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Harlem Wizards To Play Hoops Vs. Local Teachers

By Joyce Boncal, Freelance Writer

ROCKY HILL - The Rocky Hill Education Foundation is having a fund raiser event that is bound to bring a lot of fun and laughter to the Rocky Hill High School gymnasium.

The Harlem Wizards will play basketball against the teachers (the Dream Team) of Rocky Hill. The "Wizards" are known for their expertise and management of basketball maneuvers resulting in unbelievable shots on the court as well as frustration on the part of their opponents resulting in screams of laughter from the spectators. The Wizards live up to their slogan of "Tricks hoops and alley oops!"

The event will take place on March 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., at the Rocky Hill High school, 50 Chapin Ave.

Various ticket options are available.

General admission - \$30; general admission tickets with seating being on a first come, first serve basis. Children under 3 years of age are free.

Courtside plus student (K-12) - \$60; ticket includes courtside seating, a program "Meet and Greet" with Harlem Wizard players, a Harlem Wizards souvenir including a Courtside Plus Pass, and color team photo (pick up items at the game). Courtside seating is on a first come, first

served basis.

Courtside plus adult - \$60; ticket includes courtside seating, a pre-game "Meet and Greet" with Harlem Wizard players, and Harlem Wizard souvenirs including Courtside Plus pass, and a \$10 souvenir gift certificate to use at the Harlem Wizards Souvenir Store on game night (items must be picked up at the game). Courtside seating is on a first come, first served basis.

More information is available from Rita Chhabra by email at rchhabra@rockyhillct.gov. To purchase tickets online, go to <https://harlem-wizards.com/schedule-tickets>

Church To Host Lenten Supper

CROMWELL - First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street, will hold a Community Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome as our guests.

Parking is available in the church lot north of the church on the left side of Main Street.

Contact the church office (Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at 860-635-4806, if you have questions.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

The legislative session is currently in full swing, in particular, it's the public hearing part of the session. All "raised bills", meaning those that were voted to move forward by the committee of cognizance, are getting public hearings. This is the perfect opportunity for you to submit testimony on issues that are important. You can submit testimony in writing or in person. If you miss both of those opportunities, reach out to me and I can make sure your comments are sent to the appropriate people.

I chair the Insurance & Real Estate Committee. We wrapped up our public hearings and passed all the committee's bills in record time. Here's a summary of some of those bills:

HB 6898: Current law states that if you are 62 years of age or older and take a safe driving course, you can save money on your auto insurance premiums. HB 6898 removes the age requirements so that all drivers can participate in this program.

HB 7038: This bill will create either a captive insurance company or purchase parametric insurance to assist farmers during extreme weather incidents. While this passed the House in 2024, the Senate took no action so we are hopeful this bill will make it into law in 2025.

HB 7068: Puts stronger requirements around the records held by common interest owned communities to preserve transparency for all members.

HB 7078: This bill gives owners more reassurances around preventing "squatters" from taking illegal occupancy of one's property.

HB 7117: After a deep dive into our insurance premiums, the Insurance Fund Working Group recommended removing millions of dollars in assessments. This would help alleviate hundreds of dollars of unnecessary costs to our insurance premiums while also putting into place a method for approving new assessments.

Beyond insurance and real estate, the Legislature has also been hard at work on issues like special education services, energy policy, and reducing occupational license fees. A recent milestone was securing \$40 million in additional special education funding for this fiscal year for both Rocky Hill and Wethersfield's school systems—a critical investment that will help our local schools

provide the best possible support for students with special needs.

Keep an eye on your mailboxes for my annual legislative survey. Additionally, join me at an upcoming town hall or coffee hour to chat in person. I hold these every few weeks throughout the district. If you have thoughts, concerns, or ideas, I'm always here to listen.

Kerry Wood
State Representative – 29th District Chair – Insurance & Real Estate Committee Proudly Serving Rocky Hill & Wethersfield

Dear Rare Reminder,

One of the most enduring myths about American politics is the idea that Republicans are "budget hawks", people who are careful about spending and therefore good for our fiscal health. It's the opposite of the truth, which anybody can look up. We do track these things; it's not a matter of opinion. The national debt exploded, for instance, during twelve years of Reagan/Bush. It ballooned further under Dubya, but the biggest boost yet came during Trump 1.

That all of this is a matter of the unhidden historical record and yet neither Democrats nor the media ever manage to make it known is very damning of both those institutions. You'd think that after generations of Republican administrations busting the budget, somebody would start yelling Liar Liar when the GOP continues to claim that Democrats are the problem in this regard; somehow that never happens. WTF?

One of the ways in which Trump 1 ballooned the deficit is about to recur. He started a trade war with China, which cost American farmers billions of dollars in lost business. So, Trump had the Congress appropriate some \$12 billion in relief payments to American farmers, just like that. This time the trade war is bigger, and Trump is also doing away with part of the domestic market. There are farmers who thought their crops were going to be purchased by the government to feed school kids and stock food banks; those programs just got yanked.

So American farmers will be out a lot of money, again. Trump will pay them off again with taxpayer money. He's a real business genius, ain't he?

Eric Kuhn
Middletown



Celebrate Start Of Spring With Family Easter Event

By Cathy Maldonado, Freelance Writer

CROMWELL - The Youth Services department invites you to welcome the spring season by joining them for a festive and family friendly Easter Celebration event on April 11, from 10 to 11:30am at the Town Hall Gym.

This fun-filled event is perfect for children and families, with a themed craft, tasty snacks, and a delightful story to enjoy together.

After the crafts and stories, the fun continues with the exciting Easter Egg Hunt!

Get ready to explore around Town Hall in

search of hidden eggs, and don't forget to bring your camera—because the Easter Bunny will be there as a special guest.

This event is open to both residents and non-residents, with a fee of \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents.

Preregistration is required, so make sure to sign up in advance to secure your spot!

Come celebrate the season with the Youth Services Department and make this Easter one to remember!

Library To Host Clothing Swap

By Cathy Maldonado, Freelance Writer

CROMWELL - The Belden Public Library is hosting a Sustainable Saturday Clothing Swap on Saturday, April 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., where if you are looking for a fun new wardrobe that's eco-friendly and won't break the bank the Belden Library has just what you need.

You can exchange gently used clothing for fresh finds—at no cost!

"This will be the first Clothing Swap we've had here," said Kristy Crisler, Assistant Director of Belden Public Library. "I've previously hosted Clothing Swaps at other libraries with great success, and I knew it would be a great fit for the Cromwell Belden Public Library given its record of sustainability-minded interests and efforts."

Crisler emphasized that the goal of the event is to help the community refresh their wardrobes in a sustainable way. "We live in a time of fast fashion and disposable culture, and many people want to make environmentally conscious choices but may feel overwhelmed," she explained. "An event like this provides a fun and accessible way to be sustainable."

To participate simply bring your gently used clothing to the library during Thursday April 10 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday April 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., then return on Saturday, April 12, to browse and take home new-to-you pieces.

Participants may bring up to two bags or boxes of clothing to donate, ensuring that all items are clean, in good condition, and suitable for spring and summer.

Donations should be in sizes appropriate for teens and adults. However, the library cannot accept damaged clothing with holes or tears (unless intentionally distressed), stained or odorous items, undergarments, socks, or children's clothing.

There's no pressure to donate—if you just want

Organization Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords (MHVC) Executive Board is now taking applications for the group's annual scholarships to be awarded to Middlesex County students pursuing a career in music or nursing. In our 35 year history, we have awarded \$87,000 in scholarship money.

Applicants must have been accepted at an accredited college or university with one of these majors. The Review Committee will consider academic record, extracurricular and community service activities, the student's ability to articulate his/her career goals and the recommendations



to shop, you're welcome to come by and explore.

Belden Public Library has long been committed to sustainability through initiatives such as the Library Children's Garden, the Food Scrap Recycling Program, and participation in the Sustainable Libraries Initiative.

"We knew a Clothing Swap fit right in with our other sustainability efforts," Crisler said. "We're also proud to partner with Cromwell Recycling Coordinator Anthony Salvatore Jr., who will ensure that any leftover clothing from the swap is properly recycled."

Whether you're donating, swapping or just browsing, this event is an easy and enjoyable way to embrace sustainable fashion.

Mark your calendar and join the library for a greener, thriftier, and more stylish Saturday.

For more information, visit the Belden Public Library or contact the library staff.

Don't miss the swap!

of the references. The scholarships will be paid directly to the recipients at the spring concert which will be held on Saturday, May 3 at Portland High School.

All applications must be postmarked by Friday March 14, and can be obtained at Middlesex County high school guidance offices or by visiting vocalchords20.org.

If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please visit our website.

Are you passionate about Dinosaurs? Nature? Earth Sciences? Education?

The Friends of Dinosaur Park and Arboretum, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that helps support the exhibits and educational programs at Dinosaur State Park, seeks new members for its volunteer Board of Directors. If you are able to work well in a team setting, assist in projects and tasks, and complete assignments in a timely manner, we would like to hear from you. Experience in related areas is helpful. As a Board member, you will be required to attend a monthly in-person meeting and commit approximately 10 hours per month. If interested, please contact us at: FDPASecretary@gmail.com.

Local DTC Seeking Candidates For Fall

ROCKY HILL - The Rocky Hill Democratic Town Committee is seeking potential candidates to run in the November 2025 local election for town offices, Mayor, Town Council, Board of Education, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Assessment Appeals.

Any Rocky Hill registered Democrat interested in potentially seeking elected office please contact Nominating Chair Mimi Theroux at mimith@cox.net by May 15.



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Local Yoga Studio Offers Unique Services For All

By Margaret Radman, Freelance Writer

CROMWELL - Nestled in the town's colorful and eclectic creative district is the Peaceful Chaos Yoga Studio, but this is not just another yoga studio. Celebrating its fifth anniversary this March, studio owner Jeannine Marron provided insight into this one-of-a-kind yoga practice that sets it apart from the others.

Yoga is a broad term that has become a buzz word in recent years. The practice that originated in India over 5,000 years ago, comes from the Sanskrit word "yuj," that means to unite body, mind, and spirit. It has evolved into a multitude of distinct branches of the practice over time.

As the paradoxical name may imply, Peaceful Chaos teaches participants to pause the hectic "chaos" of daily life and find peace in the moment in what is termed "being grounded," explained the studio owner. This is achieved through asanas, or poses, that stretch and strengthen, coordinated with breath and inward awareness that together promote wellness.

But yoga is not just stretching, Marron emphasized. Students are taught core philosophies of the discipline that encompasses meditation and mindfulness.

Classes and activities offered at Peaceful Chaos are tailored to suit different ages, genders, and body types. Here, it's ok to be too big, too old, too this or too that, with a curriculum that stresses inclusion and accessibility.

Marron makes it no secret that her practice draws an older age range, with most participants being in their late 40's and up. "We are not coming from a place of fitness," she asserts, unlike popular trends like "hot yoga."

But what really sets this studio apart from the others are classes and services tailored to those with special needs.

Included in the studio's specialties is a curriculum that serves the neurodivergent population - including individuals with traumatic brain injuries, autism, and other spectrum disorders. While the essentials of yoga practice are still basically the same, teaching is delivered differently, focusing on sensory sensitivity. The studio adopts neuro-friendly environments for these populations, Marron added.

"Many of our instructors have specialized training for these groups," she added.

Most importantly, teachers are trained to recognize and understand contraindications, not only among the special needs group, but for all, with certain common health conditions that may limit what a student should engage in.

When asked what inspired her to pursue a career in yoga, Marron recounted her personal journey of how she got to where she is today. She related how she was born with a condition called "hypermobility" that made her a natural for the flexibility that yoga demands, but that also led to back problems which failed traditional treatments, prompting her to turn to yoga for relief.

After graduating from college, she landed a job as a yoga studio manager where she was offered instructor training, that kicked off her career.

Marron also shared that her son who has multiple disabilities including autism, inspired her to pursue this specialized area of yoga practice.

In addition to onsite classes, the studio operates off site, providing classes at StudioCare, after school enrichment programs, as well as



classes through the Cromwell Parks and Recreation Department.

Peaceful Chaos also participates in most fitness and wellness programs offered through Medicare Advantage Plans, as well as through membership in Active & Fit, available through AAA.

For those interested in becoming a yoga instructor, or as an adjunct professional credential, an upcoming teacher certification class providing 200 hours of yoga instruction will be offered this June. For further information, go to <https://www.peacefulchaosyoga.com>.

Library To Host Cookbook Club

By Cathy Maldonado, Freelance Writer

CROMWELL - The Belden Library's Cookbook club is meeting at 1 pm on March 22 for their monthly meeting in the Belden Room with their chosen cookbook, "100 Morning Treats" by Sarah Kieffer.

Copies of the book are available at the front desk and registration is optional. Don't forget to bring a dish from the book for a delicious treat for everyone to enjoy.

The Cookbook Club centers around featured cookbook, with participants preparing and sharing recipes from its pages.

This month, the library is indulging in morning treats—from coffee cakes to muffins, and savory quiches. Whether you're a seasoned baker or novice in the kitchen, there's a recipe for everyone to learn and enjoy.

Sarah Kieffer author of 100 Morning Treats is a celebrated baker and blogger, best known for her viral pan-banging cookie technique.

She's been recognized by The New York Times, The Today Show, Food52, and America's Test Kitchen. Her blog, The Vanilla Bean Blog, won the Savor Reader's Choice Best Baking & Desserts Blog award, and she has worked with leading brands such as Le Creuset, Betty Crocker, and Valrhona.

In "100 Morning Treats" Kieffer brings you great recipes perfect for breakfast, brunch, or a midday snack. This book has over 120 pictures and helpful step by step instructions according to Goodreads.

The book covers a wide array of sweet and



savory treats perfect for this upcoming spring season.

If you love to bake and enjoy trying new recipes, this event is for you.

Whether you attempt a simple muffin or a show-stopping pastry, the goal is to have fun, learn from each other, and indulge in delicious homemade treats.

For more information contact the Belden library at (860) 632-3460 or go to cromwellct.com/library

The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords Celebrate 35 Years

Please mark your calendars as we celebrate 35 years of lifting spirits and healing souls. The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords (MHVC) will present our "Spring Musical Celebration" on Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm, taking place at Portland High School, 95 High St., Portland. We invite you to join us for an evening of music featuring our 90-voice chorus and 10-piece orchestra performing a selection of musical favorites that capture the essence of the spring season. Our Music Director, Samuel Tucker, has curated an eclectic program showcasing the diverse talents of our chorus. The repertoire includes patriotic arrangements such as "The Battle Hymn" and "America the Beautiful," along with timeless classics like "Shenandoah", "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," and "Puttin on the Ritz." Additionally, the program

will feature contemporary selections including "Moondance" and "Yacht Rock", a medley of smooth songs from the '70s and '80s. Under the accompaniment of Alan Dougherty and his ten-piece orchestra, the performance promises to be engaging, with the potential for audience toe-tapping and sing-alongs.

Proceeds from the concert fund scholarships for Middlesex County high school seniors pursuing careers in music or nursing. To date, we have awarded \$89,000, excluding the scholarships to be presented at this spring concert. We sincerely thank Middlesex Health and our loyal supporters. Tickets are \$25. Call 860-347-2787 or 860-342-3120 for tickets, or visit www.vocalchords20.org. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Rocky Hill High School Project Graduation Hosts Parent's Night Out Fundraiser at The Arch

Rocky Hill, CT - The Rocky Hill High School (RHHS) Project Graduation Committee invites all parents and community members to a fun-filled Parent's Night Out at The Arch Restaurant on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM. This exciting event will help raise funds for Project Graduation, a safe, substance-free celebration for RHHS seniors on their graduation night.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include two drink tickets (domestic beer or wine) and pizza. Attendees can also take part in raffles for a chance to win fantastic prizes!

"We're thrilled to host this event as a way to bring the community together while raising funds to give our seniors a memorable and safe graduation night," said the Project Graduation Committee. "We encourage parents, friends, and supporters to come out, enjoy a great evening, and make a difference for our students."

Event Details: Date: Friday, March 28, 2025, Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Arch 2 Sports Bar and Grill, Rocky Hill, CT

21 & Over Event

Purchase tickets online: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/night-out>

Project Graduation is a long-standing tradition in Rocky Hill, ensuring that seniors have a safe, fun, and substance-free way to celebrate their milestone achievement. The success of this program relies on the support of the community, and this fundraiser is a key opportunity to contribute.

Join us for a night of fun and fundraising - Let's make Project Graduation 2025 unforgettable!

For media inquiries, please contact: Ada Kovaci-Kume, RHHS Class of 2025 Project Graduation Committee Chair at RHHSClass2025@gmail.com or 860-707-4869.

Contact: Antonella DiBattisto Rocky Hill High School Class of 2025 Project Graduation Com-

mittee Member

Dinosaurs Take Over Rocky Hill Yards for a Roaring Good Cause!

Rocky Hill, CT - March 2025 - Get ready, Rocky Hill! Dinosaurs are on the loose, and they're invading local yards for a prehistoric prank with a purpose. The Jurasskicked fundraiser, running now through June 15, 2025, is bringing the fun of a dinosaur yard invasion while raising money for Rocky Hill High School's Class of 2025 Project Graduation.

This unique and entertaining campaign allows residents to surprise friends, family, and neighbors with a yard full of playful dinosaur decorations, all in support of a safe and memorable post-graduation celebration for RHHS seniors. The best part? Every donation goes directly toward ensuring a fun, substance-free Project Graduation event.

How It Works: Make a donation to Project Graduation. Choose a lucky recipient to have their yard "Jurasskicked" with dinosaur decorations.

The dinos will remain for 24-48 hours before migrating to their next location. Want to keep the fun going? The recipient can make a donation to send the dinos to another yard!

Don't let your yard miss out on the fun! To schedule a dino invasion use this link <https://jurasskicked-2025.cheddarup.com>

For media inquiries, please contact: Ada Kovaci-Kume, RHHS Class of 2025 Project Graduation Committee Chair at RHHSClass2025@gmail.com or 860-707-4869.

Join TOPS

Want to make friends? Have a night out? Lose some weight? Join us for TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) Mondays 6:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, 40 Tuttle Rd. Middletown Questions? email Jan at rityratcat@yahoo.com

Friday Flicks For Seniors

By Cathy Maldonado, Freelance Writer

CROMWELL - The Belden Public Library, in collaboration with the Senior Center, invites seniors to Friday Flicks, every Friday at 1 p.m. in the Arch Room.

This weekly event provides an opportunity to enjoy a fresh showing of a new film in a comfortable and social setting, making it an excellent way to unwind and engage with the community.

The event kicked off on Friday Feb. 28 and will continue each week, offering a diverse selection of films to enjoy.

Whether you are a lifelong movie enthusiast or simply looking for a pleasant way to spend the afternoon, this gathering is the perfect opportunity to discover new films and connect with fellow seniors.

Watching a film together fosters discussion and strengthens friendships, making each Friday a special occasion.

Beyond just movies, this event encourages social interaction in a welcoming environment.

The combination of a movie experience and shared company makes for an entertaining and



meaningful afternoon. Plus, it's a great way to enjoy films you might not have seen otherwise, adding variety and excitement to your week.

Don't miss out on this fantastic cinematic experience.

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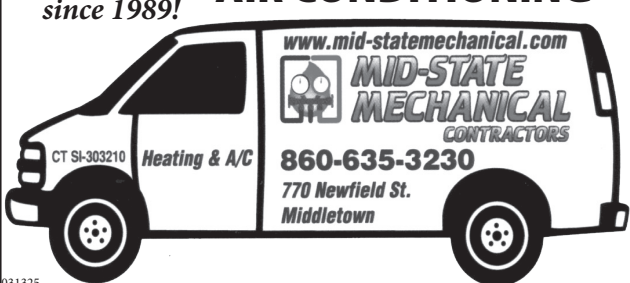


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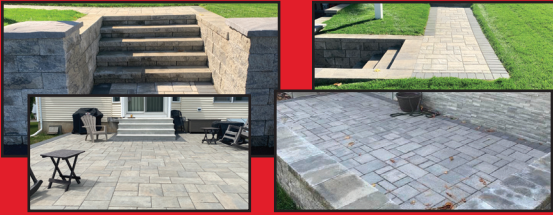
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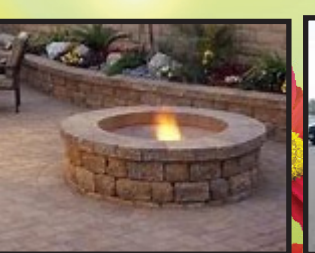
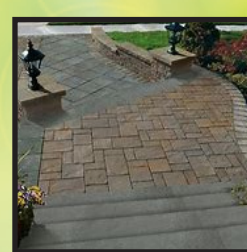


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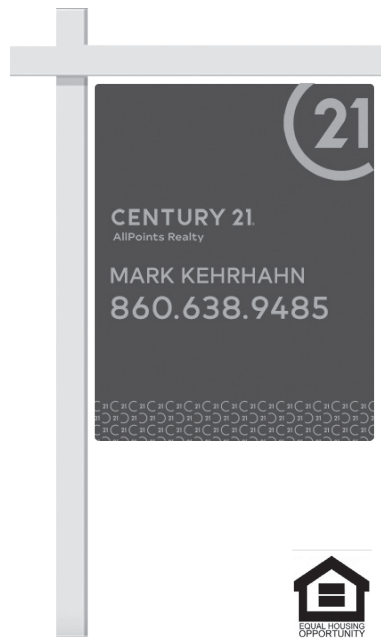
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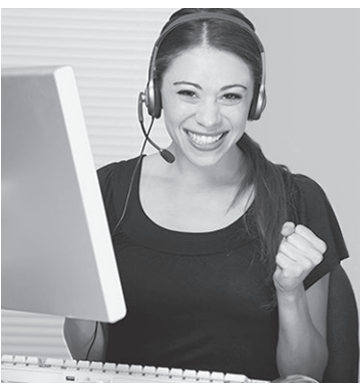
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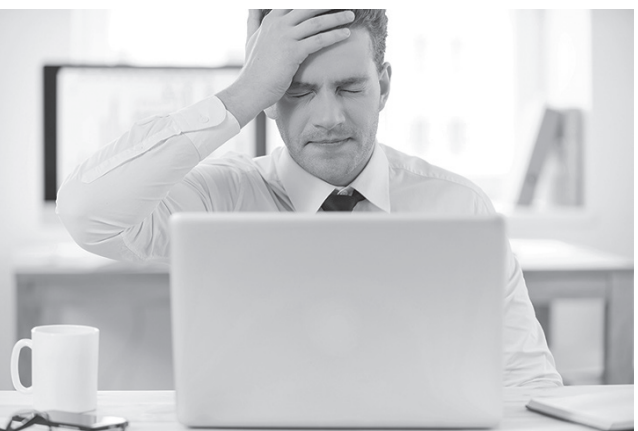
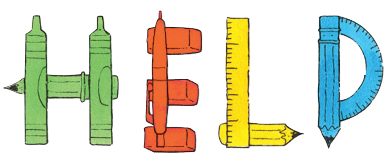
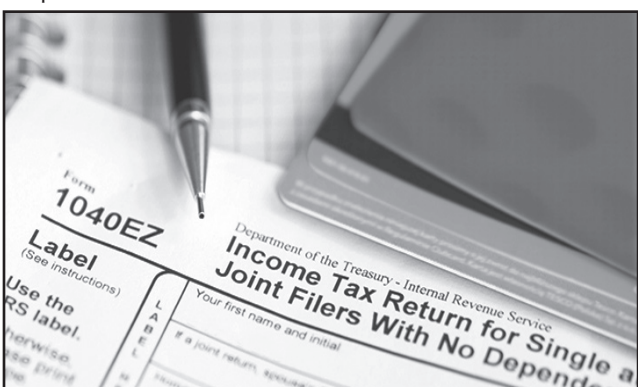
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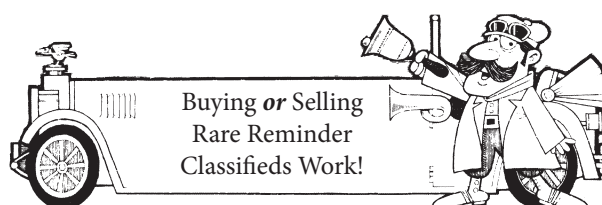
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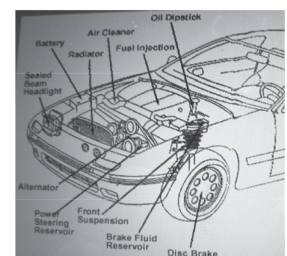
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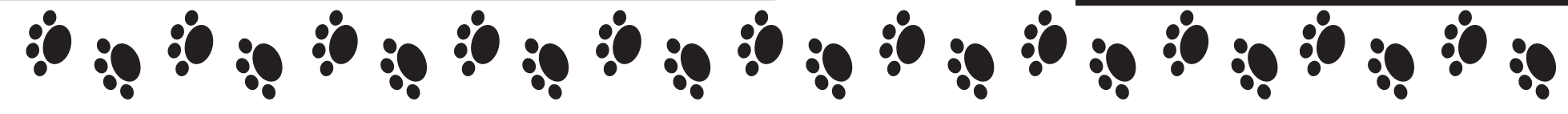
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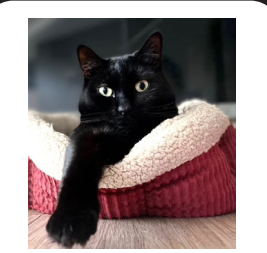
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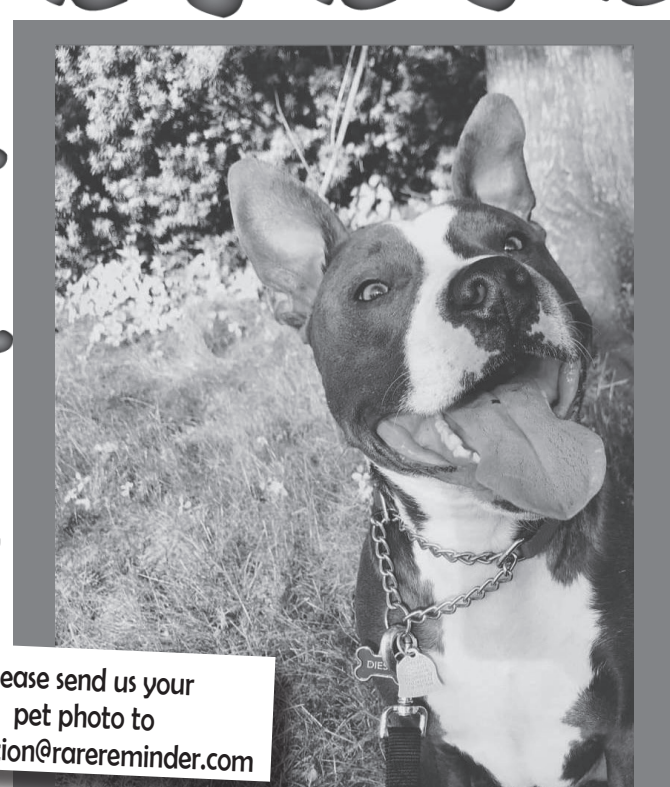
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Paint n' Sip at Wood-n-Tap

The Newington Art League (NAL) will host a Paint n' Sip at the Wood-n-Tap in Newington on Wednesday, April 23 from 5:30-8:00. Artist - Jamain Naidoo will provide all the supplies needed. There will be light appetizers and a cash bar. The fee will be \$40 and sign up will be available on the Newington Art League website at <https://newingtonartleague.org/>. ALL ARE WELCOME. No art experience is necessary. The selected piece you will work on is "Cherry Blossoms with the Moon", and you bring the finished piece home.

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RH Historical Society Seeks Volunteers

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9th Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Bowl

The Knights of Columbus DeSoto Council (Cromwell) is hosting its annual bowling fundraiser on Sunday March 16th from 12:30 - 3:00pm at Bowl-O-Rama. This is a family-friendly event that features prizes & raffles and supports the council's many charitable works! \$20/bowler (\$15 kids 12 & under) includes 2 games, shoes, pizza & drinks. Advanced registration is preferred www.zeffy.com/ticketing/9th-annual-charity-bowl or email cromwellkofc@yahoo.com.

Science Bowl Seeks Teams

Are there any middle school students in the towns of Cromwell, Middletown, Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield that are well versed in things science? There is still time for any student, parent or teacher to register a team of five students to compete in our February 8th event at Smith Middle in Glastonbury. The National Science Bowl, run by the U.S. Dept. of Energy will fly our winning team (all expenses) to Washington D.C. for the Nationals April 24th to 28th. Win or place 2nd there and your school's science department wins \$5,000. Google 'National Science Bowl' - click on the 'Regional Competitions and Deadlines' link on the left; then click on 'Middle School Regionals' on the left and lastly scroll down and click on Connecticut.

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Wethersfield PD Comment Portal Open

The Wethersfield Police Department (WPD) is preparing for national accreditation with an annual web-based assessment, and they need community feedback. Since 1992, the WPD has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Their next assessment is from August 15-August 23, 2025. Employees and community members can add comments on the CALEA Accreditation Public Portal (<http://cimrs2.calea.org/909>). The link is also available on the WPD website. For details, visit www.calea.org.

Town of Rocky Hill - Memorial Day Parade

We are proud to announce the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at Rocky Hill High School (50 Chapin Ave). We encourage the participation of veteran associations, military organizations, schools and community groups. Organizations and individuals interested in participating or sponsoring the event are invited to contact the Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department at (860) 258 2772 or email rchhabra@rockyhillct.gov

WETHERSFIELD LIBRARY Summer Raffle

The Friends of the Wethersfield Library are holding a Summer Fun raffle. Tickets will go on sale for \$5 apiece, at the library, Monday, March 10, 2025 through May 5, when the drawing will be held at 10AM. Raffle items include a rolling Igloo cooler, picnic dishes, beach towels, a table cloth, a puzzle and sun bloc. A \$100 gift certificate for any Wethersfield Park and Rec sponsored activity, along with certificates to Stop & Shop, Main Street Creamery, and Village Pizza are also part of the raffle. All proceeds will go towards funding programs at the library.

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Meals on Wheels Seeks Volunteers

You can help deliver meals to shut in seniors by donating your time for as little as two hours per week; or even per month. We are in dire need of senior volunteers to help deliver to our local sites in Cromwell, Portland, and East Hampton. Volunteer slots are 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Contact Yahaira Santiago at santiagoya@crtct.org or 860-539-6233 for more info.

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Terriers Basketball Stymied in Semis

By Josh Howard

Playing in front of a packed house at Plainville High School, the girls basketball team from Rocky Hill High School fell to Sheehan High School, 37-31, in the Class MM state semifinals on March 11.

Rocky Hill junior Katie Harding scored a game-high 17 points, but it wasn't enough to overcome a Titans team from Wallingford that rallied following a rough shooting start and advanced to the state championship game for the second straight season.

Sheehan's Megan Wresien scored 16 points, including 7 in the final frame, as the junior standout surpassed 1,000 career points on the night.

Rocky Hill head coach Pete Asadourian gave Sheehan credit for outlasting his Terriers in what equated to a slugfest, adding, "That's a good Sheehan team, and we just couldn't get our offense going tonight."

Both teams struggled to find consistent offense on the night and it was the Terriers who delivered the first strike by scoring the game's first seven points.

On the team's first offensive possession,

Harding rebounded a missed shot and scored before junior point guard Kelsey LaMay scored the next five on a pull-up jumper followed by a baseline three-pointer.

LaMay finished the night with 11 points. All told, Harding and LaMay combined to score 90% of the team's points in the season-ending loss.

Sheehan used a 9-3 scoring run to start the second half, taking their first lead of the night before increasing the margin to 26-20 late in the third.

The Terriers responded with nine straight points behind a pair of three-pointers from Harding and another from LaMay before the Titans countered with eight straight points to take the lead for good.

"I am proud of them," Asadourian said of his squad. "We made it to the final four. There's nothing to be ashamed of. Sure, it stings, but we've worked so hard this season."

The Terriers entered the state tourney as the No. 2 seed, earning a bye in the first round before ousting Kolbe Cathedral (75-52) in round two and Suffield (53-49) in the quarterfinals.



Rocky Hill point guard Kelsey LaMay brings the ball up the court during the Terriers semifinal loss to Sheehan at Plainville High School last week. LaMay will be one of four returning starters next season.



Nor'easters Headed to Next Level ... AJ Galante and Zach Girolamo, both seniors at Newington High School, have each signed letters of intent to play college football. Galante (center left) will play at Pace University in New York and Girolamo (center right) will play for Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. This past fall, the two helped the Nor'easters win 10 games as Newington advanced to the state semifinals. The athletes are flanked by family members at the school's signing ceremony on Feb. 20.

Harding, a three-time all-conference selection, combined to score 54 points, grab 10 rebounds, and dish out 7 assists in the two state tourney wins, which were both played at Rocky Hill High School.

LaMay, who was named all-conference for the second straight season, tallied a triple-double in the opening round state tourney game, posting 25 points, 14 rebounds, and 11 assists.

The loss to the No. 3 seeded Titans from Sheehan ended the program's second season under Asadourian.

In his first season as the helm, the Terriers advanced to the Class MM quarterfinals before losing to the eventual state champions from Northwest Catholic.

Asadourian said the program took the next step this winter in the team's quest for the "greater goal" of a state championship.

"They worked so hard. They showed grit and they showed togetherness" noted Asadourian, who has guided the team to a total of 39 wins in the two seasons.

Three seniors in Angelina Daly (captain), Fiona Ndoni, and Sydney Maxwell will depart the program following the semifinal surge.

But with four of five starters coming back next winter, Asadourian said his returning players can use the latest loss as fuel for next season.

"We can learn from this and get better," he added.

After eliminating Rocky Hill, Sheehan went on to upset No. 1 seed East Catholic (56-51) to capture the Class MM championship at Mohegan Sun Arena on March 16. It marked the Sheehan's first state title victory since 1976.



The Eagles 200 Medley Relay broke a new meet record during the CCC - North Championship at WHS on March 7. Pictured (from left) are Alexander Ahrens, Jack Simmons, Paolo Pirotta, and Cooper Schwartzman, the record-breaking relay team that combined to swim a 1:42.17 to set the new mark.

Eagles Dominate CCC Meet

By Josh Howard

On March 7, the boys swimming and diving team at Wethersfield High School won the Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) - North Championship meet at Backman Pool inside WHS.

During the six-program meet, multiple pool and meet records were broken as the host Eagles scored 347 points, followed by Newington (203), Avon (201), EO Smith/Tolland (184), Manchester (164), and Rocky Hill (154).

The victory was highlighted by the Eagles' 200 Medley Relay team that set a new meet record with a time of 1:42.17. The relay team of Cooper Schwartzman, Jack Simmons, Paolo Pirotta, Alexander Ahrens etched their way into the record books by topping

the previous mark (1:42.30) set in 2018, while winning the event by over a full second this winter.

The foursome also closed the meet by touching first in the 400 Freestyle Relay.

Individually, Ahrens won the 200 Freestyle and Pirotta won the 100 Butterfly to secure individual first-place finishes.

Newington's Kuba Latawicz won both the 500 Freestyle and 200 Individual Medley, setting a new pool record in the 500 Free with a time of 4:48.25 and meet record in the 200 IM with a time of 1:57.14.

Latawicz also joined Jayden Lu, Nathan Lu, and Matthew Vuong on the Nor'easters 200 Freestyle Relay that took home first place at the conference clash.



Speed Wins... Holden Speed and Delaney Speed, a brother and sister duo from Wethersfield, each helped the Owls of Southern Connecticut State University win Northeast-10 Conference indoor track and field championships in February. Holden, a 2022 graduate of WHS, won the triple jump at the conference championship as the SCSU men won an eighth consecutive conference crown. Delaney, a 2024 WHS graduate, had a top ten finish in the triple jump as the SCSU women captured the NE-10 title for the second year in a row.



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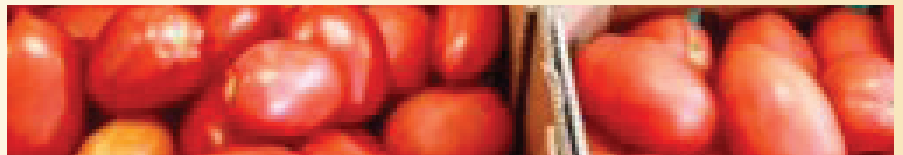
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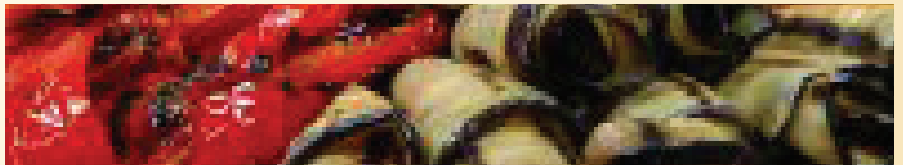
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