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Mayor's race gets testy

Wilson says foe is like the 'congressional Tea Party'; Cockayne fires back

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BRISTOL — A month before the polls open, the mayoral race is heating up.

Democratic standard bearer Chris Wilson accused his Republican opponent this week of playing politics with the city's schools.

He said voters need to ask

themselves if Republican Ken Cockayne is bringing "the same ultra-partisan politics" to Bristol that caused the federal government to shut down.

Wilson said that Cockayne, whom he accused of practicing vicious politics, "is the Bristol equivalent of the congressional Republican Tea Party."

Cockayne said he finds it comical

that "my counterpart and his new party" are "so desperate" to lash into him.

"It's hysterical that he would say

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Friends in high places



Justin Muszynski | Staff

Firefighters go to great heights in rescue training at Lake Compounce. See story and picture on Page 4.

Bristol Hospital says it will end contract with United Healthcare

Insurer has until Nov. 18 to offer better rate

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BRISTOL — Bristol Hospital officials will terminate its contract with United Healthcare Nov. 18, saying the insurer provides inadequate reimbursement.

"We certainly do not want to take this action; however, we need United to offer a nominal rate increase to help us to cover the inflation of our costs," George Eighmy, chief financial officer of the hospital, said Thursday. "If they come to the table with that, we will agree to sign."

According to hospital officials, Bristol Hospital moved forward with the termination after several months of negotiations with the insurer because United's health plan

"This was a very difficult decision for us but our mission is caring for our patients."

GEORGE EIGHMY
Bristol Hospital
Chief financial officer

does not provide adequate reimbursement for treatment by its physicians and the hospital.

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