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Backpack palooza on Green

Pencils, pens, coloring sheets, ice cream and backpacks greeted an overflow crowd at the annual Back To School Rally held on the Town Green at Alumni Park Wednesday.

The East Hartford Public Schools, with the aid and assistance of an army of volunteers, hosted the event.

The fifth annual Back to School Rally was the largest one yet. Gov. Ned Lamont arrived to lead the lined up children and parents to the Town Green's inner walkways. Tables manned by education-related and supporting vendors, schools, social organizations and various town departments. Volunteers handed out not only information but also numerous school-related items, such as always-in-demand glue-sticks, notebooks, pencils and water bottles.

The main feature was the annual backpack distribution hosted by the school's Office of Equity, Partnerships and Achievement. Since 2016, this group has been offering free stuffed backpacks to East Hartford School children from preschool to high school. This year over 2,000 backpacks were prepared to distribution.

Alongside the waiting line families could peruse over 30 tables that were set up, ranging

See **SCHOOL RALLY** pg 10

EAST HARTFORD HORNET FOOTBALL TEAM HIKES BACKPACKS





ABOVE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS THOMAS ANDERSON with members of the East Hartford High School football team who took a break from summer practice to help distribute over 1,000 backpacks stuffed with supplies Wednesday on the Green.





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AROUND TOWN

Square Peg to run golf course restaurant

The town announced Thursday that Square Peg Pizzeria will be the new operator of the restaurant at the golf course.

This week Square Peg was busy repainting the dining room in keeping with the red and white decor of the brand.

Square Peg has several locations in Glastonbury, Storrs, Plainville and Vernon. The original Square Peg opened in Glastonbury in 2019, launched by East Hartford native Jay Maffe.

Square Peg's soft opening is scheduled for the second weekend of August, and will feature a limited menu to serve golfers and guests alike.

Open from breakfast through dinner, the limited menu will include egg sandwiches and wraps, coffee, and more for breakfast, and Detroit-style pizza, grinders, hot dogs, and burgers for lunch and dinner.

At the close of the golf season, the restaurant will temporarily close for a rebuild of the kitchen area, bringing in their signature wood ovens allowing for an expansion into serving the restaurant's full menu. The temporary closure is expected to last about a month.

Of the new partnership, Mayor Connor S. Martin said, "I want to thank everyone for your patience as we looked for a sustainable and mutually beneficial solution to the restaurant operator at the East Hartford Golf Course.

"I'm excited to welcome Square Peg Pizzeria home, and thank Jay and his team for their continued commitment to East Hartford. I look forward to their grand opening, and hope you will join me for a slice of pizza or a hot dog soon."

Maffe celebrated the occasion saying, "We're thrilled to announce our newest location, and we're proud to be partnering with the Town of East Hartford and Troon Golf Management to bring a fresh and welcoming dining experience to the course, and the entire East Hartford community."

COMMUNITY CENTER REPURPOSED



NEARLY 100 ELECTED OFFICIALS, town employees and various residents joined Mayor Connor Martin in rededicated the Community Center into a family resource center this past week, with a ribbon cutting and tour. The building on Chapman Place has severed the town as a school and substitute town hall. It now will house various town agencies, school department offices, classrooms for family and adult education, as well as the Family Probate Court. All the various offices are geared toward family needs and services. The reworking is joint effort of the Town Government and the Board of Education to centralize health and education family services.

AmEagle collecting food pantry donations

American Eagle Financial Credit Union (American Eagle) has launched a summer food insecurity relief initiative, combining a $50,000 donation and a community-wide food drive to support 16 local nonprofits.

"American Eagle is thrilled to work alongside Connecticut Foodshare and Midwest Foodbank to help address food insecurity in the communities we serve," said American Eagle President & CEO Howard Brady. "Summer is a critical time for food pantries, when demand rises and donations tend to fall. We are committed to doing our part to help close the gap."

American Eagle is supporting the East Hartford Backpack Program here in town with colletions in all its local branch offices, including the administative offices on East River Drive. Dozens of other statewide food pantries are also being aided by the credit unions food collection efforts.

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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, 2024 Grand List.

All persons wishing to appeal their assessment **must submit an appeal form by AUGUST 20, 2025.** 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.

For automobiles on the October 1, 2024 Grand List hearings will be held:

Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Thursday, September 18, 2025
Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025 (only if needed)

All hearings are by appointment ONLY.

Appeal forms for the September meetings must be on file in the Assessor's Office **no later than August 20, 2025.**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, will hold a public hearing on **August 19, 2025 at 7:15 p.m.** in Town Council Chambers, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut and via Microsoft Teams, to hear public comment on the **July 28, 2025 draft of the Police Use of Technology Ordinance**.

Any person(s) wishing to express an opinion on these matters may do so at this public hearing.

Jason Marshall
Town Council Clerk

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IT'S TAG SALE SEASON - A $12 ad in the *Gazette makes more sense* than spending for markers, staplers, etc to place ugly signs on telephone poles.

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

¡Todavía queda algo de verano!

Hay que disfrutar lo que queda de verano antes que se acabe y lleguen las clases. Una vez vuelva la rutina escolar se acaba la libertad. Así que no pierdas el tiempo y disfruta de todo lo que esta vida te ofrece fuera de esas 4 paredes.

Por acá te dejo par de cosas divertidas para que disfrutes lo que queda de verano.

No te envió para la playa porque esta algo lejos y el sol este que pica, pero te puedes tirar para el cine. Yo sé que esta el streaming pero a veces vale la pena tirarse al cine y disfrutar del ambiente.

No se necesita un viaje largo para cambiar de ambiente. Tirarte para un parque, (y mira que están bellos), un rio o darte la vuelta por New York es mega ideal antes de volver a la rutina escolar. Y si no te quieres ir tan lejos un picnic en la parte de atrás de tu casa viene bien.

¿Te gusta pintar, escribir, cocinar o hacer manualidades? Este es el momento perfecto para dejar volar tu creatividad. Además de relajarte, podrías descubrir una nueva pasión o talento.

Otra cosa que puedes hacer es reconectar con amistades. Aprovecha el tiempo libre para pasar más momentos con tus amigos. Pueden organizar juegos, paseos o simplemente pasar la tarde conversando.

Las últimas semanas de verano no son para preocuparse, sino para saborearlas. Haz lo que te haga feliz, rodéate de lo que te inspira y prepárate para comenzar el nuevo año escolar con energía renovada.

Eventos próximos que no te debes perder:

Viene un blood drive de la Cruz Roja. Esto va a ser el 12 de Aug, desde las 10:00am hasta las 3:00pm en el Centro para Personas Mayores de East Hartford, 15 Milbrook Drive. Puedes presentarte sin cita o preregistrarte llamando al 1-800-733-2767 o visitando RedCrossBlood.org e ingresando "East Hartford Senior Center" para una cita.

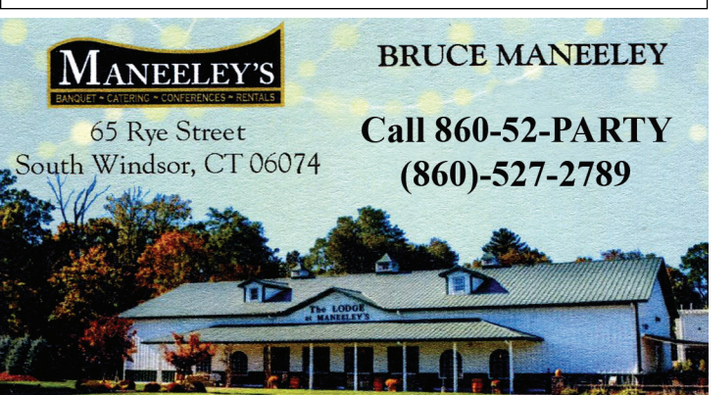
El 12 de Sep. prepárate para disfrutar del “38th Annual Senior Picnic” para la edad de oro. El evento tiene un costo de $10.00 para residentes y $12.00 para no residentes. No se venderán taquillas en la entrada así que consigue las tuyas antes. Esto será en Goodwin University, 3 Pent Road.

13 de Sep. vuelve el “Latin Fest” este año se estará celebrando en Riverfront. Comenzando a las 12 del mediodía hasta las 7:00pm

Los jueves, disfruta de “Sounds of Summer Concert Series”. Esto es en Great River Park de 6 a 8 p.m. Para más información entra a https://www.easthartfordct.gov/

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National Night Out on Green

The Town Green was crowded Tuesday for National Night Out with demonstrations of police gear and equipment, K-9 demostrations, free hot-dogs and hamburgers, music, basketball, information booths and games for kids. The evening was a great way to connect with local officers and residents and sit in a police vehicle or try on some tactical gear for kids.

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Afghan interpreter meets with U. S. Sen. Blumenthal

By Laura Tillman
CT MIRROR

Zia S., who was an interpreter helping the U.S. in Afghanistan, was arrested by ICE in Connecticut. Credit: New Haven Independent

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal traveled to Plymouth, Massachusetts on Wednesday to visit an Afghan man, known as "Zia S.", who is being held in detention there by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Zia S., whose full name is not being used due to concerns about his safety, came to the U.S. through a preapproved process called humanitarian parole. He had served as an interpreter for U.S. Armed Forces in his native Afghanistan.

Zia S. was detained despite, Blumenthal said, "following every single rule, he was doing everything right, including serving this country at great risk to himself and his family."

On July 16, Zia S. was picked up by masked ICE agents here in School Street Square in East Hartford after a standard appointment with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). A Dept. of Homeland Security spokesman told the *Gazette* that Zia S. was "pardoned by the Biden Administration and is under investigation for a serious allegation" and would be provided with an opportunity to state his case before a federal judge.

That judge sice barred the government from deporting Zia. But prosecutors declared in a court filing that Zia S. is a risk to U.S. national security. Exactly what kind of risk was not specified.

After visiting Wednesday, according to the CT Mirror, Blumenthal decried the detention and said that Zia S. was only picked up because ICE has to "make a quota."

"That's the only reason Zia is locked up away from his family, away from his job, away from his community, outrageously and tragically. It is cruel and it is stupid," he said to reporters outside the facility.

In May, White House Advisor Stephen Miller told Fox News that the administration planned to make a minimum of 3,000 daily arrests, but the Trump Administration has since denied that such numerical quotas exist.

On Wednesday, Blumenthal was unequivocal in his support of Zia S. and told The Connecticut Mirror that he hasn't seen anything to support the claim that he is a national security threat.

"There is no security threat. If there were a security threat, they would have offered to tell me," Blumenthal said.

Blumenthal said he planned to demand any such information be shown to him: "I'm going to do it as a senator who has a top secret clearance and the need to know. But I've listened to him and his story, and if they have some security threat, it's totally fabricated."

Blumenthal had the chance Wednesday to tour the Plymouth County Correctional Facility where ICE detainees are held, which he described as clean and safe. The senator spent about half an hour visiting with Zia S, who he described as hopeful; Blumenthal said a court hearing has been scheduled in Zia S's case for September.

Blumenthal said that Zia S. has a big smile and described him as a lovely and decent human being. But he said, "the sadness is palpable, the pain is real. He is away from his family."

SPEAKING OUT!

DOGE waste near $22 billion, says senator

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Ranking Member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI) released a Minority staff report today unveiling that Elon Musk's brainchild, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), has generated at least $21.7 billion in waste across the federal government between January 20, 2025, and July 18, 2025. The report, "The $21.7 Billion Blunder: Analyzing the Waste Generated by DOGE," follows a months-long investigation into Elon Musk and DOGE and is the most comprehensive effort to date to quantify taxpayer dollars squandered by DOGE despite its goal of eliminating government waste.

"This report is a searing indictment of DOGE's false claims. At the very same time that the Trump Administration is cutting health care, nutrition assistance, and emergency services in the name of 'efficiency' and 'savings,' they have enabled DOGE's reckless waste of at least $21.7 billion dollars," said Blumenthal. "As my PSI investigation has shown, DOGE was clearly never about efficiency or saving the American taxpayer money. I urge Inspectors General to take up our investigation's findings and initiate a comprehensive review of DOGE's careless actions."

PSI's comprehensive review of publicly available resources and independent analysis has found that DOGE has generated $21.7 billion in waste so far this year, including:

$14.8 billion through its Deferred Resignation Program for paying approximately 200,000 employees not to work for up to eight months.

$6.1 billion for over 100,000 employees who have been involuntarily separated from federal service or who remain on prolonged periods of administrative leave pending separation, many of whom were paid to not do their jobs for weeks or months.

$263 million in lost interest and fee income at the Dept. of Energy due to dozens of loan freezes meant to finance key utility projects supporting energy affordability and grid resilience.

$155 million in time costs to require nearly a million employees to send weekly accomplishment emails to the Office of Personnel Management amounting to millions of hours of wasted time.

$110 million on food aid and medical supplies spoiling in warehouses, set to be destroyed at a further cost to taxpayers.

$66 million by underutilizing thousands of professional staff to perform entry-level duties for weeks on end, including over $138,000 for paying scientists to check guests in at national parks.

$41.8 million to relocate over 250 staff members at one agency closer to the office.

$38 million in sunk costs on unrecoverable investments in science and technology across four projects at the National Institutes of Health and the Internal Revenue Service.

$1.7 million in time costs to require employees to unnecessarily justify routine expenses at three agencies, including window washing at the Federal Aviation Administration.

PSI's estimate of DOGE-generated waste does not include other direct and indirect forms of waste that may add millions or even billions of dollars to projected waste, such as substantial administrative and legal expenses, undermining public safety and natural disaster response, human costs and health threats, and other hidden economic costs.

Ironically, the $21.7 billion in DOGE-generated waste could have fully covered President Trump's misguided rescissions package twice over with $2.9 billion to spare despite the package being promoted as codifying DOGE's purported savings over the next several years. DOGE's $21.7 billion in government waste could have also been used to:

Cover 5.3 million families losing an average of $146 in monthly food assistance under Republican' budget bill;

Cover 5 million Americans expected to lose Medicaid coverage in 2026 under Republicans' budget bill;

Expand Medicaid coverage to 2.4 million Americans or 5.7 million children; or

Provide free school lunches to an additional 28.6 million children, covering over 98% of all K-12 students.

Blumenthal referred PSI's findings to Inspectors General at 27 government agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Small Business Administrating, and the Social Security Administration. In his letters, Blumenthal urged inspectors general to initiate a comprehensive review of DOGE's activities within their agencies in order to determine the full scope of costs that DOGE's careless actions have imposed.

The Gazette welcomes **signed** letters on subjects of interest to our readers.

LETTERS, SPEAKING OUT!

There were two Zebulon Bidwells, believe it or not

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back at East Hartford

by Rob Kanehl

Did you know there were two Zebulon Bidwells who served in the Revolutionary War from East Hartford? This is a common problem when researching history: Two people with the same name, in the same location, during the same historical time period.

In East Hartford many are familiar with the native son, Capt. Zebulon Bidwell. The town honors him with the Bidwell Triangle monument, as well as with the names of Bidwell Street and Zebulon Street off Burnside. Do you know the story? Chances are you might, but not that it was taught to you in local schools. Thirty four years old, he was a captain in the 4th Company Colonel Thaddeus Cook's Regiment of the Connecticut Militia when he died of wounds suffered during the fiercely-waged battle of Stillwater, New York. A cannon ball took off his leg. The battle, part of the Saratoga campaign, was considered the turning point of the war. Zebulon was born in 1743 near the site of Bidwell Triangle. The father of six, his wife, Mary Bidwell, gave birth to a son the month after his death.

The other Zebulon Bidwell was born in 1760 in Orford Parish, the original section of East Hartford that is now called Manchester. This Zeb also volunteered to fight for our freedom from British rule. He was a teenager when he joined the Orford Parish Militia, at Boston, and helped push the British out of Massachusetts and beyond.

This Zebulon returned to Orford Parish, and lived an accomplished life. Tax records list him among the wealthier residents in that section of town, and this Zebulon helped the new town of Manchester separate from East Hartford in 1823. This Zebulon would have a son with wife Sarah who was named Zebulon. And that Zebulon Bidwell married a Mary, too.

Common names and family names have often been the bane of the amateur historian and school children learning their local town narrative. Another weird fact is that junior may not mean son, it was also used at times to indicate a younger person of the same name in a community.

In East Hartford the families of Pitkin, Brewer and Goodwin all shared multi-generations of identical names: William, Richard and Samuel for the Pitkins; Selden for the Brewers; and George for the Goodwins. Other identically-named residents of East Hartford-Manchester similar to the Bidwells are Horace Wickham and Horace Wickham, and Horace Cheney and Horace Cheney.

The first two were alive in the late 1800s. One was the man who invented the envelope machine and whose family donated what is today Wickham Park. The other was a resident of the west side of Manchester now on the East Hartford line. You can find that Horace Wickham in West Cemetery on Spencer Street. The envelope maker's remains are forever folded into Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford.

Getting back to West Cemetery. This was originally laid out as an East Hartford Cemetery next to the Episcopal church that is now long gone. (A small tablet marks where the church stood; you can find it in the grassy knoll behind the old Starbucks drive-through, now a pot dispensary.) In West Cemetery you will find the small gravestone of Horace Cheney who lived into the early 1900s. Meanwhile his more famous namesake was the Cheney Silk Mills manager who died in 1936 in an automobile accident while visiting his new grandson in New Mexico. That Cheney's passing had a significant affect on the life of the mills, and his marker is surrounded by the extended Cheney family in the Cheney plot off East Center Street in Manchester.

But wait - there is yet another Horace Cheney. He was the child of a silk mill family whose simple grave can be found among the family, if you look.

We will not have to worry about another person with my name – my father was kind enough to have a totally obscure family name.

Donations sought for youth

We are looking for Community Partners to consider donating the following items for the youth at Albert J. Solnit Children's Center, South Campus in Middletown. Our youth are ages 13-18.

The following items are desired by the center:

Acrylic paints (specifically black and white) and acrylic markers.
Legos- Small kits.
Art Canvas- 11x14 - no staples or wood.
Snow pants sizes: Medium, large, and extra-large pants.
Welcome basket item supplies: Body Wash, Word Search, Crossword puzzles, small crayon boxes (16 count) Fidgets for welcome baskets, toothbrush cases and soap holders.
Thera putty- All Colors.
Gift Cards for Pedometer Walking challenge: 4 $25 Gift Cards Walmart
15 $10 Gift Cards Walmart, Five Below

We remain grateful for the community's continued support as prior donations have brought much joy and happiness to our children and youth during a very difficult time in their young lives.

If your organization is able to assist us with this project, please contact Elaine Jackson at 860-704-4386 or elaine.jackson@ct.gov or Becca Brown Johnsky at 860-704-4255 or rebecca.brown-johnsky@ct.gov

Larson decries homelessness, PBS funding cuts

Friday Rep. John B. Larson released a statement after the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) announced it will begin winding down operations due to being defunded by the federal government.

"Today is a dark day for public media and our First Amendment," said Larson. "Not even a month after Republicans in Congress voted to defund PBS and NPR at the President's command, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is closing its doors. For nearly 60 years, they have been a bulwark for local television and radio, emergency alert systems, and beloved programs for our kids. To think that children might have to grow up without programming that speaks to their generation the way Sesame Street has spoken to and nurtured the imaginations of children for the last 50 years, because PBS would not toe the Trump line, is nothing short of heartbreaking. I will continue to work with CT Public and my colleagues in Congress to find ways to support public broadcasting and restore the patriotic mission of a free press for all media."

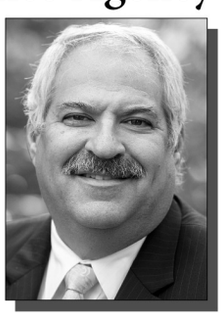
Rep. Larson has strongly opposed President Donald Trump's rescissions bill that defunded PBS and NPR.

Larson also joined the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness' call for action with federal and state leaders after President Trump issued a cruel executive order effectively criminalizing homelessness.

"With Donald Trump, cruelty is the point," said Larson. "This disastrous executive order does nothing to support our homeless population, undermines the progress advocates like the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness have been making, and raises serious ethical questions about how our residents will be treated when they are institutionalized. We all know that for too many, affordable housing remains out of reach. Now, millions of Americans already struggling to make ends meet will have to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table, thanks to the Republican Budget that Donald Trump signed into law. This Administration lacks basic empathy and is punishing Americans, many of whom are veterans, for the crime of being poor. I stand with the Connecticut Coalition to End Homeless against this inhumane and merciless order and will continue to advance solutions in Congress that support our homeless population and take on the affordable housing crisis – not criminalize people if they can't afford a home." Rep. Larson introduced the bipartisan Neighborhood Homes Investment Act to increase the supply and quality of housing nationwide, making it more affordable for Americans to own a home. Rep. Larson also introduced the bipartisan Revitalizing Downtowns and Main Streets Act to support the conversion of many unused office spaces into reliable housing options.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Hartford photographers exhibit showcases city they both love

Photographers Cecil Hudson and Andy Hart will present a joint photography exhibition this August through November at the Aetna Gallery in the Butler-McCook House & Garden located at 396 Main St., Hartford.



The show, "Take a Bow, Hartford," is free to visit and focuses on the vibrant performing arts in the capital city, primarily music and dance.

Both photographers attended the now-closed Saint Justin's School on Blue Hills Avenue with Hudson graduating in 1975 and Hart in 1976.

Hudson and Hart took up photography later in life, the former to capture his children's athletic activities, the latter as part of his job as a reporter for the Glastonbury Citizen and later for The Hartford News.

Both quickly improved their skills behind the lens and became part of the small circle of semi-professional photographers who regularly document local events. The two former schoolmates were reunited when they found themselves crouched next to each other while photographing the Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz a few years ago.

"Between performances, we discussed our shared passion and hopes of one day collaborating on a photography show. So, we were more than happy to seize the opportunity to partner with the Butler-McCook House & Garden this summer to make the show a reality," said Hudson.

Owned and operated by CT Landmarks, the Butler-McCook House & Garden is the only 18th-century home remaining on Hartford's Main Street.

To complement the historical pieces of art in the historic house museum, the Aetna Gallery showcases the work of local artists. Discover the exhibitions taking place this year at www.ctlandmarks.org/event/hartford-art-exhibitsOpening day reception for "Take a Bow, Hartford" is Thursday, August 14 at 5 p.m. and will include a free performance by Dan Pugach Nonet featuring Nicole Zuraitis. The exhibition is on display the first Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. as well as during the Sunset Sounds Concert series on Thursdays.

FMI e-mail Jana Colacino at jana.colacino@ctlandmarks.org.



Cecil Hudson grew up in Hartford's North End, graduated from Holy Cross College with an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

After working for Coopers & Lybrand, he held various leadership positions at Cigna, Prudential Retirement, and United Health Group.

In the community, Cecil has volunteered for various nonprofits, has led organizations such as IMPACT Greater Hartford and recently joined the Board of Directors for Hands on Hartford.

Cecil began his photography career by shooting his kids' sports teams and went on to capture a wide range of high school and college sports. In 2014, he founded his photography firm, C'Douglas Images, LLC, and currently shoots fitness and body building competitions. He loves capturing music concerts and has worked notable events such as Farm Aid and the Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz. A devoted father of four, he enjoys strength training, traveling, and protecting his peace.

Andy Hart was born and raised in the Blue Hills neighborhood. After graduating from Fairfield University with a degree in history and only the vaguest notion of what to do with it, he worked first as a cook at Hartford Golf Club and then as an advertising copywriter at Harland, Tine & White in Hartford. In 1989 he began his journalism career as a reporter/photographer for the Glastonbury Citizen. Three years later, he moved to the Hartford News where he now serves as graphic designer and photographer.

Over the years Andy's photography skills have developed considerably, particularly after he realized taking photos was a lot more fun than writing articles! He has had solo exhibitions at Hartford Public Library, Real Art Ways, Parkville Art Gallery, and Riverfront Recapture. Andy has lived on Franklin Avenue for 30 years.

The Butler-McCook House is located at 396 Main St., Hartford is open for tours.

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. We are currently enrolling students for the fall term beginning on Tuesday, September 2nd. Any adults who live in the region and are interested in improving their English may register at lvgh.org/student-application. For more information, please visit our website at lvgh.org or call 860-233-3853.

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Christ Brown on the way

Chris Brown officially launched the North American leg of his BREEZY BOWL XX TOUR with a sold-out show at loanDepot park in Miami Wednesday, July 31.

Of the 27 concerts, only 10 are not sellouts. That includes the Saturday, August 23 show here in East Hartford.

Presented by Live Nation, the tour marks Brown's first full stadium run in North America and celebrates 20 years of his chart-topping career. Opening night in Miami featured over 50 hits, blending fan favorites like "With You" and "Kiss Kiss" with new material including "It Depends."

Known for his high-energy performances and signature choreography, Brown delivered a dynamic set that set the tone for the summer Breezy Bowl XX Tour.

Brown will travel to town from two shows in Toronto's Rogers Stadium August 19 and 20, then perform in Fenway Park in Boston Monday, August 25 in a sold-out show, then at Wrigley Field Thursday, August 28 in a performance also sold out. Brown then travels to Atlanta, Georgia for two scheduled sold-out shows August 30 and 31. The tour follows Brown's successful European run where he played in front of 500,000 fans across five countries. He also made history at London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium selling over 90,000 tickets across two nights and setting a new record for the highest-grossing tour by a male R&B artist at the venue.

Guests may be Bryson Tiller and Summer Walker.

Presidents List at Goodwin

Goodwin University's President's List for the spring 2025 session includes 321 students, all of whom scored a perfect 4.0 GPA. East Hartford students are: Josephine Boateng, Morgan Buchanan, Luz Colon, Mokay Crewe, Linda Dagon, Angelica Diaz, Gabriella Everett, Francezka Figueroa, Teleyah Gordon, Miao Yan He, Erica Jackson, Khrystellina Kheng, Kaylamarie Langyel, Terrchell Little, Pamela Massa-Porquillo, Trena Mennes, Cassandra Pastorelle, Saad Rahemanwala, Ashley Rodriguez, David Rodriguez, Phyllis Scott, Lacole Sloan, Cherry Smith, Tayshia Stapleton, Jillian Vallier, Tiffany Vazquez, Fikir Walcott, and Emoinee Williams.

LINDSAY'S FARM STAND



WITH TOMATO WHEELS AND A MURAL OF HER HOUSE Lindsay Sullivan sells fresh vegetables from her beautiful farm stand in front of her house at 1929 Main Street featuring fresh corn, tomatoes, squash, beans and whatever is ripe that day. The stand is based on an honor system.

STILL FRIENDLY

The East Hartford High School Class of 1975 50th Year Reunion will be August 23, 2025 at Georgina's Restaurant, 275 Boston Turnpike, Bolton from 6 to 10 p.m. Join the Class of 1975 for plenty of food, music, dancing and fun. Cash bar. Cost is $75 per person. Make checks payable to "EHHS Class of 1975" and mail to Sue Tyska-Wood, 441 South Main St., Unit 26, Manchester CT 06040. If questions e-mail kaizenmachine@yahoo.com.

Start following the class on Facebook - East Hartford High School Class of 1975.

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East Hartford High School Class of 2015 will be celebrating our 10-Year High School Reunion on Friday, November 28, 2025, at Elicit Brewery in Manchester. We are also looking for sponsors to enhance the reunion experience while also providing valuable exposure for local businesses and organizations. We would love to partner with members of the community who have supported us throughout the years. We can provide a sponsorship packet with more details on how you or local businesses can contribute.

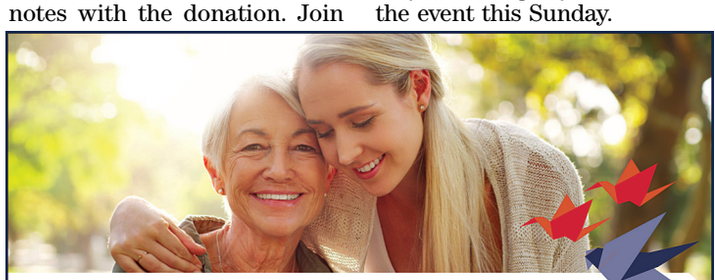
If questions or to help promote this event, e-mail ehhs2015alumni@gmail.com.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1301 Forbes St., is once again collecting school supplies for the students at O'Connell School. Do you like to write? We would like to include handwritten notes with the donation. Join us Sunday, August 10 at 11 a.m. to write notes of affirmation for O'Connell children. Requested donations include dry erase markers, glue sticks, Play Doh, washable Crayola markers and crayons. Bring any donations to the event this Sunday.

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

After Midget wins, NASCAR bumps up Matthew Lauf Jr., 5

By Bill Doak

Young Matt Lauf Jr., 5, burns a lot of energy running around his front yard and fending off teasing from his four-year-old sister Maci.

On Sundays he also burns up a lot of 87 octane gasoline speeding around an oval track in the Northeast Titan Quarter Midget Series, a NASCAR event, with his home track the Thompson Motor Speedway.

Lauf finished first in the Saturday heat in June at Honey Brook Speedway in Pennsylvania, and has compiled enough points to rank second in the weekly races at his home track in Thompson.

Parents Matt Lauf and his mom, Monika, along with Jim Kervin, Chris Forester and Larry Frink make up his support crew sponsored by a half-dozen local businesses whose labels are affixed to the side of the quarter-scale midget racer complete with roll cage. The cars are equipped with racing tires and powered by a single cylinder 4-cycle air-cooled racing engine which can produce as much as 10,000 rpms in their modified racing form.

Racing has become a family pursuit for the Lauf family. Matt, a member of the Board of Education and handy mechanically from his day job repairing and installing large commercial garage doors, hooks up the racing trailer to his pickup and drives his son all over the state, and to the tracks in the NASCAR Northeast midget racing circuit. The big race in Connecticut will be Sept. 12-14 at Little T's home track in Thompson, then there are races in Syracuse NY wrapping up a season which began in June.

"He loves it, and he's good," says Matt Lauf. Next year NASCAR is bumping him up to compete against the older drivers, he notes. Lauf also volunteers at the track to help run the racing events, and is often busy bringing the race car around the state for repairs and adjustments. In quarter midgets rules and safety procedures are designed specifically for kids. Any child who is 5 to 16 years of age can race. Safety features include full roll cages, multi-point seat harnesses, full face helmets, and an automatic shut off switch.

A computer display reads out the performance parameters of the engine and the sport says it has fewer injuries than little-league football. The combined weight of the car and driver cannot exceed 265 lbs.

As a NASCAR Youth Series sanctioned track, it follows the NASCAR Youth Series's rules. As a non-profit parents are expected to contribute to the operation of the club by working shifts in the concession stand and help with scoring, race directing, flagging, staging, grounds maintenance, etc. After completing the Red Rookie class, Matt advanced to the next level, Blue Rookie phase where speeds are faster.

"He's fast, that's for sure," says his proud dad.

For more info go to www.littletspeedway.com.



Matt Lauf Jr. took the checkered flag at Honey Brook Speedway.

EAST HARTFORDS MENS GOLF LEAGUE
Sunday August 3
MELODY TROPHY Individual Tournament
TROPHY WINNER: ZACH LAVIN

	GROSS RESULTS		NET RESULTS	
	Name	Score	Name	Score
Flight 1	Zach Lavin	71	Andy Jean	68
	Dan Faust	72	Don Thivia	68
	Chris Bull	73	Phil Sheremeta	72
	Roger Baral	73	Tony Reynaud	73
			Bill Holota	74
			Bryan Goh	74
Flight 2	Pat Biggins	77	John Smialowski	69
	Jonathan Cooper	80	Justin Rivera	72
	Jack Bannon	83	Matt Hamm	72
	Lee Tyler	83	Franz Innocent	74
			Andrew Heskith	75
			Damon Dombek	75
Flight 3	Frank Tozzoli	82	Carl Paternostro	69
	Kevin McCarthy	86	Rick Migliori	72
	Phil Smith	86	Lee Catlin	75
	Luis Velazquez	90	Scott Bryda	76
			Alex Capessela	76
			Rob Migliori	78
Flight 4	Gio Sakowski	93	Mike Malley	71
	George Raymond	93	Josh Baker	72
	James LaChapelle	96	Thomas Trinidad	73
	Ali Rivera	97	Barry Jefferys	73
			Leo Veilleux	76
			Bruce Wentworth	78



EHLL MAJORS SOFTBALL TEAM, PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING, took home the win Tuesday night against Glastonbury Little League with an 18-8 victory. The win placed them into the NCGSL 12U Championship game! They'll be out at FastPitch Nation (1001 Day Hill Rd, Windsor, CT) at 5:30 PM this Thursday, so please stop by to cheer them on! Don't forget: Fall registration for softball and baseball closes this weekend! Sign up today at EHLL.org! If you have any questions please email us at Communications@ehll.org.

OBITUARIES

Avis Jean D'Alessandro, 88


Avis D'Alessandro

Avis Jean D'Alessandro (Anderson), 88, wife of the late George A. D'Alessandro peacefully passed Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Born in Hartford February 12, 1937, daughter of the late Oscar L. and Inez Anderson of Manchester and Florida, she was a lifelong resident adn graduate of Manchester High School, class of 1955. She is survived by her three loving sons and their wives and children: Bruce & Tina D'Alessandro of Huntersville, NC; Brian & Lydia D'Alessandro of Haines City, FL and Doug & Christine D'Alessandro of Vernon; beloved grandchildren Jason D'Alessandro and his wife Heidi of Groton, MA, Alyssa D'Alessandro of Ellington and Daniel D'Alessandro of Vernon; and great-grandchildren Gunnar, Sienna and Chloe D'Alessandro of Groton, MA. She was a member of South Congregational Church and worked at Discount Trophy for 32 years. Avis was loved and adored by everyone.

Funeral services took place July 30 with private burial. Gifts to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Karen Askwyth Fienman, 62

Karen Askwyth Fienman, 62, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025. She was born in Hartford, CT on October 9, 1962, to Phyllis and Bill Askwyth. She was preceded in death by her father, Willliam Askwyth.

Karen grew up in East Hartford and was graduated from Penney High School in 1980. She attended Manchester Community College and SUNY Farmingdale. She traveled to Israel when she was 16 where she met her parents who were also traveling in Israel separately. She worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft where she and her dad would meet for lunch.

Karen met Jay Fienman in July 1982. They fell in love quickly and married on May 19, 1985. They enjoyed movies, Broadway shows, dining out, and spending time with family. Their son Josh was born in 1991. They made their home in South Windsor, CT.

Karen loved music. She played the piano and sang and participated in high school and community theater. She was an avid cook and loved cats.

Karen is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Jay Fienman, her son, Josh Fienman and husband Justin St. Marie, her mother, Phyllis Askwyth, her sister, Shelly Jewell and husband Richard Jewell, her brother, David Askwyth and wife Maryanne Askwyth, mother-in-law Norma Fienman, brother-in-law Michael Fienman and his wife Myrna Fienman, sister-in-law Andrea Oppenheimer, sister-in-law Nancie Havinoviski & her husband Glenn Havinoviski, and many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Funeral will be graveside TODAY, Thursday, August 7 at 2 p.m. at the Hartford Mutual Society Memorial Park, 74 Wolcott Road, East Granby.

Following interment, the family will receive friends at the family's home. Donations in Karen's memory can be made to the Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance. May her memory be a source of strength and a blessing. Funeral arrangements by the Hebrew Funeral Association.

Joan Dickison, 95

Joan Dickison, 95, a longtime resident of East Hartford, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 21, 2025, with her family by her side.

Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Louise (Henderson) Shepherd.

After World War II, Joan met navel technicians' mate, Joseph Remeika. They became part of a close-knit group of friends who all eventually married and remained lifelong companions, sharing vacations and celebrating family milestones together.

Following the birth of her second child, Joan began working as an office assistant at The Travelers in Hartford.

Through talent, dedication, and perseverance, she rose through the ranks and retired at age 62 as an executive in the underwriting division.

Joan loved the beach, entertaining, and taking family vacations with friends. After the passing of her first husband, she married Russell Dickison. Together, they shared a passion for golf-even building a home within walking distance of a course.

They enjoyed traveling, wintering in Florida, and spending summer vacations in Newport and New Hampshire.

After Russell's passing at age 74, Joan continued the tradition of wintering in Florida and spending summers in Newport with close friends until 2020.


Joan Dickison

Joan will be lovingly remembered by her daughter, Lynn Rival and husband John (Jack) of Enfield; son, Joseph Remeika Jr. and wife Cheryl of Annandale, NJ; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, Jonathan Rival and wife Caitlin of Granby, and Jonathan's son Jonathan Rival-Velez of Hopkinsville, KY, Jessica Rival and Howard Bowan of Enfield, and their son Howard (Howie) Bowan, Robert Remeika and wife Jessica Fenton of Elmhurst, IL, and their son Rowan Remeika, Joseph Remeika III of Gainesville, FL.

She is also survived by her extended family which includes her stepchildren, Gary Dickison of Plymouth, NH; Cheryl Salzarulo of Colchester and the late Glenn Dickison - along with their devoted spouses, children, and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Joan was predeceased by her brother, Robert Shepherd.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the ECHN hospice nurses and caregivers for their loving care during Joan's final days.

A Memorial service and Celebration of Life was held on Monday, July 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095.

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Back to School Rally held

From Page One

from the town library services to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Parks and Recreation, local banks focused on community affairs, and other merchants were there to welcome visitors. Even non-public school organizations like the Connecticut Science Center had a presence.

The free event lasted for three hours.

Over 65 businesses and organizations contributed to ensure there were plenty of school supplies to go around.

They were: Access Health CT, American Eagle Federal Credit Union, Bakery On Main, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Charter Oak Health Center, Chase Bank, Chick Fil-A, Coca Cola, Comcast, Costco, Cub Scout Pack 61, Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program, Connecticut Science Center, Destiny Outreach, DJ Wrexx - Hot 93.7, East Hartford Adult Education, East Hartford Alumni Association and Education Foundation, East Hartford Family Resource Centers, East Hartford Fire Department and Fire Marshal, East Hartford Greater Together Fund, East Hartford Health Department, East Hartford Human Resources Department, East Hartford Lions Club, East Hartford Parks and Recreation Department, East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford Public Library, East Hartford Summer Youth Festival, East Hartford Voters Registration, East Hartford Works!, East Hartford Youth Services, East Hartford YMCA, East Hartford Works!, ESPN, First Choice Health Center, First Congregational Church, Gentle Love Diapers, Little League, Lions, Rotary, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, Hartford Healthcare, Hispanic Health Council, Husky Dental, InterCommunity Healthcare, Literacy Volunteers, Mary Morlock Dance, M&T Bank, Niagara Water, No Pork On This Fork, Panda Home Care, Physician One Urgent Care, Pratt and Whitney's IAM LL1746 Union, Read To Grow, Rotary Club of East Hartford, Safe Routes To School, Sifi Networks, ShopRite, Steve Kennedy, Realtor, Sodexo, Tab Inc., Taste of Home, The Village Financial Resource Center, and Thrive Afterschool Program.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE: TOWN ORDINANCE CHANGE

This is to certify that the East Hartford Town Council, in session on August 5, 2025, voted that:

Section 2-19 (a) of The East Hartford Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING AND INLAND WETLANDS VIOLATIONS

(a) Any citation issued pursuant to section 2-18 shall be (1) personally served on the person named in the citation; (2) served by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person named in such citation or; (3) served on the property where the violation has occurred. The Director of Development or designee shall maintain an original or certified copy of the citation.

Voted: 08-05-25
Attest: Jason Marshall, Town Council Clerk
Published: 08-07-25
Effective: 08-27-25
Connor S. Martin, Mayor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **HERBERT EDELSON (25-00297)**

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **July 31, 2025,** 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.

Idaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Gary W. Edelson, 33627 Heirloom Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **CHARLENE E. SPENCER-MERRICK (25-00294)**

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **July 28, 2025,** 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.

Idaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Cynthia D. Merrick-Stokes, 30 Echo Lane, East Hartford, CT 06118

PUBLIC NOTICE: TOWN ORDINANCE CHANGES

This is to certify that the East Hartford Town Council, in session on August 5, 2025, voted that:

Section 1. Section 21-8a of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Section 13-1 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

(a) As used in this Article: "snowmobile" and "all-terrain vehicle" shall have the same meaning as contained in section 14-379 of the Connecticut General Statutes; "dirt bike" and "mini-motorcycle" shall have the same meaning as contained in section 14-390m of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) Public nuisances affecting public safety shall mean: (A) All ice not removed from public sidewalks and all snow not removed from public sidewalks as required by Town ordinance; (B) All limbs of trees which project over a public sidewalk, less than eight feet above the surface thereof or less than fourteen feet above the surface of a public street; (C) All obstructions of streets, alleys, sidewalks or cross-walks and all excavations in or under the same, except as permitted by the ordinances of the Town or which, although made in accordance with such ordinances, are kept or maintained for an unreasonable length of time after the purpose thereof has been accomplished; (D) All open and unguarded pit, wells, excavations or unused basements freely accessible from any public street, alley or sidewalk; (E) All abandoned refrigerators or iceboxes from which the doors and other covers have not been removed or which are not equipped with a device for opening from the inside; (F) The operation on public property, private residential property or non-residential private property within one thousand feet of a residential property of any dirt bike, all-terrain vehicle, snow mobile, mini-motorcycle or other motorized vehicle not authorized for use on a street or road, provided that this subdivision shall not apply to motorized vehicles used in the operation of a farm or in the maintenance of property such as a riding lawn mower.

(c) The owner of any dirt bike, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-motorcycle that is operating or has operated in violation of the provisions of this section shall forfeit possession of such vehicle to the Town of East Hartford which shall take ownership of such vehicle subject to any bona fide lien, lease or security interest unless such owner or lienholder did not know or could not have reasonably known that such vehicle was being used or was intended to be used in violation of this section and such owner or lienholder collects such vehicle within ninety days after the Town posts a notice on its website indicating that such vehicle shall be forfeited if not collected within ninety days and mails such notice to the owner or lienholder. Any seized vehicle shall be sold at public auction or destroyed by the Town and the proceeds deposited in the Town's general fund.

(d) Any person found in violation of this section regarding the operation of an all-terrain vehicle shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars for the first violation, not more than one thousand five hundred dollars for the second violation and not more than two thousand dollars for the third and any subsequent violation.

Section 3. The Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding a new 18-6a as follows:

(a) No person shall organize, participate in, or gather with intent to observe and actually observe a street takeover as defined in Section 14-224 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars for the first violation, not more than one thousand five hundred dollars for a second violation and not more than two thousand dollars for a third or any subsequent violation.

(b) The Town may impound any vehicle used in violation of the provisions of this section until any fine imposed pursuant to this section, any related charges including towing and storage fees and unpaid property taxes are paid. If the owner or lienholder of such vehicle fails to pay the fine imposed pursuant to this section and related charges within six months of impoundment by the Town, such vehicle shall be deemed forfeited to the Town.

Voted 08-05-25
Attest: Jason Marshall, Town Council Clerk
Published: 08-07-25
Effective: 08-27-25
Attest: Connor S. Martin, Mayor

GAZETTE LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **EDWARD C. BAK (25-00198)**

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **July 30, 2025,** 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.

Idaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Robert Pavelka
c/o Paula S. Bennett, Esquire; Gordon, Muir & Foley, LLC, 1344 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 501, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **DIANNE M. KEEGAN (25-00314)**

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **July 31, 2025,** 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.

Idaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Jason Keegan
c/o Francis A. Leone, Esquire; Leone Throwe Teller & Nagle, 33 Connecticut Blvd, P.O. Box 280225, East Hartford, CT 06128

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **ROBERT H. ZIPPS (25-00257)**

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **July 31, 2025,** 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.

Idaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Christine A Zipps
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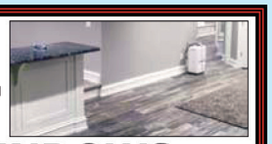
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BY CORINNE HORAN

THE EAST HARTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY will open the Huguenot House Sunday afternoons between 1 and 4 p.m. thru August. Located in J. C. Martin Park, 307 Burnside Avenue, and built in 1761 the house is restored to its original 18th century appearance with period furnishings. Tours are free, donations accepted. Call 860-528-0716 for info or to schedule a group tour.

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SOCIAL DANCE TUESDAYS AT FIRST CHURCH: Gentlemen, It's Time to Become James Bond! Imagine walking into a room with confidence, charm and style - just like James Bond. What's his secret? Presence. Poise. And the ability to sweep a lady off her feet. Tuesday Nights at First Church, 837 Main, Lessons 7 and 8, dance 9 p.m.

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THROUGH AUGUST 23 - PENTECOST COMMUNITY CHURCH REVIVAL, three weeks, Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., 1535 Forbes St. All welcome!

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AUG 9: NAVAJO CODE TALKERS OF WORLD WAR II The Navajo Nation and Native Americans served as radio code talkers during World War II. Learn the story of the unbreakable code used to defeat the enemy on Saturday, August 9 at 1 p.m. at the newly-opened World War II Museum at 102 Pitkin St. If questions e-mail sosiwojima@yahoo.com or call 860-810-8736. $5 donation.

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SEPT 12: EAST HARTFORD SENIOR PICNIC - Tickets for the Annual Senior Picnic will be available for sale at the Senior Center August 7 & 8, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the front desk. Tickets are $10 ($12 for non-residents). The picnic is at Goodwin University. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

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AUG 10: 19TH ANNUAL SHORELINE JEWISH FESTIVAL Sunday, noon until 5 p.m. on the Guilford Green. Jewish music from around the world, children's programs, Israeli food and other fair favorites. Jewish book sale, artists featuring Judaica & Jewish art, crafts for kids. Free admission and entertainment. Food, crafts, Judaica and books for sale. To help sponsor this unique event, to reserve a booth, to download the app or for more information, visit www.ShorelineJewishFestival.com. For anything else, please contact Rabbi Yaffe at (203) 533-7495 or chabad@snet.net.

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AUG 12: AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at the East Hartford Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Drive, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Walk in or preregister with the Red Cross by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter 'East Hartford Senior Center' for an appointment.

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AUGUST 13 – WICKHAM DAY QUILTERS of East Hartford meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Wickham Library meeting room at 656 Burnside Avenue. Like to sew? Interested in quilting? Not a fan of driving at night? Attend a meeting to see if you would like to join us. Any skill level welcome. We meet the second Wednesday of the month. Wickham Day Quilters is a chapter of the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild. The August program will be members doing their hand sewing projects. Any questions? Email us at Wickhamdayquilters@gmail.com

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 – all welcome to a free rail trail guided walk, starting in the North End (starting at 1;00 p.m., north of the tracks across across from 2 Main St., the former Farr's store; park in the strip mall near the intersection of Main and North Main streets). History commentary and approx. 2-3/4 mile walk, with option to visit a home owner's organic pollinator garden.

CHARLIE'S PIZZA

It's hot! Let us do the cooking!

TWO PASTA DINNERS: $25.95

Chose any two of these Baked Pasta pleasures:

- Pasta Marinara with Meatballs or Sausage
- Chicken Parmesan
- Baked Manicotti
- Baked Ziti or Eggplant
- Cheese Ravioli

Includes soup or salad, bread & butter

DELICIOUS CHARLIE'S SPECIALS DAILY!

Fiddle Music - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays @6

Dine-in only. Must present coupon, valid thru August 30, 2025

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AUG 16 - RIVERFRONT DRAGON BOAT & ASIAN FESTIVAL Saturday, 8 am - 4 pm, at Hartford's Mortensen Riverfront Plaza. Asian and Pacific Island music and dance, food, and martial arts demos, community and club teams race on the river. Register a team at Riverfront Recapture.com

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AUGUST 16: MOSAICS BLUEGRASS concert at South: On The Trail. Back for the third year in a row, this 4 piece band explores everything from bluegrass to pop, instrumentals to traditional songs. Lead vocalist Charlie Widmer. $20 at the door.

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AUGUST 21 - RIVERFRONT 5 MILE ROAD RACE, 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. Riverfront website FMI.

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AUGUST 23 - CHRIS BROWN'S "BREEZY BOWL XX" at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler.

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AUGUST 30 - UCONN FOOTBALL game day at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, kickoff 2 p.m. vs. Central CT State Blue Devils. East Hartford's Dave Pardo is a wide receiver for the Blue Devils and EHHS grad Dravyn Roberts is a freshman quarterback for Central CT State. Let's go, EH!

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SEPT 13 - LATIN FEST - noon to 7 p.m. held this year at the Riverfront. How cool is that?

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SEPT. 20 - UCONN FOOTBALL game day at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, kickoff 3:30 p.m. against Ball State. Rah!

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SEPT 28 - BELIEVE 208 RACE FOR THE FINEST AND BRAVEST 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. beginning and ending at the KofC hall along local streets.

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OCT 4 - FALL FEST 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Town Green. Pumpkin decorating, scarecrow-making contest, games, vendors, food, entertainment. Free.

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OCT 4 - UCONN FOOTBALL game day at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, kickoff 3:30 p.m. against Florida International U. Go Huskies!

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OCT 5 - HEAD OF THE RIVERFRONT crew racing Sunday from 8 am - 5 pm, Riverside Park & Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford. The Head of the Riverfront brings high school, collegiate, and Masters rowers to compete. Last year's event had over 800 entries from 76 clubs and schools, bringing 4,500 athletes and 10,000 spectators to the riverfront.

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VETERANS COFFEE HOUR, Senior Ctr., 15 Milbrook Dr., 10 a.m. third Tuesday of month. Residents only.

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THE VISITING NURSE AND HOME HEALTH SERVICES are looking for Hospice volunteers. If you are interested, please contact John Roush at jroush@ech.org or 860-682-3405. Hospice Volunteers visit patients that live in your area to provide companionship and support. We are also looking for certified pet therapy teams, and Reiki volunteers.

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MY SISTERS' PLACE: To 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.

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FOSTER FAMILIES needed for children in DCF care in every town. FMI or to register for a meeting, contact Annie C Courtney Foundation at 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

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

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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, receiving to twin. To donate call 860-649-5513.

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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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