, Larson's narrow failure to win the first congressional district Democrat's nomination at the party convention held in East Hartford put the incumbent on his heels from the jump, a blow his campaign never recovered from.

Bronin capitalized on winning the party endorsement in

his advertising noting he was supported by the state party as a whole, and appeared to take the high road in the race while letting outside money conduct critical attacks on his opponent.

As Larson and Bronin took turns attacking the Trump administration, two other candidates in the primary - Rutliff Fortune, a member of the Hartford Board of Education, and Gillian Gilchrest, a state representative, pressed for reform.

Bronin's win made Larson the seventh Democratic House incumbent to lose re-election this year; six lost to younger challengers. In an interview, Bronin said Democrats saw losing the White House and the Senate and failing to capture the House in 2024 as a "wake-up call" to energize the party and send a clearer message.

Larson has gotten "stuck in routines" and "stuck inside the institution" during his many years in Congress, he said. Larson rejected that analysis.

"It's not about age, generational change," he said at a recent rally alongside Gov. Ned Lamont and labor groups, many of whom endorsed him. "This campaign ... is about who has the record of delivering in this community." But labor endorsements were split with Bronin, who also was endorsed by the Hartford area young Democrats. Larson's supporters could not deliver the votes when he needed them.

"I'm going to continue to do the job I was elected to do in Washington until the very end," Larson pledged.

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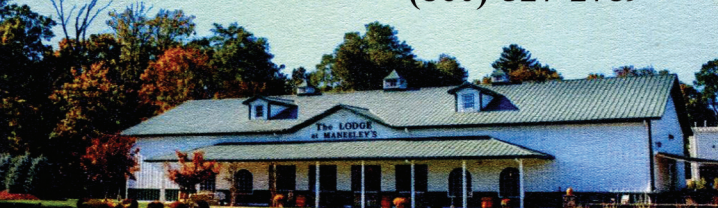
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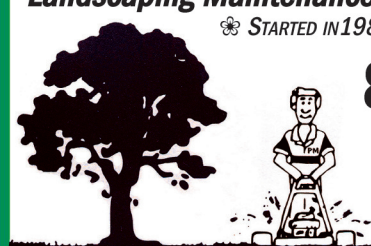
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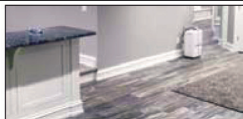
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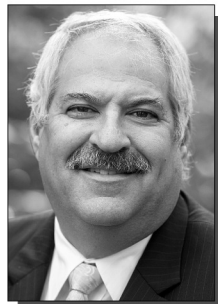
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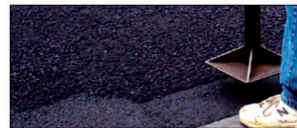
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BY CORINNE HORAN

AUGUST EVENTS AT THE WORLD WAR II LEGACY FOUNDATION MUSEUM, 102 Pitkin St., Saturday, August 15th - 16th: The museum will be open both days, 2 - 6 p.m. See displays for Victory Over Japan Day (V-J Day). "Navajo Code Talkers of World War II" Sunday at 3 p.m. **August 22 - 23:** Open in the afternoon, hours to be announced.

AUGUST 15: SAZZY BRASS, 7 p.m. at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. Jazz standards, R&B classics. Linda Ransom vocals, Bob DePalma saxophone, Chris Casey piano, Tyler Sherman bass, Rose Roy trombone, Dawn Zukowski trumpet. \$20 at door, <https://www.mosaicsconcerts.com/event-details/sazzy-brass>

HISTORY TOURS: The East Hartford Historical Society at Martin Park is open from 1 to 4 pm Sundays for tours, 307 Burnside Avenue. The 1761 Makens Bemont House, also known as the Huguenot House, is restored to its original 18th century appearance with period furnishings. Also open is the 1821 Goodwin Schoolhouse and the 1850 Burnham Blacksmith Shop. Tours free, donations accepted. Call 860-528-0716 or visit www.historicalsociety-foeasthartford.org

AUGUST 15: Hare Krishna Chariot Festival, 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, long pants, tick repellent. Field walk will start promptly at 10 a.m.

AUG. 19: SWINGIN' HIT SONGS OF THE EARLY 1960'S - Free concert at the EH Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Dr., 1 to 2:15 p.m. Color, costumes, lights as seven All-Star singers offer songs by Leslie Gore, The Supremes, Beach Boys, Shirelles, Angels, Jan & Dean, Elvis. Pizza raffle. Stay Cool & Be Cool! Come to the Show! And remember: the EH Senior Center Health & Fitness programs are Free to all EH Seniors over 55. Easy sign-up at the front desk!

AUG. 20: SPEND A NIGHT IN NASHVILLE at the East Hartford Senior Center starting at 5:30 p.m. Get your cowboy hat and cowboy boots on! Boot scoot boogie to the Country Duo. Garlen Taylor and Wayne Domina will be cooking! BBQ dinner with all the fixings! Menu: BBQ chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, corn bread, fruit pie. \$8 members, \$10 guests. Advance purchase at the desk of the Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Road.

AUG 21 - PASSPORT DAY at the Old State House in Hartford, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by the office of

US. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and the U.S. Dept. of State and IDEMIA, TSA PreCheck provider, renewals, first-time passport applications, TSA PreCheck enrollment, and Global Entry applications will be processed. Open to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals and lawful permanent residents. First-time passport applicants will be required to complete a Passport Application Form and present a valid photo ID and proof of U.S. citizenship, such as an original birth certificate or naturalization certificate. For passport renewals, a completed Passport Application Form, an old passport, and a recent passport photo will be required, along with the passport renewal fee.

AUG. 31 BLOOD DRIVE at the Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Road, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call the American Red Cross for appointment: 1-800-733-2767 or visit online at www.redcrossblood.org.

- MyChart. Dec 15 - Understanding Fraud & Scams.

SEPT. 16: HIRING EXPO hosted by the CT Dept. of Labor from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Hartford's Trinity Health Stadium. Employers and recruiters may reserve a table by going to the Hartford Athletic Hiring Expo website at www.HartfordAthletic.com/expo. Table reservations are available until Sept. 7. Job seekers are encouraged to bring copies of their resume and dress for success; hiring managers may be on site. Free and open to all.

SEPT 19: APPLE FAIR AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, 444 Hills St., outdoor and indoor Fair and Tag Sale from 9 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. Delicious baked goods, Cookies, Jams, Pickles, Fudge and Fun Stuff. Homemade Soups, Chili (both to go and to eat in) and Apple Crisp, Lunch and a Raffle. Tag Sale spaces are \$10 per 10' x 10' area. Vendor registration? Call or text 1-860-490-3270. No rain date. See you there!

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 to the top for the view.

GET A FREE CHECKUP - Malta's Mobile Clinic is open from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, sees patients by appointment. Anyone can call 860-725-0171 to register. The van is parked in the St. Mary's Church hall lot on Maplewood Avenue off Main Street.

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.

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SEPT 4: EAST HARTFORD SENIOR PICNIC, noon until 3 p.m., at Goodwin University's facility at 3 Pent Road. Tickets are \$12; (\$14 for caretakers and guests) cash only and must be purchased in advance at the Senior Center front desk in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Raffles, theme prizes, food, music and entertainment!

SEPT 11 - 9/11 REMEMBRANCE DAY at Goodwin University's Fallen Star Memorial at 10 a.m. The program will be open to the public and will feature presentations by Mayor Connor Martin, Police Chief Mack Hawkins and Fire Chief Kevin Munson as all gather on the 25th Anniversary of 9/11/2001 to pay tribute to and honor our First Responders and Military Servicemembers along with those who perished on that day.

SEPT 15: TECH FOR SENIORS at the East Hartford Senior Center. Sign up by calling 860-291-7492. One on One (bring your device) 1-2:30pm held in Computer Room One on One and group Class 2:30-4pm held in Media Room. Topics include Smart-phones at a Glance, October 20 - Is that AI? Nov. 17