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Thank you to the companies who sponsored a day!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29 <i>Torrington Savings Bank</i> <i>\$200 Ski Sun-down Gift Card</i>	30 <i>Residential Resorts</i> <i>Underwater Camera</i>	1 <i>Litchfield Hills Nursery</i> <i>\$150 Gift Certificate</i>	2 <i>Prime Finds Home for the Holidays</i> <i>Gift Basket</i>	3 <i>FM 97.3 WZBG</i> <i>Boomer McCloud Car Starter</i>	4
5	6 <i>ServiceMaster Albino</i> <i>\$175 Carpet Cleaner</i>	7 <i>Northwest Hills Credit Union</i> <i>Bluetooth Speaker</i>	8 <i>Sullivan Automotive</i> <i>TBD</i>	9 <i>KidsPlay Children's Museum</i> <i>Family Membership</i>	10 <i>Northwest Community Bank</i> <i>\$150 Gift Card to Ace Rental</i>	11
12	13 <i>TMTFCU</i> <i>\$150 Catering from Jimmy's Store</i>	14 <i>The Gathering Place</i> <i>TBD</i>	15 <i>Barron Financial Group</i> <i>\$75 Gift Card to Mario's & \$75 Gift Card to Little Red Barn Brewers</i>	16 <i>Ebner Camps</i> <i>TBD</i>	17 <i>Brooker Memorial</i> <i>Gift Basket</i>	18
19	20 <i>Hickory Stick Bookshop</i> <i>\$150 Gift Certificate</i>	21 <i>Venetian Restaurant</i> <i>\$150 Gift Certificate</i>	22 <i>Mattress by Appointment</i> <i>\$350 Queen Eurotop Mattress</i>	23 <i>Staples</i> <i>\$150 Gift Certificate</i>	24	25

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Save the Date

Job Fair

Date and Location TBD

Hope for the Holidays – Nov. 29 – Dec. 24
 FM 97.3 WZBG and the Chamber
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Happy Holidays

May your holiday season be wrapped up with cheer and filled with celebration. We send you our best wishes for the new year.
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From the Desk of Our President & CEO
JoAnn Ryan



It has been quite a year! The challenges we face in this ever-changing global marketplace are cause to step back, look around at our lives and focus on the positive with the belief that goodness prevails. We applaud you for your stamina and determination to move forward throughout the pandemic. Here are my “Top Ten” that will move us in the right direction:

Dream of the mountains yet to climb
Believe in yourself
Do your job well
Play the game with all your heart
Share the fun
Savor your accomplishments
Celebrate together
Stay connected
Think, work and expect only the best
Have the courage to take the next steps

Thank you to the entire Chamber family and the extraordinary people who surround us: our generous Corporate Sponsors; Premier Members; the dedicated Executive Committee and Board of Directors; strong committee chairs; loyal and hard working volunteers; a most professional staff; and you, our steadfast members.

We look forward to working with you with renewed enthusiasm and optimism resolving to make 2022 healthy, happy and worthwhile. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to lead this outstanding organization.

JoAnn Ryan is President & CEO of the NW CT Chamber of Commerce. You can reach her by email:
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CHH AUXILIARY OFFERS HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2022

Torrington, CT – The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (CHH) Auxiliary is offering ten \$1,000 scholarships to local students pursuing an education in a healthcare field. Three additional \$1,000 awards, the Doctor Alfred Fabro Scholarship, the Doctor Joseph Curi Scholarship and for students/graduates from Torrington High School and/or Oliver Wolcott High School, the Dr. Beth Whalen and Dr. Terrance Ryan Scholarship will also be presented.

Applicants must be planning to matriculate at a college or institution of higher education for a healthcare degree when applying for a scholarship; acceptance into a certified health care educational program for the 2022-2023 academic year must be verified prior to the scholarship award. Applicants must reside in a community served by Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.

Applications and instructions for completing the application may be obtained by e-mailing chhscholarship@gmail.org. Area colleges and high schools also have applications available online through their Guidance Departments.

All completed applications must be printed out and sent by mail, postmarked no later than February 28, 2022. Send finalized applications to the attention of Ellen Durstin, 102 Tanglewood Rd., New Hartford, CT 06057. A letter will be sent to all applicants by the first week of May notifying them of their status.

For more information call (860) 482-3135.

The CHH Auxiliary has over two hundred volunteer members who assist in raising money for the hospital through dues, donations, the Charlotte Hungerford Gift Shop and assisting with a variety of fund-raising events and Artist of the Month sales. The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital is a 109 bed, acute care general hospital located in Torrington, Connecticut, that serves as a regional health care resource for 100,000 residents of Litchfield County and Northwest Connecticut. Visit www.charlottehungerford.com

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CHH PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT SERVICE ADDS NEW VEHICLE

Torrington, CT – Hartford HealthCare (HHC) and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital's (CHH) Paramedic Intercept Service now has another critical tool to provide advanced life support assistance to rural volunteer ambulance units that operate in many towns in the northwest Connecticut.



The Hospital recently unveiled its new emergency response vehicle, a Chevrolet 2500 Pick-up truck, to a cheering crowd of HHC and CHH staff, community leaders, local first responders and volunteers at a recent dedication ceremony. During an emergency, CHH Paramedics, certified in Advanced Life Support, are dispatched to help deliver additional assistance at the scene and during transport to the hospital. This is meant to supplement and enhance the services of local EMS units to help patients receive the most timely and consistent care.

This is a great day. This program is going to be an extraordinary partner to helping people in their times of greatest need. First responding emergency services - it's at the heart of who we are at Hartford HealthCare. We are grateful for the service of all of our first responders, and are enormously proud to be inaugurating this program today. # said Jeffrey Flaks, president and chief executive officer of Hartford HealthCare

Dan McIntyre, SVP of Hartford HealthCare and president at CHH, Acknowledged and thanked all those involved in the two year effort to obtain the needed approvals and create the service, and Kevin Ferrarotti, Hartford HealthCare's

Hartford HealthCare

senior system director of EMS, gave recognition plaques in thanks to the team who implemented the project.

The CHH Paramedics Team is based at the CHH Emergency Department and is put into action when asked by the local Litchfield County Dispatch. Since its introduction October 25th, it has responded to over 60 local emergency calls including the scenes of motor vehicle accidents and fires. The team serves the towns of Goshen, Harwinton, Bantam, Litchfield, Morris, Northfield, Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford, Norfolk, Winsted, and Winchester/Winsted, and covers the needs of over 40,000 residents in the northwest area.



There are many benefits to having a local Paramedics as part of a rapid response team as they are skilled at determining scene safety and immediately identifying environmental hazards. Utilizing their enhanced assessment skills, paramedics are also able to quickly determine airway, breathing, circulatory and disability status of patients having been trained and certified in CPR, ACLS, HAZMAT, stroke, and sepsis management.

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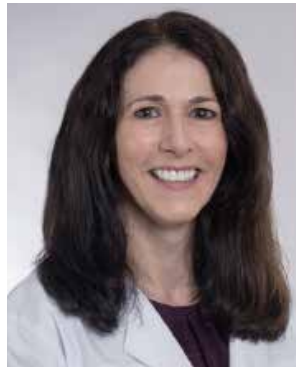
Meet Tamar Wilms

- From Millerton, NY, she is a nurse practitioner, board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.
- She treats patients at the [Millerton](#) Nuvance Health Medical Practice at 37 Century Boulevard. To make an appointment, call (518) 789-4000. She also sees patients at the [Sharon](#) Nuvance Health Medical Practice office, 29 Hospital Hill Road. To make an appointment, call (806) 364-7029.
- Tamar specializes in primary care for adults, including seniors, with a focus on individualized care, preventing diseases and treating chronic illness.
- She has a decade of experience in healthcare, including three years at Sharon Hospital.
- She enjoys classical rock, alternative, pop and country music, as well as doing puzzles of landscapes to unwind.



Meet Karen Arel

- A family nurse practitioner with more than three decades of healthcare experience, she was most recently a registered nurse at Sharon Hospital's Emergency Department.
- She treats patients at the [Sharon](#) Nuvance Health Medical Practice office, 29 Hospital Hill Road. To make an appointment, call (806) 364-7029.
- Karen was the former director of intensive care at Sharon Hospital from 2006-08 and director of inpatient services from 2008-11.
- She earned her primary care nurse practitioner certification from Perdue University Global.
- View her full physician profile [here](#).



To learn more about primary care, visit www.nuvancehealth.org/primarycare



Our Strategic Transformation: Get the Facts

At a community forum on Wednesday, September 29, Sharon Hospital and Nuvance Health announced a transformative plan to best meet the evolving needs of patients, families and staff while ensuring a vibrant future for the hospital.



We encourage you to get the facts about the transformation, including a copy of the digital presentation and recorded session, at www.nuvancehealth.org/sharontransformation

Community members are encouraged to submit follow-up questions and concerns by emailing sharonhospital@nuvancehealth.org or calling (845) 554-1734 with their name and phone number.

Thank you for your continued support of Sharon Hospital.



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RYAN DIAMOND IS PROMOTED TO VICE PRESIDENT, COMMERCIAL CREDIT MANAGER AT SALISBURY BANK

Lakeville, CT – Salisbury Bank is pleased to announce that Ryan Diamond has been promoted to Vice President, Commercial Credit Manager.

Ryan started with the Bank in June 2010 as a Seasonal Teller, and moved to the Commercial Credit Department in 2011.



He became a Team Leader in April 2015, and in 2016 was made a Commercial Credit Manager. He was promoted to an Assistant Vice President in 2019.

Ryan has worked diligently in developing the team of Commercial Credit Analysts and building relationships with the Bank's lending and support departments. In addition to his management responsibilities, Ryan has been instrumental in the Bank's lending operations, including administrating a complex financial database and took part in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) initiative.

SALISBURY BANK STARTS ITS ANNUAL "WE BELIEVE" TOY DRIVE, COLLECTING NEW UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

Lakeville, CT – Please join Salisbury Bank in bringing holiday magic to children through its "We Believe" Toy Drive.

"As we kick off our 34th annual toy drive, we encourage the community to join us in experiencing the joy of giving this holiday season," said Rick Cantele, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Making a difference in our community is important to us and working together, we can provide a magical holiday season for some very deserving children."

Together, we can help to make this a very special time of year

for local children who would otherwise not experience the joy of the holiday season. You can drop off new, unwrapped gifts at any of Salisbury Bank's fourteen offices by December 10th. We encourage gift cards and cash donations for local families during these unprecedented and difficult times.

Gift ideas include, but are not limited to, sports equipment and balls, books, board games, hand-held electronic games, backpacks, building sets, craft kits, purses, and cosmetics. Additionally, gift cards to local retailers are always an excellent option.

Salisbury Bank is extremely thankful to all of the individuals and local businesses who have contributed over the past 30+ years and is looking forward to another successful holiday season.

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T&M Building Company, Inc.
and Torrington Downtown Partners
UCE Fine Builders
Valerie Manor
Webster Bank

We Believe in the power of giving

Help us deliver joy this holiday season

Drop off a new, unwrapped gift – toy, book, or game* – for girls and boys of all ages to any branch office by **December 10th**.

Your gift will be delivered to a local child by December 25th.

Gift cards and
cash donations are
always welcome.

***Contact your local branch for more details!**



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UCE FINE BUILDERS WINS TWO HOBI AWARDS

I am writing to share some exciting news! UCE Fine Builders has recently won HOBI Awards in TWO categories:

Best Custom Home 9,000-10,000 SF for Taconic Lodge in Northwest CT

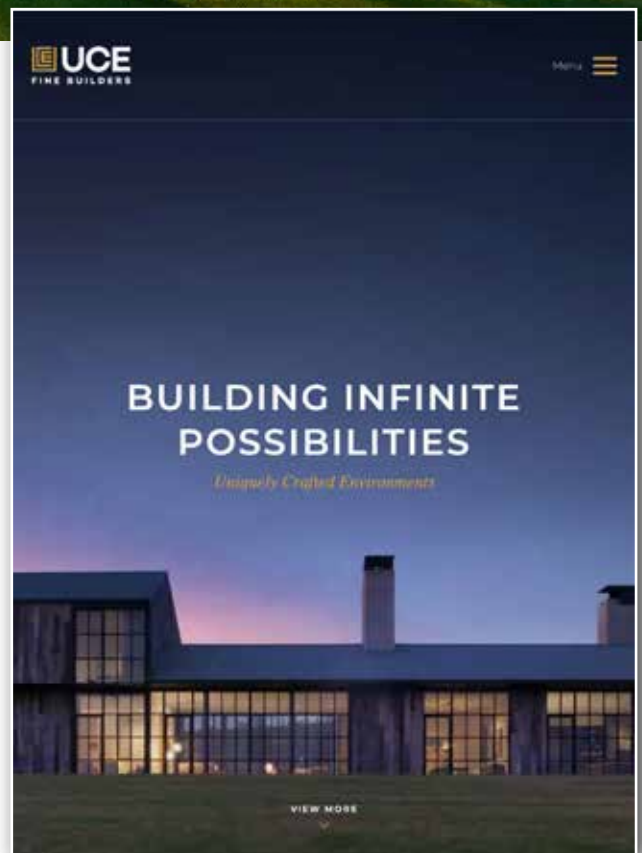
Best Builder Website for www.ucebuilders.com

The HOBI Awards recognize excellence in new construction, remodeling, home technology, sales and marketing, land development, and home financing. Winners are selected by a panel of housing industry professionals who visit the homes and developments and/or review all the entries.

We are incredibly grateful to receive this honor alongside many other incredible professionals and are thrilled to share this achievement with you. If you're interested, check out our award-winning custom home here and the best builder website here.

Stay well,

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PRIME FINDS HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS ANNOUNCES LOCATION

Prime Time House is excited to announce this year's location for its annual pop-up shop PRIME FINDS Home for the Holidays! Thanks to the generosity of State Representative David & Lynne Wilson, owners of the property, the shop will be located at 760 Bantam Road in Bantam CT. It will open on Saturday, November 20 through Dec. 30, 2021. Now in its sixth year, the boutique showcases gently used home furnishings, accessories, holiday decorations and gifts at wildly affordable prices. All proceeds benefit Prime Time House and all donations to the shop are tax deductible.



In addition to The Wilson's, sponsors include Torrington Savings Bank, ALTEK Electronics, Inc., Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Daley Moving & Storage, Luce & John Jakimetz, Northwest Community Bank, Thomaston Savings Bank, Cramer & Anderson Law Office, E.J. Murphy Realty, LLC, Dr. Michael Kovalchik & Susan Vontell, Northwest Hills Automotive, LLC, O & G Industries, Union Savings Bank, Brooks, Todd & McNeil, Goulet



Connections. Community. Mental Wellness.



Printery, Marrin Santore Realty, LLC, Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center, AFLAC, Judi Armstrong, Eastside Electric, Inc., King, King & Associates, CPAs, Northwest Hills Credit Union, Thurston Rowe Funeral Home, Dorothy Beckley, and Litchfield Ford.

For information on becoming a sponsor, to donate goods or to volunteer at the shop, contact Kathi Weinstein at kweinstein@primetimehouse.org.

Prime Time House empowers individuals from Northwest Connecticut who suffer with mental illness to lead productive and independent lives by providing them with opportunities for education, employment, friendship, housing, transportation and friendship. It is the only program in Litchfield County that provides a no-cost social program to these individuals. This lack of mental health providers and services is especially challenging given the rapid increase of opioid addiction and the mental health problems associated with it.

News and **NOTES**



Northwestern CT Community College is proud to announce a new, never-before offered



ADVANCED MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.

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Restrictions apply

Contact Gary Carra at gcarra@nwcc.edu or 860.253.3128 for more information.

This program can provide employees 100 hours towards a certified apprenticeship!

Over 100 hours of ONLINE training starting this FALL, 2021! One day a week for two semesters/total program is less than one year in duration!

No classes over holidays and winter or summer.



TOPICS INCLUDE:

- SHOP MATH
- OVERVIEW OF BLUEPRINT
- GEOMETRIC DIMENSIONING & TOLERANCING
- OVERVIEW OF MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE
- OVERVIEW OF INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE



News and **NOTES**

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The Mortgage Crisis Job Training Program is a WorkPlace Opportunity in partnership with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA), Capital Workforce Partners, and Connecticut's workforce system. It is an equal opportunity program and auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

News and NOTES



In November, a group of 16 travelers went to the Amalfi Coast and Rome as part of the Chamber's Travel Program.

Gratitude!

I borrowed some positive thoughts from the book *Attitudes of Gratitude* by M. J. Ryan. It seems appropriate during this challenging period of our lives to express gratitude to all involved.

Greetings – to you for reading my articles to stay up to date on Chamber news

Good – the amazing WOW Steering Committee who planned and executed another fantastic WOW Forum

Glowing – the remarks from the members and prospective members who attended our October Fest at the beautiful Inn at Mount Pleasant

Great – the presentation from afar by Don Klepper-Smith who gave us the update on the economy and expectations for the future

Generous – the outstanding sponsors and partners whose contributions continue to make this all possible

Glitzy – attendees from home and office who still dress up for our zoom meetings and make every attempt to attend all of them

Genuine – our committee and Leads Chairs and co-chairs who carry on a robust conversation each month with members and guests... check our calendar and please join us

Grandiose – this idea of rescheduling all of our events to virtual experiences may have been a bit ambitious but with the help of our leaders and friends, we pulled it off and now can hold hybrid meetings in person with others zooming in

Grace – the expertise we are witnessing from our volunteers and event management support when we make last-minute changes

Genius – all of you for supporting these initiatives

Gleaming – our faces following some remarkable programs, meetings and events

Glad – we are lucky to be surrounded by all of you and you can be sure we notice you

This is the gift of gratitude: *“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion to clarity... Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”* Thank you.



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