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The Witch in Old Connecticut

Webb Deane Steven Museum presents The Witch in Old Connecticut: Righting a Troublesome Legacy on Oct. 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a 6 p.m. opening reception, at the Holcombe Education Center. The event will touch upon Dr. Richard S. Ross III's book Before Salem: Witch Hunting in the Connecticut River Valley 1647-1663. Dr. Ross will also discuss his additional research and the contemporary events affecting the historical legacy of the witch panic in the Connecticut and New Haven colonies. Dr. Ross is Professor Emeritus and former College Librarian at Trinity College, Hartford Connecticut. Members: \$10. General public: \$15.

Rocky Hill Church Repair Fundraiser

The stately Rocky Hill Congregational Church in the center of town will be celebrating its 300th birthday in 2027. A \$750,000 capital fundraising campaign, VisionFund300, is underway to make needed repairs to the historic meeting house. With a three to four year timeline for completing the work, it is hoped that the church's three hundredth birthday can be celebrated in an updated, renovated church. Do you have a connection to this church? Baptism, marriage, funeral of a loved one? Please consider contributing as a remembrance of your link to this landmark congregation. Email visionfund300@rhccucc.org or call the office at 860-529-4167 with questions or for more information. To donate directly, go to the church's website donation page: www.rockyhillucc.org/contributions.

Rocky Hill Food Share Fridays

Families in need are eligible for free fresh food distribution at Elm Ridge Park every Friday from 1:15-1:45 p.m. The mobile food share is sponsored by volunteers from Oasis Christian Church. For more information please call the Oasis Church at 860-529-0701 or Foodshare at 860-286-9999.

Help Newington Human Services

A growing number of Newington families are struggling to cover inflated costs of living, but Newington Human Services offers several ways to help them. If you want to donate, come to our offices at Town Hall (200 Garfield Street) - we are located on the side of the building facing Lucy Robbins Welles Library. You can also donate by mail - Newington Human Services, 200 Garfield Street - Newington, CT 06111 - or online at <https://www.newingtonct.gov/1343/Community-Donations>.

Free Paper Shredding

The Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) is holding a residential paper shredding event on Sat., Sept. 23 from 9:00 - 12:00 at the Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main St., Middlefield. This event is free to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes Middletown and Cromwell. Please visit www.rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste for more information.

Cromwell Arts Alliance

Are you an artist or someone interested in supporting arts programming in Cromwell? Perhaps you want to inspire creativity in others through classes or workshops? Maybe you have yet to discover your hidden creative abilities! The Cromwell Arts Alliance invites you to learn more about the organization and the opportunities we support for artists of every kind, art lovers and those who just want to explore their creative side. Connect with us at www.facebook.com/CromwellArts or contact CromwellArtsAlliance@gmail.com. 11/20/14

Church of the Holy Trinity Fair/Silent Auction

Church of Holy Trinity will hold its Annual Fair and Silent Auction December 2, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 381 Main Street in Middletown. We're seeking crafters for the event, which features 2 floors of 30+ crafters, handmade goods, gift baskets, baked goods, Vermont cheeses, homemade cookies, tag sale, and a LARGE Silent Auction. Call 860-347-2591 with questions.

47th Annual Craft and Harvest Fair

St. George's Episcopal Church at 1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44, in Bolton will present their 47th Annual Craft and Harvest Fair on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the church lawn. Admission and parking are free. The event will feature a variety of crafters presenting an array of items including handcrafted jewelry, holiday decorations, knitted and crocheted items, wooden crafts, candles, children's items, quilts, soaps and our Book Nook. In addition, there will be a home-baked goods table, including a large selection of delicious desserts. St. George's renown homemade Apple Pies will be offered. For further information about the Fair call 860.643.9203 or visit www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBoltonCT.

Wethersfield Chamber Cornfest

The Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of the highly anticipated Cornfest! This event is a wonderful community tradition held September 23rd, 10-4 on the Broad Street Green in Historic Old Wethersfield. Attractions include Local School Performers, Music, a DJ, Wagon Rides, Games and much more. Make sure you come hungry, as there will be fantastic food options and of course fresh local corn. There are ample opportunities for business vendors, crafters and sponsorships. For questions or more information, please contact the chamber at office@wethersfieldchamber.com.



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Group's Plans Well Underway For Annual Trick R Trunk Event

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

CROMWELL - The Cromwell Children's Coalition is hosting a Halloween-themed event next month.

Youth Advisory Board member Sue Schein said the Trick R Trunk event is a fundraiser for Cromwell Public Elementary School's parent-teacher organizations. "We have been working with them [the PTO] for the past three years," Schein said. "Our portion of the event is all about pumpkins."

Trick R Trunk is on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Pierson Park from 4 to 7:30 p.m. The event is free of charge and exclusively open to Cromwell students.

According to Schein, the coalition sponsors a

jack-o-lantern event. She also said the lanterns are displayed and judged at Trick R Trunk. "Prizes will be handed out, and all the jack-o-lanterns must be taken home at the event of the Trick R Trunk event," she said.

Schein said the event consists of pumpkin decorating, where about 100 pumpkins are donated to children to get creative. "The children decorate them with stickers and take them home," she said. "Those who are not the first 100 people to get sticker pumpkins with faces can decorate them at home."

According to Schein, the event is exciting for the town's community, and she looks forward to seeing citizens there.

For more information, please contact Schein at Susan.schein@mygait.com or 860-529-2524.

Renowned Folk Artist Wiesława Bogdańska – Polish Kurpie-Style Paper Cutouts & Flowers Wycinanki

Art Lesson/Demonstration
Wed., October 4, 2023 6-8 pm.

This unique Polish tradition has been a popular form of folk art since the 1900s, and has since become a special, rich contribution to the artistic heritage of the world. Pani Bogdańska's works can be found in museum collections in Berlin, Warsaw and Kraków. The event will be held at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church's Lower Church Hall, 55 Popieluszko Court, Hartford, CT. The venue is handicapped accessible, and there is easy

parking in the church lot. Admission is \$15.00 per person, and the fee includes all the materials required for both classes. Just bring your scissors. The class will be conducted in Polish with English translation. The class size is limited to 25, and everyone must pre-register first. Please call Fran at 860.659.0356 or email francespudlo@att.net to pre-register and for further details. The event is made possible by SS. Cyril & Methodius Church Ladies Guild and the Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

Programs from the Rocky Hill Library September 2023

Children's Events

Toddler Tales: Mondays in September at 10:30 am. Join us for a fun, participatory story time for toddlers that includes songs, stories and movement activities. Each week we'll finish with a fun craft or activity too. Recommended for ages 2-4.

Music and Movement: Mondays in September at 6:30 pm. Fun for families with children 2 to 5 years (siblings welcome).

Baby Bop: Thursdays in September at 9:45 am. Get little bodies moving with lap bounces, tickles, and lifting as you sing favorite songs and recite fun rhymes. Recommended for families with babies to 18 months old.

Back to School Picture Frame: Wednesday, September 13 at 6 pm. Come make a cute craft. Registration required. Ages 6+.

Kids Bike Rodeo: Saturday, September 16 at 10 am. Join us for a bicycle safety program. Registration required. Ages 5-10.

Unicorn Magic Party: Saturday, September 23 at 2 pm. Journey to the magical land of Unicorns! Listen to a story, create a unicorn puppet, and

play Unicorn bingo. Registration required. Ages 5-8.

Adult Events

ESOL English Conversation Group: Thursdays in September at 10:30 am. Are you new to learning and speaking English? We welcome you to join our ESOL English Conversation Group! Join us in person at the library to practice English speaking skills. Registration required.

Spice Club: Thursday, September 21 at 6 pm. online. This month's spice is celery seed- discover new ways to spice up your meals. Registration required.

One-on-One Tech Help: Mondays and Fridays at 2 pm. Sign up for a 1 hour time slot to go over any tech questions you may have. These sessions can be conducted in person or online via Zoom. Please register and Mike will reach out via e-mail to coordinate the meeting.

Archaeology in Rocky Hill

Learn about the exciting world of archaeology in Rocky Hill. Drop by the Rocky Hill Historical Society anytime between 10:00 - 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 21. Activities for all ages include participating in a mock dig, viewing local artifacts, meet a professional archaeologist, and more. The museum is located at 785 Old Main St. Please email questions to InfoRHhistory@gmail.com.

Area Musician To Perform Variety Of Top 40 Favorites

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL - A musician performing 1980s and 90s music will play at the Still Hill Brewery this October.

Singer and guitarist Joe Cecchetelli, also known as Joe Check Acoustic, said it's his first time performing at the brewery.

"I've followed them for some time and love the atmosphere they have created," Cecchetelli said. "I'm excited for the opportunity to play there."

Cecchetelli will perform on Friday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

According to Cecchetelli, he's a solo performer who provides acoustic guitar and vocals. "I play a mix of top 40 favorites from the 80s to today with a focus on the 90s," he said. "I also throw some popular modern country music into the mix."

Cecchetelli said he grew up taking piano les-

sons and started playing guitar at 17 years old. "I was never a singer," he said. "After gaining confidence singing backup in one of my first bands, Pat Did It, I began to perform solo acoustic and later started the bands Worthy Cause and John Dotson and Some Other Guy that played in the Hartford area for several years."

According to Cecchetelli, he took a 20-year break from performing, but in 2020, he began posting videos online. "In the process, I regained my passion for playing live, which I have been doing ever since," he said.

Cecchetelli said he will perform songs by various artists. "You'll be sure to hear a few songs from Tom Petty, Matchbox 20, Foo Fighters, and others," he said.

For more information on Cecchetelli's performance, visit <https://www.stillhillbrewery.com/events/joe-cecchetelli-live>.

Elks Co-Hosting Discussion On Suicide Prevention

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL - The Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Elks Lodge in partnership with the Rocky Hill Human, Youth and Senior Services will host a suicide prevention panel discussion next week.

Event chairperson Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio said he's never hosted a suicide prevention panel. "Last year during the drug awareness program, I happened to think of suicide prevention," Pawlich-Pagliccio said. "So I stated at that time, during the program, that this year we're going to do suicide prevention."

The free discussion is at 761 Old Main Street on Monday, Sept. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m.

According to Pawlich-Pagliccio, he comprised a panel of individuals whose expertise is suicide prevention and awareness. "Some of the panelists will be speaking on loved ones they

lost to suicide," he said. "There's also a state police trooper that's going to be a part of the panel and he'll have a comfort dog with him."

Pawlich-Pagliccio said suicide is a serious issue in Connecticut and through the United States. According to Ct.gov, there were 388 deaths in the state last year due to suicide. "People should attend the discussion to gather information from people who have expertise in the field," he said. "It could prevent the death of loved ones, and other people throughout the state."

Pawlich-Pagliccio hopes the discussion helps people attending. "It's very sad," he said. "If we can just save one life, it'll be well worth it."

For more information on the discussion, contact Pawlich-Pagliccio at 860-257-8177.

State Representatives Wood And Barry Announce Soon- To-Launch Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

State Rep. Kerry Wood (D-Rocky Hill, Wethersfield), House Chair of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee in the Connecticut General Assembly, and State Rep. Jill Barry (D-Glastonbury), Vice Chair of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, applaud the announcement of the soon-to-launch prescription drug discount card program, which will enable all state residents to receive savings on certain prescription drugs.

Beginning on October 2, Connecticut residents will be eligible to sign up for the discount card through ArrayRx, and when purchasing prescription drugs, consumers present the card at their pharmacy, and they can receive savings of up to 80% on certain medications. All FDA-approved drugs are eligible for a discount.

A valid physical Connecticut address and e-mail address are required to enroll. The card will be provided to consumers digitally via e-mail and can be downloaded to smartphone wallets. It is anticipated that the card can be used at most pharmacies in Connecticut.

This program is part of Public Act 23-171 that encompasses several health care cost-saving measures, which Rep. Wood and Rep. Barry worked closely on with several committees during the most-recent legislative session.

"It's very beneficial for us to know what prescription drugs are the most prescribed here in

Connecticut. We can use this data to collaborate with other neighboring states and bulk purchase these drugs and pass these savings on to people in Connecticut. Our goal is to reduce these costs by 10-20% in the first year," said Rep. Wood.

"Prescription drugs pricing continue to be one of the most exponential increases year over year for people in Connecticut. We heard from AARP and people suffering from chronic conditions how scary it is to rely on life-saving medications only to have their costs become unattainable. I'm proud of our committee's work on this issue and want people to know that we will continue to monitor these costs and expand savings," added Rep. Barry.

Some of the other ways that Public Act 23-171 helps control the rising cost of health care for Connecticut residents, include fostering market competition in health care markets, which could mean lower prices and improved access to care, bans on all-or-nothing, anti-tiering and anti-steering clauses and limits on hospital "facility fees" that cover operational expenses separate from the provider's fee for the services rendered.

Unique Map of RH Farms

Rocky Hill Historical Society volunteer Tim Honan located a 1934 aerial map of the town online and overlaid it with farm owner names and street names.

The resulting unique map of Rocky Hill farms is displayed at the Society's museum at 785 Old Main Street and was the Society's most popular non-sale item at the Farmer's Market for the last two years.

This year at the Market, additional photos were made available of historic buildings and events in Rocky Hill.

For maps showing Rocky Hill farms in 1945, 1960, and 1988, visit www.RHhistory.org/farms.html.

Rocky Hill Historical Society

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Oct. 7th Center Cemetery Tour 1:00-3:00

Meet us at Center Cemetery to tour this historic site with town historian Bob Herron.

Saturday, Oct. 21st Archaeology Program 10:00-3:00

Join us at our first Archaeology Day! Participate in a mock dig. Learn about methods used to uncover and understand recent and old Rocky Hill discoveries. Great for the young ones.

Thank you for reading
the Rare Reminder.

Rachel Vasel Earns Quin- nippiac Dean's List Honors

Area student Rachel Vasel has been named to Quinnipiac University's Spring 2023 Dean's List, university administrators have announced.

The recognition is for distinguished academic achievement throughout the semester.



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Library Hosting New Event Featuring Banned Books

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

CROMWELL - The Cromwell Belden Public Library is hosting a Banned Book Read-In in honor of banned book week next month.

Adult Services Librarian Emma Russo-Savage said it's the library's first time hosting the event. "We're hoping to get as many people in the building as possible to be reading books at the same time to make sort of a statement about our community's support for the freedom to read," Russo-Savage said. "Having access to information is important."

The free event will be at 39 West St. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 6 to 7 p.m.

According to Russo-Savage, the event is for all ages. "I thought that it was a good idea because our collection has books for everyone," she said.

Russo-Savage said many banned-books could relate to people's personal beliefs. "If there's a book that's banned about a young girl wearing a hijab, there's people in our community who also wear hijabs, so they may attend the event as well," she said. "People could also read about different experiences outside of their own."

According to Russo-Savage, the event also serves to unite Cromwell citizens. "It's meant to bring together the community and really help in creating a positive pro-reading atmosphere," she said.

Youth Services Librarian Emily Mills said she was inspired to host the event from the library community. "I believe that I saw someone doing something similar with their library and I thought it would be a great experience," Mills said.

According to Mills, there will be a golden retriever therapy dog named "Phoenix" at the event. "Phoenix will be there while people are reading these books or when children are getting books read out loud to them," she said.

Mills said the event will have a positive atmosphere. "People could read materials and works from these authors," she said. "It's not meant to be divisive."

For more information on the event, contact the library at 860-632-3460.

Senior Center's New Gift Shop Features Many Handmade Items

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL - The Rocky Hill Senior Center opened a gift shop this summer featuring handcrafted items from the center's members.

Gina Marino, senior services director and "The Landing" gift shop supervisor, said the shop is co-managed by two volunteers, Cathy Parent and Kathy Carle. "The shop was created by our staff," Marino said. "When the town built the new building, they did a survey, and one of the things the committee wanted was a gift shop."

The shop, located at 55 Church St., is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The gift shop items are made by senior citizens, and they're all handmade," she said. "We have artwork, jewelry, paper lanterns, gift cards, gift bags, trivets, soaps, jellies, jams, honey, and other items."

Marino said she encourages Rocky Hill citizens to visit and support their local seniors. "People would have the opportunity to purchase unique items at a reasonable price," she said. "The seniors



are very excited and look forward to making new things to put in the shop."

According to Marino, new vendors and volunteers can apply for the shop. "We'd love to open the shop for more hours, but that depends on how many volunteers we have," she said.

For more information on the shop or to apply as a volunteer or vendor, email RHSCgiftshop@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

From the Cromwell Creative District... WINGS Mural Photo Contest Winners

We'd love to be able to congratulate the two winners of Cromwell Creative District's WINGS Mural Photo Contest: Ashley Bellamo and Eileen

Kulo. Everyone who submitted a photo with the WINGS was entered and these two names were chosen at random, both winning a \$25 cash prize!

Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Announces 2023 Distinguished Citizen Award Winners

(Middletown, CT.) Chairman Sean Hayes of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce announced that the 127th Annual Awards Dinner will take place on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station in Haddam, CT.

During the Annual Awards Dinner, the Middlesex Chamber's 2023 Distinguished Citizens will be honored. Each year, the Middlesex Chamber presents this award to one or more individuals who has served as an inspiration to others and is recognized by the Middlesex community as having unselfishly given his or her time and talent to produce a lasting benefit to the area. The 2023 Distinguished Citizens are: Donald DeVivo,

Faith Jackson, and Maureen Westbrook.

Middlesex Chamber President Johanna Bond noted, "Again this year, our Distinguished Citizen Committee has chosen three outstanding individuals. They have contributed to making Middlesex County a better place to work and live and we are extremely proud of all of them."

The chamber will also recognize Past Chamber Chairwoman Kristen Roberts as well as the 2023 Chief Michael L. Green Award Recipient.

The cost to attend this annual event is \$65.00 per person. Advance registration is required, please register online: www.middlesexchamber.com.

Cox Celebrates Local Coaches in Inaugural "Outstanding Coaches" Campaign

Coaches nominated by parents and local leadership for going above and beyond to provide leadership and life skills

MANCHESTER - (September 8, 2023) - Coaches have embedded themselves as pillars of the communities they serve, helping young people achieve more, build skills, and celebrate teamwork. That's why Cox Communications decided to enlist the support of the community to recognize deserving coaches with a \$1,000 donation in their name for the many ways they improve the lives of everyone around them as students return to the school for the new academic year.

A request for nominations was put out over Facebook in a heavily socialized campaign, which yielded nearly 150 responses. With no shortage of deserving candidates, Cox identified winners in each of its northeast footprint states of Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Ohio. The winners all shared many qualities, including selfless commitment to community; longstanding tenure in their roles with outstanding track records; and the ability to change lives for the better, every step of the way.

In Connecticut, Cox recognized Brian Graca, a teacher and cross-country coach for Rocky Hill High School, and Luke Reilly, a basketball coach with East Catholic High School in Manchester. Each of the "Outstanding Coaches" winners was informed via a virtual Zoom meeting that they had been nominated by a peer and selected by Cox employees from among a large pool of contestants. The \$1,000 prize will be donated in their name to an athletic organization of their choice.

"What happens on the field often mirrors what happens in a young person's life, and the people they meet can help to define those experiences," said Ross Nelson, senior vice president and region manager for Cox Communications in the northeast. "A coach is a natural leader in the community and looked to as a role model for how to build skills and achieve goals. As such, Cox is thrilled to recognize these celebrated coaches and all they've accomplished over many years of steadfast commitment."

Letters to the Editor

Steve Wygonowski for Cromwell BOF

Please support Steve Wygonowski for Cromwell Board of Finance on November 7th.

I have known Steve for more than 20 years, and continue to be impressed with his ongoing commitment to our community. In addition to being a current Board of Finance member and a current ZBA alternate member, Steve's leadership skills are invaluable to both Cromwell BSA Troop 26 and Habitat for Humanity.

Steve will continue to ask the difficult questions to help keep Cromwell on a sound financial footing.

Jim Rude, Cromwell CT

Demetriades for Cromwell Mayor

I am compelled to write a letter of endorsement for mayoral candidate James Demetriades.

I have lived in Cromwell for 31 years and have never seen a political candidate with as much enthusiasm, leadership, vision, and community development skills as James Demetriades.

I have known James since he was a freshman in Cromwell high school. As a student, he demonstrated solid leadership, critical and creative thinking and interpersonal skills among his peers and teachers. He instills trust and compassion while working toward common and even uncommon goals with peers, supervisors, and authority figures. As a native of Cromwell and product of the Cromwell school system, he continues to embellish these skills in his professional career as an employment and labor attorney and certainly as a Cromwell public servant serving on the Town Council for two consecutive terms.

James is that rare individual who always volunteers to chair or to participate in committees, to serve in uncompensated public office, and to implement tasks and projects no one else thinks of or do not want to do. James will complete tasks before he is even asked. He consistently meets deadlines and sets a high bar for himself while still allowing flexibility for others. James is not afraid of hard work or doing anything that must be done for an organization or community to flourish. James brings that unique ability to initiate, coordinate and implement everything he says he will do in a town he loves. His enthusiasm is infectious. His commitment to Cromwell excellence and progress is unsurpassed. While he has new ideas for programs and services in Cromwell, he is also a strong proponent of fiscal accountability, fundraising and fiscal options as demonstrated in his questions and discussions in Town council meetings throughout his tenure.

His desire to include the full spectrum of Cromwell residents in transparent and responsive government is unrivaled. He truly believes the more democracy and the more community and inter community involvement there is, the more positive Cromwell will be. He understands the need for improved government accountability. As mayor, James will strengthen and expand existing bonds between all levels of Cromwell government.

James is also a natural at planned or impromptu public speaking, invoking enthusiasm and enticing public participation for a stronger Cromwell. His mayoral platform is both ambitious and achievable while still engaging constituents, other town employees, commission/board members and town officials.

I am always amazed at James' tantalizing ability to analyze structural, and systemic problems critically and to propose solutions to these varied, complex problems while simultaneously balancing the need for humane government, sensitivity to taxpayers and the preservation of democracy. James will never forget his commitment to democratic values or the people he serves.

We can always expect James Demetriades to serve as an honest, forthright, and visionary pub-

lic servant. I urge all Cromwell residents to vote for James Demetriades for Cromwell Mayor in November 2023

Marilyn Teitelbaum
Cromwell, Ct. 06416

Ames FAQs

Dear Editor, here are a couple of FAQs:

WHAT IS THE "AMES TAX ABATEMENT" & HOW DOES IT IMPACT THE TOWN? The AMES tax abatement is a long-term investment strategy that temporarily fixes only the real estate portion of taxes on the new multi-use redevelopment project called Kelson Row. The development features both retail and commercial space while dedicating 10% of the residential units as "workforce affordable" - ideal for public service workers, folks just starting out, and those on a fixed limited income. Real estate taxes will be paid in the amount of \$80,000 for 7 years (more revenue than it was generating pre-abatement) and requires payment of 20% of the new value in year 8, and 40% of the new value in year 9. Under this incentive, the project is estimated to generate millions of dollars in revenue over the life of the abatement from personal property taxes, permits and fees, and real estate taxes on the new value. Millions of dollars we would not be getting if the property remained dormant. A win-win for our community. This long-awaited revitalization project has already rejuvenated economic growth along the Silas Deane corridor creating new revenue sources for our grand list and supporting existing businesses. Equally important, this investment has eradicated a 22+ year neighborhood blight problem. Another exciting feature of the project is that the developer purchased a 2nd parcel of land, combined it with the AMES property, and is partnering with the Town to make its commercial use compatible with our Intermodal Corridor Plan - a project to improve walkability/biking in that area and expand usage of the Town Green. And even more exciting news, the Town just received word that we are being awarded a grant to carry out part of those design plans to connect the Kelson Row project - the new anchor of our downtown revitalization - to the river!

HOW IS A TOWN MANAGER SEARCH CONDUCTED? When it comes to hiring the CEO of a town, a/k/a/ a "Town Manager," the most prudent and transparent process necessarily involves the services of a national search firm. Merely conducting a local search for such a unique and important municipal government position would have significantly limited our scope, especially as many nearby towns were also searching at the same time. The town manager position is of such import for taxpayers, we cannot cut corners on the process. To do so would be an incredible disservice to Rocky Hill residents, businesses, and town employees. For this reason, the Town Council, in its entirety, approved the hiring of a national search firm, empaneled a bi-partisan hiring committee, unanimously approved the final candidate list and ultimately the hiring of the current Town Manager. Hence, ensuring that a thorough, independent, and objective search was conducted.

Yours in Partnership,
Mayor Lisa J. Marotta

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Church To Host Piano Concert To Benefit Relief For Ukraine

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

NEWINGTON - Musician Victor Markiw will perform at the Church of Christ Congregational Concert Series next month.

Markiw said this is his sixth time performing a benefit concert for Ukraine relief. "The purpose is to raise funds for needed humanitarian aid for civilian victims in Ukraine," Markiw said.

The free concert is at 1075 Main St. on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. Donations are not required, but encouraged to fundraise for Ukraine.

Markiw, a solo pianist, plays music composed by various musicians. "I will perform works by composers Mozart, Skoryk, Mompou, Granados, Albeniz, DeFalla, and Schubert," he said.

According to Markiw, he started Ukraine Aid recitals in 2022 due to the Russian-Ukraine war. "I began after the genocidal war the Russian Federation unleashed on the Ukrainians," he said. "I was inspired to create the event after noticing the absolute inhumanity and genocide that is once

again occurring in our world despite the words 'never again.'"

Markiw said he encourages people against tyranny and genocide to donate to Ukraine relief. "People should attend the event to hear interesting and great music but also to donate to help Ukrainians who suffer from this deplorable aggression," he said.

According to Markiw, he raised \$2,500 from his benefit concert last year for Ukraine relief. "Newington residents and those from other towns were incredibly supportive and engaged in the music," he said.

Markiw said he hopes people find an appreciation for his unique music and acknowledge their importance in the world. "People are not bystanders but responsible citizens of the world whose presence and donations actually make a difference," he said.

For more information on Markiw and the concert, email pniedmann@newingtonucc.org or call 860-666-4689.



NCTC Performs at the Waterfall Festival

The Newington Children's Theatre Company is proud to present three offerings at the Newington Waterfall Festival, this Saturday, 9/23. Simply Cinderella, a 20-minute modern retelling of the classic tale, will take the stage at 10am & 1:30pm. Storytime with Belle and Friends at 11:15am and join in their Frozen Sing-a-long

with Elsa, Anna & Olaf! Bring a blanket or chair to sit and watch the performances. Be sure to stop at the NCTC booth for your chance to win a family four-pack of tickets to see their upcoming performance of Disney's Frozen Jr.

For more info, visit NCTCArts.org.

Newington Kiwanis Flea Market to Again Host Crafters

The Newington Kiwanis Flea Market will again host a special "Island of Crafters" section on October 15 (rain date October 22).

Dozens of crafters have signed up for this event which will include many home décor and holiday gift items that are handmade. Examples of items for sale include doll clothes, jewelry, crocheted items, pet gifts, soaps, holiday decorations, word carvings, and many other crafted items. The idea to have a crafters week came from a suggestion last year by a crafter who was a flea market vendor. The flea market will include its regular array of vendors in addition to the crafters set up on the

island. Last year's Island of Crafters was a huge success for shoppers, vendors, and for Newington Kiwanis fundraising.

The flea market will be open each Sunday through October 29 and then reopen for the spring on Sunday, April 28, 2023—running then each Sunday through the end of June.

The flea market takes place in the Market Square parking lot in Newington Center near Moon Ming Restaurant and is open 8 am to 1 PM on Sundays. For information, please check fb.com/newingtonfleaemarket, email fleaemarket@cox.net, or call 860-667-2754.

Regional Veterans Seminar

Features benefits and information for Veterans and family members of Wethersfield, Newington, Rocky Hill, and Glastonbury.

Are you a Veteran or family member of a Veteran? Do you have questions about the benefits or services available to you? Stop by the Pitkin Community Center from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 19, 2023, for a special Regional Veterans Seminar.

Learn about Veterans programs & benefits, talk with Veterans service representatives, fellow Vets and more. This special Regional Veterans Seminar will feature informative presentations by representatives of over a dozen national, statewide and regional Veterans services organizations, plus opportunities to meet face to face with Veterans services representatives to get your questions answered and meet the people that can assist you best. The seminar is free, and no advanced registration is required.

Sponsored by the Wethersfield Veterans Commission in cooperation with neighboring

towns of Newington, Rocky Hill and Glastonbury, this seminar is designed to help Veterans, surviving spouses and family members looking for answers. "There are lots of helpful programs and services at the national, state and municipal level to help our Veterans," says Wethersfield Veterans Commission chairperson Doug Shipman, "but often people are not sure what support they are eligible for or how to get it. This seminar is designed to help people get the information and assistance they need."

Wethersfield Town Council established the town Veterans Commission to "assist and advise the Town and its residents on veterans' issues." In addition to supporting the Town's Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Day Ceremony, commission members work with the Wethersfield Public Schools to foster student involvement with Veterans, distribute a semi-annual Veterans newsletter called "At Your Service", and have established a Veterans Information portal at: <https://wethersfieldct.gov/social/veterans>.

Newington Police Department

Arrest Logs (as of 9/11/23)

Name: Trojanowski,Dariusz A
Arrested: 22:16
Where Arrested: Newington, CT Newington , CT 06111- 9/09/2023
Court Date: 09/11/2023
Arrest Charge Description Counts Bond Amt 53a-182 DISORDERLY CONDUCT
Name: Trojanowski,Alicja
Arrested: 22:11 Where Arrested: Newington, CT Newington , CT 06111- 9/09/2023
Court Date: 09/11/2023
Arrest Charge Description Counts Bond Amt 53a-182 DISORDERLY CONDUCT
Name: Duhaney,Shaun A
Arrested: 18:17
Where Arrested: 03164 Berlin Turnpike

Bloomfield , CT 06002- 9/09/2023
Court Date: 09/22/2023
Arrest Charge Description Counts Bond Amt 53a-125b LARCENY 6TH DEG 4/14/1941
Name: Pluff,Kerri Ann
Arrested: 15:05
Where Arrested: 00095 Berkley Street Torrington , CT 06790- 9/09/2023
Court Date: 09/22/2023
Arrest Charge Description Counts Bond Amt 53a-108 CRIMINAL TRESPASS 2ND DEG 3/1/1938 00:00:00 \$5,000.00 53a-167a INTERFERE WITH OFFCR/RESISTING 3/1/1938 00:00:00 \$0.00
Name: KING JR,JONATHAN
Arrested: 20:00
Where Arrested: 00300 Garfield Street MERIDEN , CT 06450- 9/08/2023
Court Date: 09/11/2023
Charge Description Counts Bond Amt 53a-181 BREACH OF PEACE 2ND DEG 5/5/1934 00:00:00 \$5,000.00 53a-62(a)1 THREATENING 2-PHYSICAL THREAT

Upcoming Meetings

Sept. 21
• Anna Reynolds Project Committee Meeting - 5:15 PM
• Human Rights Commission - 6 PM
• Newington EMS Committee - 6 PM
Sept. 26
• Mayor & Town Council Meeting - 7 PM
Sept. 27
• Town Planning and Zoning Commission - 7 PM
Meeting details available at www.newingtonct.gov.

Newly Retired Newington Women's Meetup Group Schedule

• Nov.8--Elvis/Aquaturf--11 a.m.
Please visit us online, at the NEWLY-RETIRED NEWINGTON WOMEN meetup group. You don't have to be from Newington to join!

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GROUP THERAPY SERIES

Children's Processing Group Age: 7-9 (Co-ed)

- ✓ 8 week Series: Sept 27th-Nov. 15th
- ✓ Starts Wednesday, September 27th @ 5:15pm
- ✓ This group will focus on helping children gain new coping skills to regulate their emotions.

Girl Talk Age: 10-13 (Co-ed)

- ✓ 8 week Series: Sept 27th-Nov. 15th
- ✓ Starts Wednesday, September 27th @ 6:30pm
- ✓ This group will focus on providing girls the space to connect and learn new tools to combat negative self-talk and develop self-compassion.

Virtual Middle School Support Group (Co-ed)

- ✓ This is an ongoing group
- ✓ Group Starts Monday, September 25th @6:00 PM Online
- ✓ This group is available for middle schoolers who may not be ready to attend group in-person.

Teen Process Group for High School Students

- ✓ 8 week Series: Sept 26th-Nov. 12th
- ✓ Group Starts Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 6:00 Pm
- ✓ This group is for high school students experiencing common challenges such as depression, anxiety, and relationship issues.

Parenting support Group

- ✓ This is an ongoing in-person support group (Wednesday nights)



At a Glance

The process

- Complete Group intake
- Register and pay for group

Cost

- \$35 per group session out of pocket
- \$250 if paid in full
- Insurance accepted Husky, Cigna, Aetna

Location

93 Market Sq., Suite 5
Newington, CT 06111

Meet your facilitators



CHRISTIE

JENNY

Abbie

To schedule and intake or for more information, please contact us at:

Hopespeakslc.com
(860) 479-6400



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Library To Host Bead Event For Local School Children

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

NEWINGTON - The Lucy Robbins Welles Library will host a Perler Bead Pixel Art event next week.

Full-time team librarian Sarah Riordan said the event is a part of the library's "Teen Pop Up" series. "These are drawing programs that you don't have to sign up for, and they'll be hosted right at the library," Riordan said.

The free event is at 100 Garfield St. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 3 to 4 p.m. The activity is open for children in grades 6 through 12.

Riordan said that Perler Beads requires a pegboard provided by the library. "Perler Beads are plastic circles, so you can put them on a pegboard and build different designs," she said. "They are then ironed and fused together."

According to Riordan, participants are encouraged to make their desired keychains, characters, or designs. "We did the same event last year, and the children seemed to really enjoy it,"

she said. "A lot of them had a lot of fun making their creations."

Riordan said the craft will work the participants' minds. "You have to spend a little bit of time really focusing and getting your beads into the right spot on the pegboard, so it has a good turnout and good response," she said. "That's why we're hoping to do it one more time and bring in another fresh set of kids."

Riordan said people should attend the event to socialize and learn more about the teen department. "Some of these kids are from different middle schools, so they get a chance to interact with each other," she said. "We're hoping that they come just to have a good time, enjoy crafts, and learn more about their teen space that's available to them."

For more information on the event, call the library at 860-665-8700.

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Art Lesson/Demonstration
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parking in the church lot. Admission is \$15.00 per person, and the fee includes all the materials required for both classes. Just bring your scissors. The class will be conducted in Polish with English translation. The class size is limited to 25, and everyone must pre-register first. Please call Fran at 860.659.0356 or email francespudlo@att.net to pre-register and for further details. The event is made possible by SS. Cyril & Methodius Church Ladies Guild and the Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

State Rep. Gary Turco Applauds Soon-To-Launch Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

State Rep. Gary Turco (D-Newington, New Britain) applauds the announcement of Connecticut's soon-to-launch prescription drug discount card program, which will enable all state residents to receive savings on certain prescription drugs.

Beginning on October 2, Connecticut residents will be eligible to sign up for the discount card through ArrayRx, and when purchasing prescription drugs, consumers present the card at their pharmacy, and they can receive savings of up to 80% on certain medications. All FDA-approved drugs are eligible for a discount.

A valid physical Connecticut address and e-mail address are required to enroll. The card will be provided to consumers digitally via e-mail and can be downloaded to smartphone wallets. It is anticipated that the card can be used at most pharmacies in Connecticut.

This program is part of Public Act 23-171 that Rep. Turco strongly supported the most-recent legislative session.

"Connecticut residents have sought relief from rising health care costs – including on the prescription medications they need to stay healthy – so this discount card offers a tangible way to save at the pharmacy counter beginning this October," said Rep. Turco. "It could translate to big savings for seniors and families in terms of tackling the high cost of health care."

Some examples of savings using the ArrayRx discount card on commonly filled prescription

drugs in participating states (currently Nevada, Oregon and Washington) include:

Product Name	Approximate Cash Price*	Approximate Price with ArrayRx discount*
Omeprazole (20 mg – 30 tablets)	\$93.01	\$12.27
Hydrocodone Bitartrate/Acetaminophen (325 mg / 5 mg – 12 tablets)	\$24.92	\$6.70
Lisinopril (30 mg – 30 tablets)	\$28.51	\$8.38

*This is the approximate cost at the time of publishing and is subject to change.

Some of the other ways that Public Act 23-171 helps control the rising cost of health care for Connecticut residents, include fostering market competition in health care markets, which could mean lower prices and improved access to care, bans on all-or-nothing, anti-tiering and anti-steering clauses and limits on hospital "facility fees" that cover operational expenses separate from the provider's fee for the services rendered.

For more information on how the ArrayRx discount card works, including a list of frequently asked questions and a drug price lookup tool, visit arrayrxcard.com.

Letters to the Editor

From Fred Callahan, Constable

My name is Fred Callahan. I am running for re-election for Newington Town Constable, proudly representing the Democratic Team.

I have served as Newington Town Constable for 14 years to date. The Town Constable is responsible for collecting back taxes and serving alias warrants.

I am a life-long resident of Newington. I am co-owner of my family's bowling center, Bowl-O-Rama located on the Berlin Turnpike.

I served on the Newington Police Department for 24 years.

In 2018 I was appointed to a committee in Old Lyme to study the total re-organization of the town's police department.

I currently serve as a long-time Security Commissioner at Point O' Woods in Old Lyme.

I was appointed to serve on the committee that built the \$15 million Newington Police Station.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Town of Newington as Town Constable for another 2 years. Please cast your vote for me and the entire Democratic Town Committee – Row A- on November 7.

Fred Callahan
Newington, CT

Yopp for Newington BOE

I met Ms. Yopp when she first moved to town and we quickly bonded over how to get the best grocery store deals, motherhood and how difficult it is to raise a child in today's world. She wished she could do something to make that change.

Well she found a way! As time passed and our friendship grew I realized that this fiscally minded woman was also a fast and furious go getter. She didn't hesitate to step up for her community when they needed her to run for the Board of Education. Seeing that as a way she could try and make raising a child a bit easier. She immediately began researching and learning all she could in order to serve the people and children of the town.

Watching her learn and grow in that roll, watching her stand her ground and fight for what she felt was best, and experiencing her seeming never ending supply of energy I was glad we had her on our Board of Education.

What I've learned myself by watching her is that I'd never want to have to work for her, but I would want to have her working for me. That women will not give up the fight for what she knows should be done! She's done a great job on the BOE on her first term. Looking for and finding ways to better serve our children and to save money while doing so. I can't wait to see what she can do for the us during her second term!

Please vote for Anastasia and everyone running on the Republican team!

Dana Havens
Newington Ct

Re-Elect Yopp to BOE

My name is Amy and I have lived in Newington for 25 years and I support Anastasia YOPP for re-election as she is someone who fights for our school system and the people of Newington.

Nicole Masse
Newington



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NEWINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF AGENT APPROVAL

The duly authorized agent of the Newington Conservation Commission, on September 06, 2023, has taken the following action on the application noted below:

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Application 2023-09-AA: to construct an 8' x 12' shed within the Upland Review Area (URA) at 63 Brace Rd. Applicant, Owner, Contact: Frank Aronne.

Dated at Newington, CT – September 15, 2023
Erik S. Hinckley, AZT, Inland Wetland Agent

NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

At its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **September 13, 2023** the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission met and took the following actions:

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS:

Petition 21-23: Renewal Of Special Permit 34-17 For A Home Occupation Business at 172 Indian Hill Rd - Under Section 3.4.4 Of The Regulations, Applicant/Contact: Amy Berube, Owner: Amy And Jaime Berube.

Submitted,
Paul Dickson
Town Planner

NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing September 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers, Room 103 at Town Hall, 200 Garfield Street, Newington, CT on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 to consider the following petitions:

Petition 16-23: Special Permit (Sec 3.15.3) A restaurant (table or counter service) at 26 Fenn Rd (a.k.a. 36 Fenn Rd), Applicant: Arif Pal & Basit Ali, Owner: Hayes-Kaufman Newington Associates LLC, Contact: Arif Pal.

Petition 17-23: Special Permit (Sec. 6.2.5) for a free-standing sign at 550 Cedar St., Applicant and Owner: DPI LLC, Contact: Dan Montanaro.

Petition 20-23: Zoning Regulation Text Amendment Pertaining To (Sec. 3.13) Special Permits Allowed In (B-TC) Business Town Center Zone, Add Section 3.13.7 Accessory Drive Throughs (Accessory Use To A Restaurant, Bank, Pharmacy, And Laundromat), Applicant: Newington TPZ, Contact: Paul Dickson.

This public hearing will be a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting. Information on how to attend will be posted on the Town website at: <https://www.newingtonct.gov/virtualmeetingschedule>

These petitions and related material are available for public inspection through the published agenda at the Town Plan and Zoning Commission agenda center: <https://www.newingtonct.gov/AgendaCenter/Town-Planning-Zoning-Commission-27>

Persons who require an accommodation to participate in this public hearing should contact the Town Planner at 860-665-8578 or townplanner@newingtonct.gov not less than 24 hours before the public hearing.

Submitted,
Paul Dickson
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Library To Host No-Bake Event For Teens To Learn And Enjoy

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - The Wethersfield Public Library is hosting a no-bake cooking event next month.

Teen librarian Sarah Briggs said teenagers in grades 7 to 12 could participate in making caramel apple cheesecake. She also said the library collaborates with Food Explorers, which provides nutritional programs.

"We have hosted Food Explorers previously at the library for chocolate pop tarts and ravioli programs," Briggs said. "Food Explorers teaches youth about cooking and nutrition through hands-on workshops."

The free event is at 515 Silas Deane Highway on Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m.

According to Briggs, previous cooking events at the library were well-attended. "We are looking forward to making caramel apple cheesecake,"

she said. "Each participant will have the opportunity to make and eat their creation."

Briggs said a Food Explorers instructor will assist participants through the recipe. "The success of previous programs with Food Explorers made us want to host them again," she said. "We settled on caramel apple cheesecake from among the recipes they offer because it is seasonal and doesn't require oven time."

Briggs described the event as fun and educational. "As a teen librarian, I try to provide a mix of life skills and activities, and Food Explorers checks both boxes," she said.

According to Briggs, she hopes attendees take away baking knowledge and inspiration from the event. "We hope participants are happy with how their cheesecake comes out," she said.

To register for the event and more information, visit <https://wethersfieldlibrary.libcal.com/event/9546381>.

Wethersfield Historical Society's Old Wethersfield Arts & Crafts Fair Returning For The 41st Time

Wethersfield, CT - Wethersfield Historical Society presents the 41st Annual Old Wethersfield Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Join us for a day of community, fun, and celebration on the beautiful grounds of Cove Park in the heart of the oldest and largest historic district in Connecticut. (Also the state's most recently designated Cultural District). Browse hand-made items, shop for unique gifts, meet the artists, and watch demonstrations from over 90 juried artisans and vendors. There will be pottery, woodwork, prints, jewelry, textiles, and fabric art, painting, photography, and so much more. Free parking is available along State Street, and adjacent to the DMV.

Wethersfield Historical Society's Tent will be filled with "Attic Treasures" and treats. Our volunteer bakers will be offering delicious homemade goodies for sale. Throughout the year, our friends and neighbors have been donating one-of-a-kind items to our "Attic Treasures" that the society offers for sale to help support our educational programming. The Old Wethersfield Arts & Crafts Fair also welcomes other area non-profits like the Wethersfield Academy for the Arts, the Wethersfield Art League, and Ginger's Jams and Jellies to share their work and missions with the community.

Back by popular demand, 1 free pumpkin will be given to the first 100 children under age 12. Children can bring their pumpkins to the tent along State Street to decorate them. Children (and their parents) will enjoy great food by many vendors. This year's fair has the added feature of food trucks. There will also be live music.

The Old Wethersfield Arts & Crafts Fair is a benefit that supports Wethersfield Historical Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit, membership supported organization founded in 1932. The Society offers free admission to the Wethersfield Museum year round in addition to providing quality educational programming that improves the lives of residents and helps preserve the oldest and largest historic district in the state of Connecticut. Tickets are on sale now. Tickets purchased in advance, either online or at the Old Academy (150 Main Street, Wethersfield), are \$7. Purchased at the gate on the day of the event, admission is \$10. Current members of Wethersfield Historical Society and children under 12 accompanied by an adult are admitted free of charge. Due to the nominal nature of the admission charge, only cash will be accepted at the gate.

For more information, visit www.wethersfieldhistory.org or email the show manager at OWAF@wethersfieldhistory.org.

Elks Co-Hosting Discussion On Suicide Prevention

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - The Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Elks Lodge in partnership with the Rocky Hill Human, Youth and Senior Services will host a suicide prevention panel discussion next week.

Event chairperson Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio said he's never hosted a suicide prevention panel. "Last year during the drug awareness program, I happened to think of suicide prevention," Pawlich-Pagliccio said. "So I stated at that time, during the program, that this year we're going to do suicide prevention."

The free discussion is at 761 Old Main Street on Monday, Sept. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m.

According to Pawlich-Pagliccio, he comprised a panel of individuals whose expertise is suicide prevention and awareness. "Some of the panelists will be speaking on loved ones they

lost to suicide," he said. "There's also a state police trooper that's going to be a part of the panel and he'll have a comfort dog with him."

Pawlich-Pagliccio said suicide is a serious issue in Connecticut and through the United States. According to Ct.gov, there were 388 deaths in the state last year due to suicide. "People should attend the discussion to gather information from people who have expertise in the field," he said. "It could prevent the death of loved ones, and other people throughout the state."

Pawlich-Pagliccio hopes the discussion helps people attending. "It's very sad," he said. "If we can just save one life, it'll be well worth it."

For more information on the discussion, contact Pawlich-Pagliccio at 860-257-8177.

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Annual Source to Sea Cleanup in Wethersfield Cove, Saturday, September 23, 9am to noon

The Connecticut River Conservancy, in collaboration with Great Meadows Conservation Trust, will be holding their annual Source to Sea Cleanup in Wethersfield Cove Park on Saturday, September 23.

Please meet at the Cove parking area at 533 Main Street, Wethersfield by 9 am.

Please wear boots or shoes that can get a little muddy. It is also suggested you wear pants & socks and long sleeve shirt. Also, bring water and bug spray.

We will supply trash bags. In order not to add more plastic to the waste stream, GMCT has collected feed/grain bags from local farmers and businesses to reuse for this purpose. We will also

provide our huge appreciation to all who volunteer!

This is one of our most popular events. Participants always share with us at the end of the cleanup that it makes them feel good to make a positive impact on the environment.

You can pre-register at: <https://gmct.org/event/source-to-sea-cleanup-wethersfield-cove-river-september-22-23-2023/>

Walk-ins are welcome. A sign-in/waiver will be available on site.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact Tim Lewis, President, Great Meadows Conservation Trust at 860-558-4819

Wethersfield Public Library October Events

Art Exhibit at Wethersfield Library

Wethersfield resident Peter Gothers will showcase his artwork at the Wethersfield Library during the month of October. Peter had a long career as an accountant and computer programmer. Post retirement, he began painting in 2012, taking a course with the West Hartford Art League. He enjoys painting outdoor scenes, using oil as his medium of choice.

Call 860-721-2166 if you are a local artist interested in exhibiting your artwork at the Wethersfield Library. The Library is located at 515 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield. For information and directions to the Library, visit www.wethersfieldlibrary.org or call 860-529-2665.

FOR TEENS:

NO BAKE CARAMEL APPLE CHEESECAKE

On Tuesday, October 3 at 2:45 PM, join the Wethersfield Library and Food Explorers as we make delicious no-bake caramel apple cheesecake! This program is free and open to teens in grades 7-12. All supplies are provided. Register on our Events Calendar at wethersfieldlibrary.org.

THE FUTURE OF MONEY: GOVERNMENT ISSUED DIGITAL CURRENCY

Join us on Thursday October 12th at 6:30 as we welcome back Dr. Purba Mukerji, esteemed Professor and Chair of Economics at Connecticut College. Dr. Purba will explain government issued digital currency, how it differs from cryptocurrency and the risks associated with it. Please register through our Events Calendar at wethersfieldlibrary.org to receive the Zoom link.

FOR TEENS:

DIY DECORATIVE MUGS

Join us Tuesday, October 17th at 2:45 p.m. to decorate a plain mug with cute fall designs, or draw your own design! This program is free and open to teens in grades 7-12. All supplies are provided. Register on our Events Calendar at wethersfieldlibrary.org.

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ART TALK: JULIET GRIMES
THE SEVEN OR EIGHT DEATHS OF STELLA FORTUNA.

Real life events of the author's Wethersfield grandmother are the basis for the novel, The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna by Juliet Grimes. The novel has been translated into 9 languages and has received numerous national and international awards. Join us for this in-person fascinating story on Thursday October 19th at 6:30. Register in person at the Wethersfield Library, by emailing library@wethersfieldlibrary.org, or by calling (860) 721-2163.

FOR TEENS:

JACK SKELLINGTON BALLOON CRAFT

Join us Tuesday, October 24th at 2:45 to bring the Pumpkin King himself to life with a balloon, yarn, and glue! This program is free and open to teens in grades 7-12. All supplies are provided. Register on our Events Calendar at wethersfieldlibrary.org.

FOR ADULTS:

BE BOLD: PAINTING WORKSHOP

Join us in-person, Tuesday October 24th at 6:30 pm to create one of a kind miniature 4"x 4" paintings using acrylic paints, sharpies and paint markers. Each participant will receive a miniature display easel for their masterpiece. We will channel inspiration from famous artist Romero Britto who is known for his vibrant colors and bold patterns. Register in person, by emailing library@wethersfieldlibrary.org, calling (860) 721-2163 or through our events calendar at: wethersfieldlibrary.org

FOR TEENS:

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join us Tuesday, October 31st at 2:45 to make donut spiders, creepy cookies, haunted brownies and more! This program is free and open to teens in grades 7-12. All supplies are provided. Register on our Events Calendar at wethersfieldlibrary.org.

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What's Happening Wethersfield?

Send us your news!

We want to know what's going on in Wethersfield.

E-mail any news, photos, upcoming events or announcements to editor@rarereminder.com or call 860-563-9386.

Town's New Emergency Services To Host Open House For All Ages

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - The Wethersfield Emergency Medical Services Association, Inc. is hosting its first open house this month.

Executive Administrator Maria Grove, who created the event, said the association recently became a full-time entity. "We went from a volunteer organization to a paid organization," Grove said. "So we're a professional organization now, and we wanted to open up our doors and reintroduce ourselves to the community."

The free event is at 206 Prospect St. on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to Grove, the event offers a vitals check, a touch-a-truck activity, a hands-on cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] demonstration, and a food truck. "This event is family-oriented," she said. "We want lots of little kids coming in and playing with our ambulance."

Grove said people should attend the event to

meet the emergency medical technicians and learn more about the association. "Hopefully, no one ever has to use our services, but in an emergency, you know, we'd like for you to meet our EMTs, who are ready and able to help you," she said. "We just want to be a part of the community and give back a little bit."

According to Grove, Wethersfield citizens are excited about the event after seeing posts online. "Hopefully we'll get a good in-person response," she said.

Grove said she hopes people check their vitals, blood pressure, and temperature at the event. "We are hoping some elderly people do come and take advantage of that." "We also hope little kids come and enjoy touch-a-truck and pretend they're an EMT for the day."

For more information on the event and association, email wethersfielddems@gmail.com or call 860-529-8022.

New Weight-Loss Clinic To Host Grand Opening

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - A privately-owned medical clinic offering weight loss services and supplements will have its grand opening next month.

Superior Health & Wellness Clinic owner Afua Asemnor said she's worked for 10 years in traditional medicine. "It focuses more on treatment, and I wanted to be a part of something where we are helping people feel good and optimize their wellness in their early years versus taking more of a traditional approach," Asemnor said.

The opening is at 449 Silas Deane Highway on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 12 p.m.

According to Asemnor, people's health and wellness are essential to her. "That's what drove me to practice," she said. "We offer testosterone replacement therapy, medical weight loss, peptide therapy, IV hydration, and vitamin shots."

Asemnor said the grand opening will have free B12 shots, and she'll be raffling a free weight loss package. "It's going to be educational," she said. "We'll explain our services to people, and if they book any of the services that day, they'll get an additional 15 percent off."

Asemnor said Wethersfield was a great town to bring her business to. "My kids go to school in Wethersfield," she said. "I've lived in the Cromwell, Rocky Hill area for a good part of my life."

According to Asemnor, treating customers respectfully is her priority. "We really do take into account how people are feeling and listen to their concerns," she said.

Asemnor said the clinic is cash-based. "We do allow for an hour or more of service depending on what the patient is getting in order to come up with a customized plan for them," she said.



According to Asemnor, Wethersfield citizens appreciate the locally-owned business. "What makes our clinic unique is the personalized touch to everything, taking a customized approach to every treatment plan, and essentially listening to the patient's concerns," she said. "Our main purpose is to optimize health for everyone and just allow them to live a more fulfilled life."

For more information on the opening, call 860-494-2050 or visit <https://yoursuperiorwellness.com/>.

Wethersfield Chamber to Host Cornfest

The Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of the highly anticipated Cornfest! This event is a wonderful community tradition held on the Broad Street Green in Historic Old Wethersfield. Attractions include Local School Performers, Music, a DJ, Wagon Rides, Games and much more. Make sure

you come hungry, as there will be fantastic food options and of course fresh local corn. There are ample opportunities for business vendors, crafters and sponsorships. We look forward to spending a fun filled day with you and your family. For questions or more information, please contact the chamber at office@wethersfieldchamber.com

Letters to the Editor

Wethersfield School Buildings are on the Ballot

To the Editor:

With summer winding down I'm particularly grateful to the teachers and administrators who are preparing our children for the future ahead. Last year was our children's first year at Hanmer Elementary. We found a fantastic community and have been impressed by the tenure and commitment of the staff and administrators. I've had the opportunity to volunteer at Hanmer, attend PTO meetings and serve on the Wethersfield Schools Parent Council. During my time in the schools, particularly following the failed referendum, I have witnessed many challenges facing our schools.

The problems with the elementary school facilities are numerous and overwhelming. They are not being overstated. I have also seen teachers and administrators doing more with less. Not surprisingly, we are struggling to retain and hire teachers and paraprofessionals. I do not believe this is sustainable. That said, I think if we work together we can turn things around. The Wethersfield Democratic Committee recently put out a vision statement that I'd like residents to consider:

"Our elementary school buildings are in desperate need of improvement. We can't stand by as our schools continue to fall into disrepair and negatively impact our children, the value of our homes, and the reputation of our community. Parents, students, and taxpayers need to be at the table along with town and school officials to build a feasible plan to improve our schools."

Wethersfield Democrats are committed to:

Co-Leadership: Creating a bipartisan building committee made up of representatives from the schools, town and community to guide the development of a new school improvement plan.

Community Engagement: Initiating a robust and inclusive community engagement process to help envision the plan for our schools

Communication: Using multiple avenues to share information related to school improvement plans, cost, redistricting, and community impact.

Wethersfield always goes further when we go together. We are confident our community and its leaders can unite behind a vision for our schools that meets the needs of all our students."

Now, I don't have a solution for our crumbling schools. However the Democratic Party in town has announced a slate of candidates that is very impressive with both their education and experience. I'm also happy to see their commitment to our kids' education, increasing home values, and improving the business climate. They are committed to engaging residents in the process of finding a solution that will improve the quality of life in Wethersfield for all. I hope you take the time to meet them, regardless of your party

affiliation. I plan to. You can find their bios online at wethersfielddems.com. Serving in politics in any party is not easy today. I applaud all town residents who seek public office locally. It is hard work and a major commitment of time and personal resources.

Let's all show our appreciation by getting involved in our community. And get out and vote!!!

Doug Sudell
Wethersfield

New Leadership for Wethersfield

Bring new leadership to our Town of Wethersfield. We need a championship team.

"The fate of an ambitious multi-year, \$279 million project to improve four of the town's schools will be decided by the Wethersfield voter in November" was the opening line in the Hartford Courant on October 11, 2022. The leaders of the Republican Party called it a big deal but who championed the effort? Nobody. We needed more than a handful of meetings to deliver this message. In order to fix our schools we need a champion. Was there merit to this madness? \$279 million is a lot of money. Was the cost excessive? I would say yes it was. I mean we all must be fiscally responsible. But again, who championed that effort? It remains clear to me that the republican leadership did not have a champion.

It is clear that our elementary schools are deeply in need of renovation. Hanmer, Charles Wright, Emerson-Williams, Highcrest and Webb are decades old. Annual updates are just not enough. I must say due diligence was given and reasonable estimates of costs @ \$400.00 / ft. were delivered to us but where was the champion to bring this home? The opportunity for a real champion will happen with a change in leadership and support of the democratic slate for both Board of Education and our Wethersfield Town Council. This 2023 Democratic team are advocates for Co-Leadership in creating a bipartisan building committee made up of representatives from the school, representatives of the town and members from our community. This is a priority. There will be lively discussion and debate. We need strong confident leaders and this democrat team is ready to champion this effort. New Leaders, New Ideas and a strong direction. Now is the time. Go On-line. Your vote matters. Research wethersfielddems.com. Simply make this effort, as it is important for all of us... for the future of our town. These candidates have great credentials. This is a great team. Good schools are not enough. We must have great schools. Now is the time for a champion.

Anthony Homicki
Wethersfield

Webb Deane Stevens Museum Presents...

The Witch in Old Connecticut: Righting a Troublesome Legacy / Presented by Dr. Richard S. Ross III

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Reception: 6 p.m. Program: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Members: \$10 / General Public: \$15

Holcombe Education Center

The Witch in Old Connecticut: Righting a Troublesome Legacy will touch upon Dr. Richard S. Ross III's book Before Salem: Witch Hunting in the Connecticut River Valley 1647-1663. Dr.

Ross will also discuss his additional research and the contemporary events affecting the historical legacy of the witch panic in the Connecticut and New Haven colonies. Dr. Ross is Professor Emeritus and former College Librarian at Trinity College, Hartford Connecticut. He holds an MA from Northeastern University, an MLS from Simmons College, and a PhD from Boston College. He has taught at Boston College, Northeastern University, the University of New Hampshire, and Trinity College.

From Friends of Kycia Farm...

SAVE THE DATES: Meeting Schedule

The Friends of Kycia Farm, Inc. meets on the last Thursday of the month in Town Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

September 28, October 26

Reminders from WECC...

Important Back to School Dates

Open House Dates

Sept 21: SDMS, Grade 7- 5:30 PM, Grade 8- 7:15 PM

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We welcome all letters to the editor that are signed and include a name and daytime phone number for verification. We reserve the right to edit the letters for length or other concerns.

Please note that, due to the volume of submissions we have been receiving, we recently revised our letter policy to limit each individual to one (1) submission every 30 days.

Letters can be submitted to editor@rarereminder.com. Please note that we do not publish anonymous letters.

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Legal Notice Town Of Wethersfield Zoning Board of Appeals

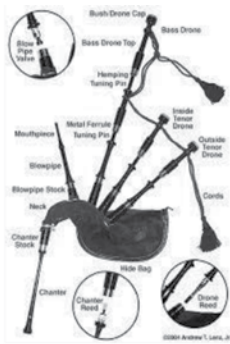
Notice is hereby given that the Wethersfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Wethersfield Town Hall 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut, to hear and be heard on the following application:

Application No. 6281-23: **variance from section 6.3 I 1a (Sign Regulations); to allow a wall sign on building facade without business frontage.** Location: **1199 Silas Deane Hwy.** Applicant: **Effective Sign Work**

Town of Wethersfield
Zoning Board of Appeals
Rita-Ann Owen, Chairman

By Charles F. Morrison, Duly Authorized

Dated at Wethersfield Connecticut, this 11th day of September 2023.



Learn the Bagpipes & Drums

You are invited to attend the Middletown Police Benefit Association Bagpipe Band's open house.

No musical experience is needed, just a desire to learn the pipes or drums. There is no charge for the training.

At the open house you will learn what it takes to play the bagpipe or the three different types of pipe band drums, as well as the resources and time commitment needed.

WHERE: Middletown Elks Hall, 44 Maynard St, Middletown

WHEN: Wednesday evening, September 27, 2023 at 6:30pm

Contacts: Ken Barber - kenbarber091@gmail.com
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NAMI SUPPORT GROUPS: Do you have a loved one suffering from mental health challenges? NAMI trained volunteers assist at Support Groups. They are fused on providing an opportunity for people to share and learn from each others common experience. Groups are free and participation is strictly confidential. Contact 860-882-0236 or www.namifarmingtonvalley.org.

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Food Pantry

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church Food Pantry, at 371 Wolcott Hill Road in Wethersfield is open Thursday's between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All are welcome. Feel free to call 860-529-5397 with questions. 031022

Barb's Happy Travelers

Take an Essex Stream Train and Riverboat Excursion on Thursday, October 12. Check in: 11:30 a.m. Board train at: 12:15 p.m. Excursion is from 12:30 p.m. -3 p.m.

Friends of Kycia Farm Meetings

Friends of Kycia Farm meets the last Thursday of every month in Wethersfield Town Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are September 28, and October 26.

Monthly First Friday Breakfasts

The Rocky Hill United Methodist Church, 623 Old Main Street, is celebrating all veterans and first responders with a free breakfast from 9 to 11. Welcome back.

Music and Movement

Mondays in September at 6:30 pm. at the Rocky Hill Library. Fun for families with children 2 to 5 years (siblings welcome).

Baby Bop (Rocky Hill Library)

Thursdays in September at 9:45 am. Get little bodies moving as you sing favorite songs and recite fun rhymes. Recommended for families with babies to 18 months old.

Cars Helping the Blind

Wondering what to do with your old car or truck? Donating your vehicle to the National Federation of the Blind is convenient and may qualify you for a tax deduction. Call 1-855-659-9314 or visit www.carshelpingtheblind.org. 12/30/15

Movies at the Cromwell Senior Center

Join us every Friday at 1 p.m. in the Library's Arch Room for a fresh showing of a new film on the big screen. Please contact the senior center for more information and to register, at 860-632-3447.

Free Legal Advice at the Wethersfield Senior Center

Attorney Joan Wilson offers free half hour consultations between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

NHS Class '78 Reunion

Newington High School class of 1978 is planning a 45th class reunion. The reunion is planned for September 30th from 6:00-10:00 at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne. The cost is \$45 for our 45th. Contact sherrileghorn@yahoo.com for more information.

"Blessing of the Animals" Planned at St. George's Episcopal Church

Attention owners and companions of much-loved pets! The Rev. Chris Rose will be blessing all animals who are brought to St. George's Episcopal Church on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Social distancing will be observed during the Blessing. The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place outside the church in the parking lot at 1150 Boston Turnpike, Bolton, CT. In addition to the traditional types of pets (dogs, cats, gerbils, fish, turtles, birds, etc.), the more exotic type pets will be blessed. All animals are welcome and must be either on a leash or in a cage. Stuffed animals and photos of pets will be blessed, too! "Animals play such an important part in our lives. We must always be aware of treating them in a humane way, encourage children to be kind to them, consider adopting from an animal shelter, and speak out against animal abuse. This free event is open to everyone who would like to join in this joyous celebration of God's creatures," said event coordinator, Beth Michel. Further information is available at 860.643.9203 or e-mail stgeorges@stgeorgesboltonct.org.

Free Men's Garden Club Lecture

The Wethersfield Men's Garden Club will host a free public lecture on Sept 25 at 7pm in the Pitkin Community Center (30 Greenfield St.) by Beverly Lucas: Discover Cedar Hill Cemetery. Established in 1864, Hartford's Cedar Hill Cemetery serves as a sanctuary for Connecticut history, impressive funerary art, and natural beauty. Beverly Lucas, Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation Director, will provide a digital tour highlighting some of Cedar Hill's most celebrated residents, renowned monuments, and notable trees.

WHS Arts & Crafts Fair

Wethersfield Historical Society presents the 41st Annual Old Wethersfield Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the beautiful grounds of Cove Park. Browse hand-made items, shop for unique gifts, meet the artists, and watch demonstrations from over 90 juried artisans and vendors. There will be pottery, woodwork, prints, jewelry, textiles, and fabric art, painting, photography, and so much more. Tickets purchased in advance, either online or at the Old Academy (150 Main Street, Wethersfield), are \$7. Purchased at the gate on the day of the event, admission is \$10. Current members of Wethersfield Historical Society and children under 12 accompanied by an adult are admitted free of charge. For more information, visit www.wethersfieldhistory.org or email the show manager at OWAF@wethersfieldhistory.org.

Feast of St. Francis Blessing of Pets

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, a lover of all creatures, a Blessing of Pets will be held. All are invited to bring your pets to the St. John Church [5 St. John's Court, Cromwell] front parking lot on Saturday, October 7 at 10 a.m. to receive a special blessing. Come and be part of this event to thank God for all the joy your furry and feathered friends give you every day!

Women's Fall Retreat

October 28, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, at First Church of Christ in Wethersfield, featuring Priscilla Shirer via Simulcast. The day will include great food, good fellowship, inspiring seminars, and a time of meaningful prayer and reflection. Priscilla Shirer is the author of more than two dozen books. She and her husband lead Going Beyond Ministries through which they provide spiritual support and resources to the body of Christ. Priscilla's prayer for these sessions is that women will release their burdens and lean back into His presence. To open hearts to receive what He has for each one. And rest. All women are invited; limited to the first 80 registrants. For more info: <https://firstchurch.org/events>. Registration Fee (includes lunch): By Oct. 20 - \$25. After October 20 - \$30. Make checks payable to First Church of Christ and mail to: First Church of Christ, 250 Main St., Wethersfield, CT 06109. Note "Women's Retreat" on memo.

Cromwell Seasonal Vaccine Clinics

Clinics are for influenza vaccine and COVID 19 boosters. They run September 13, October 11, and November 8 at Cromwell Town Hall (41 West St.) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You must be at least 9 years old and in good health. Flu vaccine is free with most insurance plans (bring your insurance card). Insurance is required for pneumonia, shingles, T-Dap, and COVID 19 vaccine. No appointments - first come, first serve. You do not have to be a Cromwell resident. Please bring pre-filled forms found at www.cromwellct.com/health-department.

Cromwell Arts Alliance Fall Poetry Event

CAA, in partnership with Cromwell Belden Library, will hold a Poetry reading event to spotlight local artists and their written work. The event will take place at Cromwell Belden Library, at 11:00 the morning of Saturday September 23, 2023. The artists will read their submissions and will participate in a "talk back" after the readings. There will be light refreshments and we invite all to attend and enjoy this event. Artists will need to submit their original work and registration/release form to cromwellartsalliance@gmail.com and include "2023 Poetry" in the subject line by September 23, 2023. The registration/release form can be found on our website Cromwellartsalliance.org/Events, copies of the registration/release form will also be available at Cromwell Belden Library.

Mikey's Place 5K Run & Walk

The 24th Annual Mikey's Place 5K Family takes place on Sunday, October 15th at 11:00 a.m. Run, Walk & Roll will take place to benefit the preservation of the wheelchair accessible playground built in memory of Michael James Daversa, who passed away just before his third birthday from the neuro-muscular disease, Spinal Muscular Atrophy. This year's participants will also be helping to continue a scholarship fund with Wethersfield's Dollars for Scholars program as well as research of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. There is an entry fee, however, runners and walkers are being asked to take pledges. The entry fee is waived for any entrant who raises a minimum of \$20 in pledges. Registration will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Hanmer School Gym. There will be division awards and a professional timing service will be on hand to record times at the finish line. ONLINE REGISTRATION! Visit: www.mikeysplace.org If you would like to volunteer to help on the day of the race or to obtain a pledge form, please contact the Daversa's at 860-966-1376 or by email at ddavfamily26@gmail.com.

Grace Episcopal Church Tag Sale

On Saturday, September 30, 2023, Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, invites all tag sale vendors to participate in our Community Tag Sale. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with set-up starting at 7:00 a.m. Rain date is Saturday, October 7, 2023. Rent a space for \$15. A space is two parking spaces in our parking lot in the designated areas in front of the church or on the front lawn. Bring your own table and chair. No reservations are needed. For additional information please call Lynn Page at 860-841-2539. Calls may also be made to the church office at 860-666-3331. Please leave a message and someone will call you back.

CPD Food Pantry is Open

The Cromwell Police Department's free food pantry is open. The pantry is available 24/7 in the Cromwell Police Department lobby at 5 West St. Cromwell PD takes donations for non-perishable foods, hygiene products, and bottled water/juices! The Animal Control Officer also has cat/dog food available upon request!

Tax Savings for Newington Vets

The maximum income limit for Newington's low-income based veterans exemption program has been increased from \$45,000 (for married and single) to \$47,800 for Single and \$56,600 for Married. These new income limits are in effect for this filing period, applications are due by October 1, 2023. If you have already applied this year (having applied in 2023) there is no need to re-apply. If you are a veteran who has never been on the program and feel you may qualify, or did not qualify under old income limits, however may qualify under the new income limits - Please Apply. Contact the Assessor's Office at 860-665-8530 or assessor@newingtonct.gov for more info.

RHHS Class of '73 Reunion

Rocky Hill High School's Class of 1973 is holding its 50th reunion on Friday October 20 at Casa Mia on the Hill, Newington. The cost is \$60/person - buffet dinner, music and cash bar. Notices have gone out to all whose addresses we have. Please help to spread the word. For info contact Jim Moriarty at jmoriarty1016@yahoo.com. Deadline for reservations is September 30.

Wethersfield Art League Invites You to Join!

The Wethersfield Art League is a non-profit organization that has been serving the community for 65 years. Artists of all levels (and ages!) are welcome! An annual individual sponsorship costs just \$30, a family sponsorship just \$35. Classes, workshops, and free open studios are held at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 193 Wells Road, Wethersfield. Email us at WethersfieldArtLeague@gmail.com or Phone: 860-563-9637. Visit us on Facebook or Instagram: @WethersfieldArtLeague.

Archaeology in Rocky Hill

Learn about the exciting world of archaeology in Rocky Hill. Drop by the Rocky Hill Historical Society anytime between 10:00 - 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 21. Activities for all ages include participating in a mock dig, viewing local artifacts, meet a professional archaeologist, and more. The museum is located at 785 Old Main St.

Notre Dame Church Tag Sales

October 7 at 272 Main St., Durham from 8 AM to 1 PM RAIN OR SHINE! OUTSIDE you will find records, tapes, cd's, books, pictures and frames, baskets, electronics, sporting equipment, and a full range of miscellaneous tag sale items. INSIDE our Church Hall we have a huge assortment of clothing, toys, jewelry, china, a variety of linens, kitchen supplies, craft supplies and much more! The kitchen will be offering breakfast sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, and snacks.

Retiree's Group Monthly Meeting

Pratt & Whitney and UTRC Retirees are invited to the "September" meeting. It will be held at the PWA Club Inc., 200 Clement Rd (off Silver Lane) East Hartford, on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Join us for conversation, coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 AM. Our program begins at 10:00 AM. This month's program will be Chris Marolda "Singer". For further information contact the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club at (860) 565-6236.

Source To Sea Cleanup

The Connecticut River Conservancy, in collaboration with Great Meadows Conservation Trust, will be holding their annual Source to Sea Cleanup in Wethersfield Cove Park on Saturday, September 23. Please meet at the Cove parking area at 533 Main Street, Wethersfield by 9 a.m. Please wear boots or shoes that can get a little muddy. It is also suggested you wear pants & socks and long sleeve shirt. Also, bring water and bug spray. We will supply trash bags. You can pre-register at: <https://gmct.org/event/source-to-sea-cleanup-wethersfield-cove-river-september-22-23-2023/> Walk-ins are welcome. A sign-in/waiver will be available on site.

NCTC at the Waterfall Festival

The Newington Children's Theatre Company is proud to present three offerings at the Newington Waterfall Festival, this Saturday, 9/23. Simply Cinderella, a 20-minute modern retelling of the classic tale, will take the stage at 10am & 1:30pm. Storytime with Belle and Friends at 11:15am and join in their Frozen Sing-a-long with Elsa, Anna & Olaf! Bring a blanket or chair to sit and watch the performances. Be sure to stop at the NCTC booth for your chance to win a family four-pack of tickets to see their upcoming performance of Disney's Frozen Jr. For more info, visit NCTCArts.org.

Memory Caregiver Support Group

Join Mary Klatt, Certified Dementia Specialist, at the Rocky Hill Senior Center for monthly discussions on types of dementia, including Alzheimer's, tips for handling behaviors, and available support for caregivers. Complementary boxed lunch provided by the Atrium of Rocky Hill. Sessions start June 20 from 12-1 p.m. Please pre-register by the preceding Friday.

Cromwell Creative District

Cromwell Creative District (CCD) is a volunteer-run non-profit aimed at revitalizing downtown Cromwell by celebrating our vibrant history, bolstering our current resources, and creating opportunities for future growth through programs, events, and public art. We are currently in need of individuals with strengths or interest in the following areas: fundraising or grant-writing, creative thinking and planning, task-oriented workers to assist with projects, and those interested in leadership roles within the executive board. Visit www.cromwellcreativedistrict.org to learn more about CCD, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. If interested in becoming involved, email CCD at cromwellcreativedistrict@gmail.com.

Regional Veterans Seminar

Are you a Veteran or family member of a Veteran? Do you have questions about the benefits or services available to you? Stop by the Pitkin Community Center in Wethersfield from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 19, 2023, for a special Regional Veterans Seminar. Learn about Veterans programs & benefits, talk with Veterans service representatives, fellow Vets and more. The seminar is free, and no advanced registration is required. For more info, contact the Town of Wethersfield Veterans Services Coordinator at (860) 721-2880 or veterans.commission@wethersfieldct.gov.

Support for the Visually Impaired

The National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut (NFB of CT) will begin holding in-person monthly chapter meetings at the Hartford Room on March 18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Subsequent meetings will be held on the third Saturday of each month. At chapter meetings, we gather and exchange ideas, share and discuss concerns and aspirations, raise and promote awareness of the capabilities of blind people, and make plans for outings and events. For more information, contact Melissa Thompson at 860-922-4949 or email her at lady1mnt@yahoo.com.

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Social Justice Coalition

The Town of Wethersfield and Wethersfield Public Schools invites community members to join the Social Justice Coalition. The Coalition explores topics related to equity, diversity, and cultural responsiveness in order to create significant, sustainable, and meaningful change. It is composed of Wethersfield residents, including students, parents, representatives from community agencies, elected officials, and more. For meeting dates and details, visit www.wps.wethersfield.me/our-town-social-justice.

Join Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars

Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars has been awarding scholarships to graduating seniors residing in Wethersfield, who are continuing their education at an accredited secondary school. Founded in 1975, volunteers have worked hard to help our town's students. To continue this great work, we need your assistance. We are looking for volunteers to join us in planning our annual golf outing, assist with our mailings, become a part of the scholarship selection process, plan our annual awards ceremony or assist with the long-term financial planning so Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars can continue to assist future students. If you are interested in becoming part of our organization, please call Mario Pace 860-748-0837.

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Car Show

September 24, 2023, from 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Third Congregational Church (94 Miner Street Middletown CT 0645). Rain Date is Oct 1, 2023. Cost is \$10.00 per Car. Good food will be available all day, along with music. Trophies will be awarded. Come and enjoy family fun and raffles, 50/50. For more information please call: Steve (860) 301 - 8139.

Micro Farming in Old Wethersfield

The Wethersfield Men's Garden Club will host a free public lecture on Oct 23 at 7pm in the Pitkin Community Center (30 Greenfield St.) by Paul Bourdon on Micro-farming in Old Wethersfield. Paul has reinvented his yard by the Cove using micro-farming, permaculture, ügelkultur (he'll explain what that is), composting techniques, pest management, and more.

Calling Crafters and Vendors

Wethersfield United Methodist Church is seeking crafters and vendors for its 3rd Annual Arts & Vendor Fair. The fair will be held rain or shine on October 14th at 150 Prospect Street in Wethersfield. The hours are 10am to 3pm. Booth space is \$25 per spot. Please call the church office at 860-529-2025 or email bristolgary1@gmail.com.

CT DoAg Website for Farmers

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) announces the launch of a new website, CTFarmStress-Relief.com, a compilation of mental health resources for those who make Connecticut's agriculture industry work, including a free and confidential 24/7 crisis and support line through AgriStress Helpline Connecticut. The line is staffed by agricultural specialists who can be reached by calling or texting 833-897-2474.

Middlesex County Acts of Kindness

Volunteers can provide free home-based assistance to Middlesex County residents in need. Volunteers help neighbors with household chores, yard work, companionship or transportation at their convenience. Even just one hour a week or month will make a difference to help keep people living safely and independently in their homes. Contact Michelle Puzzo, President and Co-founder UR Community Cares at info@urcommunitycares.org.

Mason Community Breakfast

The Newington Masons have a community breakfast the first Sunday of every month! Come join us. Price is just \$10, (\$5 for children) and includes eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries, pancakes, coffee, toast & juice and the "Surprise Special". The Mason hall is located at 80 Walsh Ave (behind CVS). Breakfast is held from 7:30-11a.m.

Help Our Concert Series!

Concerts at Church of Christ, Congregational are free admission, but we fund them through donations by the audiences and generous annual donors. If you've given in the past--thank you! Would you please help us again this season? If you've never given, please consider helping present all of our concerts with a donation. You may send a check to the church (Church of Christ, Congregational, 1075 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111) or leave it in the offering plate. Please make a note on your check ("concert series"). You can also donate at newingtonucc.org.

Women's Club of New Britain Meeting

The Women's Club of New Britain will meet at 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 5, 2023. The meeting will be at the First Congregational Church, 830 Corbin Ave. New Britain, CT. The name of the program is: "HIGH TEA". Christina Volpe, Curator of the Barnes Museum in Southington, will deliver a presentation on the history of Victorian Teatime and offer insight as to how tea was traditionally practiced by ladies in New Britain. The presentation will feature photographs, artifacts and textiles from Museum's collection. Guests are welcome to attend for a \$10.00 fee. New members from The Greater New Britain Area are welcome to join the club.

Libraries Need Friends!

The Friends of the Wethersfield Library would like more community members to join us for Friend events such as: the continuous book sales in the Library book nook, raffles, periodic pop-up book sales and others help raise funds to expand Library programs. These include, but are not limited to Summer Reading, museum passes and occasional Library improvements. Friends volunteer opportunities include: sorting book donations, book sales, technology support, marketing, publicity social media and membership.

Bocce Lovers!

The Wethersfield -UNICO Bocce League starts Thursday, June 15, 2023. League play is every Thursday, from 6 - 8pm, at Millwoods Park, 166 Prospect Street in Wethersfield. All ages and residents of any town are welcome. Registration is \$25 per person, or \$100 per Team of 4. The season culminates in our Tournament in September. All equipment is provided. Register onsite or for more info please contact the Commissioner of Bocce, Michael Fortunato, at Fortunatom@aol.com. See us on our Meet-up site.

Women's Club Membership Tea

The Women's Club of Christ the King parish annual Membership Tea will be held on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 pm in Father Crawford Hall at The Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Welcome members, friends and guests to an evening of musical entertainment by Rosanne and Michael Gowdy. They are singer/songwriters who have been performing, writing and recording for many years. Rosanne's musical style is uplifting and inspiring singing a variety of music. She has been a beloved cantor at Incarnation Church for many years.

Country Fair in Rocky Hill

Come to the COUNTRY FAIR! Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Rocky Hill Congregational Church UCC, 805 Old Main Street. Shopping, Kids Activities, and more! Face Painting by Catalina 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Featured Booths: Jewelry, Holiday House, Country Crafts, Farm Market, Snack Shack, Baked Goods, White Elephant, Something Different, and Silent Auction. Our building is ADA accessible with free parking!

Newington Human Services Backpack Program

The Chapel is facilitating a backpack program that will collect the materials and put together backpacks for Newington students in need. Drop off at box located at The Chapel, 401 New Britain Avenue, Newington CT or call for other drop off locations at 860-578-4654. Learn more at www.newingtonct.gov.

PIVOT Ministries to Visit Cromwell

First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street in Cromwell invites you to join us on Sunday 10/8/23 at 9:30 AM as we welcome PIVOT Ministries of Bridgeport! Come hear the joyful songs and heartfelt testimonies of men who are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction thru the healing power of faith! A potluck lunch will follow the service. Parking is available in the church lot 2 houses north of the church.

One-on-One Tech Help at the Rocky Hill Library

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 pm. Sign up for a 1 hour time slot to go over any tech questions you may have. These sessions can be conducted in person or online via Zoom. Please register and Mike will reach out via e-mail to coordinate the meeting.

Military Whist 10/5

Our Fall Military Whist will be held at the First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street, Cromwell on Thursday, October 5th. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the first hand starts PROMPTLY at 6:30 p.m. Admission is just \$8 per person! Free refreshments, and there will be door and raffle prizes, too. No experience or reservations required for this fun night out! Parking is available in the church lot 2 houses north of the church.

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Suicide Prevention Panel Discussion

The Rocky Hill Elks Lodge, Human Services, Youth Services, and Senior Services will hold a panel discussion on suicide prevention Sept. 25 from 7 PM to 9 PM at Rocky Hill Town Hall. The educational forum is free, and will focus on the prevalence of suicide in our community as well as prevention efforts and resources. Call Rich Pawlich-Paglicio at 860-257-8177 for more information.

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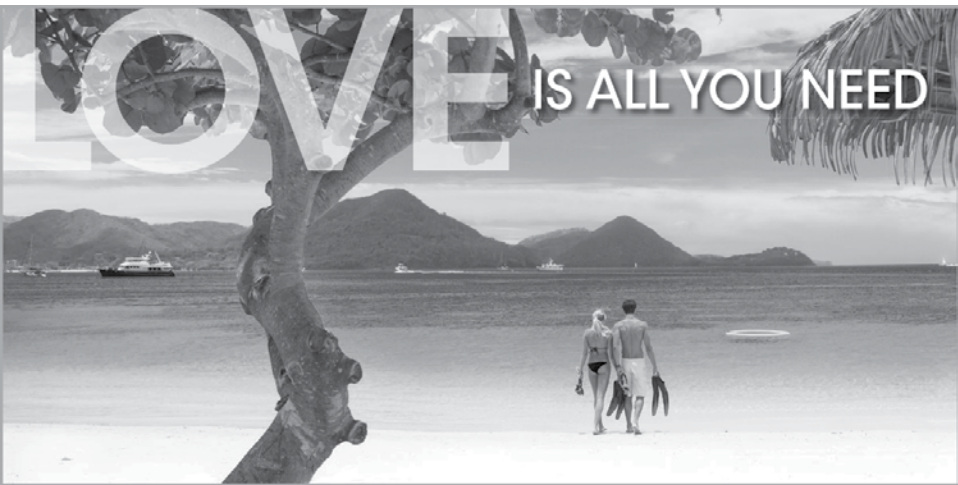
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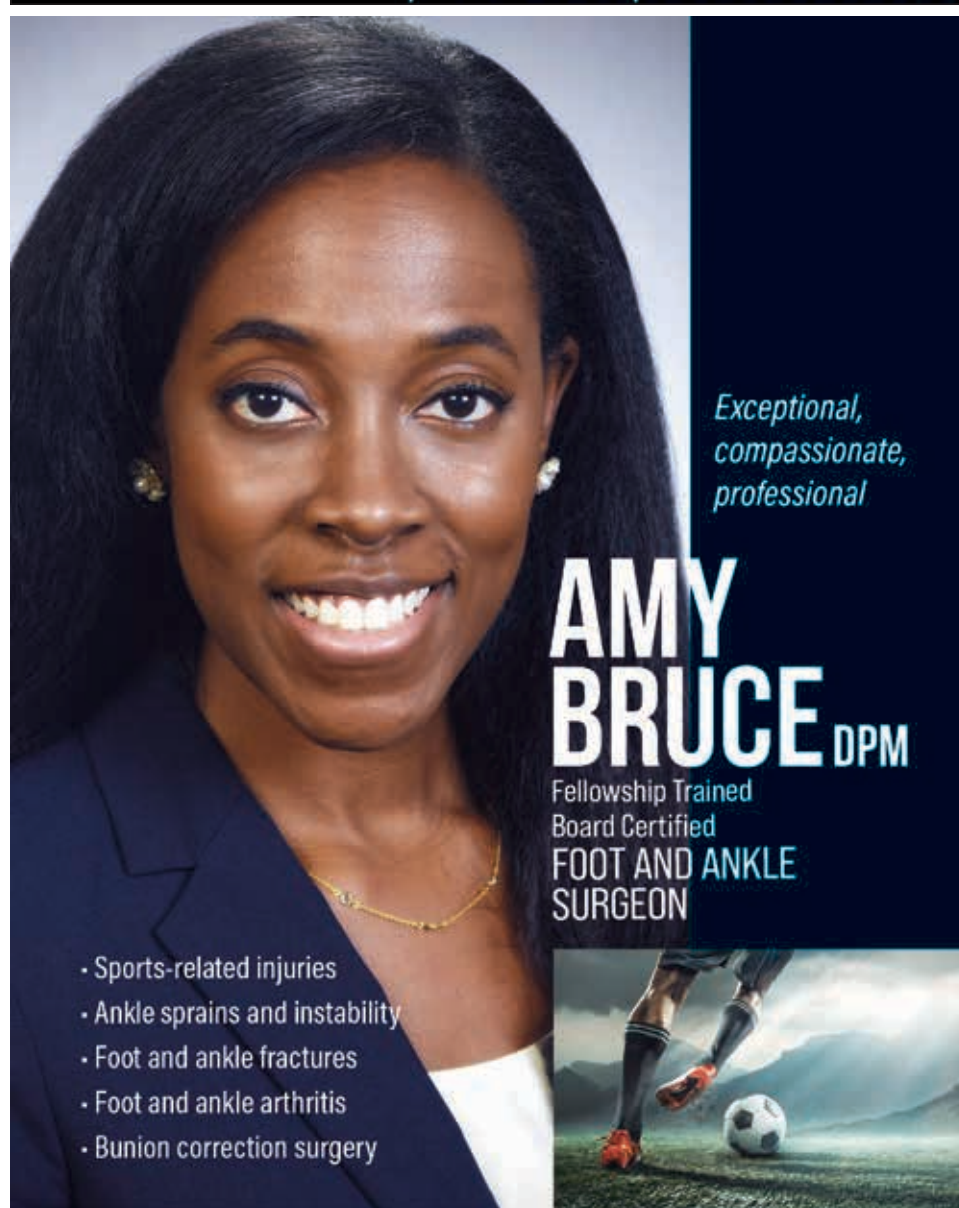
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PART II: Artificial Intelligence, Digital Transformation, and a Toaster!

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October 18

As AI continues to advance, there is a growing sense of apprehension regarding its potential impacts on society. Despite these concerns, it is worth noting that AI and machine learning have already demonstrated their utility in driving the Digital Transformation of Product Development. By leveraging this technology, both businesses and consumers stand to gain substantial benefits. In this presentation, we will delve into how Digital Transformation and AI drive improvements in Product Development. To illustrate these concepts, we will use the ubiquitous household item of a toaster as an example.

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PART IV: Artificial Intelligence and Governance

Presented by Wendell Wallach

November 15

In this closing session of the series, we will explore the history of AI ethics and the ethical dilemmas that emerge from implementing AI systems. We will analyze the authenticity of these challenges and explore the fundamental principles of AI ethics. We will ponder over the capability of AI systems to make moral judgments and examine the hazards of lethal autonomous weapons systems. Finally, we will discuss the need for additional laws and regulations to optimize the advantages of AI while mitigating any adverse societal outcomes and consider the matter of global AI governance.

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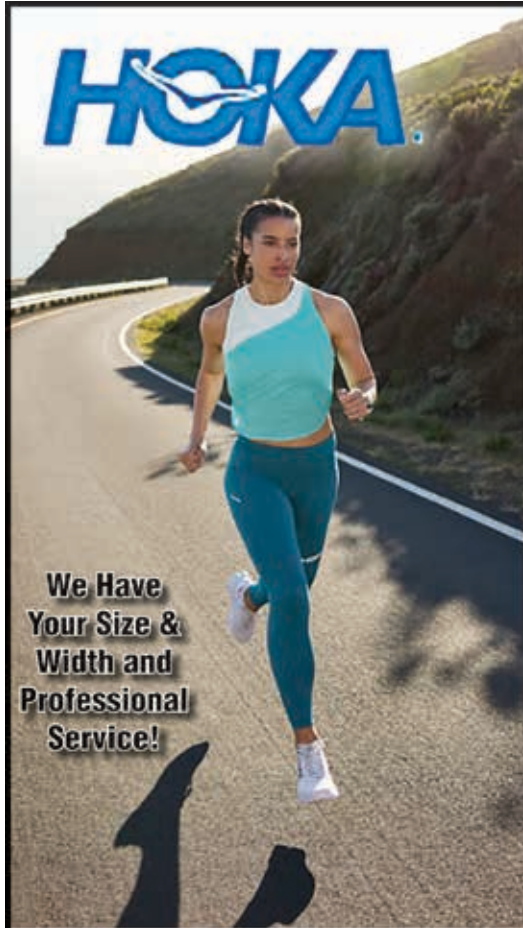
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Aging individuals with companions such as a spouse or a live-in partner may not need to sell their house if that person will not be moving to the assisted living facility with them. However, many partners choose to move as well, and family members may need to sell their current home in order to pay for their loved one to stay at an assisted living facility. The senior care experts at Caring.com note that selling a home when a loved one decides to move into an assisted living facility can present some emotional aspects that will not necessarily be present when selling one's own home. In recognition of that and some additional difficulties associated with this unique situation, Caring.com offers the following tips to help families navigate the process as smoothly as possible.

• Consider assigning someone power of attorney. Individuals move into assisted living facilities for a number of reasons, so not everyone will do so because of diminishing cognitive abilities. However, Caring.com notes that selling the home of a loved one diagnosed with dementia can present unique challenges, as only a homeowner can



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- Discuss the situation and the sale. Aging individuals should be given ample time to process the idea of selling their homes before moving into an assisted living facility. Homeowners make untold sacrifices to buy and maintain their homes, so the decision to sell could elicit a range of emotions that aging individuals have a right to process before a "For Sale" sign is erected in the front yard. Caring.com recommends maintaining an open and honest dialogue about what can be achieved by selling the home and how their quality of life will benefit from moving to the assisted living facility.

- Sort through belongings. Caring.com notes the significance of allowing aging relatives to take special items with them into the assisted living facility. It will be impossible to take a lifetime's worth of possessions into such a facility, but sort through belongings with your aging family member and do everything possible to ensure that especially meaningful items can make the move. Remaining items can be donated, sold, given to

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- Make sure all relevant parties remain in the loop. If one person accepts power of attorney or a similar level of responsibility, that person should ensure all interested parties remain in the loop about the sale process. Aging adults without diminished mental faculties should be routinely updated on the sale process. Keeping all interested parties in the loop reduces the risk of objections or other problems when the sale is set to go through.

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The Different Types of Service Dogs

Animals serve many roles in their human companions' lives. In addition to being loyal pets, animals help wrangle livestock, assist police and rescue personnel, sniff out illnesses, and perform other lifesaving or comforting tasks.



Service dogs provide immeasurable value to the individuals who rely on them. The Americans with Disabilities Act says service dogs are those that are specifically trained to perform certain tasks for people with disabilities. The services provided can help individuals with psychiatric, physical, sensory, intellectual, or mental disabilities.

The organization Share America advises that there are at least half a million service dogs in the United States.

Service dogs have the legal right to enter all public spaces, which sets them apart from emotional support animals. The following are some of the different types of service dogs.

- **Cardiac service dogs:** These dogs can recognize dangerous changes in an individual's heart rate or blood pressure. They can alert people to issues so immediate interventions can be made. Cardiac service dogs also can be trained to notify emergency services of a life-threatening event.
- **Guide dogs:** These are among the most recognizable

service dogs. They assist the visually impaired with navigating obstacles and helping them get around.

- **Hearing dogs:** Hearing dogs have to be specially trained to give off body language clues to convey messages to their owners, rather than barking. This may include touching with a nose or paw.
- **Seizure alert dogs:** Seizure alert dogs are trained to recognize subtle changes in human behavior that indicate a seizure is imminent. They can position themselves to protect a person during a seizure.
- **Diabetic alert dogs:** A dog's sense of smell is thousands of times more acute than a human's. Diabetic alert dogs can smell chemical changes in bodies that are traced to altered blood sugar readings that occur with diabetes.
- **Mobility assistance dogs:** These dogs offer assistance to those with mobility issues, such as individuals with paralysis, arthritis and spinal cord injuries. The dogs can close doors, pull wheelchairs, fetch objects, and support the weight of a person's body.
- **Autism support dogs:** Autism support dogs may provide comfort and reduce anxiety among children with autism, and could even prevent such youngsters from running away.

According to the United Disabilities Services Foundation, certain dog breeds are better suited to service dog work. Notably, these include Labradors, Golden Retrievers, German Shepherds, Poodles, Boxers, Border Collies, Great Danes, Bernese Mountain Dogs, and sometimes Cocker Spaniels.

The range of service dogs continues to grow as people recognize just how many tasks these intelligent and skilled animals are capable of handling.



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How Communities Benefit When Consumers Shop Local

Ideas about shopping are never set in stone, and the pandemic illustrated just how quickly consumer trends and opinions can change. Many individuals are now reevaluating how they spend their hard-earned money, particularly since inflation has affected just how far a dollar can be stretched. When consumers think about which stores to patronize, locally owned businesses may be the smartest option for a number of reasons — not the least of which is the way such enterprises benefit the communities they call home.

More money kept in the community

Shopping locally means that more money will stay in the community. According to recent research from Civic Economics, local eateries return nearly 79 percent of revenue to the community, compared to just over 30 percent for chain restaurants. Overall, for every \$100 spent at a local business, around \$73 remains in the community, versus roughly \$43 when shopping at a non-locally owned business.

Get a personal touch

Local business owners typically are inclined to go the extra mile for their customers and are personally invested in the services and products they are selling. As a result, shopping locally tends to be a personalized experience. Furthermore, a local business owner may be more amenable to ordering products for specific clientele. Such personalized service is typically not accessible when shopping big box stores or other shops where owners are off-site.

Lines are short

Waiting in long lines for checkout or to pick up merchandise ordered online can drain consumers' energy and contribute to stress. Local businesses tend to have short lines and small crowds, which can lead to a more pleasant shopping experience.

Generates tax revenue

Local businesses generate more tax revenue per sales dollar, according to Rubicon, a digital marketplace for waste and recycling businesses. Taxes paid by local small businesses go to support schools, parks, roads, and other programs that benefit the community as well.

Support nonprofits

Local businesses often support good work in the community, such as nonprofit groups. These can include schools and sports teams, among other groups. According to Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser, professor of economics at the University of Central Oklahoma, studies indicate nonprofits "receive 250 percent more support from small businesses than larger ones."

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SPORTS CORNER

Defensive Stand Lifts Panthers in Home Opener

By Josh Howard

It took a half to settle in, but once they did Randall Bennett's team showed the grit and determination that have become synonymous with the Cromwell/Portland football program.

The Panthers defense stopped a two-point conversion late in regulation, holding on for a 22-20 victory over Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (SMSA) co-op at Pierson Park on Sept. 14.

"We were just preparing ourselves to go into overtime if they got in, but the defense came up with the stop," said Bennett.

Following a late touchdown, the visiting Tigers from Hartford threatened to extend the game, but speedy cornerback Paul Wim-bish led a contingent of Panthers that tackled SMSA's quarterback Zahkeer Kerr short on the goal line.

The win also marked a successful home debut for junior quarterback Jess Elfreich, who threw for a touchdown and ran for another, both in the second half.

"It's great — I've been dreaming about this ever since I can remember," Elfreich said of playing under the lights. "The atmosphere here is better than ever and there's nothing more I can ask for."

Following a nine play drive to open the game, the Panthers drew first blood when sophomore sensation Tyler Cipolla jetted around the left and scored from eight yards out.

SMSA would score the next 14 points on a pair of touchdowns from junior TJ Thompson, who ran into the end zone from eight yards out in the second quarter and then scored on a screen pass from Kerr with 17 seconds left in the first half.

But as they have done so many times before, the Panthers took control of the game over the final two quarters.

"It was just about stepping up and correcting the easy mistakes that we were messing up on," said senior captain Jack Williams, who starts on the line on both sides of the ball. "They were easy fixes, we just had to come out and play harder."

Along with facing a second half deficit, the Panthers were also confronted with the challenge of a limited kicking game.

Senior captain Alex McKiernan, an all-conference player who is also the team's kicker and punter, suffered an injury in the first half, forcing him to miss the rest of the game.

Losing McKiernan forced Bennett to gamble on fourth down, often in his own end.

The mentality paid dividends in the second half as both touchdowns were set up by four and long conversions.

Facing fourth and 14 from their own 25 in the third quarter, wide receiver Jack Nolan drew a pass interference penalty on a bomb down the right sideline, extending the drive.

Elfreich seemed to settle in after that and complete his next five passes, including a 29-yard scoring strike to junior Vaughn Payne, who high-pointed the ball in the end zone.

An Elfreich to Nolan connection on the two-point conversion knotted the game at 22 with 1:39 left in the third quarter.

Facing a 4th and 20 from his own 35 in the final quarter, Elfreich again delivered with a high-arching ball down the left sidelines which was hauled in by Cipolla, who was able to tap his right foot before going out of bounds.

On the ensuing play, Cipolla then took a screen pass 44 yards down to the one yard line before Elfreich called his own number and scored on a quarterback keeper from a yard out.

Nolan caught another two-point conversion to make it 22-14 with 5:35 to play in regulation.

Elfreich said the offense was unfazed during the difficult fourth downs.

"I trust my guys. I know anyone out there can make a play at any time. If they want to key on one guy, we have another guy coming," said Elfreich, who threw for 307 yards, 102 of those yards to Cipolla.

With 1:41 to play in regulation, the Tigers finally stopped the Panthers on a fourth



Vaughn Payne catches a touchdown over Chauncey Jones during the Panthers 22-20 victory over SMSA on Sept. 14. Photo credit – Robert Dzurka @Dzurka.flies on Instagram.

down.

SMSA then converted their own fourth and long when Kerr hit Thompson down the seam from 33 yards out, bringing the visitors within two points with 1:10 to play.

However, similar to when they earned a home victory by stopping a two-point conversion against Valley Regional a season ago, the Panthers defense was again up to the task on the two-point try last Thursday.

"We knew we needed a stop and that's what we did," said Williams, who finished with a handful of tackles and a pair of sacks from his defensive end position. "We sent everybody and we got that stop when we needed it."

Senior Noah Decker preserved the victory by recovering the ensuing onside kick attempt by SMSA.

Coming into the season, the Panthers had won 23 of their last 25 games, including a state championship in 2021, but graduated an influential senior class last season that included starting quarterback Cole Brisson and all-state linebacker Ryan Rozich.

Elfreich spent the last two seasons learning from Brisson and if his home opener is

any indication, Bennett has another gem behind center.

"He's a tough kid and he understands that it is on his shoulders now," Bennett said of his first-year starter, who completed 22 of 36 passes. "He watched a guy for two years put it on his shoulders, so it was his time to step up and he did a great job tonight."

The successful home opener marked the Panthers first official win this fall. They opened the season of the road against Coginchaug/Hale Ray/East Hampton, a game that was postponed midway through due to inclement weather. At the time of the postponement, the Panthers led 28-13 and the game is slated to conclude on Nov. 11.

Bennett is hopeful that the thrilling home opening victory could be a springboard for a team with an abundance of talent, yet short on experience.

"There's a lot of football left to be played this season," added Bennett. "We have a lot of young guys and they just need reps."

Next up is a conference test at Pierson Park against Valley Regional/Old Lyme this Friday, Sept. 22, kicking off at 6 p.m.

The Starting Five: Athletes of the Week

Daniel DiTunno - Rocky Hill High School (Cross Country): DiTunno ran a 17:12 to finish as the runner-up as the Terriers won the Blue Dragons Invitational on Sept. 15. DiTunno, a junior, led and impressive set of Rocky Hill runners with six Terriers placing in the top-13. Brian Smith (17:32) finished 6th, Ayden Collura (17:38) placed 7th, Corey Christensen (17:40) finished 8th, and Logan Simons (18:08) finished 13th. As a team, the Terriers finished 71 points ahead of runner-up Lewis Mills.

Julian Tuminski - Cromwell High School (soccer): Tuminski scored a pair of goals, both off penalty kicks, as the Panthers won 2-0 on the road over conference rival Westbrook on Sept. 12. Tuminski, a sophomore, is slated to be one of the main offensive threats this fall for a Panthers team

headed to Portland High School this Saturday, Sept 23 to take on the Highlanders at 6 p.m. Cromwell returns home on Wednesday, Sept. 27 to host Rockville at 3:45 p.m.

Miranda Dominguez - Wethersfield High School (Cross Country): Dominguez ran a 24:21 to win the junior varsity race at the Blue Dragons Invitational on Sept. 15. Dominguez, a sophomore, finished 16 seconds ahead of the runner-up Casey Utzler of Sacred Heart Academy to comfortably win the race at Veterans Memorial Park.

Kyle Klimas - Newington High School (Golf): Klimas shot a 37 to finish as the medalist in the Nor'easters match against New Britain at Stanley Golf Course on Sept. 15. Klimas, a senior, shot par on seven of nine holes to finished three strokes ahead of the competition and atop the leaderboard.



Cromwell/Portland football players get amped up before kickoff of the team's home opener at Pierson Park last Thursday.

David Czubat - Rocky Hill High School (Soccer): Czubat led the charge as the Terriers defeated Newington 2-1 on Sept. 14 on McVicar Field at RHHS. Rocky Hill head coach Paul Horta called his senior defender's performance "outstanding" as the Terriers earned their first win of the season. Rocky

Hill has a road test at Glastonbury this Saturday, Sept. 23 at noon, before returning home to host Wethersfield on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.

To nominate an athlete for The Starting Five or with sports-related questions, email joshhowardsports@gmail.com.

Rocky Hill HOF Announcement

The Rocky Hill Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the newest inductees into the Rocky Hill Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals and groups who have made a distinctive and significant contribution to athletics in Rocky Hill. The newest members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2023 are: Danny Carducci, Football Excellence; Peter Francis, Soccer, Basketball and Baseball Excellence; Erika (Leonard) Ithier, Softball Excellence; Tommy Seaver, Football, Basketball and Baseball Excellence; Kevin Strachan, Soccer and Track & Field Excellence; Bob Teraila, McVicar Service Award.

This group will be honored at the 19th Induction Ceremony to be held at the

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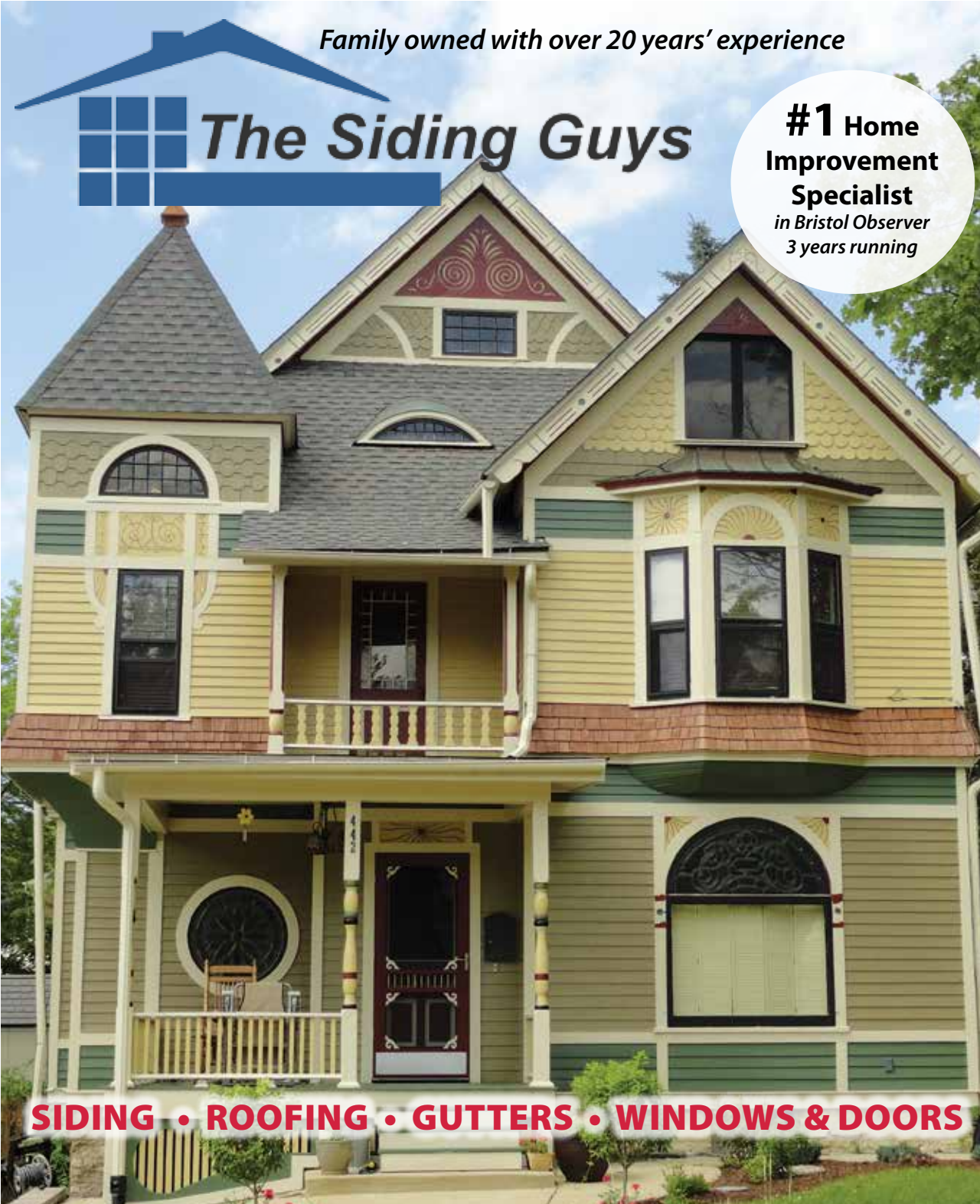
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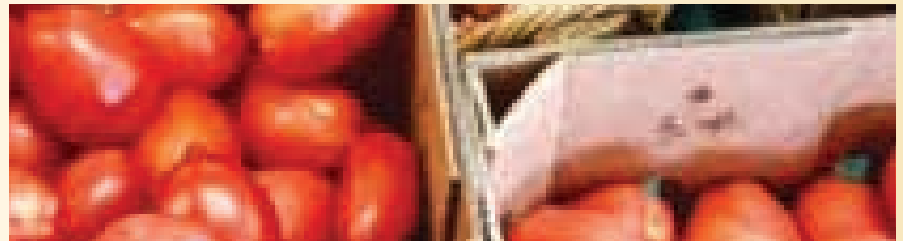


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