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the fact that Footloose has been given permission to use the schools for recitals for more than 20 years, according to Mark Neadle, who spoke on behalf of his daughter at the board's Jan. 13 meeting.

"It's creating a little bit of angst for the owners as well as their dance students' parents," he told the board.

In response to being denied a venue for the recital, Neadle said, "It seems a little coincidental that at a time of change of ownership there's now a rule that prevents that."

Footloose owners said they contacted East Hartford Middle School to inquire about having the recital there, but since Footloose is an out-of-town, for-profit business, there is a cost associated with using that facility. That cost would be too much of a financial burden for the

involved with the town, and continues to volunteer their time. Neadle's mother volunteered at the schools and her father coached Little League and continues to coach recreational basketball. Members of Footloose performed during halftime of a recent high school football game and sponsor a recreational basketball team for the beginner girls league.

Mark Neadle said the school board allowed similar events for for-profit organizations, such as a recent Christmas event.

The two young business owners are now in a bind and are scrambling to find a venue for their recital. They continue to work with members of the board and school Superintendent Kathleen Carter to find a solution.

commit time to plan activities. details call Jo-Ann, 860-648-6360.

**DONATIONS WANTED**

The Teen Center is conducting a drive to help the Cornerstone Soup Kitchen. Donations of cleaning supplies such as dish washing liquid and powder, bleach, and disinfectants are needed, as well as paper products including large and small plates, cups, bowls, napkins, plastic forks, knives, and spoons. Supplies may be dropped off at 150 Nevers Road. For details call Jo-Ann, 860-648-6360.

**STAFFORD****BOARD MEETING**

Safe Net Ministries will hold its next board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 86 Main St. The meeting is open to the public. For details call 860-851-9987.

**TOLLAND****OVERDRIVE CLASS**

Tolland Public Library will hold an Overdrive class from 3 to 5 p.m., and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the library, 21 Tolland Green. Jessica Ventura will present "Using Overdrive with Tablets and Smartphones" and "Using Overdrive with eReaders and MP3 players." Registration is required. For details call 860-871-3620.

**NEW MEMBERS WANTED**

The Republican Town Committee is searching for new members and candidates for all elected boards and commissions. Municipal elections are

**BLOOD DRIVE TODAY**

Springfield Blood Donation Center  
150 Brookdale Drive, Springfield  
12:15 to 7 p.m.

## MCC offers help to students, parents with financial aid process

By Eli Freund

Journal Inquirer

MANCHESTER — Manchester Community College will hold a three-hour session Sunday to help parents and prospective students who are struggling with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

College Goal Sunday will take place on Sunday, Jan. 25, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium. Participants will receive hands-on help, financial aid officials said.

The program was created by the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association, which offers sessions at multiple colleges throughout the state, according to its website.

Other participating schools include the University of Hartford, Eastern Connecticut State University, and East Hartford High School.

In addition to getting hands-on help with the FAFSA from financial aid administrators and volunteers, participants will also receive general information on state and federal financial aid programs.

For Ivette Rivera-Dryer, financial aid director at MCC, this event will help many students to access higher education.

"For many college-bound students and their families, navigating the financial aid process can be one of the most complicated steps in preparing for post-secondary education," Rivera-Dreyer said in the news release. "The goal is to increase enrollment of students who, without financial aid, would not be able to afford college."

For details, contact Rivera-Dreyer at 860-512-3382 or the Financial Aid office at 860-512-3380 or visit

[www.collegegoalsundayct.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayct.org)