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Community Center message

The new "Together We Grow" mural, hand painted by resident Elizabeth Jasmine Taylor, represents the new life and growth of the future West Haven Community Center at 255 Meloy Road. Mayor Dorinda Borer obtained \$1.8 million in 2024 to convert the former Anna V. Molloy Elementary School building into a state-of-the-art community center to provide services and programs for older adults, veterans and young people. The new center is tentatively scheduled to open Oct. 22.

E-vehicles subject of new city ordinance

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

What has become a growing concern to officials all over the state is now the topic of new ordinance. Mayor Dorinda Borer has announced a proposed city ordinance aimed at strengthening the enforcement and regulation of electric propulsion vehicles to ensure pedestrian safety.

The proposed amendment provides guidelines and restrictions on the growing use of electric propulsion vehicles across the city, including on sidewalks and the boardwalk.

The category includes electric bikes, electrically assisted bicycles, motorized stand-up scooters, motorized skateboards, and other high- or low-speed electrically powered vehicles, excluding electric personal assistive mobility devices.

"We have experienced a significant uptick in e-bike

and e-scooter usage across the state, and West Haven is no exception," Borer said. "While we allow e-bikes and e-scooters to be used as a form of modern transportation, they cannot be used recklessly. Therefore, this ordinance restricts usage on the walkable path from Sandy Point to the Charlotte Bacon playground and limits the speed on sidewalks.

"This amendment to the ordinance also now gives our Police Department and shoreline patrol the teeth they need to issue fines and confiscate equipment when riders do not comply. Our goal is to keep our public spaces safe and enjoyable for everyone."

Police Chief Joseph S. Perno added: "Public safety on our sidewalks and boardwalk is a top priority. This ordinance provides our officers with clear, enforceable rules to hold reckless operators accountable and protect our pedestrians."

According to Borer's proposal to the City Council,

the amendment would restrict the operation of e-bikes and e-scooters on West Haven sidewalks to a maximum speed of 10 mph and would limit the city's boardwalk to only allow the motorized vehicles if they are manually peddled or walked.

"I am beyond thrilled that this city ordinance is being considered," said Councilwoman Nancy Tagliatela, D-2, whose district includes the boardwalk. "Every West Haven citizen as well as the numerous visitors we get should feel safe on our boardwalk."

Under the proposed amendment, violators would receive a \$100 fine for a first offense and a \$100 fine for each subsequent violation. Also, police would have the authority to confiscate e-bikes and e-scooters for noncompliance.

If the council enacts the ordinance, the city will post signage along the shoreline displaying the new rules.

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On this date

1993 – Oslo accords negotiations conclude. The negotiations for the Oslo Accords were concluded at the Fafo Institute in Oslo. The agreement was between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. The accords, that were eventually signed in Washington D.C. set up the Palestinian Authority and gave it governing powers over the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

1988 – The Iran-Iraq War comes to an end after 7 years. The deadly conventional war between the two Middle Eastern countries began when Iraq invaded Iran on Sept. 22, 1980.

1975 – Viking 1 is launched by NASA using a Titan launch vehicle. It became the first space probe to successfully land on Mars.

1960 – Senegal withdraws from the Mali Federation. Senegal withdrew from the Mali Federation, a year after its establishment. Léopold Senghor became the first president of Senegal a month later.

1940 – Leon Trotsky is attacked in Mexico. Russian revolutionary and founder of the Red Army was attacked in his home by an agent of the Peoples Commissariat for Internal Affairs or N.K.V.D.



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Garden Club

In the quiet basement of the Ora Mason Library on the second Thursday of each month except for July and August a small group of women meet. This group are members of the West Haven Garden Club organized on Dec. 5, 1929, and became a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. on Feb. 6, 1930. Among the club's project is maintenance of the historical Prudden Street burial site of Adj. William Campbell, the man for whom Campbell Avenue is named. The club also delivers small colorful arrangements to local nursing homes as seen above.

WHHS Hall of Fame lists Class of 2026

By Mike Madera
Special to the Voice

The West Haven Hall of Fame Committee has announced its newest inductees to be honored Saturday, November 21, at Amarante's Sea Cliff, 62 Cove St., in New Haven.

The new soon to be inductees include Don MacMillan, Jr., Mike Savino, Veronica Lynn, Max Padro, Khair Eric Thimas, Joanie Amato Jones, and Mike Madera (Tinker Blake Community Service Award).

With seven new members, there will now be 225 inductees in the prestigious club since the start over two decades ago.

MacMillan Jr., a 1977 graduate of West Haven High School, was one of the standout hockey players of his era. A defenseman who possessed an exceptional combination of size, lateral movement, and offensive ability, MacMillan scored nearly 100 points during his high school career.

Called a great teammate by his peers, MacMillan played three years of varsity hockey under legendary coach Art Crouse and was a key member of the 1976 West Haven team that won the state championship. Known for having one of the hardest shots of his era, MacMillan earned All-State and All-American honors as a senior.

After his outstanding high school career, MacMillan continued playing hockey at the University of New Haven, where he made the transition from defense to forward.

A 2015 graduate, Savino excelled as both an All-State hockey goaltender and an All-State baseball player during his career at West Haven High School. In hockey, he was a four-year varsity player, where he earned First Team All-SCC honors twice, was named Most Valuable Player in 2014, and received All-State recognition in both 2014 and 2015.

On the baseball diamond, he was a solid shortstop and third baseman who batted .515 as a senior, broke the school's single-season hits record, and earned First Team All-State and All-SCC honors in 2015.



Savino continued his baseball career at the University of Connecticut at Avery Point, where he was a two-time First Team All-Conference selection, and helped lead the team to an eighth-place finish at the JUCO World Series as a freshman.

A 2019 graduate, Lynn established herself as one of West Haven High School's most accomplished three-sport athletes, excelling in hockey, softball, and volleyball.

A four-year varsity hockey standout on defense and captain her senior year, Lynn earned All-Conference honors every season, was a three-time First Team All-State selection, helped lead her team to two Southern Connecticut Conference championships, and scored the first goal in the history of the West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey program. Lynn finished her high school career with 24 goals, 21 assists, and 45 points, while also blocking 301 shots, including 80 in her senior year.

Lynn was also a four-year varsity softball player, who was named All-Conference in 2019. She finished

with 108 career hits and a .412 career batting average, while serving as team captain as a senior.

Despite an ACL injury limiting her senior volleyball season, Lynn was a varsity starter and captain after beginning the sport in high school with no prior experience, starting varsity as a middle hitter her sophomore year.

Lynn continued her softball career at Southern Connecticut State University, and she was inducted into the Connecticut Girls Hockey Hall of Fame in 2026.

Padro is widely regarded as one of the greatest swimmers in West Haven High School history. A 2016 graduate, Padro became the school's first boys swimming state champion by winning the Class L 200 individual medley as a junior and finished his career holding seven individual school records along with relay records, many of which still stand today.

Those records include 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 100 butterfly, and 100 breaststroke.

A multiple-time All-State, All-Conference, and All-Area selection, Padro continued his success at Southern Connecticut State University, where he captured 12 Northeast-10 Conference championships.

Thimas was one of the most dynamic football players ever to wear a West Haven uniform. In his senior season, Thimas rushed for 1,051 yards on just 106 carries, averaging an outstanding 9.9 yards per carry, while scoring 15 rushing touchdowns and adding another receiving touchdown.

A 1990 graduate, Thimas finished with a school-record 1,188 total yards in a season, and a career-record 3,446 rushing yards, cementing his place among the program's all-time greats.

Legendary Hall of Fame coach Ed McCarthy summed up his impact best, calling Thimas "the most talented player I've ever coached" at that time.

A 2004 graduate, Amato Jones was a four-year varsity standout and starter in both soccer and

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University support tops \$100 million

The University of New Haven has secured more than \$100 million in philanthropic support over the past 30 months, marking an extraordinary period of growth.

The milestone follows a record fiscal year 2026, when the university raised \$32 million in commitments, more than doubling total commitments since 2024.

The university said in a release this week, the new milestone is “Powered by the bold vision for the university created by President Jens Frederiksen, Ph.D., this historic surge in philanthropy signals growing confidence among alumni, corporate partners, and supporters worldwide in the university’s ability to deliver lasting value for students, employers, and society as a whole. The investment fuels a clear promise to prepare students for successful, demand-driven careers and launch graduates who are prepared not merely to enter the workforce, but to lead it. This is the university’s vision to develop graduates who are “Better Than Ready.”

“Our fundraising success reflects a growing recognition that higher education has reached a defining moment,” said President Frederiksen. “Our partners share our conviction that universities must deliver greater value, expand access, and produce outcomes that ensure students develop skills, gain experience, build networks, and gain confidence to establish careers in high-demand fields. We are grateful to each donor who is accelerating our progress and helping us build a model for the future of higher education.”

Philanthropic investments are accelerating transformative initiatives across the university, including a new on-campus home for the Pompea College of Business, an innovative internship signing bonus program, and scholarships for Afghan women.

Donors are also supporting the development of new outreach initiatives through the Jensen Center for Applied Justice – an integrated, trauma-informed hub delivering programs in combating human trafficking, youth justice, public health, violence prevention, and community-based policing – as well as powering the creation of The Elevation Center, where students, faculty, and industry partners will turn real-world ideas into marketplace solutions.

In addition, philanthropy is powering the university’s transition to Division I athletics and supporting the launch this fall of the first U.S. international branch campus in Saudi Arabia.

Together, these investments are strengthening career readiness, driving innovation, and elevating the university’s national and global impact.

Brian Otis, vice president for university advancement, said the fundraising results demonstrate what a clear institutional vision can achieve when donors can see measurable impact. “Donors are investing in a university that is unapologetically focused on impact,” Otis said. “They see their support creating opportunity, expanding access to education, and helping students succeed. The ever-evolving landscape of higher education requires us to focus our efforts on cultivating support that is immediate and that will accelerate our mission of implementing bold ideas that connect higher education more closely with industry and the workforce of the future.”

Board of Assessment Appeals to hear disputes

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet in open session from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in the assessor’s office at City Hall, 355 Main St., to dispute the motor vehicle manufacturer’s suggested retail price, or MSRP, on the 2025 grand list. Any owner of a city-registered vehicle claiming an aggrieved MSRP can issue an appeal at the hearing.

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Dear Felicia

Well, honeybunch, here we are at the end of Awgus already, and the kiddies will be traversing back to the classroom in jest a few days. That is jest hard to believe – I bet that’s what the kiddies are saying, too – that the summer has gone by as quickly as it has. Cobina was taking a walk around the neighborhood t’other day and noticed that some trees are starting to show signs of getting ready to shed.

Some are turning color already, whilst others are going to seed. Heck, where I have my domicile the acorns are aplenty, and the squirrels are having a field day collecting them up and getting ready for what winter might bring about.

The weather people are already talking about El Nino this and El Nino that, and it’s gonna be a wet, but maybe warmer winter. It’s jest to make everyone go a little anxious methinks. It jest seems that all the *sturm und drang* is for more clicks on their websites, and to get people watching.

Tennyrate, back to school opening. Like I told you last year, tho’ it’s been many a moon since you and I darkened a classroom, it’s amazing how the academic year seems to dictate the way we think of

normal. Things will git back to “normal” once school is in, all the clubs, organizations and even businesses git back into the swing of things.

Summer vacations are done, business gets into a rhythm, and life gets back to “normal.” The older I git, the more the calendar operates surprises me. Before you know it, we’ll be talking about the holidays.

A small but important note, it seems that ex-Westie, Mike Fredda, who has been the First Selectman of North Haven (Or as I call it, West Haven Nawth) for more than a dozen years is stepping down to take a job. Now, Mike is known for his organizational skills and his no-nonsense approach to things. Heck, he was a baseball player for decades in the local Twilight League as well as player-manager, and was respected in everything he ever did.

Iyam sure effen he goes the way of the corporate job he has been offered, and I guess it’s the Water Authority from what we’re told, he’ll do a top-notch job.

Why do I call it “West Haven Nawth”? When the city property base collapsed with the burst of the housing bubble of 1988, things went downhill fast in this city, and jest got worse. Many people of the middle-class variety headed to other parts of the state, but none more than North Haven. Sooooo, effen yew wanna

know where many well known families ended up, just look in the town directory of that little commune. It will tell you a lot.

Now, Sammy Bluejay came in t’other day to croon about the fack that the Village Improvement Association got an option on a building on the Boston Post Road, which effen yew remember was, until about a decade ago called “Orange Avenue.” The info is that the VIA was able to git option to buy the building, which is jest down the road apiece from our own little corner office. Jest to put a fine pernt on it, this is six years – almost to the month – that the library closed from the former Forest School building, now called Allingtown Hall.

It’s been a long haul about getting new digs for the Piantino Library, with things in cold storage until setch a time as things could be finalized. And whilst the City Council has given its blessing, and things seems to be “ducks in a row” ready, Cobina will believe it when the ink is dry on the purchase agreement.

As they say around here, not for nothin’ but, we’ve seen this movie before. There have been to my recollection at least two false starts and maybe three since the library was unceremoniously left hung out to

dry by the previous administration. The library has been treated like the red-headed stepchild, much like the borough has over many decades.

Sooooo, I will be from Missouri on the this until setch time as there is definite planning, and a deed in hand. Once burned is twice cautious. Also, when it comes to city workings yew can never take things at face value. We shall see. Effen it takes less than six months we’re in good shape, effen it takes longer than that, a familiar pattern will have emerged, and those holding their breath better open their craw and inhale.

Robby Raven sez this week that the city is really out there replacing storm drains. He was perched in the second districk recently and saw city crews working diligently cutting out old drains and putting in new ones. Whilst we might think of it as a “summer” thing, it really is a “budget thing.” The new fiscal year happens in the summer, and the city is flush with new cash. Also, it’s harder to do these things when the snow starts to fly.

It’s like the paving that’s going on. There is paving aaaalllll over the place, and will be for the next little while cuz the city has the kopecks and it has to git done before things get messy.

We see Herronner is asking for a set of regulations on the explosion of electronic vehicles, called “e-bikes” and “e-scooters.” I’ve mentioned these things in our recent missives, sweets, cuz there is something to mention. The problem with the new vehicles is they are betwixt and between. They ain’t motor vehicles in the traditional sense, but are used that way, and they ain’t scooters or bikes in the traditional sense, but are used THAT way.

The problem is the way the users are using them. Sometimes they’re in the street, and are weaving between cars and buses or trucks, and not paying attention to stop lights or stop signs. And sometimes they’re on the sidewalks and moving at a pace that could hurt somebody effen the driver wasn’t careful. The fack that many of the users are young people puts it into perspective.

Kids act most of the time, and think later. They don’t “think” their actions are gonna be harmful, and don’t go beyond what they are attempting to do. But there have been times on several streets, the bikes or scooters have been going at a perty good clip, and jest dart out into an intersection whilst others are stopped for lights. Thank goodness no one is hurt, but it won’t be setch forever. Someone will

git hurt.

The city is trying to git out in front of this problem, and it looks like they’ll restrict the use of the streets and the sidewalks, particularly around the shore, where they weave in and outta people and walkers. We will be watching this little situation very closely.

Nelly Nuthatch came by to tell me that the city has jest completed the rebuilding of the beach in front of Riva, on Beach Street, and at Prospect Beach. Whilst traveling around those areas in the gas-samobuggy I thought things were happening. There were mounds of sand at Prospect and dump trucks everywhere, with graders placing sand and spreading it.

Over at Beach Street they used a conveyor system to put the sand in a rather tight area. The street was closed for a few hours, but the reconstruction took place in a day or two. That’s a much-used piece of the city’s shore, so I ain’t surprised they did some late-season work on it. Usually, these rebuilds are done in March or April, but this year it was stretched out until jest a few days ago.

Speaking of Beach Street, Nelly has been monitoring the progress of the new pumping station and the new coffee house, which are jest across from each other. The new coffee house, which is rebuilding the only remaining building of the old Savin Rock is moving along perty well, whilst the building across the street is going slow but steady.

Over a few doors to the West, the former Debonair site has been clean up and is getting ready for the new housing development over there.

Meanwhile, Cobina was in a local establishment having din-din when talk about the Haven property sprung up, and not by my prompting, I can tell you. This was between a local and somebody from out of town, and the thing that surprised this out of town-type was the fack that the city has little idea what’s going on over there.

When told that is the way it has been going for years, he looked gob smacked. The look was priceless. He heard about the surveying that happened about a year ago, but that nobody knows what the group that owns the lot is going to do.

It was the look for sheer disbelief that struck me. It was something.

So, when next we communicate, hon, it’ll be in September and in the last official days of summer, which Labor Day jest days away. Time is going quickly. Mitt luff und kizzez,

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Behind the stacks

Welcome back to Behind the Stacks. First and foremost, we'd like to give a huge shout out and thank you to our incredible children's librarians, Ms. Amy, Ms. Amanda, Ms. Carrie, and Ms. Tatiana, for a wonderfully fun (and funny) Summer Reading Finale last week.

Held outside the Main Library, this event hosted dozens of children with their families for face painting, games, and activities. Kids were invited to take part in many summer crafts such as sand art, hand-fan decorating, and a community lantern painting art installation. And of course, no summer event would be complete with a bubble station. Winners of our Summer Reading Challenge and Scavenger Hunts were also presented with our gift basket and gift card giveaways. They also got a chance to explore our current Bookmobile and meet our Outreach Librarian, Melissa. In addition, this is the second year in a row that kids who complete their summer reading get the coveted opportunity to "Pie a Librarian" -- and pie us, they did. The results were lots of laughs and smiles from children and adults alike, and an abundance of Wet Wipes for clean-up. Thank you to the Friends of the Library and Sandy Point Neighborhood Association for sponsoring so many of our Summer Reading events--the library could not offer so many fantastic children's events without your support.

Speaking of the Friends of the Library, we are just about two weeks away from our Fill-A-Bag book sale being held on Sept. 5. This volunteer-run sale is one of Friends largest fundraisers throughout the year. The way it works is simple: purchase one (or more) of our bags for just \$10 each and fill them up with as many books as they can hold. The sale will begin at 10 a.m. sharp.--Arrive

right on time for the best pick of the selection. At 1 p.m., the price of bags will drop down to \$5 for the remaining hour of the sale. All proceeds from these sales come right back into the library, as the Friends fund many events and programs, along with purchasing our Museum passes. Save the date and spread the word.

Join us on Aug. 26 and again on Sept. 2 for our two-part series *Weathering the Storm: Get Prepared*. This NOAA-funded workshop series is designed to help older adults prepare for severe weather events. Learn simple, practical strategies to stay safe before, during, and after storms, flooding, high winds, and power outages. Participants will learn how to create a personalized emergency plan, build an effective emergency kit, stay informed, respond to weather alerts and learn to prepare for unique needs, including pets. Older adults, caregivers, and those who support them are encouraged to attend. Members of the general public are also welcome.

Hosted by UConn Extension in partnership with the West Haven Library, this series provides tools and resources to help protect you and your loved ones.

As a reminder there is still time to contribute to our Food Drive for WHEAT of West Haven. The library will be collecting non-perishable food donations for WHEAT until Aug. 31. Donated items can be dropped off at either the Main Library on 300 Elm St., or the Ora Mason Library on 260 Benham Hill Road. All donated items will be delivered to WHEAT and given out to community members in need. Please contact us with any questions.

On Friday Sept. 11, join us at the West Haven Public Library for a blood drive hosted by the American Red Cross. This blood drive will take place from 10 to 3. To schedule your

blood donation appointment, please sign up online through the Red Cross, call the library at (203) 937-4233 ext. 2, call

the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767. You can also stop by the library or email wmcirc@westhavenlibrary.org. Appoint-

ments are preferred to guarantee your spot, but walk-ins are also welcome. Please contact us with any questions.



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Many thanks to Amanda Sweeney, Carrie Bryant, Shane Maher, Angela Invernale, Nick Roy, Melissa Marguy, Amy Sullivan and all other staff who volunteered to get pied in the face by Summer Reading Participants at our Summer Reading Finale.

Voice still looking for local writers

Have a photo or a story that can only be told by you? The Voice is looking for resident correspondents, who will tell the stories from their streets or neighborhoods that everyone should know about.

The program, begun that the beginning of 2025 has been very successful, and has brought in information that is not only interesting to the immediate area of origination, but has touched the entire city.

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Getting back to school

The second August issue is a stark reminder the summer vacation season is over, and the new scholastic year is about to get underway. With today's publication of the School Bus Schedule the reality the summer is waning comes into full focus.

This week as well area colleges are accepting students back into dorms, and welcoming incoming freshmen for their next four-year educational stint. To all, from first graders to incoming college seniors or post-graduates, we offer our best wishes for the new year and the hopes they fulfill their goals in the next nine months.

Education is a topic in the news and much on the minds of parents who have children of school age. And the question comes up, "What is the goal of education?" In the 1890s it was simple. The National Education Association, the nation's oldest teachers' union announced the goal was to promote "saleable skills" for students to succeed in the workplace and in adult life.

Over the decades the place of schools has expanded, some would say it has evolved into realms that were never intended for classrooms. To a certain extent we agree with that assessment. School is not a replacement for parental or adult supervision and parents and guardians have a right and responsibility to instill their ethical and religious values onto their children.

Schools are the place to learn "saleable skills," reading, writing and arithmetic among them. Schools are not the place to determine cultural mores or ideologies. It is becoming increasingly evident that many in education are more interested in social engineering than promoting core skills to help students succeed.

This is not to condemn all teachers or administrators, but it is obvious even here in Connecticut there are so-called educators who believe they can and must convey ideas or ideologies as part of their pedagogy. They should stay in their lane and not use the classroom as a bully pulpit.

Education took a hit with the Covid panic of 2020, and students were the victims. There must be an increased effort to teach basics. For example, we are encouraged that phonics, a once-maligned part of language arts, is once again taught in many places, including those that discarded the subject as "old fashioned." Reading scores are improving with its reimplementation.

The woke mentality of every educational discipline being a symbol of racism is on the way, and none too soon. It should be cast upon the ash heap of history.

That said, we reiterate our hopes that students entering the classroom in the next few days will be encouraged, advance and prosper in the new term. They are the future of the city, state, and nation, and should be given the skills necessary to succeed.

A reminder to drivers...

Meanwhile, a word to drivers. With school buses now taking up their precious cargoes, we urge drivers to be more careful. Anecdotal, we have seen what are increasing incidents of cars ignoring the buses' red lights, skirting the vehicles.

This is, unfortunately, a symptom of the bigger problem of drivers running red lights, turning at intersections clearly marked as "no turn on red," and disregarding posted limits.

Add to that the growing abuse of disregarding the blinking lights of school buses and we have a problem in the making. We have this not only anecdotally, but by official reports. Stop for buses. It's simple.

Additionally, with children on the streets waiting for buses, the need for vigilance is paramount. As the signs on the highway note, "When speed is involved, there is no such thing as an accident."

Slow down, be careful.



A foreseeable munitions crisis

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

A foreseeable and dire munitions crisis

During the 1979-1980 hostage crisis, a defiant Iran starkly demonstrated the limits of American power. Forty-five years later, it is doing the same thing, although in vastly different circumstances. Back then, when the post-Vietnam military was at a low ebb, we didn't strike Iran, and a long-shot rescue operation ended in abject failure.

Now, with the U.S. military at its most proficient and professional in history, we have inflicted punishing blows against the regime but still haven't been able to impose our will, in part because we are running low on the munitions necessary to prosecute the war. Not only is this embarrassing, it is dangerous.

If Operation Midnight Hammer -- last year's lightning strike against Iranian nuclear facilities -- demonstrated the prowess of the U.S. military and sent a useful deterrent message to our enemies, the Iran War is now doing the opposite. We're running low on missiles and interceptors in a months-long conflict with a beleaguered second-rate power. What would happen in a drawn-out war with a major adversary?

President Trump has posted a thunderous denunciation of leaks to the media about

our depleted weapons stocks, and the leaks are indeed irresponsible. But this problem is a matter of public record and has been tracked by outside organizations.

At the end of July, the Center for Strategic and International Studies estimated that, out of an arsenal of 2,330 Patriot interceptors before the Iran war, we had roughly 800 remaining. We were down to roughly 250 THAAD interceptors from 450 at the start of the war.

On top of this, news organizations are reporting that we are almost out of ATACMS -- a ground-launched precision-strike missile -- and Precision Strike Missiles, the newer, longer-range successor to ATACMS.

This isn't comforting at a time when a war with China could be in the offing. Even before Operation Epic Fury, a war game involving a conflict in the Taiwan Strait conducted by CSIS had the U.S. running out of key munitions in days or weeks.

What happened? This is a crisis a long time in the making. As defense analyst Mackenzie Eaglen of the American Enterprise Institute has warned for years, skimping on the acquisition of munitions was an easy way to meet constrained Pentagon budgets, and we relied on optimistic scenarios about potential wars to justify chronically insufficient production.

For some understandable reasons, we also emphasized sophisticated missiles and interceptors over "good enough" systems. This led to Iran, for instance, forcing us to use highly expensive, difficult-to-replace interceptors against cheap, bulk threats from drones. All this means that we've expended ordnance that it will take us years to build again. According to media reports, we've used about half our supply of Tomahawk cruise missiles, when we've been manufacturing fewer than 100 a year.

We need to put missile production on a wartime footing, and leverage hungry new defense firms to produce cheaper precision missiles and interceptors at scale. In World War II terms, it's the difference between the easy-to-maintain and mass-produced Sherman tank and the exquisite and powerful, but ultimately impractical Tiger. Whatever advantages the Tiger had in armor and punch, you'd still rather be the U.S. with 50,000 Shermans than the Germans with 1,500 Tigers.

The Trump administration has been talking the right game, and there have been encouraging moves. It has signed agreements to acquire 10,000 cruise missiles over three years at a cost of a few hundred thousand dollars each, far less than a Tomahawk.

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Children’s health comes into focus in fall

By Dr. Ana Stankovic
UnitedHealthcare

As families prepare for the upcoming school year, many are focused on school supplies, schedules and getting back into routines. But one of the most important back-to-school steps happens before the first day of class: scheduling a well-child visit.

Because many pediatric and family practice schedules often fill quickly throughout the summer, now is an ideal time for parents to make appointments.

These preventive visits help ensure children and adolescents are ready for the year ahead, not only academically, but physically, emotionally and developmentally.

What is a well-child visit?

Well-child visits are annual preventive appointments with a pediatrician or family medicine provider. Sometimes referred to as physicals, these visits help track a child’s overall health and development, including:

- ~~ Growth and developmental milestones;
- ~~ Immunizations and preventive screenings;
- ~~ Vision and hearing checks;
- ~~ Emotional and behavioral health

Beyond these clinical measures, well-child visits also give parents a chance to complete school or sports forms and raise any concerns before

the school year begins. More importantly, they create dedicated time for families and providers to discuss a child’s overall wellbeing, connecting physical health with emotional wellness and any developmental concerns that may affect success in school and at home.

Mental health

The broader view of a checkup may be especially important when it comes to mental health. A child’s emotional wellbeing may be closely linked to their physical health. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 5 children ages 3 to 17 in the US has a diagnosable mental, emotional or behavioral disorder. Mental health needs can look different depending on age and stage of development.

Young children may experience separation anxiety or behavioral outbursts. School-age children may struggle with focus, stress or social challenges. Teens may show changes in mood, sleep or engagement. While many of these changes are a normal part of growing up, they can also signal when additional support may be needed.

The good news is that early conversations with a pediatrician can make a difference. A well-child visit is a natural time to check in and help children understand that it’s okay

to talk about how they’re feeling. These conversations may also help normalize emotional health as an essential part of routine care.

To help support these conversations and preventive care visits, families are encouraged to review their health plan benefits and available resources as many plans include behavioral health support and programs like Child & Family Behavioral Coaching, which may help families navigate everyday emotional and behavioral challenges.

Dental & vision care

Don’t forget to take advantage of vision and dental benefits to help make sure kiddos are ready to learn.

Vision benefits may include annual eye exams that can detect changes in eyesight that may affect learning in the classroom. More than 600,000 children and teens in the U.S. suffer from some form of vision loss.¹ School-based screenings are valuable but may not detect more complex issues. Annual comprehensive eye exams are recommended throughout the school years.

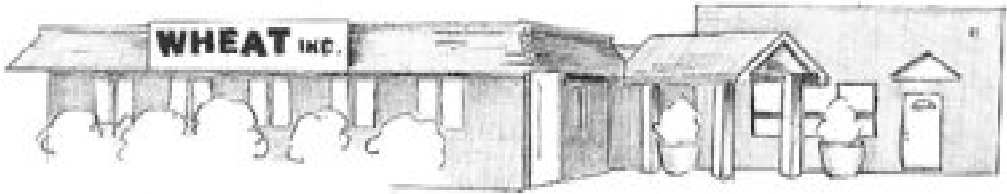
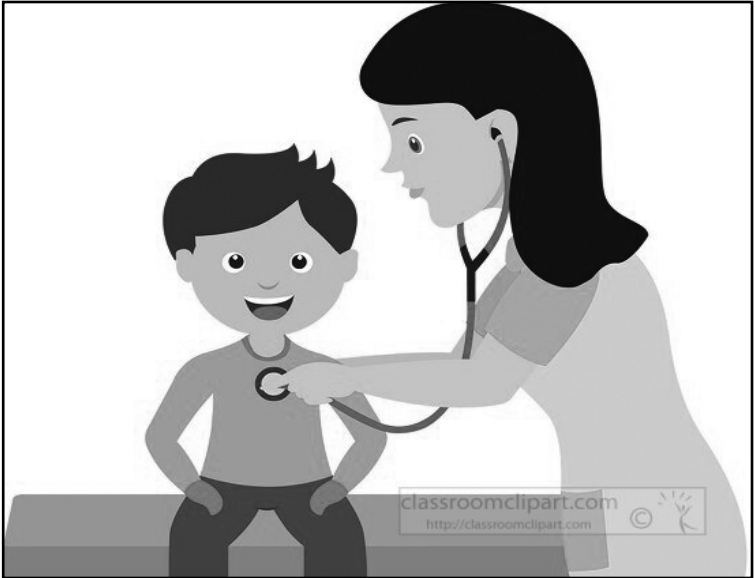
Dental benefits may include routine cleanings and exams that help catch concerns before they become more serious. Tooth decay, or cavities, is one of the most common chronic diseases among children and may contribute to missed days at school.¹ Help monitor teeth and gum health with dental exams twice a year. Ensure your children are brushing for 2 minutes twice a day and flossing daily.

A healthy diet

Proper nutrition is essential

when it comes to supporting your child’s physical and emotional health, plus their growth and development.¹ That includes meals with a variety of vegetables, whole fruits, grains, dairy and proteins. It’s best to avoid foods high in added sugars, saturated fats and sodium.

Scheduling a well-child visit is a simple but important step that gives families the opportunity to address concerns support a child’s wellbeing throughout the year.



Center offers Cape Cod trip

Tour the land of Cape Cod with the West Haven Senior Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 15- 16. Bus departs at 8:15 a.m. from the Vertical Church parking lot at 225 Meloy Road.

The cost of this trip is based on per person occupancy; \$475 for 1 person, for 2 people, \$400 each, for 3 people, \$375 each, and for 4 people, \$360 each. Payment is due by Friday, Aug. 7. The cost includes 1 night stay at the Holiday Inn Hyannis, 2-hour Cape Cod Canal Cruise, a guided tour of Hyannis, 1-hour Hyannis Harbor Cruise, admission to the Cape Cod Maritime Museum, admission to the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, 1 full breakfast and 1 dinner, meal taxes, meal gratuities, room taxes, housekeeping gratuity, and local guide gratuity, and roundtrip coach transportation.

For a more detailed itinerary of this trip, please visit or call the West Haven Senior Center. Non-Residents & Non-WHSC Members are welcome! To reserve your spot, please call the West Haven Senior Center at (203)-937-3507.

Callegari dinner slated, Sept. 12

Jo Ann Callegari, West Haven’s Registrar of Voters for 46 years and Connecticut’s longest-serving registrar, will be honored on Sept. 12 for her legacy of community service.

A dinner will be held at Lorenzo’s Ristorante, 39 Elm St. Suggested donation is \$75. To purchase tickets, please text “Callegari” to 888 444-8774 by Sept.7. Contact bposick@gmail.com with any questions.

Lowry: Munitions queries

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hawk at more than \$2 million.

Wars always bring surprises. It should have been a shock to no one, though, that contemporary military conflict is largely missile warfare, or that we’d have trouble sustaining prolonged hostilities given that we started out with inadequate stocks. The American way of warfare is often to mess it up before adjusting and getting it right. The course correction here should be considered the most urgent priority of U.S. national security.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Longtime city dentist calls it a career

By Michelle Caprio
Special to the Voice

After more than a quarter-century of caring for generations of families, one of West Haven’s most respected dentists is beginning a well-deserved new chapter.

Dr. Mark Ryan, a graduate of the former University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—now Rutgers School of Dental Medicine—completed his residency at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey. Before pursuing dentistry, Dr. Ryan worked as a registered nurse, where he frequently assisted with head and neck procedures. It was there that he discovered his passion for the field.

“Rather than pursuing medicine, I found my calling in dentistry,” Dr. Ryan reflected. “It allowed me to combine science, precision, and patient care in a way that was truly rewarding.”

In December 2000, Dr. Ryan established his dental practice in West Haven, where he quickly became much more than a trusted healthcare provider. Over the past 26 years, he has built lasting relationships with countless patients while becoming an active and valued member of the community.

Beyond his practice, Dr.

Ryan has dedicated himself to serving West Haven. He has been a proud member of the West Haven Rotary Club for 11 years and was actively involved with the West Haven Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the years, he has generously supported numerous local organizations, including WHEAT, Do Good Feel Good, Inc., and various West Haven athletic programs, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to giving back to the community he has proudly served.

Dr. Ryan and his wife reside in Trumbull, where they raised their three daughters.

As he prepares for retirement, Dr. Ryan has entrusted his practice to Dr. Ryan Ku, owner of Clover Dental, who maintains an office in West Haven for the past 8 years. Dr. Ku, an Orange resident, lives with his wife and their two children. He selected West Haven as the home for his growing practice because of its central location and convenient access, including the city’s train station.

As part of the transition, Dr. Ku will merge the practices, making the Savin Avenue office his primary and only West Haven location. Patients will be pleased to know that the practice will continue operating

under the trusted Ryan Dental name.

“My promise is to keep the same level of patient care and to take very good care of Dr. Ryan’s patients going forward,” said Dr. Ku.

The expanded practice will offer patients access to an even broader range of services, including oral surgery, periodontal treatment, dental implants, and advanced technology that will allow many procedures to be completed in a single visit and one office.

The current Ryan Dental team of seven employees will be joined by six additional staff members from Clover Dental, creating an expanded team dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate care.

Letters notifying patients of the transition are being mailed in the coming weeks to ensure a smooth and seamless change.

For the West Haven community, Dr. Ryan’s retirement marks the end of an extraordinary era. His professionalism, compassion, generosity, and dedication have left a lasting impact on thousands of patients and on the community he has proudly called home for more than two decades.

As one chapter closes and another begins, West Haven

extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Mark Ryan on an exceptional career and wishes him and his family a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement. At the same time, the

community warmly welcomes Dr. Ku and looks forward to the continued tradition of outstanding dental care that Ryan Dental for which it was known.



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Dr. Mark Ryan with story author Michelle Caprio.

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WHEAT names new director

WHEAT (West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force) has announced the appointment of Sara Hannafin as its new Executive Director. Hannafin assumes leadership of one of West Haven's longest-serving nonprofit organizations, which has provided food and emergency assistance to local families for more than 50 years. WHEAT currently serves approximately 1,200 families each month through its food pantry and community outreach programs. The board unanimously selected Hannafin for her dedication to community service, collaborative leadership, and commitment to helping neighbors in need. As Executive Director, she will oversee the organization's daily operations, volunteer programs, fundraising efforts, and partnerships with local businesses, civic organizations, and community agencies.

Lions collecting school supplies

West Haven Lions Club is collecting school supplies for needy West Haven students. Residents can drop off supplies, including tissue boxes and hand sanitizer to Webster Bank, 584 Campbell Avenue, downtown West Haven during banking hours. The drive ends August 31st.

For more information, or to arrange pickups, please contact Club President Steven R. Mullins at (203) 824-4262.

Farmers Market Thursday, Saturday

The farmers market is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday on the Green, at Campbell Avenue and Main Street, and every Saturday next to the Oak Street Beach parking lot, off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

The market features homegrown fruits and vegetables, baked goods and homemade crafts through Oct. 10.

Parking is available on Campbell Avenue and in the City Hall municipal lot, 355 Main St., as well as in the Oak Street municipal lot and on Palace Street. Oak Street is on the senior shuttle route and the CTransit route.

The farmers market 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 with Betty DelVecchio for many years.

Inzero was a founding member and longtime president of the West Haven Business Association who spearheaded a variety of events and programs to drum up business for fellow merchants, including the first farmers market in 2000.

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Allingtown Library project gets boost

Some six years after it lost the location that housed it for almost three decades, the Louis Piantino Library replacement plan got a much-needed boost with the signing of a Letter of Intent on two Post Road properties. While saying the signing of the letter is only the first step in what is a multi-faceted planning process, library officials are celebrating a concrete step toward giving the borough library a new home.

According to Head Librarian Colleen Bailee, the Village Improvement Association, the committee that has oversight of the library system, has entered into agreement for the purchase of two parcels at 703 Boston Post Road, and 89 Newbern St.

“The VIA is in process to purchase the properties,” Bailee said. “A Letter of Intent has been signed, and the VIA is doing its due diligence in the time period. A Phase 1 study has been done, and Phase II will be done soon.”

Buildings on both properties are expected to be demolished, with preliminary plans calling for a 12,000 square foot structure to house the library. Bailee noted the plans are still in the nascent stages.

“As we are still in the purchase phase, we do not have a timeline and projected costs yet,” she said.

Current plans call for the purchase of the land for about \$1 million. That nest egg has been secured through an Covid-era American Recovery Plan allocation. What comes next is the financing of the building, with hopes a mix of private and public funds can be secured.

“As the VIA is still in the purchasing phase, we will begin exploring donors, grants and such after the purchase is completed,” Bailee said. “We are very grateful for the people who continue to show an interest in the library project and understand the citizens needs with a library in Allingtown.”

Bailee said the library community has been working hard to get a new home for the library, which had to leave its location at the former Forest School building (now Allingtown Hall) in 2020. The books and materials have been kept in storage, with the hope a new home could be found.

“The VIA is committed to seeing a state-of-the-art library in

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Summer fun

Cole Santino and friends enjoy playing with bubbles at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. The children have done several educational and enjoyable things such as growing their own vegetables. This was a bit of whimsical fun.

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City schools plan term opening on Aug. 31

Classes for the West Haven Public Schools 2026-2027 school year will begin on Monday, Aug. 31. Please note: The first day of school will be a full day for all students. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students: All students are eligible to receive free meals as part of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Buses Service: Posted in local paper, *The Voice*, or on www.whschools.org. Call the Winkle Bus representative 203-934-2943 with any questions regarding bus routes. Guidelines for bus service based on School Board Policy #3541 (see policy on www.whschools.org).

New Student Registration: All students new to the West Haven School District should be formally registered at their incoming school. Call 203-937-4300 for information as to school assignments by home address. The district's residency policy requires that all students, without exception, produce bona fide proof that they live in West Haven. As

evidence of residency, the parent or legal guardian of each student must provide the school building administrator with the following most recent documents: Mortgage statement or lease provision, with landlord name and phone number; AND a current utility bill (phone, cell, cable, UI, gas, water).

Parents must accompany all new registrants who are under eighteen years of age. They are also required to present educational and health records obtained from the school that was previously attended.

School Schedules: On opening day (a full day of school), Aug.31, school opening/closing schedule is as follows:

~~ Haley, Mackrille, Pagels, Savin Rock, and Washington will admit students at 8:55 a.m. (classes start at 9:10 a.m.) and dismiss at 3:25 p.m.

~~ Forest Elementary School will admit students at 8:25 a.m. (classes start at 8:40 a.m.) and dismiss at 2:55 p.m.

~~ Carrigan Intermediate School will admit incoming fifth and sixth grade students at 8:15 a.m. and dismiss at 2:40 p.m.

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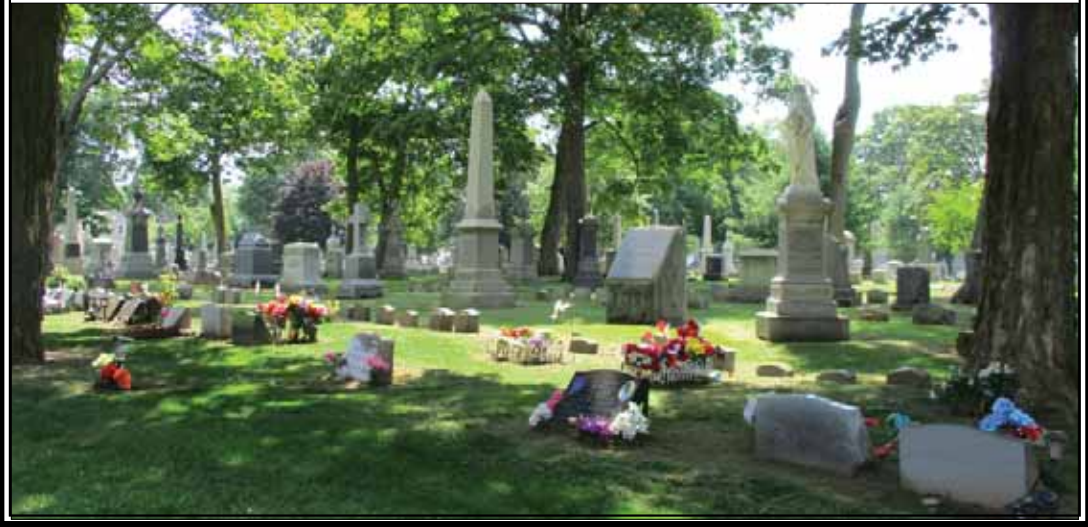
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HIGHVIEW & FOREST HILLS
HILLSIDE & LINCOLN
FLORENCE & FOREST
FLORENCE & N FOREST

BUS B 7:45 AM
CANTON & TUTHILL
175 CANTON
MELOY & KNOX

BUS C 7:40 AM
HOFFMAN & CHAUNCEY
ORANGE TERR & LINDE
HEMLOCK & SPRUCE
BURWELL & JOSEPHINE
RANGLEY & SYCAWAY
FAIRFAX & RANGLEY
FAIRFAX & ASHFORD
FAIRFAX & HAROLD

BUS D 7:45 AM
MELOY & EILEEN
W SPRING & KENNETH
W SPRING & RIDGE CT E
COLEMAN & GRETA
89 COLEMAN ST @ FOUNTAIN

BUS E 7:35 AM
COLEMAN & GLADE
GLADE ST @ DUMPSTER
TERRACE & GLADE
TERRACE & EDNA
HOMESIDE & EDNA
KILBORN & ROCKVIEW

BUS F 7:45 AM
ORANGE LANDING
KNIGHT & MINOR
CARLSON & CYNTHIA
TUTHILL & MEDFORD
PEABODY & NORFOLK
PEABODY & POST RD
DAYTONA & ASHVILLE
DAYTONA & SANFORD

BUS G 7:45 AM
W SPRING & COLEMAN
W SPRING & BOYLSTON
CAMPBELL & W SPRING
FIRST & DANA
FRONT & SPRING
FRONT & HIGH
QUIGLEY STADIUM

BUS H 7:40 AM
442 MORGAN LN
SAWMILL & RANCHWOOD
MEADOWBROOK &
GREENHILL
MEADOWBROOK CT
@ OFFICE
CLAUDIA DR @ CIRCLE

BUS I 7:45 AM
ISLAND & ANDREA
EDWARD & EDITH
SAWMILL & PHILLIPS TERR
221 HIGHLAND
STEVENS & HIGHLAND
YORK & WHALES
CAMPBELL & TERRACE
CAMPBELL & SMITH CT

BUS J 7:40 AM
ELM & WASHINGTON
ELM & THIRD
FIRST & CENTER
FIRST & WALLACE
FIRST & WOOD
FIRST & BAGGOTT

BUS K 7:45 AM
CAMPBELL & CAPT. THOMAS
WASHINGTON & NOBLE
SAVIN ROCK SCHOOL
WASHINGTON & THOMAS

BUS L 7:20 AM
SAVIN & CHESTNUT
SAVIN & LEETE
SAVIN & NOBLE
KELSEY & CIRCLE
KELSEY & BASSETT
KELSEY & MAIN

BUS M 7:40 AM
380 ELM ST
CAMPBELL & LEETE
CAMPBELL & BROWN
UNION & BROWN

BUS N 7:40 AM
SECOND & BLOHM
SECOND & MAY
SECOND & WHITE
SECOND & MAIN
FIRST & MAIN

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CARRIGAN AM BUS RUNS

BUS O 7:40 AM
WASHINGTON & MAIN
SAVIN & MAIN
SAVIN & CENTER
CENTER & UNION
CENTER & SECOND
WASHINGTON & RICHARD

BUS P 7:45 AM
JONES HILL & HAYSTACK
JONES HILL & VIEW
662 JONES HILL RD
LAUREL & HIGHLAND
HIGHLAND & FAIRVIEW
124 PROSPECT AVE
PLATT & CHERRY
PLATT & WOODHILL
PLATT & COVEBROOK
PLATT & LINCOLN

BUS Q 7:25 AM
SHINGLE HILL &
HIGHMEADOW
ALEXANDER & MARKS
SHINGLE HILL & CHASE
W MAIN & HILLTOP
COLONIAL & PARKER
ROOSEVELT & DAWSON
DAWSON & SHARON
CONNECTICUT & LAKE
JONES HILL & STRATHMORE

BUS R 7:25 AM
OCEAN & HEMMINGWAY
OCEAN & BALDWIN
OCEAN & NASHAWENA
WINSLOW & RUBY
WINSLOW & COOPER
JONES HILL & BELLE
ANNAWON & CONACT
CONTACT & GREAT CIR
SOUTH & WINGTIP
SOUTH & MOHAWK

BUS S 7:35 AM
BENHAM HILL & BAILEY
JESSIE & KAYE
BEATRICE & IDA
BENHAM HILL & BEATRICE
BENHAM HILL & SUGARBUSH
DOWNDRAFT & CHINCLIFT
RIDGE HOLLOW &
TWIN CIRCLE
ISLAND & BAILEY

FOREST AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:00 AM
GILBERT & GILBERT PL
GILBERT & NORTH PL
GILBERT & HINMAN
GILBERT & WESTFIELD
LEE & WESTFIELD

BUS B 7:505 AM
YORK & IVY CIR
CAMPBELL & WHARTON PL
CAMPBELL & HIGHLAND
CAMPBELL & W SPRING
CAMPBELL & DANA
CAMPBELL & ALLING
CAMPBELL & TERRACE
CAMPBELL & SMITH CT
193 FOREST RD

BUS C 7:50 AM
FRONT & CLIFTON
FRONT & SPRING
FRONT & HIGH
QUIGLEY STADIUM
ADMIRAL & BRISTOL

BUS D 7:40 AM
60 PLAINFIELD AVE
ELIZABETH ST
LAKEVIEW & MORRIS
43 LAKEVIEW AVE
HIGHVIEW & FOREST HILLS
WINFRED & FOREST HILLS
S FOREST & ALDEN

BUS E 7:40 AM
W SPRING & COLEMAN
TERRACE & OVERLOOK
TERRACE & TREAT
TERRACE & GLADE
HOMESIDE & COLLINS
HOMESIDE & EDNA
HOMESIDE & ISADORE

BUS F 8:00 AM
HOFFMAN & CHAUNCEY
CHAUNCEY & WALTER
ORANGE TERR & LINDE
36 FOREST RD
HEMLOCK & SPRUCE

BUS G 7:55 AM
FIRST & WALLACE
FIRST & MAPLE
FIRST & THOMPSON
FIRST & LAMSON
FIRST & BAGGOTT
CAMPBELL & ASHBURTON

BUS H 7:55 AM
NONQUIT & SWAMPSCOTT
NONQUIT & DIX
FAIRFAX & TRESMOTT
FAIRFAX & ELLSWORTH
FAIRFAX & NORWELL
FAIRFAX & RANGLEY
RANGLEY & ENFIELD
YATES & MALTBY
FENWICK & RANGLEY
ROBART & MONTEITH

MACKRILLE AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:20 AM
W SPRING & LINDA
80 HILLCREST
SAWMILL & PHILLIPS
SHINGLE HILL & CARRIAGE
MARYDALE & MARTIN
MARYDALE & ALEXANDER
13 ALEXANDER
9 MARKS DR
ANTHONY & COUNTRY HILL
210 SHINGLE HILL RD
170 SHINGLE HILL RD
15 SHINGLE HILL RD

BUS B 8:25 AM
SAVIN & CENTER
511 MAIN ST
MAIN & PAINTER
676 W MAIN ST
WILDWOOD & SORENSON
PLATT & COVEBROOK

BUS C 8:25 AM
W SPRING & RIDGE CT E
W SPRING & KENNETH
ELMHURST & LINCOLN
LINCOLN & PLATT

BUS D 8:25 AM
MELOY & EILEEN
72 PHEASANT RD
PUTNEY & CARLSON
MEADWOBROOK CT @
OFFICE
893 SAWMILL RD
768 SAWMILL RD
634 SAWMILL RD

BUS E 8:25 AM
CLAUDIA @ CIRCLE
CHESTNUT & RICHMOND
PLATT & LINDEN
HIGHLAND & WOODLAND
LAUREL & SOUNDVIEW
HIGHLAND & IVY
LAUREL & PARKER E

PAGELS AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:25 AM
99 BULL HILL LN
598 ISLAND LN
MT PLEASANT & MILLS
BENHAM & BAILEY
PIERSON & COYLE
8 BOTTE DR
RIDGE HOLLOW &
WOODRIDGE
56 ISLAND LN
PERRY MERRILL &
DOWNDRAFT
SPRUCE PEAK & BIG SPRUCE

BUS B 8:25 AM
CLAUDIA DR @ CIRCLE
MEADOWBROOK BLDG 16
MEADOWBROOK @
DUMPSTER

BUS C 8:15 AM
TUTHILL & MILHAVEN
TUTHILL & DONALD
TUTHILL & MEDFORD
TUTHILL & EVERETT
PEABODY & NORFOLK
PEABODY & RANDOLF
POST RD & ORFORD
DAYTONA & BARBARA
YORK & OLEANDER

BUS D 8:30 AM
35 CLAUDIA DR
ORANGE LANDING
MEADOWBROOK &
GREENHILL
ISLAND & ACCESS
HAYSTACK & OXBOW

SAVIN ROCK AM RUNS

BUS A 8:30 AM
89 COLEMAN ST
89 COLEMAN ST @ FOUNTAIN
W SPRING & KING
W SPRING & BOYLSTON
42 MYRTLE

BUS B 8:30 AM
YORK & WALES
YORK & COLLIS
221 HIGHLAND ST
HIGHLAND & STEVENS
HIGHLAND ST & HIGHLAND CT
10 HIGHLAND ST

BUS C 8:15 AM
MELOY & KNOX
680 THIRD AVE
CENTER & THIRD
SECOND & MARION
SECOND & BLOHM

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SAVIN ROCK AM RUNS

BUS D 8:30 AM
GLADE ST BY DUMPSTER
COLEMAN & GLADE
W SPRING & COLEMAN

BUS E 8:30 AM
BEDFORD & GROTON
BEDFORD & JAFFREY
CANTON & TUTHILL
175 CANTON ST
153 DALTON ST

BUS F 8:20 AM
KELSEY & CIRCLE
45 PARK TERRACE AVE
SAVIN & BLOHM
SAVIN & LEETE
PECK & LETTE

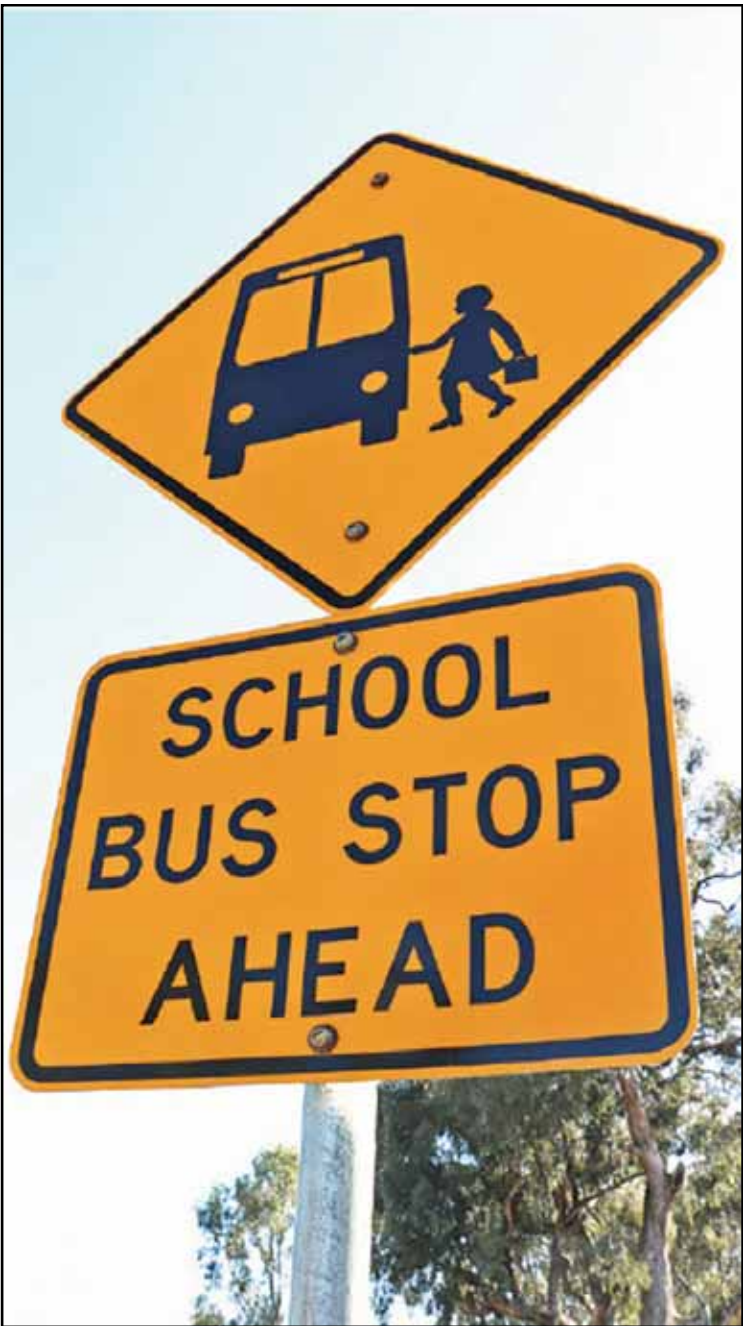
SETH HALEY AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:15 AM
MELOY & KNOX
MELOY & EILEEN
WHITNEY & FAIRLEA
MINOR & KNIGHT
MEADOWBROOK RD &
1ST DRIVEWAY
MEADOWBROOK &
PRINDLE HILL
SAWMILL & MORRISSEY
93 MORGAN LN

BUS B 8:20 AM
380 ELM ST
SAVIN & CENTER
KELSEY & CHURCH
444 PAINTER DR
500 JONES HILL RD
VIEW & ROCKEFELLER
OCEAN & HOLCOMB
OCEAN & TRUMBULL
JONES HILL & PARK RIDGE
17 BELLE CIRCLE

BUS C 8:25 AM
10 MIAMI
RODNEY & KILBORN
COLEMAN & GRETA
YORK & OLENADER
30 VOSS RD
67 EDWARD ST
RAILROAD & EDWARD

BUS D 8:20 AM
HIGHLAND & GROVE
124 PROSPECT
97 PROSPECT AVE
72 ARLINGTON ST
DAWSON & CREST
126 DAWSON AVE
ROOSEVELT & DAWSON
ROOSEVELT & ALBION
COLONIAL & HARDING
COLONIAL & PARKER



WASHINGTON AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:25 AM
ELM & SECOND
ELM & THIRD
ELM & FOURTH
ELM & WASHINGTON
ELM & CAMPBELL

BUS B 8:25 AM
RICHARD ST & N UNION
WASHINGTON & RICHARDS
WOOD & UNION
GEORGE & WASHINGTON

BUS C 8:10 AM
DIX & TETLOW
FAIRFAX & NEWBURN
FIRST & CENTER
FIRST & MAIN
SECOND & MAIN

PLATT TECH AM BUS RUNS

BUS T 6:10 AM
CAMPBELL & TERRACE
TERRACE & EDNA
TERRACE & GLADE
W SPRING & GRETA
W SPRING & COLEMAN
STEVENS & HIGHLAND
SAWMILL & PHILLIPS TERR
YORK & MYRTLE
WASHINGTON & CENTER
SAVIN & ELM
SAVIN & MAIN
SAVIN & GRAHAM MANOR
KELSEY & CIRCLE
BASSETT & RICHMOND
KELSEY & MAIN
W MAIN & ELMHURST
OCEAN & SOUTH
OCEAN & HOLCOMB
ANNAWON & CONTACT

BUS U 6:15AM
DAYTONA & PALATKA
PEABODY & NORFOLK
MELOY & EAGLE
TUTHILL & MEDFORD
PUTNEY & CARLSON
BULL HILL &
MEADOWBROOK APT
SAWMILL EXT & RANCHWOOD
ALLING CROSSING &
SHINGLE HILL
JONES HILL & HICKORY
JONES HILL & MORGAN
BENHAM & JESSIE
JONES HILL & SOUTH
WOODMONT & BENHAM HILL

BUS W 6:15 AM
MELOY & KNOX
FAIRFAX & RANGELY
ELIZABETH ST
FLORENCE & N FOREST
FOREST & WINFRED
FOREST & HERMAN
BRISTOL & GILBERT
HOFFMAN & CHAUNCEY
FRONT & HIGH
FRONT & SPRING
DANA & FIRST
CAMPBELL & RICHARDS ST
WASHINGTON & MAIN
CAMPBELL & COURT
WASHINGTON & LEETE
WASHINGTON & BLOHM
BLOHM & EAST
SECOND & BLOHM
SECOND & BROWN
FIRST & NORTH
SECOND & MAIN
ELM & SECOND

LYMAN HALL AM BUS RUN

5:55 AM
FAIRFAX & ANTRIM
SOUTH & MOHAWK
OCEAN & SOUTH
9 COLONIAL BLVD
WILDWOOD & SORENSON
CAMPBELL & LEETE
WASHINGTON & MAIN
BROWN & THIRD

ELI WHITNEY

5:55AM
MELOY & KNOX
FAIRFAX & RANGELY
BURWELL & CULLEN
COLEMAN & GLADE
89 COLEMAN @ FOUNTAIN
MELOY & EILEEN
MELOY & CLAUDIA
MEADOWBROOK RD &
MEADOWBROK CT
HIGHLAND & IVY
SAVIN & MAIN
PECK & LEETE
THIRD & WHITE
UNION & MAIN
ELM & UNION
FIRST & CENTER
FIRST & LAMSON
GILBERT & BRISTOL

NOTRE DAME

BUS T 6:10AM
CANTON & TUTHILL
PEABODY & NORFOLK
TUTHILL & MEDFORD
SAWMILL EXT & RANCHWOOD
JONES HILL & BELLEVUE
JONES HILL & HAYSTACK
BEATRICE & IDA
OCEAN & ANNAWON
SOUTH & MILTON
COLONIAL & MAGNOLIA
HIGHLAND & GROVE
SHINGLE HILL & CARRIAGE
SAVIN & ELM
CAMPBELL & W SPRING

BUS X 6:25 AM
DIX & WENHAM
HOFFMAN & CHAUNCEY
LEE & BRISTOL
FRONT & LAMSON
ELM & UNION
FIRST & CENTER
BROWN & THIRD
SAVIN & CHESTNUT
SAVIN & SAVIN PARK
EDWARD & EDITH
MELOY & CLAUDIA
COLEMAN & GRETA
OLEMAN & GLADE
TERRACE & GLADE

SOUND AM BUS RUN

6:25AM
ELIZABETH ST
ORANGE TERR & LINDE
FRONT & SPRING
HIGHLAND & HIGHLAND CT
MELOY & ELIEEN
BULL HILL &
MEADOWBROOK RD
COLONIAL & WILSON
WOODMONT & BENHAM HILL
HIGHLAND & GROVE
CAMPBELL &
CAPTAIN THOMAS
WASHINGTON & NOBLE
WASHINGTON & BLOHM
CAMPBELL & BLOHM
CAMPBELL & ATWATER
SAVIN & CHURCH
FIRST & WOOD

HSIC

6:13 AM
MELOY & DOGBURN
MELOY & EILEEN
WASHINGTON & NOBLE
WASHINGTON & LEETE
BROWN & MARTIN
SAVIN & ELM
673 WASHINGTON AVE
FIRST & THOMPSON
CAMPBELL & WHARTON PL
GILBERT & BRISTOL

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METROPOLITAN BUSINESS ACADEMY

6:05AM
POST RD & PEABODY
RANGELY & ENRIGHT
HILLSIDE & HIGHVIEW
COLEMAN & GRETA
ISLAND & ANDREA
PLATT & SIMOS
KELSEY & MAIN
CAMPBELL & LESTER
BROWN & THIRD
WASHINGTON & MAIN
CAMPBELL & W SPRING
FIRST & BAGGOTT

CO-OP AND NEW HAVEN ACADEMY

6:10 AM
MELOY & KNOX
MEDFORD & JAFFERY
DAYTONA & ASHVILLE
FAIRFAX & OGDEN
DAVID & CHRIS-JON CIR
HEMLOCK & SPRUCE
ADMIRAL & BRISTOL
GILBERT & HINMAN

FRONT & LOCUST
FRONT & LAMSON
FIRST & ALLING
HOMESIDE & EDNA
TERRACE & GLADE
GLADE ST BY DUMPSTER
COLEMAN & GLADE
W SPRING & GRETA
MELOY & W SPRING
BULL HILL & KNIGHT
HIGHLAND & FERN
LAUREL & PARKER E
JONES HILL & HAYSTACK
SOUTH & WINGTIP
54 SHARON AVE
SAVIN & BLOHM
PARK & ANDERSON
WASHINGTON & BLOHM
WASHINGTON & NEW
ELM & THIRD
SECOND & MAIN

CAREER

6:05 AM
CANTON & TUTHILL
PEABODY & NORFOLK
FAIRFAX & HAROLD
FAIRFAX & NORWEL
DAYTONA & SANFORD
HOMESIDE & RODNEY
TERRACE & EDNA
CAMPBELL & ALLING
STEVENS & HIGHLAND
W SPRING & GRETA
MELOY & PHEASANT
CAMPBELL & GEORGE
WASHINGTON & BROWN
WASHINGTON & BLOHM



PARK & ANDERSON
SECOND & BLOHM
FIRST & PROSPECT
MAIN & THIRD
FIRST & WOOD
FRONT & SPRING
GILBERT & POST ROAD
SAVIN & SAVIN PARK
CAMPBELL & ATWATER
BROWN & THIRD

ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

BUS G 6:35 AM

ALLING CROSSING & PHIPPS
6 WOODRIDGE

23 HAYSTACK RD
13 GLEN RD
23 WARNER AVE
147 MOHAWK DR
192 BELLEVUE AVE
493 OCEAN AVE
105 DAWSON AVE
109 CHESTNUT ST
180 BROWN ST
24 TREDWELL ST

BUS P 6:40 AM
14 HAMILTON ST
12 NEWBERN ST
72 TETLOW ST
75 EATON ST
146 FAIRFAX ST
30 ORFORD RD
MORRIS & LAKEVIEW

119 TERRACE AVE
242 FIRST AVE
33 BLOHM ST

BUS Y 6:35 AM

72 PHEASANT RD
75 CLAUDIA DR
31 GLADE ST
59 COLEMAN ST
87 W PROSPECT ST
57 HIGHLAND ST
29 LESTER ST
274 WILLIAM ST
152 WILLIAM ST

School officials remind parents and guardians to look on the system website for particular information regarding their child’s school opening and other pertinent information.

St. Lawrence parents can contact their school at 203-933-2518 or Winkle Bus at 203-934-2943 for bus information.





Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Rationing and Victory Gardens

Rationing and Victory Gardens: If you were a child of the Fifties or Sixties, you probably recall hearing something about them.

In his later years, Father would tell The Boy about how commodities such as gasoline, coal, and various types of foods were rationed during World War II, as they had been during World War I. In fact, after Father had been drafted into the army, and before he went overseas, he came back to West Haven for one last visit; and while he was here, he walked to the town rationing board to apply for extra food for his family. Food was rationed, shoes were rationed, some medicines were in short supply due to naval blockades--the majority of all these articles were reserved for use by the Armed Services.

One day when he was still a child, The Boy's mother would tell him of all the ways that Americans pulled together to support those who had left home to fight the nation's enemies during WWII. One thing that she mentioned was something called "Victory Gardens," a term which sounded strange to The Boy: How could a garden help America to win a war?

Victory Gardens, also called war gardens, or food gardens for defense, were utilized during WWI and WWII to provide supplemental crops to ease food shortages. In fact, they operated in England, Canada, Australia and the United States, using private and public lands. During WWI, President Wilson encouraged Americans to

grow Victory Gardens, saying that, "Food will win the war." As a direct result, five million Victory Gardens were in operation in the U.S. by the war's end. In Canada, ladies' organizations brought expert gardeners into the schools to get school children and their families interested in gardening. In addition, homeowners were encouraged to keep hens in their yards for egg production.

During WWII--when much of Europe was devastated by the fighting--for many, starvation was near at hand. Even before the U.S. entered the war, we were supporting the British with regular shipments of food. Something had to make up for shortages created by these massive exports, so President Roosevelt appealed for a rebirth of Victory Gardens, and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt set a national example by creating a Victory Garden on the White House lawn.

By May of 1943, there were 18 million Victory Gardens operating in the United States. This served to unite the home-front and empower the people. The slogan, "grow your own, can your own," became popular during the war years. Many families continued to tend their backyard gardens and can their fruits and vegetables long after the war had ended.

Government efforts to get Americans to plant their own vegetables through "Victory Gardens," was brought through print media and via the radio. Here are two examples of posters familiar during the war years.



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





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Photo by Margaret Longo

Summer champions

Green Machines, the champions of the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Girls Summer Fun Basketball League, show their trophies at the Veterans Memorial Park courts on Bull Hill Lane on Aug. 13. Front row, from left: Aylin Perez, Leslie Paredes, Cyreya Gore and Sascha Escobar. Back row, from left: coach Carlos Gore, Na’Sya Ulysse, Rahama Moussa, Brooke Biancur and Olivia Morton. The league just capped its 26th season and is overseen by Park-Rec program coordinator Margaret Longo and court supervisor Gaelle Frazer.

Hall: Committee announces new inductees

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at West Haven High School, earning recognition as one of the top defensive players in the state.
A two-time soccer most valuable player and lacrosse team most valuable player, she earned First Team All-State honors in lacrosse in 2003, while helping lead West Haven to Southern Connecticut Conference championships in both sports.
Amato Jones was named the team’s Defensive Player of the Year in lacrosse as a sophomore, and she finished her lacrosse career with 48 goals and 23 assists, before returning to her alma mater as a math teacher. Amato Jones was named Second Team All-SCC on defense in 2002 and 2003, while being selected Second Team All-SCC offense in 2004.
Amato Jones has also served as an assistant coach

for the West Haven girls lacrosse program from 2011-2021.
Madera is a 1987 Platt graduate, where he played baseball. Madera, however, is being honored for his service to the community, where he has dedicated close to forty years covering and promoting high school sports, including more than three decades doing the same for West Haven athletics.
A longtime member of the West Haven Hall of Fame Committee since 2003, Madera has also served as President of the Walter Camp Football Foundation (2017-2019) and the West Haven Penalty Box Club, and he has also held leadership roles with West Haven Youth Hockey and West Haven Little League.
In July of 2026, Madera was elected to serve his second tenure as President of the nationally recognized

and New Haven based collegiate football organization, becoming just the second foundation member to be selected as a two-time President of the Walter Camp Football Foundation.
Madera’s commitment to local sports and community has been recognized with numerous honors, including the John Wentworth Good Sport Award, the West Haven Twilight League Gold Bat Award, induction into the New Haven Gridiron Club Hall of Fame in 2021, and he will also be inducted into the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame in October of 2026.
For information regarding the induction ceremony, please contact West Haven athletic directors Joe Morrell and Mike Anquillare at joseph.morrell@wh-schools.org and Michael.anquillare@whschools.org.

Voice looking for correspondents for youth athletic leagues

As part of its initiative to generate more information coming from the public, the Voice is seeking writer/correspondents for the various spring and summer youth programs offered in various sports.
Currently, only the West Haven Youth Soccer League sends regular, weekly information to the

newspaper during its spring and fall seasons. Other sports have slowly faded over the years.
“It used to be we had to make room for youth sports throughout the seasons, but leagues have not kept up with the demand,” said Editor Bill Riccio. “We have had complaints about the lack of youth sports coverage and have to tell the parents and coaches that it is up to the league to have a publicist for that task.”
Those who desire to submit youth sports articles will have until 4 p.m. on the Monday prior to the publication. Call (203) 9346397 for details.

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Library: Purchase begun

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Allingtown, which is long overdue after the closure of Piantino in 2020,” she said.
In closing, Bailee said library users, including those in Allingtown can take advantage of a new addition to the system’s assets.
“In the meantime, we will also be rolling out a new state of the art bookmobile in the Fall that will have full library access,” she said.

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Westies open season v. Cheshire Rams

By Dominic Konareski
Voice Writer

West Haven Football is back, and all geared up for their 2026 season. With conditioning begun, the Blue Devils will be more than ready for their home opening kickoff for Week 1.

The Blue Devils come into the 2026 season with Tom Unger as head coach, after spending 2025 in the interim role. Unger's career head coaching record consists of a 32-51 record, overall though Unger had been the Devils' assistant coach for nearly a decade.

2026 will mark the first time for Unger with the "head coach" title next to his name since 2014.

2025 saw the Blue Devils end their season after the 10th game; a 5-5 record would mark their worst season since 2019. In what was a 'rebuilding year' for a

team trying to find their new identity after the last of the upperclassmen from back-to-back state championship appearances left due to graduation.

Despite losing key names, West Haven still managed a top 20 ranking at season's end. The Blue Devils ranked 19th in the state at the conclusion of 2025, and come into 2026 with a 15th place slot, according to MaxPreps.

2026 Captains of the Blue Devils squad were officially named in early June. West Haven will be led by Caden Stanley (ILB, Y/H), Rida Saanon (RT/NG) and Darryl "Boom" Small (RB/SS). Stanley sports jersey No.24, with Saanon and Small using Nos. 77 and 10.

The West Haven Blue Devils 2026 season consists of five home and five away games, with the team

opening 2026 at Ken Strong Stadium on Sept. 11, against Cheshire.

SCHEDULE

Week 1 vs Cheshire (Sept. 11)
Week 2 @ Norwalk (Sept. 18)
Week 3 @ Law (Sept. 25)
Week 4 vs Fairfield Ludlowe (Oct. 2)
Week 5 vs Guilford (Oct. 9)
Week 6 BYE
Week 7 @ Sheehan (Oct. 23)
Week 8 vs Hand (Oct. 30)
Week 9 @ Fairfield Prep (Nov. 6)
Week 10 BYE
Week 11 vs New Britain (Nov. 20)
Week 12 @ North Haven - THANKSGIVING GAME (Nov. 26)

Amber Waves

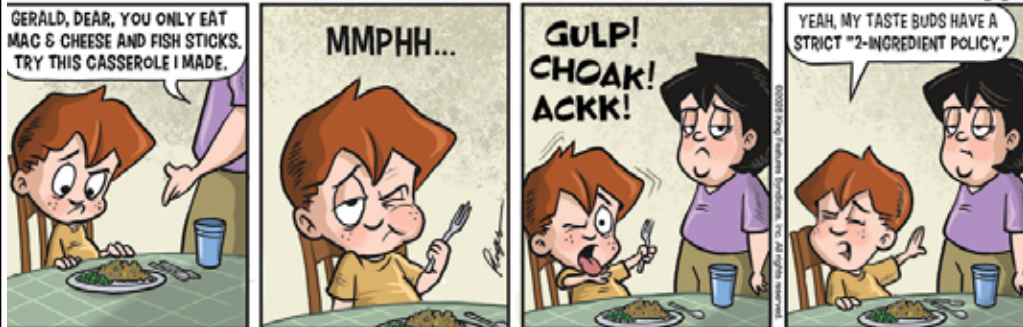




Photo courtesy of the Laucks family

Members of the West Shore Girls Softball League's Condors celebrate their championship season following the passing of their beloved former coach, Sal Arminio. The photograph remains a cherished reminder of childhood friendships, families brought together through youth sports, and a coach whose influence continued long after he left the field.

Remember the Condors

By Brian Laucks

Special to the Voice

Back in April, while reorganizing our basement, I came across an old photograph. I stopped what I was doing and just looked at it.

There they were - our daughters and their teammates, standing together on a softball field many years ago, wearing the familiar colors of the West Shore Girls Softball League.

Every time we look at this picture, our hearts fill with joy and we can't help but smile. Because this wasn't just any softball team.

These were the Condors.

And anyone fortunate enough to be around the Condors in those days will remember the man who helped make them so special - their larger-than-life coach and fearless leader, Sal Arminio.

We parents loved watching our daughters play softball. We cheered for the hits, the catches, the close plays and, of course, the victories.

But looking back all these years later, I think many of us would agree that one of the real joys of those days was simply watching Coach Sal. Sal made it fun.

He had a way of making the girls believe in themselves and in one another. He brought enthusiasm, personality and an unmistakable presence to the field.

Winning mattered, as it always does when you're competing, but Sal seemed to understand that something even more important was happening.

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~~ Brian Houks

These girls were learning about teamwork, friendship, confidence and what it meant to belong to something special.

Our daughters were blessed to have him as their coach.

Sadly, Coach Sal passed away the year before this photograph was taken.

His absence left a tremendous void for the Condors and for the families who had come to know and love him.

And then something wonderful happened. The following year, the Condors won the West Shore Championship. I can't look at this photograph without thinking about Sal.

God works in mysterious ways, and I like to believe that somewhere that day, Coach Sal was watching.

Maybe he even had a little something to do with the joy, determination and spirit those girls carried onto that field.

Look closely at the photograph and you can see it - the smiles, the laughter, the arms around one another, the pure happiness of being young and celebrating something together.

At the time, it was a championship picture.

Today, I realize it captured something much bigger. Many years have passed since Sal left us and since that wonderful championship day.

Our daughters are grown women now, with lives and journeys of their own. The uniforms have long since been packed away. The softball fields have changed.

Time has moved on, as it always does. But some things don't leave us.

The friendships, the laughter, the parents standing along the fence. The practices and games on warm evenings. The excitement of watching our daughters compete together.

And the memory of a larger-than-life coach who understood that youth sports could be about far more than a final score.

That's the wonderful thing about an old photograph.

You can discover it in a basement decades later, and suddenly everyone is young again.

The girls are back on the field. The parents are cheering. The Condors are together. And Coach Sal is there, too.

Perhaps that's why this photograph means so much to us.