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Chamber awards, honors at museum

Huge jet engines lining the room at the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Hangar Museum Tuesday provided the backdrop for the buzzing crowd which filled the room for the 9th annual CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner.

A crowd of over 100 turned out to enjoy a delicious dinner and take time to honor several members for their outstanding contributions to the business organization's expansion and success.

Notably East Hartford was well represented as the dinner was on the town's home turf. Mayor Connor Martin, and former mayor Tim Larson, now state commissioner of higher education, were on hand as was Don Currey, husband of the town's late former mayor Melody for who a special award is presented to honor community service.

This year South Windsor's Jay Margnelli was presented with the 2024 Melody Currey Community Leadership Award.

The retired Coca-Cola executive is the membership officer within the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce, Golf Committee Chair, member of the Goodwin University Foundation Board and served on the Ellington Community Scholar-

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MAYBERRY HAS NEW MURAL



EAST HARTFORD'S MICAELA LEVESQUE completed an animal mural on the west wall of Dr. Franklin F. Mayberry School. The mural was suggested by students at the elementary school and was completed by the talented East Hartford artist before the weather became too cold to work outside.

AG warns against identity theft

Attorney General William Tong warns state residents of their right to stop or "opt-out" of the sale and sharing of their personal information under the Connecticut Data privacy Act. Along with the attorneys general of California and Colorado, states which also have robust privacy protections, Attorney General Tong encourages consumers to consider familiarizing themselves with the Global Privacy Control (GPC), an easy-to-use browser setting or extension that automatically signals

to businesses that they should not sell your personal information to third parties, including for targeted advertising.

"Websites are constantly tracking and collecting our personal information for every purpose you can imagine. In Connecticut, you can now opt out of tracking across all sites by selecting a single simple option. It's an easy step to take back control over your data and protect your privacy," said Attorney General Tong.

"Every single one of our on-

line interactions is a robust source of data that broadcasts who we are, what we like, and how we live. Many websites install tracking software that allows third parties to track consumers, use the information they learn to create entire profiles of users, and deploy targeted ads that follow us around our time surfing the web," said California Attorney General Rob Bonta. "Today, I remind Californians of their right to opt-out and take back control of their personal data."

Forward for P&Z 10-year EH Plan OK'd

by Bill Doak

After nearly three years of work, and dozens of public sessions and website input, the East Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission approved the town's 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development Wednesday night at Town Hall.

The vote was contingent on the 300-page draft and its appendices being available to the public as only 206 pages of the plan were linked to the meeting agenda. The entire draft document was said to be up on the town P&Z website however that also appeared to be missing the 100 page appendix.

There were some concerns. Town Council Richard Kehoe, who has been through the town plan process three times in his near-30-year terms of service on the Council, said the plan notes the number of rental units to single family homes "needs to have that balance" as the plan calls for relaxing zoning rules in residential areas to allow for in-law housing or dwelling units.

"We are considering them," the language says. "Consider" implies a favorable review of that. You don't put in things that we all 'consider' as it could

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AROUND TOWN

Mayor, governor warn of ICE

Mayor Connor S. Martin issued a warning in both English and Spanish to the East Hartford community about their rights as immigration officers were observed conducting raids on Burnside Avenue.

"Earlier today, ICE agents were observed entering a home in East Hartford. We understand there has been a lot of concern, questions, and alerts circulating in our community recently. It's more important than ever to stay informed.

"Know Your Rights: If ICE approaches you or your home, you have the right to remain silent and refuse to sign anything without speaking to a lawyer. ICE cannot enter your home without a valid warrant signed by a judge. Always ask to see it. Everyone, regardless of their status, has rights under the Constitution. Stay safe. Stay informed."

Governor Ned Lamont and Education Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker also said the Connecticut State Department of Education has issued a guidance document to every K-12 public school district in Connecticut in response to ques-

tions regarding the impact that recent changes in policy guidance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security pertaining to immigration enforcement activities may have on school operations, student privacy, and the safeguarding of students while in school.

Both Connecticut and federal law protect a student's right to attend public school, regardless of their immigration status. This guidance is intended to provide school districts and their governing bodies with an overview of state and federal laws pertaining to student rights and the responsibilities of school districts, and assure districts, students, and families that Connecticut is welcoming to all students. It is also intended to provide districts with a framework for the development of policies and procedures that protect student rights, consistent with state and federal laws.

"Our schools are primarily places for learning and growth. It is important for our students and families to feel welcome and protected by their schools," said the governor.

State of Town Address tonight at Town Hall

Mayor Connor Martin will conduct his second annual "State of the Town Address" tonight, January 30 at 6 p.m. in Town Council Chambers, second floor, 740 Main St.

The mayor is expected to provide updates on East Hartford projects, report on town achievements and talk about future plans for the town. Attend in person to hear about progress and the town's vision for the year ahead. In addition to the mayor, town department directors will attend. A Q&A session will follow the meeting providing an opportunity to ask questions.

The State of the Town Address will also be delivered online. To tune in via Microsoft Teams use Meeting ID: 297 508 827 495 and Passcode: tk7aE6Z3

Hearts at Grange

Hillstown Grange is holding a Valentine's Art Market and Comfort Food Lunch -on Sunday, February 9 from 10am to 2pm. Come visit local artisans and vendors who will be selling items that will brighten your day! Items such as local honey, soap, plants, books and crafts will be available.

CELEBRATING MLK DAY



TOWN LEADERS gathered at Town Hall Monday, January 20 to commemorate the 95th birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Above, from left, Harry Amadasun, Jr., President and founding member of the East Hartford Black Caucus, Vanessa Jenkins, Vice President and founding member, Pastor John Lewis of the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence and Elder Bryan R. Hall, founding member of the East Hartford Black Caucus with the proclamation issued by Mayor Connor S. Martin.

Congressman to be at Senior Center

On Thursday, January 30th at 11 a.m. U.S. Rep. John B. Larson will host a public forum at the East Hartford Senior Center to discuss President Trump's federal funding freeze and its impact on Connecticut's residents. Tuesday Larson and other congressmen stood with

state leaders to decry President Trump's freeze on federal funding. Connecticut is suing to block the order, which was halted by a federal judge Wednesday then rescinded by Trump in the afternoon.

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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, will hold a **public hearing on February 4, 2025 at 7:15 p.m.** in Town Council Chambers, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut and via Microsoft Teams, to hear public comment on a **proposed draft of Blight Ordinance Revisions** dated January 4, 2025 as recommended at the January 13, 2025 Ordinance Committee meeting.

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

Jason Marshall
Town Council Clerk

CARABETTA MANAGEMENT CO.

Open Affordable Housing Waiting List For VETERANS TERRACE Apartments Phases I, II & III

Carabetta Management Co. will be opening the waiting list for 1, 2, 3 and 4-bedroom apartments at Veterans Terrace located at 70 Columbus Circle, East Hartford, CT.

OPEN AND CLOSING DATES: The Waiting List will be open, and applications will be accepted, from November 22, 2024 until 4:30 pm on February 22, 2025.

APPLICATIONS: Applications may be obtained at Carabetta's Hartford Leasing office located 1630 Main Street, Hartford, CT or by calling 860-246-3382 or by request submitted to VT.leasing@carabetta.com

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Black Funding Forum at Dunkin' Park Feb. 5

The Hartford Yard Goats Baseball Club, the Double-A Eastern League affiliate of the Colorado Rockies, announced it will host the Black Funding Forum on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. at Dunkin' Park in Hartford, part of the baseball team's celebration of Black History Month. Free and open to all, the expo is being held inside the YG Club. Enter the stadium at Main and Pleasant streets.

The forum will feature a variety of activities, exhibitors,

panel discussions, networking and food. Attendees can shop from a number of locally-owned Black-owned businesses curated from The Sto.

Lenders will also be on-site, providing valuable take-home materials and resources for entrepreneurs and potential business owners.

The Black Funding Forum is a partnership between the Yard Goats Foundation and the Black-Owned Business Expo and will showcase a range of

Black-owned businesses and vendors.

Black entrepreneurs have an opportunity to connect, "gain essential resources, and access support that can enhance the growth and sustainability of their businesses," stated Yard Goats Executive Director of Community Partnerships Aisha Pettaway in the Yard Goats announcement.

Fans may also obtain tickets to Yard Goats games when they go on sale Friday, Feb. 7 at yardgoatsbaseball.com, or by calling 860-246-4628.

Photo exhibit at Arts Center

Check out the 13th annual photography exhibition at Arts Center East in Vernon now through Feb. 15 at 709 Hartford Turnpike. Gallery hours are Thursdays through Sundays. 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Each year, Arts Center East dedicates an exhibit to the art of photography. Open to photographers ages 18 and older who work in digital and film photography. All subjects are

welcome, whether nature photography, architecture, close-ups of small details, portraits, etc. **Call for Artists:** 4th Annual Fiber Arts Exhibition - Open to all fiber artists, whether felting, quilting, knitting, crochet, embroidery, hat making, textiles, weaving, wearable art, or mixed fiber arts. Fiber Arts have a long tradition not only of utility but of storytelling and expression.

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EDITORIAL, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

President no longer waits for 'fake news', he goes out and invents fake 'crisis'

By Chris Murphy
U.S. SENATOR

Donald Trump is horrible - like embarrassingly horrible - at diplomacy, and America is going to pay a devastating price for his incompetence. But if you read the mainstream media headlines on Sunday night, you probably came away with the impression Trump is a natural statesman, having deftly navigated the first international crisis of his young second term. "After Trump Tariff Threats, Colombia Agrees to Accept Repatriates from the U.S." read the ABC News headline. "After Forcing Colombia to Back Down, White House Claims America is Respected Again" blared CNN.

The problem is that it wasn't true. Colombia didn't "back down". Trump created a fake crisis that would not have existed but for his bungling. Colombia and the U.S. didn't reach any new agreement. At the end of the day, the status of

the U.S.-Colombia agreement was basically the same as it was at the beginning of the day and during the entirety of the Biden Administration - only more expensive.

But Trump played the media like a fiddle, getting glowing headlines trumpeting his victory over Colombian President Petro, insinuating that America had won a new right to send deported Colombian nationals back to their home country. The media believed that it was a real crisis, and played it like Trump had won a concession. But it wasn't a crisis. And Trump didn't win a concession. All he did was damage a key bilateral relationship and give a giant gift-wrapped present to China. The incident should serve as proof of how terrible Trump is as a diplomat, and how dangerous it is to have a media that is so overwhelmed by the ferocious pace of news from the White House that it often ends up parroting Trump's talking points and White House press releases instead of asking hard ques-

tions and getting to the truth.

First, let's give the mainstream media/White House press office version of the story. According to this version, Colombia was being very mean to the United States and denying us the ability to send back to Colombia their residents who were scheduled for deportation. Trump, the savvy statesman, threatened President Petro with massive tariffs on Colombian coffee if Petro didn't comply. For a few hours, Petro fought back and floated his own retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods, but eventually backed down and agreed to Trump's demands.

But what really happened? Well, first there was no crisis to be solved. President Biden made an agreement with Colombia back in 2022 for the country to accept three flights a week of deportees. Biden was already regularly sending deportation flights to Colombia, as well as Mexico and other countries in Latin America. Most of the flights were managed by U.S. Immigration and

Customs Enforcement (ICE) using chartered aircraft made for civilians. However, just to be as fiscally irresponsible as possible, when Trump came into office he decided to send a group of deportees on a much more expensive military plane to Colombia without clearing the change with the Colombian government. Early on Friday, the White House posted a photo of people in shackles being led onto a military aircraft with the caption "deportation flights have begun." It was a move that was designed to be provocative.

President Petro objected, and instead of working it out diplomatically, Trump put on a show of threatening sanctions and tariffs on all Colombian exports, and Colombia threatened reciprocal tariffs on U.S. goods. By the end of the day, the U.S. and Colombia were back to the same deal that existed during the Biden administration - except dumber, because Trump reserved the right to use military planes for the flights even though they are vastly more ex-

pensive. Had Trump done nothing at all, the US would be better off.

But Trump did do something on Sunday - he created a pretend crisis and then pretended to solve the pretend crisis. And it's pretty amazing - and very, very worrying - that most of the press fell for it, resulting in headlines like the BBC's "Colombia Yields on Deportation Flights to Avoid a Trade War" and the Associated Press' "White House Says Colombia Agrees to Take Deported Migrants After Tariff Showdown."

On Sunday, in the middle of the Trump manufactured drama, China posted on social media that Chinese-Colombian relations are currently at a 45-year high. China's claim that they, not the U.S., are the low drama, stable partner for South American nations - many rich in the critical minerals the U.S. economy needs to succeed - just got more potent this weekend.

The more Trump gets away with fake drama, the more Trump will create.

Henry Hale's *Weekly Gazette* was read all over

by 11 costumer hand out sheet.

Gazette founder Henry Hale would not recognize our modern price sheet at all.

At age 21, Hale started the paper in 1885. Three years later his highest rate was only \$140 if you wanted a 21-column inch (full page) ad for a full year. His paper was printed in the broadside style consisting of large sheets of newsprint folded in half vertically and then in half horizontally. Major headlines were always "above the fold" so they could be seen when the paper was stacked.

Today the paper is not a broadside, but a tabloid style. In our case the largest ad would be a 5-column full-page costing

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Looking back on our East Hartford

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A one column inch ad today costs \$20.18 open rate; \$15.06 special promotion rate and \$13.55 for non-profits.

We have separate rates for classified ads and business ads. Hale did not have these destina-

tions, - an ad was an ad and charged based on time and space. Hale would have found it interesting that we also offer color ads. The original *Weekly Gazette* was only printed in black and white; (black ink - white space). Today we also have a special rate for inserts into the paper. None of these are noted in Hale's rate chart.

I would like to see his face when trying to explain our website banners and ads procure.

Hale came to work using a horse and buggy, and typed on a manual typewriter most likely a Remington, manufactured in New York. Hartford became a typewriter manufacturing center about twenty years after

Hale started the *Gazette*. Underwood Typewriter began manufacturing in 1901 and Royal opened in 1904.

Typesetting was either done by hand, or by a Unitype Machine first supported by Hartford's own Mark Twain.

There were no computers in 1885. There was no TV, not even radio. Cameras were large heavy affairs, and movies were seen in the new nickelodeon machines just beginning to be seen in the country. They would not be a widespread phenomenon until 1905. What automobiles existed were considered playthings of the rich.

Wow life has changed, and newspaper work in particular.

by Robert Kanehl

Did you know that your weekly *Gazette* ad would only cost you \$1, if you were alive in 1888. That's correct a one column inch ad in the 1888 *Gazette* cost \$1 a week to run. You could run the same ad for a month at the cost of \$3 and a whole year for \$12.

The *Gazette's* 2025 ad rates - are not a dollar.

Time has changed the newspaper business, not just in the advertising rates. Looking at all the changes causes one to reflect on a simpler lifestyle.

The *Gazette's* announcement of rates in 1888 covered only a column inch in the paper. Today the paper's rates cover a full 8

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

¿Cuándo fue la última vez que fuiste a la biblioteca?

La biblioteca no es solo un lugar lleno de libros donde hay que guardar silencio; en realidad, es un tesoro para la comunidad. Al apoyarla, estamos invirtiendo en la educación, la cultura y el bienestar colectivo. Además, es un espacio gratuito y accesible para todos.

Aunque estés pelao', la biblioteca siempre tiene las puertas abiertas para ti. Allí, cualquier persona puede acceder a libros, internet y recursos educativos. Los niños hacen sus tareas, los universitarios investigan y hasta los mayores pueden aprender algo nuevo.

En estos tiempos en los que ni las redes sociales entre-tienen, la biblioteca es la mejor distracción. Se organizan clubes de lectura, talleres de arte, charlas interesantes y eventos culturales. Es un espacio donde la gente se reúne, comparte y se siente en familia.

No todo el mundo tiene computadora o internet en casa, y la biblioteca ayuda a cerrar esa brecha digital. Desde buscar trabajo hasta tomar clases en línea, este espacio brinda oportunidades para todos.

Pero la biblioteca no es solo libros. También resguarda la historia de nuestro pueblo. Allí puedes encontrar documentos, fotografías y relatos que nos conectan con nuestras raíces.

Desde los más pequeños que asisten a la hora del cuento hasta los adultos mayores que aprenden a usar el celular, la biblioteca tiene algo para cada quien.

Es fácil apoyar: donar libros, participa en sus actividades y corre la voz. ¡Hagamos que la biblioteca siga siendo el corazón de nuestra comunidad!

Que siga siendo un recurso vital para todo el pueblo.

Importante:

No quería hacer la columna completa de esto, pero es importante que como comunidad hispana/ latina nos ayudemos en lo que podamos. Así que por aquí les dejo información que puede ser útil en estos días inciertos que estamos viviendo.

Estas son algunos tips básicos que te pueden ayudar por si tienes un encuentro con algún agente de ICE. Recuerda que lo más importante es que siempre mantengas la calma y recuerdes que, aunque ellos te digan que no, tu si tienes derechos.

Si algún agente de ICE toca a tu puerta no abras la puerta, pero mantén la calma. Recuerda tus derechos. Pregúntales para que están tocando a la puerta. Si necesitas interprete, tienes derecho a pedir uno.

Si ellos piden entrar a tu casa, pregúntales si tienen una orden firmada por el juez, ya que, si no la tienen, puedes negarte a dejarlos entrar. Le puedes decir, que cualquier papel lo pueden dejar en el buzón o en la puerta. Si por casualidad entran por la fuerza, no te resistas.

Dígale a todos los que estén en la casa que se mantengan en silencio. Mientras menos hablen mejor. Una de las cosas más importante es, si es arrestado, manténgase en silencio y no firme nada hasta que hable con un abogado.

Estos momentos que estamos viviendo parecen irreales. Como comunidad hispana/latina, es fundamental mantenernos unidos y apoyarnos mutuamente. Muchas familias se verán afectadas por esta situación.

Independientemente de las opiniones sobre su legalidad o de cómo llegó cada persona, debemos reconocer el impacto que esto tendrá en la salud mental de nuestros niños. Las repercusiones serán significativas.

Eventos Próximos:

Take Your Child to the Library Day es en Feb. 1 en el Raymond Library. Ven y disfruta con tus hijos junto a Bluey de 10:00am a 2:00pm. Para mas información accede a www.easthartfordct.gov/library

El Festival Anual de Películas Extranjeras continua. Este evento se estará llevando a cabo en el Centro de Cultura para la Comunidad en 50 Chapman Place.

¡Es gratis! Así que no te lo pierdas.

Conecta Conmigo: cmaldonado8816@gmail.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legislative session kicks off; EH delegation to meet at Wickham Library February 13

To the Editor:

Connecticut's 2025 legislative session kicked off on Jan 8th and residents are encouraged to engage with their elected officials and ensure their voices are heard on issues that matter most. Whether you have questions, concerns, or ideas, the East Hartford delegation is here to listen and advocate on your behalf.

Each legislative session brings new opportunities to shape the policies that impact our communities, from housing and education to transportation, and environmental protections. We are your direct link to the policy-making process and are open to ideas that help guide the crafting of legislation that best reflects the needs of our communities. Whether it's a local issue or a broader state policy, your feedback is invaluable to us as we make decisions under the gold dome in Hartford.

One of the most impactful ways to participate in the legislative process, aside from gab and go in the grocery store or a direct email to one of us, is by testifying at public hearings. These hearings provide a platform for residents to voice their support or opposition, or help

be a part of the solution by providing feedback on how to make a proposal more impactful. Whether you choose to submit written testimony or speak in person, sharing your perspective can influence the outcome of any bill before the legislature.

Stay informed about upcoming hearings by visiting the Connecticut General Assembly's website (www.cga.ct.gov) and view this week's calendar and subscribing to our legislative eblast, which we send throughout the year.

Getting involved in the legislative process is easier than ever, thanks to online resources virtual participation options, and the online bill tracking portal. Follow legislative updates, attend town hall meetings, and connect with advocacy groups to stay informed about the issues that matter most to you.

Whether you have concerns about healthcare, energy, or economic policies, now is the time to make your voice heard. Reach out to your delegation, participate in public hearings, and stay engaged throughout the legislative session. Together, we can create positive change for Connecticut and East Hartford.

For more information on

how to get involved and stay up to date on bills and public hearings that matter most to you, visit the Connecticut General Assembly's website (www.cga.ct.gov) and scroll down to the bill tracking and click on create an account.

And remember, don't forget to subscribe to our legislative eblast, which we send throughout the year.

Feel free to stay connected with us throughout this session. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out. The best way to contact us is provided below.

Here are the phone numbers and email addresses for the East Hartford delegation:

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State Sen. Saud Anwar
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NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

East Hartford Legislative Town Hall
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Rep. Jason Rojas Rep. Henry Genga Rep. Patrick Biggins Sen. Saud Anwar

LETTERS.POLICY: The Gazette welcomes **signed** letters on subjects of interest to our readers. Remember to also provide a daytime phone number. Mail to: **The Gazette, 1406 Main St., EH, CT 06108** Or e-mail to editor@ehgazette.com

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

‘Be My Valentine’ dance

Connecticut Ballet's annual romantic evening of dance and music returns just in time for Valentine's Day.

Artistic Director Brett Raphael curates this showcase of duets and company works performed by the company's awe-inspiring soloists. Dress in your favorite red!

The Be My Valentine Dance is Friday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church St., Hartford. The \$20.25 online charge includes the performance and after-party with wine and nibbles.



Enjoy classics from the American songbook with the Margi Gianquinto Quartet. Tickets at the door: \$25.

BOOK SIGNING SUNDAY

Orice Jenkins Book Talk and Signing
 Sunday, February 2
 1:00 PM

Doors will open at 12:30 PM, and program will begin promptly at 1 PM.
 Register for a reminder.

Raymond Library | 840 Main Street | 860-290-4330 | www.easthartfordct.gov/library

MUSICIAN AND AUTHOR ORICE JENKINS will be at the Raymond Library Sunday at 1 p.m. to talk about his book, “The Early County Massacre” which resulted from his genealogical studies of his family tree. Copies of his historic and revealing true story will be available and signed by the author, an East Hartford High School graduate and researcher.



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Society

From Red Cross speaker to chili, South a-bubblin'

South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St., is sponsoring several community events in February.

Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 11 a.m. Rebecca Johnson, Regional Disaster Officer from the American Red Cross, will share some history about the organization, tips about disaster preparedness, and volunteer opportunities within the organization.

This free program will be held in the church library and light refreshments will be served.

Sunday, Feb. 9th, 11 a.m. Come and make a Valentine's Day card, or two, or three for special people in your life. Materials provided, all ages and abilities welcome.

Sunday, Feb. 9th, 11 a.m. Chili anyone?

Come to our Chili Cookoff, and cast your vote for the winner. There will be multiple chili dishes to try at a nominal cost

Apply now for EHWC scholarship

Applications for the East Hartford Woman's Club scholarship are now available in the guidance offices of East Hartford High School, CT International Baccalaureate Academy, Synergy, the CT River Academy at Goodwin, Pathways, East Catholic, Cheney Tech and Great Path Academy at CT State, Manchester. Scholarships go to town residents in their final year of high school who plan to attend a two- or four-year college or university or an occupational or trade school.

Home-schooled students are also eligible. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Gingras, EHWC Scholarship Committee Chairperson. at 860-568-4000.

Deadline for completing an application is February 12.

Garden scholarships

The East Hartford Garden Club will award a scholarship to a student who will major in any plant-related science. For an application please ask in your school's guidance office. Deadline is April 1.

Bluey Day Saturday at Library

East Hartford Public Library is hosting Bluey Day from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, February 1 as part of national Take a Child to the Library Day.

Activities here in East Hartford from 1 - 2 p.m. include photo ops and Bluey-approved activities.

Everyone is encouraged to wear your favorite Bluey-themed attire and come to the Children's Room at the Raymond Library, 840 Main St. to have fun!

Go online - www.easthartfordct.gov - for more info.

at this fundraiser, with serving sizes ranging from \$1 to \$5. We are always looking for additional chili chefs. So, if you have a treasured family recipe, or have been hankering to experiment with a new one, this is your chance! Join in the fun and try to claim the coveted "chili necklace" prize. No charge to enter the competition. Please e-mail Lisa at cefe@southucc.org for more info.

South Congregational Church is handicap accessible and parking is available behind the building. Follow the paved walkway from the parking lot to enter the church. FMI call 860-568-5150.

VFW seeking 'All American' label

Local VFW Post 2083 is on track to be named an "All American Post" by achieving several goals. To note and celebrate this recognition, VFW Post 2083 invites all veterans to a pizza party at the Post's February 5 meeting.

Celebration of the award begins at 6 p.m. followed by the Post meeting at 7.

State and district VFW offi-

cial will be on hand to help celebrate at the IAM Local Lodge #1746, 357 Main St., East Hartford. Please enter in the rear at the bar.

This is a free event and open to all veterans, members of the VFW or not.

For more info contact Commander Frank Forrest, sosconnecticut@aol.com, or call 860-690-2845.



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THE EAST HARTFORD SENIOR CENTER hosted a gala dinner-dance Thursday, with all food cooked and served in house and a two piece band to entertain the crowd, which got in the spirit of the evening. Victoria, who runs the center, wore a stunning white sparkling gown. Above, Barbara and friends pose.

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Turning the Super Bowl corner

The stage is set for Super Bowl LIX and the quest for a three-peat is in high gear as the Kansas City Chiefs prepare to take on the Philadelphia Eagles February 9th at the Super Dome. In the NFC the Eagles waltzed in with an easy win over the Washington Commanders. The Chiefs won a battle of survival against the Buffalo Bills in the AFC. Mahomes and Company are primed.

Now, let's warm things up.

Six days after the Super Bowl, baseball's training camps open to pitchers and catchers.

Regardless what the groundhog says Sunday, that's when Spring officially

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



begins. Local major league fans are split almost 50-50 on their loyalties. But the local favorite for baseball fans is the Hartford Yard Goats, and next Friday, February 7th, they open ticket sales for the coming season.

There are several ways to get in on the action. On line, go to yardgoatsbaseball.com, or order by phone at 860-246-4628. You can also get tickets the old fashioned way, in person at the Click it or Ticket box office at Dunkin' Park. The home opener isn't far off. The Goats host the Yankees AA affiliate Somerset Patriots on April 4th.

There are as many reasons to buy Yard Goat tickets as ways to get them. Out of 120 full season affiliates across the U.S. and Canada they were named Minor League Baseball's 2024 Organization of the Year with a total attendance of 417,000, their third straight 400-thousand-plus season, including 39 sellouts for an average of 6,140. This week they'll announce the first of two "Alternative Identity" nights after drawing great response to those nights in the past. Their Hartford "Bouncing Pickles" alternate identity was named Minor League Baseball's best theme night in 2023.

And they play pretty good baseball. Last season they made the Eastern League Playoffs for the first time since moving to Hartford, and Bobby Meacham was named the Eastern League Manager of the Year, the first Yard Goats manager to claim the honor.

Checking on the boys and girls of winter. The UConn men fell from 19th to 25th on this week's AP rankings after Saturday's loss to Xavier. The women held firm at number six after double digit wins over Villanova and Creighton. For both teams the last two weeks have been statements on recruiting. The men, poised to show up this season with a deep bench and high hopes, have discovered life is a struggle without star freshman Liam Mc-Neeley (high ankle sprain), going 3-3 without him. The void his absence creates speaks volumes about Danny Hurley's recruiting ability - that and having three 2025 recruits - Braylon Mullins, Darius Adams and Eric Reibe - named to the MacDonald's All-American Team.

While the women have again found themselves dealing with critical injuries to top veterans, Geno's recruiting also comes up big. Sarah Strong is living up to her advanced billing: 26 points and 12 rebounds in 36 minutes in the Creighton win. With Bueckers and Fudd both healthy, the final four isn't far away.

That should bring us up to date.

Hornets stop Guardians, 67-60

EHHS Boys Basketball nets 7th win in a row

Monday, East Hartford faced Glastonbury in a battle between two of the state's top teams. The East Hartford Hornets walked away with a 67-60 victory over the Glastonbury Guardians. The Hornets have now won 7 matchups in a row.

East Hartford overcame solid effort from Glastonbury's

Jalen Welch, who went 8 for 9 on his way to 22 points and David Smith, who posted 16 with six assists and five boards.

East Hartford pushed their record up to 11-2 with the victory, which was their sixth straight on the road.

The wins came thanks to their offensive performance

across that stretch, as they averaged 69.5 points per game.

As for Glastonbury, they moved to 12-2 with that defeat, which also ended their 11-game winning streak. East Hartford was facing the South Windsor Bobcats Wednesday. East Hartford finished with 55 points or more in their past 13 contests.

Tyshawn Rose in Huntsville City

Huntsville, Alabama City Football Club announced the signings of goalkeeper Erik Lauter and defender Tyshawn Rose ahead of the 2025 season.

The newest Boys in Blue become the fifth and sixth signings respectively in the lead up to Huntsville's third season of action. "Erik is an exciting prospect for us as a goalkeeper, and we are delighted to add him to our group after his superb college season," said Matt Cairns, Huntsville City FC Director of Soccer Operations.

"Tyshawn has been the standout left back in MLSNP over the last two seasons. He's a highly impressive human with great qualities to fit our system."

Rose, from East Hartford, joins the Boys in Blue following two years with North Texas SC,



Tyshawn Rose

the MLS NEXT Pro affiliate of FC Dallas. In two seasons in Texas, Rose made 30 appearances and 28 starts in all competitions, recording eight assists in 2,365 minutes of action.

The 24-year-old also made three starts for North Texas SC in the 2024 MLS NEXT Pro playoffs, helping his side win the 2024 MLS NEXT Pro Cup.

Before his professional career, the defender spent five seasons at Boston College. As a Golden Eagle, Rose made 75 appearances and 67 starts with seven assists in 5,640 minutes of action from 2018-2022.

Rose played his club soccer for FSA out of Farmington under Coach Tom Agostino ... won multiple state cups and was a national semi-finalist ... earned all-conference honors at East Hartford High School.

Huskies, BC football rivalry back on

The University of Connecticut football team will pay another visit to Chestnut Hill this fall as its rivalry with Boston College resumes.

The Huskies and Eagles have agreed to play four more epic games starting this year and continuing through 2031 the schools announced.

The Huskies, 9-4 this season under third year coach Jim Mora, will be headed up the Mass Pike to Alumni Stadium on Oct. 18. BC might be out for a bit of the Connecticut team after it missed out in playing in Fenway Park December 28 as the Huskies captured the first Wasabi Fenway Bowl trophy.

But UConn will have to wait four years to welcome BC back here to East Hartford. UConn

will entertain the Eagles at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field Oct. 20, 2029 and Aug. 30, 2031, the scheduled released by the schools indicates.

BC leads the Connecticut-Massachusetts series with a record of 13-1-2. UConn's win came in coach Jim Mora's first season in 2022, a 13-3 win at Rentschler Field. Boston College avenged that game with a 21-14 win in 2023.

The game with UConn fills Boston College's 12-game schedule which will include contests against 2024 CFP participants Clemson and SMU from the ACC as well as national finalist Notre Dame.

According to fbsschedules.com, the Huskies

have one opening remaining on their 2025 slate. They open with Central Connecticut State at home Aug. 30 before going on the road for games with Syracuse (Sept. 6) and Delaware (Sept. 13). UConn entertains Ball State (Sept. 20) before visiting Buffalo (Sept. 27) to close out September.

The October schedule begins with FIU (Oct. 4) before a pair of road games against Rice (Oct. 11) and BC (Oct. 18).

The Huskies return home to play UAB (Nov. 1) and Duke (Nov. 8) before traveling to Florida Atlantic (Nov. 22). The game against UMass is no longer on the schedule as the Minutemen will begin play in the Mid-American Conference in the Fall.

OBITUARIES

Bonnie Lou Avery, 74

Bonnie Lou Avery, 74, formerly of East Hartford, peacefully journeyed home to be with our Lord on Thursday, January 23, 2025, with her caring family by her side at Touchpoints at Chestnut. Born in Bath, Maine on May 14, 1950, a daughter of the late Edward Warren and Pauline Pearly (Miller) Avery, she had been a resident of East Hartford for most of her life.



Bonnie Avery

Bonnie grew up in Bath, Maine and attended Morse High School in Bath. She worked many years at Arrow Pharmacy in East Hartford as a Pharmacy Technician.

Bonnie loved making puzzles and was an avid reader who enjoyed reading novels by James Patterson. She liked

watching Paula Deane and used several recipes by her. She was an excellent cook who often cooked for her family, especially her potato salad. She was an avid fan of UConn women's basketball and a longtime loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox. She enjoyed going to weekly tag sales and taking scenic rides with her family during the four seasons of New

England. Most of all, Bonnie was a devoted, proud mother and grandmother who especially cherished her time spent with her grandchildren.

Bonnie is survived by two sons, Allan Dean of East Hartford, Luis Flores and his significant other Desiree Rosario of Rocky Hill; two

daughters, Suzanne McCabe and her husband James of East Hartford, Tammy R. Tillotson and her husband Edward of East Hartford; five special grandchildren, Alyssa Tillotson, Michael Tillotson, Destini Flores, Luna Flores, Legend Flores; two adored great-grandchildren, Alexander Ferrer and Ayla Ferrer; several cousins and dear friends. Besides her parents, Bonnie was predeceased by a brother, John Avery of San Diego, CA.

Funeral service is Friday, Jan. 31 at noon at D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home Friday morning, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Burial will be private. Gifts in Bonnie's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Enelia Burgos, 92

Enelia Burgos, 92, of East Hartford, loving wife of the late Rafael Oliveras, peacefully entered into eternal life with her beloved family by her side on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at her home. Born in Ciales, Puerto Rico on August 14, 1932, a daughter of the late Isabelle Medina, she had been a resident of East Hartford for over 50 years. Enelia was a hard-working home



Enelia Burgos

maker who took great pride in her home and garden. She also loved to always cook for her family and friends to enjoy. Most of all, she was a gentle caring woman who loved her children and was a proud grandmother and great-grandmother.

Enelia is survived by three sons, Angel Rafael Oliveras and his wife Carmen of East Hartford, Angel Luis Oliveras and his wife Loida of East Hartford, Carlos Oliveras and his wife Nilda of East Hartford;

two daughters, Maria M. Olivera and her husband Juan Rojas of East Hartford, Maria L. Oliveras of East Hartford; a sister, Conselo Medina of Hartford; seventeen special grandchildren; fourteen adored great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. She was predeceased by a daughter, Hilda

Oliveras of Hartford.

Funeral service will be Monday (February 3rd) at 12 pm at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St with Pastor Roberto Calcano officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, (Section G-Extension), Burnside. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home chapel on Monday morning (February 3rd) from 10:30 am - 12 pm. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoe.com

Joe Gennaro, Sr.; ran landscaping business

Joseph F. "Joe" Gennaro, Sr., 86, of East Hartford, beloved husband of 65 years of Barbara (Schwager) Gennaro, peacefully entered into eternal life on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at his home with his loving family by his side. Born in Hartford on March 7, 1938, a son of the late Frank and Mary



Joe Gennaro, Sr.

(Dominick) Gennaro, he was a resident of East Hartford for the past 63 years. Prior to retirement, Joe was a hard-working owner and operator of Gennaro Landscaping Co., Inc. in Bloomfield for 40 years.

Since age 5, Joe was a talented accordion player. He loved playing, singing, and entertaining his family and friends. He also liked dancing with his wife to polka music. He looked forward to watching movies (especially Westerns), was an avid reader of music and landscaping books; and an animal lover who had German Shepherd dogs.

Recently, Joe regularly attended the New Testament Church in East Hartford where he made several new friends who were kind and helpful to him.

In addition to his wife, Joe is survived by a son, Joseph F. Gennaro, Jr. of East Hartford; a daughter, Katherine M. LaRosa and her husband Stephen of South Windsor; four special grandchildren, Anthony M. Gennaro and his wife Stefanie of Bloomfield, Joshua A. Gennaro and his significant

other, Linda Savatdy, of Manchester, Olivia K. LaRosa of South Windsor, Nicholas S. LaRosa of South Windsor; two adored great-grandchildren, Zoe-Ann Gennaro of Bloomfield and Addalyn Gennaro of Manchester. He also leaves three brothers-in-law: Donald Schwager, Timothy Schwager, and William Schwager all of East Hartford; several nieces, nephews, cousins, former customers and dear friends. Besides his parents, Joe was predeceased by a grandson, Joseph Frank Gennaro, III of East Hartford.

Funeral service is Saturday, Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m. at D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. with burial following at Silver Lane. Call at the funeral home Friday, Jan. 31, 4 to 7 p.m. Gifts may go

to the Alzheimer's Association of CT, 200 Executive Blvd, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489.

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ship Association, the East Hartford Academy of Finance, and East Hartford School Business Partnership. Jay played an active role in selecting businesses in East Hartford for \$2.5M in special economic stimulus grants, a difficult job considering the number of applications received.

For many years Margnelli also has been a strong advocate of Special Olympics-CT, raising funds through numerous Penguin Plunges and over-the-edge events.

Over the years, he has also organized various community fundraisers and volunteers for various philanthropic organizations.



Commssioner Tim Larson, Jay Margnelli and Mayor Connor Martin.



New Plan of Development approved

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be an anethema. You don't put in "we'll consider" a transfer station, for example. I'd ask you reconsider that language."

The word "consider" occurs 152 times in the document.

Kehoe also referenced the mobile home community at 441 Main Street.

"The reference is made you ought to consider that" when you talk about mobile home parks. The reference is made that it is non-conforming and there is nothing we can do about it. The homes are 'tight'. But when you step back, that's

exactly what we are talking about. We ought to recognize that is not going away, nor should it because it provides affordable housing. We ought to look at it as me might want to enhance that development," Kehoe suggested.

Prepared with the help of BFI Planning of New York, the plan was the work of consultants Susan Favate, AICP, PP, Principal, Christine Jimenez, LEED AP ND, Associate.

The commission debated the attention to the issue of affordable housing in East Hartford, part of the CROG suggested part of the plan. The plan sug-

gested allowing 2 to 4-unit buildings in all residential districts, but again only that they be "considered."

"When you consider something the inference is this is something we would respond favorably to. We already do our fair share. I think we made that very clear," stated Kehoe. "The use of the term conveys something other than what we believe we already are doing."

Allowing accessory dwelling units is already allowed by zoning regulations, John Ryan pointed out.

"By 'consider' what I understand is that it is something, in



The Chamber's 2024 Ambassador of the Year is Dea Collins, owner of Jafra Cosmetics of East Hartford.

Collins joined the Chamber in 2023. A graduate of Southern Connecticut State College with a masters degree in special education, Dea worked as a Connecticut educator for 41 years, also serving as an instructional coach for teachers of strategic learning.

Alongside her teaching career, Dea began her business as an independent beauty consultant and leader with JAFRA Cosmetics in 1979. Her slogan, "Love Your Look" encourages individuals to be comfortable in their own skin. Even though cosmetics is her business, she truly believes that outward beauty is secondary to inner beauty, and with the right mindset, an individual can develop a level of confidence that will shine through.

Although proper skin care is her first love and priority, Dea also offers private and group consultations in color-matching, body/spa care and fragrance. Additionally, she provides fundraising opportunities, client and staff appreciation and enjoys coaching others as they start their own business.

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Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Ancillary Administration has been filed on behalf of the Estate of William B. Whiteman, deceased, and all persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, by affidavit, and all person indebted to the Estate to make payment promptly to the undersigned.

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Petitioner

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WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

FEB 1: HILLSTOWN GRANGE CABIN FEVER PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Treat your isolation with a hearty batch of pancakes, and socialize with your sweet neighbors. This month's special: Valentine strawberry-favored pancakes. Regular and chocolate chip pancakes will also be served. Breakfast includes sausage, coffee, tea and juice, all for just \$6, \$3 for kids 14 and under. The historic Grange Hall is located at 617 Hills St.

BLOOD DRIVES - 2/6/2025: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 538 Brewer St., and **2/20/2025:** 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Crossroads Community Cathedral, 1492 Silver Lane. The American Red Cross encourages donors to give blood or platelets now to help protect the blood supply. All who come to give Jan. 27-Feb. 28, 2025, will get a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCrossBlood.org/Flurry - or RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

FEBRUARY 8 - MOVIE NIGHT - The East Hartford Commission on Culture & Fine Arts presents a free film, "Banel and Adama", at 7 p.m. in the Community Cultural Center auditorium, 50 Chapman Place. East Hartford Summer Youth Festival will be selling concessions, including popcorn. Banel and Adama are fiercely in love. The young married couple lives in a remote village in northern Senegal. For them, nothing else exists except each other. NR.

FEB 9: CHILI COOKOFF at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. Taste the entries - or enter your own winning recipe - and cast your vote for the winner. Try multiple chili dishes at a nominal cost during this tasty fundraiser, with serving sizes ranging from \$1 to \$5. Additional chili chefs are welcome to enter. So, if you have a treasured family recipe, or have been hankering to experiment with a new one, this is your chance! Try to claim the coveted "chili necklace". No charge to enter. Please e-mail Lisa at cefe@southucc.org for more info.

FEB 9: COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS of WWII at 2 p.m. in the Friends Meeting Room of the South Windsor Public Library, 1550 Sullivan Ave. South Windsor, presented by the East Hartford-based World War II Legacy Foundation. On February 3, 1943 the troop transport ship, SS Dorchester was torpedoed by a German submarine and sunk in the icy waters of the North Atlantic. The Four Chaplains gave their life jackets, and lives, saving the servicemen onboard. Join the WWII Legacy Foundation in remembering and honoring their service. There will be a brief service followed by a documentary and presentation of their story. Free, refreshments served. FMI 860-810-8736.

FEB. 12, 26: FREDERICK DOUGLASS - FROM SLAVE TO STATESMAN. Join us to hear about the path of abolitionist Frederick Douglass, an escaped slave, to becoming the most important leader of

the African American civil rights movement in the 19th century. Professor Bryan Sinche will discuss Douglass's interesting life and his complicated relationship with President Abraham Lincoln. Wednesdays, Feb. 12, 26; 2:30-4 p.m. This is just one of the many winter/spring courses & lectures for adults at the Presidents' College Lifelong Learning Program at the University of Hartford. Hartford.edu/pc. Email pcollege@hartford.edu to be added to the mailing list.

FEBRUARY 13 - TALK TO YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS - East Hartford's delegation at the state capitol invites you to attend a Legislative Town Hall at the Wickham Library, 656 Burnside Ave., from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Listen to the issues of the day in Hartford, and tell them about issues that matter to you!

FEB 15: BRUNCH BEGINNING AT 11 A.M. honoring East Hartford's 2025 Town Marshal and Town Honoree in the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade at the Irish American Home Society, 132 Commerce St., Glastonbury. Tickets are \$25. Honorees include for-

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mer East Hartford mayor Mike Walsh, selected as the 2025 East Hartford Parade Marshal, and Britney Cavaliere, founder and leader of the East Hartford High School Alumni Association, chosen as 2025 East Hartford Town Honoree. All welcome! For tickets please contact Sana Hart at 860-558-6261. The 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 15 at 11 a.m. in Hartford.

FEB 11: SECOND "TUESDAY NIGHT TUNES" free concert takes place in the intimate second floor of the Wickham Library, 656 Burnside Avenue as the Nat Reeves Trio performs freewheeling jazz standards. Free. Arrive early and enjoy the vibe.

FEBRUARY 11: HARTFORD MAYOR AND UHART PRESIDENT CONVERSATION. Join us for a conversation between Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam and University of Hartford President Lawrence Ward. They'll chat about their goals and challenges - and possible solutions. Find out what happens

when City ("town") and University ("gown") get together. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 11:30-1 p.m. on the University campus. There is no charge for this event, but you do need to register for the Town & Gown Converse program at Hartford.edu/pc.

FEB 20-23 - Can't wait until Spring? The sights and scents of that season will be on full display at the "43rd Connecticut Flower & Garden Show" starting Thursday at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd. in Hartford Feb. 20, Feb. 21, Feb. 22 and Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discounted tickets on sale now at www.CTFlowerShow.com

MARCH 8 - MOVIE NIGHT - The East Hartford Commission on Culture & Fine Arts presents a free film, "Hive" at 7 p.m. in the Community Cultural Center auditorium, 50 Chapman Place. East Hartford Summer Youth Festival will be selling concessions, including popcorn. Hive is a searing drama based on the true story of Fahrije, who has lived with fading hope and burgeoning grief since her husband went missing during the war in Kosovo. She pulls the other widows in her community together to launch a business selling a local food product. NR.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT HORSESHOE CLUB has moved to 50 Oakland St. (off Park Avenue) and are looking for people interested in playing horseshoes indoors during the winter months. E-mail debbiescully@comcast.net; 860-778-1057.

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

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.

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

PROJECT LINUS delivers blankets to local hospitals. We are always looking for people to donate handmade quilts or afghans. Blankets need not be fancy, just colorful and washable, any size, receiving to twin. To donate call 860-649-5513.

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

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