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## BACKPACK GIVEAWAY



DOAK PHOTO

BACKPACKS were the goal of hundreds of kids on the Town Green Wednesday for the town's Back to School Rally. More photos, page 4.

## Leora R. Levy, Erick Russell win party votes

By Bill Doak

East Hartford Republicans chose Leora R. Levy over Themis Klarides for United States Senate in Tuesday's party primary, 331 to 199 - Peter Lumaj picking up 41 votes.

For Secretary of State the GOP went with Dominic Rapini with 305 votes to Terrie E. Wood's 194. Rapini will face Democratic choice Stephanie Thomas who is the endorsed state party candidate. In East Hartford Democrats gave

Thomas 909 votes to Maritza Bond's 347.

In the Democratic primary for state treasurer, endorsed Democrat Erick Russell garnered 758 votes to Karen Dubois-Walton's 283 and Dita Bhargava's 210 tallies.

The August 9 primary saw 19.6 percent of East Hartford Republicans cast ballots, or 577 of 2,945 eligible party registered voters. Democratic numbers were 1,298 turning out, just 9.6 percent of the town's 13,545 registered Democrats.

## School rally fills Town Green

by Bill Doak

East Hartford's Town Green was packed with dutiful parents and eager children Wednesday, all seeking backpacks filled with school supplies and signing a pledge to do their best in the coming school year.

The first day of school is August 24, and Superintendent of Schools Nate Quesnel was astounded at the size of the crowd that came out on a beautiful summer evening.

"A big round of applause for all those that helped put this together," said the superintendent. Tables set up on the green ranged from one-stop vaccinations from the Wheeler Clinic to Intercommunity Health Center's

table and mobile van. Two new schools will be getting health centers this year - Sunset Ridge being one. The school-based health centers are gearing up for the new year, holding a drawing for a \$100 grocery store gift card.

The focus of the event was to complete a small punch card for visiting every table, from the YMCA to Social Services to the

library to Parks and Rec. Once completed residents going to East Hartford Public Schools could pick out their favorite backpack filled with grade-level appropriate supplies by volunteers. East Hartford Rotary donated funds to help purchase pencils, crayons, spiral notebooks, rulers, markers, glue sticks and folders.

East Hartford police outreach officers Lt. DeMaine, Officer Mebane and Brannon and firefighters were busy, give out high-fives along with lots of pens and stick-on badges. East Hartford Summer Youth Theater invited kids to try out in the Spoken Word Mike Night

See SCHOOL RALLY, page 6

**East Hartford Bus schedules will be in next week's Gazette**

## EAST HARTFORD NIGHT WITH COVER-2-COVER



GAZETTE PHOTO BY BILL DOAK

COVER-2-COVER performed a tight musical set at the Great River Park amphitheater August 4 to conclude the East Hartford Sounds of Summer concert series. The band formed in East Hartford and is led by Steve Palla. At center of the group is East Hartford Mayor Mike Walsh who got into the spirit, dancing across the plaza.

## AROUND TOWN

# Apply now for next Citizen Police Academy class

Chief Scott M. Sansom and the East Hartford Police Department announce the upcoming thirteenth session of the East Hartford Citizen Police Academy.

The Citizen Police Academy is geared towards citizens who reside, work, own a business, or are a student in East Hartford. This is a unique opportunity for citizens to learn about their police department and the work they perform in the community.

## Parks & Rec has Lake Compounce tickets

East Hartford Parks and Recreation offers discount admission to Lake Compounce amusement park, valid any day in the 2022 season.

The admission tickets are \$32.50 each, a discount from the regular \$49.99 (youth) and \$59.99 (adult) admission to the Bristol amusement park.

look at what makes our PD special where residents are offered the opportunity to see firsthand how exemplary police work is performed," said Mayor Mike Walsh. "The Academy is a great place to meet the men and women of the EHPD personally and to see their training and individual approach to work. Participation and completion in the Academy allows citizens to walk away with a greater appreciation of the whole body of work

Purchase at the Parks and Rec office, 50 Chapman Place, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. FYI, Lake Compounce is cashless and accepts only debit cards, credit cards or mobile payments. Parking additional. Tickets are non-refundable. FMI call Parks and Rec at 860-291-7160.

behind police operations," said Police Chief Sansom

Classes will run every Thursday for eight weeks, starting on September 15th, 2022, from 6 until 9 p.m. in the East Hartford Police Department's Training Classroom.

Applications may be picked up in the Front Lobby of the Public Safety Complex at 31 School Street, or online at the Department's website:

<https://www.easthartfordct.gov/police-department>, under "Citizen Police Academy." The application deadline is Friday, September 2nd, 2022. Citizens needing further information should contact Officer Marc Caruso (860) 528-4401, Extension 7606, or email [mcaruso@easthartfordct.gov](mailto:mcaruso@easthartfordct.gov) as well as Officer Ted Branon at 860-528-4401 Extension 7547, [tbranon@easthartfordct.gov](mailto:tbranon@easthartfordct.gov)

## Outdoor pool season winding down

The town's outdoor pools are scheduled to close mid-August as everyone prepares to go back to school. Parks and Recreation says Goldstar, Drennan and Terry pools will close Sunday, August 14 at 5 p.m. Lord and Martin Park pools will close Sunday, August 21 at 5 p.m.

East Hartford Parks and Recreation thanks everyone who visited town pools this summer. The department also thanks its camp counselors, life-

guards, staff, and park maintainers for contributing to a successful summer pool season.

Parks and Rec indoor public swim, adult lap swim, senior swim, and swim lessons resume in the school year. The indoor pool schedule is still being finalized and will be available at the end of August. If questions call 860-291-7160 or visit [www.easthartfordct.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.easthartfordct.gov/parks-recreation).

## ON THE CAMPUS

East Hartfordite Madelyn Gay received her diploma from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, NJ. Gay was awarded a bachelors of science in biology, and was also named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester at FDU.

## Orientation day at EHMS is August 17

6th Grade Orientation at East Hartford Middle School in the C. Howard Goding Memorial Auditorium Lobby will be Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Students may pick up schedules from 8:00 - 8:30 A.M. The program will begin at 8:30 A.M. and conclude at 11:30 A.M.

Newly registered students may also attend.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### 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 for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to Motor Vehicles assessments for the October 1, 2021 Grand List.

**All persons wishing to appeal their assessment must submit an appeal form by AUGUST 20, 2022.** Appeal forms are available in the Assessor's Office or on the Town of East Hartford website ([www.easthartfordct.gov](http://www.easthartfordct.gov)). For further information, call (860) 291-7260.

**For automobiles on the October 1, 2021 Grand List hearings will be held on the following dates:**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Thursday, September 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, September 24, 2022 (if needed) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

## Drive-through, donate supplies

Drop off school supplies at Riverside Health & Rehabilitation Center August 17, from 1 to 4 p.m., at 745 Main St. across from Town Hall to help fill backpacks for students at Goodwin University's magnet schools. Riverside announced it has partnered with Goodwin University to collect these suggested back to school items in a drive thru drop off at 745 Main St.: Pens, pencils, backpacks, post-it notes, notebooks, Amazon gift cards, crayons, markers, Scotch tape, scissors or other school needs. FMI contact Amy Foreman at 860-331-0470 or via e-mail at [aforeman@nhca.com](mailto:aforeman@nhca.com).

## Donate blood now

Just as most cars need to be refueled constantly, so does the nation's blood supply. The American Red Cross has faced a concerning drop in blood and platelet donations this summer. Donors are needed to make an appointment to give in August to help prevent a blood shortage. The decline in donations has caused the Red Cross blood supply to shrink nearly 20% in recent weeks. The availability of blood products will continue to decline if donations do not increase. People should not wait until they hear there is a blood shortage to give. Type O negative blood donors and platelet donors are especially needed.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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## OPINIONS - LETTERS - SPEAKING OUT!

### Getting the traffic run-around makes drivers steamy

Road construction is steaming along everywhere, from Main Street to the highways, testing patience of drivers as they are slowed and detoured around barricades and byways. This week there was a report that an East Hartford man lost his cool and got out of his vehicle to pop a highway worker in the face, frustrated at being delayed coming or going to work.

No, no, no and no. We ask ourselves, how did road repairs and traffic delays come to blows? When someone races past or cuts us off, it is startling to be sure. But try telling yourself that the impatient driver may be rushing to the hos-

Route 2.

Suffering is the right word. Reconstruction of the Route 2 entrance ramps, combined with loss of the exit ramps, has diverted all P&W commuters down Main Street to Maple Street where there is no protected left turn arrow onto Maple Street. So Pratt workers exiting onto Brewer Street are sent on a loopy runaround East Hartford, going from High Street south to find the highway.

At the same time, Riverside Drive is closed randomly with zero public notice given as drainage repairs are made under the highway.

in a detour nightmare just as the school year and all the bus traffic returns.

There is a good, if not scientific reason why it seems every road is getting resurfaced at the hottest time of the year: Asphalt flows better when hot. So as temperatures are no doubt rising for all of us, which wears all patience (along with the gas being wasted as you idle), the ideal pavement conditions are when temperatures are rising. Summer roadways created at the hottest time of the year will endure longer and be smoother in the long run.

So be patient - oops, we said that already.

### Let's not forget the displaced children fleeing the war in Ukraine

#### To the Editor:

Dear members and friends of Us & Japan Society of Connecticut, Let's Help the Children of Ukraine.

Memory fades, but this tragedy is an on-going fact. We can make a difference in how these children remember their world and the memories they will look back on as adults.

To date, nearly two thirds of

Ukraine's estimated 7.5 million children have been forced out of their homes by violence since the start of invasion of their country.

Members and friends of Us & Japan Society of CT plan to address the plight of all vulnerable Ukrainian children and their families by conducting a fundraising walk August 26. Other world nations far less af-

fluent than ours are helping in many ways, such as Poland, Moldova and Romania. We want to follow in their footsteps and help.

If you can, I invite you to join with us for this "On-the-Street Fundraising Campaign" Friday, Aug. 26 (Rain Date Aug. 27) from 1 to 4 p.m. at Webster Walk, Blueback Square, West Hartford. All donations will go

to UNICEF USA, Children of Ukraine fund. Or you may mail a check payable to: UNICEF USA Children of Ukraine, to: Us & Japan Society of CT 235 East River Dr. #1307 E. Hartford, CT 06108 and we will get your donation to them.

This walk for the children of Ukraine is supported by the US & Japan Society of Connecticut, Miyoshi America, Inc. and

Maruichi Japanese Food and Deli. If you wish to know more, email t.uchino7@icloud.com

FMI or to donate directly to UNICEF call 1-800-FOR-KIDS, or go to the UNICEF website, www.unicefusa

**Toshiko Uchino**  
Us & Japan Society of CT  
East Hartford

### Name, Image and Likeness has done it: College athletics has turned pro

#### SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



It's been an eventful two weeks so we have a lot to get to. I'll start in the back yard.

No coach in women's college basketball dealt with more adversity last season than UCONN's Geno Auriemma. Early in the season his best player, Paige Bueckers, went down with a left knee injury that cost her the remainder of the regular season. It was the most devastating of a series of injuries that saw Geno lose eight of his twelve players for multiple game stretches. All of his players were available only five times. Despite the injuries the Huskies made it to the national championship game. Already Geno is confronted with the challenge of next season.

Bueckers tore her left ACL in a pickup game last week and is already a scratch for the entire 22-23 season. Hopefully it's not an omen of things to come.

About that slippery slope to which I frequently allude with the new Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) rules that allow college athletes to sign endorsement deals. We slipped a little further last week when the Texas Tech women's basketball team signed a marketing deal that gives every member of the team \$25,000. There you have it. A fully professional college team.

It hardly took any time at all. As we say at my weekly Texas hold'em games, "The price of poker just went up."

In two weeks assaults on two records associated with the Travelers Championship were quashed. Two weeks ago Bubba Watson succumbed to the financial lure of the LIV Tour, making him ineligible for PGA Tour events. With three wins at the Travelers Bubba was one

shy of Billy Casper's tournament record of four. Now he can no longer pursue that record. The only remaining active PGA player with more than one win here is Stewart Cink, with two. He'll be fifty when the next Travelers tees off.

Last Sunday, in the final round of the Wyndham Championship, with an eight under 27 on the front nine, Joohyung Kim was just a four under on the back from tying Jim Furyk's all-time Tour record of 58. He learned how hard it is, reaching the final three holes with just an outside shot at breaking 60 before finishing with a 61. Furyk set the record at the 2016 Travelers.

Perhaps the greatest voice in

sports history was silenced last week when Vin Scully passed away at age 94, five years after finishing a 67 year career as the voice of the Dodgers, a stint that began in 1950. Scully's was the voice that started me on a lifelong love affair with baseball. My dad was a National League guy. I started life as a Brooklyn Dodgers fan. Whether it was baseball, leading CBS' golf telecasts, or the NFL the broadcast was never about Scully, it was always about the game, Vin, that syrupy smooth voice, talking to the viewer or listener, one on one, honest, no gimmicks or signature calls. He never believed he was the show. Sadly, today's sports fans have no one like him.

# Hundreds pack EH Back to School Rally for backpacks



**WEDNESDAY THE TOWN GREEN WAS PACKED** as parents and students eagerly signed up for the 2022-23 school year, pledging contracts to succeed, collecting stamps for a backpack donated by the EH Rotary Club, picking out a free book, obtaining a COVID-19 vaccine or learning more about the Boy and Girl Scouts, Summer Youth Theater, Youth Services, the YMCA, and East Hartford Parks and Recreation programs. Above, Malachi Little, Jeredy Rodriguez, Bree Dacres and Amiah Stroman, some of the 60 young summer workers for East Hartford Community Connects. Top right, Rotary's Ceil Collins fits a young lady with a new backpack loaded with school supplies. At center East Hartford Public Schools Sheelagh R. Kelly, a social worker specializing in the school's homeless population, chats with young students. At right, EHHS senior Nathan Ramirez with his brother Nathaniel, 10, and sister Adele, 5, Langford School students. At far right with backpacks is Zuriel Juden Mensah, a student at the East Hartford Glastonbury Elementary Magnet School and his brother, Zeke Mensah, a student at the CT International Baccalaureate Academy.



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# Society

## Dance, music at South Church

South Congregational Church is sponsoring MOSAICS - a series of summer concerts at the Forbes Street church through September. Dedicated to the late Rev. Albert Turner, former Pastor Emeritus at South, the concerts are thanks to his memorial fund.

Next up: Sat. August 13, 7PM. A CELEBRATION OF DANCE MUSIC: TEDESCO DUO - An exploration of music through a variety of dance forms ranging from the French courts to the brothels of Buenos Aires.

Sat. August 20, 7PM. GUITAR SQUAD - A guitar quartet featuring music depicting locations from Buenos Aires to a trip down California's Pacific Coast Highway. Guitar Squad brings life to classical guitar.

Sat. August 27, 7PM. DRAMATIC MEASURES: RESURGAM QUARTET - An exciting program of music for saxophone quartet, including works by contemporary American composers such as Zach Browning, Michael Daugherty and John Mackey, as well as classical composers such as Samuel Barber and Astor Piazzolla.

Sun. August 28, 5PM.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE: VOICES OF PEACE CHOIR - A Community Choir concert featuring musical selections centered around "peace". Peace, in music, can be illustrated through prayers, ballades, and lullabies, all of which are included in this program.

Sat. September 3, 7PM. FOUNDRY SAXOPHONE QUARTET - Saxophonists and music teachers from the Hartford area present an evening of beautiful music for saxophone! The program will feature an array of styles including classical, folk, ragtime, rock, swing and more.

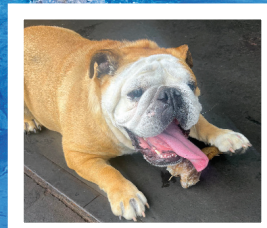
Sat. September 17, 7PM. ZENITH PERCUSSION - An introduction to a variety of percussive works showcasing the wide-ranging musical landscape that percussion has to offer.

Tickets are \$15 per person per concert, and can be purchased online or at the door. Please visit our website at mosaicsconcerts.com for online purchases and additional information about the MOSAICS Concerts Series. Information is also available by calling South Congregational Church at 860-568-5150. The church is located at 1301 Forbes Street in East Hartford, and is handicap acces-

## New England Undercoating block party



NEIGHBORS of New England Undercoating were treated to free hot dogs July 31, and kids enjoyed a water slide at NEU's 2nd annual appreciation party - under Bella's watchful eye.



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# Schools hold rally on Green

From Page One

Saturday at the Raymond Library, and the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts were swamped with questions. Parents also seemed surprised at the size of the turnout with parking hard to find. They were kept busy as their kids tugged them to and

fro.

"We've got great community partners who bring all kinds of resources. It's just great to see families - kids, moms, dads - coming together. It's just who we are, and can't wait to get our kids back to school. This is a good way to do it," said Quesnel.



Congressman John Larson votes Friday before returning to Washington.

## 9/11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

AT THE FALLEN STAR MEMORIAL AT GOODWIN UNIVERSITY IN EAST HARTFORD  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 10A.M.

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ALL VETERANS, VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR 9/11 PROGRAM IN HONOR OF OUR STATES' POST 9/11 FALLEN HEROES. A BRIEF PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE AN AWARD PRESENTATION TO DON BUTLER OF THE D.A.V. & THE READING OF THE NAMES OF CONNECTICUT'S FALLEN HEROES.

## OBITUARIES

### Joan Barbara (Brimble) Ross, 82

Joan Barbara (Brimble) Ross, 82, of Glastonbury and formerly East Hartford, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 31, 2022. Born in Hartford on September 9, 1939, Joan was the daughter of the late William Francis Brimble and Doris Thelma (St. Peter) Brimble. She worked for 23 years for Emhart Corp., Farmington and then was a dedicated employee of Fleet Bank, Hartford, where she worked for 13 years prior to her retirement in 2004.

Joan was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace Church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister and a CCD teacher for fourth graders. She was a member of the East Hartford Democratic Town Committee and the East Hartford Democratic Women's Club. Joan was a loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox and Notre Dame University. A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Joan will be forever missed by her six children, Caryn Wallace and husband Michael of Bloomfield, Mary Lynn Sanchez and husband Hilario of So. Windsor, Robin Ross of E. Hartford, Sheryl Ross of Manchester, Steven Ross and his fiance Patricia Kramer of Wyoming and Nikki



Joan Ross

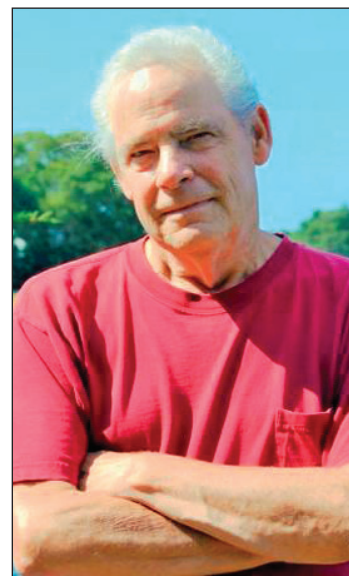
Ross and her significant other Shawnya of E. Hartford; Nineteen adored grandchildren Ashley, Cheyenne, and Blake Wallace, Vanessa, Alec, and Devin Sanchez, Erica and Chip Ross, Najla, Matthew and Ryan Mack Cody and Caity Ross Jordan, Mackenzie, William and

Breanna Ross Catherine and Adrian Ross and three cherished great-grandchildren Elijah and Makayla Serrano and Madisyn Mack. She is also survived by her sister, Karen Lyford and husband Douglas of Chelsea, VT; one brother, Gerald Brimble and wife Bernadette of Pueblo, CO. and several nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was predeceased by her beloved son, Charles W. Ross. Funeral services will be Friday, August 12 at 9 a.m. at D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, 370 May Road. Family and friends may call TODAY, Thursday, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd Floor, East Hartford, CT 06108. To share a memory of Joan with her family, please visit [www.desopoe.com](http://www.desopoe.com).

### Clarence 'Dicky' Cannon

We are heartbroken to announce the death of beloved husband, father and brother, Clarence Richard (Dick/Dicky) Cannon July 11, 2022 at age 74 from complications after a fall.

He was predeceased by his father, Clarence M. Cannon; mother, Evelyn Abrahamson Cannon; brother, John Milton Cannon, and son, Clarence M. Cannon, II. He is survived by his wife, Valerie Litwinczyk Cannon of Dingmans Ferry, PA; three daughters, Sarah Eick and her husband Michael Eick of Nazareth, PA, Cathleen Cannon and her fiancé Michael Szubka of Bristol and Mackenzie Cannon and her husband Bob Angelakopoulos of Ellington; four grandchildren, James & Jesse Eick, and Theo & Beau Angelakopoulos; two sisters, Virginia Grabowski of Amston and Julie Viprino of Eastham, MA. He also leaves behind several cousins, nieces, nephews, dear friends, and Harry the cat. Born in Hartford he was a longtime resident of East Hartford where his grandparents had a farm, a market on Burnside Avenue and his father ran the Cannon Family grocery store and deli in Mayberry Village where he had wonderful childhood memories.



Clarence Cannon

He enlisted in the Army during the Vietnam war and served four years and one in Korea. He was proud to serve his country. He went to work in a CBT Bank in Hartford then into bookkeeping for Zane Weldcraft, in Hartford and then for C&S Distributors until retirement. He and his wife moved to Dingmans Ferry, PA where he enjoyed life in what they both viewed as vacationland.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council of the Town of East Hartford will hold a Public Hearing in Council Chambers, and via the Teams platform, on **Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the following proposed bond resolutions:

- 1. Resolution Appropriating \$15,000,000 For Continued VIP Road Improvements, Engineering Road Improvements, Stormwater System and Sidewalk Repair** and Authorizing The Issuance Of \$15,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose
  - 2. Resolution Appropriating \$3,000,000 For Acquisition of Fire Department Fleet Vehicles and Rescue Equipment** And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose
- Copies of said resolutions are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk and the Town Council.

Jason Marshall  
Town Council Clerk

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**CLORINDA D. ZOCCO, deceased (22-00298)**

The Hon. Cynthia C. Becker, Cited Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated August 2, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Carmen D. Zocco, 98 Summer Street, Manchester, CT 06040

# WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

**AUG 13:** Join East Hartford Summer Youth Festival, Inc. at the Raymond Library for a **SONG WRITING AND SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOP** with songwriter and hip-hop recording artist Patrick 'Klokwise' O'Sullivan. Free. All ages/experience levels welcome - bring the whole family! Sign up at [www.ehsyf.org](http://www.ehsyf.org)

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**AUGUST 13:** Nowashe Village in South Windsor offers **free admission** Saturday, August 13, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The focus will be on native plants and animals. Take a scavenger hunt to identify plants and trees around the village - both native to this area as well as invasive species. Learn how Native Americans used various plants for food, dyes, to make arrows, and even as diapers! South Windsor's Senior Environmental Planner, Jeff Folger and Bill Marshall of the South Windsor Invasive Plant Working Group will discuss local invasive plant species and how to eradicate them. Plants not your thing? There will also be a scavenger hunt to identify animal tracks. Touch and feel different animal hides and pelts and learn how Native Peoples used them. Nowashe Village is at 787 Main St., South Windsor, behind the Wood Memorial Library.

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**AUG 14:** Pumpkin is the flavor of choice already at the August 14 **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** hosted by the Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. come in and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice for \$5 (\$3 kids under 14). In addition to the breakfast, check out the display currently at the Grange Hall for the CT Northeast Needlepoint Contest. FMI call Frank at 860-690-2945 or [www.HillstownGrange.org](http://www.HillstownGrange.org).

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**AUGUST 20:** SPACE EXPO returns to the New England Air Museum Saturday, August 20 with former NASA Astronaut Thomas Jones, Ph.D. as keynote speaker. Dr. Jones is a scientist, author, pilot, and has flown on four shuttle missions and led three spacewalks, spending 53 days in space. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy he was a pilot and commander of a B-52 D Stratofortress, leading a combat crew of six.

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**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS** - The Historical Society of East Hartford volunteers offer tours of the town's unique **HUGUENOT HOUSE MUSEUM** from 1 to 4 p.m. At the entrance to Rev. C. Martin Park, 307 Burnside Avenue. Take a glance back in time inside the 1761 Makens Bemont House, also known as the Huguenot House, restored to 18th century glory. Next door is the one-room 1821 Goodwin Schoolhouse, and the 1850 Burnham Blacksmith Shop. Tours free; donations accepted. FMI 860-528-0716 or [www.hseh.org](http://www.hseh.org).

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**AUG 28:** "Hidden in Plain Sight" tour of historic South Windsor. Highlights include the birthplace of John Fitch, stories from Long Hill and the Wapping area, and the fascinating history of the Abner Reed House on old Main Street, the country's first "mint". Two tour times offered: 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Registration suggested to guarantee a seat. Tickets are \$20 and include bus tour, water and snack. Tour starts and ends at

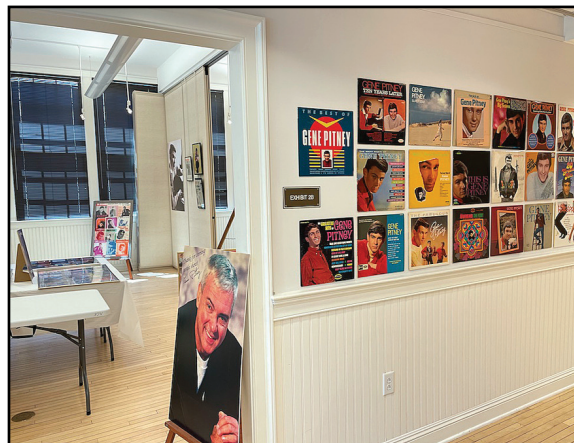
the historic Mill on the River, 989 Ellington Road, with several site stops for further exploration. Please note the tour price does not include food provided by Mill on the River. FMI [www.wood-memoriallibrary.org](http://www.wood-memoriallibrary.org).

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**SEPT 13:** East Hartford's annual **SENIOR PICNIC** at the P&W Aircraft Club, 200 Clement Road. Lunch and lots of entertainment. Noah Lis, who has appeared on "The Voice", "America's Got Talent", will entertain. Raffles and door prizes, including to the top three best dressed in the theme "beach fun". **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE** - \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents and will be sold from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Road, foyer August 11, 12, and August 15 - August 19. Get yours while they last!

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**GENE PITNEY EXHIBIT** at Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, now through Sept. 25. Gallery Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Gene Pitney grew up in Rockville, and came to be known as one of America's iconic voices.



Dubbed "The Rockville Rocket," Pitney charted 16 top 40 hits in the US - four in the top ten. In the UK he had 22 Top 40 hits. The Arts Center East exhibit showcases snapshots and memorabilia of Pitney's life and career and gives a glimpse behind his songwriting process.

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**BE A VOLUNTEER READER:** Riverside Health & Rehabilitation, 745 Main St., is looking for caring adults over age 18 to share a love of reading with select residents on an individual basis. Times and days flexible. Individual orientation and support provided. Adherence to CDC protocols mandatory. If interested in this rewarding opportunity, call Director of Recreation Scott Ginter at 860-289-2791, ext. 402.

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**BUS TRIPS** - Joan and Frank Perrone offer the following multi-day excursions under the name "Peronne's Pals" (formerly known as the St. Edmund Campion Social Club.): **Atlantic City, NJ October 25-27** - Two nights at Caesar's World-Class Hotel. Includes \$50 in food coupons, two fantastic shows - one a mystery show and the other a tribute to the band ABBA. \$280 per person, based on double occupancy. All trips include driver tips, meal taxes and gratuities, deluxe

motor coach ride. Please include a copy of your vaccination card with your \$75 deposit. For more info call Joan Peronne at 860-568-6229.

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**CHAIR YOGA FOR EVERY BODY** at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. Mondays and Thursdays, 9 to 9:50 a.m. Poses are done seated or standing with the chair for support. Modifications are provided for physical limitations. Cost is by donation. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** No registration required; just show up and wear comfortable clothes. For more information contact Janice Olson, certified yoga instructor, at 860-985-1883.

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**EVERY FRIDAY - EAST HARTFORD FARMERS' MARKET** - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Raymond Memorial Library lawn, 840 Main St. Market continues through October. Locally-grown CT certified produce from regional farmers who also accept Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers. Information booths and library programs vary by week.

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**VENDORS WANTED:** St. George's Episcopal Church in Bolton invites crafters to rent a booth at their church's 46th Annual Craft and Harvest Fair Sept. 24. from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44, Bolton. FMI e-mail [bkalina333@gmail.com](mailto:bkalina333@gmail.com) or call 860-643-9203.

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**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** at Riverside Health & Rehab Center meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 745 Main St. Facilitated by Scott Ginter. RSVP: 860-289-2791.

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**EAST HARTFORD LIONS CLUB** Can and Bottle Drive - ongoing - Consider donating your returnable bottles and cans to the Lions Club to help support scholarships, eye screenings for children, holiday food baskets, Quest program and others. To arrange a donation e-mail [lionseasthartford@gmail.com](mailto:lionseasthartford@gmail.com) or call Lion Steve Crecco at 860-515-1551 for pick-up. Smile today?

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**EAST HARTFORD WOMAN'S CLUB** promotes good fellowship in civic, social, charitable and education fields via community service. New members welcome. Call Lydia Cassarino (860-205-9619) or Cynthia Messikian (860-568-5792) to join this fantastic civic-minded bunch.

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**PROJECT LINUS** delivers blankets to local hospitals. We are always looking for people to donate their hand-made quilts or afghans. These blankets need not be fancy just colorful and washable, any size from receiving to twin. 860-649-5513.

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**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** meets in person in the area as well as via ZoomGo to the ConnecticutOA.org website for info.

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**DIAPERS NEEDED:** The residents of My Sisters' Place use over 6,000 diapers each month. Diapers are not food stamp eligible and are expensive. If you can donate, sent to: My Sisters' Place, 102 Pliny St. Hartford, CT 06120.