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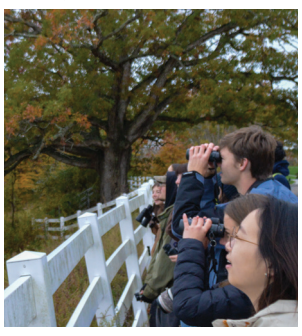

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MEME OF THE DAY



GAMPEL PAVILION RENAMED

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STORRS — The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees approved an agreement of an expanded partnership between M&T Bank and UConn that includes multiyear naming rights for Gampel Pavilion Wednesday, according to a press release.

The team's basketball facility, which was built in 1990 and underwent $99 million renovations this summer, will be renamed as M&T Bank Center at Gampel Pavilion.

"Our partnership with M&T Bank has had an immediate and lasting impact across all of our campuses and communities," UConn President Radenka Maric said in the press release. "This agreement continues and enhances that relationship, benefiting UConn and the state for many years to come. Thanks to the support and investment of the General Assembly and Gov. Ned Lamont, the improvements currently underway at Gampel Pavilion will bring that iconic venue into the next generation and provide an unparalleled fan experience."

M&T Bank has over 100 branches in Connecticut, according to the press release, and is committed to helping UConn "expand educational opportunities."

"This partnership with UConn represents more than a sponsorship and a name on a building," said Michael Weinstock, the Hartford Regional President for M&T Bank. "It's a shared commitment to the future of education, economic mobility, and civic leadership across our region. Gampel Pavilion is one of the most recognizable and meaningful gathering places in Connecticut, and M&T is honored to now be a part of the legacy made possible by Harry A. Gampel."

Both UConn basketball head coaches, Dan Hurley and Geno Auriemma, spoke on the expanded partnership in the press release, as well.

"One of the foundations of a successful athletic program is the ability to get buy-in and investments from partners that directly benefit from UConn and UConn Athletics," Auriemma said. "In Connecticut, M&T Bank has really stepped up in a big way. These are the kinds of things that allow us to not just compete, but to win at the highest levels. I'm excited about it, I think it is going to be a tremendous partnership for a long time. I hope it's an example to others to want to join."

Hurley recognized the importance of securing these partnerships amid the Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) arms race that's transformed collegiate athletics since 2021.

"It's never been more critical for our success to have incredible partnerships like M&T Bank," Hurley said. "Their support and investment into our programs will help fuel the championship-level efforts that Gampel Pavilion has been known for over the last 36 years."

M&T Bank receives exclusive University-wide banking sponsorship on all campuses, designation as the official banking partner of the UConn Huskies, support for student-athlete NIL opportunities, sponsorship of key University-wide events and co-branded affinity credit card and commercial cards for customers of the bank, according to the press release.



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Six scholars from UConn selected as CT Women of Innovation finalists

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Six academic leaders from the University of Connecticut have been selected as 2026 CT Women of Innovation finalists.

The Connecticut Technology Council will recognize 46 finalists at its 21st annual Women of Innovation awards ceremony.



Collage of the six academic leaders from UConn selected as 2026 CT Women of Innovation finalists. They are recognized out of 46 finalists.
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"Women of Innovation, a CT Tech Council program, is one of the largest networks of women in technology, science and engineering in Connecticut," the organization wrote on its website. "For over 20 years, CTC has awarded women in various fields of technology for excellence in leadership and innovation."

Among those selected as finalists are UConn's Linda Barry, Jennifer Mathieu, Breanna Robbins, Aida Ghiaei, Kelly Burke and Madisyn Brooks.

The finalists were selected from a pool of 100 nominees, according to a press release.

Barry, Mathieu, and Robbins were each nominated in the "Academic Innovation & Leadership" category for post-secondary institutions.

Barry is a professor in the departments of Surgery and Public Health, associate director of the UConn Health Disparities Institute, associate dean of the Office of Multicultural and Community Affairs and the director of Visiting Externship for Underrepresented Students in Medicine, according to her UConn Health faculty profile.

Throughout her 15-year career at UConn, Barry has mentored over 400 students and launched several successful programs, such as the Visiting Externship for Students Underrepresented in Medicine program and the Women in Surgery Interest Group, according to a UConn Today article.

At the UConn School of Business, Mathieu is the executive director of the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

According to her faculty profile, Mathieu "supports economic development by fostering initiatives for start-ups and small businesses at UConn, across Connecticut, and to alumni worldwide."

Mathieu earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from UConn, a master's degree in higher education administration from Springfield College and an Executive Master of Business Administration from UConn, as detailed in her profile.

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HALF A MILLION PROTESTERS, ONE GROWING CRISIS:

France's unrest explained

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France saw some of its worst violence in decades on Saturday when nationwide protests over inflation and deteriorating public services turned into widespread rioting, Reuters reported.

More than half a million people participated and over 2,000 were arrested for violent behavior which marked some of France's worst unrest in years, according to USA Today.

French authorities reported 550,000 participants. However, union organizers and labor groups estimated the size to be about 800,000.

Jemi Ndjadi, a first-semester cognitive science student, was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo before moving to Connecticut. Her first language is French, and she'll regularly tune into French broadcasts with family.

"When I was back home, we would always watch France 24 and we would regularly see protests in France," Ndjadi said.

Ndjadi added that it was normal to see protests on the news, but she said what was happening currently wasn't normal.

"This time was different because there was more violence than usual. At first, I thought, 'oh, another one,' but when I actually saw what was happening, I realized it was pretty bad," Ndjadi said.

The protests began last month by students who desired better funding for education and the quality of their schools. However, the movement turned into a broader anti-government movement once labor unions and other workers got involved, Reuters reported.

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Protesters swarm the streets during a riot in Paris, France on Oct. 17, 2026. This is a result of the mass protests across the country. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR

Windham log cabin destroyed in house fire

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WINDHAM — A house fire destroyed a log cabin Sunday morning on Jerusalem Road in Windham, leaving two adults and their dog without a home.

It was a three-alarm fire, a major emergency, according to FOX61. A three-alarm fire indicates that additional resources or personnel are needed.

According to the homeowners, they had been trying to put a log into their wood stove. When it didn't fit, they put the log on their front porch, expecting it to put out what embers remained. It is believed that the fire started from there, setting the front porch a flame, Windham Center Fire Chief Stanley Maclure said to FOX61.

According to the fire chief, the homeowners called for help around 4 a.m. and were able to evacuate the house before first responders arrived on the scene. When the firefighters arrived, the front porch was completely engulfed in flames and the fire had started spreading to a car. The fire chief said by the time water hit the home, the fire had already spread to half of the house.

About 40 to 50 emergency personnel from around 14 other departments and agencies responded to the scene alongside the Windham Center Fire Department.

It took over an hour for first responders to have the fire under control and another hour to extinguish the fire, according to NBC Connecticut.

At one point, the home began collapsing onto itself, which created hot spots in areas that firefighters could not reach. Firefighters later addressed those areas. Chief Maclure said that the house is completely destroyed, deeming it uninhabitable, and that there wasn't much of anything salvageable inside.

Emergency services remained on the property until the afternoon due to the log cabin structure collapsing which kept Jerusalem Road shut down.

No injuries were reported, but the couple was taken to a rehab ambulance where they were then tended to with precautionary measures, according to the fire chief.

In a Facebook post, the Windham Center Fire Department declared that they had to cancel their annual memorial ceremony due to the house fire and the departments' ongoing operational response.

When FOX61 went to talk to the couple about the fire, the couple's daughter said they were too shaken to speak about it and that they are staying with family for now.

Both the Windham Social Services director and the American Red Cross are helping the displaced family. The American Red Cross provided personal care kits to the couple and plans to work with the couple on a long-term recovery plan.

Connecticut State Police had also responded to the scene and discovered several firearms inside the home. They were then taken by the police, according to FOX61.

The fire marshal told FOX61 he is continuing to investigate the cause of the fire.