

Board aligns its 'bullying' definition

By Robert Kanehl

At its monthly meeting, the Board of Education continued the process of changing the various policies on school climate and bullying to align them with the new state definitions. The new state wording is:

"Challenging behavior" means behavior that negatively impacts school climate or interferes, or is at risk of interfering, with the learning or safety of a student or the safety of a school employee.

"Bullying" unwanted and aggressive behavior among children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, that involves a real or perceived power imbalance.

Superintendent Thomas Anderson explained that under new state law, schools across the state have to change discipline approaches to include Restorative Practice as alternatives to old discipline procedures. The District is in the process of writing plans and measurable goals.

As part of this process, the following policies have been opened for a "first read:" Policy 1250 Visitors and Observation in Schools Policy; Policy 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention and Safe

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



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O'CONNELL SCHOOL raised funds to provide wreaths for all the veterans graves at Silver Lane Cemetery Saturday during the national Wreaths Across America project at noon. Students led a solemn ceremony, then they and volunteers made quick work of placing the wreaths saying each veteran's name out loud as they did so.



Larson touts union backing

Congressman John B. Larson picked up the endorsement of over a dozen unions representing nearly 40,000 workers in his 2026 re-election campaign.

This is the first major wave of endorsements from labor unions, representing public-sector workers, machinists, health care employees, and others, underscoring the momentum and unity of a labor movement standing firmly behind a champion for working families.

The endorsements include the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1164, AFGE Local 2138, AFGE Local 1674, Connecticut Building Trades, Greater Hartford Building Trades, Sheet Metal Workers' International Association (SMART), National Association of Government Employees/International Brotherhood of Police Officers (NAGE/IBPO) Local R1-109, and others listed below – with additional labor support rolling out in the weeks ahead.

At a time when costs are rising and jobs are on the line, labor is backing the candidate who secures investments, protects benefits, and keeps union

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by Carmen Maldonado

Tradiciones, Navidades y se acabó el año

Estamos a pocos días de que llegue la Navidad y de decirle adiós a este año que, para qué negarlo, ha sido bien, bueno, vamos a decir... interesante.

Este año ha sido intenso, cargado de cambios, emociones revueltas y aprendizajes que llegaron sin pedir permiso.

Y como pasa siempre cuando se acercan estas fechas, la mente se me va derecho a las tradiciones. A esas costumbres que, aunque la vida nos tenga lejos de los nuestros, son las que nos mantienen conectados con esos seres queridos que tanta falta nos hacen.

Mi familia está lejos, en Puerto Rico, pero en casa nunca falta el flan de queso. El flan de queso de mami. Ese que se mide exacto para que quede como el de mami. ¿Por qué? Porque cada cucharada me la acerca. Porque ese sabor tiene el poder de transportarme a la cocina de casa, a las Navidades de antes, a su voz diciéndome que tenga paciencia y no lo saque antes de tiempo.

Y que no se diga del perrito. Ese tiene que adobarse y cocinarse como lo hace papi, sin atajos y con respeto. Porque no es solo carne; es tradición, es espera, es levantarse temprano, es el olor que invade la casa y anuncia que llegó la Navidad, aunque estemos a millas de distancia.

Son esos detalles los que nos mantienen juntos aun cuando estamos lejos. Los sabores, los olores, las recetas heredadas, las historias que se repiten todos los años como si fuera la primera vez.

Cuando llega la despedida de año, entonces sacamos otro tipo de tradiciones: las de la buena suerte. Las que hacemos medio en serio y medio en relajo, pero con fe.

Las doce uvas, el agua que se tira por la ventana para botar lo malo, los deseos silenciosos justo cuando el reloj marca las doce. Porque, aunque uno crezca, esas cositas no se abandonan.

Al final, de eso se trata. De aferrarnos a lo que nos recuerda quiénes somos y de dónde venimos. Porque mientras tengamos flan de queso, perrito bien hecho y tradiciones vivas, siempre habrá un pedacito de nuestros seres queridos con nosotros, no importa cuán lejos estemos.

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No te pierdas el **Magic of Lights** está de vuelta en el Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field en East Hartford CT. Para horarios, taquillas y mucha más información accede aquí,

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Shoreline Ringers at Community Center Saturday

The East Hartford Commission on Culture and Fine Arts present the Shoreline Ringers in a free performance of "Silver Bells: A Holiday Handbell Concert" on Saturday, December 20 at 4 p.m. in the East Hartford Community Center auditorium, 50 Chapman Place.

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SPEAKING OUT! AND LETTERS

East Hartford came through, granting Christmas wishes of Riverside residents

To the Editor:

Season's Greetings and warm wishes!

On behalf of everyone on the East Hartford Commission on Aging and Riverside Healthcare staff, we thank you for your incredibly generous gifts this holiday season.

With your help and compassion, we were able to grant Christmas Wishes to over 40 residents on December 4, 2025. The room was specially decorated with Christmas ornaments, Christmas music, and food.

Each senior received the 3 gifts they wished for, such as socks, pajamas, and other personal, much-needed items. Additionally, over 30 extra single gifts donated will be given to other residents by the Riverside staff, who know the needs of every resident. All residents were very pleased with the much-needed donations and filled with joy and Christmas spirit.

The tremendous support we receive from individuals who live or work in the East Hartford area, as well as the local Girl Scout Troop #10865, and the Living Word Church, is very much appreciated.

Because of supporters like you, we're bringing hope and joy to our deserving seniors during this special time of year. We're so grateful to have you as part of our community and wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with peace and joy.

Gary Kelly
East Hartford Commission
on Aging



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The mysterious origin of 'The Little Red School House'

Did you know that a challenge often leads to discovering history? There were two items the editor wanted cleared up when we started this column. Both were related, what was the actual cause of Dr. Mayberry's death and what happened to the original Mayberry Village School. He believed a school fire had taken the building.

Researching found the answer to Dr. Mayberry's death, an unfortunate meeting with a trolley, but the school fire left a hole, until recently. Schools don't just burst into flame without some sort of news coverage - but the original Mayberry Village School stands today - perfectly sound, not at all a missing education institution.

Old Gazettes note that the first school for Mayberry Village children was Woodland School; a building still standing and in use, just up the road from the Village.

That's when history takes a

twist.

As World War 2 brought more and more P&W workers, the Mayberry Village population exploded. Parents mean children and children need education. As Woodland became uncompromisingly crowded space was opened at Union and St Mary's Schools.

But the time came when the town fathers could not locate any more space for the local students.

In 1943, the contractor of the complex homes stepped up. He offered for sale a building onsite which no longer had a purpose. The builder's office and storage shed became a three-room school named the Little Red Schoolhouse. It would be expanded by the end of the war to four classrooms.

The original Mayberry Village Community Center was also converted into a school - this building offered four classrooms as well, and was named the Mayberry Community

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back at East Hartford

by Rob Kanehl

School.

These two buildings provided the educational needs of the Village until 1959.

At that time the new brick Dr. Mayberry School was opened consolidating the two other schools and staff into one building. This structure still services the area.

But what of a fire?

That did occur, but the school building involved was no longer a school.

About a month after the new brick Mayberry School opened,

the now vacant contractor's storage shed burst into flames. The Little Red Schoolhouse on Community Street burned October 20, in 1959.

The article published two days after the fire, noted no cause was established for the disaster. It explains that the boarded up - vacant building was consumed by fast moving flames as evening started.

It was a sad day indeed for Mayberry Village. Residents of the Village gathered to watch, unable to stop the destruction of their beloved little school.

Inside today's Dr. Franklin F. Mayberry School visitors will observe a small plaque located in the front office denoting the Little Red Schoolhouse, a touchstone that connects the history of the village with education.

Of course the story of Dr. Mayberry, an East Hartford family physician devoted to caring for hundreds of families, who was out making a house call when he lost his life in a

trolley car accident, is also a legend of sacrifice and dedication. No doubt preserving the name of Dr. Mayberry was carried forward by the town's educational and political leaders with hope it would serve as an inspiration to future generations.

The overcrowding of the East Hartford Schools caused by P&W's expansion during the war years, did lead to a very interesting historical fact. Both the J. O. Goodwin School, another population burst area, and the Village schools were purchased outright by the town in 1947. At the time the Federal Government put in over 17% of the \$23,500 cost, today school buildings are funded by the state, not the federal government.

Now that I have solved his two original mysteries, I wonder what Bill will want me to look into next?

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Singing Bowls concert at South

South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St., invites the community to welcome the new year by immersing themselves in the soothing sounds of gongs and Himalayan Singing Bowls on Saturday, January 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

As vibrations from the bowls envelop the space, experience therapeutic and restorative blessings of deep rest, well-being, peace, confidence and clarity. Stresses of everyday life are cleared and washed away.

This program is offered by Priscilla Gale who has a masters level certification in Himalayan Singing bowls as well as several other healing modalities.

Ms. Gale has presented at Stamford University and has also offered classes at both Hartford and St. Francis hospitals.

The cost for the program is \$30, payable at the door. You are welcome to bring a pillow for your back, a yoga mat, a blanket; whatever you feel

might make you the most comfortable, or you can bring nothing at all. There are no physical restrictions for this activity.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. FMI or to register, contact Lisa G. at community@southucc.org, or call the church office at 860-568-5150.

Free staged reading Jan. 27

The Suffield Players will present a free staged reading of *The Helpers* by Maggie Lou Rader on Monday, January 27 at 6:30 PM at Kent Memorial Library (50 North Main Street, Suffield, CT). The reading is free and open to the public; seating is first-come, first-served.

Directed by Alyssa Walters and Dorine Tayts, this special one-night event highlights the power of ordinary people in extraordinary times. The play draws inspiration from the words of Miep Gies, one of the women who helped hide Anne Frank and her family during World War II:

"I don't want to be considered a hero.... Imagine young people would grow up with the feeling that you have to be a hero to do your human duty. I am afraid nobody would ever

help other people, because who is a hero? I was not. I was just an ordinary housewife and secretary." – Miep Gies

Recommended for teens and adults (general audience)

Founded in 1952, The Suffield Players is a volunteer, nonprofit community theatre dedicated to producing quality live theatre and arts education for audiences in northern Connecticut and western Massachusetts. The Players present mainstage productions, staged readings, workshops, and special events at historic Mapleton Hall in Suffield. Learn more at TheSuffieldPlayers.org.

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Society

Pack 61 recruits town to fulfill Jared Box wishes

Throughout the month of November, Cub Scout Pack 61 of East Hartford collected toys, coloring books, crayons, games, and many other activities for kids from infants to teens, all as part of a nation-wide toy drive called The Jared Box Project.

Started in memory and honor of Jared, a boy with cancer who always had a backpack full of toys to play with during his cancer treatments, The Jared Box Project partners with people and groups around the United States to fill shoebox-sized boxes with toys and games to be donated to local hospitals for children undergoing medical treatments, so they have something to do while in the hospital.

The Cub Scouts of Pack 61 decided emphatically to create a service project to collect toys for The Jared Box project and quickly employed the help of

Day quilters

Wickham Day Quilters of East Hartford will meet from 1:30-3:30 pm January 14 at the Wickham Library meeting room at 656 Burnside Avenue in East Hartford.

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 meet the second Wednesday of the month. Wickham Day Quilters is a chapter of the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild.

The January program will be Derwent painting on canvas bags. Questions? E-mail us at Wickhamdayquilters@gmail.com

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF GREATER HARTFORD offers free English classes for all levels at the Wickham Memorial Library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 AM - 12 PM. Any adults who live in the region interested in improving their English may register at lvgh.org/student-application. For more information, please visit lvgh.org or call 860-233-3853.

South Congregational Church, where the Pack meets each week, and First Congregational Church, where Troop 1 meets. After collecting hundreds of items, the Pack spent their most recent den meeting sorting, packing, and labeling the boxes with items for children of different ages. In all, 49 boxes were filled to be donated to Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford.

Cub Scouts is part of Scouting America for kids in elementary school, Kindergarten through 5th grade. Here, they learn about the outdoors, how



MEMBERS OF CUB SCOUT PACK 61 stand in front of completed gift boxes destined for CCMC in Hartford.



to work with others in teams, and give back to the community through community service projects such as this.

"I think this is a great activity because we can give these toys to the kids in the hospital just in time for Christmas," remarked Arnell, one of the

Pack's 5th graders. As leaders of the Pack, we couldn't be more proud of how enthusiastic the kids were to help other kids their age have a little more joy in their darkest times and hope that this act of kindness and service can inspire others to do the same.

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Guillotine in play for Wolverines

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

The opening line of the Charles Dickens classic "A Tale of Two Cities" that contrasted the brutality of the French Revolution in Paris with the more genteel, less political nature of London of the same era.

In today's college sports world a similar opening line could define a tale of two athletic departments, one in a state of turmoil, one peacefully positioned to become a major player in the future of the realm. Ironically, as in the Dickens version, there are intertwined personalities.

The University of Michigan, a mainstay of the power levels of the NCAA, is confronted with civil upheaval, not the measure of, but also not unlike, the outcry in revolutionary France. The campus citizenry at Michigan is calling for the heads of ath-

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



letic department hierarchy with Athletic Director Warde Manuel topping their list.

Yes, that Warde Manuel, our Warde Manuel.

A decade ago he left the University of Connecticut after a nondescript four year tenure in Storrs to return to his alma mater. The ensuing nine years have been anything but distinguished or peaceful. Last week it came to a head when Manuel announced the firing, for cause, of head football coach Sherrone Moore, following the revelation of an affair with his former personal assistant in violation of University regulations. The assistant, without any change in title, had been given a \$30,000 a year raise by Moore, who's married with three children. Shortly after his firing Moore was arrested on charges of stalking and assaulting the assistant and home invasion. He's currently free on bail, but he's left a trail of destroyed lives on the road to disgrace.

Michigan has opened a private investigation, but to many boosters and alum it's not enough. They blame Manuel, claiming his watch has been filled with scandal and corruption, including the football team's "sign stealing" scandal under Jim Harbaugh and charges of physical abuse and intimidation in both hockey programs and on the wrestling team. A previous, independent investigation indicated that Manuel was aware of Moore's activities for nearly three months before last week's firing. Many observers feel Manuel will be next to fall, expressing surprise that the search for a successor to Moore was allowed to begin with Manuel still on the job.

Meanwhile, at the University of Connecticut, the man who succeeded Manuel, David Benedict, is dealing with only minor upheaval in the football program, charged with finding a replacement for Jim Mora, who's only indiscretion was accepting an attractive offer elsewhere. Otherwise, Benedict's athletic department is a source of pride to the university, with a football team, off back to back nine win seasons, poised to move up in the FBS ranks, both basketball teams ranked in the top five, two hockey programs that both reached new heights last season and a women's soccer team that returned to the NCAA post season.

For David Benedict and UConn it's the best of times. For former UConn athletic director Warde Manuel it's hard to believe times could be much worse.

Aselton Snow Dash signup underway

Registration is underway for the annual Officer Brian A. Aselton Memorial Snow Dash 5K Road Race hosted by Parks and Recreation and the East Hartford Police Dept. The road race will be Sunday, Jan. 4.

The event kicks off at 1:30 p.m. and is a longstanding tradition which attracts runners who enjoy the opportunity to dash through the sometimes snow-covered streets here in town. The event starts and finishes at Langford School, 61 Alps Drive, and the course is closed to traffic.

The Snow Dash was renamed in honor of slain East

Hartford Police Officer Brian A. Aselton in 2000. Over 200 runners are expected to participate, including teams of police cadets and K-9s.

Over the years, proceeds have benefited the East Hartford Police Department Child Safety and Crime Prevention Programs as well as the Officer Brian Memorial Aselton Scholarship Fund. Commemorative award plaques will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division for men and women. Divisions include 17 & under, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 & up. Discount Trophy generously provides the

awards. Official race apparel is available on race day.

January 23, 1999, 26-year-old Police Officer Brian A. Aselton gave his life in the line of duty protecting the citizens of East Hartford. The tragic loss of Officer Aselton devastated the community. Although his life was extinguished his spirit lives on in those who remember him.

Day of registration must be completed using the online RunSignUp, no paper registration forms.

For more information, please contact Recreation Supervisor, Jonathan Cooper, at 860-291-7164.



Wrestler Isaac Quiles of East Hartford was named NEWA Rookie of the Week at Springfield College.

Springfield College wrestling first-year Isaac Quiles of East Hartford has been named the New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) Rookie of the Week.

It is the first honor of Quiles' collegiate career and comes after his dominant performance

at the Messiah Petrofes Invitational. The 141-pounder, Quiles has posted a 15-4 record on the season. He rolled through day one with three straight pins before closing out the tournament with decision victories over Malcom Chrispin of Bridgewater State in the semifinals and

Ryan Kozdra (Mahwah, N.J.) in the finals to claim the championship.

Springfield wrestling returns to action in January with a trip to the Budd Whitehill National Duals at Lycoming College beginning on January 9.

Huskies accept invite to Wasabi Bowl Dec. 27

The UConn Huskies are back in a bowl game for the second-straight season and will head back to Boston for the fourth annual Wasabi Fenway Bowl on Saturday, December 27.

The Huskies will take on the Army West Point Black Knights of the American Athletic Conference (AAC) at historic Fen-

way Park in Boston. Jointly produced by Fenway Park Events and ESPN Events, this year's game is scheduled for a 2:15 pm kick-off and will air nationally on ESPN.

UConn, who has now been to a bowl game in three of the last four seasons, head to Boston at 9-3 with a chance to

post 10 wins, something that has been done just once before in the program's history (1998). The Huskies have signature wins over ACC Champion Duke and Boston College and along with No. 1 ranked Indiana are the only teams in the country to not lose a game in regulation this season

OBITUARIES

MaryBeth Reid; led East Hartford Chamber

MaryBeth "Betsy" (Longworth) Reid, of Manchester, loving wife of over 61 years of James A. Reid, peacefully passed away after a long illness on Monday, December 8, 2025 at her home surrounded by her loved ones. Born in Hartford on February 11, 1945, a daughter of the late Stephen and Rita (Beaupre) Longworth, she had been a resident of Manchester since 1984.



MaryBeth Reid

MaryBeth was a graduate of Holy Trinity High School in Hartford, Class of 1963.

Prior to her retirement, MaryBeth was the Executive Director for the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce for 28 years and was a former member of the East Hartford Women's Club. MaryBeth loved spending time with her family and friends. She also loved shopping, and that meant bargain hunting. She was always happy when she found something to enhance her already

Harold & Lyla Light Tessier

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved parents Harold Tessier, 88, and Lyla Light Tessier, 84, of Glastonbury. Harold passed on December 14; followed by Lyla on December 16, after a devoted marriage of 65 years - the perfect ending to their love story. They began life together in East Hartford and built a life on the values of family, friends and faith. They enjoyed hosting family and friends for holidays and other special occasions. They were actively involved in their church community at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Harold worked for over three decades at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in the assembly plant and was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy. Lyla was a stay-at-home Mom until their daughters were in high school. She then worked in various administrative positions and enjoyed crafting, baking and doing puzzles. Upon their retirement they were snowbirds in Florida and travelled extensively.

They are survived by their two daughters and a son-in-law; Cheryl Armstrong and Linda

fabulous wardrobe, or a great treat for one of her special grandkids. A kind and generous woman, MaryBeth helped several area charities, including participating in benefit walks for cancer and Alzheimer associations. Most of all, MaryBeth was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who cherished every moment spent with her family.

Along with her beloved husband Jim, MaryBeth is survived by two sons, Stephen J. Reid and his wife Deborah of Somers, Jeffrey H. Reid and his wife Bonnie of Manchester; and four adored grandchildren, Sophia Reid, Margaret Reid, Grace Reid, and Henry Reid all of Manchester. She also leaves a brother, James Longworth and his wife Nina of Scottsdale, AZ; a sister, Sandra Longworth of California; a sister-in-law, Sandra Longworth of Rutland,

Vermont; her longtime caregivers, Jeanie Paradis and Suzanne Skinner; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Besides her parents, MaryBeth was predeceased by a brother, Gerald Longworth of Windsor, a sister and brother-in-law Susan and Paul Genereaux of Birmingham, AL.

Funeral service will be Friday (December 19th) at 9:45 am from the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11 am at St. Dunstan Church, 1345 Manchester Road, Glastonbury. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Park, (Section 25), Elm Street, Rocky Hill. MaryBeth's family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday afternoon (December 18th) from 4 - 6 pm at the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in MaryBeth's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 10 Executive Drive, Suite 202, Farmington, CT 06032. Please visit www.desopoe.com



Harold and Lyla Tessier

and Steve Veronesi. They were Pappy and Grammy to their four grandchildren; Eric Armstrong and his wife Jaci, Brian Veronesi, Keith Veronesi and his wife Jill, Olivia Veronesi and her partner, Greg Kaliszewski. In addition, they were great grandparents to Avery and Morgan Armstrong and Jack and Weston Veronesi.

They are also survived by two loving sisters; Gloria Gagnon and Jeanne Shellington, a niece, Leeanne Callahan, who had a special

bond with them and was Lyla's companion over the last year. A special thank you to the team at Addison place where they have resided for the last four years. The family would like to extend a special gratitude to Colleen Leslie who helped in their care over the years.

A private service will be held for the immediate family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Caryn S. Furbush, 72

Caryn S. Furbush, 72, of East Hartford, loving wife of Raymond Furbush, died on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at home. She was born in Hartford on November 26, 1953 to Anthony and Sue (Dec) Alleva. Caryn was a graphic artist for the State of Connecticut for 38 years, as well as a Girl Scout Leader for her daughter for many years. She was a dreamer, always dreaming about things she wanted to accomplish and places she wanted to go. Caryn loved nature and being outside in her garden, putting together flowers in her hanging baskets, adding to the landscape. She was a meticulous and detailed



Caryn Furbush

artist, particularly enjoyed painting and drawing. Besides her husband Raymond, Caryn is survived by her daughter Leslie Magown and her husband, Iain, of Simsbury and her very special granddaughter, Madelyn. She is also survived by her sisters, Lynn Alleva-Bevins (Jim) and Paula Alleva. She was predeceased by her brother, Carmine Alleva. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, December 15 in Saint Christopher Church with calling hours Dec. 14 at Mulryan Funeral Home, Glastonbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation (CPF). Online visit www.mulryanfh.com

Barbara (Fagley) Guthrie, 72

Barbara Louise (Fagley) Guthrie, 72 of East Hartford and Lake Wales, FL entered into eternal life on December 11, 2025 with her loving husband Robin J. Guthrie by her side. Born in Midland, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late William and Evelyn (Dietrick) Fagley. Barbara graduated from Michigan State University in 1974, where she met her husband of 51 years. They settled in East Hartford and became devoted members of South Congregational Church. Barbara earned her masters degree in library science from Southern Connecticut State University.



Barbara Guthrie

Barbara's lifelong career as a librarian for the East Hartford public libraries was inspired by her deep love of reading and the written word. She was known for her handwritten correspondence, whether from East Hartford or her winter residence in Lake Wales, FL. She also enjoyed photography, word searches,

and was devoted to her faith. Barbara is survived by her husband Robin; their two daughters Amy (Jeremy) Keyes and grandchild in Everett, WA, and Lynn Marie (Josh) Guthrie-Libby and two grandchildren in Medford, MA; her sisters Susan Lee of Okemos, MI and Patricia Fagley of Charlotte, NC; many cherished nieces, nephews, dear friends, and her beloved Maine Coon cat, Eowyn.

A celebration of life will be held at South Congregational Church in East Hartford in May of 2026. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Barbara's name to the Choir of South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT 06118.

The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, has been entrusted with the care of the arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoe.com

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Board looks at bullying

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School Climate Plan; Policy 5141.21 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools; Policy 6144.1 Curricular Exemptions Policy; Policy 6172.43 Parental Access to Instructional Material Policy; and NEW Policy – Restorative Practices. This step opens the changes for 30 days to the public for comments. After the “first read” the Board will re-

view all comments and the policies changes. The proposed changes are available for review on the Board’s website.

The Board forwarded a proposed \$106,213,941 budget to the Town Council. This an increase of \$1,981,047 or 1.9 percent from the current budget of \$104,232,894. The mayor and Council will review the budget suggesting changes or accepting it as presented.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
RICHARD T. TROTTER
(25-00379)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **October 9, 2025**, 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.

Izaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Pamela D Trotter, 63 Pratt Street, East Hartford, CT 06118

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
CARMELLO PIRRELLO
(25-00508)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **December 11, 2025**, 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.

Izaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Edward R. Missell, 63 East Meadow Way, Manchester, NH 03109

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
FRANK G. RUSSELL, JR.
(25-00528)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **December 16, 2025**, 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.

Izaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Gail R. Giberson
c/o Robin Murdock-Meggors, Esquire; Falkenstein Meggers Paul & Robinson P.C., 113 East Center St., Manchester, CT 06040

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
JOSEPH FRANK GENNARO, SR.,
AKA JOSEPH F. GENNARO, SR.
(25-00521)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **December 10, 2025**, 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.

Izaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Katherine M. LaRosa, 95 Carson Way, South Windsor, CT 06074

Congressman Larson racks up endorsements

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workers on the job – not someone who threatens their livelihoods.

Congressman Larson thanked workers for their support and pledged to continue delivering for the district:

"I am honored and humbled to have Connecticut workers behind me. I grew up in a working-class household and I've spent my life fighting to protect the dignity of work and standing with our workers.

"From defending collective bargaining rights to creating good-paying union jobs, I have always been in labor's corner. Now, as Trump and his allies intensify their attacks on unions and working families, we need leaders who fight for workers every single day, not just when it's convenient."

The full list of endorsements and supporters include:

AFGE Local 2138

AFGE Local 1674

AFGE Local 1164

NAGE/IBPO Local R1-109

International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers

(SMART)

Sheet Metal Workers Local 40

Greater Hartford Building Trades

Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) CT

Richard Bonzani, Organizing Field Director, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) International

Joe Toner, Executive Director, Connecticut State Building Trades Council

Steve Dodd, Director of Government Affairs, SMART

Keith Brothers, Business Manager, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) CT and President of the Connecticut State Building Trades Council

Pat Buzzee, President, CT Council of Machinists

John Harry, former President, CT Council of Machinists

Jeff Santini, Directing Business Representative, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) District 26

Howard Huestis, President, IAM Local Lodge 1746

From public housing to Capi-

tol Hill, the Mayberry Village native says his career has been dedicated to “fighting for working families.” He cited a some of his pro-union positions:

Took on Starbucks and stood with their workers—calling out union-busting, supporting striking baristas, and demanding a fair contract from the CEO.

Stood on the picket line with IAM machinists seeking a fair contract and UAW workers standing up for the pay, sick leave, and job security they deserve.

Saved over 15,000 union jobs at Pratt & Whitney by protecting the F135 engine.

Wrote and secured union job incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act – tying good jobs to clean energy.

Blocked Trump's attacks on workers and Social Security, defended pensions, and protected earned benefits for retirees.

Defended collective bargaining, helping to build a bipartisan coalition to force a vote that passed the House to hold Trump accountable and restore rights for federal workers, and passing the PRO Act in the House.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
IRENE S. PINETTE
(25-00509)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **December 12, 2025**, 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.

Izaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Barbara Gess
c/o Robin Murdock-Meggors, Esquire; Falkenstein Meggers Paul & Robinson P.C., 113 East Center St., Manchester, CT 06040

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
CYNTHIA A. OVANESIAN, AKA
CYNTHIA ANN OVANESIAN
(25-00442)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **December 17, 2025**, 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.

Izaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Jill Holmgren
c/o Richard H. Hartley, Esquire; Kane Hartley Kane PC, 972 New London Turnpike, P.O. Box 337, Glastonbury, CT 06033

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
BARBARA GENNARO,
AKA BARBARA ANN GENNARO,
AKA BARBARA A. GENNARO
(25-00492)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **December 10, 2025**, 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.

Izaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Katherine M. LaRosa, 95 Carson Way, South Windsor, CT 06074

Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court

NOTICE OF HEARING
ESTATE OF LAURIE EPPS, DECEASED (25-00542)

Pursuant to an order of the Court dated December 17, 2025, a hearing will be held on an application for Custody of Remains as in said application on file more fully appears, at the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108, on January 6, 2026 at 3:30 PM.

By Order of the Court,

Izaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk



Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court

NOTICE OF HEARING
ESTATE OF FRANCIS A. RILEY, AKA FRANK A. RILEY, DECEASED (08-0509)

Pursuant to an order of the Court dated December 12, 2025, a hearing will be held on an application for allowance of the Final Financial report of the fiduciary and an order of distribution of said estate as in said application on file more fully appears, at the Court of Probate on January 7, 2026 at 3:30 PM.

By Order of the Court,

Izaliz Gomez, Chief Clerk

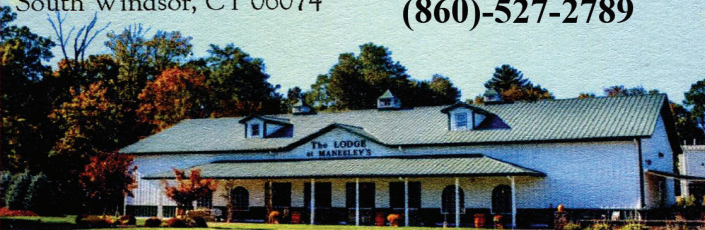
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