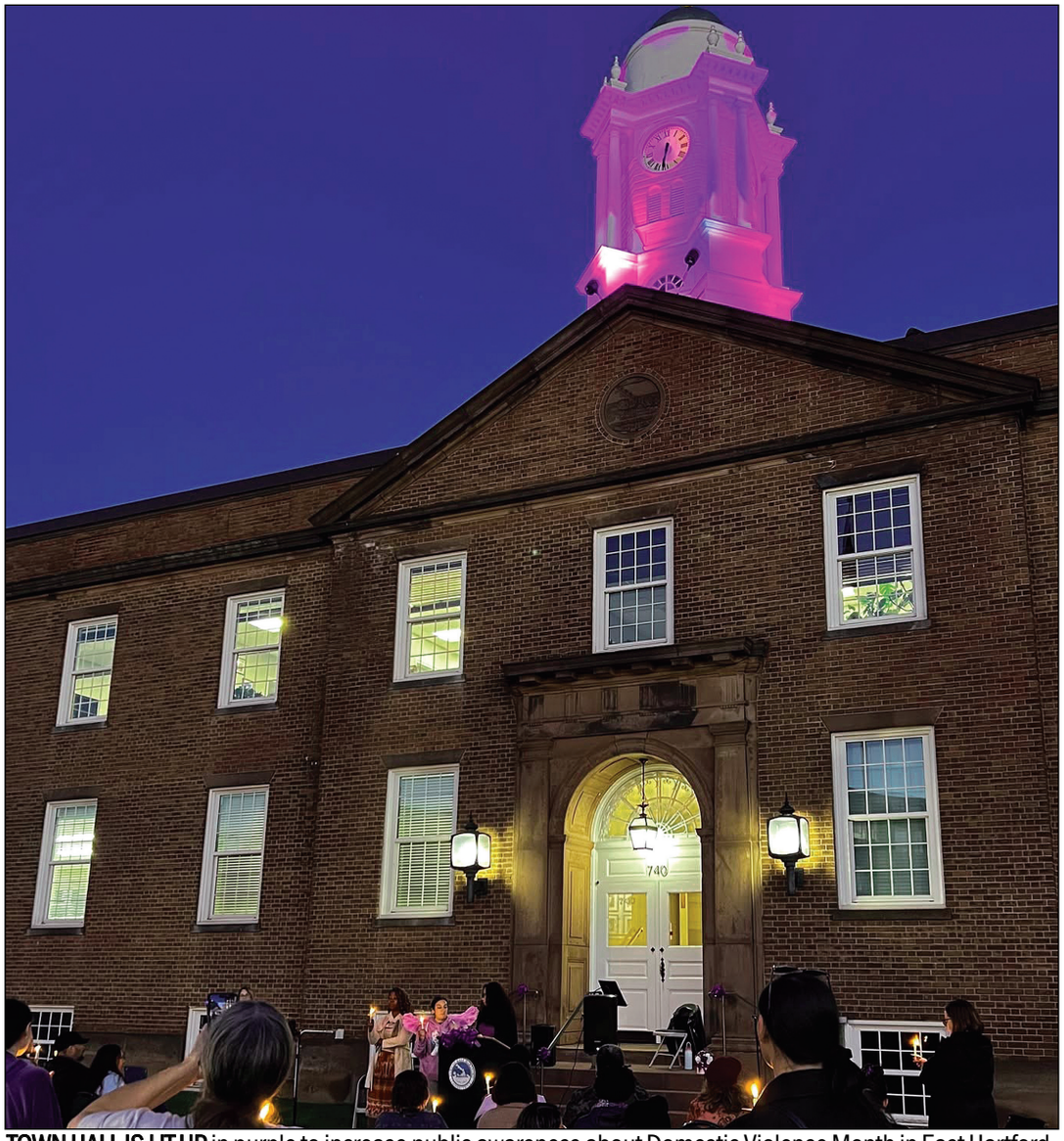
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## LIGHT FOR VICTIMS, SURVIVORS



**TOWN HALL IS LIT UP** in purple to increase public awareness about Domestic Violence Month in East Hartford.

# Victims & their stories

**By Bill Doak**

With the cupola of Town Hall lit in purple, survivors, relatives of victims and their supporters assembled in a silent show of strength and resilience for East Hartford's first ever Domestic Violence Awareness Night held last Thursday.

Organized by Jessica Jurado of East Hartford's

Author and survivor Daisy Plaza addressed the crowd assembled not only from East Hartford but from surrounding towns, looking to heal, testify, stand up to violence and comfort one another as the October sun set. Candles were passed out and speakers related deeply personal stories, some fresh and others still raw even decades later.

"What happened to you is not your identity," said Plaza. "You are not defined by what happened to you; it does not make you weak. You are the narrator of your own story." The lighting of candles for lives lost, for survivors and for the courage to take the first step brought a flood of emotions to

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# National mention for EHHS podcast

An East Hartford High School student podcast earned an honorable mention in the 2026 NPR Student Podcast Challenge, bringing national recognition to the voices and perspectives of East Hartford students.

The podcast was created last school year by members of the Class of 2026 Abby Reid, Aryanna Balancier, Malonia Jackson and Denese Chisholm. Improving the Accessibility and Affordability of Pursuing Higher Education explores the financial challenges students face when choosing a college, with a particular focus on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and opportunities for aspiring students living outside the South. The project was developed in East Hartford High School Human Rights classes under the guidance of teacher Phillip Day.

"It is an honor to be recognized by NPR on a national level. We chose a topic that meant a lot to us and we worked hard to execute our vision," said Denese Chisholm. "This opportunity was truly a fun and amazing experience for us. There were a lot of candidates who entered nationally, so it is surreal that our voices were heard and valued!"

Now in its eighth year, the NPR Student Podcast Challenge received close to 1,500 entries from students in 42 states. East Hartford High School Human Rights students entered nearly 40 collaborative podcasts, covering topics ranging from veterans' healthcare rights and racial inequities in maternity care to the experiences of unhoused people and conditions in Connecticut prisons.

# BofE approves projects

**By Robert Kanehl**

In its only new business Monday night, the Board of Education passed two procedural items. The first was the Silver Lane Elementary School replacement boiler project plans in a step required by the state to apply for reimbursement funds. The plans now will be reviewed by the state grant and reimbursement office.

The second approval was to reapprove a contract with Ambassador Wheelchair Services to provide service as needed to the District. This action was necessary as the company may be purchased by First Student Inc. and legally a new contract for services had to be adopted between the Board and the new owner.

In other business, the Board was treated to a "show and tell" by Jim Rovezzi Director of Facilities, as he reviewed the facilities projects started and completed this summer. They included: East Hartford High School gym floor resurfacing; Main office and front entrance renovations; Boiler abatement;

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# AROUND TOWN

## College transfers now simpler

In recognition of National Transfer Student Week, Connecticut State Community College (CT State) is highlighting a series of six new transfer agreements. Partnerships with Sacred Heart University, University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Albertus Magnus College, American International College, Mitchell College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, with benefits including tuition discounts, scholarships, expanded credit transfer and defined pathways to bachelor's degrees.

"These agreements create additional affordable pathways for CT State students to complete their bachelor's degrees," said Troy Miller, vice president of enrollment management at CT State. "They also help students make the most of the credits they have already earned, saving time and money as they continue toward a four-year degree."

Several of the new agreements include significant financial and academic benefits. Eligible CT State students transferring to Sacred Heart University may qualify for a 50% tuition reduction.

American International College will accept up to 90 transfer credits, subject to program requirements, and offers eligible students an annual scholarship and housing discount.

The University of Saint Joseph guarantees junior status to students who complete a CT State associate degree and allows eligible students to take one course at USJ at no cost during their final semester at CT State before transferring. CT State students may also qualify for USJ merit awards based on GPA, with scholarships ranging from $28,000 to $30,000 annually with a GPA of 3.8 or higher.

## WINGSTOP GETS READY




**EAST HARTFORD** is about to get a new chicken wing vendor at the site of the old Friendly's on Silver Lane. Plumbing anad electrical work is being completed with a tentative opening in November. Next door will be a Five Guys.

## Unused med dropoff day

The Drug Enforcement Administration's Take Back Day is Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex, 31 School St. Accepted medications include pills, tablets, capsules, and other prescription drugs in solid form.

However liquids (including intravenous solutions), gels, ointments, patches, syringes and other sharps and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

Town staff from the Health & Human Services Dept. will have information about naloxone, commonly known as Narcan, which can save a life in an overdose. Staff will also offer Deterra, a medication disposal kit, free while supplies last.

Cannot make the drug take-back event Saturday? East Hartford has a drug disposal box in the lobby of the Public Safety Complex that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more go to www.DEATakeBack.com or easthartfordct.gov/police-department.

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## SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

# 'This election is about committment to East Hartford'

**To the Editor:**

This election is about our community and doing what is best for East Hartford—the place where I was born and raised and the town I am proud to call home. It is about listening to our neighbors, working together, and building a future that reflects the strength and character of the people who live here.

I am homegrown, and my commitment to East Hartford comes from a lifetime of knowing this community, serving its people, and believing in its future. I do this work because I care deeply about our neighbors and want to preserve what makes our town special: a strong, welcoming community that looks out for one another.

To everyone who knows me and has seen my commitment to this town, I ask you to consider the work we can continue doing together. What matters most is keeping East Hartford grounded in the values, character, and community spirit that define us.

My beautiful wife and I are raising our four children here. East Hartford is not just where I live—it is where I want my children to grow up, build their lives, and one day start families of their own. The choices we make today will shape the community they inherit.



CHRIS TIERINNI

I am asking for your support because I love East Hartford, believe in our people, and am committed to a future that honors who we are while moving our community forward. Let us come together as neighbors and choose what is best for the town we all call home.

Thank you for your consideration and your support.

**Christopher Tierinni**
East Hartford
Candidate (R)
10th Assembly District

# 'Angie works for average people, like us'

**To the Editor:**

I am supporting Angie Parkinson for State Representative because, like her initials, she stands up very clearly for Average People. As a school teacher for 27 years, and an EH Town Council Member since 2019 – she is completely tuned in to the kitchen table issues and priorities of average EH people – like the priorities listed here:

Access to Housing - she strongly supports the 'Renter's Affordability Agenda' offered by Gov. Lamont, including renter tax credits and rent caps to counter the influence of rental-unit investors, often from out of state.. And she supports the Fair Rent Commissions network across the state, including the East Hartford branch which is currently challenging the trailer park rent hikes sought by the national corporation,' Bayshore', current owner of the land-lots of Rivermeade Park in the Hockanum area.

She also wants to expand existing programs for new homeowners' access to low interest loans and help with down payments.

Access to Education - she supports scholarship aid for Trade & Tech Schools just as much as scholarships for College. Including state help for trade-apprenticeships for future electricians, plumbing, welding, HVAC, manufacturing and other fields.

Because she knows this is a direct line to 6-figure jobs in those industries and crucial to the American rebuilding of infrastructure through the next generation. Jobs that will last – and really an investment in future families too.

And she supports a small increase in the 'millionaire's tax' - which could be enough to counter the constant upward pressure on local property taxes, to cover school budgets that fall short. A program which worked very well in MA in recent years.

Access to reliable Health Insurance - she is working tirelessly to make the same plan that is available to Town and State employees - ALSO available to average people who are now left out of the existing system - because of their income level or some other factor - who have nowhere affordable to turn at this point.

Controlling out-of-control giant A.I. Data Centers - Like Bernie Sanders, Angie knows all too well the need to regulate the potential dangers of limitless AI data center expansion. And she will also hold the ones already approved to be accountable for all energy consumed, and for updates on the grid needed as a result. And also make them accountable for the water and air pollution that is certain to be caused by them.

This priority is incredibly important right now.

And she will vote to restrict the illegal and immoral activities of ICE at the State level to stop ICE's denial of basic rights and due process to hard-working, tax paying, NON-criminal immigrants who are working through the legal citizenship process.

Finally - I would say I'm recommending Angie because she does not engage in foolish identity politics or ridiculous demands. She stays totally focused on the kitchen table issues like those outlined above: an economy that works for everyone, and defending everyone's basic rights as Americans..

Which is clearly needed in these times.

To put it simply – we can trust Angie - because she works for average people, like us ...

**Mike MacDonald**
East Hartford

# 'My vote would be for Rebecca Connors'

**To the Editor:**

I lived in East Hartford the majority of my life and I have known Rebecca Connors her entire life. For as long as I can remember, she has been deeply engaged in her community and her commitment to service continues today.

Rebecca is a steadfast advocate for others, always looking for practical ways to help. That spirit of service has led her to pursue an opportunity to improve the lives of an even broader community by running for State Representative in East Hartford's 10th District.

**Early Community Involvement**

As a young girl, Rebecca was an active member of her East Hartford Girl Scout troop, volunteering for the Special Olympics bowling at the Silver Lane bowling alley. Rebecca also earned the Silver Award for the research and presentation of the cultural diversity represented within East Hartford to hundreds of troops from across the state.

**Service to Veterans**

During her teenage and high school years, Rebecca volunteered for five years at the Glastonbury Elks Lodge Veterans Christmas Dinner. The event provided a sit-down family meal for veterans living at the Rocky Hill Veterans Home. Rebecca served dinner, shopped for toiletries and other essential gifts, and helped organize the much-loved bingo games.

**Creating a Safe Space for Teens**

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Letter, cont. 'A vote for Connors'

From previous page

At Glastonbury High School, Rebecca served as Vice President and then President of a nonprofit organization that coordinated with the Glastonbury Police Department to offer teens a safe place to gather on weekends, providing food, beverages and live music for entertainment.

**Neighborhood Leadership**

As an adult, Rebecca has remained highly active in her community, most recently serving as president of the Rivermead Neighborhood Association. Since a mobile home exploded in the park in 2024, she has worked persistently to improve residents' safety and quality of life. Her efforts have included addressing nonfunctioning fire hydrants and persuading the corporation that owns the community to install speed bumps and provide after-hours security for residents.

If I lived in East Hartford, I would vote for Rebecca!

**Caroline Agnelli-Connors**
Glastonbury

## East Hartford On the Campus

Alcione Dias Araujo Moran of East Hartford was named to the President's List at the Community College of Vermont, an honor reserved for students with a 4.0 grade point average.

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Sauncherei Greene of East Hartford was named to the Dean's List for the summer 2026 term at University of Maryland Global Campus.

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Southern New Hampshire University named 13 East Hartfordites to its Summer 2026 President's List. They are: Ambur Watson-Fork, Darianelis Morales Velazquez, Marcus Laureano, TreQuan Mitchell, Brenda Clemens, Michael Adorno, Ashley Berrotte, Priscilla Griffiths, Justin Hernandez, India Newman, Kody Ragsdale, Bethanie Falling, and Chrisanne Guilbert.

## Angie Parkinson my choice for state representative

**To the editor:**

I am pleased to express my support for Angie Parkinson for State Representative. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Angie as a Town Council member since 2019, and I have witnessed her commitment to public service, advocacy, and improving the quality of life for the residents of East Hartford.

Angie brings a valuable perspective to public service through her experience as a global studies teacher. Her work in education reflects her understanding of the importance of opportunity, equity, and ensuring that every individual has the resources and support needed to succeed. She recognizes that strong communities are built when we invest in our children, support our families, and create opportunities for everyone to thrive.

Throughout her public service, Angie has demonstrated a commitment to issues that matter to our residents, including access to quality and affordable healthcare, educational excellence, affordable housing, and economic development. She understands that these issues are interconnected and that meaningful progress requires thoughtful leadership, collaboration, and a willingness to advocate for the needs of the community.

As State Representative, Angie would bring her experience, dedication, and community-centered approach to the state legislature. I believe she will be a strong voice for East Hartford, working to advance policies that strengthen families, expand opportunities, support our schools, and promote economic growth while ensuring that our residents are not left behind.

Having worked alongside Angie since 2019, I am confident in her passion for public service and her desire to make a positive difference. I encourage East Hartford residents to support Angie Parkinson for State Representative and join me in recognizing her commitment to building a stronger, healthier, and more equitable community for all.

**Sebrina Wilson**
Council Majority Leader



# SHARING STORIES OF SURVIVAL, STRENGTH






**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** proclamation was issued by Mayor Connor Martin, right, and accepted by Jessica Jurado Thursday in front of East Hartford Town Hall. Jurado organized the event, a first.

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## CT rewarding HS service

CT Office of Higher Education Commissioner Timothy D. Larson announced opening of the 2026-2027 Serve Connecticut Community Impact Award. Now in its second year, the award recognizes high school-aged youth for their volunteer service. Students who complete at least 20 hours of service across four distinct projects between June 1, 2026, and April 15, 2027, will be recognized in May 2027. To participate, students must register on Serve CT's InnerView Youth Service platform, which tracks service hours and compiles a digital service résumé that students can use to share their service and volunteer experience in college, scholarship, and job application processes.

"I am so proud to share that during the 2025-2026 school year, 156 Connecticut youth representing 67 high schools across the state earned a Serve Connecticut Community Impact Award," Gov. Ned Lamont said.

"I hope these young leaders and others will continue to serve and to share their service activities on Serve Connecticut's InnerView platform so that we can celebrate all their contributions next spring."

"Community service gives young people the opportunity to make a meaningful difference while developing valuable leadership and teamwork skills," Commissioner Larson, former mayor of East Hartford.

"Through this initiative, we hope to inspire more students to give back to their communities and develop a lifelong commitment to service."

Schools and club leaders can use the platform free of charge to recognize volunteers and organize group projects, while nonprofits can post volunteer opportunities.

Information about how to register is available on Serve CT's website at servect.org/youth-service-get-involved. In addition to registration info, the website provides a link to the 2026-2027 Serve Connecticut Community Impact Award Guide.

## BEN BRONZ GRAND OPENING TUESDAY




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# EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

## College football gets its tournament



SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray

The future is now, sort of.

More than a quarter of a century ago I began outlining the future of college football and last week that future moved closer to my prediction with an agreement between the College Football Playoff and ESPN that would double the size of the post season tournament to 24 teams beginning in 2027, just three years after the tournament tripled in size, from four teams to 12. It's just a handshake agreement at this point but ESPN has reportedly agreed to pay an additional $345 million to broadcast the expanded tournament. The field will be made up of 19 at-large teams with automatic bids going to the Power Four conference champions and the highest ranked team from the "Group of Six", the six conferences outside the Power Four. Independent UConn would be included in the "Group of Six". To make room for the increased number of games the season would start one week earlier and Power Four conference championship games would be eliminated.

I once predicted the post season field would eventually reach 26-28 team, not far from the new proposal. I also predicted that existing bowl games would enter the mix. Under this proposal the six New Year's bowls - Rose, Fiesta, Sugar, Peach, Orange and Cotton - will host the quarter and semifinal games. The top eight seeds will draw first round byes and seeds 9-16 will host first round games. ESPN is ready to make the proposal official. But the CFP has yet to sign off. To put the new system in place in time for the 2027 season they'll have to make their decision by the first of December.

I'm not claiming to be Nostradamus. But looking at the details of this proposed agreement is almost like reading some of my morning commentaries from back at the turn of the century.

After three years at other venues a major Connecticut collegiate sports event will return to the People's Bank Arena in January. The seventh edition of CT ICE, featuring four in state hockey teams that play at a high collegiate level, will take place Friday January 29th and Saturday January 30th at the 16,000-seat facility in downtown Hartford for the first time since 2024.

Yale and Quinnipiac will open the Friday session at 4 with UConn and Sacred Heart playing the nightcap at 7:30. The consolation game will be played Saturday at 3:30 followed by the championship game at 7. Tickets will be available at the box office Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Speaking of this Friday, the East Hartford High School Football team comes off a bye week to visit Central Connecticut Conference foe Platt Friday night at 6:30. A win would get the Hornets back to .500 in Ty Outlaw's first season as head coach.

The UConn football team comes off a bye week to host UMass Friday night at 7 at Rentschler Field. With a win the Huskies, coming off a two touchdown win over Temple would go over .500. Next up, the "Group of Six" in college football's new playoff format.

## 79th meeting of Minutemen and Huskies at Wrench Friday night

The UConn Huskies are back at home to take on the UMass Minutemen in a New England rivalry match-up on Friday night. Kick-off is slated for 7:02 pm on CBS Sports Network. This is the Huskies first Friday night game since a 2024 match-up under the lights with Georgia State at home.

Friday night's game marks the 79th meeting between the Huskies and Minutemen. UConn is 2-1 at the Wrench against UMass, winning the last match-up in East Hartford 27-10 in 2023. Friday's game marks the second match-up against a team from Mid-American Conference this season. UConn lost on the road at Miami (OH), 24-21 in week four.

The Huskies are a 14.5-point favorite coming off their bye week and a 34-20 win at Temple. In that game UConn piled up 505 yards of offense, 248 on the ground and 257 through the air, and forced a pair of critical Owl turnovers in the win. UConn used a fast start with a pair of first quarter touchdown drives and built a 24-17 lead at the half. After a scoreless third quarter, the Huskies dominated the fourth, using their ground game to score twice while eating up 9:35 on the clock for the second road win of the year. Running back Trey Cornist recorded the first 100-yard rushing day by a Husky this season, needing just seven carries to chalk up 114 yards on the ground, highlighted by runs of 51 and 41 yards in the second quarter. It was the first 100-yard game of Cornist's career. Fellow back and UConn's leading rusher Cyncir Bowers carried the ball a career-high 18 times on the way 84 yards and a touchdown. UConn also got rushing scores from quarterback Kalieb Osborne and running back Kenji Christian in the win.



PHOTO BY LAWRENCE JAGGON

Quarterback Kalieb Osborne drops back against Syracuse.

## Barstool Sports broadcasting here

Barstool Sports will be bringing its traveling road show to both Manchester and East Hartford as UConn and UMass square off in a Friday night college football game.

The game is on tap for Friday at 7 p.m. at Pratt & Whitney stadium at Rentschler Field.

The Barstool College Football Show will host a pregame tailgate event on Thursday at Elicit Brewing Co. in Manchester ahead of Friday's game.

The event, dubbed "Thursday Night Live," will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the brewery, 165 Adams St. Barstool personalities will discuss college football and distribute merchandise, drink tickets and other giveaways. Attendees also will have a chance to win backstage access to the Barstool College Football Show on Friday.

Beginning at 5:30 Friday, the Barstool College Football Show will be at the stadium — between Gates C and D — for a pre-game event.

Barstool founder Dave Portnoy said on social media that the rivalry is worth visiting.

"Growing up Northeast ... UMass-Uconn ... They do not like each other. The are bitter rivals," he said. "It is a heated fan rivalry environment."

He also called out the respective fan bases.

"Don't embarrass me, UMass and UConn fans, by not showing up because we picked this game. We have all major games but we picked this game. We picked UMass and UConn because I did think it will be a cool thing."

# OBITUARIES

## Irma Caldara Hart, 95


Irma Hart

Irma Caldara Hart, 95, passed away peacefully at her home in Glastonbury in the company of loved ones. Born in 1931 in Eynon, PA to Rigo and Lena Caldara, she was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who loved more than anything to be surrounded by family for any occasion.

After graduating at the top of her class from Blakely High School, Irma relocated to Bantam, CT and after marrying, settled in East Hartford. She worked hard to raise four children while working full time and attending classes at night to earn her associate's degree from MCC.

After working for 20 years at Automatic Comfort in East Hartford, Irma went to work for the State Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities as an Executive Secretary, eventually retiring in 2009.

Irma was born with a natural gift for gardening and enjoyed nurturing her collection of houseplants, vegetable and flower gardens. She was a traditional Italian cook with homemade casseroles, soups, sauces or stews regularly simmering on the stove. Sunday afternoons were usually reserved for family gatherings around a formally set dining room table. An accomplished baker, Irma enjoyed taking cake-decorating classes and proudly baked her daughters' wedding cakes.

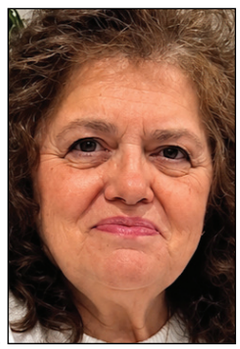
In 2015, Irma relocated to Glastonbury and had already established herself as a seasoned traveler, venturing to a myriad of destinations including Alaska, California, Hawaii, the Grand Canyon, Italy, Germany, Scandinavia, and Russia. Some of these trips were organized through the MCCOAA senior travel group, for which she served on the board for several years.

Irma was a certified graphoanalyst and a member of the Connecticut Chapter of the International Graphoanalysis Society, serving as newsletter editor for several years. This was the perfect position for her as she was an excellent writer with a passion for correct grammar and punctuation!

Irma leaves her children, Susan McDermott of Glastonbury, William (Melissa) Hart of Fate, TX; John (Carolyn) Hart of Summerville, SC; and Laura (Philip) Boucher of Glastonbury. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren, Emily, Christopher (Beth Ann), Nathaniel, Stephen, Alexander and two great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Henry. Additionally, she leaves her sister, Rita Knox of Litchfield, and many nieces and nephews. Irma was predeceased by her son-in-law Jeffery McDermott, sister Ida and husband Othello Comprini, sister Inez and husband Alphonse Pesce, brother Hugo and wife Rita Caldara, and brother-in-law Anthony Knox. The family would like to thank her caregivers, Donnett and Francine, for their incredible devotion, attentiveness, professionalism, and love for Mom during the last few years of her life.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, October 23, at 10 a.m. at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, in St. Paul Church, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Calling hours are TODAY from 5 to 7 p.m. at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Gifts may be made in her memory to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish.

## Janice Ann Gerrow, 79

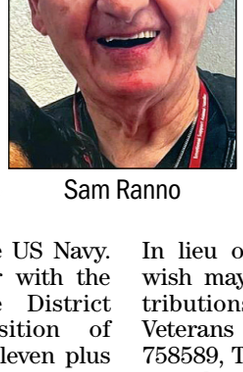

Janice Gerrow

Janice Ann Gerrow, 79, of East Hartford passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 surrounded by family. Janice was born June 23, 1947 in St. Albans, Vermont. She is preceded in death by her parents Elmer and Christine Gerrow, twin sister Jeanette Drouin of Grand Rapids, MI, a grandson Brandon F Rudeen of Tolland, CT and a great grandson Logan M Labelle of Highgate, VT.

Janice was a social butterfly and avid traveler. She was the beloved bartender of the V.F.W in East Hartford before they closed their doors. She moved on to waitress at Joey's Restaurant on Burnside Avenue for many years. Janice visited places all over the United States. Her travels fueled by a love to see and learn about new places with family and friends. She loved to listen to Country music and attended many dances with friends. She was a lover of animals and had many doggy companions throughout her life. She was an amazing cook and hosted many gatherings with family and friends. Janice leaves behind many loved ones including her children, Jeffery Gerrow of Swanton, VT, Kimberly and husband Jeffery Mott of St. Albans, VT; Rebecca Rudeen-Gerrow of Tolland, Doreen Ryea of East Hartford, and Tania Ryea and husband Alan Lucas of Tolland as well as a brother and sister, Kenneth and wife Ellen Gerrow of Bakersfield, VT and Sandra Garrow of Highgate, VT. She also leaves behind many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family will be holding a private family burial in Bakersfield, VT.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations to be made to Protectors of Animals 144 Main St., Unit O, East Hartford, CT 06118.

## Sam Ranno; Vietnam veteran


Sam Ranno

Santi "Sam" N. Ranno, 83, of East Hartford, husband of the late Virginia "Ginny" (Greene) Ranno, died Saturday October 10, 2026 at Hartford Hospital.

He was born in Middletown, the son of the late Carmelo "Carl" Ranno, Sr. and Connie (Misenti) Ranno. A veteran of the Vietnam War, Sam served with the US Navy. He was a firefighter with the South Farms Fire District achieving the position of Deputy Chief after eleven plus years of service. Sam was an active advocate of Veterans' rights and made many trips to Washington with his wife to support Veterans' services. He was a life member of the VFW, American Veterans' serving as 1st Vice Commander, and Vietnam Veterans of America

His Funeral Liturgy will be held on Wednesday (Oct. 28th) at 10 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 10 Elm St., Middletown. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send memorial contributions to Paralyzed Veterans of America, PO Box 758589, Topeka, KS 66675-8589 or at https://pva.org/. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

## Robert Joseph Ouellette, 81


Robert Ouellette

Robert Joseph Ouellette, 81, of South Windsor, loving husband of 55 years to Pauline (Laskowski) Ouellette, passed away on October 7, 2026, at Hartford Hospital.

He was born on September 28, 1945, in Hartford, one of two children to the late Lucien and Alice (Levesque) Ouellette.

Bob grew up in East Hartford attending local schools and was a graduate of East Hartford High School, Class of 1964. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he proudly served his country from 1964 to 1968. Upon returning home was when he met the love of his life, his wife of 55 years.

Bob was employed at the West Hartford branch of AAA where he spent the next 44 years, becoming the manager of the driving school operations department. The family moved to South Windsor after the birth of their daughter.

Bob was very proud of his daughter, Tracy, and her service in the United States Coast Guard and later when she became a Registered Nurse. He would smile ear to ear when speaking of her adventures from Texas all the way up the east coast.

A season ticket holder for the Hartford Whalers for many years, Bob and his friends enjoyed many hockey games together as well as many fishing trips and trips to Las Vegas with his best friend, Frank.

Uncle Bob is fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews as fun loving, as he compassionately welcomed them as his own. They recall his love of chips and dip, tickling their toes, and his guitar playing in front of the fireplace at Camp Overflow in Otis, MA. Bob lived a full life, enjoying time on Cape Cod as well as in central Florida with family and close friends.

Known to never have a bad word to say about anyone, the earth has lost a gem, but his Heavenly Father and loved ones in heaven have welcomed him home.

In addition to his wife, Robert is survived by his daughter Tracy Lynn Ouellette and her spouse Suzanne Coles of Granby; and his nieces and nephews on the Laskowski side, Lynn Tomaino and her husband Pasquale, Kim Gauvin, Scott Doolittle, Philip Laskowski, and Kathy Laskowski; as well as numerous cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Claudette and Alan Powell.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Tuesday, October 20 at St. Junipero Serra Parish – St. Francis of Assisi Church, South Windsor with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Burnside.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation or to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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# Board of Education action

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and restroom renovations; Langford School's paving; Pitkin School's classroom indoor air quality improvements; Cafeteria improvements and restroom renovations at Goodwin School; Various Woodland School improvements; and the renovations of the O'Connell School staff restroom.

The Board then heard from both the Family and Community Partnership as well as the Human Resources Departments on their efforts last year, and goals for this year. Human Resources noted that it will continue to expand its recruiting efforts to diversify the District workforce, as well as provide more data on the climate as seen by the District staff.

Chief Human Resource Officer Nicole Damiata, explained her office had implemented four different surveys this past year for the staff: New Hires; 90-Day Survey; Veteran Stay Teachers; and Exit Survey.

Currently the District is short 11 Certified Staff positions and 18 non-certified positions.

# Awareness

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those at the candlelight vigil.

Among the speakers was Audrey Carlson whose daughter was 24 when she was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend in her Newington home.

"Twenty-four years but my perception of time has gone out the window, Carlson related. "You hear all the same words – 'This happens to someone else.' You think these are the things that happen to somebody else. But we live it." Elizabeth Carlson was killed May 22, 2002 by a man who had been welcomed into their home. He was the family's veterinarian, smart and educated. But there were signs, Carlson recounted. He was violent to pets, but no one thought to say something. "In grad school he killed a roommate's cat, but nobody reported it," she noted. "I have always been the sort of person who opens my heart. If you see someone abusing an animal, we now know that's a sign. Say something. For me, the scars remain. But stand strong."

Two women from Manchester were wearing angel wings in honor of Anastasia Paul, a mother, sister and daughter, strangled by her boyfriend three years ago.

Paul's mother, Jeanine Lavoy, knows firsthand Connecticut's domestic violence numbers where in 2025 one in three homicides were domestic violence-related.

Paul's small son, Major, was also at the vigil, playing as people spoke. Lavoy stated in an interview: "I just want to put an end to domestic violence. She should still be here and it is not fair," Lavoy said, "that had to take my daughter's life, take her very last breath, take her away from her son. Connecticut has to do better."

# LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
**NOMIKI K. PSARAS**
(26-00326)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **October 16, 2026,** ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Tobi Dolan, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Maria Silvester
c/o Sydney W. Elkin, Esquire; Shimkus, Murphy and Rosenberger, PC, 382 New Britain Ave., Hartford, CT 06106

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
**PATRICK FRANCIS GRIFFIN, JR., AKA PATRICK F. GRIFFIN**
(26-00404)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **October 20, 2026,** ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Tobi Dolan, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Thomas P. Griffin, 409 Stagecoach Row, Colchester, CT 06415

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ESTATE OF
**ROBERT P. MIGLIORE, AKA ROBERT PAUL MIGLIORE**
(26-00402)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **October 20, 2026,** ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Tobi Dolan, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Daniel R. Migliore, 43 Heim Road, East Hartford, CT 06118

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
**ELIZABETH K. RUSSELL, AKA FRANCIS ELIZABETH ANNELLI, AKA ELIZABETH A. KILGARIFF, AKA ELIZABETH KILGARIFF RUSSELL** (26-00401)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **October 16, 2026,** ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Tobi Dolan, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Carol Ann Bukowski DiPietro, 35 Coleman Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
**BERNADETTE RIVARD, AKA BERNADETTE ANNE RIVARD**
**(26-00325)**

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **October 21, 2026,** ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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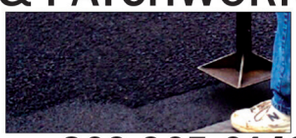
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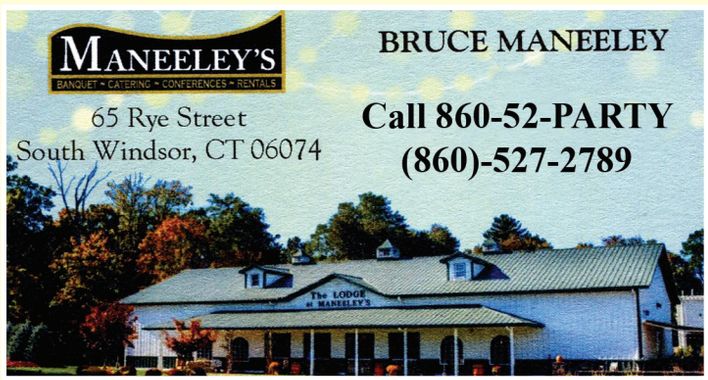
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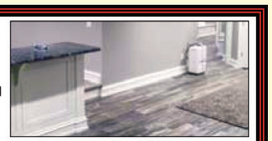
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**OCT 23**: UConn Football vs UMass Amherst, 7 p.m. Friday night at Rentschler Field.

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**OCTOBER 24: BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE**, 8 to 11 a.m. in the rear parking lot of First Congregational Church, 837 Main St. Scouts will be standing by to unload your deposit bottles and cans. Funds generated will go directly to Troop One to offset the cost of camping trips and troop activities. Bring your deposit bottles down to Church Corners and provide a camping experience for youth in our community.

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**SATURDAY, OCT. 24 - CHURCH TAG SALE**, South Congregational, 1301 Forbes St. starting at 10 a.m. Over the years, South Church has accumulated items we no longer use. It's time to declutter and pass some of these treasures along to others! All items will be new or gently used; new items will have a minimum bid, others may be picked up with a donation. Tag Sale is indoors.

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**OCT 24: TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL**on the Town Green, 1-3 p.m. Free treats for all young ghouls and gobblins.

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**OCT 24: TEDDY BEAR DRIVE.** Saturday, 0 a.m. - noon at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. wsith North American Martyrs Parish to benefit kids connected with the CT Dept. of Children and Families in recognition of National Adoption Month. Bring a new teddy bear, at least 8 inches in size, to add. Bears of all colors, shapes and styles welcome. Goal is 75 new teddy bears. Give a bear to help reach the goal. FMI call 860-568-5150.

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**OCT 24: FALL COOKOUT - THE EAST HARTFORD ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** Committee will co-host a fall cookout fundraiser Oct. 24 at the JB Williams Park Pavilion in Glastonbury from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets $20 includes food and bottled water. Music by Gerry Feeney. Raffle. Co-hosted by the Glastonbury Parade Committee. For more info, contact Oksana Hart by e-mail: hart.oksanam@gmail.com.

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**OCT 25: YARD GOATS HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT** community event- The state's largest. At Dunkin' Park Sunday from noon until 3 p.m. This free event will be open to the public, and kids 12 and under are invited to participate. The Yard Goats Halloween Trick or Treat will take place throughout the open concourse at the ballpark. All participants may enter through the main gate (corner of Main and Trumbull streets).

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**OCT 26: THE EAST HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB** invites the public to join them in a presentation by Donna Kaffenberger on Microgreens Oct. 26 at All Saints church, 444 Hills St. at 6 p.m. Learn about nutritional benefits, and make a pot of microgreens to take home. Attendees will also receive step-by-step instructions and helpful resources to continue growing microgreens with confidence. Fee for non-members is $5.

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**OCT. 29, "REMEMBERING THE EXCAVATION OF THE PITKIN VAULT"** Join us at 6:30 p.m. at the East Hartford Raymond Library for a retake of the slide show presented back in the 2001 by the Friends of Center Cemetery. Discovery of the Pitkin remains bodies was a surprise as the tomb was believed to be empty, BUT it was not! We will be joined by our State Archaeologist Emiris, Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, who graciously agreed to help Ruth Brown with showing the various skeleton features from the 13 members of the Pitkin family that were still entombed there.The vault has since been filled making this evacuation event and presentation a definite historical event. Free.

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**OCT 30 - HARVEST FESTIVAL,** Friday, 6 until 8:30 p.m. 1492 Silver Lane.

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**OCT 31: TOGETHER WE RUN FOR EDUCATION 5K ROAD RACE AND 1.5-MILE WALK**, hosted by the East Hartford Alumni Association & Education Foundation. NEW DATE caused by postponement from the Sept. 26 NorEaster. Registration opens at 9 a.m. with 5K and walk beginning at 10. Wellness events continue until 2 p.m. 5K around East Hartford High School or 1.5-mile walk on track. Register in advance at www.dtcares.org/events/together-we-walk-run-for-education

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**NOV 4 : WICKHAM DAY QUILTERS OF EAST HARTFORD** meets, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at Wickham Library meeting room, 656 Burnside Avenue. Like to sew? Interested in quilting? Not a fan of driving at night? Attend a meeting to see if you would like to join us. Any skill level welcome. We normally meet the second Wednesday of the month, but November 11 is Veterans Day and the library is closed. Wickham Day Quilters is a chapter of the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild. The November program will be making stuffed pumpkins and cutting batik leaves for the Gathering quilt. Any questions? Email us at Wickhamdayquilters@gmail.com.

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**NOV 7: AUTUMN TEA** hosted by the Historical Society of East Hartford has been ***cancelled*** due to ongoing repair work underway at the Selden Brewer House. The tea will be rescheduled at a later date.

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**NOV 8: SUNDAY THE SOS SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS** will be holding a packing for our soldiers deployed overseas. Thanksgiving/Fall is the theme for this event. Donations of Halloween candy, drawings and homemade cards of fall leaves and Thanksgiving and other goodies are needed. Donations can be dropped off from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St. Volunteers are needed on the day of the event to sort items and pack boxes. For more info call Michelle at 860-558-4688 or Jen Marinko at 860-558-5897.

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**NOV 8: THE HORSZOWSKI TRIO** performs Sunday at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Crossings Retirement Community, 900 Hemlock Ave, South Windsor. The free chamber music concert is by an up-and-coming American trio which tours extensively. Reception with the artists follows.

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