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Surveillance photo from the Columbia Dunkin' Donuts shows one of two women police believe are responsible for the robbery of sandwich shops in Colchester and Glastonbury.

Teens Arrested for Colchester Robbery

Two local teenagers accused of a series of armed robberies last week have been arrested.

Published and broadcast reports identified the two suspects as Kelly L. Robbins, 17, of Marlborough, and Brittany L. Delaware, 16, of Andover. They were reportedly arrested by State Police Thursday, Jan. 12 in East Hartford only one day after allegedly holding up a Blimpie restaurant in Colchester.

The two teens have been charged with first degree robbery, sixth degree larceny, threatening and conspiracy to commit robbery. Bond was set at \$250,000 each.

Police had been seeking two females in connection with an armed robbery at the Blimpie restaurant in Colchester on Wednesday, Jan. 10. The pair was also suspected in the robbery of a Subway sandwich shop in Glastonbury and the attempted robbery of a Dunkin' Donuts in Columbia.

Photos taken by surveillance cameras had been posted on the Public Safety website and descriptions sent out to the media.

The robbery of the Colchester Blimpie at 103 South Main St., occurred around 7 p.m. when two females entered the store,

brandished a handgun and fled with an undetermined amount of money.

A source indicated this week that the "handgun" was a pellet pistol.

Police responding to the 911 call missed catching the suspects at the scene. A search by state police dog teams and the state police helicopter, Trooper 1, also failed to locate the suspects.

An alert issued to the media noted that the pair had fled in an early model burgundy Pontiac Grand AM with a green license plate, possibly a Vermont plate.

The two suspects were wearing dark clothes and used scarves to cover their faces during the robbery. They were described as white and in their late teens or early 20s. One was described as 5'4" in height with brown hair and a thin build. The other was described as 5'3" tall with a heavier build and blond hair.

The Blimpie robbery came only one day after an attempted robbery at Dunkin' Donuts in Columbia and an armed robbery at Subway in Glastonbury.

In the Glastonbury incident, Glastonbury police said two masked females robbed the Subway restaurant at 2217 New London Tpk. at knifepoint.

According to Glastonbury police, two

masked female suspects about 5'2" to 5'3" tall, dressed in "hoodie type" sweatshirts and wearing blue or purple eye shadow with black mascara, entered the restaurant and demanded money from the cash register. One of the suspects brandished a knife during the robbery, said police.

The two fled the sandwich shop with an undermined amount of cash.

State police said there was a similar robbery attempt Tuesday at the Dunkin' Donuts in Columbia. That effort failed when the clerk retreated from the counter and the suspects apparently became nervous and left.

Police said from the start that they had good information and eye-witness accounts. The clerk at Blimpie reportedly kept a cool head and was able to offer considerable detail on the suspects. Those leads paid off the next day with the arrests.

Police said it is unusual for women to directly engage in armed robberies. When involved, it is usually as a driver or in some supporting role.

Police have released little information on the two suspects, due to their age, but at least one is reportedly a current or former RHAM student.

Embattled Schools Superintendent Steps Down in East Hampton

by Michael McCoy

Embattled Schools Superintendent William Troy resigned Jan. 8, less than a year and a half after taking on the superintendency.

His resignation stemmed from a September car accident in Manchester which resulted in drunken driving charges.

Police said they discovered Troy in his car, after the vehicle flipped over not far from his Manchester residence the evening of Sept. 24. Troy had been on his way home from an evening with friends.

Authorities eventually determined that his blood-alcohol level was .187%, more than twice the legal limit

Troy turned himself in on Nov. 17, after an arrest warrant was issued. He was charged with DUI. Ten days later the East Hampton Board of Education placed the Superintendent on administrative leave with pay, and subsequently opted to explore termination proceedings.

A judge approved Troy for a 10-week alcohol education program and Troy remained optimistic that he would be able to return to his job as superintendent.

However, on Jan. 8, during an executive session with the Board of Education and legal counsel from each side, Troy agreed to step down voluntarily. "There's not much I could do," he said afterwards.

Board of Education Chairman Alan Hurst declined to elaborate on the board's thinking, citing the confidentiality of executive session. "We had a motion to begin termination proceedings due to a clause in the contract," he noted.

Following the board's November 27 decision to begin proceedings remove him, Troy admitted, "I made a terrible error in judg-

ment... I'm paying the price personally and professionally."

On Wednesday, in the aftermath of his resignation, Troy remained philosophical. "I'll miss the people and the kids," he said.

He later added, "I have a great deal of respect for the Board of Education."

Despite the board's decision, Hurst has expressed praise for Troy's tenure in East Hampton. Following the November decision he said, "His concern is the kids. I think he has been wonderful."

Acting Superintendent Kevin Reich also suggested that initiatives begun by Troy would continue. "The initiatives he has set forth, we are going to continue with," predicted Reich, who has been serving as interim superintendent since November. He had previously been Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services.

One of those initiatives will likely include Troy's plan to gradually return special needs students, currently bused into Hartford, to the district.

Hurst said the Board of Education would probably begin the search for a permanent successor to Troy during their next meeting on Monday.

During that meeting, Reich will also formally present his budget to the board, as only the budget subcommittee has taken a look at it so far.

William Troy is now 59 and his career in education has spanned 37 years and three school districts.

The Board of Education will pay him through June 30.

As for the future, Troy observed, "I'm looking at doing some other things in my life."

Colchester Teachers Receive Small Raise

by Jim Salemi

The Board of Education has voted to approve a "general wage increase" for teachers that will represent a 1% increase in salary for the next three years.

However, the net increase for teachers may be below 1% because the board also increased teachers co-pay for medical visits under the teacher's benefits package.

The board approved the teacher's raise at its last meeting before the holidays.

The general wage increase is essentially a cost of living increase, and is in addition to step raises teachers receive, which are based on years of service.

Superintendent of Colchester Schools Karen Loiselle said the Colchester Federation of Teachers and the board agreed on the terms of the increase after mediation, a step in union negotiations entered into if an initial agreement cannot be reached between the teacher and the board.

"The negotiating team pored through a lot of data relating to the town's ability to pay, comparative salaries and demographics. Last summer we lost eight teachers because of salary. The comparative salaries were compelling," she said.

Loiselle said her budget for the next fiscal year is due for the education board's review at the end of January, though the district will not know what it will receive in the form of education funding from the state until months later.

This year, the board also has another unknown to deal with: The effects revaluation may or may not have on the rate of local taxation.

In the past, teacher raises were sometimes at the expense of materials or curriculum implementation. This year, Loiselle said, she and the board agreed to give priority to "hiring and retaining quality teachers," which has

been a policy of the board's, as outlined in its goals.

"In terms of budget development, the board made it clear that the teacher's contract be a priority. No new initiatives will be brought forward in this year's budget," she said.

According to data compiled by the state Board of Education, teachers in Colchester have been paid below the average of what teachers make in towns of similar size and demographics. The district has been trying to raise salaries to be more competitive with other towns, for years.

Last year alone, eight teachers resigned, and said at exit interviews that the reason for their resignation was to take jobs in higher-paying districts.

Teacher raises in Colchester have often taken a back seat for other expenses in the budget, such as new curricula or unfunded mandates handed down from the state. By doing so, Loiselle said, the discrepancy between salaries of Colchester teachers and teachers in Franklin, for example, has grown in excess of \$12,000.

"There's a concern that we need to be more competitive," she said.

Colchester receives back just over half of the tax dollars it sends to Hartford after revenue is redistributed, with troubled city districts receiving more in state funding than they send to Hartford.

The state has been promising to overhaul the current cost sharing formula, which is long outdated. Former First Selectman Jenny Contois said she has had numerous assurances from state Senator Eileen Daily that the legislature is "working on it," though state Senator Edith Prague said before the last election in November that "[the legislature has] no idea where to start."

Shortage of Housing Distressing Elderly in Colchester

by Jim Salemi

Connecticut's over-inflated housing market and the lack of affordable housing for young people has garnered significant news coverage in the recent past.

By contrast, the plight of the elderly as a result of the market has gone largely ignored.

One has only to look at Colchester to see that the lack of affordable housing for elderly is a big issue.

Over 50 elderly residents are on a waiting list for an apartment at one of the town's two affordable housing facilities, according to Robert Gustafson, agent for the town's Housing Authority.

"Fifty-five people are waiting for one of 70 units to become available," said Gustafson.

While housing costs in the state have resulted in a mass exodus of young people from Connecticut to more affordable states, that is less of an option for the elderly, whose working years are behind them.

Remarking on the circumstances of elderly residents on the waiting list, Gustafson said he learned that some stay at homeless shelters or stay with family until something opens up.

"We see a number of people who retire and move to Florida, then a spouse dies, and they want to come back to Connecticut," he said.

And the Housing Authority is in the same boat as other state municipalities when it comes

to state and federal grant money: It's all but gone.

"Most are loans now, as opposed to grants," explained Gustafson. "That's why rents have to be more. The housing units were built with federal HUD (Housing and Urban Development) grants. I've seen that money dry up over the 12 years I've been here. There's less and less money available.

Rents at the town's two housing facilities, Ponemah Village and Dublin Village, are based on adjusted gross income, including adjustments for medical expenses, Gustafson said.

The skyrocketing costs of fuel and electricity aren't helping matters either, as the units are heated by electric heating units. Gustafson said he recently converted the common areas to propane.

"Any little bit we can do to cut costs, we do," he said.

Gustafson said he hoped that the Amston Village state housing project under construction now on Route 85 would be more affordable, but the rents there may be out of reach for the elderly.

Gustafson said that housing exclusively for the elderly has been changed to also provide housing for permanently-disabled adults, after a number of hospitals closed during the Clinton administration.



Barbara Moore (left) and William Anderson at the newly opened Blackledge River Tavern. Anderson, the owner of Blackledge Country Club, recently opened the year-round restaurant which offers a variety of meal choices.

New Hebron Restaurant Offers Full Fare Close to Home

by Sarah McCoy

It may not be golf season but there is plenty going on at Blackledge Country Club. Last month the country club opened Blackledge River Tavern.

The restaurant features a full bar and menu and is open year round.

"We already had the building. We were paying to heat it. We were paying taxes on it. It seemed like a natural fit to run it as a full-time restaurant," Blackledge owner William Anderson explained.

To aid him in the transition Anderson had to look no further than his long-time business colleague. Barbara Moore, owner of Chatham Caterers, has catered every golf tournament at Blackledge for the last 20 years. Now she will expand her job duties as she takes over menu and cooking responsibilities throughout the year.

The menu at the River Tavern is chock full of comfort foods. There are casual options like the Honey BBQ Chicken Wrap or dinner options such as the Prime Rib. Each week Moore also offers a selection of specials. This weekend one special will be short ribs.

"Generous portions at a reasonable price, that is our goal here," Moore said. "I don't want anyone to go home hungry."

Prices for plates vary from \$7 to \$17. A kid's menu is also available.

Blackledge Country Club has been a fixture in Hebron since 1963 when Anderson's father, Ernie, started the business. In 1986 a restaurant was added to accommodate the golfers. Last winter the Anderson's expanded that facility to offer service for 90 people inside and another 80 on the patio.

Additionally, Anderson added three large screen televisions for guests to enjoy. There is also a working fireplace with a pair of oversized chairs and a couch. "Whether it is a wedding, a meal with the family, or drinks with the guys, we can accommodate," Anderson said.

This, he feels, is something long overdue to Hebron. "A town this size should have dining out options," he said. "We are getting feedback from a lot of guests that this is what Hebron has been missing."

The restaurant isn't the only new adventure on Anderson's plate. Once the snow comes, he intends on offering cross-country skiing trails along the golf course and ice skating on the ponds. "It just seems silly to have the land and let it lay dormant for six months," he said. "I hope to entice people to come out, get some exercise, and enjoy a nice meal. We are more than just golfing."

Currently the restaurant is open Friday from 4-11 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Starting the second weekend in February, the restaurant will offer a Sunday brunch. There will also be extended hours for Super Bowl Sunday.

Once the golf season begins, the River Tavern will alter its schedule to accommodate golfers.

The Blackledge River Tavern is located on the Blackledge Country Club grounds at 180 West St. in Hebron. Reservations can be made by calling (860) 228-0250. More information is also available on their website www.blackledgecc.com.

Colchester Police News

1/13—Dean Carli, 47, of 83 Lebanon Ave., was arrested for DWI, misuse of plates, failure to carry insurance, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, no front plate, and driving with a suspended license, according to police.

11/14—Robert Christopher Riccio, 45, of East Hartford, was arrested for allegedly shoplifting at the Stop and Shop, according to reports.

1/15—Police are investigating the theft of merchandise and cash from the Antique Emporium on Old Hartford Road, according to police.

Marlborough Police News

1/13—Tara Cassina, 34, of 15a Gristmill Rd., Hebron, was arrested for allegedly possessing a controlled substance after allegedly calling in a false prescription to Thatcher's Pharmacy, according to police.

1/14—Police are investigating an incident of vandalism after tires on three cars parked in a driveway were punctured, according to reports.

Hebron Police News

1/12—A juvenile was arrested at RHAM High School for allegedly stealing two cell phones, according to reports.

1/12—Police arrested a 17-year-old juvenile on a warrant for allegedly breaking into two cars parked in the Gilead School lot last September, according to reports.



Andover's Lego First teams recently competed in two local Lego League robotic tournaments where both teams won awards for their programming and research project presentation.

Andover Lego First 'ALF' Scores Big!

Andover Elementary School sent two teams to the Annual Lego First League Regional Competition held Dec. 9 in Vernon—where members ended up thinking small but finishing big.

This year's challenge was titled "Nanoquest." The students researched Nanotechnology. Each team found a problem and created a solution. Their projects were presented to judges at both the regional and state competitions. The teams also built and programmed robotic machines from Lego Storm Mind kits.

Both teams were not only victorious, winning Best in Programming and Team Project Award, but they both qualified for the State Competition, which was held on Dec. 17 at Central Connecticut State University.

Again, the teams came through with big wins. They won first place in Innovative Programming and third place Champion's Award. The biggest achievement of these 5th and 6th grade students is that out of the 50 teams that qualified for the State Competition, both Andover ALF teams finished in the top five!

The ALF teams were coached and mentored by Deb Rodriguez, Laura Bush and Jeff Rodriguez. Team members included: Michaela Cloutier, Jake Colli, Joe Day, David Doyle, Jenna Hebert, Jeremy Knopf, Katie Lezon, Colin McNeil, Dalton Miner, Danielle O'Connell, Dylan Palmer, Jonathan Rocco, Teddy Sauyet, Garrett Stein, Kevin Wantek and Alex Zito.

East Hampton Police News

1/1 — Karleen K. Donato, 45, of 179 Roanoke Ave., Willimantic, was arrested for assault 3rd degree, assault on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

1/1 — Malik S. Khan, 46, of 34 Lake Shore Dr., Farmington, was issued a ticket for failure to drive right and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

1/5 — A 16-year-old female juvenile was involved in a one-vehicle accident on Hog Hill Rd., one-tenth of a mile north of Ox Yoke Circle. She was issued a ticket for traveling too fast for conditions.

1/5 — Michael Desrocher, 26, of no certain address, was arrested pursuant to a warrant for violation of probation.

1/5 — A 17-year-old male juvenile was arrested pursuant to a warrant for larceny 6th degree.

1/7 — A 17-year-old male juvenile was arrested on five warrants for the following charges: burglary 3rd, larceny 6th, criminal mischief 3rd and possession of liquor by a minor; burglary 3rd, larceny 3rd; burglary 3rd

and criminal attempt to commit larceny in the 4th degree; burglary 3rd and larceny 5th degree; criminal attempt to commit burglary 3rd degree and criminal attempt to commit larceny 6th degree.

1/8 — Sean Martland, 21, of 73 Main St., East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to a warrant for possession of marijuana less than 4 oz. and possession of drug paraphernalia.

1/8 — Eric Grant, 28, of 4 Waverly Ave., Portland, was issued a ticket for operating an ATV on municipal or privately controlled land without written permission of the owner.

1/10 — Jason Livingston, 29, of 20 Dead Hill Rd., Durham, was arrested pursuant to a court ordered warrant on the following charges: operating under the influence of alcohol, operating under suspension, unnecessary noise, no insurance and failure to appear 2nd degree.

1/11 — Shawn Beaulieu, 21, of 35 Midwood Farm Rd., East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to a warrant for criminal mischief 2nd.



Colchester's new ambulance was delivered Jan. 4 and is now in service with the Colchester Hayward Volunteer fire Department.

Colchester's New Ambulance Join's Fire Department's Fleet

The Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department has a new addition to their emergency vehicle fleet.

A 2007 Horton ambulance was delivered on Thursday, Jan. 4. The ambulance was purchased for \$160,000 plus the trade in of the 1997 Road Rescue ambulance.

The new Horton is a medium duty chassis, which will result in a much smoother ride than the unit it replaces, according to the department.

Following delivery many members spent countless hours preparing the ambulance for service. These tasks included mounting new radios, stripping the old ambulance of equipment and supplies, and stocking the new ambulance with equipment and supplies.

In less than one week the new ambulance was placed into service as a "second due" unit. The ambulance will be placed as "first due" once EMS personnel have time to conduct training and familiarization with it.

This ambulance was delivered on budget

only after several bid modifications and close coordination through the Colchester Town Garage. The final purchase utilized a state bid chassis to bring the project cost within the town's authorized amount.

The Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company put the finishing touches on it by donating money to cover the cost of lettering so the traditional hand pumper is proudly displayed on each side.

The Colchester Fire Department responds to an average of 900 ambulance calls per year. With the growth of the town, it is expected that the demand for emergency services will continue to rise.

The replaced 1997 Road Rescue vehicle had acquired almost 200,000 miles during its time in service. Per the town referendum each ambulance is on a 10-year replacement cycle. It is expected that the other ambulance, a 1999 Road Rescue, will be due for replacement in 2010.



Youths Rock Up \$3700 for Georgiades Fund

Something very special happened this past weekend at St. John Fisher Church.

At 5:30 on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 13, 22 teens from Marlborough and Hebron started rocking (in rocking chairs) and didn't stop until 18 hours later—at 11:30 Sunday morning.

They rocked and watched movies, rocked while they ate, rocked while they played air hockey, rocked and played guitar, rocked while they did their homework, (you get the picture) and they raised \$3700 for the John Georgiades Medical fund.

By noon on Sunday some very tired, but very excited rockers and a handful of chaperones went home to get some much needed sleep.

John Georgiades, 10, son of Lea and Charlene Georgiades of Marlborough, was diagnosed last year with advanced Neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer that occurs in infants and young children. In order to be with John during his numerous treatments at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, the Georgiadeses have taken unpaid leaves of absences from their places of employment.

A fund was established for the family's benefit, and the Georgiadeses have been touched by the generosity of the residents

of Marlborough and surrounding communities who have held numerous fundraisers to benefit the fund.

While John is still in New York with his mother undergoing tests and treatments, his father Lea and younger sister Sophia stopped by the Rock-a-Thon Saturday night and Sunday morning to visit with the rockers and give an update on John's condition. The good news Lea delivered was met with applause from all in attendance. Two of John's Aunts and several cousins also stopped by to say hello and thank the rockers.

The rockers, who ranged in age from 10 to 16 were: Michele Bernard, Tom Brahm, Emma Brodgerski, Jordan Christie, Alex Crocket, Elizabeth Dandeneau, Kevin Fecteau, Mariel Hautman, Jessica Henley, Christopher Langlois, Nicole Mayo, David Mazotas, Kelly Moquin, Linda Parker, Jeffrey Parker, Adam Ragusa, Bradleigh Rhodes, Patrick Rhodes, Francesca Sessa, Mathew Smigel, Kevin Trippel, Corinne White.

The rockers were allowed to take 5-minute breaks every 90 minutes, to go to the bathroom, and stretch their legs. At the 5:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. breaks, they resorted to dancing "Cotton-Eyed-Joe" to help keep themselves awake.

Obituaries

Colchester

John D. Watrous

John Day Donald Watrous, 81, of Colchester, passed away Friday, Jan. 12, at the Wm. W. Backus Hospital in Norwich.

Born April 11, 1925 in Middletown, he was a son of the late John Day and Beatrice (Lester) Watrous.

He studied at Bacon Academy in Colchester with the Class of 1944.

In January of 1943, he enlisted in the Navy Reserves. John served during World War II, attaining the rank of coxswain. While in active service, he was awarded two bronze stars and the World War II Victory medal before his honorable discharge in February of 1946.

Mr. Watrous was a machinist for Pratt & Whitney for many years before his retirement.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, walking and cycling.

He is survived by his twin sons, John of Colchester and Zack of Oldsmar, FL; his brother, George of Portland; and numerous extended family and friends.

Graveside services with full military honors were held Tuesday at the Ponemah Cemetery, River Road, Colchester.

Care of arrangements was entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester.

Hebron

Brent E. Spencer

Brent Eugene Spencer, 62, of Hillsdale Road, Amston, widower of the late Mary Sharon (Piorkowski) Spencer, passed away Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Windham Hospital in Willimantic.

Born April 28, 1944 in San Diego, CA, he was a son of the late Willard and Marcella (Riddle) Spencer.

In October of 1965, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War until his honorable discharge in September of 1967. During his service, he was awarded the Rifle Sharpshooter Medal, as well as the National Defense Service Medal.

Mr. Spencer was a plumber for many years. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking, fresh and salt water fishing and loved his dog.

He is survived by four children, Laura Lee Lay and Adam Michael Lay, both of Colchester, Lisa Tomassetti of Amston and Douglas Rich of Arizona; six grandchildren, Benjamin, Robin, Nichole, Sierra, Nicholas and Jakob; his brother, John Spencer of Chicago, IL; and numerous extended family members and friends.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the lives of both Brent and Sharon will be celebrated Thursday. Calling hours were Thursday morning at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester followed by a Chapel Service. Committal with full military honors was in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to CT VNA by Masonicare, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd Floor, East Hartford 06108.

Colchester

Morris Fox

Morris Fox, 93, of Old Hebron Rd., Colchester, and Lauderhill, FL died Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown. Born in Poland, he was the son of the late Herschel and Ella (Wolcowitz) Fuks.

A skilled athlete, he received many medals in bicycle racing and gymnastics. A veteran of the Polish Army, Morris was a Holocaust Survivor of the Zdunska Wola and Lodz Ghettos, Auschwitz Concentration Camp, and Middle-stein Slave Labor Camp. He was liberated in May 1945.

Morris was a principled and courageous man who helped pull prisoners from the death trains. After he came to the U.S. in September of 1950 and settled in Colchester, he was an egg and poultry farmer. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by the Connecticut Dept. of Motor Vehicles. He was a member of Congregation Ahavath Achim of Colchester.

He leaves his beloved wife of 61 years, Lola (Zylberman) Fox; a son Jack Fox with his wife Audrey of Cumberland, RI; a daughter, Marilyn Fox with her husband Dennis Latchum of Lebanon; a son-in-law, Roy Goldstein of Newington; and two grandchildren, Michelle Fox and Damon Goldstein. He was predeceased by a daughter, Eva Goldstein.

Above all else, Morris held his family as the most important of all in his life. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Chapel of the Weinstein Mortuary, 640 Farmington Ave., Hartford with Rabbi Kenneth Alter officiating. Interment was in Congregation B'nai Sholom Memorial Park, Wethersfield. Shiva was observed at his home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Ave., Colchester, or to the Colchester Volunteer Ambulance Dept., Colchester 06415.

Marlborough

Beatrice Gordon

Beatrice (Land) Gordon, 83, of Stage Harbor Rd., Marlborough, died Thursday, Jan. 11, at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown. She was the widow of Herman M. Gordon.

Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Isadore and Tillie (Goldman) Land.

Beatrice co-owned with her late husband the former Gordon's Produce in the Hartford Civic Center before they retired. They were one of the original tenants at the Civic Center.

She leaves a son, Loren F. Gordon of Marlborough; a daughter, Adrienne Goldfarb of Windsor; five grandchildren, Ira, Mark, Robert, Randy and Glenn Goldfarb; and four great-grandchildren, Madison, Justin, Seth Jerry, and Michael Goldfarb.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery, Wolcott Rd., East Granby. A memorial period was observed Sunday following the funeral through Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Adrienne, 144 Alcott Dr., Windsor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 538 Preston Avenue, P.O. Box 1004, Meriden 06450 or to the American Lung Association, 45 Ash St., East Hartford 06118 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were entrusted to Weinstein Mortuary, Hartford.

East Hampton

Elaine C. Manafort

Elaine "Bunnie" (Celley) Manafort, 85, of East Hampton, widow of the late Anthony J. Manafort, died Sunday, Jan. 14, at Cobalt Lodge Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Born December 12, 1921 in Barre, VT., the daughter of the late Robert and Evelyn (White) Celley she had lived in the East Hampton area since 1968.

She is survived by her daughter Donna L. Robinson and her husband William of East Hampton, her son Robert C. Manafort of Stage Coach, NV., two step sons James A. Manafort Sr. and his wife Nancy of Farmington, and Jon A. Manafort and his wife Lisa of Plainville, a brother and sister-in-law Neil and Louise Young of East Courth, VT., two sisters Ruth Iaia and her husband William of Berlin and Roberta Labazio of Bristol, eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Elaine's family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Cobalt Lodge for the loving care they provided. Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 18 in the Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main St. East Hampton with the Rev. Charles LeBlanc, Pastor of St. Patrick Church, officiating. Burial was in the family plot in St. Patrick Cemetery, East Hampton. Calling hours were Thursday morning at the funeral home prior to the service.

Friends wishing may send Memorial contributions in Elaine's memory to East Hampton Volunteer Food Bank 22 East High St. East Hampton, CT 06424.

Hebron

Arlene E. Braman

Arlene E. Miner Braman, 89, of Hebron, died Monday, Jan. 15, at the Marlborough Health Care Center.

Born July 28, 1917 in East Hartford, daughter of the late Louis A. and Sarah J. (Long) Miner she had lived in Hebron with her family since 1955. Her life was dedicated to her children.

She is survived by her six children; Barbara L. Kelly, Douglas M. Braman, Lois E. Albert, Richard J. Braman, David W. Braman, Janice D. Smith all of Hebron, 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her grandson David T. Kelly, and two sisters Inez G. Taylor and Irma E. Chasser.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. in the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Burial will be private in Gilead Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday one hour prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gilead Congregational Church.

Marlborough

Keith A. McClanan

Keith Alan McClanan, 38, of Medbury Road, North Attleboro, MA, died on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at his residence, surrounded by the love of his family after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Holly (Hart) McClanan to whom he had been married since Sept. 3, 1993.

Born in Manchester, CT on Dec. 1, 1968, he was the son of Dale McClanan of Stratford, CT and Marcia (Kryzanski) McClanan of Marlborough, CT. He was raised in Marlborough and attended RHAM High School, graduating in 1987.

Keith graduated summa cum laude from Boston College in 1991 having earned his bachelor's degree in finance and earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of Connecticut in 1997.

Since 1999, he was employed by Philip Morris in Mansfield, MA and was currently the sales manager.

Keith was the devoted father to his two sons, Noah and Christian, and was active in the community. Even during his illness, Keith volunteered his time at the Hockomock Area YMCA in North Attleboro and with the North Attleboro Junior Football, coaching his sons' T-ball and football teams.

During his childhood, Keith had the opportunity to live in Australia and Singapore. The experience left him with a lifelong love of international travel and he and his family had visited dozens of countries on five continents.

In addition to travel, he was passionate about sports, particularly college football. He zealously rooted for his alma mater, BC Eagles, as well as his father's alma mater, Virginia Tech.

In addition to his wife, sons and parents, Keith is survived by his brother: Mark McClanan of Montville, CT; his grandmother: Anne Kryzanski of Stratford, CT; his mother-in-law: Juanita Hart of North Attleboro, MA; his aunt: Debra McClanan of Atlanta, GA; his nephews: Connor and Ian McClanan of Montville, CT and many cousins and friends.

Calling hours were Tuesday, Jan. 16 in the "Memorial Chapel" of the Dyer-Lake Funeral Home, 161 Commonwealth Avenue, Village of Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 133 North Main St., Attleboro with the Rev. Richard Roy, Pastor, officiating. Private burial will be in North Purchase Cemetery, Attleboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Keith's memory to the Endowment Fund at Mercy Mount Country Day School, c/o Development Office, 35 Wrentham Road, Cumberland, RI 02864 or to North Attleboro Junior Football, P.O. Box 1092, North Attleboro, MA 02760.

To send the family an expression of sympathy, please visit our on-line guest book located on the internet at www.dyer-lakefuneralhome.com.



Salem

Michael Urbanik

Michael Urbanik, 98, husband of the late Elizabeth Rambush Urbanik of Salem passed on Jan. 16, at his residence.

He was born on Jan. 24, 1908 in Alderson, OK, son of the late John and Nellie Kordysh Urbanik.

Mike was a graduate of Bacon Academy, Class of 1927. He was involved in Salem politics most of his life serving as First Selectman for 16 years and as a member of the board for nine years. He also held other town offices. At one time, when Salem had a court system, he served as state's and town's prosecutor. He served as Salem's representative in the State Legislature from 1949-51 and as messenger from 1951-53. While in office, he promoted the consolidation of Salem's one-room schools into a central school and presided at its inauguration.

In the period 1930-40, he managed the Salem Baseball Team that became a member of Inter County Baseball League. He served as Master of the Salem Grange and charter member of the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company.

Mike was basically self-employed, although he worked for awhile at Electric Boat in Groton as a carpenter, retiring in 1975.

Surviving is a son Philip and daughter-in-law Gwendolyn Urbanik of Augusta, GA; two daughters, Lana and son-in-law James Warren of Salem and Virginia Perry of Port Orchard, WA; ten grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; one niece and two nephews. He was predeceased by a brother John and a sister Helen Eustace.

A funeral service will be held this Saturday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Belmont Funeral Home, 144 South Main St., Colchester. Interment will follow in Salem Green Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Salem Public Library, 264 Hartford Rd., Salem, CT 06420.