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Acme United profit increases

Acme United, the Fairfield-based supplier of cutting, measuring and safety products, said earnings rose 7 percent to \$2.20 million, or 68 cents per diluted share, for the quarter ended June 30, compared with \$2.06 million, or 66 cents a share, for the comparable period in 2012. Sales climbed 5 percent due to increased back-to-school sales and the acquisition of the C-Thru [Ruler Co.](#) in June last year. Shares of Acme United, traded under the symbol "ACU," jumped 3 percent to \$13.40 in trading Friday.

Bridgeport Hospital among 'Most Wired'

[Yale New Haven Health System](#), including Bridgeport, Greenwich and Yale-New Haven hospitals, has been selected as one of the "Most Wired" health systems in the nation by Hospitals and Health Networks, published by the [American Hospital Association](#). This recognition is based on technology advancements. Eight hospitals or health systems in Connecticut have received the designation. Hospitals and Health Networks polls the nation's hospitals on the use of information technology, with responses representing 1,570 hospitals.

Students develop rain harvester

Students at [Fairfield University](#) have designed a rainwater-harvesting system, recently installed on a campus building roof, which is projected to corral 41,000 gallons of rainwater annually for the university's lawns, shrubs and flowers. With each inch of rain, approximately 560 gallons can be collected. The endeavor is expected to shave costs, while reusing otherwise wasted stormwater runoff. The [Campus Sustainability Committee](#) awarded the students a

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