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Test data drives the school bus

By Robert Kanehl

The regular Monday meeting of the Board of Education was a series of updates on summer activities, last school year's academic data, and some plans for the future.

In a lengthy data presentation, the Board were informed of solid growth and achievement concerning the district's state testing. These scores showed that the district was among the top performing priority districts but remained just shy of the state's overall performance average. (Math - fourth with 55.2 proficiency up 5 points - the state average 61.7; ELA - third with 59.3 up 1.1 points the state average 65 and second in Science with 58.1 points, up 4.1 - the state average 63.1).

Other data talked about included local district standardized testing, high school SAT scores as well as attendance.

The Board was informed that central office analyzes the data to help improve classroom units and goals, as well as planning out how to address weakness and provide future focus to the curriculum. Discussion centered around how the district should address all students not just the high needs or a particular cohort of students.

The data, which is based on the previous year's students, is compared across all schools and grade levels in the effort to establish uniformity, benchmarks and goals in the curriculum.

In addition to posting each school's data on the EHPS web-

See **SCHOOL DATA**, pg. 10



LACK OF WIND was a problem at East Hartford's first Kite Festival Saturday, but that did not stop professional kite teams from inflating their biggest kites at Rentschler Field - they just used an electric leaf blower. Bands, food, games and face painting all made for a great "Elevate Here" party on the end of summer weekend.



SEAGRAVE COMPANY officials from Michigan take the town's new ladder truck through its paces at the Public Safety Complex. Ordered three years ago the \$1.9 million truck was delivered last week. The ladder extends 95 feet and can hold up to 5,000 pounds. The old Company One ladder will be kept as a spare.

UConn players aboard 'Bike Bus'

Silver Lane Elementary School students, families, staff and volunteers were joined by four members of the UConn Women's Basketball Team and Mayor Connor Martin Friday as they biked from Plain Drive to Silver Lane School for the school's first "Bike Bus."

State DOT bike bus organizers adjusted helmets, did safety quick checks, inflated tires and then the pack took off for school.

On a Bike Bus, adults and kids ride to school in a group, with meet up points similar to a bus route. This initiative builds community, promotes school attendance, and provides a fun and active trip to school.

Silver Lane Elementary is a neighborhood school that doesn't require school bus transportation because all students live close enough to walk - or bike.

On Plain Drive a group followed Silver Lane Physical Education Teacher Leigha Knapp, who had a large speaker playing music on her bike. The group was escorted by the East Hartford Police Dept., and DOT transportation specialists, also on bikes, on the bright, sunny day - the perfect kind of day to go for a bike ride.

Women's basketball player Allie Ziebell, who was wearing a big boot-like brace on her ankle, waited at the school. On hand at the start was UConn Husky basketball star Ashlynn Shade and teammates, and

See **BIKE BUS**, pg. 10

AROUND TOWN

Time to register to vote

Important deadlines are approaching for those wishing to vote in the November 3 election.

On Sept. 29, all Registrars of Voters' offices in Connecticut will conduct a required voter session to prepare the "preliminary voter list" for the November 3 election.

Following this date, these lists will be available for inspection at each office. Voters may still register to vote by mail and online until **Oct. 18**, and in person from **Oct. 21** through election day by utilizing same-day registration during Early Voting, or on election day itself, Nov. 3. Voters wishing to learn more should contact the East Hartford Registrars of Voters office at Town Hall, 740 Main St.

On Oct. 16, all Registrars of Voters' offices will hold a statewide voter registration session from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This is the last regular session for admission of electors who have turned 18, become a US citizen, or moved to Connecticut.

This deadline includes by-mail which must be post marked by this day; registration

at DMV by close of business, Online registrations must be completed by 11:59 pm or in person by 8:00 pm.

On November 2 all Registrars of Voters' offices will hold a statewide voter registration session from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

This is the last registration session for admission of electors who have turned 18, become a US citizen, or moved to Connecticut since October 16th of this year.

This registration session is also open to members of the Armed Forces, and former Armed Forces members who have been discharged within the calendar year.

From Oct. 19 through Nov. 1 is the Early Voting period. Hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day, except for Oct. 27 and Oct. 29 when Town Hall early voting hours will be 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Contact the East Hartford Registrars' of Voters office at Town Hall for more info or details. These voter registration sessions will be held in accordance with CGS (Sec 9-16 & 9-17)

HONORS FOR BLUMENTHAL



THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT named U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal their 2026 Legislator of the Year in the U.S. Senate at their Courage Awards and Benefit Dinner. Wounded Warrior Project commended Blumenthal's leadership on the Major Richard Star Act and his advocacy for America's veterans as Ranking Member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

\$24.3B F-35 engine deal with Saudis

The US State Department has approved a possible \$24.3 billion sale of 48 F-35 Lightning II fighter jets to Saudi Arabia, saying the aircraft would strengthen the kingdom's defenses and its ability to operate alongside US and allied forces.

Under the proposed deal, Saudi Arabia would receive 48 conventional takeoff and landing F-35s, along with 49 Pratt & Whitney F135-PW-100 engines—one for each aircraft and one spare. The package includes secure communications and navigation systems, cryptographic equipment, electronic warfare support, spare parts, maintenance and equipment used to support aircraft and munitions.

Saudi personnel would also receive training, with simulators and other training equipment included in the agreement. Software, technical documentation, transportation, refueling assistance and US government engineering and logistics support are among the other elements covered by the proposed sale.

The State Department said the acquisition would help Saudi Arabia defend against current and future threats while expanding its air-to-air and air-to-ground capabilities. It would also allow Saudi forces to work more effectively with US, regional and NATO forces.

Washington said Riyadh should be able to incorporate the new aircraft and associated equipment into its armed forces without difficulty.

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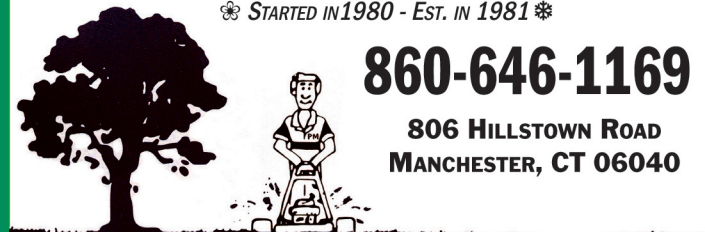
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BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS

The Town Assessor hereby gives notice to all persons owning taxable personal property in the Town of East Hartford that they must declare their personal property to the Assessor's Office no later than November 2, 2026.

All those who fail to declare their personal property will be charged with a 25% penalty in addition to taxes due as required by Section 12-42 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

Llego el Otoño

Oficialmente llegó el otoño, aunque el clima aún no se decide si quiere que saquemos el sweater o prendamos el aire acondicionado. Poco a poco las señales están ahí: las hojas empiezan a cambiar, aparecen las calabazas en las entradas de las casas y, de momento, todo tiene sabor a pumpkin spice.

Y mientras le damos la bienvenida a una nueva temporada, también continuamos celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana, que se extiende hasta el 15 de octubre. Así que, ¿por qué no aprovechar ambas cosas?

El otoño nos da la excusa perfecta para salir, compartir en familia y crear nuevas tradiciones, y también puede ser una oportunidad para celebrar nuestras raíces de maneras sencillas. Empecemos con la comida, porque seamos sinceros, pocas celebraciones latinas ocurren sin algo que comer.

Ahora que comienzan a bajar las temperaturas, regresan esas comidas que saben a casa y que caen especialmente bien cuando hace frío. Puede ser un buen momento para preparar una receta de mamá o abuela, enseñársela a los más jóvenes de la familia o incluso intercambiar recetas con amigos. Porque aunque todos tenemos nuestros platos favoritos, siempre hay espacio para probar algo nuevo.

También podemos aprovechar esos planes típicos de otoño y ponerles nuestro propio toque. Una visita al pumpkin patch, una tarde de apple picking o simplemente una reunión en casa puede convertirse en una oportunidad para compartir nuestra música, comida y cultura. Nadie dijo que después de recoger manzanas no podemos regresar a casa a preparar coquito temprano. Y quién sabe tal vez lo prepares con sabor a pumpkin spice. Otra manera de celebrar es apoyar a nuestra propia comunidad. Visitar un restaurante latino que nunca hemos probado, comprar en un pequeño negocio local o conocer un poco más sobre las diferentes culturas representadas aquí mismo en East Hartford también es una forma de celebrar el Mes de la Herencia Hispana.

Y quizás ahí está lo bonito de celebrar nuestra herencia durante esta época del año. No tenemos que escoger entre las tradiciones con las que crecimos y las que hemos adoptado viviendo aquí. Podemos disfrutar de las hojas cambiando de color, decorar con calabazas y tomarnos el famoso pumpkin spice latte, mientras seguimos hablando español en casa, escuchando nuestra música y preparando las comidas que nos recuerdan a casa. También podemos crear tradiciones nuevas y mezclarlas con viejas.

Quizás nuestros padres o abuelos nunca fueron a recoger manzanas en otoño, pero ahora lo hacemos con nuestros hijos, sobrinos o amigos. Tal vez dentro de unos años ellos recuerden esas tardes de otoño de la misma manera que nosotros recordamos tantas costumbres de nuestra infancia.

Porque nuestra herencia no solamente se trata de conservar lo que recibimos. También se trata de lo que hacemos con ello, de cómo lo compartimos y de las nuevas historias que seguimos creando.

Así que este otoño, mientras continuamos celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana, podemos hacer un poquito de ambas cosas, disfrutar de la temporada y seguir llevando nuestra cultura con nosotros.

Eventos próximos que no te debes perder:

No te pierdas el "Walk for Hope" de East Hartford el cual se estará celebrando el 3 de Oct, comenzando 9:15am en el Centro Comunitario en 50 Chapman Place. Inscripciones serán de 8:30am a 9:00am. No te lo pierdas.

No te pierdas de una Vigilia a la Luz de las Velas Contra la Violencia Doméstica el 15 de Oct. de 5:30pm a 7:00pm en 740 Main Street, para honrar a quienes hemos perdido, apoyar a los sobrevivientes y unirnos como comunidad por un futuro libre de violencia. Este evento esta siendo auspiciado por Jessica Jurado, LEAD CT, Interval House, RiseUp, Mujer y Humacao Restaurant and Lounge.

Conecta conmigo: cmaldonado8816@gmail.com

Tierinni qualifies for CEP funding

Endorsed 10th Assembly District Republican candidate Chris Tierinni qualified for funding through the state Citizens' Election Program (CEP).

Candidates for state representative accomplish this by raising \$6,700 with at least 150 coming from individuals in the district. Tierinni said qualifying for public funding marks a major milestone in his campaign, and credits residents who contributed.

"This campaign has always been about the people of East Hartford," Tierinni said. "I'm incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed, encouraged us, and believed in what we are working to accomplish. Qualifying for the Citizens' Election Program shows that we have real grassroots support behind this campaign."

This is the second time Tierinni has sought the 10th District seat held for 21 years by Democrat Henry Genga. Genga



Chris Tierinni

deferred another term endorsing Councilwoman Angie Parkinson, who then defeated Board of Education Chair Tyron Harris August 11 in a party primary.

Tierinni praised Genga for his longtime leadership representing the town, and feels his

views align with the needs of East Hartford.

Affordability, education, opportunity and strengthening East Hartford's voice in Hartford are what his campaign has focused on.

"Families across East Hartford are feeling the pressure of rising property taxes, utility bills, housing costs and everyday necessities," Tierinni said. "I'm running because our community deserves a strong voice in Hartford focused on making Connecticut more affordable and making sure East Hartford gets the attention and resources it deserves."

Born and raised in East Hartford, Tierinni owns his own contracting business and volunteers for a number of community causes as well as serving on the Board of Education. He is also an MDC commissioner, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Redevelopment Agency.



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SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

'Without Leslie, my life in public service would not have been possible'

by John Larson
CONGRESSMAN (D-1)

To my fellow citizens of East Hartford, family, friends, and professional acquaintances: my enduring gratitude for your kind words, your letters, text and social media messages you have sent me since the August 11th Primary for which I gratefully thank you.

On the evening of August 11th, I did not get to thank all the people who have been so helpful to me over my many years of public service.

There is especially one person who rarely receives thanks or appreciation for her help, and has sacrificed more than any individual or organization, and that's my wife Leslie. Frankly, she never seeks the spotlight and prefers the shadows, yet no one comes close to what she has persevered through over my lifelong career in public service. Incredibly, she has not only stood by me over the years, but also has raised and nurtured our three children, often times alone!

The children have never known their father when he wasn't in public office and have had to endure not just an absentee father, but the unfair expectations placed on them and

the falsehood that they got treated special, not because of who they were individually, or what they had accomplished on their own, but who their father was. A totally unfair attribute that only a caring mother with patience and perseverance was able to explain to get them through the rough spots.

Both Leslie and I have always been grateful for a large and devoted family including her father Norm and my mother, who along with our extended family have always been both willing and helpful. The reality of public life for Leslie is most often unseen. At the end of the day when the children are in bed, there's no one there to talk to or confide in about the daily occurrences with the family or simply empathize with about the day she and the kids have had. She deals with the daily set of circumstances that only a select few can.

The realization that, when I get home, we will have the opportunity to sit down and have the time to talk it all through... never seems to happen! No matter how well intentioned, when I finally do get home, the unresolved issues remain because yet another crisis in the Congressional district arises and puts her everyday concerns along with nurturing and car-



JOHN LARSON

ing for a family...on hold again! The crisis of the moment always seems to come up and needs to be dealt with, while the concerns of the family end up taking a back seat to the issue of the day and the urgency to be addressed. There is no denying who bears the burden of so many unresolved issues that were put on hold. This takes someone of enormous strength and character with the will to persist and persevere through the neglect... that is simply the reality of public life... and the life of a caring spouse!

As incredible, Leslie puts on the best public face and is the

one who uplifts and explains to the children when, unintentional or not, her needs and those of her children are seemingly subjugated to the needs of the public. This of course was never part of any marriage contract... or part of any proposal... or what either party envisioned... when they were married. It is, however, the reality of public service and public life.

Leslie and other spouses and families are always on display whether they want to be or not. Leslie has never sought the spotlight or frankly the glitter of public life. While there may be some advantages, and some opportunities, they pale to the realities of being alone with all the responsibility... with the lack of privacy... and the security she and her children receive because of who she's married to.

It is remarkable how she and spouses of other public officeholders do it. The best insight I can provide is that my wife is a master gardener. She is amazing in the way she is able to grow, nurture, and watch her flowers blossom and witness the plants that she has cared for from seedling to flowering come to fruition. She has held our family and our children together with the same tender care. She pays exceptional at-

tention to detail, analogous to her emphasis on good soil, fertilizing, and the amount of sunlight and rain critical to growth. She applies those same gardening skills to holding our family together and watching it grow.

There's no applause, no thank you from the garden or from the plants, no thank you from the flowers, only observing and knowing that helping them flourish and blossom happens because of her efforts. For Carolyn, Laura, and Ray, and certainly me, we benefitted from that same loving care.

Leslie has never sought acknowledgment; like so many spouses of elected officials, she carries out her responsibilities out of a sense of duty and love. Without her... without the unselfish manner that she protects her children and her husband with, my life in public service would not have been possible. She is as remarkable as she is rare, and clearly my children and I have benefitted from her efforts. So have the 1st Congressional District and my hometown of East Hartford have as well!

While I deeply appreciate all the constituent calls, notes, text messages, and acknowledgments, they were only made possible because of the sacrifice of Leslie A. Larson.

From future of journalism to Bob Dylan, keep current with Lifelong Learning

OCT. 1: FUTURE OF LOCAL JOURNALISM CONVERSATION. Thursday, October 1, 12:45-2 p.m. Lawrence Ward, University of Hartford President, and Journalism Professor Deepa Fadnis will moderate a panel on how journalism can survive and thrive in a digital age.

Panelists are: Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam, *Hartford Courant* Executive Editor Helen Bennett, and CT Mirror Executive Editor Elizabeth Hamilton. This event is free and open to the public. Register at Hartford.edu/pc. Questions? Email pcollege@hartford.edu or call 860-768-4495. Sponsored by Reporting Hartford and Presidents' College Lifelong Learning at the Uni-

versity of Hartford.

OCT. 5: SUPREME COURT UPDATE. Mondays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:30-7 p.m Take a deeper dive into the workings of the Supreme Court with this four-session mini-course.

University of Hartford Professor Jilda Aliotta will discuss the institution's make-up and several key decisions from the 2025-26 term. Then she'll cover a number of key cases being argued before the Court in its 2026-27 term and their possible implications. Visit Hartford.edu/pc to check this out as well as lots of other fall courses & lectures. Hartford.edu/pc. Sponsored by Presidents' College Lifelong Learning at the University

of Hartford.

OCT. 7: JAZZ TAKES ON BOB DYLAN. Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 3 4:30 p.m. Experience how these seemingly disparate musical styles can come together beautifully. In this three-session mini-course, Javon Jackson will use a different lens to help you appreciate the emotional honesty and social awareness of Dylan's music. Jackson, Professor of Jazz and Director of the Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz at the University of Hartford's Hartt School, and The Hartt School's jazz pianist Matt DeChamplain. Hartford.edu/pc.

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SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

East Hartford came close to having a signer of the Declaration

Did you know though being a significant town, East Hartford or the Hartford area did not have a Declaration of Independence Signer. Of the five Connecticut names on the document, none came from this area.

Instead, they came from: Sherman (New Haven area); Hall (Wallingford); Williams, and Huntington (Norwich-Lebanon area) and Wolcott (Litchfield). A clarification - Lyman Hall was born and raised in the state, but represented Georgia.

East Hartford was not without its firebrands supporting the break from England including Governor William Pitkin. However, the town failed to have a representative in Philadelphia.

We did have a brother of a

signer living here, Eliphalet Williams, the older brother of William Williams of Lebanon. The Williams were an old colonial family not just here in East Hartford but in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

Among the first 1600s East Hartford settlers were Williams, including Sergeant William Williams who settled in town becoming well-respected community leaders. Among their heirs were the Williamses who donated land to Wickham Park, land which had been in the family since the 1600s.

Reverend Eliphalet Williams was the second minister at the Congregational Church in town, taking over from Reverend Samuel Woodbridge. He served the town for around 50 years. A slaveowner he was considered a strict Calvinist. Like his brother,

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back on our East Hartford

By Robert Kanehl

however, he supported the rebel's cause. Their father was Revenge Solomon William, and their grandfather was another William Williams also a minister.

What is even more interesting than being the brother of A Declaration of Independence signer, Eliphalet Williams was also connected to another significant colonial event.

nificant colonial event.

In a strange twist of fate, Williams married two different cousins both Williams - Mary and Sarah. The world was a smaller place than, and the fact that he married distant cousins is an outshoot of the smaller population and colonial accepted behavior.

This marriage to Sarah Williams brings together a circle to historians. She was the daughter of Warham Williams of Massachusetts, the four-year-old boy who had been captured and held for ransom after the French and Indian Deerfield, Massachusetts Raid during the Queen Anne War.

That's correct, Williams was not only the brother of a Revolutionary Rebel, he was the husband of the decedent of a family which brought forth the colonial

call for more English Army support and protection.

Sarah's grandfather Reverend John Williams was captured along with his children in 1703. Two of these young children and his wife were killed in the withdraw from Deerfield. Williams was then separated from his remaining children. For two years he was held then released to Boston in 1706. Williams documented his captivity in a book that mentions his struggles and his children.

His book sparked a demand for England to provide better care for its colonists in the area. This meant more troops in the colonies, which meant that more money or taxes needed to be raised. Both demands would be addressed as grievances in the Declaration of Independence.

Larson votes to impeach President

Sept. 15 Rep. John B. Larson voted to advance articles of impeachment against President Donald J. Trump.

In April, Larson filed 13 articles of impeachment against the President for high crimes and misdemeanors, including his illegal war in Iran, unlawful deployment of the military on domestic soil, and unconstitutional effort to strip citizenship from millions of Americans.

"As Donald Trump wages an illegal war in Iran and terrorizes immigrant communities with Gestapo tactics in our neighborhoods, I filed articles of im-

peachment to hold him accountable for these continued violations of the law and his blatant disregard for the Constitution of the United States," said Larson. "While Republicans thought they could divide Democrats on this vote, we remain united in the effort to hold him accountable for his abuses of power and failed agenda hurting the American people. Make no mistake—real impeachment proceedings will move forward when Democrats retake control of the House of Representatives for the American people."

Larson secures dike study funding

Rep. John B. Larson voted for the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026, which included his request for three flood mitigation studies in the First District and \$50 million project to improve wastewater infrastructure and stormwater management in Hartford.

"With extreme weather - fueled by climate change - on the rise, our region has not been spared," said Larson. "Connecticut has become more prone to severe flooding, communities across the state have made it a priority to invest in more resilient infrastructure to protect homes and businesses before disaster hits. I am proud to champion these four projects that will better prepare communities across the First District for natural disasters, including Southington, Torrington,

Hartford, and East Hartford. Following tonight's bipartisan vote, I urge the Senate to act swiftly so local leaders can start working directly with federal officials to strengthen stormwater management and protect residents from devastating floods."

The Act authorizes 133 new feasibility studies for locally proposed water resources infrastructure projects and 14 projects that have been vetted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including \$50 million to improve wastewater infrastructure and stormwater management in Hartford, a feasibility study to modify the Naugatuck River Flood Damage Reduction System in Torrington, a Connecticut River Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study, and a study of the Eightmile Rivershed in Southington.



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Society

Senior Saturday hours to end

As of Saturday, September 12, the East Hartford Senior Center, located at 15 Milbrook Drive, will be open again on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The gym is available for use, and the café will be open during these hours.

Saturday hours will continue through December 19. Beginning December 20, the Senior Center will no longer be open on Saturdays for regular programming due to end of the American Rescue Plan Act funding. The Senior Center will continue to offer three intergenerational Saturday programs throughout the year: Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, the Senior Center's anniversary celebration in September, and Breakfast with Santa in December.

Mayor Connor S. Martin said the town recognizes the change may be disappointing for some.

"We were fortunate to have additional funding through the American Rescue Plan Act, which supported Saturday and evening programming during the COVID-19 pandemic. With those funds ending in December, we are still able to offer evening programming two nights a week, along with several intergenerational Saturday celebrations throughout the year."

One program that is proving very popular is on Tuesdays. UR Community Cares has teamed up with the East Hart-

ford Senior Center to bring the nationally recognized Senior Planet curriculum to town.

The program offers free, hands-on technology classes built specifically for seniors who want to feel more confident in a digital world. Classes meet at the Senior Center the third Tuesday of every month, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for one-on-one tech support, followed by a group class from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Media Room; so participants can get personalized help and then learn at a relaxed, friendly pace. Sessions include:

- Smartphones.
- MyChart.
- Understanding Fraud & Scams: protecting yourself
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Leading the classes is Michelle Puzzo, Executive Director of UR Community Cares. Her teaching style emphasizes patience, practice, and peer support, no one gets left behind, and everyone leaves with something useful they can try right away. Mark your calendar, the program runs monthly through June 2027. Here is the full schedule: October 20th, November 17th, December 15th, Jan 19th, Feb 16th, Mar 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th. Space is limited.

Advanced registration required. To reserve your spot, call 860-291-7460.

Community Day Saturday at EHHS

"East Hartford Community Day" is Saturday, Sept. at East Hartford High School.

Developed with DT Cares and the East Hartford Alumni Association & Education Foundation, East Hartford Public Schools and East Hartford Early Start, the day begins with a "Together We Run for Education 5K Road Race and 1.5-Mile Walk after registration at 9 a.m. The 5K and walk begins at 10.

Families can take part in 3v3 basketball, activities and games, performances and groups, enjoy food and refreshments, and obtain health and wellness information and services.

Hartford HealthCare will provide an on-site mobile mammography service, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, and additional health screenings for students and adults.

The integration of education, health, family engagement and recreation reflects the larger approach DT Cares is advancing through the event, they stated.

EHWC 'DAY OF SERVICE'



THE EAST HARTFORD WOMAN'S CLUB, member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is participating in their International Day of Service (IDS) which this year is September 26. The GFWC's signature project is Domestic Violence Awareness. For the IDS, the members of EHWC collected women's hygiene supplies, and donated them to the East Hartford Social Services Department for distribution to those in need. Pictured are EHWC members, Veronica Rosario, Communications Chair Linda Chamberlain, President Eileen Driscoll, Tasha Bobb of the East Hartford Social Services Department and Coordinator of the Town's Foodbank, and EHWC Director Cynthia Messikian. If interested in becoming a member of EHWC, please reach out to Membership Co Chairs Ginny Alleano at 860-569-7409 or Lauren Keegan at 860-655-4047.

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

UConn shows mettle on the road

It's okay to get excited, but this one wasn't unexpected, other than, perhaps, for the final score.

The UConn football team rebounded nicely from a September 12th thrashing at the hands of Maryland with a 48-20 rout of Southern Mississippi. Despite playing against a conference-affiliated FBS opponent (Sunbelt Conference) on the road, the Huskies were slight favorites going in. They more than lived up to expectations, and Jason Candle's maiden season as UConn head coach is off to a 2-1 start. Next up, Miami of Ohio Saturday. Among the issues the

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



Huskies needed to address was the loss of quarterback Joe Fagnano, among the best in the nation last season, to the NFL Baltimore Ravens. Toledo QB transfer Kalieb Osborne has begun building his own resume, throwing for 214 yards Saturday and two touchdowns while adding 32 rushing yards. A 38-yard TD strike to Shawn Porter opened the scoring in the first quarter, then the Huskies were in charge the rest of the way. Coming out of the win there is one area Candle said his team needs to address: Penalties. The 2026 Huskies average over 70 yards in assessments.

In high school football it was good to see the East Hartford Hornets rebound from an opening loss to Berlin with a 22-8 win over Hillhouse. All the scoring in that one came in the fourth quarter. The 1-1 Hornets visit Conard tonight (Thursday) in West Hartford. Coach Ty Outlaw's Hornets handed him his first EHHS coaching victory, scoring 22 points - which just happens to be the same number he wore on his jersey back when he was East Hartford's rambling quarterback in the 1990's.

How many of you didn't see this at the slimy bottom of the slippery Name, Image and Likeness slope? Only the figures behind the dollar signs remained to be seen once NIL money became the lure at the other end of the transfer portal. Those numbers turn out to be quite substantial, capping off at \$22 million per NCAA team.

Greed works both ways. The players want their money - it's why they annually test the portal. The programs want a return on their money. You could see this coming if they weren't happy with the return. A former USC basketball player was cut from the team and says the move was made to avoid paying him the remainder of the NIL money they owe him. So he's suing USC. Any day, legal vultures will be circling above every D-1 campus.

The Hartford Yard Goats put the lid on their Eastern League season last Thursday night at Dunkin' Park with a loss to Reading. The Fighting Phils swept the best-of-three Division Series. The Yard Goats earned their berth by winning the first half of the season division title.

Two Yard Goats players earned Eastern League All Star status. Right handed pitcher Jack Mahoney was 7-1 with a 1.99 ERA with the Goats and infielder Roc Riggio batted .256 with 16 home runs and 51 RBI. Neither player was around for the playoff series, both having been promoted by the Rockies late in the regular season.

First 'W' for Coach Ty Outlaw

East Hartford picked up its first win of the season Thursday defeating Hillhouse 22-8 in rainy conditions at Ted Knurek Field. Late in the first quarter, Anthony Caravallo rolled left and found Rayveon Braswell in space. Braswell ran the ball to the one-yard line, which set up a Quamir Willis touchdown run.

The Hornets converted the two-point attempt when Caravallo ran it in, making the score 8-0 East Hartford.

In the second quarter, East Hartford drove near the end zone and the result was the same: a Quamir Willis touchdown. Anthony Caravallo connected with Rayveon Braswell on a 21-yard pass to set up the first of Willis' touchdown runs.

Caravallo and Braswell teamed up for another 21-yard catch and score with 1:25 left in the first half, and East Hartford had a nice 22-0 lead. Willis, who ran for 110 yards and had an

84-yard touchdown reception wiped out by a penalty, led the way during a difficult week following the death of his grandfather.

With East Hartford up by three scores at halftime, the Hornets began to buzz on defense in the second half knowing Hillhouse would have to come out throwing.

Junior Cavan "Tiny" King, affectionately called "Tiny" collected two of the defense's four sacks.

The message was clear: These Hornets came to play. And the final score - 22 - matched the number Coach Outlaw wore on his jersey when he played quarterback for the team back in the 1990s.

A three-time state championship coach at Bloomfield, Outlaw couldn't pass up the opportunity to return home to the school where he made a name for himself. The 22-8 win over

visiting Hillhouse on Thursday was just the start of what Outlaw is looking to accomplish.

"I played on this field, so I feel everything that these kids are feeling," Outlaw said. "I feel the nerves and how they feel and I know how hard they want to win," he was quoted as saying. "I am proud of them. We fought through the rain that came through, so you can't throw the ball and you have to be pretty much one-dimensional. I think our kids did a great job with the weather, and we were able to move the ball pretty well."

Hillhouse did score on a 1-yard run by Darrin Young with 6:08 left to play to produce the final score.

Next up for East Hartford is the Conard of West Hartford unit, on the road tonight. The weather looks a bit iffy for another test for Coach Outlaw and his boys in black and gold.

Turkey Day early bird deal

Manchester Road Race Committee reminds runners that the "early bird" entry fee for the Thanksgiving Day run ends on September 30th. As of 11:59 p.m. Tuesday 4,076 have signed up since Sept. 1. Registrar Dani Kennedy said "we are ahead of where we were in terms of entries at this time last year," Kennedy said. "We are urging everyone to register as soon as possible," she added. The race's "early bird" entry fee is \$32 for runners who sign up prior to 11:59 p.m. Sept. 30. The registration fee increases to \$37 on Oct. 1, \$40 Nov. 1 and \$42 on Nov. 21 at 4:30 p.m. On-line registration is available at www.manchesterroadrace.com.

Registration for the race closes completely on November 24 at 11:59 p.m. The iconic, 4.737-mile road race, which attracts some of the world's best, will be held for the 90th time this Thanksgiving Day.

HORNET BOYS SOCCER 4-0



Nate Balderrama at the EHHS Soccer New Britain home game. The Hornets are 4-0 on the season and getting attention in state polls.

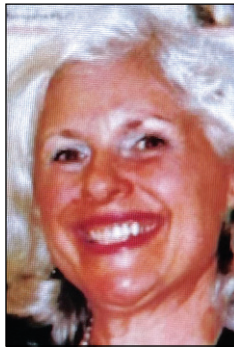
OBITUARIES

AnnMarie (Giansanti) Langenfeld

AnnMarie (Giansanti) Langenfeld, 84, of East Hartford, loving wife of 60 years to Henry R. Langenfeld, peacefully entered into eternal life with her caring family by her side on Sunday, August 9, 2026, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

Born in Hartford on November 16, 1941, a daughter of the late Paul F. and Philomena (Scavetta) Giansanti, she had been a resident of East Hartford for the past 64 years. AnnMarie grew up in Hartford and was a graduate of Hartford Public High School, class of 1959. A devout Catholic and woman of strong faith, AnnMarie was a longtime communicant of St. Christopher Church. She truly liked traveling on religious excursions to historical sites and cities throughout Europe.

AnnMarie was a talented knitter who liked making hats



AnnMarie Langenfeld

for cancer patients and others. She loved cooking and baking, especially at holiday time. AnnMarie received great joy vacationing on Cape Cod and on drives with her husband to the shore to watch boats and

indulge in wonderful seafood dinners.

Most of all, AnnMarie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt who cherished every moment with her family.

Along with her beloved husband Henry, AnnMarie is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth "Liz" M. Canevari and her husband Robert of Windsor; three sons, Joseph R. Langenfeld and his wife Marie of Myrtle Beach, SC, John A. Langenfeld and his wife Sara of

Manchester, James F. Langenfeld and his wife Ellen of Coventry; a sister, Joann Denning of Wakefield, RI; six special grandchildren, Morgan Langenfeld of Conway, SC, Vincent Langenfeld of Conway, SC, Victoria Canevari of New Britain, Matthew Canevari of Windsor, Raymond Langenfeld of Coventry, Jessica Langenfeld of Coventry; one adored great-grandson, David Crim of Conway, SC; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. In addition to her parents, AnnMarie was predeceased by a brother, Paul J. Giansanti of Marlborough, and a sister Rosemary C. St. John of South Windsor.

Funeral services were held August 15 with a Mass at St. Christopher Church. Entombment took place at St. Mary's, Burnside.

Gifts in AnnMarie's memory may be made to Mother Cabrini League, 434 W. Deming Pl., Chicago, IL 60614-1719. On-line visit www.desopoech.com

Peter J. Nevers, 81; Vietnam veteran

Peter J. Nevers, 81, of the Broad Brook section of East Windsor, CT, passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2026. Born in Rochester, New Hampshire, he was the son of the late Ralph and Joan (Pay) Nevers. Peter grew up in East Hartford, CT, and graduated from East Hartford High School with the Class of 1963.

Following high school, Peter proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served his country during the Vietnam War from 1963 to 1967. During his military service, he was part of The Silent Drill Team, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Purple Heart Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert M-1 Rifle, and Sharpshooter .45 Pistol. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant, E-5.

Following his military service, Peter settled in Broad Brook, where he raised his family with his former wife, and the mother of his children, Ruth Nevers. A skilled mechanic, Peter owned and operated his own business, The Tire Doktor. His mechanical ability,

strong work ethic, and willingness to help others were qualities he carried with him throughout his life.

Peter remained deeply committed to his fellow veterans and his community. He was a member of American Legion Post 133 in South Windsor, a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and a member of the United States Marine Corps League. He was also a dedicated member of the Lions Club for more than 40 years, serving in numerous leadership roles, including as District Governor. He was recognized as an Ambassador of Sight by the Low Vision Center, was a Lifetime Member of Lions Club International and received the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest form of recognition given by the Lions Club International to honor people who show a strong commitment to humanitarian service. Peter was equally dedicated to the community he called

home. He formerly served as a Selectman for the Town of East Windsor.

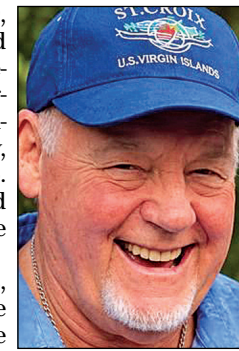
Peter leaves behind his son, Peter F. Nevers and his wife, Stephanie, of Nantucket, MA; his daughter, Susan Thompson and her husband, Scott, of East Windsor, CT; his grandchildren, Ian Thompson, James Thompson, and Sydney Blanchette and her husband, Evan; and his great-grandchildren, Margot and Theo. He was predeceased by his four brothers, Richard Mantos, David Nevers, Phil Nevers and his wife, Joan, and Lindsey Nevers. Peter also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Family and friends are invited for visitation on Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd., Enfield. Burial with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Ronald Rall, Air Force vet

Ronald S. Rall, 79, of East Hartford passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Friday, September 18, 2026. He was the beloved husband of the late Gail (Findley) Rall.

Born in Yonkers, NY, Ronald was the son of the late Thomas and Evelyn (Philips) Rall. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Ronald worked as a machinist for many years before his retirement.

Surviving are his daughter Tracy Chasse and her husband Paul of Colchester; his son Michael Rall and his wife Susan of Lebanon, his grandchildren Paul and Kaitlyn Chasse, Catherine and Michael Rall, and Kristina Mira, and his great granddaughter Marceline



Ronald Rall

Rall, his siblings David Rall of Norwich, Linda Forgue of Westerly, RI, Timothy Rall and wife Diana of East Hampton, Patricia Silva of New London, Debra Philopena of Lebanon and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Richard Rall and sister Diana Rall

Murphy.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Visitation will be Oct. 1 from noon until the funeral. Gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Visit www.mulryanfh.com.

Deborah Laureyne Anderson

Deborah Laureyne Anderson of East Hartford peacefully entered into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, surrounded by her family at her daughter's home in Senoia, Georgia Sept. 4 2026 at age 71.

Born on August 12, 1955, Deborah was the daughter of Gustaf Lincoln Anderson and Lois Caroline Babb-Davis (Stepfather Howard E. Davis).

Deborah lived a life deeply rooted in her Christian faith. Above all else, she loved Jesus with all her heart. Her unwavering devotion to the Lord

guided her steps, shaped her character, and brought comfort to everyone who knew her.

Deborah is survived by her four children, whom she loved dearly: Jason McCord, Ryan McCord, Jeremiah (Camila) Chopus, and Cara (Chip) Dozert. She is also survived by her four siblings; Theodore Anderson, Gustaf Anderson Jr, Dean (Belinda) Davis and Frederic (Melissa) Davis. She was pre-deceased by her siblings Elaine C. Anderson and Howard E. Davis III. Until we meet again, Mom. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

**State Project No. PP042-0014
East Hartford Main Street Improvements**

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 7:00 pm

**East Hartford Town Hall, Council Chambers
740 Main St., East Hartford, CT 06108**

Learn More: portal.ct.gov/DOTEastHartfordPP042-0014

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. A Q&A session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of this project is to improve Main Street from Pitkin Street to Burnside Avenue, and to incorporate Complete Streets elements, including facilities for bicycles, pedestrians, and transit users. The project will reconfigure travel lanes and on-street parking, as well as improve intersections. Roundabouts are planned for Pitkin Street and Burnside Avenue to provide increased safety for all road users.

Right-of-way impacts are anticipated, but not yet quantified, as the project is still at the concept level.

Construction is expected to start in spring 2029, depending on funding, right(s)-of-way acquisition, and permits. The estimated cost is \$38 million. The project is planned to be financed with Federal and State funds.

The public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Direct comments and questions by Wednesday, November 18, 2026, to 860-594-2020, or Devin M. Racicot, P.E., 860-594-2735 or Devin.Racicot@ct.gov

ACCESSIBILITY

The meeting location is ADA accessible.

A recording of the meeting will also be posted following the event in CTDOT's public meeting playlist at portal.ct.gov/ctdotVPIMarchive. Non-English language closed captioning will be available on YouTube.

Project information can be mailed within one week by contacting Devin Racicot, P.E., at 860-594-2735 or Devin.Racicot@ct.gov.

Individuals with hearing/speech disabilities can dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). Request language assistance from CTDOT's Language Assistance at 860-594-2109 at least five business days before meeting.

Board hears about the data

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site, Board Chairman Tyron Harris suggested that the Superintendent prepare a presentation for each individual school which can be shared on parents nights allowing educators to detail what numbers indicate for their school.

The Board was then updated on the district's strategic plan, built off data which was presented. The strategic plan includes Superintendent's goals, and 2026-27 is the third year of a five-year goal-implementation plan. The Board was asked to review modifications and adjustments, and report back with suggestions.

Chief Financial Officer Tea Culani's written report noted that the 2027 budget "remains on track and is generally consistent with the projections developed nearly one year ago."

Areas which so far are on or under-budget are: Staff vacancies; unemployment compensation; magnet tuitions; utilities; gasoline & transportation; and "E-Rate revenue". Areas which currently need watching, Culani said, are: workers' compensa-

tion; legal fees; research & development; student services (SPED); SPED magnet services; construction services & buildings; and Woodland revenue.

Culani's report continued, "fortunately, the State has provided additional funding through Supplemental Education Aid which has helped offset several unanticipated or increasing costs."

Various summer school programs and activities were reviewed. Among 19 different programs offered during the summer months, a new Silver Lane School Academy and CIBA Pre-Calculus Class was singled out. The first offered an extra week of grant-funded academics for elementary students. Fifty-five opted for the summer school class. Meanwhile, 13 CIBA students participated in a pre-calculus class to enable them to enroll in an IB Math Analysis and Approaches higher level class. A prerequisite for this college-level class is pre-calculus. The 13 successfully mastered the math skills. Educators noted that this demonstrate summer school of fering can accelerate academic skills, not just make up classes.

The Board was also told 174 students participated in the Leadership Institution summer program at the high school; 164 were enrolled in the Summer Bridges Experience, and 54 Synergy students earned credits for their work during the summer months.

In other business the Board approved the 2025-2026 CSDE's Consolidated Alliance-PSD grant application. Over the past decade the state has funded Priority Districts' efforts to improve achievement. Annually the state reviews district plans and goals, and monitors progress. This year the three grant amounts to East Hartford are: Alliance District Grant - \$29,258,549; Priority School District Grant - \$830,009 and Priority School District Extended School Hours Grant - \$142,095. The ReadyCT Partnership was extended for another year at the East Hartford High School and Synergy High School. The work-based learning program helps students focusing on manufacturing, public service, nursing and public health fields. Over the years various apprenticeships and learning opportunities have been established.

Bike Bus

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they wasted little time heading around the Summerfield Apartment complex. After heading down Mercer Avenue to Silver Lane, the UConn student-athletes posed for photos and signed water bottles, helmets, tee-shirts and notebooks for the students as teachers and parents looked on.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **September 16, 2026**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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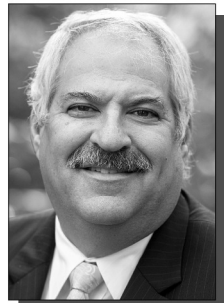
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WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

SEPT. 26: THE WORLD WAR II LEGACY MUSEUM will be open from 2 until 6 p.m. **Sept. 27: Gold Star Families Day** and brief ceremony to take place at 3 p.m. WWII Veteran Mario and Irene Birthday Celebration at 4:30 pm. Located at 102 Pitkin St., admission is \$5. FMI call Gary at 860-810-8736.

SEPT. 26: BOLTON CHURCH CRAFT AND HARVEST FAIR at St. George's Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44, Bolton. 50th Annual, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on church lawn. Craft items include knitted and crocheted quilts, wood crafts, Home Decor, Notebooks, Florals, Handbags & Tote bags and our Book Nook. In addition to a luncheon, there will be a home-baked goods table, including a large selection of delicious desserts. St. George's delicious homemade Apple Pies and homemade baked beans will be offered. FMI call 860-643-9203 or visit www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBoltonCT.

SEPT. 26: TOGETHER WE RUN FOR EDUCATION 5K ROAD RACE AND 1.5-MILE WALK, hosted by the East Hartford Alumni Association & Education Foundation in partnership with DT Cares and East Hartford Public Schools. Race registration opens at 9 a.m., with the 5K and walk beginning at 10. The broader community wellness event continues until 2 Participants can choose between a 5K route throughout the East Hartford High School campus or a 1.5-mile walk on the school track, creating an accessible opportunity for experienced runners, first-time participants, students, families and community members to participate together To register for the walk go to www.dtcares.org/events/together-we-walk-run-for-education

SEPT. 26, BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND PET FOOD DRIVE at 10 a.m. at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. Pet blessings will take place promptly at 10 a.m. All well-behaved pets are welcome! If your pet is unable to attend or has passed away, you may bring a photograph to be blessed. Volunteers will be on-site collecting donations for the Protectors of Animals Cat & Dog Pet Food Pantry until 12 Noon. Bags or cans of unopened cat and dog food are greatly appreciated. Representatives from Protectors of Animals will be on hand with info, and **meet Beacon**, the East Hartford Police Department Community Engagement Dog. Whether you bring a pet, or simply come to celebrate the animals who enrich our lives, all are welcome! See you there!

SEPT. 26: HERITAGE DAY: 1776 AND BEYOND in South Windsor. Go back in time to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Learn about the ship-building and farming history of our area, enjoy old-fashioned fiddle music and more at South Windsor Historical Society's Heritage Day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (rain date, Sept. 27) at Birden Field on the corner of Main Street and Sullivan Avenue. Antique cars, interactive exhibits, historical displays, vintage tractors, tavern games, teacup auction, history trivia, bake sale. FMI call 860-291-

9958 or go to southwindsorhistory.org/wordpress.

OCT 3: THIRD ANNUAL EAST HARTFORD WALK FOR HOPE breast cancer awareness event takes place October 3. Event check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. at 50 Chapman Place, the Community Center building. After a brief program at 9, with testimony from breast cancer survivors, the walk begins at 9:15 with a one mile walk starting and ending at the front steps of the Community Center. Walk, run, or cheer from the sidelines, your participation will make a significant impact. Together, we can make strides towards a future without breast cancer. FMI https://ehparks.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30081

OCT 3: DID SOMEONE SAY PUMPKIN PANCAKES? Hillstown Grange #87 hosts its monthly pancake breakfast Saturday from 8:30 until 11 a.m at 617

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Hills St. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice for \$6; \$3 kids under 14. Special pancakes are Pumpkin or plain or chocolate chip. Honey from Busy Bee Apiaries will be available for sale. The upstairs hall is open for visiting and filled for a book sale. Relax for a read, puzzle, board game or visit. Hillstown is the corner where East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester meet. The historic Grange Hall has been around since 1888. Grange is one of the oldest community service groups in the United States. FMI call Michelle at 860-558-4688 or e-mail kma.dedominicis@gmail.com.

OCT 3: SOAPY NOBLE EXPRESS CAR WASH, 160 Governor St., fundraiser for Special Olympics. Sales and tips go to athletes and volunteers towel drying cars and trucks. Car wax services \$5 with all proceeds going to Special Olympics.

OCT 3: MEMORY IN MOTION bike ride hosted by UR Community Cares, 9 a.m. to noon along the Cheney Rail Trail in Manchester. Participants are encouraged to park at Center Springs Park, Little Theater of Manchester or Vaz House Cafe and enjoy a 1 to 3 mile walk or bike ride, choosing a distance that

best fits their abilities and comfort level. Memory in Motion is designed to bring together everyone for a morning filled with movement, connection, nostalgia, and new experiences. Whether lifelong cyclists, casual walkers, caregivers, or simply looking for a fun community event, everyone welcome.

LUNCHTIME MEDITATION at Odiyana Center, Glastonbury. Tues/Thurs, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Guided meditation and advice to develop inner peace. Info at meditationinconnecticut.org

OCT 10: PLANT CHERRY TREES, noon at Rentschler Field off Silver Lane. The last 25 of the 250 trees which will have been planted by the US & Japan Society will complete the goal of commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States. Sign up and attend. It is strongly encouraged to bring shovels. Additionally, with so many trees, donations of any amount are welcome! If interested in donating, make donations payable to UJSC and mail to 235 East River Drive #1307, East Hartford, CT 06108. FMI contact Toshiko at t.uchino7@icloud.com.

OCTOBER 14 - WICKHAM DAY QUILTERS of East Hartford will meet from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Wickham Library meeting room at 656 Burnside Avenue in East Hartford. 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 October program will be a presentation by Jenny Bee Quilts - Vintage Textiles & Fabrics from Afar. Any questions? Email us at Wickhamdayquilters@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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