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Schools celebrate scores, results

By Robert Kanehl

Friends and family members gathered to celebrate with the eight students being honored at the regular East Hartford Board of Education Meeting.

The following students received the annual Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendent (CAPSS) Award. High School level:

Shees Siddiqy, Connecticut IB Academy; Lily Johansen and Farah Shahab, East Hartford High School; Isabell Rodriguez, Synergy Alternative High School; and Kailee Mauldin, Woodland School. Middle School level: Elly Castellano Chavez and Jerilyn Lindo, East Hartford Middle School; and Clayton Clarke, Sunset Ridge School.

The CAPSS award is presented by the local school superintendents to recognize students who have made significant contributions and held leadership positions in their school communities.

The Board also heard from Superintendent Thomas Anderson that the following three schools were named "Schools of Distinction" by Connecticut State Department of Education based on student growth and performance on last school year.

Connecticut IB Academy was one of 69 schools to receive this distinction for High Performance out of almost

See EH SCHOOLS, pg. 10

TOWN'S WWII HERITAGE NOTED



STATE REPRESENTATIVE HENRY GENGA shakes the hand of re-enactor Adian Williams at the pop-up World War II Legacy Museum Sunday at 102 Pitkin Street. The efforts of residents Gary Roy and Maryann Mihaylo, the storefront was set up with memorabilia including uniforms and personal items which told the story of the soldiers who carried them into battle. The couple are seeking a permanent location to house their extensive collection.

DECORATING MAIN STREET WINDOWS



GETTING READY FOR THE 2024 PARKS & REC WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST are Beata Wyszynski and Beverly Wilcox at Anderson Jewelers on Main Street. Mild weather makes it easy to forget it is almost December.

Green prepared for 31st Holiday Fest

The Town Green is already decorated with a new tree in preparation for East Hartford Holiday Fest'24 set for four days: Friday, December 6th thru Monday, December 9th.

Presented by the Beautification Commission and supported by many local civic,

EAST HARTFORD HOLIDAY FEST 2024



Sing a Joyful Song This Holiday Season

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 THRU MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

FOUR DAYS OF SPECIAL EVENTS
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community and town organizations, the Fest is celebrating its 31st year this year with a new twist - the Tree Lighting will be Saturday night instead of Friday, and will follow a day of fun on the Town Green.

This year there are 28 events during the four days and they are held throughout town.

See HOLIDAY FEST, pg 10

Rotary supports co-op, Goodwin Turkey drive

The Rotary Club of East Hartford is proud to announce two recent initiatives aimed at supporting the local community and addressing critical needs. These efforts exemplify the Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self" and highlight the power of collective action.

First, the Rotary Club made a donation of \$1,000 to the Ann B. Clark Co-op, a community co-operative dedicated to providing essential support to individuals and families in need. The donation will directly contribute to sustaining the Coop's efforts in creating a stronger, more resilient community.

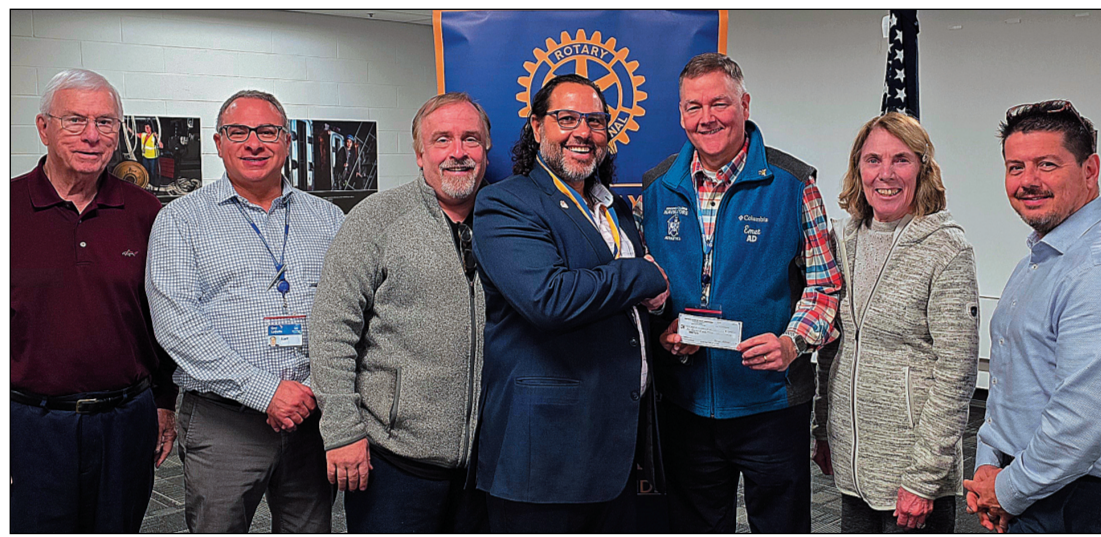
Additionally, the Club made a donation to the Goodwin University Turkey Drive spearheaded a Food Drive, to help combat food insecurity in the region. These contributions are critical as the holiday season

approaches, ensuring that families can access the nourishment they need.

"We are incredibly proud of the difference these donations will make," said Rob Rosa, President of the Rotary Club of East Hartford. "These initiatives are a testament to the generosity and dedication of our Rotary members and the community we serve. Together, we are working to create meaningful change."

The Rotary Club of East Hartford is always seeking new ways to give back and invites community members to join in their mission. For more information about upcoming initiatives or how to get involved, please visit easthartfordrotary.org.

The Rotary Club of East Hartford is part of Rotary International, a global network of 1.4 million individuals.



East Hartford Rotary Club members make donation to the Ann B. Clark Co-op at their Wednesday meeting.

Cookie packing December 1 at Grange

Support Our Soldiers/SOS-Connecticut is sponsoring a "Support our Troops" cookie collection and packing event, Sunday, Dec. 1 at Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St.

Cookies will be collected from noon to 1 p.m.; packing should be completed by 2:30 p.m. This event is basically a 'cookie exchange' except all the cookies are sent to Soldiers stations around the world away

from home for the Holidays.

Homemade or store-bought cookies accepted. No store brand cookies please; go for the good stuff like Oreos.

A popular item is Christmas, New Year's and winter themed drawings. Volunteers are needed starting at noon to sort donations and pack boxes.

Names and addresses of any soldier stationed overseas also wanted. Postage will be about

\$800 so any donations to cover that are welcome. Make checks out to "SOS-Connecticut" and drop off or mail to Frank Forrest, 165 Maple St., East Hartford, CT 06118.

Show your support for our troops away from home during the holidays. Any organization interested in helping, please reach out to Frank Forrest, 860-690-2845 or e-mail sosconnecticut@aol.com.



Join us for a special holiday event.

Honor Your Loved One at Our 35th Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony of Remembrance

Sunday, December 1st 12 - 2 p.m.

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

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

¡Que no se te olvide un plato pal' vecino!

Primero que nada, a todos esos boricuas, feliz semana de la Puertorriqueñidad. Esto es algo que celebramos con orgullo en Puerto Rico. Esta semana también fue cuando Colón hizo parada en la isla nena. Ahora, no nos vamos a poner a dar una clase de historia, porque si no nos entretenemos aquí un rato. Pero yo sé que estamos claros: el 19 de Nov. él no descubrió nada que los taínos no hubieran visto ya, ¿o no? De todos modos, ¡felicidades a todo aquel que lleva a Puerto Rico en el corazón!

Esta semana también se pone de antelala Acción de Gracias, que ya está a la vuelta de la esquina. Y aunque tenemos un entusiasmo brutal por ver a nuestras familias y janguear juntos, hay que recordar que no todo el mundo tiene esa suerte. Como comunidad latina/hispana, es importante que, aunque crucemos el charco o crucemos la frontera, no olvidemos de dónde venimos. Me refiero a esa humildad, esa unión que nos corre por las venas.

Ahora que estamos en tiempos de fiesta, mira pa'l la'o. Observa quién está solito. Dale la vuelta a ese vecino que no tiene familia cerca. Ofrécele un plato de comida, un ratito de conversación. Asegúrate de poner tu granito de arena para que alguien más sienta un poquito de alegría.

Quizás su familia está lejos y no tienen cómo llegar para compartir. Quizás ya no tienen a nadie en este mundo. Los escenarios son muchos, pero lo importante es que tengamos empatía y hagamos lo posible por ayudar.

Aquí te dejo la receta de coquito más simple que yo preparo. La puedes editar a tu gusto y así tienes algo que dar a tus vecinos, conocidos o al que veas medio solitario por la calle.

RECETA DE COQUITO:

- 1 lata de leche evaporada
- 1 lata de leche condensada
- 1 lata de crema de coco (Coco López, porque abuela dice que lo demás "no sirve")
- 1 cucharada de vainilla
- Canela molida (a gusto)
- Ron (si te gusta; si no, brinca este paso)
- ½ taza de coco rallado (opcional, por si te gusta la textura)

Lo echas todo en la licuadora, mezclas bien, lo pasas a la nevera y ¡voilà! Receta fácil, económica, y con mucho sabor. Lo sirves en botellitas pequeñas y tienes para repartir a varios panas o vecinos.

Ahora, si el coquito no es lo tuyo, no te preocupes. Algo tan sencillo como un plato de comida que te sobró, ya sea arroz, pasta, lo que sea, puede alegrarle el día a alguien. No tiene que ser algo complicado; basta con un gesto que diga: "Pensé en ti."

Así que, vamos a meterle cariño a este tiempo de fiesta. Porque al final del día, eso es lo que nos hace verdaderamente grandes como comunidad latina/hispana.

¡Eso sí! Espero que me llenen el inbox de emails contándome cómo les quedó y cómo hicieron sentir a alguien especial.

Próximo:

¡Las hojas todavía las están recogiendo! No olvides que tienes hasta el 14 de Dic. Verifica el mapa para asegurarte cuando van a venir a tu calle <https://www.easthartfordct.gov>

La magia de luces comienza el 22 de Nov. En Rentschler Field, East Hartford. ¡No te lo pierdas!

¿Necesitas plan medico? No lo dejes para lo ultimo. Open enrollment es ahora. Esto es importante. Hay opciones para DACA accede aquí healthcare.gov

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Winterfest Hartford kicks off with skating

Free Ice Skating - November 29 - January 5 as part of Winterfest Hartford in Bushnell Park. The rink will be open daily from 11 am - 8 pm through January 6, with the exceptions of 12/24: 12 - 4 pm, 12/25: closed, and 01/01, 12 pm - 4 pm. Any cancellations due to weather will be posted on the Winterfest Hartford website. Twenty small lockers for skaters to use are now at the Warming Shack. Bring your own lock, and everything must be removed by closing time.

Learn to Skate - Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 4 - 5 pm - Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28 & January 4, 10 am

Want to learn how to skate

this winter? Lessons are open to future skaters of all ages, and the skates are free too. Arrive early to get your free skate rentals. All skaters must fill out a waiver before their lesson. There is a limited number for skate lessons so it is first come first serve.

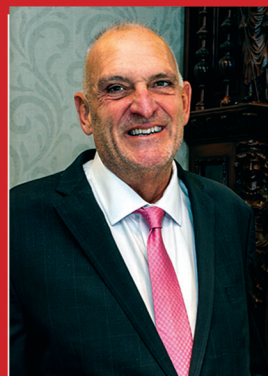
Santa's Workshop at the Pumphouse - Saturdays & Sun-

days, December 7, 8, 14 & 15, 12 - 3 pm - Winterfest Hartford would only be complete with a visit to Santa's Workshop at the Pumphouse. Each family receives one free printed photo, and you can download as many as you like from the Winterfest Hartford website. Write a letter to Santa and bring it to the Pump House.

East Hartford on the campus

Seven East Hartford students were named to the Presidents List and two to the Dean's List by Southern New Hampshire University for their academic work during the Summer semester. Named to the

Presidents List were Stephanie Gagnon, Olivia Edey, Caitlin Dennehey, Cristina Clavette, Ruth Chong, Eric Simasiku and Hannah Godwin. Named to the Dean's List were Edward Antonio and Alexis Hammond.



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LETTERS, SPEAKING OUT!

Please support 'Wreaths'

To the Editor:

Each year on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

The Student Leadership Team at O'Connell Elementary School has proudly participated in the Wreaths Across America initiative since 2016. Each year, fifth grade students at O'Connell have raised over \$5,000 to purchase the wreaths to honor over 590+ veterans laid to rest at Silver Lane Cemetery in East Hartford.

The entire O'Connell School community is deeply committed to continuing their support and participation of Wreaths Across America 2024 scheduled for **Saturday December 14, 2024.**

The students and faculty are kindly asking the East Hartford community to help us continue our participation in Wreaths Across America, 2024. O'Connell school is passionate to continue in our mission to respectfully honor the veterans laid to rest at Silver Lane Cemetery. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 in order purchase wreaths for all the veterans currently laid to rest at Silver Lane Cemetery.

We are reaching out to ask for your support of Wreaths Across America, 2024.

Please consider donating, any amount, to support this important VETERANS project.

You can send your donations to: O'Connell School PTO, 301 May Road, East Hartford, CT 06118.

We are truly thankful to be a part of an amazing community! Respectfully,

Greg Fox
Principal- O'Connell
Elementary School

To the editor:

Various commentators have provided rationales as to why Kamala Harris lost the 2024 presidential election. These include the charge that the Democrats were out of touch with the average voters and were either too consumed by the machinations of identity (woke) politics or a radical "far left" socialist agenda that could not be operationalized in the current social, economic and political climate.

Some Democratic prognosticators thought that Harris did not veer sufficiently to the center while others identified the failure to embrace a hard-working class agenda based on high paying jobs and a firm commitment to the labor movement. I

had wanted Biden to announce he would not run for a second term right after the mid-term election, which would have provided time for a sufficient airing of several candidates for the Democratic nomination.

The Harris campaign was launched with a burst of energy after Biden pulled out of the race. Harris dominated the airwaves in August through the Democratic Convention. She got a small pickup after her highly effective debate against Trump and continued to run what many thought was a well-focused campaign, highlighting core issues and warning the nation against the pitfalls of a second Trump term.

Yet, Trump dominated the airwaves during the last six

Representative Genga opposes Yankee hike

By Henry Genga

STATE REP., 10TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

State Representative Henry Genga, along with members of the Moderate Caucus, submitted a letter to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) today to encourage a rejection of the proposed rate increase by Yankee Gas Services Company, a subsidiary of Eversource Energy, as filed in Docket No. 24-12-01. This significant increase, if approved, would burden residential customers with a 42% jump in their monthly bills—amounting to more than \$46 per month for heating customers.

The Moderate Caucus has been meeting since this summer to address electric bills that increased significantly due to the Millstone arrangement passed in 2017. Customers started paying, over ten months, a fee to Eversource to cover the costs of purchasing nuclear power



HENRY GENGA

State Representative (D-10th)

through a power purchase agreement (PPA) that Connecticut entered into without participating with any other New England states. The legislature has since passed Public Act No. 24-38, which would prevent

Connecticut from entering into a PPA alone.

The Moderate Caucus will propose a comprehensive bill during the 2025 legislative session to address conservation and energy generation aimed at reducing customer bills. Additionally, the Moderates are committed to analyzing the public benefits portion of the bill, performing a cost-benefit analysis, and offering a tax rebate for any future public benefits paid through utility bills.

"The public has been very outspoken about these drastic increases in our monthly bills and their unaffordability," said State Representative Henry Genga. "Our priority this legislative session will be to address rising costs through increased generation, shared solar participation, and conservation measures like installing smart meters."

The legislative session starts on January 8, 2025, and ends early June.

A brief requiem for the Democratic party

weeks of the campaign when it counted, through his usual tactics of issuing one outrageous statement after another, which was picked up by the compliant media.

There is substance to much of these criticisms, but the issues that ail the Democratic Party are more structurally based. A root problem extends back to the origins of the modern Democratic Party in the racism at the core of the presidency of Andrew Jackson (1829-1837). It was this racism which fueled the secessionist movement of the South leading to the Civil War. It was that same Democratic Party that empowered the Jim Crow movement after the Reconstruction era formally ended in 1877,

which led to an almost a century of legal segregation in the South. It was this racism which gave a double-edge thrust to the presidency of Virginia-born, President Woodrow Wilson who allowed for the resegregation of various federal government departments while embracing several progressive domestic reforms during his first term.

The rise of the Christian Coalition and broader affiliation between Protestant evangelicals and conservative Catholics was the second structural source of opposition to the Democratic Party. Fueled by a collective attack on homosexuality, abortion, feminism, "reverse discrimination," and utter contempt for the hated 60s, this well-organized movement has

galvanized millions to vote Republican.

The consolidated power of right-wing media, having its roots in talk radio, now extending to all media, has created an insular echo chamber for its many consumers. This is the third major structural source of Republican power.

These deeply-rooted structural realities—the loss of the south, the allegiance of the Christian coalition to the Republican Party, and a right-wing media echo chamber, have limited the impact of the Democrats. In the short term, the Democratic Party can and must continue to engage in the battle for the soul of America.

George Demetrior
East Hartford

Society

Parkers are Golden



Arthur and Rose Parker are celebrating their 50th anniversary on November 27, 2024. The East Hartford couple have three children: William, Jenifer and Kenneth Parker, and six grandchildren. Congratulations!

WWII MUSEUM HOLDS OPEN HOUSE



A PROPOSED WWII MUSEUM hosted an Open House Sunday at 102 Pitkin Street. The museum is trying to get a permanent home here in East Hartford. Organizers were encouraged as close to 100 stopped by to visit.

TREE OF LIGHTS 2024

THE EAST HARTFORD WOMAN'S CLUB/GFWC celebrates each Holiday Fest season with the Town of East Hartford by sharing our feelings for those we cherish, and supporting the work of our local churches and synagogues.

FOR THE COST OF \$5.00 PER NAME, you may honor or memorialize your loved one(s) and know that your donation will help with the needs and well-being of others, because all the proceeds collected from the Tree of Lights go to the East Hartford Outreach Partners for the Human Needs Fund.

WE WILL OBSERVE THIS YEAR'S LIGHTING OF THE TREE OF LIGHTS at the intersection of 866 Main Street and Connecticut Boulevard. You are invited to join us on MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 5:30 P.M. at the 'Pocket Park' in the center of East Hartford, and to buy lights in the name of a loved one(s), deceased or living.

We Thank You for Your Generosity in Giving to the *Tree of Lights!*

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **THE EAST HARTFORD WOMAN'S CLUB/GFWC/CT (EHWC/GFWC/CT)**

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COLORS: Red White Pink Jingle Bell (Variegated Pink/White)
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 Contains a popular combination of seasonal holiday plants. **Cost: \$26** Qty

Three 24" tall Poinsettias 10 to 15 blooms in an 8" foil-wrapped pot. **Cost: \$26**
Colors: Red White
 Qty Qty

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Events listed as EHCCC, will be held at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center at 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT 06108
Raymond Library: 840 Main Street
Wickham Library: 656 Burnside Avenue

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

10 - 12:00 PM and 2 - 4:00 PM: FAMILY PHOTO SESSIONS
 Capture your family in a photo with a winter or holiday backdrop. Photos will be taken by Library staff members using a professional camera and saved on a flash drive for take away immediately. Free registration required via SignUp Genius. Visit online calendar of events to sign up. Sponsored by and held at Raymond Library.

1:00 PM: "EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH POLE CHRISTMAS SHOW"
 Join Kathy Gregory who is a singer and story teller. She will take you on a magical trip to the North Pole. Seating is limited. Register early by calling 860-291-7460. Christmas cookies and Hot Cocoa will be served. Sponsored by and held at the East Hartford Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Dr.

3 - 4:00 PM: WALKABOUT PUPPETS
 Enjoy whimsical puppet characters and critters during your trip to Raymond Library! For all ages, no registration required. Sponsored by and held at the Raymond Library.

6 - 8:00 PM: SWIM WITH SANTA
 Get out of the cold and take a dip in the pool with Santa! Open to families and includes an underwater photo with Santa in his scuba gear! Pre-registration is required online at www.ehparks.org, and at that time, a final location will be shared. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy. Sponsored by the East Hartford Parks and Recreation Department.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

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Holiday Fest - Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7



8:00 AM: PANCAKE BREAKFAST & VISIT WITH SANTA

7:00 and \$3.00 for a picture with Santa. Held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St. Proceeds to benefit the East Hartford families at Christmas. No reservations needed.

10:00 AM & 4:30-6:30 PM: CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION

Decorate ornaments, wreaths, wall decor, gift tags, and kitchen knives. Sponsored and held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St.

10:00 AM: POINSETTIA SALE

Beautiful holiday plants. Sponsored by East Hartford and held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St.

10:00 AM: COOKIE WALK

Enjoy different varieties of holiday cookies to sample. Priced per pound. Held at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St.

10:00 AM: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Enjoy hot breakfast, some hot cocoa, and hang out with Santa. Kids will also make Holiday arts and crafts. \$5.00 per person. Sponsored by the EHHS and held at the East Hartford High School, 9 Forbes St. (Enter through gym lobby)

10:00 AM: CHRISTMAS FAIR

Enjoy "Waffles", Chili & Soups, baked goods, fudge, and local beeswax products. Soup & Chili purchase to go. Held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 14 Hills St.

10:00 PM: SELDEN BREWER HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Enjoy the beautiful Victorian Christmas decorations. Sponsored by the East Hartford Historical Society and held at 167 Main Street

1:30 PM: "DECEMBER IN OUR TOWN"

A multicultural celebration of the season. Performed by children in grades 3-8. This musical features songs about several of the holidays celebrated in our country during the month of December. Written by Roger Emerson. Sponsored by East Hartford Summer Youth Festival at EHCCC.

2 - 4 PM: "CLASSIC CHRISTMAS—JAZZ CHRISTMAS"

A holiday piano concert presented by East Hartford's Paul Bisaccia, celebrated world renowned pianist. Sponsored by East Hartford Commission on Culture and Fine Arts and held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St.

4PM: CITYSINGERS OF HARTFORD PRESENTS "HEARTH AND TAPESTRY"

Tickets are \$20, at the door. Sponsored by and held at the South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes Street.

4:30 - 6:30 PM: SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Continuous serving. \$15 per person, \$10 seniors, \$8 children 5-13. Children under 5 free. Proceeds benefit East Hartford Food Banks. Sponsored by Scouting America Troop 1 and held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St.

HOLIDAY FEST ON THE GREEN ❄️

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2 - 6:00 PM: HOLIDAY MARKET

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2 - 6:00 PM: LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by the East Hartford Library table at the Holiday Market, then explore Holiday Fest on the Green to search for hidden letters. Unscramble the letters to discover a special phrase and receive a special prize.

2 - 6:00 PM: WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND STORY WALK

Read and sing along to the winter-themed picture book "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" based on the song by Feliz Bernard and Richard Smith, as sung by Peggy Lee. Sponsored by the Raymond Library.

6:30 - 8 PM: TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND SING-A-LONG ON THE TOWN GREEN

Sponsored by the Beautification Commission and Parks & Recreation Department. The EH High & Middle School Chorus will be on hand. Featuring traditional visits from Frosty, Rudolph and, of course, pictures with Santa Claus.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 - 11 AM: HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BOOK SALE

Come enjoy a breakfast of special holiday pancakes featuring syrups and sausages, as well as plain and chocolate pancakes. Coffee, tea, and juice are included. Price is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids under 14. The book sale will be upstairs. Held at the historic 131 year old Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St.

11 AM - 12 PM: COOKIES WITH SANTA

Includes a holiday carol sing and crafts for children. Sponsored by and held at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St.

11:30 AM: HOLIDAY BRUNCH

\$30 per person. Advance purchase only. Call for reservations: 860-416-8345 by December 1st. Sponsored by the Democratic Women's Club of East Hartford and held at Silva's Youth of Today, 656 Silver Lane.

1 - 4PM: CHRISTMAS AT THE 1830 BREWER HOUSE

You are cordially invited to enjoy Victorian Christmas decorations. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Historical Society of East Hartford and held at the Brewer House, 167 Main St.

4PM: THE MIGHTY CHAMBER PLAYERS

A cello concert under the direction of Maestro Yun-Yang Lin will perform a variety of classic, modern, and seasonal favorites. The musicians are beginners, intermediates and advanced cellists. Held at First Congregational Church, 837 Main Street.

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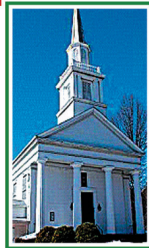
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7 PM: MUSICAL FEST

A musical celebration by members of the East Hartford community. Sponsored and held at Riverside Healthcare Center, 745 Main Street.

ONGOING EVENTS AT BOTH LIBRARIES: ❄️

CARD MAKING

Stop by the Raymond or Wickham Library during open hours December 6-9th to make a holiday or winter-themed card. Best suited for ages 2 and older with an adult. Drop in, no registration required.

BOXES AND BOWS

Stop by the Raymond Library during open hours December 6-9th to pick up a kit to learn how to make bows from recycled books and magazines and learn how to make tiny recycled boxes. Kits available while supplies last.

EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Key to Geno's success? The losses

Now that Geno Auriemma's the all-time winningest college basketball coach, I'm reminded not all the milestones were wins.

There's some irony to Friday's win at North Carolina that pulled Geno even with Tara VanDerveer. As the teams set for the opening tip the scorer's table message scroll read "1994 NCAA CHAMPIONS" a reference to the Carolina team led by eventual Final Four MOP Charlotte Smith who hit a buzzer beating blind three pointer to edge Louisiana Tech in the final.

The previous weekend Carolina won the East regional final in Piscataway,

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



New Jersey by 12 points over UConn. The Huskies weren't tournament

novices. Three years earlier they advanced to the Final Four in New Orleans, losing in the semis. There was one more lesson to be learned. How to win, consistently, at that level. From the look in the eyes of UConn stars Rebecca Lobo, Jen Rizzotti and Kara Wolters after the loss at the RAC it was evident they'd been given that lesson by Smith and the Tar Heels. UConn wouldn't lose another game on the way to winning the national championship a year later in Minneapolis. The two wins at the Target Center vaulted the Huskies onto center stage in women's basketball. They've been there ever since.

Looking back, there was a great irony to that final four. One of the other three coaches was Tara VanDerveer, who's Stanford Cardinal were favored over UConn in the semis, VanDerveer earning status in Husky lore by stating, "We all know there's one team that doesn't belong here", referring to UConn.

UConn disposed of Stanford by 29 points on Saturday, then won a classic thriller with Tennessee on Sunday to claim the first of UConn's eleven national championships. In that game I discovered a dimension to Geno's coaching acumen that many, even successful, coaches lack.

The night before the Carolina game in New Jersey Donyell Marshall missed two free throws at the end that would have given UConn's men a regional final win over Florida. The next morning at breakfast I argued to Geno that, "Your 'A' player can't miss those shots. Rebecca Lobo makes them."

"I'm not so sure", he countered. "You know who makes them? Pam Weber."

Weber was a coveted recruit at a time when women's basketball was advancing by leaps and bounds. By her senior year she'd been recruited into a reserve role. With UConn down six to Tennessee a year later with six minutes left in the first half Jen Rizzotti was in foul trouble and Geno had to call on Weber to run the floor. He whispered something in her ear before she entered the game.

"I told her we couldn't win if we fell any further back before the half. She had to keep that from happening."

Weber played a brilliant six minutes and UConn still trailed by six at the half before coming back to win. Geno had proven his point.

There have been a lot of great wins on the way to Geno's record, and one great loss that I was reminded of last Friday.

Hornets face Red Hawks

Traditional pre-Thanksgiving contest in Manchester Friday night

Drayvn Roberts was a major factor in East Hartford's victory over Hall last Thursday rushing for 112 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries, and also threw for 100 yards and a touchdown.

As Roberts goes so go the Hornets this season - and so it will beup to the entire team to step up - particularly on the defensive side of the field - as East Hartford takes on Manchester on its tricky home field surface at 6 p.m.

QB Roberts has averaged 117.7 yards per game this season, but the Manchester squad has been stingy on defense, only

allowing opponents 80.88 yards per game this season. And the Red Hawks, like the Hornets, have gotten better as a team in the last three games.

Manchester beat the New Britain Hurricanes 28-27, a hard-won victory after several fruitless seasons. Standouts for the Red Hawks were seniors Joe Mugovero who had 184 receiving yards and two touchdowns and QB Emanuel Sampel who tossed for 308 yards and three touchdowns while completing 71.1% of his passes.

The Hornets put together

back-to-back wins on the road, not an easy feat, and last Thursday's 16-7 victory over Hall in West Hartford was sweet. The 16-points were the lowest-scoring game of the season but the 'W' was all that counted in the end. Receiver Dallas West was a key target for Roberts with 84 yards and a touchdown. The running game enabled the Hornets to come away with the victory in the second half of the game as they finished with 249 rushing yards.

East Hartford now has a 3-6 record while the Red Hawks stand at 6-3.

Outdoor UConn football watch party on Bissell Street Saturday

East Hartford is hosting an outdoor watch party on Bissell Street in Downtown East Hartford for the UConn Syracuse football game Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. before the noon kickoff. Admission is free.

Food trucks and craft beer are said to be some of the attractions but the Gazette was not provided with any details of the event, which was just approved at Tuesday's Town Council meeting.

UConn and Syracuse have added an additional football game to the 2028 season.

The two schools will compete in Syracuse November 11, 2028. UConn and Syracuse face-off at the JMA Dome Saturday, Nov. 23 and are scheduled to meet again at Syracuse next season on September 6, 2025.

UConn is scheduled to host the Orange at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field Oct. 3, 2026 and November 6, 2027. Heading into Saturday the all-time series is between the two schools is tied at 6-6.

The Huskies won the first six of eight meetings dating back to the 2004 season. The Orange

have won the last four.

In their dramatic last game on the road, UConn scored 21 points in the fourth quarter on the way to erasing a 20-3 UAB lead to come away with a 31-23 win over the Blazers two Saturdays ago in front of 18,351 at Protective Stadium.

The win ties the UConn program record for largest comeback, matching a 2003 win over Western Michigan where the Huskies trailed 17-0 in the second quarter only to go on and win 41-27. UConn notched their seventh win on the season.

Blood Drive follows Manchester Road Race

The Manchester Road Race Committee is reminding all of its runners, spectators and friends that they can help to save many lives on the day after the world-famous Thanksgiving Day run is held.

Race organizers are teaming up again with the American Red Cross of Connecticut to stage the 38th annual "Ray Crothers Blood Drive" on Friday, November 29, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Manchester High School, 134 East Middle Turnpike in Manchester.

The event, one of Connecticut's largest single day blood collection efforts, is named in memory of the late Ray

Crothers of Tolland, who won the MRR in 1965 and ran in it for 43 years before he died of cancer in 2008.

A total of 8,258 pints of blood have been collected since the MRR initiated the annual event in 1986. Last year, 372 pints of blood—which benefitted 1,116 patients in need of blood, plasma and platelets—were donated. Lance Morgan, a physician assistant and race executive committee member who oversees the drive, is hoping for even greater success this year.

"Thanks to our terrific donors, volunteers, and sponsors, we're going to help reduce

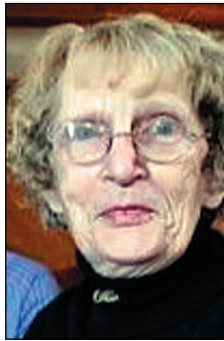
the critical shortage of transfusable blood in our state," he said.

Morgan noted that the Red Cross will be offering donors at this year's drive a "Power Red Machine" option that will enable them to maximize the benefit a single unit of their blood can do. During a "Power Red" donation, an automated process separates the donor's red blood cells from the other blood components, and then safely and comfortably returns the plasma and platelets to the donor. "Power Red" donors give more red blood cells (enough to benefit two patients) than they would through a regular whole blood donation.

EAST HARTFORD OBITUARIES

Eleanor 'Ellie' Lima, 82

Eleanor "Ellie" (Muusmann) Lima, 82, of East Hartford, loving wife of over 61 years of Peter I. Lima, peacefully passed away on Monday, November 18, 2024 at a local rehabilitation center. Born in Hartford on June 14, 1942, a daughter of the late Llewelyn and Margaret (Callahan) Muusmann, she had been a resident of East



Eleanor Lima

Lima and his domestic partner, Cindy Collet of Georgetown, KY, Jason P. Lima of Enfield; and four adored grandchildren, Taylor Lima, Paul Lima, David Lima, and Megan Lima all of Enfield. She also leaves a brother-in-law, Daniel Lima of

Hartford for the past 60 years. Eleanor was a graduate of Holy Trinity High School in Hartford, class of 1960, and was later employed for over 20 years by Computer Processing Institute (CPI) in East Hartford where she retired as an Information Analyst Department Head. A devout catholic, Eleanor was a long-time faithful communicant of St. Christopher Church in East Hartford. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, solving word puzzles, retail shopping where she could get the best deal, and was an avid loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox and UConn Huskies. She was proud of her Irish heritage loving everything Irish, while being a proud wife, mother, and grandmother.

In addition to her beloved husband Peter, Eleanor is survived by two sons, Scott M.

Doris M. Besaw, 95

Doris M. Besaw, 95, of Glastonbury and formerly of East Hartford, peacefully entered into eternal life on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at her home. She was the loving wife of 40 years of the late N. Robert Besaw. Born in Warren, RI on September 18, 1929, a daughter of the late Napoleon J. and Philia (Lee) Rancourt, she had resided in East Hartford for many years prior to moving to Palm Beach Gardens, FL and Glastonbury.

Prior to retirement, Doris was a school secretary and aide at several schools including East Catholic. Doris is survived by three daughters: Elizabeth Kiselica and her husband Michael of East Hartford, Patricia Spencer and her husband Roger of Vernon, Virginia Van Gerbig and her husband Barry of North Palm Beach, FL; three sons, Wesley Besaw of

in-law, Dorothy Mendes and her husband Avelino of Somerset, MA, Donna Weir and her husband Alan of Fort Meyers Beach, FL; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Funeral service will be Friday, November 22, at 9 a.m. from the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. with Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Main Street and Maplewood Avenue followed by burial at Silver Lane Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home chapel TONIGHT, Thursday, Nov. 21 from 4 until 7 p.m. Gifts Eleanor's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Grass Valley, CA, Daniel Besaw and his wife Renie of Tolland, Ronald Besaw and his wife Polly Thompson of Hanover, Pennsylvania; a sister, Lorraine Bryan of East Hartford; a daughter-in-law, Denise Besaw of Hinesville, GA; 21 grandchildren; over 30 great-grandchildren; one great, great-grandson; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

A funeral service will be Saturday, Nov. 23, with Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Main and Maplewood Avenue followed by entombment at St. Mary's Mausoleum, Burnside.

Doris' family will receive relatives and friends at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St., Friday, Nov. 22 from 4 until 7 p.m. Gifts in Doris's name may be made to the Covenant House, Times Square Station, P.O. Box 731, NY NY 10108.

Catherine Ann (Hartigan) Brey, 66

Catherine Ann (Hartigan) Brey, 66, of East Hartford, beloved mom and grandmother, passed away peacefully Tuesday November 12, 2024. Catherine was born July 2, 1958 in Hartford, daughter to the late John J. and Lillian (Krupp) Hartigan. She was raised in East Hartford, where she



Catherine Brey

attended East Hartford schools, graduating from George J. Penney High School, Class of 1976. At age 40, Cathy decided to attend Eastern CT State University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree. She was employed for many years in finance with the State of

Connecticut, retiring in 2018.

Cathy enjoyed her free time, traveling to Mystic with her four-legged child, Stevey. Her favorite time was being a grandma, spending time with her grandchildren.

Catherine will be deeply missed and forever remembered by her loving family,

her four children, Thomas Brey with his wife Kristen of Simsbury, Serena Pavia with her husband Jon, Christina McDougal with her husband Matt, all in Palm Bay, FL and Michelle Brey with her partner Richie Markus of Southington; the children's father, George

Brey of East Hartford; her six adored grandchildren; her brother, Michael Hartigan with his wife Sharon and her sister, Pamela Hartigan all of East Hartford.

Friends and relatives may pay their respects to the family Saturday, November 23 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St., East Hartford, with a Remembrance Service at 1:00 p.m. officiated by Terry Shook. Inurnment will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the March of Dimes PO Box 3155 Harlan, IA 51593-0346. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.desopoech.com

Aurore B. (Lapre) Lajoie, 94

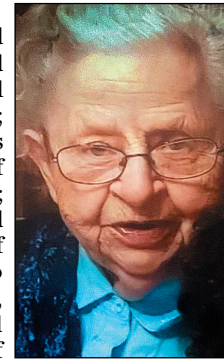
Aurore B. (Lapre) Lajoie, 94, of East Hartford, loving wife of 37 years of the late Perley Lajoie, peacefully passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2024. Born in Fall River, MA on April 11, 1930, a daughter of the late Wilfrid and Marie (Trahan) Lapre, she had been a resident of East Hartford for over 65 years. A devout Catholic, Aurore prayed daily and was a longtime faithful communicant of the former Blessed Sacrament Church and recently of St. Christopher Church.

She enjoyed walking around her neighborhood and took pride in being a good homemaker. Most of all, she was a proud mother and grandmother who adored her grandchildren and spending time with

her entire family.

Aurore is survived by her five devoted children, Michael Lajoie of Manchester; Arthur Lajoie and his wife Roseann of Bolton; Irene; Elaine; and Philip Lajoie and his wife Gina of Manchester. She also leaves a brother, Normand Lapre and his wife Elaine of Warwick, RI; twelve special grandchildren; seven cherished great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Besides her beloved husband and parents, she was predeceased by fourteen siblings.

Funeral service will be



Aurore Lajoie

Tuesday (November 26th) at 9:30 am from the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. with Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am at St. Christopher Church of North American Martyrs Parish, 538 Brewer St. and burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home chapel on Monday (November 25th) from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests that you have a Mass celebrated in Aurore's memory. On-line please visit www.desopoech.com

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New twist to Holiday Fest moves Tree Lighting to Saturday evening

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As in years past, the Holiday Fest Committee is asking that everyone bring a non-perishable food item to each event. All food items will be donated to the East Hartford Food Banks through out town.

The events cater to all ages, young and old. Most of the events are free to the public.

Friday and thru Monday both libraries will have Card Making and Boxes and Bows will be at the Raymond Library Friday thru Monday. Also at Raymond Library there will be Walkabout Puppets as well as Family Photo Sessions. There

will be a program at the Senior Center featuring Kathy Gregory performing Holiday songs. In the evening you can swim with Santa at one of the town pools.

Saturday will feature many events for children and adults. There will be a pancake breakfast, Christmas Boutique, Poinsettia Sale and a spaghetti supper at First Congregational Church as well as Breakfast with Santa at the EHHS. There will be a Holiday Fair at the All Saints' Church, a Cookie Walk at South Church and a Holiday play at the EHCCC titled "DECEMBER IN OUR TOWN" at the EHCCC. In the afternoon at

First Congregational Church, Paul Bisaccia will perform a holiday concert.

This year the tree lighting on the town green will be at 6:30 pm on Saturday. A drawing will be held at the tree lighting for an East Hartford child between the ages of 5 to 10 to light the new 26 foot town tree. Santa will arrive in his fire engine joining his friends from the North Pole.

Before the Tree lighting there will be a HOLIDAY MARKET featuring food vendors, crafts, cultural events, ice sculptures, strolling carolers and library activities. All sponsored

by the EH Parks & Rec. Department

The EH Historical Society will have an Open Hour at the Brewer House. Later on

The City Singers of Hartford will perform at South Church. Tickets at the door are \$20.

Sunday's events will include a Holiday Pancake Breakfast at the Hillstown Grange and a Holiday Brunch at Silva's Day Care, A tour of the Historic Brewer House with refreshments and Cookies with Santa at South Church. There will be a Cello Concert at First Church

Monday's events will feature the East Hartford Woman's

Club "Tree of Lights" at the park on Main St. and CT. Blvd. There will be a Musical program at Riverside HealthCare.

So come and join us for a Holiday Fest Celebration to kick-off the Holiday Season in East Hartford. Remember to bring non-perishable food items to the events to help make the Holiday Season joyous for our neighbors in need. Please spread your Holiday joy and the spirit of giving during this season of sharing and love. Brochures will be available at locations around town.

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Board of Ed

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1,000 schools.

Pitkin and Goodwin Elementary Schools were both recognized for High Growth on the annual Smarter Balance assessment. Pitkin was noted for growth among select students in math while Goodwin's high growth was among select students in Language Arts.

Anderson then reviewed aspects of the District's Health Education including the concept of addressing the mental needs of the whole student not just the physical aspects of the curriculum. He congratulated three Health and Physical Education teachers who earned Connecticut Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance awards this month. Receiving the recognition was East Hartford High School's Gianna Ehrlich (High School Health Teacher of the Year); East Hartford Middle School's Ricardo Gibson (Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year) and Goodwin School's Ryan Jalbert (Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year).

The Board ended its night with a presentation on the District's Human Resource Department's efforts concerning hiring and retention of staff and teachers. This presentation showed that the District had seen an increase in the diversity of the hired teachers and staff for a number of years. It also noted that the District would continue to actively market itself to people interested in the education field.

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NOV. 21 - THE CONNECTICUT WITCH TRIALS will be the topic of a local author speaking at the East Hartford Library, 840 Main St., at 6:30 p.m. "Before Salem", written by Dick Ross, examines the events here in the Hartford area in the years before Salem, Mass. became the focus of this topic. Learn about the times that affected colonial Hartford back in the late 1600's early 1700's. The colonies of Hartford and Windsor Connecticut did have 50 such cases, and at least 11 people hanged, the first in 1647 for actions that were considered to be "working on the devil's side". Presented by local historian Dr. Ross who will display his books, for sale, "Before Salem" and his latest book "American Body Snatchers" that is about the business of supplying medical schools with corpses back in the 1800s. Such activity was much more a part of those times than many might realize. Join us, learn about local history.

NOV. 21, DEC. 5 & 12: PRESIDENTS' COLLEGE LIFELONG LEARNING - Ever wonder how recorded music is made? Learn about some critical junctures in its history and where it's heading now. University of Hartford Professor Gabe Herman will spend two sessions on the technology, social movements, and visionaries that shaped recorded music. In Session #3, Music Dept. Chair Justin Kurtz will take students on a tour of the Hartt's recording studio, digital tech keeping music recording alive while offering new, creative options. Thursdays, Nov. 21, Dec. 5 & 12, 12:30-2 p.m. Details at hartford.edu/pc. Email pcollege@hartford.edu to be added to the mailing list.

NOV 23: HOLIDAY FAIR & BOUTIQUE, First Congregational Church, 837 Main St., 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Christmas decorations, decorated chocolate bars, jewelry, hand-made crafts, perfect gift baskets in every style and assortment to make your giving easy! Check out evergreen boxes, which will be plentiful, or selection of fine Rada cutlery! Explore Grandma's Attic stocked with a plethora of gently used items including collectable Hallmark ornaments! In the dining room visit the Candy Booth, stroll over to the Cookie Walk, bring home a home-baked treat or enjoy the lunch featuring hearty chili, homemade soups, etc.! Come early for this traditional Church Corners experience!

NOV 23: UCONN FOOTBALL OUTDOOR WATCH PARTY on Bissell Street, starting at 11 a.m. before noon kickoff. Enjoy a party atmosphere with food and drink along Bissell Street which will be closed for the occasion. Food Trucks and beer.

NOV 24: St. George's Episcopal Church will hold its annual Connecticut Foodshare **"THANKSGIVING FOR ALL" COLLECTION** to benefit those in need on Sunday, November 24, 2024. The collection will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the park-

ing lot of St. George's Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44, Bolton. Share the spirit of Thanksgiving by donating a Frozen Turkey or making a Monetary Gift (in any amount). Please make checks payable to CT Foodshare. Event Coordinator, Beth Michel, said, "This is St. George's 13th year participating in Connecticut Foodshare's Thanksgiving drive. Please stop by to help us make this year's collection especially successful." www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBoltonCT or 860-643-9203 FMI.

FREE ICE SKATING - November 29 - January 5 as part of Winterfest Hartford. The rink will be open daily from 11 am - 8 pm through January 6, with the exceptions of 12/24: 12 - 4 pm, 12/25: closed, and 01/01, 12 pm - 4 pm. Any cancella-

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tions due to weather will be posted on the Winterfest Hartford website and on social media. New: 20 small lockers for skaters to use in the Warming Shack. Attendees should bring their locks, and everything must be removed by rink closing time.

NOV 29: The Friends of Wood Memorial Library and Museum's 14th Annual **GINGERBREAD HOUSE FESTIVAL, "SNOWED INN"**, opens Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29. One of the biggest gingerbread house festivals in New England, visitors to the Wood Library will be enchanted by a stroll past fairy tale houses and fantasy trains, covered with candy. The Gingerbread House Festival continues with extended hours through thru Sunday, Dec. 22. Free; suggested donation at the door. Wood Memorial, 783 Main St., So. Windsor.

NOV 29: MANCHESTER ROAD RACE RAY CROTHERS MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE, Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Manchester High School, 134 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester.

DEC 1: Support Our Soldiers/SOS-Connecticut is sponsoring a **"SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" COOKIE**

collection and packing event, Sunday at Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St. Names and addresses of any soldier stationed overseas also wanted. Postage will be about \$800 so any donations to cover that are welcome. Make checks out to "SOS-Connecticut" and drop off or mail to Frank Forrest, 165 Maple St., East Hartford, CT 06118. Show your support for our troops away from home during the holidays. Any organization interested in helping, please reach out to Frank Forrest, 860-690-2845 or e-mail sosconnecticut@aol.com.

DEC 7: CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, 444 Hills St., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baked goods, candy, jams, pickles, fudge, \$1 - \$5 gifts, raffle, soup to go, pine arrangements and crafts, and our famous holiday waffles.

EAST HARTFORD HOLIDAY FEST'24 Friday, December 6th thru Monday, December 9th The Fest is celebrating its 31st year. Over four days there will be 28 events to enjoy with your friends and family throughout town. As in years past, the Holiday Fest Committee is asking that everyone bring a non-perishable food item to each event for the East Hartford Food Banks. See program guide in the center of this issue of the Gazette.

DEC 8: A VETERANS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION at the Machinists Lodge, 357 Main St. starting at 6 p.m. Sponsored by Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post #2083, all veterans are welcome free of charge to this Veterans Holiday Celebration. The VFW has ordered a bunch of Jersey Mike's subs and invite all veterans, members or not, to help us celebrate the holiday season. The Machinists Club entrance is at the rear of IAM

Local Lodge 1746, 357 Main St. through the bar entrance. The party will be set up in a side room. Soda provided, BYOB for other stuff. The fun starts at 6 p.m. Please come to dinner and meet and greet other local veterans. The club is now smoke free.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT HORSESHOE CLUB has moved to 50 Oakland St. (off Park Avenue). They are looking for people who are interested in playing horseshoes indoors this winter. The indoor horseshoe season begins in September. Please check them out at cchc. If interested in playing or learning about horseshoes e-mail debbiescully@comcast.net or call 860-778-1057.

VETERANS COFFEE HOUR at the Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Dr., 10 a.m. third Tuesday of the month. Veterans welcome.

MY SISTERS' PLACE: Help My Sisters' Place provide affordable housing and services for families in need by sending a donation to: Community Housing Advocates, 221 Main St., 4th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. FMI call 860-808-2048.
