

Art studio opens in Plantsville

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The new Paris in Plantsville art gallery will host a grand opening exhibition this weekend.

The new gallery is the brainchild of Sean Michanczyk, who studied art at the University of Hartford. The space was formerly occupied by Paula's Consignment Store at 15 West Main Street, which has now moved across the road.

"It's something I always wanted to do," Michanczyk

said. "It feels like the arts are on the rise in Southington, and Plantsville needs something a little different. When Paula [Charneco] moved, I had the idea to work with this spot."

His name is familiar to those in Plantsville. The family has been at the forefront of the current effort to revitalize the area. His father, Dean Michanczyk, owns Dean's Stove and Spa and is in the process of constructing the Hearthstone Pub restau-

rant. Last year, he also purchased the building which houses Kess Café and now Paris of Plantsville.

The opening will feature work from about a dozen artists, including several of Michanczyk's classmates from the University of Hartford. His own work will also be exhibited.

In the future, the space will offer art classes and other events. "Resident artists" will be on site frequently and will play a large role in the gallery's activi-

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TAMMI KNAPIK

Sean Michanczyk, second from right, stands with a painting of his and fellow artists.

Police Blotter

Edwin J. Irizarry, 24, of 238 Bassett Street, New Britain, was charged on Jan. 20 with second degree failure to appear. He was held on a \$5,000 bond for a Jan. 21 court date.

Kevin D. Matney, 26, of 393 Hobart Street, was charged on Jan. 21 with disorderly conduct and cruelty to animals. He was held on a \$50,000 bond for a Jan. 22 court date.

Joel Carrasquillo, 28, of 87 Russell Street, Plainville, was charged on Jan. 22 with fifth and sixth degree larceny. He was held on a \$15,000 bond for a Jan. 22 court date.

Steven M. Calandra, 35, of 34 Rourke Avenue, was charged on Jan. 20 with breach of peace. He was held on a \$1,000 bond for a Feb. 1 court date.

Dawn Tagariello-Willi, 37, of 21 Russ Lane, Bristol, was charged on Jan. 21 with interfering with an officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, first degree failure to appear and possession of a controlled substance. She was held on bonds totaling \$30,000 for a Feb. 8 court date.

David C. Perry, 22, of 581 Crown Street, Meriden, was charged on Jan. 22 with issuing a bad check, third degree forgery and sixth degree larceny. He was held on a \$2,500 bond for a Feb.

1 court date.

Paul A. Mamula, 38, of 201 Old Turnpike Road, was charged on Jan. 23 with DUI, failure to have a reflective cover and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. He was held on a \$5,000 bond for a Feb. 1 court date.

Ryan Oakes, 30, of 868 South Main Street, was charged on Jan. 23 with third degree strangulation, second degree breach of peace, interfering with a 911 call, risk of injury and third degree assault. He was held on a \$50,000 bond for a Feb. 8 court date.

Abigail Peck, 29, of 47 Homesdale Avenue, was charged on Jan. 24 with second degree threatening

and second degree breach of peace. She was held on a \$5,000 bond for a Feb. 8 court date.

Joseph A. Guerrero, 38, of 503 Canal Street, was charged on Jan. 25 with first and second degree failure to appear. He was held on a combined bail of \$120,000 for a Jan. 26 court date.

Yance Seals, 35, of 2 Kane Street, was charged on Jan. 25 with third degree assault and disorderly conduct. He was held on a \$10,000 bond for a Jan. 26 court date.

Scott Hurd, 47, of 58 Berlin Avenue, was charged on Jan. 25 with violation of a protective order. He was held on a \$5,000 bond for a Jan. 26 court date.

Fire Calls

Dec. 7
1581 Meriden-Waterbury Rd, accident.
765 South End Rd, alarm malfunction.
909 Queen St, gasoline spill.

Dec. 8
394 Mill St, gas odor.
3000 Meriden-Waterbury Rd, accident.

Dec. 9
133 Bristol St, car fire.
503 Main St, accident.
70 Burritt St, road hazard.

867 Meriden-Waterbury Rd, unauthorized burning.

I-84 East, Exit 31, accident.

714 West St, accident.
Dec. 11
720 Pleasant St, smoke odor.

27 Oakland Rd, smoke odor.

Dec. 12
244 Jude Ln, smoke scare.

1445 West St, assist AMR.

Dec. 13

I-84 East, Exit 30, accident.

235 Spring St, fire alarm.

1377 Mt. Vernon Rd, oil in road

Maxwell Noble Dr, car in pond.

30 Darling St, gas odor.
342 Queen St, fire alarm.

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Man arrested for animal cruelty

Southington Police have arrested a Hobart Street man for animal cruelty, after he was observed at his home repeatedly

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Cruelty to an animal. He was held on a \$50,000 bond for a Jan. 22 court date.

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