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## New bus joins Dial-a-Ride fleet

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NEW BRITAIN — The Senior Center Dial-a-Ride Fleet added a new 10 passenger handicap bus, which is an accessible vehicle with space for one wheelchair, said Rex Cone, Senior Center specialist.

“This bus is on a Ford Transit chassis,” Cone said. The new vehicle is smaller than the “two current buses

which are on Ford E-350 chassis.”

While the smaller bus offers more maneuverability to operate in the city, the new third bus will allow the senior center, at 55 Pearl St, to provide more programs and more transportation opportunities to the seniors of New Britain, Cone said. The addition has been possible after the organization applied for and secured full funding for the bus through

the DOT’s 5310 Municipal Grant Program back in 2021.

“This purchase was funded through a Connecticut Department of Transportation grant and will help our senior center members be transported safely and comfortably,” Mayor Erin Stewart wrote on Facebook.

New Britain residents over the age of 55 are encouraged to use the Dial-a-Ride transportation program, a service See BUS ON PAGE 4



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Brian Johnson

An EV charging station.

## Plainville installs five new EV charging stations across town

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PLAINVILLE — The Town of Plainville has installed five new electric vehicle charging stations at municipal facilities throughout town.

Town Manager Michael Paulhus announced the installations this week as one of his “manager’s minute” videos on Facebook.

The electric vehicle chargers are located at Plainville High School at 47 Robert Holcomb Way, the Plainville Municipal Center at 1 Central Square, Plainville Public Library at 56 E. Main St., Paderewski Park at 93 Cooke St. and the Recreation Department at 50 Whiting St.

The new charging stations, Paulhus said, were funded by a utility rebate program. This, he said, See CHARGING ON PAGE 4

# State’s Best in Berlin



Maina Durafour

Dana Campbell showing some of her handcrafted work during the Made in Connecticut Expo at the Berlin Fairgrounds this weekend.

## Expo highlights best offerings in CT

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BERLIN — The past weekend was filled with warmth and sun, the perfect weather to enjoy Connecticut’s best products. All gathered in Berlin, vendors from all over the state came to present their

crafts, food, drinks and products to show the best the state has to offer.

The exposition has been running for 10 years and took place Saturday and Sunday. Open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the organizer had announced twice as many vendors compared to

last year’s edition.

The place looked like any other fair, full of different vendors, filled with music and people chatting and walking around, but it offered a large choice of products with about 300 booths.

While walking across the different stands, people were

able to take a look at local fashion designers, artists and artisans, farm producers and even authors doing book signings.

One of them was Liz Dalton. She is an auto-published Connecticut author who created her own edition house, Tourmaline and Quartz

Publishing. She’s been writing fantasy stories for 12 years and is now coming up with a children’s book.

Dalton grew up in Ellington but now lives in the heartland area. After studying theater arts and some writing, she decided to write a fantasy See MADE IN ON PAGE 4

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Above, voting in New Britain during a previous election. Connecticut’s state primary voting day is today.

## Connecticut’s state primary is today; Republican battle

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Connecticut Republicans will pick nominees in state primaries on Tuesday to challenge two longtime Democratic lawmakers, U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy and U.S. Rep. Jim Himes.

Polls close at 8 p.m. The leading GOP hopefuls for each seat won the party’s endorsement at state and district conventions but not by large enough margins to win the nominations outright.

In the U.S. Senate primary, Gerry Smith and Matt Corey will compete for the

Republican nomination. Smith serves as first selectman for the town of Beacon Falls and is also an insurance agent and former small business owner. Corey is a bar owner and Navy veteran. He was the Republican nominee against Murphy in 2018 and See PRIMARY ON PAGE 4







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# Charging stations added in Plainville

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is part of the town's voluntary participation in the Sustainable CT program - which he said is dedicated to fostering "resilient" communities.

"These are level two charging stations," Paulhus said. "They are not rapid charging, but they are a great upgrade over our previous charging stations."

Paulhus said it will typ-

ically take 4 to 5 hours to use one of these stations to fully charge an electric vehicle.

"The first hour is free," he said. "Then the cost is 15 cents per kilowatt hour."

Paulhus said he hopes the new charging stations will make it easier for residents with electric vehicles to get where they want to go. He wished them safe travels.

# Primary is today

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also challenged Democratic U.S. Rep. John Larson in the 1st Congressional District in 2012, 2014 and 2016. In 2020, he was the Republican nominee for a state Senate seat. Smith received a majority of votes from delegates to the state convention in May, but Corey surpassed the 15% vote threshold required to force a primary. Democrats unanimously nominated Murphy at their state convention, avoiding the need for a primary.

In the 4th Congressional District, Republicans Bob MacGuffie and Michael Goldstein each hope to unseat eight-term Democratic U.S. Rep. Jim Himes. MacGuffie is a former insurance executive and tea party activist from the years of Barack Obama's presidency. He received the party's endorsement at the district convention in May by a narrow margin against

Goldstein, an attorney and physician who ran unsuccessfully for the 4th District nomination in 2020 and 2022.

Neither seat is a top target for national Republicans hoping to win control of the Senate or maintain control of the House in November. Murphy won reelection in 2018 with 60% of the vote, while President Joe Biden carried the state in 2020 with 59%. Himes received 59% of the vote in his 2022 reelection bid, while district voters preferred Biden by almost two-to-one over Donald Trump in 2020.

Voters will also decide a handful of state legislative races. Dems have contested primaries in four state Senate districts and 11 state House districts, while GOP will face off in one district in each chamber. All state legislative seats are up for election in 2024, although most are not holding primaries.

# Made in CT Expo

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sy book, a genre she always loved.

"It took me about two years to write my first book. And here we are. I have about 21 titles out now and it takes me a lot less time to write a book these days, but it's still a lot of work," she said.

This weekend was not her first time at the Made in Connecticut Expo, and it is an experience she particularly enjoys. She explains she tried to do more state-based events, and this fair is a perfect occasion to meet people from the same region as her.

"I feel like people are always surprised, in a good way, to see a local author," Dalton said.

At the fair, she presented her new upcoming book, "Flames of Gold."

"It's not out until the 27th, but I've had some early reader feedback that's been very positive," she said. "So that's just really exciting."

A little further from Dalton's spot was Dana Campbell. She is the business owner of Shuttle Press and Bindery, which is located in Stonington.

"What I do is I create hand-bound books with a needle and thread the old-fashioned way," Campbell said. "And then I have a late 1800 printing press that I print cards and posters and home goods and other stationery. I do wedding invitations and all that type of stuff."

Her shop is a large mill building that was converted into an art studio. Additionally, she tries to come to many fairs during the year to present her work and crafts. To get into a fair, a vendor needs to apply for a spot.

For Campbell, fairs are not only about making sales, but are also a way to teach people about her job and the tools she uses.

"A lot of people don't even know that's a printing press," she said. "So, the opportunity to show somebody what I do is really what it's about for me, and to kind of educate and share the history because that part of it is so fascinating."



Maina Durafour, Dan Baril, founder of Mister B's Jerky Co., left, with an employee.

Campbell opened her business 10 years ago and has been full-time for two years now. She studied graphic design and illustration but realized that looking at a screen was not something she wanted to do. After taking a bookbinding and letterpress printmaker class, she talked to her grandmother about her wish. That was when she learned her great-grandfather had also been a printer. She inherited his printing press and started her business.

Besides being a family heirloom, she believes her art is also a passion she wants to share with many.

"I think that keeping tradition alive and keeping these kinds of old-world crafts alive is something that is a great privilege, and I'm so glad that I have the knowledge to be able to continue to pass that on," Campbell said.

For many other vendors, the Made in Connecticut Expo is a chance to expand their business to people who are from different towns and states. But it's also a way to meet people and share with them a bit of what's being a business owner.

Dan Baril is the owner of Mister B's Jerky Co., a business that started eight years ago in downtown Southington, after making beef jerky for fun for over 33 years.

"You could see a lot of people that you genuinely wouldn't see," he said. "Like the lady who just purchased from us was from Boston. She would never have seen my jerky if we weren't here at the fair."

Fairs bring lots of new cli-

ents, for Baril's business, his estimation is about 75% new clients when he goes to them.

Near Baril's stand, was a family-owned soap business called Guardians Farm. The owner, Tamea French, was doing the Made in Connecticut Expo for the first time. She runs the business with her husband and her employees.

Being here is a way for her to make the farm and her products known to people so they can come to visit on the weekends and see the animals.

With the milk of her goats, she makes soaps and lotions. Like Baril, she started as a hobby, after being gifted a book with body products. While making and using her crafted products, she realized her sensitive skin got better, and she started her business, which is now thriving.

"We were at one farm when we started in 2014. And then in 2020, we bought a much larger farm in South Ferry. And then we added cows when we moved to Southbury," she said.

A particularity that she likes to emphasize is her products are named after the animals that have helped in the making process or the ones they share their life with.

"We like to honor them," she said. "And, you know, each one of them has their own little characteristics and their own personalities."

One of the lotions she makes is a bug repellent named after her cat Hankook.

"It's called 'Don't bug me Hankook' because he bugs everyone. So, we use that one for our bug-repellent lotion, which is a fun little thing to have stories named after," she said.

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# Bus joins Dial-a-Ride fleet

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aimed for the elderly and disabled population in the city.

According to Cone, "a suggested donation of \$1.50 each way or \$3 round trip allows seniors to remain independent while receiving rides to important medical appointments, trips to the grocery store and other essential services".

Rides must be booked at least 48 hours in advance and the program operates Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. The service only operates to agencies in the City of New Britain, with the exception being the Hartford HealthCare Medical Group, located on 201 North Mountain Road in Plainville,

Cone said.

Some other popular services and activities offered by the center include assistance with the renter's rebate program, property tax relief program, energy assistance, medicare and medicaid and the Farmer's Market nutrition program.

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