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Voice Feature

An in-depth feature

Fireworks return to July 3 tradition

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Newest Alumni

The West Haven High School Class of 2023 walked into Ken Strong Stadium, June 12, as seniors, and came out as the latest alumni, spanning back more than a century. After the pomp and ceremony that comes with such events, the new graduates marked the occasion with the traditional tossing of their mortarboards into the air.



Campbell descendants visit sites



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, right, presents William Campbell descendants George F. Campbell, 70, and his daughter, Miriam Campbell, 17, with a proclamation declaring "Adjutant William Campbell Day" in West Haven on June 8. See pages 12 and 19 for more photos and coverage.

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The fifth-generation grandson and sixth-generation granddaughter of a "heroic" British army officer who died in West Haven during the Revolutionary War visited the city of his final resting place to pay their respects June 8.

George F. Campbell, 70, and his daughter, Miriam Campbell, 17, joined West Haven leaders to retrace the steps of their greatest of grandfathers, Adjutant William Campbell, who died hours after saving the village minister's life during the British invasion of Colonial New Haven 244 years ago.

"William Campbell is one of the first true 'American' heroes and is revered by West Haven," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said. "To this day, the adjutant is the only known enemy combatant recognized by the very American town he invaded with both a monument and principal avenue named in his honor."

On the sultry morning of July 5, 1779, the British army invaded New Haven Harbor in an amphibious assault from a fleet of 48 ships, with 1,500 troops coming ashore at West Haven's "Old Field" under Maj. Gen. George Garth and 1,100 troops landing in East Haven under Maj. Gen. William Tryon.

During their daylong visit, the Campbells, of the Pollokshields suburb of Glasgow, Scotland, were accompanied by City
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Daniel, an artist with the West Haven Community House CYS program, sees sunny, warm weather for the last week in June.

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On this Date

2007 -- Apple releases the first iPhone. The iPhone revolutionized the smartphone industry and for a while made Apple one of the world's most valuable companies.

1995 -- The Space Shuttle Atlantis docks with the Russian space station Mir.

The rendezvous in space marked a new age of cooperation between the former Cold War adversaries. The docking created the largest man-made Earth satellite in history.

1990 -- Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are banned to protect the ozone layer.

The London Amendment to the Montreal Protocol stipulated that CFCs be phased out by 2000 in developed countries and by 2010 in developing countries. CFCs are one of the substances most harmful to the ozone layer, escalating the greenhouse effect and global warming.

1986 -- Richard Branson breaks the record for the fastest Atlantic crossing by boat. The British businessman took about three days to cross the ocean in his speedboat "Virgin Atlantic Challenger II". He was denied the prestigious Blue Riband for the fastest crossing because he refueled on the way.



July 4th

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FDWH-Allingtown puts new truck in service

The City of West Haven Fire Department - Allingtown has placed its newly acquired Fire Pumper into service. The vehicle will be assigned as Engine #3 stationed out of the Fairfax Street Minor Park Station.

The fire engine was funded almost entirely by a grant award of \$571,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant program after submission of a 32-page application in 2020.

The unit was built by Spar-

tan/Smeal Fire Apparatus Company of Snyder Nebraska who was selected to manufacture the apparatus through the city bid/quotation process. Three other manufacturers also submitted bids according to the detailed specifications developed by the department's apparatus committee with the Spartan/Smeal bid being the most cost-effective option.

The unit required just over 300 days to build after signing the contract. Members of the department supervised by

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Esposito completed the mounting of the required equipment and hand tools for firefighting and EMS operations.

Special features of the unit include a Cummins L9 Diesel 450 hp engine, Waterous 1500 gallon per minute centrifugal fire pump, specially designed "L" shaped 750 gallons on board water tank which provides for a lower hose bed, front bumper mounted attack line, and large supply hose connections, on board pre-piped foam system, and on-

board electrical power generator.

The total cost of the unit was \$630,000 which the department was required to provide its cost share of 10% as per the grant program requirements. The balance of only \$60,000 was paid from department

funding.

The new engine is replacing a current 24-year-old unit that will be placed into reserve status and stationed at the Admiral St. firehouse. The new engine is also expected to provide a minimum of 20 years of reliable service.



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The new pumper put in service replaces a 24-year-old engine.

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It is again our great pleasure to show our appreciation for our West Haven neighbors by donating to the City's public fireworks display.

UNH would like to wish everyone a safe holiday.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's display on July 3rd at Bradley Point.



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Dear Felicia

By the time yew read this missive, hon, it's gonna be summer! Yup! We crossed over into summer a week ago, and now wait all the balmy – and barmy – weather our section of the universe has to offer. Around these parts one can say June has been one o' the coolest we remember in quite some time. Heck, the nights have been down in the 50s, whilst the days are barely reaching 70-plus. Not that we're complaining, not atoll. The hot, humid, sticky stuff will come soon enuff. Right now, let's enjoy it.

I gotta tell yew, Felicia, we've been in this bizz a long time, and we were amazed by some of the reactions recorded concerning the editorial. Yikes! It makes one wonder effen people can read and understand, based on some o' the commints.

The editorial mentioned a pledge Barry Lee Cohen want-

ed the 'other GOP candidates to sign, saying they would stick to the isshevs and stay away from personal attacks. That was the gist of it. Neither Paige Weinstein nor Steven Mullins decided to sign it – for whatever reason, and the editorial didn't take isshevw with that decision. In fact, just the opposite. But the editorial did take the pledge as a takeoff pernt, and urge the candidates of both parties to mind their manners. Tisn't like we ain't said the same thing in a different way in other elections, this was jest a different way to lead into it.

Well, one reader accused us of supporting Cohen cuz we agreed with him. Another went on a diatribe about free speech, and Lawd knows what was said on that sewer called Facebook. We don't let our eyes look at setch things.

The long and short of it is the boys and girls who're gon-

na run for office this go-round hafta be careful not to fall into the same traps that state and national candidates seem to use as coin of the realm: nastiness. Though, I hafta admit, Cobina ain't holding out too much hope. Supporters of various candidates – even on our own site – say things that should make grown-ups blush. Civility is something of a bygone era, it seems.

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Meanwhile, Paige Weinstein stopped in and visited with our esteemed editor recently. She was the foist candidate to take out papers on the GOP side, and, according to Sammy Bluejay, she seems to have the ear and support of a goodly portion of the Republican Town Committee. The chat was cordial, and Mrs. Weinstein gave a summation of why she was looking to win the office on the thoid floor of the Actors Colony.

She has a tough road to hoe with the name recognition part. Cohen, being the last candidate – and almost-winner, and Steve Mullins have more recognition with the public. Soooo, it'll be interestin' to see how the summer plays out. Sammy sez she's got the support of some of the mucky-mucks in the party.

Come next month we'll know for sure. The Republican Town Committee will meet to finalize the endorsed slate, and no matter who gits the nod, there will be a

primary. That's when the rubber is really gonna hit the road with each and every candidate on that side of the ledger, and we will see who comes out on top.

What happens after that is anyone's guess. The GOP in this berg ain't known for pulling for the winning candidate when primaries happen. That is one o' the reasons it's been outta power for more than three decades. Effen they can rally around the winner, who knows what'll happen in the general election.

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Over on the other side – the Demmies – the question everyone seems to be asking is something like that ole Clairol commercial when Lucy and Desi were on top o' the charts: does she or doesn't she? In this case, the hairdresser might not know for sure whether Dorinda Keenan Borer does wanna run for mayor or doesn't wanna run for mayor. The answer to that question might determine how this mayoral election goes.

Nelly Nuthatch was in here t'other afternoon and that was the topic of discussion. It was Cobina's take that Dorinda has a nice gig up in Hartford, why would she wanna come back to this political morass?

Nelly, always the astute one, pernted out that no matter how much power she's accrued under the golden dome in Hartford, the fack the new budget calls for more than \$108k in salary has much to do with whomever decides to run. Cobina forgot the new budget's jump of the mayoral salary might have a thing or other to do with who decides to run or not. And, that's why it was raised, after all.

Sooooo, effen Dorinda does decide to run, a) she's gotta make that desire known perty quick, and 2) the new salary might make the morass a bit more palatable to jump into, so to speak. We shall see. Effen she does look to run, that changes what the pundits like to call the "political calculus" big time. One candidate has let it be known, according to Nelly, that effen Dorinda runs, it's outsville for the candidate.

Right now, we're headed to a primary effen things stay static in the Demmies side of the aisle as well. Effen it stays that way, there ain't no leader by our reckoning. It will be a wide-open affair and whomever gits the Democratic Town Committee not next month will have a leg up on the opponents. Still, there's time to see how things transpire before the real fireworks begin.

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The graduation season is in full swing, and the newest class at WHHS bid its "adieu" to the place in ceremonies a couple

weeks back. The class had 441 students in it, one of the largest in recent memory – not like the days of double sessions, but perty large. We hope the kids well in whatever they do next. Now is their Salad Days, let's hope they enjoy 'em.

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Iva Lootey came over to let Cobina know that things were started on the Beach Street rebuilding project. The area is closed and crews are beginning prep work to raise the roadway betwixt 7-11 feet to help protect the area from flooding. The funny thing was a couple weeks back people were wonderin'. Projecks don't exactly start and finish around here on time. Soooo, people were amazed when the street was closed off, and detours to First Avenue set up.

We're sure the new owners of the condo development on the old Chick's lot are happy with the development. Whilst they are constructing four duplex buildings – with two heading toward completion, believe it or not – the restaurant that is planned for the other side of the lot really can't be started until things are completed with the roadway.

Who knows, by the foist fall storm, maybe the Beach Street area will be a bit closer to the clouds. We shall see.

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'Twas nice to see the Historical Society hosting the Campbell family from Scotland, especially since the anniversary of the event is coming in a few days. The story is one of lore, and a special one to those who take the history of this berg to heart. The family seemed to enjoy its stay here, and they paid homage to Adj. William Campbell at his grave on the Allingtoun Hill.

Kudos to Jon Purmont and the gang for making it happen. Amid all the nonsense that goes on in modern life, it's nice to see something good and wholesome. Not many places have a main drag named after an enemy combatant, but Campbell was a special kind of fellow, it seems.

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Finally, it seems that graduation was the final event on the current carpet at Ken Strong Stadium. After 11 years – yeah, it's been that long – the carpet is in the process of being replaced. Crews were out almost before the last graduate left the venue, and they were tearing up the old and getting prepared to replace it with new turf.

Remember when the old turf was put down, it was 2012, and a hurricane storm surge got under the new carpet, and it had to be replaced weeks after being put down. Hard to believe it was that long ago.

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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I have a question that has been bothering me ever since I moved to West Haven in 2021.

When you drive down Benham Hill Road to the "end" (the corner of Bailey Middle School) you reach a stop sign as you might expect. However, the traffic to your left and to your right, driving on Morgan Lane do NOT have a stop sign from either direction, thus these folks can drive fast past you inching up past your Stop sign and fast past the school. Why is that?

Wouldn't it make more sense to have stop signs there to make a three-way intersection? I can't imagine no one has thought of this before, so there must be a reason there isn't one. It's so dangerous over there especially if you want to make a left-hand turn.

I can't imagine how anyone

is ever able to cross Morgan with those cars coming so fast in both directions.

More Sense

Dear More Sense:

Gripe Vine has been very fortunate lately to receive prompt direct responses from the Traffic Department at the West Haven Police Department.

A reply from Sergeant Charles Young#168 of the West Haven Police Department provided an improved safety measure at Morgan Lane.

According to Sergeant Young, "In general, a stop sign is not used to control speed on roadways. The main purpose of a stop sign is to allow drivers to determine who should yield the right of way at a roadway intersection.

The area described already has a safety zone/crosswalks and signs on either side with



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

25MPH. The traffic unit will be putting our speed trailer at this area in the near future to obtain data relating to the alleged speeding on this stretch of roadway "

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Why is there only one open door to get into City Hall and why are there two security guards sitting there doing nothing? What is the purpose of them sitting there?

SHW

Dear SHW:

I sent your request to the mayors office twice and have

not received a reply yet. As soon as I do, you'll read it in Gripe Vine.

Coming up...a request from readers as to why there is no Disc Jockey or music and dancing on the deck?

You can send your gripes, comments and issues to gripevineatwh@yahoo.com Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number kept in strict confidence with me.If you would like to mail your issues to Gripe Vine mail them to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516

Farmers Market opens for season on July 6

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The Tony Inzero Farmers Market will open its 2023 season July 6 next to the Oak Street Beach parking lot off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

The market, nestled on the right side of the beach lot, will include state farmers selling homegrown fruits and vegetables and crafters selling wares from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays through Oct. 14.

It will feature artisan breads by Hoffman Unlimited LLC, sauces and jams by Chile King LLC, and salts, oils and vinegars by Dash N' Drizzle.

On July 8, the Start of the Season celebration will include food trucks and live entertainment.

This season, the farmers market is partnering with ArtsWest-CT to showcase a variety of entertainment, such as live performances and unique demonstrations, at the Saturday markets.

The market will also include more than 20 different vendors, crafters, organizations and food trucks during the season.

The Thursday markets will feature What the Truck?! BBQ, in addition to ice cream at both markets.

Parking is available in the Oak Street municipal lot and on Palace Street. Oak Street is on the senior shuttle route and the CTtransit route. In addition, a van will run from the West Haven Senior Center, 201 Noble St., to Oak Street at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

The Department of Elderly Services will start distributing reusable farmers market cards to eligible city residents around the second week of July. Residents 60 and older who meet income requirements are eligible for \$24 vouchers in the form of electronic cards. For information on the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program, call the department at (203) 937-3507.

The farmers market is sponsored by the city and has operated since 2000. It was dedicated in 2010 in memory of Anthony F. "Tony" Inzero, a leader in the downtown business community who co-owned Flower Affair on Campbell Avenue.

Trip to RiverQuest slated, Aug. 30

The West Haven Senior Center is offering a trip aboard the RiverQuest in Essex on Aug. 30.

The trip includes a one-hour narrated cruise on the Connecticut River.

The cost is \$125 and includes transportation, admission to the Connecticut River Museum, gratuities and lunch from a pre-selected sandwich menu at The Blue Hound Cookery & Taproom. Payment is due July 14.

The bus departs at 10:30 a.m. from the Veterans Memorial Park parking lot at 91 Bull Hill Lane, the former Nike site, and leaves at 4 p.m. from Essex. Senior center membership is not required to attend.

To make a reservation or for more information, call the center at (203) 937-3507.

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The Declaration of Independence

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. --

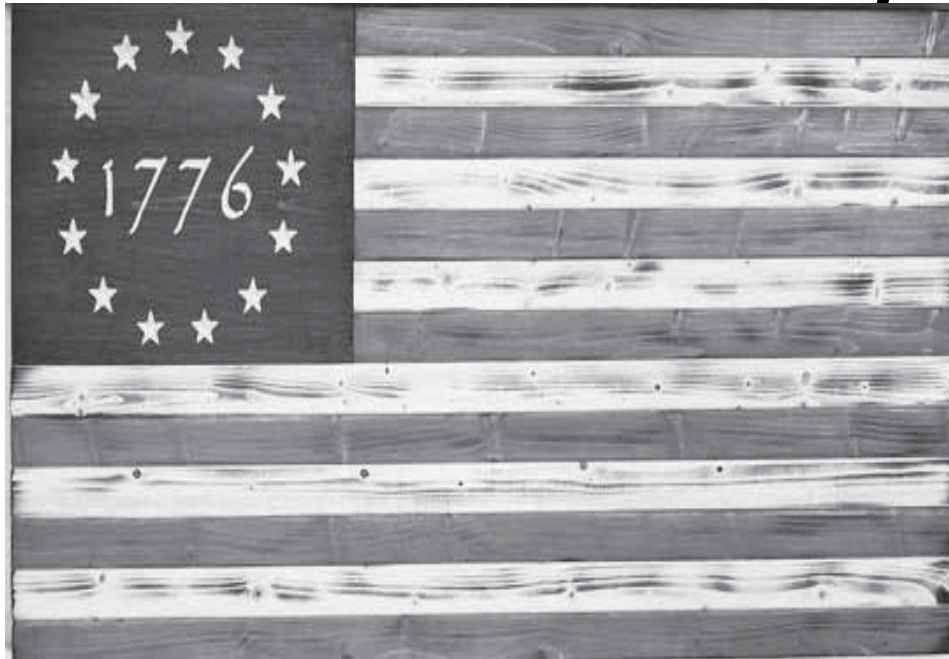
Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government.

The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large dis-



tricts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exercise; the state remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these states; for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies without the consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign

to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: For protecting them, by mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states:

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury:

For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offenses:

For abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighboring province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule in these colonies:

For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments:

For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas to bear arms against their

country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare, is undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. *In Jefferson's draft there is a part on slavery here*

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here.

We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

The Declaration was debated for weeks, with many amendments. It was ratified by the Continental Congress on July 2, but published on July 4, the day we celebrate.

Letters, we get letters!

Pledge unnecessary in Mullins' campaign

Last month, Republican candidate for Mayor, Barry Cohen invited me and candidate Paige Weinstein to what he refereed to as a "Unity Meeting." This convocation took place at the West Haven Republican Headquarters on Morgan Lane.

In that parley, in which our mobile telephones were confiscated to prevent any secret recordings of the proceedings, Mr. Cohen and his then-campaign employee requested that we both Mrs. (Paige) Weinstein and I sign a pledge stating that our respective campaigns would be conducted in an issues-only manner, eschewing any questionable tactics. In a nutshell, no personal attacks on Cohen, nor each other. Neither Mrs. Weinstein, nor I signed such pledge.

Speaking only for myself, I have and will continue to run my campaigns in the utmost noble and respectful manner. Any attack that I make on an opponent will be based on truth and not hearsay and rumors. That is my pledge not only to my Republican and potential Democrat opponents, but more importantly, the voters and the people of the City of West Haven.

However, instead of petty attacks, I will spend these next weeks and months informing the people of West Haven about what I will do to make lives better for them and how I will be an effective manager to insure that fiscal mismanagement and corruption are a thing of the past.

Going door to door, meeting with downtown business leaders and having community forums for the past couple of months, I will continue speaking about issues that the people of West Haven want to talk about. These issues are and are not limited to; public safety (particularly school safety), economic development, public works, blight, homelessness, quality of life and restoring faith, accountability and trust to West Haven City Hall. That is what the people of West Haven want to hear about.

The voters and taxpayers of West Haven do not have the time, nor the patience to read about little squabbles and personality conflicts between one candidate or the other. For years, I complained about that with the Democrats in town and I refuse to participate in such shenanigans within my own party.

Furthermore, I am rather disturbed that the details of our so called "private" "Unity Meeting" were leaked out to the West Haven Voice. In the last edition, the aforementioned contract pledge's litany of demands were published in the editorial almost verbatim. That is a major breach of trust.

Steven R. Mullins
GOP Candidate

Vets seek names for Viet memorial

Current and former city residents who served in the Vietnam War are sought by the West Haven Vietnam Memorial Inc. Committee to have their names inscribed on a new section of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Bradley Point Park.

To qualify for name recognition on the memorial "wall," Vietnam veterans must apply and meet the following requirements:

— Applicants must live or have lived in West Haven. Veterans living in West Haven must provide proof of residence, such as a utility bill.

— Applicants must have served in-country during the Vietnam War.

— Applicants must have been honorably discharged from military service. A DD214 form (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) is required.

— Applicants must share potential costs, if any.

The committee does not have a formal application. Veterans must mail all documents, which are due Oct. 1, to West Haven Vietnam Veterans, City Hall, lower level, 355 Main St., West Haven 06516.

Those with questions can call Bill at (203) 521-2356, Steve at (475) 655-2993 or Paul at (203) 500-2159.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial includes a black granite wall inscribed with the names of those from West Haven who served or gave their lives in Vietnam from 1959 to 1975, along with three white flagpoles draped with the American, Connecticut and prisoner-of-war flags.

The memorial, dedicated Nov. 12, 2003, also includes a black granite map of the four battle districts of Vietnam bearing the inscription "All Gave Some, Some Gave All," as well as five bronze insignia markers atop black graniteposts representing each branch of the U.S. armed forces.

Stop 'woke' in baseball

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

It's not unusual for prayer to play a role in sports.

"Spahn, Sain, and pray for rain!" was the famous refrain of Boston Braves fans in 1948, when they wanted their exceptional pitchers Warren Spahn and Johnny Sain to start as many games as possible.

A couple of years ago, the team chaplain of the Loyola Chicago men's basketball team, Sister Jean, prayed before a game against Illinois in the NCAA Tournament, "As we play the Fighting Illini, we ask for special help to overcome this team and get a great win." (Final score: Loyola Chicago 71, Illinois 58).

In the long history of sports, though, it seems unlikely that anyone has ever felt compelled to pray over the spiritual hurt caused by a team -- until now. Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez dedicated a service to praying for "healing due to the harm caused by" the Los Angeles Dodgers.

And he's not referring to the team's disappointing exit from the playoffs last year at the hands of the San Diego Padres or its relatively soft 38-30 start this year. No, rather its "decision to honor a group that intentionally denigrates and profanes the Christian faith."

He's speaking of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a group of drag queens who

dress up as Roman Catholic nuns and mock their faith. In the most embarrassing to-and-fro since Yankee owner George Steinbrenner fired and rehired manager Billy Martin multiple times, the Dodgers announced that they'd honor the "Sisters" on the team's "LGBTQ+ Pride Night," then backed off when people of faith were offended, then decided to honor them after all in response to LGBTQ backlash to the backlash.

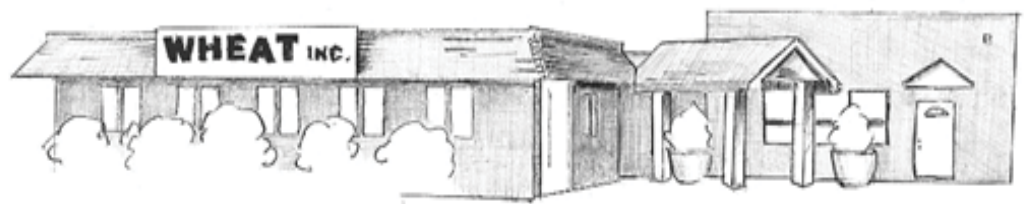
This shameful cowardice comes courtesy of one of baseball's most storied franchises, one that used to hold "Nun's Day" at the stadium.

It's a symptom of the sheer unavoidability of "woke" cultural politics that they've come to baseball, once the most mainstream and arguably still the most traditional of major sports league.

The Toronto Blue Jays just cut one of their relief pitchers, Anthony Bass, for not getting with the LGBTQ program. He thus became the first player in major league history to be DFA'ed for associating himself with traditional Biblical morality.

On May 29, a day that will live in Blue Jays infamy, right up there with the collapse in the 1985 ALCS, Bass shared a video from Bible-themed Instagram page supporting the boycotts of Bud Light and Target. In response

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Annawon Lodge Senior Warden and Fellowcraft Club President Joey McVety (left) presents a replica portrait of King Solomon to the Lodge at its Sesquicentennial Celebrations last Friday night, as Honorary Past Master Gerald Calibrato (second from left) and Worshipful Master Christopher Belous (far left) look on.



Annawon celebrates 150 years

By Steven R. Mullins
Special to the Voice

Annawon Lodge #115 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven celebrated its 150th anniversary with a gala ball held at Cielo's, attended by member, families and friends of the Lodge, including Connecticut State Grand Master Joseph J. Porco and City Clerk Patricia Horvath on behalf of the City of West Haven.

During the festivities, Senior Warden Joey McVety, President of the lodge's Fellowcraft Club made a presentation. He and Worshipful Master Christopher Belous unveiled a replica painting of King Solomon that has belonged to the lodge for decades.

The original portrait of King Solomon is from 1874 and was credited to Flagg and Thompson. The original portrait, frame and pole that protected the frame from the Lodge chairs is on load to the "Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Inc. at 33 Marrett Road in Lexington, MA. The portrait is on display in a different frame for display purposes. The original frame and pole is in storage.

The portrait is currently insured at the 2007 value of \$50,000. The lodge is planning to get it reappraised to make sure it is insured for the proper value.

The oil on canvas painting is roughly 10x51/2' in width and height. It was originally displayed in the lodge room at 304 Center St., where Annawon Lodge was located prior to selling the building to the City of West Haven for a proposed cultural art center in 2008. When the craft moved to its current location, 263 Center Street, the former Father Curtis Council of the Knights of Columbus Building, it was evident that the portrait would not fit in the new location.

The new replica will be on display in the lodge room. Masonic rituals refer to King Solomon in the building of his Temple. Masonic buildings and Masonic Lodge rooms are referred to as King Solomons Temple.

Juneteenth July 22

West Haven's Juneteenth celebration was postponed, due to rain on June 17. It is rescheduled to Saturday, July 22 at Brent Watt Park, 24 Tile St. Admission is free for all ages. The festivities will take place between 11-3 with entertainment, food and vendor booths. Free parking is available at UNH Isadore Street.

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Class of 2023



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WHHS '23

Graduation of the Class of 2023 had all the pomp and celebration expected. Hundreds of parents, relatives and friends watched in Ken Strong Stadium as the 441 of the most recent seniors became WHHS alumni. Shown left to right from top left -- Members of the WHHS Class of 2023 walk the processional for graduation. Yaju Pradham delivers the Salutatory Address. Vittoria Favia delivers the Valedictory Address. Graduating members of the WHHS Chorus under the direction of Jason Thomas sing the Alma Mater. WHHS Class President Angelie Marmol speaks to the Class of 2023.



Make Music Day hits Old Grove

Coinciding with the first day of summer, ArtsWestCT sponsored its annual Make Music Day at Old Grove Park. The family event brought a large crowd to the shore to hear local talent display their own styles and genres. Clockwise from right: Musicians jamming on stage (L to R) Michael Larocca, Oren Givoni, Colin Berger, and Lee Mixashawn Rozie, rocked the crowd. Members of the audience listened to the music, and kids hula hooped. Tap dancers Zaneta Nicholson and Alexis Robbins show their moves. Walker Perry aka Le Saint, West Haven resident and sophomore at Morehouse College, performs at the Community Open Mic.

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Fireworks make return to July 3

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The 2023 Savin Rock Fireworks Spectacular is set for 9:15 p.m. July 3, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

The display, billed as "They Will Be Heard on the 3rd," is launched off Bradley Point and presented by the Savin Rock Fireworks Committee. The rain date is July 5.

The pyrotechnic show is West Haven's largest one-day event, attracting tens of thousands of residents and visitors to the city's 3 miles of public beaches each year.

At 4 p.m. July 3, police will close Captain Thomas Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, from Kelsey Avenue to South Street, to give the festivities a block party feel. The roads will reopen around 11 p.m., according to police.

A fleet of 14 food and dessert trucks will line the westbound lane of Captain Thomas Boulevard, near Dyke Street, and dish up burgers, hot dogs, pizza, fried dough and tacos, as well as ice cream and kettle corn.

Before the fireworks light up the night sky over the West Haven shoreline, a craft fair will take place from noon-4 p.m. on the east side of Savin Rock. A short distance away, bands from West Haven's Rock House School of Music will perform on a portable stage in front of the Rock.

From 7-9 p.m., Rubber City will perform horn-powered party hits on the Savin Rock stage.

On July 3, the parking fee for nonresidents is \$20, payable by credit card through a "Pay for Parking" smartphone app only. Paid parking is available in all shoreline lots and the West Haven High School lot.

To park, nonresidents must scan the QR code on the Premium Parking sign in each lot or text the lot code to 504504. Both options will connect them to the Premium Parking website to complete the transaction. Nonresidents can also download the Premium Parking app on the Apple or Google app stores.

Parking is free for residents, provided their vehicles, including motorcycles and new, leased or military-exempt vehicles, are registered in West Haven and they are not delinquent on their motor vehicle taxes. A "new" vehicle means it was registered in West Haven after Oct. 1, 2022.

Taxpayers can check if they owe back taxes and make a payment at <https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=westhaven>.

Those who park in the beach lots during the day can stay for the fireworks, but they have to



City Drone Photo/Andrew Kosarko, Courtesy of Jow Films LLC, File

In this Sept. 3, 2022, file photo, red, white and blue rockets burst over Long Island Sound off Bradley Point in West Haven at the Savin Rock Fireworks Spectacular. This year's display is set for 9:15 p.m. July 3.

keep their vehicles in the lots until the roads reopen around 11 p.m. Otherwise, they have to leave the lots by 4 p.m.

Beach parking lots are for use by both residents and nonresidents on a first-come, first-served basis. The lots are: Oyster River, South Street Upper, South Street Lower, Dawson Avenue, Sea Bluff, Bradley Point, Rock Street, Oak Street, Palace Street, Altschuler Boulevard and Sandy Point, as well as the April Street boat launch.

Parking violators will receive an invoice of at least \$100 — a \$100 citation, plus a fee for the amount of time they were parked — from Premium Parking, the New Orleans-based company contracted with helping West Haven develop a digitally driven paid parking program along the shoreline.

In preparation for the fireworks, Police Chief Joseph S. Perno said the department is rolling out a comprehensive traffic management plan aimed at safeguarding the public.

Perno said the large-scale traffic plan will close many shoreline roads in the hours before the 9:15 p.m. display to protect pedestrians and allow for the safe passage of emergency vehicles.

Residents and nonresidents should take note that "No Parking" signs will be posted on both sides of Platt Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Randall's Restaurant; Dyke Street from Captain Thomas Boulevard to Educational Way; Kelsey Avenue from Captain Thomas Boulevard to Graham Avenue; Ocean Avenue from South Street to Ivy Street; and the even side of all side streets

off Ocean Avenue from South Street to Ivy Street.

"No Parking" signs will also be posted on the north side of Connecticut Avenue; the even side of all side streets off Ocean Avenue to Highland Avenue; the even side of Highland Avenue from Arlington Street to Linden Street; and the even side of all side streets off Beach Street to Thomas Street.

Because of construction, Beach Street from Monahan Place to Morse Avenue is closed to both vehicles and pedestrians.

Police can ticket and tow vehicles violating the traffic plan at the owner's expense. Violators are subject to a \$100 fine.

Residents and nonresidents should also take note that police will strictly enforce all

beach regulations, which are posted at each access point along the shoreline, as well as the following restrictions:

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~~ No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the beach.

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Republican for Mayor

Campbell honored by family

George Campbell and daughter, Miriam, traveled from Glasgow, Scotland to honor Adjutant William Campbell. Campbell's story is lore in West Haven's Revolutionary War history. Shown from left -- George Campbell, Mary Christ from New Haven Museum, and historian/authro Dr. Peter Malia stand next to Adjutant Campbell's 1779 Dressing Case on loan from New Haven Museum. Below right -- The Rev. E. Carl Howard of First Congregational Church, Dr Jon Purmont of West Haven Historical Society, George Campbell and daughter Miriam at Rev. Noah Williston's gravesite on the Green. Below -- Rev. Howard, George Campbell and daughter Miriam at Campbell Monument in Monument Park, Allingtown. The city's main thoroughfare, Campbell Avenue, for his saving the life of Williston during the British invasion of New Haven. See further coverage on page 1 and page 19.

Photos courtesy of Bob Grestini.





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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Sgt. John Jarvie, WHPD
It was just after midnight, and the police officers assigned to the 12-8 shift were gathered for their customary briefing when an emergency call came in on the radio from another officer: "I'm at the corner of Washington Avenue and Atwater Street; there's a large, naked man walking up

the street smashing the windshields of cars, and he appears to be bleeding. Need backup right away! He just ripped the grille off the patrol car!" Four cars went out to assist, and found the man, covered with sweat and blood, and apparently high on some sort of drugs.
The subject then lit out and

led them on a chase through the neighborhood's backyards, and was finally tackled. Four officers struggled in vain to apply hand cuffs to the subject, and as they worked their way through the various methods routinely prescribed for subduing such an individual, it became necessary to apply a taser which would be sure to incapacitate him.

But after firing the taser three times, the subject still would not submit himself for arrest. (It was later determined that he was high on PCP—also known as Angel Dust—which often renders super-human strength and psychotic behavior to the user.) The dangerous situation still wasn't under control, and Sgt. John Jarvie reached for his holster, hoping that he wouldn't have to draw his weapon. Just at that moment, the other officers managed to secure the hand cuffs; the subject was taken away for medical care and booking.

On another memorable night, Jarvie was called out to a home on Highland Street, where a woman was in labor. He was unprepared for what he would find when he arrived there:

Standing in the middle of the room and straddling a mattress, the woman was indeed in labor, and the baby's head was already presented.

As Jarvie got within arm's length of mother and baby, the baby popped out and he caught it. But the baby wasn't breathing: Remembering his rudimentary first aid training, Jarvie reached into the baby's mouth, cleared the airway, and was relieved to hear the baby's first cries.

Moments later, Fire Department EMTs arrived and took over. For weeks and months thereafter, Jarvie would be kidded about the need to carry a catcher's mitt when he was on the job.

But the euphoria of that night was soon tempered by the department's next call, reporting that a man had been found bludgeoned to death just a few blocks away from the place of the newborn's birth.

Jarvie's years of service brought with them many rewarding moments, and some moments of terror:

Running into a burning building numerous times to help elderly residents to safety from the smoke and flames; knocking on an apartment door and announcing himself, and hearing someone on the other side of the door working the loading action of an automatic handgun; chasing felons through darkened yards, not knowing whether they were armed with knives or firearms, and wondering if they'd fight back.

"I was lucky," says Jarvie with a smile, "I was never shot or injured, but I was lumped-up a couple of times."

And there were the quieter moments: Removing drunk drivers from the road, lifting fingerprints at a crime scene, administering bicycle safety efforts for children, recreat-



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff.

ing the scenes of major—often fatal—accidents, educating senior citizens against fraud and scams, arranging Block Watches, training citizens in basic self-defense, and so much more.

John Jarvie's scrapbook contains countless letters from grateful citizens, some calling him a "Friend for Life." Today, he is retired, and still living in West Haven, with his wife Mary, and with his children and grandchild not far away.

John Jarvie typifies the police officers of West Haven: Dedicated, Professional, Caring and Kind.

Looking back at his years of service, he recalls all of the many changes within the city and in the ways that police are now equipped to do their jobs. "It's just amazing," he says.



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Morrell resigns as softball coach

After nine years at the helm and numerous postseason appearances, West Haven softball coach Joe Morrell has decided to step down. Morrell announced to his team his decision earlier in the month at the team's end of season banquet.

The long-time West Haven coach has been at the helm of a variety of sports, spanning 35 years at the high school. Morrell took over for legendary and Hall of Fame coach Frank Biondi.

Biondi retired following the 2014 season after 33 years and 431 wins.

A staple of West Haven sports, Morrell cited the desire to spend more time with his family, including the upcoming title of grandfather with his daughter Jocey expecting.

Morrell remains as the Athletic Director at the high school.

"Thirty-five years at West Haven High School was my pleasure and honor to coach there," Morrell said. "With my daughter (Jocey) being pregnant, a baby coming soon, I thought this was the perfect time. Being able to be an athletic director, a coach and a grandfather might have been a little too much. I just want to make sure I can spend the time with the grand kids."

Morrell finished his softball tenure with a record of 110-69, qualifying for the postseason in each year the team played. The 2020 season was wiped away due to the COVID pandemic.

Morrell's teams were known for their hard work and always being prepared. The Westies got as far as the Class LL quarterfinals in 2022, falling to Danbury in an excruciating extra inning loss.

"We hoped to be the first female team to win a state championship, which un-

fortunately didn't happen," Morrell said. "I thought we did get better every year. We hit the ball hard it seemed at the end of every year when you are supposed to hit the ball. Breaks here and there, you never know. Things could have been different."

Morrell's final game saw the Westies falling, 8-7, to Norwich Free Academy in the second round of this year's Class LL state tournament.

"It is always our first goal we set in the beginning of the season," Morrell said of playing in the postseason each year. "Every year, we accomplished that goal which is important to me. You can't go to the state tournament if you don't win those games. That is very important to the team and myself as a coach."

The legendary coach also had a two-decade stint coaching the high school hockey team. In his 21 years at the helm of the West Haven hockey team, Morrell qualified for the state tournament in 20 of those campaigns, only missing the postseason during the 2005-2006 season.

Morrell compiled a regular season record of 223-170-23 and overall mark of 234-190-23 on the ice.

A 1983 graduate of West Haven High, Morrell was a three-sport star in baseball, hockey and soccer under Hall of Fame coaches George Hanchette, Art Crouse and Elliot Marnell.

Morrell, who was inducted into the West Haven Hall of Fame in 2014, coached youth sports from 1984 to 1997, winning a Division I state championship in hockey, along with four New England appearances.

Coaching youth soccer in West Haven for 14 years, Morrell's teams won eight league titles and one state title. Morrell was named the top soccer



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Joe Morrell ended a highly successful tenure as West Haven High's softball coach. The athletic director with Michael Anquillare will continue his teaching and administrative duties.

coordinator for 10 years and had been the commissioner of the West Haven Invitational soccer tournament.

Morrell coached in Shore Haven baseball and served as the softball commissioner. He also coached the Shoreline Sting of the AAU for several years.

Morrell has also coached the girls soccer team at the high school for six years,

winning one Southern Connecticut Conference title and making five state tournament appearances. He also served as the tennis coach early on in his coaching career.

Morrell has received the 2005 Connecticut Outstanding Coach Award. He was named the Connecticut Post Coach of the Year in 2010 and the SCC Coach of the Year in 2014.

"I'm going to miss practice with the kids," Morrell said. "That and the camaraderie with the coaches. Heading into next year, we are ranked third out of 20 teams in the SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) which is pretty amazing. That is a two-year schedule."

The search to replace the long-time head coach has begun. Long-time assistant

Post 71
opens
Zone II
season

After a successful high school season, the West Haven U19 baseball team opened the summer season recently. With weather having an impact, the Westies have played just three games thus far.

West Haven opened the season with a doubleheader in Plymouth against the New England Knights. The Westies were swept by scores of 3-0 and 4-1.

In the opener, the Westies had just four baserunners in the contest, but could not put any runs on the board. Hudson Axelrod walked in the first and Mike Madera

singled in the third, but both were left stranded.

Ray Gilbert walked in the fourth and Jeremiah Douglas did the same in the sixth, but neither was driven home.

The Westies managed to get on the board in the nightcap, but it was not enough in the 4-1 defeat.

West Haven picked up its first victory of the season with a 6-4 victory at Clinton. A sacrifice fly by Josh Osborne gave the Westies a 2-0 lead in the second inning, before Clinton evened the game at two off

West Haven starter Haygen Axelrod.

The Westies took a 4-2 lead in the fourth inning on a fielder's choice grounder by Ryan Wilson to score Jacob Fowler, who was hit by a pitch, and a bases loaded walk by Lucas Forgette.

With the game even at four, the Westies took the lead for good with a run in the sixth and another in the seventh.

In the sixth, walks to Douglas and Zach Bouteiller, and a single by James Harp loaded the bases, before Madera's sacri-

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Photos courtesy of Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce

Freeplay opens series

Old Grove Park was the venue for Freeplay. The band played many crowd favorites and kept the crowd on its feet all night long. The night went off despite a few rainstorms holding up the setup of the stage and sound. The team of West Haven's Public Works Dept. and A&J Productions waited the rain out and made sure that the show went on. Behind the Saxophone of Jim Pino, the band opened the Thursday Night Live Concert series. These concerts are a production of the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce and West Haven Parks and Recreation, with major support from Tropical Caribbean Authentic Latin Cuisine, and further support from Launch Communications and Frontier. The next show at Old Grove Park will be July 13 with Downtown 6 Connecticut's premier Dance cover band at 7 p.m. See Milfordct.com for further details.



Summer bowling program set

West Haven's Youth and Family Services and Department of Parks and Recreation are teaming up to provide an alternative enrichment bowling league for residents ages 13-17.

The 10-pin league is for West Haven residents and will take place at the Bowlero Milford bowling alley, 1717 Boston Post Road, from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays, July 11-Aug. 1.

The four-week program costs \$25 per child. The fee includes two weekly games of bowling, a shoe rental, a pizza slice and soda, as well as a \$7 arcade card each week.

Bus transportation is provided for those enrolled in the program. Participants must ride the bus — no drop-offs at Bowlero.

Bus pickup sites and times are: Carrigan Intermediate School, 2 Tetlow St., 3:15 p.m., and Bailey Middle School, 106 Morgan Lane, 3:30 p.m. The bus will depart at the designated time and will not wait for those who are late.

Register for the program at https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29763.

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fice fly scored Douglas for a 5-4 advantage.

West Haven added an insurance run in the seventh as Gilbert reached on a one-out error, Cam Cruz singled to center, and Fowler reached on an infield single to first to score Gilbert.

The Westies needed the insurance as Clinton put the tying runs on in the bottom of the seventh inning, but Clinton was denied with a game-saving catch by Bouteiller for the final out of the game.

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Communication upgrades aid message to taxpayers

By Dan Atkinson
Voice Writer

For a city to be run efficiently, residents must have access to their government officials and other leaders associated with them. Residents must be able to see these individuals as transparent and accessible. One method West Haven tries to do this is by broadcasting City Council, commission, and board meetings on the city's YouTube channel.

Currently, individuals must employ a third party to use mobile equipment to tape and record any meetings that take place in the City Council chambers as well as the Harriet North and third floor conference rooms at City Hall. These videos are then published on the channel. Because of this arrangement, meetings cannot be broadcast live to the community. In addition, the sound and visuals in the videos can be of subpar equality. To improve the audio and visual quality of meetings which are taped and recorded and broadcast live, the West Haven government has turned to DNR Laboratories of Watertown.

The West Haven ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Committee decided to use DNR to design and build a new sound and video (AV) system at these locations in City Hall, and then train individuals in how to use it. The bidding process was focused on finding a company which would allow West Haven to reduce the operating costs of recording, taping, and broadcasting meetings over time. The ARPA Committee, led by Chairman Ken Carney, were also hoping to save money by selecting a company that would not only build but also design the AV system.

"Using various mobile equipment to record meetings was inconvenient and costly," Carney said. "The idea is that by outfitting these rooms with new AV equipment and providing resources, anyone who holds meetings can create video and audio records of the meetings and broadcast them live on their own. The committee is confident this will allow the city government to be more transparent and accessible to residents."

The ARPA Committee was given \$200,000 to spend on this project. After releasing an RFP describing it, the committee had five companies attend the walk through to install an AV system in the City Council, Harriet North and third floor conference rooms, and provide resources like training to employees. Committee members then quickly discovered that DNR Laboratories was the only bidder that would both design and install the technology needed. DNR bid \$180,000 and won the project.

Xavier Boyer, a sales engineer and senior project manager at DNR, went into detail about why the company submitted a bid to the ARPA Committee.

"We felt we could enhance the (communications) experience of not only the city government staff, but the residents of West Haven and all affected by the decisions made and conversations had at the City Hall," Boyer said.

West Haven's IT Department then helped the ARPA Committee do a scope review of DNR, which determined that DNR's price for working on the project was fair and met the requirements of the RFP. The IT Department assisted the committee throughout the process of finding bidders and choosing one to hire. Boyer said DNR staff members have formed a strong working relationship with Carney and West Haven government employees.

On its company website, DNR Labs describes itself as an audio and video system integrator focused on "design, installation, customer service and education." DNR has existed for over 15 years and completes over 30 installations of various sizes each year in Connecticut, New York, and Vermont. The company works on similar projects for communities throughout the state and is currently working with over 50 communities in Connecticut.

"Truly creating a "solution" and not just a temporary fix means you really get to know your clients, their space, and the challenges at hand," Boyer said. This ideology has led to the success of DNR and our projects as we've grown throughout the years."

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Legal Notices

East Farm Village Apartments is now accepting applications for one and two-bedroom apartments. Income Limits and occupancy standards apply.

Application packets can be picked up at the rental office, mailed or emailed.

Pick up location is 55 Messina Drive East Haven Ct 06512, Phone: 203-468-7224 Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

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Public Notice West Haven Housing Authority dba Savin Rock Communities, 23B Glade Street, West Haven, CT 06516 Opening of the Public Housing Elderly/Disabled waiting list. Notice is hereby given that the West Haven Housing Authority dba Savin Rock Communities (SRC) in accordance with HUD 24 CFR 982.206 & the SRC Public Housing Admissions and Occupancy Policy will open its Elderly /Disabled Public Housing Waiting list. Pre-applications will be available online at www.savinrockcommunities.org or at our offices at 23B Glade St., 15 Bayshore Drive or 174 Center St., West Haven, CT 06516 beginning Thursday, July 6, 2023. You may request by telephone or mail that a pre-application be mailed or emailed to you. You may return the completed pre-application by mail or email to TGoodwin@savinrockcommunities.org or hand deliver to 23B Glade St. West Haven, CT 06516. If you need to hand deliver your completed preapplication during a time other than normal business hours please contact SRC, Tina Goodwin at 203934-8671 x100 to make an appointment. If you or anyone in your family is a person with a disability and you require a specific accommodation or if you need services or information in a language other than English, in order to fully utilize our programs and services, please contact SRC, Tina Goodwin at 203-9348671 x. 100. If you are hearing impaired, you may call TTD/TTY 1-800-545-1833 x. 901 for assistance. Pre-applications will be organized in the order of preference points and then by the date and time received and date stamped by this office. SRC is an equal housing opportunity agency.



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Lowry: *Eject wokery from game*

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to the resulting furor, he apologized and promised to do better, but that wasn't close to being enough.

The last straw came when he tried to explain himself again about two weeks into the controversy. He said, "I stand by my personal beliefs," adding -- very naively, as it turns out -- "and everyone is entitled to their personal beliefs, right?"

The demand of Bass wasn't that he say bland and nice things but that he repudiate part of his belief system as a Christian.

Fans were booing him, and sports journalists were out for blood. The Athletic huffed, "It was clear that Bass still did not grasp how harmful his actions and words were."

Preposterously, as part of his forced rehabilitation, Bass was scheduled to catch the ceremonial first pitch to open up the team's Pride

Weekend, which included a drag queen performing the national anthem.

Instead, he got fired. No one can accuse the Blue Jays of not fully embracing the spirit of pride ideology, including the illiberalism.

Back in the early 1950s, before the Dodgers had moved from Brooklyn, the team's church-going first baseman Gil Hodges entered into a terrible slump. Instead of turning on him, the fans encouraged him. Father Redmond of St. Francis Church famously said one day: "It's too hot for a sermon today. Go home, keep the commandments, and say a prayer for Gil Hodges."

Hodges eventually found his groove, making for a nice piece of Dodgers lore. These days, he'd presumably have to watch what he said.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Upgrade: *AV units modernized*

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DNR has already designed the AV system in the Council chambers, Harriet North room and third floor conference room at City Hall. Boyer described the design process as rigorous, collaborative, and

thorough.

DNR will begin building the system in the three rooms at West Haven City Hall at the very start of July, and that is expected to take the entire month.

DNR employees will train government employees in how to use the AV system and its innerworkings throughout August.

Carney is confident that the project will cost exactly as much as DNR's bid of \$180,00. This would result in the project coming in \$20,000 under budget.

Carney said the new AV system will help West Haven government more easily communicate with residents and help them more easily understand the work the government is doing.

"If everyone leading meetings can operate this equipment at the push of a button without issue, they will be very happy. By recording meetings this way, immediate communication with the public will be better and you will stamp out rumors and any false information among them," he said.

Animal Warriors topic of a talk at Vets Museum

The West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center will be having a presentation, *Animal Warriors Throughout History*, on Saturday, July 15, at noon.

The speaker is Judy Smith, Smith was a resident of West Haven for 34 years and has been a private tutor for ESL and elementary school students.

She was previously an ESL teacher at the University of New Haven at the Language School and volunteered at the Louis Piantino Library for over 15 years.

Smith has published a children's book, "The Day the Earthworms Took Over."

In her presentation, she will talk about the many types of animals that have been used in the military over the years.

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West Haven Legal Notice Certification of Polling Places

The following list designates the polling locations and corresponding districts information for the Municipal Primary on September 12, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places are as follows:

District	Location	Address
1st District:	City Hall	355 Main Street
2nd District:	Savin Rock School	50 Park Street
3rd District:	Savin Rock School	50 Park Street
4th District:	UNH Catering Hall (formerly St. Paul's Church)	898 First Avenue
5th District:	Carrigan Intermediate	2 Tetlow Street
6th District:	Forest School	95 Burwell Road
7th District:	Molloy School	225 Meloy Road
8th District:	Mackrille School	806 Jones Hill Road
9th District:	Seth Haley School	148 South Street
10th District:	Pagels School	26 Benham Hill Road

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location: City Hall 355 Main Street

Be advised the Third District Polling Place has been moved to an adjacent voting district. Washington School located at 369 Washington Avenue was moved to Savin Rock School located at 50 Park Street for the Municipal Primary that will take place on September 12, 2023

Dated at West Haven Connecticut, this 13th day of June 2023

Patricia C Horvath
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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 America's uncle
 4 "Dracula" author Stoker
 8 Leftovers recipe
 12 Chinese chairman
 13 Roof overhang
 14 Arizona tribe
 15 Samovar
 16 On the rocks
 17 Hurler
 18 "Syriana" Oscar winner
 21 British ref. work
 22 Caribou kin
 23 Gold-loving king
 26 "See ya!"
 27 Scale abbr.
 30 Privy to
 31 "Of course"
 32 Cheer (for)
 33 Joke
 34 Chic, to
 35 Five dozen
 36 Droop
 37 Iota
 38 1997 film starring Nicole Kidman and 18-Across
 45 Only
 46 Algeria's neighbor

47 Granada gold
 48 "Mamma Mia" group
 49 La Scala solo
 50 Apprehend
 51 Katy Perry hit song
 52 Adolescent
 53 Ninny

7 Musical mixes to exercise class
 8 Trembled
 9 Undecided
 10 Duel tool
 11 Sly
 19 Reddish horse
 20 Flamenco cheer
 23 "Top Gun" target
 24 — jiffy
 25 Pooch
 26 Nap site
 27 Bagel topper
 28 Automaton, for short
 29 Hog haven
 31 Pad you bring

32 Ms. Moreno
 34 West of Hollywood
 35 Ape
 36 Asparagus unit
 37 Prove untrue
 38 Despot
 39 Vagrant
 40 Exile isle
 41 Give a darn
 42 Hawaiian coffee
 43 Historic periods
 44 Filches

DOWN

1 Overconfident
 2 Bern's river
 3 Stereo alternative
 4 Linen shades
 5 Sped
 6 Opposite of "sans"

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answers to this week's puzzles

King Crossword

Answers

ACROSS

1. Uncle
 4. Stoker
 8. Recipe
 12. Chairman
 13. Gable
 14. Navajo
 15. Samovar
 16. Rocks
 17. Hurler
 18. Syriana
 21. Referee
 22. Kin
 23. King
 26. Ya
 27. Scale
 30. Privy
 31. Of course
 32. Cheer
 33. Joke
 34. Chic
 35. Dozen
 36. Droop
 37. Iota
 38. Eyes Wide Shut
 45. Only
 46. Neighbor

DOWN

1. Overconfident
 2. Bern
 3. Alternative
 4. Shades
 5. Sped
 6. Sans
 7. Musical mixes
 8. Trembled
 9. Undecided
 10. Duel
 11. Sly
 19. Reddish horse
 20. Flamenco
 23. Top Gun
 24. Jiffy
 25. Pooch
 26. Nap site
 27. Bagel topper
 28. Automaton
 29. Hog haven
 31. Pad you bring

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

6	8	3	9	2	5	7	1	4
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7	6	5	3	4	1	9	2	8
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

our solar system have moons?
 8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was licensed as a bartender?
 9. MEDICAL: What is a more common term for somniloquy?
 10. TELEVISION: How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest building in the world?
 2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does HTTP stand for in a website address?
 3. LITERATURE: Which kind of animals are featured in the novel "Watership Down"?
 4. HISTORY: When was the first iPhone released?
 5. MOVIES: What kind of fish is Nemo in "Finding Nemo"?
 6. GAMES: What is the final course on Mario Kart video games?
 7. ASTRONOMY: How many planets in

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Campbell: *City meets hero's family*

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Historian Jon E. Purmont, members of the West Haven Historical Society, the Rev. E. Carl Howard of the First Congregational Church and author Peter J. Malia, a native of West Haven and an authority on the community's history.

Malia helped narrate the invasion and sequence of actions that occurred on that fateful day.

The history lesson tour, held on a breezy, overcast day, trekked from the West Haven Green, where the Scotsman William Campbell had spared the Rev. Noah Williston of the First Congregational Church, to the adjutant's "approximate" gravesite on "Monument Path," near Route 1 in Allingtown.

The 90-minute tour culminated in a reception at the Historical Society's Poli House headquarters, at 686 Savin Ave. across from the Green.

At the 18th-century cemetery next to First Church on the Green, the Campbells and city leaders, including Howard, the church's current pastor, paid their respects to Williston, the church's 1779 pastor.

At the downtown graveyard, the group also paid homage to another local war hero, militiaman Thomas Painter.

In the overnight hours of July 4-5, 1779, Painter, who at the time was 19 and perched on present-day Bradley Point with other members of the night patrol under Capt. Phineas Bradley, observed the approaching British fleet maneuvering into position and alerted townspeople of the impending invasion.

Later, he stood on the beach and fired shots at the troops as they rowed toward shore near present-day Oak Street, only to flee when he realized his attempts were in vain, according to Malia, who now lives in Cheshire.

Like Campbell, Painter, who died in 1847, is renowned for his ties to the American Revolution. The so-called Paul Revere of West Haven, his silhouette — peering through a spyglass as a British ship approaches — has adorned the community's seal since 1935.

The Campbells and city leaders arrived shortly before 3 p.m. at William Campbell's gravesite, a strip of land off Pruden Street that is marked with a gray granite monument, surrounded by a black wrought-iron fence, and adorned with a wreath and a Union Jack, the national flag of the United Kingdom. The wooded path is bordered by a stone wall.

Purmont served as the master of ceremonies, and Malia told fascinating stories about William Campbell the officer and Campbell the man.

After a moment of reflection, Rossi gave the Campbells the royal treatment, welcoming them to the city that has extolled William Campbell for his random act of kindness.

The mayor then presented them with a two-page proclamation declaring "Adjutant William Campbell Day" in West Haven.

"The entire community of West Haven joins me in extending our humble gratitude to the descendants of a noble man who has touched the lives of so many 'Westies,'" said Rossi, reading the proclamation. "The Campbell family will always have a home in West Haven."

Rossi pointed out that Campbell Avenue, which runs through the heart of West Haven, has been a vital commercial and transportation artery since it was christened by townspeople in 1874.

George Campbell graciously thanked the city and shared how he discovered his ancestor.

"The first thing I wanted to do was come here and pay my respects to him and pay my respects to the people who have lived here down the centuries," said Campbell, who was flanked by a gathering of residents and city officials, including Councilman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large, and Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo.

In the early 2000s, Sabo, then the city's public works commissioner, oversaw the gravesite's fencing, sidewalk, landscaping, staircase and parking improvements.

Resident Peter Bonewicz, whose family home is across from the gravesite on Wade Street, gave Campbell a letter his father received from Britain's Queen Elizabeth II during the U.S. bicentennial in 1976. In the letter, the queen commended Casimer Bonewicz, now deceased, for maintaining the historic site at the time.

William Campbell's humanitarian action during the invasion is one of the earliest examples of mercy by an American adversary on American soil.

At the time, he served as an ensign and adjutant in King George III's elite British army unit, the Scots Guards' 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment of Foot.

"The Scottish officer's merciful act had occurred during the Connecticut theater of the American War of Independence and has carved out a place for itself in the



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Author Peter J. Malia, a native of West Haven and an authority on the community's history, tells fascinating stories about William Campbell the officer and Campbell the man.

enduring story of West Haven, the state's youngest city, yet one of its oldest communities," according to the mayoral proclamation.

During the onslaught, Williston, an outspoken revolutionary, broke his leg while trying to escape his captors, according to accounts.

British soldiers and Hessian Jager mercenaries, hired out to the British by their German sovereigns, rushed at the aged minister with drawn bayonets, but the young adjutant intervened, allegedly saying, "We make war on soldiers, not civilians."

Campbell then ordered the troops to carry Williston to the parsonage and summoned the regimental surgeon to set his leg.

According to Malia, the adjutant was perhaps moved to save the clergyman's life, because as a Scottish Highlander, he would have witnessed as a young boy the massacre of innocent civilians during the Jacobite rising in Scotland.

After Williston's ordeal, the redcoats and Hessians treated him with the utmost respect and kindness, according to Malia.

Campbell is also credited with keeping the troops in good order during their march through the village of West Haven and reportedly had two soldiers arrested after a woman accused them of stealing her jewelry, according to accounts.

Until Williston's death in 1811, he allegedly celebrated the anniversary of Campbell's extraordinary act of compassion by delivering a sermon, Matthew 5:7: "Blessed Are the Merciful."

In 1891, the Beatitude was inscribed on the existing memorial to Campbell:

"Adjutant William Campbell Fell During the British Invasion of New Haven, July 5, 1779. Blessed Are the Merciful."

Hours after sparing Williston, Campbell was shot in the chest atop Milford Hill in present-day Allingtown on his way to New Haven by a local farmer turned defender, according to Malia.

At the time of the invasion, Campbell was described as "tall and elegant in person and dress" and was likely a conspicuous target, according to accounts.

The mortally wounded adjutant, who was married with a young family, was carried by sympathetic townspeople to the farmhouse of a nearby family. As he lay dying, he allegedly won the hearts of the family with his patience and gentleness, just as he had the appreciation of townsfolk for his earlier act of mercy.

According to Malia, Campbell's body was wrapped in a blanket, placed on a sheep rack, and transported to a hastily dug grave on the north side of the Post Road in a hollow by the edge of the woods. An adjacent strip of land was donated by resident John Prudden.

In October 1831, a small stone bearing the inscription "Campbell, 1779" was erected by resident John Warner Barber to mark the adjutant's approximate gravesite, but it was destroyed by vandals on Oct. 22, 1872.

According to the proclamation: "The stone was followed by this granite monument, which was erected by the New Haven Colony Historical Society on July 4, 1891. This permanent memorial marks Campbell's approximate final resting place

in the center of 'Monument Path,' where we solemnly stand today, June 8, 2023."

Rossi, reading the proclamation, said, "On this sacred ground, we pay our respects and we give thanks to Adjutant William Campbell."

The gravesite has been deeded to the West Haven Historical Society and is maintained by the University of New Haven, which skirts the site.

According to Malia, Campbell's personal dressing case remains his sole-surviving relic and is in the possession of the New Haven Museum and Historical Society, formerly the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

On July 5, 1987, a memorial stone sponsored by the West Haven Historical Society was placed on the northwest corner of the Green, where the adjutant saved the pastor's life 208 years earlier.

With the 6-foot-4 George Campbell looking on, Rossi closed the proclamation by underscoring William Campbell's lasting legacy in the community.

"The legend of Adjutant William Campbell is steeped in oral tradition and is enshrined in memory. It reminds us all that even in times of war, humanity is our most powerful weapon."

Rossi continued lauding the unlikely of heroes.

"In the centuries that have passed, the Campbell name has come to symbolize integrity and goodness, strength and greatness. His story is our story: a triumph of the human spirit and a beacon of hope for all people."

For the complete story of Campbell and the invasion, read Malia's book "Visible Saints," West Haven, Connecticut, 1648-1798."

Hartford Health opens facility

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi cut an orange ribbon with Hartford HealthCare executives to celebrate the grand opening of West Haven's new Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth Urgent Care center at 1 Cellini Place in Allingtown on June 7.

The GoHealth walk-in center offers year-round treatment for non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries, on-site X-ray services, and COVID-19 evaluation and testing, said Dr. Eric Walsh, the center's medical director.

The center is off Route 1 in the brand-new Shops at Park View and occupies a portion of the 16,000 square feet of commercial space below 44 University of New Haven student apartments in the 85,000-square-foot Park View, a development by Chairman David A. Beckerman's Acorn Group of New Haven.

Walsh, standing behind a lectern near the center's entrance overlooking the Allingtown Green, said the center specializes in "world-class care" that is "done with a smile," drawing smiles from the crowd of mostly medical professionals.

The West Haven center is located at "the busiest intersection in the state of Connecticut," according to Walsh, and is Hartford HealthCare's 25th of 27 GoHealth centers statewide.

Rossi delivered remarks welcoming Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth to West Haven.

"I am excited to be here standing in front of this beautiful facility," said Rossi, who gave a special shoutout to



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

West Haven GoHealth Medical Director Dr. Eric Walsh, holding oversized scissors, cuts the ribbon with Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center left, to mark the grand opening of the city's new Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth Urgent Care center at 1 Cellini Place in Allingtown on June 7. With them are, from left, West Haven GoHealth lead physician assistant Jacqueline Braunworth, GoHealth Regional Operations Manager Jessica Viveros-Perez, PACT-Hartford HealthCare CEO Dr. David Simon, GoHealth Vice President of Operations Erin Healer, City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, GoHealth Director of Operations Andrea Williams, Acorn Group Chairman David A. Beckerman, Hartford HealthCare President and CEO Jeff Flaks, Hartford HealthCare Chief Strategy Officer Karen Goyette and Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing at the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Beckerman and Acorn Vice President Gary S. Letendre for choosing downtown Allingtown for the group's budding development projects.

Beckerman called the Park View development "a labor of love," adding, "We believe in West Haven, we believe in Allingtown!"

The late-morning ribbon-cutting also included remarks by Hartford HealthCare President and CEO Jeff Flaks, PACT-Hartford HealthCare CEO Dr. David Simon and GoHealth Vice President of

Operations Erin Healer.

Also marking the half-hour event were City Council Chairman Peter V. Masaro, Councilwoman Colleen O'Connor, R-at large, and City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath.

They were joined by Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce President Michael Moses, Director of Membership and Marketing Simon McDonald and event coordinator Wendy Terenzio, along with chamber members Erin Eberhardt, the owner of West Ha-

ven, and Robert Creigh, the vice president of Patriot Bank of Milford.

Walsh said the GoHealth center aims to serve nearby residents and students.

Across the street, Acorn's Park View is complemented by the developer's four-story project consisting of 90,150 square feet of retail space below 67 UNH student apartments at Route 1 and Atwood Place.

The Atwood and Park View mixed-use developments, which opened in 2017 and

2020, respectively, are collectively known as University Commons at Allingtown Green. The urgent care center operates next to a PACT-Hartford HealthCare Primary Care office and a Hartford HealthCare office in The Shops at Park View and across from The Side Plate restaurant in The Atwood. PACT, the Physicians Alliance of Connecticut, had relocated from 687 Campbell Ave.

The GoHealth center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

Westies Care honors 18 graduating seniors

Westies Care hosted its 14th Annual Community Service Awards at Lorenzo's Restaurant on May 22, and honored 18 students with monetary awards to assist with education costs. Proclamations from Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, the West Haven delegation of the State of Connecticut General Assembly and the City of West Haven.

Founded in 2009, Westies Care is a grassroots outreach that focuses on organizing volunteers to elevate the lives of the citizens of West Haven. Through sponsorships and fundraising the organization has awarded over \$100,000 to local High School seniors who exemplify the core values of the Westies Care through a commitment to Education and Community Service.

The 2023 Westies Care Honorees are, Ava Boanno, Aidan Brothers, Kassidy Carrano, Samantha Carrion, Emma Davey, Jaylen Pope Durant, Joseph Malangone, Morgan Montz, Frederick Nagbe, Gia Occhineri, Madelyn Roche, Elizabeth Shea, Melissa Tsakonas and Emma Walker, all of West Haven High School. Additional Honorees, Brianna Miller of ESUMS, Brady Kubicko from Notre Dame High School and Samantha Rivera of Lauralton Hall.

Hannah Davey, a sophomore at Fordham University, who was a 2022 Westies Care Honoree, was awarded the Alumni Award.

The event was highlighted by Keynote Speaker Caitlin Walker, an incoming senior at SCSU and a 2020 Westies Care Honoree. Walker has accepted a position on the Board of Directors for the coming year.



Submitted Photo

The Westies Care honorees with founder Phil Liscio (seated).