SHAD DERBY QUEEN CANDIDATES LIGHT UP THE GALA

On Friday, during the Shad Derby Gala, the Shad Derby Queen candidates made their first official appearance. The Royal Class of 2020 left the best impressions.

In the photo (from left): (Top Row) Dehlani Chinan (Miss PC Development Group) Abigail Shannon (Miss Exchange Club of Windsor) Arie Bethea (Miss Windsor Federal Savings) Jade Courtman (Miss Courtman Enterprises) Angela Barresi (Miss Creative Remodelers Group) Abigail Butterick (Miss Color Me Crazy)

Second row: Morgan Beben (Miss Windsor Jaycees) Ibaleze Garcia (Miss First Town Real Estate) Sarah Monarca (Miss Union Street Tavern) Melinda Rampersad Medwinter (Miss Dunkin' Donuts)

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ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL ADVANCES TO FINAL FOUR

St. Gabriel School varsity boys basketball team with coach Dan Caruso. (from left) Abhijith Tippireddy, Jaysean Williams, Quintin Floyd, Jalen Grant, Matthew Machon, Tyler Ross, Jaylon Brew, Christian Outlaw, Allyn Wright. Lucas Pearce not pictured.

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MDC BOARD APPROVES DISCOUNTS

The MDC District Board overwhelmingly approved at its March 2, 2020 meeting "Economic Development Rates" in the form of high-volume discounts for both water and Clean Water Project (CWP) rates. As proposed, the only MDC customer who qualifies for the discounts is Niagara Bottling of Bloomfield. Ten District Board Commissioners

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Taste of Windsor - POSTPONED

We have decided to postpone the Taste of Windsor due to public health concerns. As this event has a major impact on our budget, we will hold the auction portion of the event on Facebook starting Monday. Please like our page and bid! Thank you!
email scams: (GIOC) reports the subsequent Investigative Operations Center The Secret Service's Global fraud scams. delivery scams, and auction scams, phishing scams, non-victim to social engineering let their guard down and fall mally scrupulous individuals to tions…fear. Fear can cause nor- one of the basic human condi- opportunity for enterprising criminals because it plays on practice of sending emails pur- rhaps from reputable companies in order to entice individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers. Phishing scams have become ubiquitous through email communication and ecommerce. Cyber criminals are exploiting the Coronavirus through the wide distribution of mass emails posing as legitimate medical and or health organiza- tions. In one particular instance, victims have received an email purporting to be from a medical/health organization that included attachments sup- posedly containing pertinent information regarding the Coronavirus. This lead to either unsuspecting victims opening the attachment causing mal- ware to infect their system, or prompting the victim to enter their email login credentials to access the information resulting in harvested login credentials. This type of incident enables further occurrences of cyber enabled financial crimes such as Business Email Compromise (BEC), PII theft, ransomware and account takeovers. Another side effect of the Coronavirus is increased teleworking, which furthers the reliance on email for communica- tion adding yet another multi-plier to these email fraud schemes. More of these inci- dents are expected, and increased vigilance regarding email communication is highly encouraged.

Another emerging fraud scheme exploiting the Coronavirus is using social engineering tactics through legitimate social media web- sites seeking donations for charitable causes related to the virus. Criminals are exploiting the charitable spirit of individ- uals, seeking donations to fraudulent causes surrounding the Coronavirus. Increased caution should be exercised when donating to charitable organiza- tions.

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Quick Tips: Phishing Emails / Social Engineering - Avoid opening attachments and clicking on links within emails from senders you do not recognize. These attachments can contain malicious content, such as ran- somware, that can infect your device and steal your information. Be leery of emails or phone calls requesting account information or requesting you to verify your account. Legitimate businesses will never call you or email you directly for this information. Always independently verify any requested information originates from a legitimate source.

Visit websites by inputting the domain name yourself. Business use encryption, Secure Socket Layer (SSL). Certificate “errors” can be a warning sign that something is not right with the web- site.

The Coronavirus is a prime opportunity for enterprising criminals because it plays on one of the basic human conditions—fear. Fear can cause normally scrupulous individuals to let their guard down and fall to social engineering scams, phishing scams, non-delivery scams, and auction fraud scams.

The United States Secret Service is proactively taking steps to alert the public about the types of email scams associated with the Coronavirus. The Secret Service’s Global Investigative Operations Center (GIOC) reports the subsequent email scams:

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HEALTH

HOW CAN WE PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THE CORONAVIRUS?

Keeping the home safe
Encourage your family members to...

All households
- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions
- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with one person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
- If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
- Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly

Households with sick family members
- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Keeping the school safe
Encourage your faculty, staff, and students to...

Practice good hygiene
- Stop handshaking—use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Consider rearranging large activities and gatherings
- Consider adjusting or postponing gatherings that mix between classes and grades
- Adjust after school arrangements to avoid mixing between classes and grades
- When possible, hold classes outdoors or in open, well-ventilated spaces

Manage food carefully
- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

Stay home if...
- They are feeling sick
- They have a sick family member in their home

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Keeping commercial establishments safe
Encourage your employees and customers to...

Practice good hygiene
- Stop handshaking—use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Promote tap and pay to limit handling of cash
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Avoid overcrowding
- Use booking and scheduling to stagger customer flow
- Use online transactions where possible
- Consider limiting attendance at larger gatherings

For transportation businesses, taxis, and ride shares
- Keep windows open when possible
- Increase ventilation
- Regularly disinfect surfaces

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Keeping the workplace safe
Encourage your employees to...

Practice good hygiene
- Stop handshaking—use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Be careful with meetings and travel
- Use video/conferencing for meetings when possible
- When not possible, hold meetings in open, well-ventilated spaces
- Consider adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings
- Assess the risks of business travel

Handle food carefully
- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

Stay home if...
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As part of the Make-A-Wish Kids For Wish Kids program, Madeline Moore and Julia Redfield have raised close to $5,000 on behalf of Make-A-Wish® Connecticut, beginning small with lemonade and hot chocolate stands and moving to two Ski-A-Thons per year. This year, the first Ski-A-Thon is THIS Saturday, March 7th at Mohawk Mountain in Cornwall, followed by next Sunday March 15th at Ski Sundown in New Hartford.

Madeline and Julia, seniors at East Granby High School, have made an extraordinary impact on children across the state. These young women created a Ski-A-Thon to raise money for Make-A-Wish® Connecticut. But Madeline and Julia are not wish kids or affected by critical illnesses; they are two girls who recognize the transformative power of a wish and are passionate about helping local children receive their one true wish.

Moore and Redfield’s fundraising for Make-A-Wish started seven years ago when they were only in 6th grade. It all began with small lemonade and hot chocolate stands, but their dedication and vision led them to something much bigger; they incorporated their love of skiing with their devotion to give back to Connecticut children.

Madeline says that “the choice to donate to Make-A-Wish was an easy one - I was inspired by a family friend who was active with fundraising and chose Make-A-Wish as their charity. Then we met a wish kid. We were so amazed by her remarkable story and about the impact we could make and the children we could help.”

In the winter of 7th grade, Madeline and Julia devoted their time to speaking with local, small businesses and asking them to participate, either monetarily or by donating gift baskets for a raffle. The first Ski-A-Thon was a success due to the immense love and support the girls received from friends, family, and the community. The girls quickly decided that this was something they wanted to commit to planning and executing every year. Since their first Ski-A-Thon, they have raised a remarkable $5,000 to help grant wishes to children with critical illnesses.

While Madeline and Julia are graduating this upcoming spring, their involvement with Make-A-Wish and their Ski-A-Thons is far from over. They still hope to continue their Ski-A-Thon legacy.
State Senator Doug McCrory, Senate Chair of the Education Committee, heard testimony in support of legislation that would create a personal financial management course pilot program in certain school districts. Students participating in the offered course will receive instruction on, including but not limited to, checking and savings accounts, credit cards, loans, and budgeting.

“Personal finance skills are a tool our children will use for the rest of their lives. School districts that already offer a personal finance course or invite personal finance management experts to speak with students have seen the benefits of offering this instruction and its popularity among students,” said Sen. McCrory.

Senate Bill 392, “An Act Establishing A Personal Financial Management Pilot Program,” would establish for the 2021-22 school year a personal financial management program consisting of a half-year course. The half-year course will be taught to high school students in the tenth grade in an urban, suburban, and rural school district, plus a regional education service center operates an interdistrict magnet school program, selected by the Connecticut Department of Education. The department will provide to the participating school districts advisors with a focus in personal financial management to assist teachers and, potentially, serve as guest instructors in the course.


The allocations included in H.B. No. 5518 will provide relief to cities and towns that lost revenue as a result of the property tax exemption on manufacturing and machinery equipment.

"This aid is the first step in correcting a longstanding issue of underfunding and property tax breaks enforced from the state," said Garibay. "Now, it is the responsibility of Governor Lamont to put this on the bond agenda."

"I'm proud to have been able to work with my colleagues and fight for these funds for Bloomfield and Windsor and I'm looking forward to Governor Lamont signing the bond package into law," Rep. Gibson said. Windsor's municipal aid will increase by $389,188, while Windsor Locks will receive an increase of $452,451. Bloomfield's municipal aid increases by more than $774,370.

The State Bond Commission has yet to set a date for a meeting.

Rep. John B. Larson (CT-01) called for an infrastructure package to be taken up as part of the effort to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the economy.

"Industries across the United States are being impacted by the spread of the COVID-19. Now is the time for Congress to invest in a comprehensive infrastructure package to spur the economy and help support our small and medium-sized businesses across the country. This package must also include medical infrastructure funding to help the United States be more prepared for mass-infections like this. Our roads and bridges are crumbling and this funding is sorely needed. Investing in our infrastructure is one step that we can take to provide economic relief," said Larson.

State Representative Tami Zawistowski (R-61) celebrated Read Across America — an annual tradition promoting early childhood literacy — with students at Poquonock Elementary School.

The school also used the event teach students about Native American history and culture. Rep. Zawistowski read "The Great Ball Game, a Muskogee Story" by Joseph Bruchac and illustrated by Susan L. Roth to Ms. Monique Scott's kindergarten class.

According to its website, The National Education Association seeks to build a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. For more information about this great event, please visit www.nea.org/readacross.

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**Sen. McCrory Heears Proposal for a Personal Financial Management School Course Pilot Program**

**GARIBAY, GIBSON PRAISE LEGISLATURE FOR INCREASING MUNICIPAL AID TO WINDSOR, WINDSOR LOCKS, BLOOMFIELD**

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- voted against the discounts: Lester (of Bloomfield), Ionno (of Hartford), Magnum (of West Hartford), and Avedisian (of Windsor).

The MDC conducted a Public Hearing on these discounts a week earlier on February 24. As reported by this newspaper (“MDC Discounts Meeting Packed,” February 28, 2020), it was standing-room only and local news media estimated approximately 100 people attended. Virtually everyone who spoke at the hearing was opposed to the discounts; only three individuals, representing Hartford-based organizations, spoke in favor. All public comments (spoken and written) that were submitted for the hearing are now available on the MDC’s website.

There were 271 total comments, 268 opposed to the discounts.

The MDC’s rationale for offering the discounts was that if Niagara increases its water usage, then the MDC might be able to lower water rates for all customers. Using the most recent data provided by the MDC, under the scenario of maximal Niagara water use, the average residential customer (using 72 ccf of water per year) might see their water bill drop by 67 cents/month ($7.92/yr). However, the 90,000 MDC customers with MDC sewer who also pay the CWP rate might have to pay an average of $24/yr more to cover Niagara’s $2.16 million discount on the CWP rate. The total value of both discounts for Niagara could reach $2.6 million/yr.

Opponents of the discounts argued that a large corporation shouldn’t get discounts while residents pay more. David Silverstone, the MDC Independent Consumer Advocate, submitted remarks stating that Niagara was already steadily increasing water consumption and that current data suggests the discounts are an ill-advised bet that will hurt, not help, the MDC’s finances.

Save Our Water CT held a press conference and rally outside MDC headquarters prior to the Board’s vote on the discounts. State Senators Derek Slap and Saud Anwar, State Representative Bobby Gibson, and local social & environmental justice advocates Dr. Mark Mitchell and Alex Rodriguez made statements to the news media opposing the discounts. Senator Slap is currently working with other legislators on a bill that would increase regulatory oversight of the MDC.

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Shad Derby Queen Candidates

Morgan Beben - Miss Windsor Jaycees

Morgan has been a varsity swimmer for all four years at Windsor High School. She has also been a part of lacrosse for four years. Morgan has been in the swim team since she was in 6th grade. She has done numerous community service events such as food drives, operation Aria; an event that was made for a teacher because her baby had cancer, so we were raising money to help her and her family, and cookies with Santa. In the fall she will be attending Western New England University to study criminal justice.

Angela Barresi - Miss Creative Remodelers Group

Angela has been a starting varsity softball player for her 4 years of high school. Angela received CCC All Conference and CCC All-Academic Team for softball and soccer for all her years at Windsor High School. She also has been part of the CT Eliminators for 3 years now and has been traveling for a total of 8 years. At school, she is also part of the National Honor Society and has been on the honor roll numerous times. Angela is part of the Leadership Council, Big Sister mentoring, part of the Class of 2020 at school, and is a senior advisory leader. In her free time, Angela likes to do photography for Windsor High School sports and many other schools in the area. She also works as a runner at a local restaurant called Three Figs. Angela also enjoys animals, working out, relaxing, and spending time with family and friends. Back in November, she committed to Southern Connecticut State University to study criminal justice.

Arie Bethea - Miss Windsor Federal Savings

Arie is an affiliate of the National Honors Society, Rho Kappa Honors Society, Greater Hartford NAACP Youth Council and Future Business Leaders of America. She has been a member of the Windsor High School Cheerleading squad for 3 years succeeding the 4th as the captain. Arie is an honor student having received numerous All Academic Awards, withstanding the top 15% of her class. As of recently she's served as a coach for the Windsor Giants youth cheerleading league, treasurer for the Warriors by Nature: Walk Against Hunger campaign and a delegate who attended NCCJ's Anytown and Bridges program.

Abigail Butterick - Miss Color Me Crazy

Abigail is a member of the Windsor High School National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, and the Latin Honor Society. She is a senior advisory leader, a member of the Leadership Council and the Gender & Sexuality Alliance, has a leadership role in the Action Club, and is a three-season varsity player on the field hockey team. She is an alumna of the ANYTOWN program and of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation, as well as a former Youth Programs Assistant for the National Conference for Community and Justice. In the fall, she hopes to attend Wesley College to study Political Science and Peace and Justice Studies.

Dehlani Chianu - Miss PC Development Group

Dehlani is the member of the National Honor Society, National Social Studies Honor Society, Future Leaders of America Club, and Windsor Giants Coach Program. She enjoys helping others, whether it be schoolwork, advice, or just life in general. During each summer, she accumulates over 200 hours of community service being a coach to Windsor Youth Cheerleading. Dehlani spends her free time with friends, family, and her dog. With the dream of becoming a history teacher, Dehlani plans to attend UConn’s school of education.

Jade Courtman - Miss Courtman Enterprises

Jade speaks fluent Swiss and German, plans on going to Capital Community College to become a registered nurse. Helping people is her passion which she will pursue. Jade has been on the Windsor Water Rats swim team for 11 years. She started on WWRX rec program, then moved to the USA team. Along with being a captain of the Girls Swimming and Diving team, she is a WHS school record holder in the 200 Free Relay and has been a state qualifier all 4 years on the team. She also helps manage the boys swim team in the winter. In her spare time, she teaches special needs and adult swim lessons for the Windsor Recreation Department. She has been working as a lifeguard for 3 years. She was in the school orchestra as a violinist for 11 years. Jade has volunteered at an architecture business. Jade enjoys spending time with her family and her two dogs, she loves kids, and to travel.

Ibaleze Garcia - Miss First Town Real Estate

Ibaleze is Vice President of the National Honors Society and is admitted to the History and Spanish Honors Societies. She has been on the CCC-All Academic team and is 3rd in her 2020 Windsor High School class. She is in the Varsity Softball and Field Hockey team. Ibaleze is also active in her community, having participated in Windsor Youth Theater for 6 years, and tutoring at Poquonock school. She also works part time as a hostess in Windsor Steak and Seafood. Ibaleze is going to Quinnipiac University, and will be getting her master’s in physician’s assistant studies. She has shadowed at Waterbury Hospital and the Middlesex Neurology Unit.

Sarah Monarca - Miss Union Street Tavern

Sarah is a member of the National Honor Society and acts as the community service commissioner for her student council, where she has executed three successful blood drives. She is a member of both the robotics and relay for life teams. As a member of unified theater for the past three years, she has worked with kids with disabilities to put on theater performances. She has been a tutor, through her school, for children in second grade since freshman year. She is also a certified Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard, which she uses to run the swim program at the Black Point Beach Association. She plays two sports, volleyball and golf, and has received the coaches award in both sports throughout her High School career. Sarah enjoys playing sports, the beach, taking care of kids, and spending time with friends and family.

Melinda Rampersad - Miss Exchange Club of Windsor

Abby is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Rho Kappa. She is a tri-varsity athlete, playing soccer, volleyball, and lacrosse. Abby was elected as the co-captain for volleyball and lacrosse her senior year. Abby has been an Honor roll student for all four years and is an active member as a senior advisory leader and in the class of 2020 club at Windsor High School. Abby currently works as a lifeguard for Windsor public pools, a Hostess at Union Street Tavern in Windsor, and runs her own local dog sitting business. Abby has volunteered as an assistant religious education teacher for St. Gabriel’s church for two years and has been involved in various events and volunteer work for St. Damien’s Parish. She enjoys sports, dancing, and spending time with her family and friends. Abby plans on attending college and pursuing a career in the medical field as a sports therapist.
They have if they have less than $128,640. In fact, legislation was successfully passed in 2010, but it was only in effect for one year before it was repealed based on unsubstantiated claims by the Department of Social Services that it had a negative fiscal impact on the state budget. A bill that is essentially identical to the law passed in 2010 (SB 81) will be heard by the Appropriations Committee very soon; as of this writing I believe it will be heard in the next few days.

The Alleged Fiscal Impact as claimed by the Department of Social Services is Not Supported by Factual Data:
1. The Department of Social Services cannot and has never provided any factual data to support its conclusion that the passage of Senate Bill 81 will result in a fiscal impact.
2. In 2010, a bill identical to Senate Bill 81 was passed (though only briefly, before repeal in a budget implementor). In a public hearing at that time, the legislature asked the Department of Social Services Commissioner to produce factual documentation supporting its claims of fiscal impact. The Department of Social Services has failed to produce any supporting documentation, and stated that the impact was “intuitive” and based on “worker experience.”
3. Without any showing of actual negative impact on the state budget the only rational conclusion is that SB 81 does not have any negative fiscal impact. If it has negative or had a negative impact on the state budget the Department of Social Services would certainly provide the real facts as opposed to their “intuition.”
4. Individuals with assets exceeding the maximum community spousal protected amount are not required to pay the funds over to the Department of Social Services, or to spend the funds on care. Thus, SB 81 is not depriving Department of Social Services of any direct revenue or causing individuals to access Medicaid services any sooner than they otherwise would.

Passage of SB 564 Is Likely to Result in SAVINGS to the State because:
1. Less fair hearings will be required and that will save administrative time and costs
2. Families will be better able to maintain resources and not be at risk of being completely impoverished and forced to rely on welfare programs to meet cost of living and care expenses.

What you can do about this?
Contact your State Senator and other legislators and tell them you support the passage of Senate Bill 81. Because it allows the Community Spouse to the maximum allowed under federal law. Please take a few minutes to contact your legislator now, by sending an e-mail, or making a phone call. You can use the text above is your message.

This will take only a few minutes and may make a difference in what happens.

It is my opinion and the opinion of those members of The Elder Section of the Connecticut Bar Association and the members of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law attorneys, who have provided or will be providing written testimony, that passage of Senate Bill 81 is good for our seniors and will not have a negative impact on the state budget. Your contacting your State Senator and other legislators will make a difference.

Do you have questions or want information about senior transportation in Connecticut? Then join us on Friday, March 20, from 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM, in the Senior Center cafe as Way To Go CT, CT Transit and the Windsor Senior Transportation Department presents an enlightening program regarding transportation options for seniors.

Come and learn about the options and source for transportation solutions, have your questions answered, win some free giveaways, and take a short bus ride on a new Flexible bus! Sign up in the office for this informative program, or call 860-285-1992.

Medication Management: What Older Adults Need to Know, presented at the Windsor Senior Center on Wednesday, March 25, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Learn about prescription medications including opioids, how to properly store and safely dispose of unused prescriptions, questions to ask your doctor, and recognizing the signs of overdose.

Sponsored by the Commission on Aging and Persons with Disabilities and the Windsor Senior Center. Call 860-285-1992 to register for this informative program. Free!

Join us on Tuesday, March 31, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, for our traditional Irish Early Bird Supper in the Senior Center cafe’ by Dom’s Broad St. Eatery, along with plenty of music and belly laughs. The menu features Corned Beef & Cabbage, boiled potatoes, assorted vegetables and dessert provided. The cost is $25pp (includes tax), plus $10 for parking.

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Two trips to the Log Cabin from the Windsor Senior Center this Spring include a Mother’s Day Brunch & Show on Monday, May 11 (bus leaves senior center at 9:00 AM), cost is $61pp; and the Rod Stewart Tribute Show and lunch which includes Twin Lobsters or Prime Rib on Tuesday, July 28 (bus leaves senior center at 10:00 AM), cost is $73pp. Please call 860-285-1992 for tickets. Limited seating so sign up today!

The Windsor Senior Center is located at 599 Matinicus Avenue in the LP Wilson Community Center. View our monthly newsletters at www.townofwindsorct.com/senior-services/ and to sign up for some activities and for more information. Please visit and Like our Facebook page (Windsor Senior Services) and visit us on Twitter.

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ICARE AND THE HEALTH INDUSTRY PREPARE FOR CORONAVIRUS VISITOR RESTRICTION THE FIRST STEP

By David Skoczulek
iCare Vice President of Business Development

The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health has issued Memo 2020-07 via fax to all Connecticut skilled nursing providers. The memo imposes an immediate visitor restriction to all skilled nursing facilities in the State of Connecticut, including all 11 iCare Health Network locations. We immediately complied with the memo which includes an exception only for visitors to a resident who is on hospice or having an end of life situation.

We support the decision by the Department of Public Health to restrict visitors to skilled nursing facilities. Respiratory infections of all types can be devastating to the nursing home population and taking this drastic action was prudent and proactive in the face of COVID-19.

We also know that visitors and support from family and friends are very important for the well-being of our residents. We will be working with our individual centers to provide letters and other communications to families about the steps we are taking. We will be holding resident council meetings and working to use video conferencing and other tools so that residents can see and speak with their loved ones.

The CT Association of Health Care Facilities has participated in a mutual aid scan and inventory of personal protective equipment available to skilled nursing facilities and we have been participating in that process. The Association has an update via webinar this week and we will continue to monitor the situation closely. We have and continue to provide education and support for the proper and responsible use of PPE to ensure the supplies that are being made available to healthcare settings, such as Touchpoints at Bloomfield and Chestnut and Fresh River Healthcare, are prioritized appropriately.

The iCare leadership team is meeting on a daily basis as well as attending many meetings and taking many conference calls on COVID-19 and will be adjusting our response and precautions as new information and direction becomes available.

Finally, iCare Health Network has issued the following statement on behalf of its managed skilled nursing care centers in regards to the visitor restriction and response to COVID-19:

Under the direction and coordination of the Department of Public Health, this nursing home and all nursing homes in Connecticut, have been advised that visitors to the facility should not visit family members until further notice out of an abundance of caution pertaining to COVID-19. There are no cases of COVID-19 in any iCare care center, however, as part of the statewide plan to limit risk to our residents and employees, and in particular to our vulnerable population of individuals with chronic diseases and often times compromised immune systems, we are following this directive and coordinating it with other significant preparedness activities.

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Enriching Lives
By Andrea O'Shea
Head of Reference & Technical Services Windsor Public Library

Save the Date: Fairy Tale Mix Up
Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 pm

It’s time for our annual Fairy Tale Mix-up! Join us at the Windsor Public Library from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Remember to bring your best jokes for our Famous Chicken Comedy Time. This program is perfect for children ages 5 to 11 years old. Registration Required.

Save the Date: Chinese Paper Cutting
Saturday, March 21, 11:00 am
Learn this mesmerizing art from a local paper cutter at the Windsor Library from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Ages 6+ so bring the family! Free. Register at windsorlibrary.org or at 860-285-1918.

Programs:

- **Kids Programs:**
  - Monday, March 16, 10:30 am: Talk & Toys
  - Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 am: Sunny Side Up Storytime
  - Wednesday, March 18, 2:30 pm: Shake, Shimmie, & Dance
  - Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 pm: Fairy Tale Mix Up
  - Friday, March 20, 10:30 am: Book Babies

- **Teen Programs:**

  - Tuesday, March 17, 3:30 pm: Tue-Wed Tues
  - Wednesday, March 18, 5:00 pm: Teen Craft Night

**Adult Programs:**
- Monday, March 16, 5:00 pm: Artist-in-Residence Kathleen Tracy Live Demo
- Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 am: Social Services @ the Library (NEW TIME!)
- Tuesday, March 17, 11:00 am: Learn to Crochet
- Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm: Bring Your Gadgets to the Geeks
- Friday, March 20, 10:00 am: Artist-in-Residence Kathleen Tracy Live Demo
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**Wilson Branch Programs:**
- Wednesday, March 18, 10:45 am: Wilson Branch Playgroup
- Thursday, March 19, 10:30 am: Wilson Crafters
- Thursday, March 19, 1:00 pm: Dip Dye Coffee Filters

Spring is on its way, kick back and enjoy some good reads. Why buy a magazine when you can get it for free from the library? We have People, Reader’s Digest, Cook’s Country, Forbes and so much more. Also available through Overdrive with the Libby app. Come by the Windsor Library and check out our new Reads! All these things are free with your library card. We are located at 28 Main Street, Windsor, CT 06096. Have a question or concern give us a call at 860-627-1945. Need even more information visit our website at www.windsorlockslibrary.org.

The Windsor Locks Public Library invites you to join our daytime **Author Book Club for a lively discussion of one of Sandra Dallas’s historical novels** that explores the truths that unite women. The last selection of the year on Tuesday, April 21 at 2:00 pm will be The Persian Pickle Club, a novel about a women’s quilting group in Depression-era Kansas. Copies of the novel will be available for checkout at the circulation desk a few weeks before the meeting which will take place in the Haskell Homestead Room. The session will include a discussion of the author’s life and literary influences.

Please call 860-627-1495 or visit www.windsorlockslibrary.org to register for one or both discussions. Walk-ins are welcome. The Windsor Locks Public Library is located at 28 Main Street.

**By Carol Lennig**
Librarian, Adult Services
Prosser Public Library

**Perfect 36: When Women Won the Vote**
When: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM
Where: Prosser Public Library Community Room

Documentary "Perfect 36: When Women Won the Vote" will be shown, followed by discussion facilitated by American History professor Roberta Tansman, Ph.D.

Of the all the battles waged on Nashville’s doorstep, the final throwes for the passage of the 19th Amendment were among the most heated, controversial and colorful. In July of 1920, all eyes were on the Tennessee capital as anti- and pro-suffragists each fought for their vision of a socially evolving United States.

**PERFECT 36: WHEN WOMEN WON THE VOTE**

"Another Brooklyn" Book Discussion
When: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:30 PM
Ends on: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:45 PM
Where: Prosser Public Library at Community Room

The acclaimed New York Times bestselling and National Book Award-winning author of Brown Girl Dreaming, Jacqueline Woodson delivers her first adult novel in twenty years. Another Brooklyn heart-breakingly illuminates the formative time when childhood gives way to adulthood—the promise and peril of growing up—and exquisitely renders a powerful, indelible, and fleeting promise and peril of growing up.

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**Wintonbury Poetry Series**
When: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:00 PM
Ends on: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:30 PM
Where: McMahon Wintonbury Library

**Children’s Room**
Poet : Patrick Donnelly and Andy Weil reading the work of Jerry Howard. Open Mic follows.

**Crafts/ Cards & Scrapbooks**
When: Friday, March 20, 2020 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Where: Prosser Public Library Community Room

Join crafting enthusiast Becki Colton, to design your own cards, work on your scrapbook or make the craft of the month. MAKE SPRING HOLIDAY AND ALL OCCASION CARDS. The library supplies the materials.

Limit 12, please register.

**Conn-Men: an a cappella Concert**
When: Sunday, March 22, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Where: Prosser Public Library Community Room

In the fall of 2001, R.J. Panda and Chris Desko set out to change the face of a cappella at UConn by forming a group which excelled in musicality and performance presence. The original members set a standard of excellence that is still upheld in the group today.

Individual vocal development, originality, musicality, and loyalty to the group are just a few of the qualities set in place by the first Conn-Men. Registration is appreciated.

**A Celebration of Women Composers**
When: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Where: Prosser Public Library Community Room

There have always been women composers. As far back at the 7th century BC, women composed and played their own music. It was not until the end of the 19th century, however, that significantly more women began to enjoy public performances of their music and became professional composers.

Music Historian Jeffrey Engel will highlight the lives and music of several distinguished women composers who broke through the male dominated world of classical music. Registration is appreciated.

**Music Appreciation w Jack Brin**
When: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:00 P - 3:30 PM
Where: Prosser Public Library Community Room

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750) 52 minutes
By Howard Steven Frydman

Production: Jane Eyre
Theater: The Hartford Stage
Playwright: Elizabeth Williamson
Director: Elizabeth Williamson

It’s poignant, it’s courageous, it’s mysterious, it’s tragic, it’s Gothic, it’s bold, it’s Brontë - Charlotte Brontë. The Hartford Stage presents a new adaptation of Brontë’s Victorian novel Jane Eyre, adapted for the stage and directed by Hartford Stage Associate Artistic Director Elizabeth Williamson, and starring as the iconic strong-willed heroine “Jane Eyre”, Helen Sadler, with Chandler Williams portraying the rugged and aloof Mr. Edward Rochester - master of Thornfield Hall.

Productions come and go - but I love those productions that have you with head in hand - attention fully a-gazed at the stage, and straining not to miss one single syllable of the delectable dialogue emanating from the live characters and their various on stage portrayals - “Jane Eyre” fills this criteria - and I so happily deem this glorious mounted production as everything that one would expect when visiting Connecticut’s most prestigious house of theater, “The Hartford Stage”, star performances, a memorable production and quality that strikes one with appreciated intensity.

As in the novel, the production is presented in the “first person” as “Jane” somberly chronicles her memorable story to the audience “Dear Reader” - describing her life story from being orphaned as a child, and when of age taking a position as governess at Thornfield Hall for the troubled and mysterious Edward Rochester. The strong-willed and ever passionate Jane soon falls in love with her enigmatic employer, but the discovery of a dark secret and its devastating aftermath forces the young governess to make a heart-wrenching decision that changes their lives forever.

As they say, “A GOOD CAST IS WORTH REPEATING..” - but “Jane Eyre” with a cast of 8, each portraying several characters is an event that I humbly state is not to be missed and give my heartfelt kudos to the following actors - including: Marie-France Arcilla as Blanche, Bessie and Grace Poole; Grayson DeJesus as Mason, St. John Rivers and John Reed; Megan Gwyn as Diana Rivers and Leah; Felicity Jones Latta as Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Fairfax, and Bertha; Meghan Pratt as Adèle and Young Jane; and Steve Routman as the Priest, John, and the Doctor.

Jane Eyre’s creative team includes Scenic Designer Nick Vaughn, Costume Designer Ilona Somogyi, Lighting Designer Isabella Byrd, Sound Designer Matt Hubbs, Composer Christian Frederickson, Dialect Coach Claudia Hill-Sparks, Dramaturg Fiona Kyle, and Fight Choreographer Greg Webster.

Tickets for the Hartford Stage production of “Jane Eyre” are on sale now and can be purchased by calling (860) 527-5151 or by visiting http://www.hartfordstage.org. Weeknight and evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances are Saturdays, Sundays and select weekdays at 2 p.m.

Howard Steven Frydman is General Manager and Executive Director of BATV - Channels 5, 95 & 96 and a member of the CCC. Please feel free to contact Mr. Frydman with your thoughts and ideas at TheHoward24@gmail.com.
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