

The Gazette

VOLUME 140, NO. 14

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Crafted from the finest local ingredients since 1885

1406 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108

860-289-6468

editor@ehgazette.com

website: ehgazette.com

Walgreen's to close Silver Lane location

By Cathy Maldonado

Silver Lane is saying goodbye to Walgreens on May 20th. Walgreens has announced the permanent closure of its pharmacy at 922 Silver Lane at the entrance to the Charter Oak Mall.

The store will start going on clearance little by little all the way up to May 20th.

This closure is part of a bigger retreat by the corporation "to streamline its operations," it contends. The company has been closing stores across Connecticut, targeting outlets in New Britain, in Hartford on Maple Avenue as well as on the corner of Washington and Park streets, in Waterbury and in East Haven.

WALGREEN'S CLOSING, pg 10



Sign at Silver Lane Walgreen's

SELFIE WITH THE BUNNY



TIME FOR A SELFIE WITH THE BUNNY Sunday at the Parks & Recreation Department's annual Egg Hunt at McAuliffe Park.

Board signs contract to redo lockers at EHMS

By Robert Kanehl

At its regular meeting the East Hartford Board of Education awarded contracts for the Middle School locker area, as well as various technology upgrades. The Board also signed off on the Norris Roof Replacement project so that it can go out to bid.

The middle school locker room renovations will be conducted by Diversity Construction Group, LLC of Wallingford for \$682,000. They were the lowest qualified bidder for the project. Originally the town had asked for bids on both the high school gym and the middle school locker room, but all 7 bids for the two projects came

in too high, and the District decided only to fund the middle school project. One hundred percent of this funding will come from the state Dept. of Economic Community Development Grant.

The Board also approved two contracts for work concerning technology upgrades and expansions. The first was to Crown Castle Corporation of Huston Texas to provide fiber services and technical support for all the district buildings at \$504,252 for a three-year period. Federal funding covers 90 percent of this cost.

The second contract was awarded to Whalley Computer

See **BOARD CONTRACTS**, pg 10

Tales of heroism, duty at FD awards

by Bill Doak

It was an evening of promotions, awards and stories of heroism Wednesday, April 2 in the auditorium of the East Hartford Community Cultural Center as the East Hartford Fire Dept. caught up with years' worth of commendations.

Firefighters, friends and family watched and listened as 28 firefighters were promoted, five exchanged orange probation helmets for standard helmets symbolizing the completion of their probation-

ary period and four new members of the department received their badges for the first time.

The pinning on of badges brought family, friends and children across the stage.

Accounts of life-saving action by members of the East Hartford squads, on duty and off, and dating back to the snowstorm of 2011 resulted in commendations and the Firefighter Cross.

Among the stories was that of 8-year-old Asiah Prince.

January 30, 2024 Asiah was

SEE **FIRE DEPT. AWARDS**, page 10



Asiah Prince and her mother listen as Mayor Connor Martin describes her actions in helping rescue her mother from a fall. Looking on is Josh Recker, Chief Medical Officer, and retired dispatcher Diane Cychenas.

AROUND TOWN

Town Logistics and Tech Park wins award

The East Hartford Logistics & Technology Park, completed by ARCO National Construction's New England division for National Development, has been awarded the 2025 CoStar Impact Award for Hartford Commercial Development of the Year.



This recognition highlights the project's innovation, economic impact, and strategic location, offering direct access to major metropolitan markets, including New York and Boston.

In collaboration with National Development, ARCO delivered the first phase of the 300-acre industrial park which included two build-to-suit, Class A distribution facilities totaling over 2.5 million square feet for prominent retail end-users. The CoStar Group announced the achievement in March, following evaluation by a panel of experienced industry professionals.

Situated on the Rentschler Field site, a former WWII airfield, the development has

transformed the landmark location into a thriving economic hub, positioning Hartford as a key player in the logistics and distribution sector. In addition to construction jobs, the development is expected to generate permanent jobs, strengthening the regional economy.

"ARCO is proud to have delivered this transformative project on an aggressive 14-month timeline," said Jason Grant, President of ARCO National Construction's New England division. "Our design-build approach ensured seamless project execution, allowing us to complete both state-of-the-art facilities efficiently while maintaining the highest standards of quality. We are grateful for Na-

tional Development's partnership in completing this award-winning project."

"The 2025 CoStar Impact Award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the development and construction teams who transformed this underutilized site into one of the largest logistics centers between New York and Boston," said Charlie Rollins, Chief Operating Officer, National Development. "We are proud of the positive impact this development has already had, and we remain focused on delivering projects that not only create long-term value for our tenants but also contribute to the growth and revitalization of the communities we serve."

Both facilities were designed with infrastructure for future solar panel installations, energy-efficient lighting, and EV charging stations. Each facility also features 40' clear height, approximately 150 dock positions, office space, and ample trailer and auto parking.

JERSEY MIKE'S SUPPORTS



DON BUTLER, Disabled American Veterans Unknown Soldier Chapter 12 of Greater Hartford, center, presents an appreciation plaque to Jonique Davis and Brandie Joyce and the entire staff of Jersey Mikes in Glastonbury for their ongoing support. The store partners with the local DAV.

Mr. Sparkle Car Wash

230 Tolland St., East Hartford

Touchless Automatic

SAVE \$3.00

On Any Wash with Our

"Advanced Drying System"

Satisfaction
Guaranteed
Offer Good
7 Days 8-5;
Exp. 4-30-2025

38

CHARLIE'S PIZZA

Let us do the cooking tonight!

TWO PASTA DINNERS: \$25.95

Chose any two of these Baked Pasta pleasures:

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

Includes soup or salad, bread & butter

DELICIOUS CHARLIE'S SPECIALS DAILY!

Fiddle Music - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays @6

Dine-in only. Must present coupon, valid thru May 25, 2025

386 PROSPECT ST., EH - 860-528-0111

OUR 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

PETER'S LANDSCAPING, LLC

Landscaping Maintenance, Design and Installation

✿ STARTED IN 1980 - EST. IN 1981 ✿



860-646-1169

806 HILLSTOWN ROAD
MANCHESTER, CT 06040

We are a full-service company, fully licensed and insured, with Workers Comp and Insurance proof provided upon request. References always available.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mowings | <input type="checkbox"/> Walks installed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-ups | <input type="checkbox"/> Koi ponds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerating | <input type="checkbox"/> Grading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overseeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Excavating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydro-seeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Stumps removed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liming | <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling of lawns | <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dethatching | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailbox posts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-voltage lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing of all types |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patios | <input type="checkbox"/> Firepits |

"When landscaping, think Peter's"

FOUNDED IN 1980 - EST. 1981 - 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

CLASSIFIEDS

DID YOU DRIVE A SCHOOL BUS in Glastonbury in the 1980s? We're looking to interview former drivers for a short film about childhood and memory. Earn a \$20 Stop & Shop gift card for approximately one hour of your time.

If interested, please contact Meredith at meredithmillerphoto@gmail.com.

LAW FIRM HELP WANTED

Growing EH office seeks f/t legal assistant for e-filing/legal processing.

Starts at \$19-\$20/hour.

Contact Adam Olshan at aolshan@rubinrothman.com

FREE TO A GOOD HOME:

Two parakeets w/cage. 1 blue male, 6 yrs old, 1 yellow female, 3 years old.

Call 860-289-2859.

SALES POSITION - PERFECT POSITION

FOR SEMI-RETIREEES at Maple & Main Liquors, East Hartford. Register, inventory, cleaning. 25-35 hours per week. Call 860-881-7479

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

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

Unión en medio del dolor

Vamos a hablar claro: hay muchas cosas pasando en nuestra comunidad. A veces sentimos ansiedad, pánico, estrés, tristeza... o simplemente ya no sabemos cómo reaccionar.

Lo digo por lo que ocurrió esta semana en Santo Domingo. El Caribe entero está de luto tras la tragedia del 8 de abril.

Si no te enteraste, el techo de la discoteca Jet Set colapsó durante la presentación del reconocido merengero Rubby Pérez. Fue un momento que jamás olvidaremos. Al menos 124 personas perdieron la vida y más de 155 resultaron heridas.

Entre los fallecidos están figuras muy queridas: el merengero Rubby Pérez, la gobernadora de Monte Cristi, Nelsy Milagros Cruz Martínez, y el exlanzador de Grandes Ligas, Octavio Dotel.

La tragedia ocurrió en la madrugada del martes, dejando una herida profunda en toda la región.

El equipo de bomberos de Puerto Rico, junto con personal de Ciencias Forenses, fue movilizadado para ayudar en las labores de búsqueda y rescate. Y eso dice mucho.

Porque la vida no siempre ocurre como la planeamos. A veces nos golpea con fuerza: una crisis personal, problemas económicos, pérdidas, desastres. Pero en medio de todo eso, es crucial mantener la calma, respirar profundo y actuar con humanidad.

Lo ocurrido en Santo Domingo es una tragedia bien lamentable. Sin embargo, en medio del dolor, hemos podido ver cómo, como comunidad, nos unimos para apoyarnos cuando más lo necesitamos.

Puerto Rico se está movilizandando por su hermano, y ese es el ejemplo que debemos seguir. No solo ante esta tragedia, sino en cada una de las circunstancias que enfrentamos como comunidad latina/ hispana.

Puede parecer algo simple, pero no lo es. Nosotros sabemos lo que significa la unión. Sabemos cómo extender la mano en los momentos más difíciles. Y hoy, más que nunca, esa solidaridad es esencial.

Próximo: Este fin de semana sigue en pie la siembra de árboles auspiciada por el Japan Society de Connecticut. Este evento está proyectado para el 12 de abril, pero hay lluvia proyectada para ese sábado así que pendiente a las redes sociales por si hay cambios.

¡UCONN Huskies están de fiesta! Ven y celebra el Domingo 13 de abril a la 1:00pm junto al equipo Femenino de baloncesto su victoria número 12 en downtown Hartford. Pendiente a las redes sociales para más información.

Desayuna con el Conejo de Pascua el 13 de abril desde las 8:30 am hasta las 12:00pm en el Kinghts of Columbus Hall, 1831 Main St. Las taquillas están a \$15.00 regular y niños menores de 10 años a \$5.00. van a ver sorteos y juegos. Este evento es pro-fondo Special Olympics.

Conecta conmigo:

cmaldonado8816@gmail.com

Donate your cans

The East Hartford Lions Club will hold a townwide can and Bottle Drive Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at D'addarios Auto Service, 117 Burnside Avenue. Only plastic bottles and aluminum cans redeemable in Connecticut will be collected. No glass bottles, please. This collection supports East Hartford Lions projects providing scholarships, eye screenings for children, food baskets delivered to families in need, the Lions QUEST drug prevention program and many other civic programs.




All-Time Grilling Faves **SAVE 58%**

- 4 Butcher's Cut Top Sirloins (5 oz.)
- 4 Air-Chilled Boneless Chicken Breasts (4 oz.)
- 4 Boneless Pork Chops (5 oz.)
- 4 Gourmet Jumbo Franks (3 oz.)
- 4 Potatoes au Gratin (2.8 oz.)
- 4 Caramel Apple Tartlets (4 oz.)
- 1 Omaha Steaks Seasoning (3 oz.)
- 8 FREE Omaha Steaks Burgers** (4 oz.)

75432SWY separately \$240.99 **\$99.99**

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE

8 FREE BURGERS (\$22 value)

ORDER NOW! » OmahaSteaks.com/GrillFaves1645
1.855.375.9938 Ask for 75432SWY

100% GUARANTEE
You'll love it or your money back!




THE EAST HARTFORD LIONS CLUB

SPRING Hanging PLANT SALE

Get ahead of the pack with Mother's Day cheers!

PLACE YOUR FLOWER ORDER TODAY!

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: MAY 2ND, 2025

AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY OR PICKUP MAY 8TH OR 9TH, 2025




11" Premium Hanging Baskets only \$22 each

Connecticut-grown from Cheshire, CT

Hanging Basket choice:	Quantity	per pot	amount
Selection 1) Geranium Basket	_____	X \$22	_____
Selection 2) Impatiens Basket	_____	X \$22	_____
Selection 3) Trailing Petunia	_____	X \$22	_____
Selection 4) Calibrachoa Basket	_____	X \$22	_____
TOTAL:			_____

Mail this form with a check payable to:

East Hartford Lions Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 380765

East Hartford, CT 06138-0765



Questions? contact Lion David at 860-944-5498 or Lion Roberta - 860-212-3229

All Funds raised go back to the East Hartford Community.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Notes: _____

The Gazette

Thursday, April 10, 2025

PUBLISHED BY ACORN MEDIA SERVICES LLC
1406 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108
Office: 860-289-6468 ♦ Fax: 888-809-3026

Founded October, 1885 by Henry Bidwell Hale
www.EHGazette.com
'Devoted to Local Interests'

William A. Doak, editor ♦ editor@ehgazette.com
♦ John Karas, jkaras@ehgazette.com ♦ Corinne Horan-Action!
Advertising: ads@ehgazette.com

SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

Volunteers in Psychotherapy, a valuable service

To the Editor:

You recently ran a column promoting volunteer work, written by John Kleindienst (4/3/25).

East Hartford (and all greater-Hartford) residents have additional incentive to volunteer. For over 25 years, Volunteers In Psychotherapy (VIP) has made no-fee, strictly private psychotherapy available to people, in exchange for volunteer work they provide independently and privately for the non-profit or government agency of their choice.

So, someone's volunteer work at a school, library, nurs-

ing home, hospital, hospice, sports or arts program for kids, volunteer ambulance or fire corps - can earn them psychotherapy with local licensed psychologists and other therapists. Unlike managed care and local clinics - through VIP there are no reports on those private discussions sent to insurers, no documentation goes to employers and no psychiatric label becomes part of people's permanent medical records.

People with secret issues related to abuse, trauma, suicide, substance abuse and other very personal topics have found VIP to be a way to discuss difficult

subjects in strict privacy, and for no fee.

Since 1999 these folks have also received the benefit of volunteering - being valued for helping others, working as part of their chosen team helping local people, decreasing their isolation, etc. Local psychotherapists can join VIP's work part time, being reimbursed out of charitable funds VIP raises, since we're a local IRS-approved charitable service.

Richard Shulman, Ph.D.

Director,
Volunteers
In Psychotherapy
www.CTVIP.org

The Gazette welcomes signed letters on subjects of interest. Mail to: *The Gazette*, 1406 Main St., EH, CT 06108 or e-mail to editor@ehgazette.com

STAFF SERGEANT FRANK J TEDONE FUNERAL



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

**Everly Wheatley Funeral Home
1500 W. Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302**

VIEWING 3pm - 5 pm - THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

**Funeral Services: Old Post Chapel, 204 Arlington Avenue
Fort Myer, VA 22211 - 10:45 am**

**You must arrive at the Chapel at 10 am. From the Chapel
we proceed to Arlington Cemetery for the burial.**

Headed into Spring Break, eager to start the home stretch

Dear Friends,

We are only a few days away from our spring break and it's hard to believe there are fewer than 40 school days left this year. We want to sincerely thank all of our students, staff and families for their hard work and perseverance throughout the school year thus far. With support from many, our students are achieving at high levels inside and outside the classroom and making East Hartford proud. We hope they will take the time to reflect and recharge as we break from April 14-18. When we reunite on April 21, we'll embark on the final stretch of the 2024-2025 school year with renewed focus and determination. Our teams are committed to finishing the year strong.

We've had many opportunities this school year to strengthen the collaboration between the town and EHPS to better serve the community. We proudly opened the new EHPS Conference Center at the former North End Senior Center last month and look forward to the school-based health center opening in this location this fall. We host professional development sessions for teachers and staff in this new space, along with larger team meetings and work with our external partners. The school-based health center, in partnership with InterCommunity Health Care, will be our 10th in the district. We're thankful to the town for the opportunity to bring new life to this space.

As you may know, we also moved our district's Family Welcome and Registration Center, EL and

WHAT'S WELL FROM WELLS HALL



Thomas Anderson
Superintendent of Schools



Tyron Harris
Chair, EH Board of Education

Bilingual Services office and Family and Community Partnerships office to the Community Cultural Center before the start of the school year. This has allowed new district families to register their children for school, while also being able to access several key town offices in the same building from Youth and Social

Services to Parks and Recreation. It is a tremendous help to our new residents to have those resources available in one location and we're proud to be a part of providing that warm welcome to East Hartford.

We have a lot of excitement ahead this spring! It was an excellent winter sports season with several state champion athletes. We look for your support as the spring season is officially underway. Be sure to check out the athletics calendars available on www.easthartford.org to come out and support our student athletes. We also have numerous concerts and performances coming up, including our all district Fine and Performing Arts Showcase from April 29-May 3 at the Community Cultural Center. Looking ahead, please save the date for our annual Back to School Rally and Kindergarten Welcome on August 6.

As always, thank you for supporting our students and schools! If you have any questions or feedback regarding our district offerings or if we can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Anderson's office at 860-622-5107 or superintendent@easthartford.org or Mr. Harris at 860-622-5017 or harris.tv@easthartford.org.

With East Hartford Pride!

Tyron V. Harris
Chairman
Thomas Anderson
Superintendent
East Hartford Public Schools

The Maine-East Hartford Express: Many came here from up they-ah

Did you know that many town residents summer in Maine? I watched a flock of them heading north just the other day. They formed a perfect 'V' over Pratt & Whitney, headed to the northern skies.

Having lived in Norway, Maine I was surprised one day when a local Maine Game Warden asked me "Do you know where East Hartford is?"

I nodded. "I grew up in the area."

It seems that banded Canadian geese and other waterfowl he was checking were wintering in East Hartford, Connecticut. The Maine geese banding or tagging event reported geese habituating the Maine Lake Region wintered over each year in the East Hartford area.

So as I watched that East Hartford flock start its spring migration northward, I remembered that many other Mainers

had also migrated southward to Pratt & Whitney during and after the Second World War.

These migrants to Connecticut were, of course, human, eager to work, drawn to our 'southern' town for employment in the airplane engine industry. Many of my friends' parents were these migrants; even my future brother-in-law was one. And every summer they'd spent their two August vacation weeks going back up to the Pine Tree State.

The goal of many, if not most of these 'winter' residents living in East Hartford's multi-family homes and boarding houses like the ones on Gold Street was to retire in Maine. Some of these residents often worked just long enough here to purchase a house or Maine business 'up north' and returning.

One such P&W worker was J. Stewart Stockwell. He came

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back at East Hartford by Rob Kanehl

to the company after the war and eventually settled in Hebron, Connecticut because it reminded him of his native Watford, Maine.

His civic pride sparked his involvement in the annual holiday train display in Hebron's Town Hall. Local residents must have been impressed, by both the train layout and Stew because they elected him Hebron first selectman. But, as much as he loved Hebron, the dream which followed Stew was to always to return to his native state.

And so Stockwell made that reverse migration in the late 1980s, just after hosting his last holiday train display in Hebron's Town Hall. He left with the well-earned respect of a grateful small town. It was a sad day for all when the news traveled back that, within months of his return to Maine; their admired former first selectman was dead.

History is filled with circles.

I did not know it at the time of this tragic announcement, but soon I was to follow in J. Stewart's footsteps, quite literally. (Although, thankfully not so far as to prompt an interruption of any coroner's afternoon of fly fishing, sez the grateful Gazette editor.)

Accepting the editorship of Norway's Advertiser Democrat, Maine's oldest continuously published paper, I also migrated north. It had been a few months

after Stockwell's departure. When I arrived, I discovered the paper covered nearby Watford.

Once there a while I heard the tale of an ex-Connecticut man who had just reopened the local general store, and died of a heart attack. "The store had been the man's dream come true," an old editor related. Now the store was fated to close again. I already knew the story too well. It was Stew Stockwell's wife who did not want to continue the daily opening and closing the front door on her late husband's dream.

Summers and winters passed. I migrated south, the circle complete.

This week as I watched that flock of East Hartford/Canadian geese 'V' up and soar over P&W's factory complex off Main Street, headed that-a-way, I can't help but remember you, Stew.

LETTER

Sad fate of One Wood Pub

To the Editor:

Last year (2024) I played a 9-hole round of golf at TopStone in South Windsor. It was in immaculate condition. The fairways were beautifully cut, as were the roughs. The grass around the sand traps were neatly groomed. I also played last year at East Hartford in the Senior League. The course was, in many areas, a disaster.

Grass was not always mowed nicely. Grass around the sand traps was unkempt, and there were lawn sprinklers that were broken, and under repair with holes and yellow tape around the area. We rarely saw anyone on the course doing any work.

However, the enjoyment of just getting out there and playing, and the camaraderie of playing with the guys was worth it. It was also fun to go into the clubhouse after golf for a beverage, and maybe a delicious sandwich.

The restaurant was run by a gentleman named Matt Corey. He had been there for several years. Matt was cordial, polite, quite accommodating, and a good chef.

Let's now skip to the year 2025.

Unfortunately, Matt has left. Not just left, but essentially "fired". Fired, because the peo-

ple running the golf course refused to renew his lease.

It gets even worse. Matt, when he left, took everything in the kitchen with him. He took the stove, oven, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, etc. He was told that he couldn't do that. Well, when Matt was first given the job, he brought all of HIS OWN equipment in with him. He named the restaurant The One Wood Pub. He also took the signs with him. Why not, they were his.

Now the restaurant is closed - supposedly for renovations. What new cook is now going to come in and have to bring his own equipment with him?

My first question is why does it cost only \$5.00 more to play at Top Stone than East Hartford when the course is so well kept there, and so poorly kept here?

Why did Corey really lose his job? Matt primaried against Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy last Fall. Matt ran as a Republican. Is that the real reason why he is gone?

Was there outside pressure?

The last question is, who is really taking the money that should be going towards properly maintaining the East Hartford Golf Course?

Donald F. Carvey
East Hartford



Every Child Every Day

E H P S KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW!

Your child must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2025 to start kindergarten.

Children who turn 5 between September 2 and September 30, 2025 must apply for a waiver by March 30, 2025.

Children will be given an assessment to determine kindergarten readiness.

¡ABIERTA AHORA!

Su hijo(a) debe cumplir 5 años el 1 de septiembre de 2025 o antes para comenzar el Kindergarten.

Los niños que cumplan 5 años entre el 2 y el 30 de septiembre de 2025, deben solicitar una exoneración antes del 30 de marzo de 2025. Los niños recibirán una evaluación para determinar si están preparados para el Kindergarten.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BEGIN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS
ESCANEE EL CÓDIGO QR A CONTINUACIÓN PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN Y COMENZAR EL PROCESO DE REGISTRO

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WWII Museum opens on Pitkin

The World War II Legacy Foundation, Inc. of East Hartford is pleased to announce the location and opening of what will become the Connecticut World War II Museum, Research & Education Center. The museum will be located at 102 Pitkin Street, East Hartford. Since opening on April 4th, programs have already taken place with at least two more planned this month. On display will be memorabilia and information about the Pacific and European Theater of Operations as well as the different groups that took part in achieving victory for our country. Included will be displays about the home front and workers who supported the troops overseas. In 2022, East Hartford was the only town in Connecticut to be designated a World War II Heritage City. The World War II Museum, Research & Education Center will be the only museum in Connecticut dedicated solely to World War II. Co-Founders of the museum invite the public to take a tour



Exhibits were set up last November in the Pitkin Street storefront.

and see the progress while the museum is being set up which is open by appointment during this progress.

The World War II Legacy Foundation, Inc. is an all volunteer run, 501c3 nonprofit organization that has been providing assistance and recognition to

World War II Veterans since 1995. The organization has designed, built and operates the only self-contained, walk-through traveling WWII Museum in the country that has toured Connecticut for the past nine years. This added location will provide a year round location for many more programs, presentations and expanded displays. We are actively seeking sponsors to be part of this new museum. Contact Gary Roy, Co-Founder, at (860) 810-8736 for more information.



Would your child benefit from mentoring? Parents can now refer their East Hartford public school student, ages 5-18, for mentoring. For more information or to refer your child for mentoring, please scan the QR code or contact us at 860-291-7187.

**Town of East Hartford
Crisis Intervention Department**



Utama to be screened at EHCCC Saturday night

The East Hartford Commission on Culture & Fine Arts presents the 17th movie in their series of foreign films this Saturday, April 12 with "Utama" at 7 p.m. in the East Hartford Community Cultural Center auditorium, 50 Chapman Place.

Admission is free. Cast and crew with the East Hartford Summer Youth Festival will sell popcorn and other concession stand items.

Utama is set in the Bolivian highlands where an elderly Quechua couple has been living in tranquility for many years. Then an uncommonly long drought threatens their world. Soon they are faced with a decision: Stay and maintain a tra-

ditional way of life, or bow to circumstances and move in with family in the city.

Their dilemma is precipitated by the arrival of their grandson Clever. The three of them face, in their own way, the effect of a changing environment, tradition and the meaning of life. Unrated, the film runs 88 minutes. Glenn Kenny of rogerebert.com says "...Bolivian director Alejandro Loayza Grisi constructs a film of dazzling visual power and genuine poignancy." and gave it three and a half out of four stars.

The CCFA film "Banel and Adama", cancelled due to weather, has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Bluegrass at Grange Hall April 24

Love that old-timey, family-friendly real country music? On April 24 come down to the Hillstown Grange for Blue Grass Night featuring the Yankee Blue Grass Jammers.

Music gets underway at 7:30 p.m. in East Hartford's historic Grange Hall, 617 Hills St. Free admission, free refreshments, great fun for all ages. One intermission with activities between

the music.

Hillstown is the neighborhood where East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester meet. The Grange has been serving the Hillstown community for 136 years.

This concert is part of Grange Month nationwide. FMI call 860-690-2845 or e-mail hillstowngrange@aol.com.

Shad documentary

A new documentary on Windsor's Shad Derby makes its world premiere Thursday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. at The Birdcage, 25 Center St., Windsor.



Let your loved ones care for you - and get paid!

**Funded by Medicaid,
choose FAMILY or FRIENDS
as your paid caregiver.**

Your caregiver gets paid same day!



OVER 5,000 5-STAR REVIEWS!



FreedomCare
COMPASSION • INDEPENDENCE • CHOICE

Find out if you are eligible today.

CALL 855.267.6776

*Kevin M. Sullivan
Tom Sullivan
Brendan J. Sullivan*

Our family serving yours since 1943

**Farley-Sullivan
Funeral Home**

**Pre-planning and
At-Need specialists**

**Burial and Cremation
Services**

**50 NAUBUC AVE.
GLASTONBURY, CT
(In Glastonbury Center)**

860-633-2521
FarleySullivan.com

Society

STILL FRIENDLY

East Hartford High School Class of 2015 will be celebrating our 10-Year High School Reunion on Friday, November 28, 2025, at Elicit Brewery in Manchester.

We are also looking for sponsors to enhance the reunion experience while also providing valuable exposure for local businesses and organizations. We would love to partner with members of the community who have supported us throughout the years. We can provide a sponsorship packet with more details on how you or local businesses can contribute.

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

Easter season at South

South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St., has planned the following worship opportunities for Holy Week, April 13 - 20, open to all.

Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m. Palm Sunday worship. Palms for everyone! Wave them high as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Following the service put your creative talents to good use decorating Easter eggs to take home. Two special guests will also be joining us! Come meet Beacon, the new EHPD Community Engagement Dog and his handler, Officer Marc Caruso.

Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service. Enter the shadows with us for this moving Tenebrae service which remembers Jesus' final meal with his disci-

ples. A quiet, honest reflection on love, loss, and the deepening darkness of Holy Week.

Friday, April 18, 2 - 4 a.m. Good Friday. On this solemn and sacred day, the sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer and meditation. Pastor Kevin will be available for individual prayer near the stained glass window in the front of the sanctuary 2 - 2:30 PM and again from 3 - 3:30. Jeff Cregeur will offer meditative piano from 2:30 - 3 PM, and from 3:30 - 4 PM.

Sunday, April 20, 5:45 a.m. Sunrise Service. Gather at the cross in front of the church to welcome the dawn of Easter.

Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m. Easter Worship. Celebrate the resurrection with uplifting music, joy, and the good news that Christ is Risen!

DISCOVERING HISTORY



TRAGIC DETAILS OF THE 1912 TITANIC SINKING as reported in the newspaper draws Payton Martin and Kaylee Sorenson's attention. The two were among the 50 people who visited the East Hartford Historical Society's newspaper and other artifacts display March 23 at the Raymond Library. The event allowed people to visit and share memories of the town while enjoying various print artifacts from old newspapers to books.

Alto

Senior Living by Allegro

Care

INSPIRED BY

his story.

At Alto, we understand that each resident has a unique story, and we take the time to know it. From favorite meals to engaging activities, every detail is designed to create moments of joy, connection and comfort. Discover care that's as personal as it is attentive. **Discover Alto — dedicated to you.**

Live Beautifully!

Visit AltoEvergreenWalk.com or call **860.530.4443**.



1000 Cottonwood Lane, South Windsor, CT 06074 | AltoEvergreenWalk.com



EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

UConn success, by the numbers

I'll pick up where I left off last week, with this question for prognosticators who felt UConn was no better than the fourth #2 seed in the women's NCAA basketball tournament. Really? You saw 7 better teams? Or was there something more sinister involved in your predictions? Perhaps the NCAA selection committee was unhappy with UConn's ownership of center stage, entering this year's tournament with 16 Final Four appearances in 17 years?

Going into the tournament I reasoned why UConn deserved a number one seed. Forgetting the program's legacy (second to none in women's basketball) I focused on selection committee criteria:

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



Overall record, strength of schedule (admittedly hurt by their conference but balanced by the out of league schedule) an above-.500 record against ranked teams, team health, 'big guns' all good to go, and performance entering the tournament - UConn with 17-straight wins. Their three losses? To top-15 teams, two in one-possession games, while they owned a blowout win over defending National Champ South Carolina, on the road. Those numbers should have allowed for a little consideration of the legacy.

UConn became the first team in 20 years to beat three number one seeds on the way to a National Championship. No one will deny that women's basketball is more competitive now than it was 20 years ago. In routing South Carolina for a second time in the championship game, UConn's big three: Wade Trophy Player of the Year Paige Bueckers, Azzi Fudd and freshman Sarah Strong outscored Carolina by themselves. No Gamecock starter posted double figures. Impressive numbers.

Then there's that legacy. Twelve National Championships. Twenty-four Final Fours. This year's team more than lived up to it. Seven teams better than UConn? I think not.

Through it all, two constants: Head Coach Geno Auriemma - a given. The other is one of the most important figures, if not the most important figure in women's college basketball. To every player who's come through the program she's known just affectionately as "C.D."

Every sport would love to have a program like UConn as its standard bearer. Every year it's more and more difficult to navigate the rule book, so many fine lines drawn, and player portals opened. Every year coaches sit in potential recruits' living rooms, kitchens or dens promising parents to trust their child to their program because if they do they'll be cared for like they're their own kid. Every year Geno kept that promise because he has that secret weapon. For 40 years, Associate Head Coach Chris Dailey kept every promise Geno made, watching over players like a mother hen. She's a marvel to watch - coaching interior players in practice, making sure class schedules are met, homework gets done, outside influences are kept at bay. In 40 years I can recall just one time Geno had to dismiss a player from the team.

Of all the numbers cited here, that may be the most important. That, and 7, as in "seven teams better" than UConn. Really? Not from my vantage point. This year, as we now know, there's not one team better.

Marvelous Mikey drops his first bout

Antonio Moran has long had a reputation as a gatekeeper of the lightweight divisions. On Saturday night, the gate was closed on Mykquan Williams.

Two judges scored the fight 97-93 in favor of Moran, while the third had it even, sending Williams down to his first professional defeat via majority decision.

Moran, a 32-year-old from Mexico City, had previously lost to Andy Cruz, Jamaine Ortiz and Devin Haney, but he picked up by far the biggest win of his 13-year career here.

Moran, 31-7-1 (21 KOs), had the crowd behind him at the 2300 Arena, as fans chanted "Meh-hee-co!" each time he attempted to corner the previously unbeaten Williams.

Williams set the tempo in the first round, landing a left hook that rocked Moran back. Moran, who had about a 5in height advantage on the 5ft 6ins Williams, began to give up his height by dipping down to land left hooks, which gave Williams a chance to land counter right hands.

Williams nearly ended the fight in the fourth round, as a counter right stiffened Moran's legs and opened him up to a sustained assault that might have been stopped by other ref-

MYKQUAN LANDS A RIGHT



EAST HARTFORD'S MYKQUAN WILLIAMS, right, does damage to Antonio Moran Saturday in Philadelphia. Williams lost by decision.

erees. Moran was on Bambi legs the rest of the round, and was dazed once more at the bell, nearly falling on his stool.

The offensive explosion from Williams required him to slow things down in the fifth, allowing Moran to dictate pace and pressure his opponent. Williams turned his offense back up in the sixth, rocking Moran and causing him to wobble once more. Moran survived yet again, and began targeting the body, particularly with left hooks, in the seventh - and was also warned for rabbit punching in that same round. Rabbit punches became a frequent part of Moran's offense as the rounds went on, and Williams

opted to clinch to slow his opponent down. Moran continued to push the pace, landing strong rights on Williams' face, which gradually began to show effects.

With his opponent beginning to fade, Moran kept the pressure up, hurting Williams badly in the 10th round and pursuing him across the ring in an attempt to finish him. Williams survived the onslaught, but the decisive final round put a punctuation mark on Moran's effort.

Williams, 22-1-2 (11 KOs) entered the fight rated No. 6 by the WBO and No. 13 by the WBA. Moran will likely be rated by the WBO at 140lbs with the victory, as the WBO International belt was at stake.

UConn victory parade Sunday at 1 in Hartford

Due to rain forecast, the UConn Women's Basketball victory parade and rally in Hartford celebrating the NCAA championship win by the UConn women's basketball team is being rescheduled to Sunday, April 13 at 1 p.m.

The team won its twelfth national title in a 82-59 victory over the South Carolina Gamecocks at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida Sunday night. They returned to Storrs for a rally at Gampel Pavillion Monday, stopping along I-84 to pose

with the trophy next to the UConn NCAA Championships sign. The UConn Women have collected national titles in 1995, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2025.

The parade steps off from the eastern side of the State Capitol building at Trinity and Elm streets. From there, it will proceed north on Trinity Street beneath the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, turn right east onto Jewell Street along Bushnell Park, north on

Trumbull and end at the intersection of Asylum and Trumbull where a stage will be set up. The outdoor rally will begin at approximately 11:30 outside the main entrance of the XL Center. Players, coaches and other guests will speak.

"The UConn women's basketball team has proven that they are the best in the nation, and now it's time for Connecticut to give them the victory celebration they have earned," Gov. Lamont stated in making the parade announcement.

OBITUARIES

Mariette (Quirion) Thivierge

Mariette (Quirion) Thivierge, 84, of East Hartford, beloved wife of the late Jean Thivierge for 48 years, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Born on May 9, 1940, in St. Honore de Shenley, Canada, Mariette moved to Connecticut in 1967 and was a resident of East Hartford for the past 48 years. Mariette attended College Notre-Dame Quebec. She was a dedicated teacher who taught at St. Honore de Shenley for five years before moving to Connecticut. She also worked for Manchester Modes and retired from JCPenny after 25 years. Mariette was a longtime faithful communicant of North American Martyrs Parish and a member of the Women's Guild. She was very active in the church and served as a Bingo volunteer on Friday nights. She loved to read and do her crossword puzzles. Besides her parents, Jean Maurice Quirion and Emilia (Langlois) Quirion, she was predeceased by her brother, Roland Quirion.



Mariette Thivierge

Mariette will be forever missed by her son, Pierre and wife Donna Thivierge of Manchester; her brothers, Claude and wife Jeanne Quirion of New Hampshire, Bertrand and wife Diane Quirion; her sisters, Hugette Ann and husband Serge Couture of New Hampshire, Therese and husband William O'Neil of Hew Hampshire and Raymonde Quirion of Montreal. She also leaves behind her loving grandchildren, Michel and Monique, as well and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church of North American Martyrs Parish, 15 Maplewood Avenue, East Hartford. Everyone is asked to go directly to the church. Burial will follow in St. James Cemetery, Manchester. Donations in Mariette's name may be made to North American Martyrs Parish. To share a memory of Mariette, please visit www.desopoeh.com

Marie 'Jackie' (Duval) Alves, 92

Marie Stella "Jackie" Alves (née Duval), 92, passed away peacefully March 25, 2025, in South Yarmouth, Mass. Born Feb. 25, 1933 in Manchester, New Hampshire, Jackie's life was marked by devotion, resilience and service.

A graduate of East Hartford High, Class of 1951, Jackie navigated the challenges of military family life with her first husband, Norman Kendrick during his Air Force service. She worked as a salesperson for Ford Motor Corp. through the Air Force Base Exchange in Guam, then upon returning to the U.S., she was a receptionist at Spaulding Gardens in Enfield, then as a health insurance salesperson for Merritt Insurance of West Hartford.

With her second husband, David Alves, Jackie operated a vacation rental at their South Yarmouth home, and also served as Entertainment Directors for the Springfield Ski Club in Blandford, Mass. during the 1980s and 1990s, organizing events that fostered

joy and community.

A devout Catholic, Jackie was active in women's groups and a devoted member of Saint Pius X Parish in South Yarmouth. In later years, she spent winters in Cape Coral, Florida with her longtime friend Malcolm Adamson.

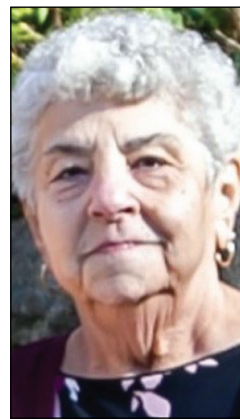
Jackie is lovingly remembered by her children: Mark Kendrick (Susan), Gary Kendrick, Linda Colgan (Matthew), and Brenda Kendrick; grandchildren: Joshua (Leah), Timothy (Nina), Christopher (Megan), Jennifer, and Ross; great-grandchildren: Angelica, Kristin, Caleb, Jonathan, Kaitlyn, Madelyn, Connor, and Hazelle; and sister Margie Gosselin.

She was predeceased by her son Eric Kendrick and several siblings.

A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday May 31, 2025, 11 a.m. at Saint Pius X Church, 98 Station Ave., South Yarmouth, MA followed by a Celebration of Life Gathering at a location to be announced.

Rosemarie 'Rose' (Civitello) Jovino, 85

Rosemarie M. "Rose" (Civitello) Jovino, 85, of East Hartford, loving wife for over 57 years of the late Carmine J. Jovino, Jr., peacefully passed away with family by her side on Sunday, April 6, 2025 at her home. Born in Hartford on February 6, 1940, a daughter of the late Paul and Josephine (Puglisi) Civitello, she had been a resident of East Harford



Rosemarie Jovino

for most of her life. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by First National Supermarket and Stop & Shop Supermarket for over 30 years as a cashier and clerk.

Rose loved going to the area casinos and enjoyed playing cards at home with her family

and friends. She was also a fan of the UConn Women's basketball team. Most of all, Rose loved her home and was a devoted and proud wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who cherished her time with every family member.

Rose is survived by her six beloved children, Kim Weingart and her husband Jay of East

Hartford, Kathy Pontarelli and her husband Ronald of Manchester, Diane Gerlach and her husband Gerry of Willimantic, Michael Jovino of Norwich, Jeffrey Jovino of Middletown, and Lawrence Jovino and his wife Laura of South Windsor; 11 special

grandchildren: Jeremy Cowles and his wife Jen, Holly Parimore and her husband Nick, Matthew Stone and his wife Tiffany, Brandon Gerlach and his wife Courtney, Marissa Stone, Kelli Postemski and her husband Dan, Connor Gerlach, Amanda Jovino, Ryan Jovino, Aimee Coll and her husband Liam, and Jennifer Jovino and her fiancé Andrew Cunha; 11 adored great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Peggy French.

Along with her beloved husband and parents, Rose was predeceased by a brother, Nicholas Civitello; and two sisters, Catherine Marci and Dorothy Green.

Honoring Rosemarie's wishes, a private funeral service and burial at Silver Lane Cemetery will be held. On-line visit www.desopoeh.com

April Ann (Brighenti) LaBruna, 78

April Ann (Brighenti) LaBruna, 78, of East Hartford, entered into eternal life surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

She was born on March 14, 1947, in Hartford, the daughter of the late Emil Brighenti.

April graduated from Northwest Catholic High School, Class of 1965. After high school, she married the love of her life of 58 years, Bill LaBruna, they settled down in East Hartford to raise a family.

Prior to retirement, April worked as a dental assistant. In her free time, she enjoyed cooking, gardening, and was an avid reader. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband.

Most importantly, she loved spending time with her family, and her grandson was the focal point of her life.

Along with her husband Bill, April is survived by her two children; Bill LaBruna Jr. and his wife Charlene of Colchester and Nicole Weddall and her husband Dean of Colchester; her adored grandson, Alexander "Xander" Weddall of Colchester, her nephew Peter Cattanio and his wife Robin and her niece Susan



April LaBruna

Cattanio and her partner Al Boada along with many other relatives and dear friends as well as her fur companion, Ranger, who never left her side.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 10 a.m. at Corpus Christi Church of Christ the King Parish, 601 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield. Please go directly to the church.

Burial will be private. On-line, visit www.desopoeh.com

Everett Paul Adams, infant



Everett Paul Adams

It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved son, brother, grandson, and nephew, Everett Paul Adams. He was born at Manchester Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, and passed away shortly thereafter. Although he was

not with us for very long, he stole our hearts as soon as we saw him. He now rests in the arms of Jesus, surrounded by loved ones that have passed on

before us.

To mourn his passing, Everett leaves his parents, Connor and Emily (Hill) Adams of East Hartford; his loving sister, Mabel Grace Adams also of East Hartford; his maternal grandparents, Daniel and Jill (Slate) Hill of Willimantic; his paternal grandparents, Christopher and Mary-Jo Adams of Vernon; as well as numerous aunts, uncles,

cousins and their families.

Funeral services for Everett will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Crossroads Community Cathedral - East Windsor Campus, 53 Prospect Hill Rd., East Windsor. Burial will follow in Ellington Center Cemetery, Ellington. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, in Vernon, are in care of his arrangements.

Fire Department promotes, awards

From Page One

at home when her mother fell down the stairs. Disoriented and in and out of consciousness, then having seizures, Asiah knew what to do thanks to learning CPR in school. Prince called 911 and got dispatcher Diane Cyncenas.

Asiah not only accurately described her mother's condition; she then used Alexa to call her dad while on the line with dispatch. When firefighters arrived it was a chaotic scene. Asiah continued to talk to dispatcher Cyncenas, conveying important details about her mother's condition when her alarmed father called.

"She said 'hold up, dad', and continued to look after her mother. "To say Asiah was remarkable under pressure would be an understatement," said Josh Recker, Chief Medical Officer. Prince was given the department's Citizen Hero Award

and a commendation by Mayor Connor Martin.

The Saturday before the awards ceremony Engine 2 picked Asiah up at her house and rode her to the station for a special tour with her family where she was treated to a pancake breakfast and brought cupcakes for the firefighters. On the screen was a video of the tour where Asiah had another surprise - she lost a tooth.

Firefighter Raymond Sanchez was on the golf course when Dan, his playing partner, suffered a heart attack. Using CPR he was able to restore Dan's heartbeat until he could be rushed to the hospital. He and his grateful wife and family attended the East Hartford ceremony to thank Sanchez who received the department's Life Saving Commendation.

June 9, 2023 Chantelle Richards was pregnant with twins and not due for another

four months - but her babies could not wait.

When Engine 3 arrived one baby was out, blue and not breathing. Nick Calsetta, Kevin Yokley and Chris Burdick arrived and began CPR, then delivered the twin. At the ceremony Richards was there with her two curious children - Noah and Nova Bartell, and Richards' mother, Jennifer Kelley. They stood in front of the entire squad from Engine Co. 3 which also received the department's Unit Commendation with Yokley and Burdick awarded the Firefighter Cross.

PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

Assistant Fire Chief: Assistant Fire Chief Eric Munsell
Badge Pinning: FF/PM Raul Mantes, FF/PM Nick Joaquim, FF/PM David Garrison, and FF/PM Zachary Karet.

Completion of Probation: FF/PM John Rudmann, FF/PM John Sarles, FF/PM Erich Martin, FF/PM Nabeel Ali and FF/PM Christopher Ziemba.

Apparatus Operators: Brennan McGuire, Jon Lentini, Spencer Shirshac, Connor Rudewicz, Melroy D'Costa, Chris Burdick, Conor Thomsen, Dan Fraczek, Thomas Dempsey, Jacob Brungard, Kyle Miltimore, Roberto Colon, and Devin McDermott.

Assistant Master Mechanic: Jonathan Allen.

Lieutenants: Eric Ramsay, Dan MacDonald, Dominic Pascucci, Dan Slomcinsky and Greg Fankhanel.

Captains: Aaron LaPointe, Jeff Demarest, Chris Fraser and Kevin Wall.

Master Mechanic: Wesley Bell.

Deputy Fire Chiefs: Nick Calsetta, Thomas Mehl and Richard Leach.

Life Saving Commendation: LT Robert Draghi

Firefighter Commendation: DC Tim Taylor, LT Jeff Quinn, LT Eric Ramsay,

and FF Gerald Negretti.

Life Saving Commendation: FF Raymond Sanchez.

Unit Commendation: DC Nick Calsetta and AO Ron Huber.

Citizen Hero Award: Ms. Asiah Prince.

Unit Commendation: DC Nick Calsetta, AO Chris Burdick and AO Kevin Yokley.

Firefighter Cross: AO Chris Burdick and AO Kevin Yokley.

Unit Commendation: DC Tim Taylor, DC Richard Leach, Capt. Aaron LaPointe, LT James Sopelak, LT Dominic Pascucci LT Clifford Bartiss,

AO Darrel Hanrahan, AO Hunter Barnes, AO Christopher Goglia AO Brennan McGuire, AO Roberto Colon, AO Melroy D'Costa, FF/PM Thomas Cobb and TC Jasmine Blake.

Board of Ed approves contracts

From Page One

Associates of Southwick, Massachusetts for wireless infrastructure upgrades and expansions. This company will provide 235 wireless points and technical support for \$172,370. Federal funding will cover 85 percent of this cost.

In other business, the Board approved the new 2025-26 fiscal year school budget as approved by the mayor and the Town Council for

\$104,232,894. The new budget is approximately \$1.2 million less than the Board requested. Cuts came about as follows: about \$780,000 from the mayor's review, and another \$400,000 from the Town Council's reductions. The new budget represents a 1.7 percent increase. Among possible cuts: \$406,000 for the Information Technology Dept. shifted to Alliance Grant; \$70,000 reduced from insurances.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Court of Probate, Hartford Regional Children's Probate Court District

NOTICE TO Xiomara Vazquez, whose last known residence is unknown to the court AND Randolph Leon Menchu, whose last known address is unknown to the court.

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge, a hearing will be held at the Hartford Regional Children's Probate Court, 50 Chapman Place, Suite 109, East Hartford CT 06108 on **May 13, 2025 at 1:30 PM** on a petition for Continued Removal of Guardian of the Person concerning a certain minor child born on June 13, 2007. The Court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above-named persons wish to have an attorney, but are unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By order of the court,

Kemston N. Best, Esq., Chief Clerk

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Court of Probate, Hartford Regional Children's Probate Court District

NOTICE TO Vadim Lyagusha, whose last known residence is unknown to the court.

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Evelyn M. Daly, Judge, a hearing will be held at the Hartford Regional Children's Probate Court, 50 Chapman Place, Suite 109, East Hartford CT 06108 on **May 22, 2025 at 1:30 PM** on a petition for Termination of Parental Rights concerning a certain minor child born on May 6, 2010. The Court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above-named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By order of the court,

Kemston N. Best, Esq., Chief Clerk



Cantelle Richards with her twins, Noah and Nova Bartell, and Richards' mother, Jennifer Kelley, at left.

Walgreen's to close Silver Lane location

From Page One

The Connecticut store closures are part of a nationwide effort by Walgreen's "to optimize its store footprint and improve operational efficiency", the company says. "It has been evaluating its portfolio to ensure it meets the evolving needs of its customers." Evidently Silver Lane Walgreen's customers have evolved to shop elsewhere, and after the nearby Stop &

Shop grocery store was closed in 2023 many were left with little choice.

The nearby Aldi's is always quite busy as is a new Dollar General, and the CVS on the corner of Forbes and Silver Lane as well as the Shop-Rite and its pharmacy in the plaza on Spencer Street is always very busy with many shoppers.

According to the Walgreen's, its prescription customers will

automatically have their records transferred to the Walgreen's at 20 Connecticut Boulevard. The corporation urged customers to stick with their pharmacy, or use Walgreen's online platform to obtain their medications. The old over-the-counter drug stores here, acquired by large corporations decades ago, have evolved faster than anyone seeking to fill their drug prescription.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Christina M. Cohen
c/o Michael George Curley,
Esquire; Brown Paindiris &
Scott LLP, 2252 Main St.,
Glastonbury, CT 06033



OPEN MON. - SAT.
8 AM - 9 PM • OPEN
SUNDAY 10AM - 6PM

SUPERLIQUORSCT.COM
• on-line ordering • local
delivery or pick up at store

PUTNAM PLAZA

4 MAIN ST. PUTNAM BRIDGE PLAZA II
EAST HARTFORD/GLASTONBURY LINE
860-568-3659
FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM
@PUTNAMPLAZASUPERLIQUORS

PRICES GOOD April 10th thru April 30th, 2025.

HAPPY EASTER

CLOSED Easter Sunday

HAPPY Passover

Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay 750 ml \$10⁸⁰	Meiomi Pinot Noir or Cabernet 750 ml \$17⁷⁶	Josh Wines Assorted 750 ml Excludes Pinot Noir \$12⁹⁹	Chateau Ste. Michelle Chardonnay 750 ml \$9⁹⁹	Banfi Col Di Sasso 2022 750 ml \$10⁹⁹	Top Box 3 Liter Wines Assorted \$16⁹⁹	Patron Silver Tequila 750 ml \$39⁹⁹
Absolut Vodka Assorted 750 ml \$17⁹⁹	Canadian Club Whisky 1.75 Liter \$17⁹⁹	Josh Pinot Noir 750 ml \$14⁹⁹	Starborough Sauvignon Blanc New Zealand 750 ml \$11⁹⁹	Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio 750 ml \$9⁹⁹	Freakshow Cabernet or Red Blend 750 ml \$12⁹⁹	Unshackled Cabernet or Red Blend 750 ml \$19⁹⁹
Grey Goose Vodka 750 ml \$21⁹⁹	Hendrick's Gin 1.75 Liter \$59⁹⁹	Coppola Claret 750 ml \$15⁹⁹	Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc 750 ml \$12⁹⁹	Espolon Blanco Tequila 1.75 Liter \$54⁹⁹	Corona 12 Packs Assorted 12 oz. Bottles \$14⁹⁹ Plus Dep.	Miller Lite or Coors Light 30 Packs 12 oz. Cans/Btls. \$25⁹⁹ Plus Dep.
Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label N.V. 750 ml \$59⁹⁹	Chandon Sparkling Wine Assorted 750 ml \$19⁹⁹	Bacardi Rum Assorted 1.75 Liter \$19⁹⁹	Aperol Aperitivo 750 ml \$25⁹⁹	Links Drinks 8-Pack Vodka Cocktails Variety Pack 12 oz. Cans \$19⁹⁹	Counterweight Headway IPA 4 Packs 16 oz. Cans \$10⁹⁹ Plus Dep.	WYNK 3mg THC 4 Packs Assorted \$14⁹⁹ Plus Dep.

All Items Subject To Availability. Not Responsible For Typographical Errors.

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

TROOP 1 CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE Saturday, April 12, parking lot of First Congregational Church, 837 Main St., 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 Saturday in the Lower Church Hall at 63 Popielusko Court in Hartford. The Whist will start at 6 p.m. and be conducted in both English and Polish. Optional light supper available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. Supper choices: Potato Pancakes - Hot Dog with Chili - Chicken Cutlet Sandwich w/Coleslaw. Admission for Whist is \$5. Tickets at the door. Beginners welcome. Come for supper, even if you don't play cards! Handicap accessible. Bring friends. Proceeds go to the Guild's Scholarship Fund. 860-659-0356.

APRIL 13: EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST, 8:30 a.m. until noon, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1831 Main St. Advance tickets \$15, kids under 10, \$5; tickets at the door day of, \$17. Delicious buffet breakfast, egg hunt at 11:30, Bounce House (weather permitting). There will also be raffle prizes. Supports Special

Olympics and 1831 Building Association fund.

APRIL 13: COLOR EGGS Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. Meet Beacon, EHPD comfort dog and his partner, Officer Marc Caruso. Let Lisa know if you plan to attend: 860-568-5150, or email cefe@southucc.org. Limit three eggs per person - or bring your own!

APRIL 24: EAST HARTFORD SCHOOLS ALL-TOWN STRINGS CONCERT, 7 p.m., auditorium of EHHS.

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 PCLL at the U of H - Hartford.edu/pc. Email pcollege@hartford.edu to be added to the mailing list.

APRIL 26: CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE Saturday, 9 a.m.

until 1 p.m. by the EH Lions Club at D'addarios Auto Service, 117 Burnside Avenue. Plastic bottles and aluminum cans only - no glass. Supports the many East Hartford Lions civic projects. FMI e-mail lionseasthartford@gmail.com, or call 860-515-1551.

MAY 3: PANCAKES! Surprise mom with an early Mother's Day breakfast at Hillstown Grange Saturday, 8:30 to 11 a.m., at 617 Hills St. Special pancake of the month: Lemon with blueberry topping. Chocolate chip 'kid-cakes'. Pancakes, sausage, bottomless cups of coffee, tea and juice just \$6, children under 14, \$3. Visit the Grange hall library and gaming area. Books available for a donation to the historic Grange Hall building fund. FMI call Frank at 860-690-2845 or e-mail hillstowngrange@aol.com.

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. 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. FMI go to dave@davepettigrew.net