



TAMMI KNAPIK

The band was on the march



The Bristol Central High School marching band had band camp last week. Friday, they headed outside to work on their form.

Bus trip planned to New York City

The Bristol Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular on Saturday, Nov. 13. The bus will leave the Rockwell Park parking lot at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. The

cost is \$115 per person and includes the bus ride, Christmas Spectacular Show and free time in Rockefeller Center, lunch on your own in Little Italy and China Town, and a stop at Ground Zero. Other sight seeing will be included if time and weather permits.

Registration is currently being taken at the Parks and Recreation Department weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Full payment is required at the time of registration. For further information, please call the park office at (860) 584-6160.

Tunxis offers medical assistant program

Tunxis Community College in Farmington will offer a new 10-month Registered Medical Assistant program starting Sept. 29, one of many non-credit programs offered through Tunxis Workforce Development and Continuing Education to help meet demand in Connecticut for health care workers.

Medical assistants, who perform a variety of clinical and administrative functions in hospitals and physician's offices, rank among the top 10 occupations expected to have the highest

growth rate in Connecticut through 2014, with projected job growth of 31%, according to the Connecticut Department of Labor. Those with formal training and certification have the best opportunities for employment.

Approved by the American Medical Technologists certification agency, the program provides hands-on skills in recording vital signs, taking medical histories, phlebotomy, pharmacology, assisting physicians during examinations, and performing basic laboratory tests, among oth-

ers.

A 200-hour clinical externship at area physicians' office and clinics is also included.

The program, which includes several online classes, runs through July 27, 2011. Upon successful completion, students are eligible to take the American Medical Technologists Registered Medical Assistant Certification Exam.

For more information, go to (860)255-3666 to reserve a seat and request an application.



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Witch's Dungeon helps with documentary

The filming of a documentary, 'Ultimate Fear,' featuring The Amazing Kreskin, scheduled for Bristol's Witch's Dungeon was postponed due to the heavy rains the weekend before. The filming was relocated to Bill Diamond Studios in Newburgh, N.Y. Figures and props from the Witch's Dungeon were brought in for the filming. Kreskin, left, is seen here with Cortlandt Hull, who runs the Witch's Dungeon on Battle Street.

Miss Bristol pageant planned for Oct. 2

The Miss Bristol Scholarship Pageant, a local affiliate of the Miss Connecticut and Miss America Scholarship Programs, will be crowning its 50th Miss Bristol on Oct. 2. This event will take place at Bristol Central High School at 7 p.m.

The pageant is going to welcome back many of the former Miss Bristol titleholders.

Among the returning queens will be the pageant's very first winner, Miss Bristol 1961, Charlotte Choquette Pittman. You will surely be entertained with musical production numbers featuring both past Miss Bristol titleholders and the contestants vying for the 2011 titles of Miss Bristol and Bristol's Outstanding Teen.

The pageant also will be

showcasing its reigning queens, Martha Price, Miss Bristol 2010 and Sarah Decker, Bristol's Outstanding Teen 2010.

The reigning queens will showcase their outstanding vocal abilities, appear in their elegant Miss Connecticut evening gowns and crown their successors.

Tickets are available at the door.



Miss Connecticut USA paid recent visit

Miss Connecticut USA Ashley Bickford assisted with a raffle at Country Side Manor of Bristol on Saturday, June 2. Prizes were donated by local businesses. The \$1,000 that was raised goes to the 'Taking Care of our Own' fund, which is a fund to assist staff members who have cancer. The facility is one of the Athena Healthcare Systems facilities, that take part in the fundraiser, which ended in August in which all facilities take part in a company softball game. Bickford assisted with the raffle, signed autographs and visited with residents in their rooms.