

Town's top student chef takes the cake

by Cathy Maldonado

The annual Future Chef Competition Cook-off took place on March 20 at East Hartford High School, marking the 15th year of this exciting event and Josie Tedesco won the competition with her Yummy Yogurt Bowl.

This year, students in grades 3 through 5 from East Hartford's eight elementary schools were invited to submit their favorite fruit or vegetable side dish recipes.

Out of the 40-50 applications received, five talented finalists were selected. However, due to unforeseen illnesses, three finalists competed in the cook-off. The competitors included Elizabeth Saucier, a fifth grader from Goodwin School, who pre-

pared Celery Butterflies; James Kearns, a third grader from Goodwin School, who presented James' Kindness Fruit Kebab; and Josie Tedesco, a fifth grader from O'Connell School, who won the competition with her Yummy Yogurt Bowl.

Contestants worked alongside East Hartford High School culinary students and kitchen staff to ensure safe food preparation and professional guidance.

Spectators had the chance to observe the cooking process and later taste the final dishes during the reception portion of the event.

A panel of four judges evaluated the dishes based on originality, kid-friendly appeal, ease

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TOP CHEF: Josie Tedesco with her 'Yummie Yoghurt Bowl'

Fear of felons with firearms

By Bill Doak

Concerned that the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is no longer responsible for vetting convicted felons who want to buy firearms, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal convened a press conference at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex Monday to warn of dire consequences due to the takeover by the Justice Department (DOJ) of the permitting process.

Blumenthal, who has advocated for strengthening gun laws, noted an "interim final ruling" by U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi would potentially restore the right to bear arms to 24 million felons.

Bondi cited a decades-old law that left the ATF "unable to effectuate its regulatory authority to act on individual applications due to an identical appropriations rider enacted annually," according to the ruling. Formerly, the ATF used to consider a felon's request for the return of their guns on a case-by-case basis. Now, according to Blumenthal, the DOJ will use an algorithm to make the decision.

Flanked by Mayor Connor Martin and Chief of Police Mack Hawkins, the senator decried the plan of the DOJ, under President Donald J. Trump, to restore gun rights of convicted felons - a class which includes the President himself.

The decision about whether

Dead dogs prompt Army to offer \$5,000 rewards

by Bill Doak

Less than a week apart, the discovery of two dead dogs improperly disposed of has shocked the town.

According to police, March 18 a golden retriever was found dead in a green garbage can behind the abandoned Stop & Shop on Silver Lane, plastic bags covering its head. And on Sunday morning a man poking around in the bushes by the Hockanum River waterfall off Cottage Street found a dead pit-bull puppy in a garbage bag. Police said the dog had a puncture wound in its side which may or may not be a bullet hole.

Necropsies of both dogs are being performed, but the results will not be known for weeks.

East Hartford Animal Control officers said the dogs were thrown away as if they were trash. Police said they do not



The Desmond Army advocate canine.

believe the incidents are related, but they are investigating.

Officer Marc Caruso, Public Information Officer for the East Hartford Police Dept. and a dog handler of the department's new comfort dog, Beacon, told a local television station the dis-

coveries are very upsetting, especially to anyone who cares for a pet.

"Anytime something like this happens we all know our animals are parts of our family. They are innocent and defenseless animals. So when you see

this type of pain or behavior inflicted on an animal, it's sad for everyone involved, especially pet owners," he said.

Zilla Cannamela, president of Desmond's Army Animal Law Advocates told the Gazette that they have offered \$5,000 rewards for information leading to an arrest or prosecution of the people responsible, an offer which expires in 90 days.

Cannamela said if an animal passes away there are proper steps to take, including a burial in your backyard. Some towns offer a low-cost cremation of a pet, but East Hartford may not be one of those, she said. Call East Hartford Animal Control at 860-291-7572 to ask if they can help rather than disposing of an animal in the trash.

Desmond's Army believes that one's treatment of animals

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AROUND TOWN

Sponsors, volunteers sought for Memorial Day Parade

East Hartford's Veterans Commission announced that the Memorial Day parade and more events will take place Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. on Riverside Drive.

The event will consist of three parts, including a parade, program at the Fallen Star Memorial and celebration of East Hartford. The parade kicks off promptly at 10 a.m., proceeding from 9 Riverside Drive to the Fallen Star Memorial located at Goodwin University. The parade will be followed by a program at

the Fallen Star Memorial and a family-friendly celebration of East Hartford with food trucks, music and activities.

Those who would like to march or help volunteer in the Memorial Day Parade are asked to register by Monday, May 5.

To make the event possible, sponsorship opportunities are open for all local businesses and organizations. Those who wish to sponsor the event or offer in-kind services, please fill out the electronic form below by Monday, April 14, 2025. Sponsorship Information

If interested in being a vendor at the 2025 Memorial Day Parade, please register by Monday, May 5.

To receive the latest updates on the Town's news and events, visit www.easthartfordct.gov and subscribe at www.easthartfordct.gov/subscribe.

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.

GRANGE 'CITIZEN OF YEAR'



MARIANNE MIHAYLO, center, was named the Hillstown Grange Citizen of the Year this week at the Grange annual awards banquet.

Rotary scholarships

Five East Hartford Rotary Scholarships will be given to students who reside in East Hartford regardless of where they attend high school. A sixth offering, the Gioconda B. McGettigan scholarship, is for any East Hartford high school.

This scholarship is made available by a generous bequest from the Estate of Gioconda B. McGettigan. There is a common application for all six scholarships in the guidance offices. Only high school seniors are eligible. The applicant must have at least a C+ or 2.8 GPA to be eligible, and major consideration will be given to students who best exemplify the Rotary Motto "Service Above Self".

Over the past six years the East Hartford Rotary Club has awarded over \$100,000 to East Hartford students based upon their service to the community, their family, their fine academic record and their upholding of the Rotary motto - "Service Above Self". Applications are available in most area High School Guidance Offices. If not, go to www.easthartfordrotary.org Deadline April 23.

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Cada vez que escogemos una megaempresa, dejamos atrás al comerciante de la esquina, al que siempre ha estado ahí para su gente. Y sí, sé que a veces en los negocios locales hay encontronazos. Que si el servicio no fue el mejor ese día, que si el pollo salió medio quemao', que si el mesero te miró feo y te enchismaste... Pero dime tú,

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

¿acaso en las cadenas grandes no pasa lo mismo tooodos los días? La diferencia es que a ellas se lo perdonamos más fácil. Los pequeños comerciantes enfrentan de todo: costos operacionales altísimos, competencia desleal y consumidores que, sin darse cuenta, los ponen en un estándar más alto mientras le pasan por alto los errores a las grandes corporaciones. Y mientras eso sigue, esos negocios que nos dan sabor, historia y comunidad poco a poco desaparecen.

Así que piensa: ¿quién es el que te sirve ese arrochito con

habichuelas que sabe al de abuela? ¿Quién te hace sentir en familia cuando la nostalgia de la isla pega fuerte? Esos mismos que, si no los apoyamos, un día podrían ya no estar.

Yo no quiero un mundo de franquicias sin alma. Así que este verano, dales cariñito a los negocios de aquí. Y si un día tuviste una mala experiencia, dales otra oportunidad. La comida, el esfuerzo y la gente lo valen. Ahora, ve y cómete algo bueno, con sabor de verdad.

Próximo: Llego la búsqueda anual de huevos de Pascua en East Hartford en McAuliffe Park

(30 Remington Road), el 5 de abril desde la 1:00pm. Habrá dulces, sorpresitas, y huevitos de plástico con premios adentro. Mientras los niños esperan su turno, podrán disfrutar de manualidades gratis. Este evento es para niños de 10 años o menos, y los participantes serán divididos por edades.

Niños de 1 a 3 años tendrán su turno de 1:00pm a 1:20pm, las edades de 4 a 5 participarán de 1:30pm a 1:50pm y los niños de 6 a 10 tendrán la oportunidad de participar de 2:00pm a 2:20pm. Cada niño debe de estar acompañado de un adulto.

Para más información visita www.facebook.com/ehparks o <https://www.easthartfordct.gov/home/news/east-hartford-parks-and-recreation-egg-hunt>. También puedes llamar al Departamento de Parques y

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SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

Join Commission on Culture and Fine Arts as we celebrate riches art brings us every month

by Paul Wilusz
CHAIRPERSON, CCFA

We are excited to announce that the Commission of Culture and Fine Arts is looking for new members to help shape and promote the cultural landscape of our community!

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March Celebrates Global Cultural and Ethnic Contributions

March brings a vibrant array

of cultural and ethnic celebrations. Women's History Month honors the achievements and contributions of women worldwide, highlighting their impact in all areas of society.

Holi, the Hindu festival of colors, celebrates the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil with joyous festivities, music, and colorful powders.

St. Patrick's Day on March 17 celebrates Irish heritage, with parades, music, and the wearing of green.

Finally, Nowruz, the Persian New Year, observed between March 19-21, marks the beginning of spring and is celebrated by Iranians, Afghans, and other Persian-speaking communities with family gatherings and traditional customs.

April Celebrates Rich Cultural and

Religious Traditions

April is a month of reflection and celebration of cultural and religious heritage.

Arab American Heritage Month honors the contributions and achievements of Arab Americans in diverse fields, recognizing their impact on the nation's history and culture.

Passover, a significant Jewish holiday, commemorates the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and their liberation from slavery, celebrated with special rituals, prayers, and the Seder meal.

Ramadan, observed by Muslims worldwide, is a holy month of fasting, prayer, and reflection, marked by self-discipline, spiritual growth, and acts of charity. These observances foster cultural understanding and unity.

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Making sure residents of mobile home communities are protected

By HENRY J. GENGA

MAJORITY WHIP AT LARGE 10TH DIST (D)

Concerns by residents of Rivermead Pointe Manufactured Homes Community in East Hartford were brought before the General Law Committee this past week in Hartford.

After an explosive fire ripped through four mobile homes on the property last September, the number one priority has been safety.

First responders needed to connect to outside water sources to put out the fire because the water flow from the fire hydrants on the property was insufficient.

In testimony to the General Law committee, State Rep. Genga said, "What resulted was the need to close an entire road to run an adequate water line to extinguish the fire, delaying the much-needed assistance to the owners who were watching their closest personal possessions burst into flames.

"The residents of Rivermead Pointe are proof that leaving the public's safety in the hands of private out-of-state mobile park owners is insufficient at best and devastatingly consequential at worst.

Fire hydrants on the Rivermead mobile homes property are privately owned and inspected, noted Genga. "Owners



HENRY GENGA

of the park were aware as early as 2019 that were problems with their fire hydrants when another fire broke out," Rep. Genga told the committee.

Rep. Genga's proposed legislation, HB 5428 "An Act Concerning Mobile Manufactured Home Parks," would require manufactured home communities like Rivermead Pointe to test their fire hydrants annually and report the results to the state Department of Consumer Protection.

If the data reveals insufficient water capacity and flow, the owner will be required to send quarterly reports to the department about the progress they are making to have the hy-

drants deemed safe and sufficient.

Rep. Genga urged the committee to pass the legislation "because public safety is our government's primary responsibility."

"I want to thank the several residents who testified on this issue to the committee, especially Heather Toutain and Rebecca Connors, who serve as co-chair of the resident's council," Rep. Genga said. "Their voices were heard by my colleagues on the committee."

The General Law committee approved the provision and sent the bill to the House for consideration.

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North End Senior Center has new purpose



The former North End Senior Center has been remodeled, becoming a local school conference center. The District will be placing a health clinic at the site as well, that remodeling work is just beginning.

By Robert Kanehl

The East Hartford Public Schools Conference Center on the Norris Campus was officially opened this past week with a small gathering of district leaders.

The facility located in what used to be known as the North End Senior Center has been undergoing a “face lift,” according to school Facilities Director James Rovezzi. He noted that, over the past month, the District has spent around \$50,000 to bring the 1949 building into the 21st century. Gone is the old Bingo board as ceilings, floors, walls and windows were replaced while also bringing in modern technology to the building, new tables and chairs and bright graphics to the formerly blank interior walls.

Eventually “we will be running fiber optics as well,” noted Rovezzi. The main conference room has a capacity of between 60 to 70 adults, and will be used by the school district for professional development education as well as a place for the school’s District Leadership Team to meet.

Superintendent of Schools

Thomas Anderson noted that the district had been holding its monthly District Leadership Team meetings in various town schools, which tend to disrupt each school’s educational spaces. The team considered renting space at Goodwin University, but the vacant town building became available.

The town gave the district a five-year lease on the old senior center. The other half of the structure will be converted into a school-based health center to serve nearby Norris elementary school students.

“That will be the harder job,” Rovezzi noted. Not only will it be necessary to replacing the outdated grid ceiling, walls, and windows the facility will need to be brought up to medical facility standards.

Anderson noted that the school district intends to hold only public school activities in the facility with usage limited and very strictly enforced.

Historically, the North End Senior Center was once a community center designed to serve residents of the nearby barracks-style housing development where McAuliffe Park now exists. A large wooden

plaque notes the legacy of the park on a wall near the front door.

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HSO presents Blanchard's 'Fire ShutUp in My Bones'

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra will present what promises to be an unforgettable evening of music featuring the works of six-time Grammy-winning composer Terence Blanchard. Blanchard, who will be in attendance for the show at the Bushnell Auditorium April 24 at 8 p.m. is a celebrated, award-winning jazz trumpeter and composer.

"Fire Shut Up in My Bones" is the first opera by a Black composer to be performed at the Metropolitan Opera, and will be the first also to be performed at The Bushnell. The HSO Masterworks concert will feature a special concert suite of Fire ShutUp in My Bones alongside selections of Blanchard's film scores including Malcolm X, Harriet, and the BlackKklansman. Conducted by Carolyn Kuan, music director,



Terence Blanchard

the performance features Blanchard, soprano Janinah Burnett and baritone Will Liverman.

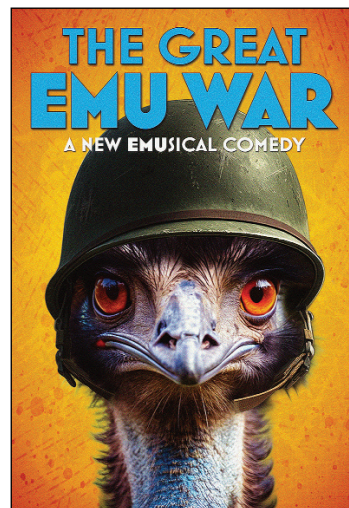
The E-Collective, Blanchard's jazz ensemble, will perform. The show will highlight 11 arias and excerpts from the Met opera. The rare Hartford event will give the local audience the chance to experience the power of Blanchard's music live. The evening promises to bring a blending of raw emotion, storytelling and stunning visuals to the stage. For tickets go to www.hartfordsymphony.org.

In Emu news... Goodspeed at Terris New Musical shows

Two-time Tony Award-winning Goodspeed Musicals announces a season of two brand new musicals at The Terris Theatre in Chester.

One is the latest from a Tony, Oscar and Grammy-winning songwriting team who have a long history with the theatre, and the other is a new musical homegrown through Goodspeed's Festival of New Musicals. Both musicals are at the early stages of their lives, and the teams will focus on developing the work throughout their time at The Terris.

The season will open with the heartfelt new musical revue About Time, which will run May 24 - June 15. The season will conclude with a new "EMU-sical" comedy The Great Emu War, which will run Oct. 3 - 26.



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Society

AT THE LIBRARY

The East Hartford Public Library has announced an exciting lineup of programs scheduled for **spring vacation**.

LEGO Play Days - Saturday, April 12, 11 AM - 1 PM; Sunday, April 13, 2 - 4 PM. Use your imagination to build and create with LEGOS! Pick a design challenge card out of the bowl or make a creation of your own. Completed LEGO masterpieces will stay on display at the library for the month. For all ages. Duplo blocks will be available for young builders. Register for a reminder on our online calendar of events.

Pratt & Whitney Hangar Museum Tour - Tuesday, April 15, 10 AM - noon. Join us as our celebration of the Pratt & Whitney Engines' 100th Anniversary continues with this special guided tour of the Pratt & Whitney Hangar Museum, 423 Airport Avenue, East Hartford. We'll follow the course of P&W aviation achievements with retired engineers and NEAM volunteers Carl Cuff and Keith Lindstrom from Hartford's Capitol Avenue to the former East Hartford tobacco fields and beyond, examining P&W engines, aircraft and more. For all ages (children must be accompanied by an adult). Registration required. Directions to the P & W Hangar Museum campus will be e-mailed to registrants. Please note the day and time will depend on P&W business needs, and may be changed. Registered participants receive updates.

Wickham Program: Family Cooking - Tuesday, April 15, 2 - 3 PM. Join us for a family cooking program offered by Lindsey Kent, RD, retail dietician at the ShopRite of East Hartford & Manchester. She will teach us how to prepare a delicious and healthy snack. Recommended for children ages 5 and up, accompanied by caregivers. Registration required.

Family Art Night - Wednesday, April 16, 6 - 7 PM. Come visit the library to create your own art. We'll try a different material or technique each month. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting a little messy, just in case. Best suited for pre-K through early elementary ages, siblings are welcome

to join in! Families with young children will work together. Registration required.

Family Movie: Mufasa, the Lion King (PG, 1 hour 58 minutes) - Thursday, April 17, 2 - 4 PM - Mufasa, a cub lost and alone, meets a sympathetic lion named Taka, the heir to a royal bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of a group of misfits searching for their destiny. Popcorn provided! For all ages, register for a reminder.

Makerspace Program: DIY Jibbitz in TinkerCAD (3D Printing) - Thursday, April 17, 6 - 7 PM. Come to the Makerspace and learn how to design 3D prints. Make your own custom Jibbitz for your Crocs that we will print and have available for you to pick up. Ages 10 and up. Registration required.

Wickham Program: Pajama Storytime - Thursday, April 17, 6 - 6:45 PM. Join us at Wickham Library for a special evening storytime! You're invited to wear your pajamas and bring a cozy blanket and stuffed animal friend. We'll enjoy bedtime stories, songs and rhymes! Stay for a craft to take home before bedtime. This program is best suited for children ages 7 and under and their caregivers. Register for a reminder.

Job Prep for Teens - Monday - Thursday, April 14 - 17, 10 AM - noon. Are you between the ages of 14 - 19 and looking for help finding a job? Join us. Registration required.

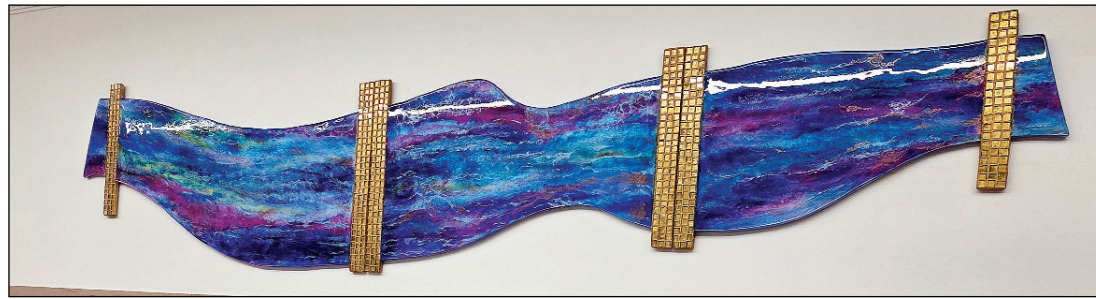
Monday: Job Prep 101: resumes, interviews, applications, and more - Get ready for the working world with this introductory workshop.

Tuesday: Credit for Life Fair - Role play trying to manage a household budget.

Wednesday: Communication and Teamwork - Aujahdai Ambrose leads an interactive session on interpersonal and communication skills.

Thursday: Job Fair! - Meet with area employers to learn about job opportunities for teens, including the Town of East Hartford Summer Youth Employment & Learning Program. Participation by invitation only. To receive an invitation, attend at least one other program in the series.

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Huskies have a solid bench

Little did anyone expect 30 years ago when Geno Auriemma claimed his first of 11 national championships he'd still be setting standards beyond most coach's dreams. Geno's UConn Huskies head for their record 31st consecutive women's NCAA basketball Tournament Sweet Sixteen owing in no small part to senior Paige Bueckers, a clear candidate for Player of the Year. UConn is likely to meet top-rated Southern Cal, but now missing its own Player of the Year candidate in 19-year-old phenom JuJu Watkins. It is confirmed Watkins is gone after an ACL injury suffered Monday night. The

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



Spokane 4 Regional will now come down to who has the best supporting cast. Geno, post-game, noted Bueckers finally has one.

"My assistants are always yelling at me, 'Put this guy in, put that guy in,'" he said after Monday's rout of South Dakota State. "The last couple of years they couldn't say that because we didn't have anyone to put in."

Monday, 8 Huskies had double-digit minutes. Monday Azzi Fudd had 17 points and Sarah Strong had 15 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists. Monday whirling dervish K.K. Arnold helped turn the tide UConn's way with relentless defense, six points, five rebounds and five assists. Monday Bueckers made her final Gampel Pavilion playing appearance with a show for the ages: 34 points - 21 in the first half - three rebounds, three assists, five steals. UConn 91, South Dakota State 59. Bueckers left the court for the final time late in the fourth quarter to a standing O, joining Maya Moore as the only Huskies with 2,000 points, 500 rebounds and 500 assists. After the game she addressed the fans. "Thanks for this season, thanks for everything", she emoted over the Gampel P.A. system, "Thank you for making this a home away from home."

That crowd was hushed when the Jackrabbits from South Dakota jumped to a 10-4 lead. But a 39-12 UConn run made it 43-22 Huskies, and it was pretty much over. Time and again Bueckers doused SDS hopes with long range daggers. She's ready to pursue that national crown.

The second-seed Huskies face third-seed Oklahoma Friday night in Spokane. A win, and a Southern Cal win over Kansas State, might have had the nation tuning in to see a duel between Player-of-the-Year favorites. Not to be.

Coach Lindsay Gottlieb said it. Everyone on the team picked it up, especially Iriaafen. But the dream Bueckers-Watkins matchup is not to be this March, certainly to the disappointment of ESPN, her many NIL sponsors, and all fans of the women's game from Storrs to Long Beach. We only wish JuJu well, and know she's just a sophomore.

The UConn men? Alas, no 'three-peat' Coach Hurley promised at the end of last year's victory parade. But, you know what? UConn should not hang its Husky head. They gave it their all. The two-point round two loss to Florida, the team most pundits pick to win it all, was a thriller in a season of come-from-behind wins. That's basketball. UConn tied an NCAA Tournament record - 13 consecutive wins. The UConn's legacy still lives on.

Stafford readies Spring Sizzler

Driver Tom Fearn: 40 years behind wheel

When Stafford Speedway's Late Model cars hit the track in 2025, one driver will be reaching a significant milestone.

Tom Fearn, driver of the #92 King Gray Coach Lines Chevrolet, will mark his 40th season of racing when he rolls out for the 53rd Annual NAPA Spring Sizzler® on Saturday, April 26.

Fearn began his career at Riverside Park Speedway during the 1985 season and kicked off his Stafford career in the 1988 Fall Final. For info and tickets, staffordspeedway.com or call 860-684-2783.

"1985 was my first year racing at Riverside Park and my first Stafford race was the Fall Final in 1988," said Fearn.

"The rules were good back then so you could run both tracks and in 1989 I ran the same car in the Late Model division at both tracks. This will be my 40th year in racing and it might be my last year driving, but I'm not positive on that just yet. My five to ten year plan is to move to Florida so I'm not really sure yet if I'm going to keep driving or keep the car and put someone in it for 2026. I'll cross that bridge when I get to it,"

Six of Fearn's 9 career track championships have come behind the wheel at Stafford.

Mets to wear Ed Kranepool's Number 7

The New York Mets will wear a tribute uniform patch all season long to honor Mets Hall of Famer Ed Kranepool. Kranepool passed away on September 8, 2024, at age 79. The patch will feature Kranepool's iconic number seven and will be worn on the sleeve of all Mets jerseys. Kranepool's 17 family members will be honored pregame on Opening Day, April 4 vs. the Toronto Blue Jays. The Kranepool family will also be accompanied by close friend and former teammate, Art Shamsky.

"Of all the stats and records Ed accomplished throughout



Fearn has won 3 titles each in Stafford's ProStock and Late Model divisions, and he is also the winningest driver in Stafford history for both divisions.

Fearn has 17 career ProStock wins at Stafford and he currently has 65 Late Model wins. Fearn's 65 Late Model wins are 20 more wins than the next driver on the list and his combined total of 82 wins ties him with Keith Rocco for 3rd place on the all-time Stafford winners list.

Fearn and Rocco currently sit 2 wins behind Woody Pitkat in second and 49 wins behind

Ted Christopher.

"It's a great thing to look back on," said Fearn. "I won 3 championships and a bunch of races in the ProStock division at Stafford and then they got rid of the division and that was a heartbreaker for sure. But that's something that can never be taken away and my name will always be there. I'm sure that there will be other guys down the road that will beat those records, although I don't think anyone will be breaking that ProStock record! It's a great feeling to have and I'd love to add a few more wins to that total."



his career, the thing he was most proud of was that he spent his entire Major League career in a Mets uniform," said

Art Shamsky. "Ed would be touched that the team will be wearing his number seven on their uniform all year long."

Kranepool played for the Mets from 1962-1979, spending his entire 18-year career with the Mets. He was a member of the 1969 Miracle Mets, a 1965 All-Star and the club's all-time leader in games played. Kranepool remains in the Mets all-time top 10 in many statistical categories including plate appearances, hits, at-bats, total bases, doubles, RBI, walks and runs scored. He was inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame in 1990.

OBITUARIES

Marie (Futtner) McGuire, 83; farmer, teacher

Marie Michelle (Futtner) McGuire, 83, of Manchester, Connecticut (CT), passed away on March 17, 2025, in Maine, surrounded by her family. She was the devoted wife of Michael McGuire, the love of her life, for almost 57 years until he died in 2021.



Marie McGuire

Marie was born December 15, 1941, to Raymond and Antoinette Futtner at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, and was one of the oldest cousins of her generation.

Marie attended Goodwin School, the new Sunset Ridge School, and East Hartford High School. She belonged to the Girl Scouts and spent many happy hours with her very active troop. A beautiful singer, she sang on the radio, sometimes accompanied by her father. Marie also helped on the family farm, handing tobacco plants to her father for hanging in the sheds and selling corn at the family's roadside stand.

She met and fell in love with Michael McGuire, a dapper Irishman, at Central Connecticut State College, where they earned their bachelor's degrees, her's in elementary education. Upon graduation, Marie taught at South Grammar and Anna E. Norris Schools in East Hartford. The couple married on April 11, 1964, at St. Rose Church.

Marie and Michael lived and worked in central Connecticut for their first several years,

raising their family of four daughters.

In 1975, Mike and Marie bought Tasty Chick Restaurant in Vernon, which they successfully ran for 14 years with the help of their daughters and many loyal employees.

Mike and Marie then moved the family to Ashford to start their third act as Christmas tree farmers. During that time, Mike and Marie were Ashford town chairs of the 1995 International Special World Olympics, hosting the Special World Olympics delegation from Egypt.

After the children moved on, the couple moved to Wells, Maine, where they volunteered and traveled to Italy, Australia, England, and the Western United States. They returned from Maine to Connecticut in their later years and began a quieter time of life.

Marie, a full-blooded Italian by birth, was a great cook, baker, and hostess. She was also a doting grandmother and a beloved sister and cousin to many. Along with her strong Catholic faith, her family was a prime focus.

Marie leaves behind her four daughters: Patricia Steltzer and her husband Edward of

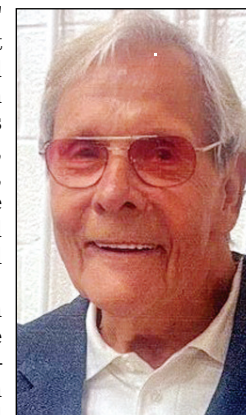
Arundel, Maine; MaryEllen McGuire and her husband Bediako George of Washington, D.C.; Michelle McGuire and her husband Gary Murfitt of Kennebunk, Maine; Allison Caraceni and her husband Tom of Webster, MA; ex-son-in-law Robert "Rob" Uccello of Millbury, MA; her five grandchildren McGuire and Archer Uccello, Imani and Liam George, and Aiden Murfitt; brother James Futtner and his wife Honora of South Windsor; sister Joanne Keizer and her husband Stephen of Plymouth, MA; brother Robert Futtner of East Hartford; sister-in-law Kathryn Shanahan Pikosky and her husband Michael of North Haven; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her husband, Marie was predeceased by her brother Raymond A. Futtner, Jr., son-in-law Barry Pfeffer, and her grandson Connor George.

Funeral services were held March 22 with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at Assumption Church, Manchester and burial at Ellington Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Marie's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To leave a message of sympathy to the family, visit www.desopoeh.com.

Marshall 'Marsh' Potter, 81

Marshall "Marsh" Potter, 81, of East Hartford passed away at home March 12, 2025. He was born on October 22, 1943, in Manchester, son of the late Sherwood B. and Dorothy Marshall Potter.



Marshall Potter

Marsh was an MHS graduate where he was a decorated athlete, then attended Springfield College and worked for many years at Pratt & Whitney.

Marsh was a passionate fan of many sports, with a special love for the New York Yankees. He loved attending local games, talking sports with his family and friends, and spending time at The Willow with the Hot Stove League and at the British American Club laughing with his buddies. Everywhere he went, Marsh seemed to attract others, making them laugh (and/or shake their head).

Marsh is survived by his son, Kurt Marshall Potter and

his wife Jill (Bycholski), along with their children, Quin and Liliana, with whom he had wonderful relationships, all of Bolton; his sister Carol Duncan (Robert-deceased) of Vernon; many nieces, nephews that he adored, and lifelong friends. He was predeceased by his brother, Sherwood Todd Potter (Noreen) of Stratford.

Friends gathered with Marshall's family Monday, March 24 at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, Manchester. Casual dress and Yankees gear was encouraged.

The family would like to thank all the health care professionals who assisted him recently (Shyenne), Elder Care in Manchester and in the past, as well as all of his friends and neighbors that have been such a big part of his life.

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The volunteers point to a statistical connection between animal abuse and domestic and social violence. 'Report Animal Abuse. Stop Domestic Abuse' - Desmond's Army launches first billboard campaign on Labor Day 2022.



quent training and exchanges among criminal justice agencies to cross-train on animal cruelty."

Cannamela said Desmond's Army provides municipalities funding for necropsies or DNA results to help prosecution of animal cruelty cases, helps pay the veterinarian expenses for victims of animal cruelty when there is an open investigation, and provides rewards for information.

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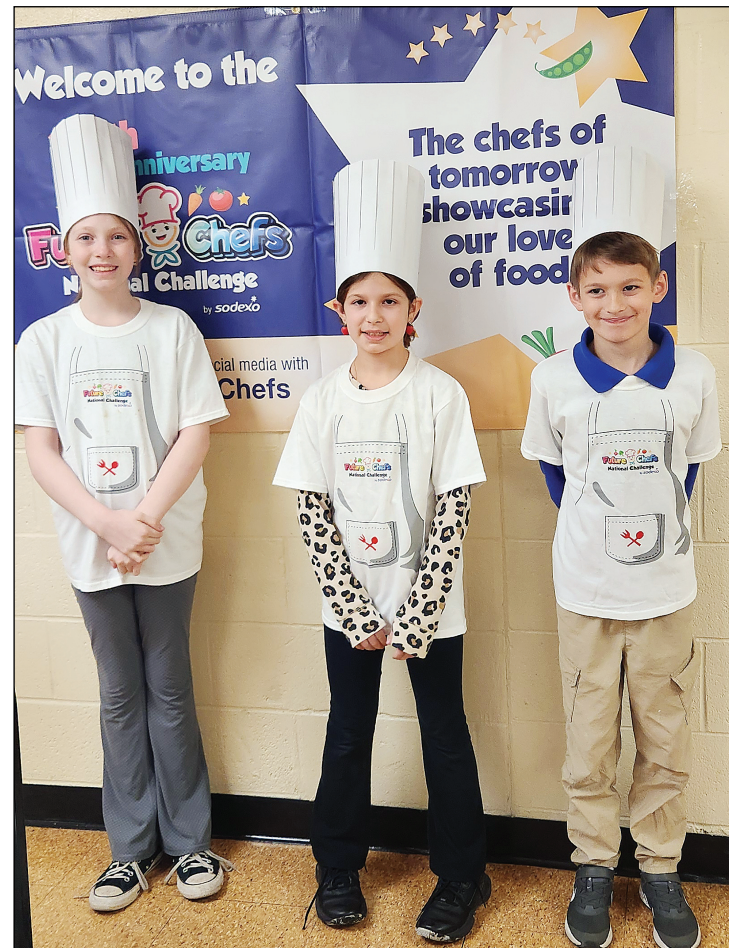
of preparation, healthy attributes, plate presentation, and taste. After the judging process, Josie Tedesco's Yummy Yogurt Bowl earned the highest score, securing her the grand prize—an iPad.

Tedesco will now advance to the regional competition, where she will compete against winners from Sodexo's other K-12 school programs. If successful, she will move on to the national competition in April, following in the footsteps of two previous East Hartford regional winners.

The event was hosted by Sodexo, East Hartford's food service partner.

The competition was meant to provide an engaging opportunity for young students to showcase their culinary creativity while promoting health and wellness.

COMPETING FOR THE BEST TASTE WERE CHEFS Elizabeth Saucier, left, Josie Tedesco, center, and James Kearns, right.



Blumenthal alarmed at change in gun rules

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or not to return the gun rights to a felon or someone accused of a crime of domestic violence and assess who is going to be a threat will be decided by an algorithm," said Blumenthal. "There are 24 million dangerous persons, who are convicted, off the street, of violent, dangerous crimes, crimes of violence, domestic abuse - now all of them will potentially have their guns back. This step is deeply disturbing and dangerous. It threatens public safety, domestic violence victims, and retailers who will be held up."

Blumenthal cited a 1992 spending bill restricting ATF from restoring the gun rights of felons was sidestepped by shifting the permitting process to the DOJ, the veteran senator called it a dangerous step, contrary to the spirit and letter of the law."

Locally, those applying for a gun permit will still need to be vetted by the police department, and no one with a felony conviction qualifies, said Chief of Police Hawkins. Asked if the East Hartford police would give President Donald J. Trump, who was convicted of a felony, a gun permit, the chief said he would wait until that moment

comes. "We will do what the law tells us to do. Our job must be to remain neutral. We will follow the law," said Chief Hawkins.

Would a Presidential pardon restore the rights of those convicted for their actions on January 6, 2021 to own a firearm? Blumenthal said yes. "They will get their guns back."

The interim rule, posted in the Federal Register Thursday, follows a February executive order from President Trump directing a review of the country's gun restrictions to "assess any ongoing infringements."

Second Amendment advocates were concerned by denial of actor Mel Gibson's request to get his guns back which were taken away after he was convicted of a misdemeanor domestic violence in 2011. U.S. pardon attorney Elizabeth G. Oyer opposed restoring Gibson's gun rights, and was fired Friday as a result, she contends. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) has the power to restore gun rights, but the agency has been blocked from doing so under congressional appropriations riders since 1992, the same restrictions that will now go away, Blumenthal noted.

Under Pam Bondi and the DOJ, the attorney general will now designate that power. The DOJ said the rule "reflects an appropriate avenue to restore firearm rights to certain individuals who no longer warrant such disability based on a combination of the nature of their past criminal activity and their subsequent and current law-abiding behavior."

The notice also said that "no constitutional right is limitless and that they would be "screening out others for whom full restoration of firearm rights would not be appropriate."

"We should be assessing on an individualized basis whether a person will be dangerous with a firearm," Blumenthal said. "Not a blanket, wholesale restoration of gun rights to everyone convicted of felonies, no matter whether dangerous or not, no matter whether the crime involved violence or not."

Blumenthal said the effect of the interim ruling is immediate. "Now, 24 million convicted felons, many of them of dangerous crimes involving violence, involving domestic abuse, involving actual damage and harm will potentially automatically have their gun rights restored," Blumenthal said.

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

MARCH 29: WOMEN IN WORLD WAR II AND THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA - The World War II Legacy Foundation presents "The Courageous Women of World War II" at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 at Warehouse Point Library in East Windsor. Find out how nearly 350,000 American women served in uniform to support the war effort. We will highlight several local and national female heroes who helped shape women's roles in American culture and society. To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Victory at the Battle of Iwo Jima, "In the Shadow of Suribachi: Sammy's Story" will take place at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, March 30 at the South Windsor Library. Howie Bernstein will introduce and discuss this very moving documentary about his Dad, Iwo Jima Survivor, Sam Bernstein. Howie will bring his father's actual battle mementos for you to see. If questions contact Gary Roy, Co-Founder at (860) 810-8736.

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

APRIL 2, 9: MINI-COURSE: BABY BOOMS AND BABY BUSTS With economic prosperity, birth rates have fallen in a number of countries around the globe. Delve into the whys plus look at variables like healthcare, workforce engagement, educational levels, and economic prosperity. Wednesdays, April 2, 9; 10-11:30 a.m. **APRIL 3, 10, 17: U.S. POP MUSIC MINI-COURSE** Have you ever thought about how race and place have shaped the pop music you love? Delve into how the divergent geography, exceptional mixture of people, and even performance locales have birthed dozens of pop music genres in the 20th century. Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17; 3-4:30 p.m. One of many courses & lectures for adults at the Presidents' College Lifelong Learning Program at the University of Hartford. Email pcollege@hartford.edu to be added to the mailing list.

APRIL 5: CELEBRATE SPRING with a stack of delicious hot pancakes at the Hillstown Grange starting at 8:30 a.m., 617 Hills St. The "Spring Break Pancake Breakfast" includes sausage, coffee, tea and juice for \$6; children under 14 \$3. Regular and special "kid-cakes" with chocolate chips. Featured pancake for April will be an "April Fools Surprise" pancake served until 11 a.m. Free garden and flower seeds will be offered upstairs. The Grange just received 800 packets of seeds from UConn's Master Gardeners.

APRIL 8 - TUESDAY NIGHT TUNES concert starting at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the East Hartford Community Cultural Center (EHCCC), 50 Chapman Place. **Hosmer Mountain Boys** brings rollicking Bluegrass music. Sponsored by Parks and Rec. FMI

and weather alerts call 860-291-7160.

APRIL 9 - WICKHAM DAY QUILTERS of East Hartford from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Wickham Library meeting room at 656 Burnside Avenue in East Hartford. Like to sew? Interested in quilting? Not a fan of driving at night? Attend a meeting to see if you would like to join us. Any skill level welcome. We meet the second Wednesday of the month. Wickham Day Quilters is a chapter of the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild. Any questions? Email us at Wickhamdayquilters@gmail.com

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH will be marked on Thursday, April 10, at noon in front of Town Hall, 740 Main St. Hosted this year by New England Donor Services (NEDS), the East Hartford flag-raising is one of several statewide during National Do-

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TROOP 1'S CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE is Saturday, April 12 in the parking lot of First Congregational Church, 837 Main St., from 8 until 11 a.m. Proceeds support Scouting America Troop 1, the oldest troop in the land.

APRIL 12: MONTE CARLO WHIST, FUN, GAMES AND SUPPER - The Ladies Guild of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church is hosting a Monte Carlo Whist on Saturday, April 12, 2025 in the Lower Church Hall at 63 Popielusko Court in Hartford. The Whist will start at 6:00 p.m. and be conducted in both English and Polish. An optional light supper will be available for purchase beginning at 5:00 p.m. Supper choices are: Potato Pancakes - Hot Dog with Chili - Chicken Cutlet Sandwich with Coleslaw. Admission for the Whist is \$5.00. Tickets will be sold at the door. Beginners welcome. Come for the supper, even if you don't play cards! Handicap accessible. Bring your friends. Proceeds will benefit the Guild's Scholarship Fund. Information: 860-659-0356

APRIL 16, 27: SHAKESPEARE'S THE TEMPEST. Take your enjoyment of Shakespeare up a notch with The Hartt School's production of The Tempest. Delve behind the scenes as director Robert Davis and composer Kathryn Swanson discuss their collaboration on the original musical score and dramatic sound design on April 16. Attend the production April 27. Lecture: Wednesday, April 16, 2-3:30 p.m. Performance: Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m. at UHart. Register at Presidents' College Lifelong Learning at the University of Hartford. Hartford.edu/pc. Email pcollege@hartford.edu to be added to the mailing list.

MAY 22: CONNECTIKIDS "BOTANICAL BALL" Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pond House in Elizabeth Park, West Hartford. Dinner, dancing and fun. Tickets \$100 at givebutter.com/CTKBall or contact Kaleitha Brown at 860-522-8710 x12. FMI visit www.ct-kids.org

KNOW A WORLD WAR II VETERAN? State officials are seeking help from residents throughout the state in finding living World War II veterans, so that they can be recognized for their service on the 80th anniversary of the end of the war. Complete the form online. Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz will host a ceremony to recognize all living World War II veterans who served from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946. The ceremony will take place on Monday, May 19 at 11 a.m. at the State Armory, 360 Broad St., Hartford.

JUNE 7: AN EVENING OF WORSHIP, STORIES & SONGS WITH DAVE PETTIGREW at Burnside United Methodist Church, 16 Church St., 7 p.m. Free. An offering will be taken. A graduate of Berklee College of Music in Boston, with majors in music business and arranging, Dave uses music as a vehicle to speak on behalf of

the poorest of the poor, each of his shows gives his audience the ability to sponsor a child and save a life. Join the "There Is Hope" movement. For more info go to dave@davepettigrew.net

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT HORSESHOE CLUB has moved to 50 Oakland St. (off Park Avenue). Interested in playing horseshoes indoors? 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. For East Hartford residents only.

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

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