



Installation of new signs and timed flashing lights in school zones along Colchester's Norwich Avenue is intended to make that busy thoroughfare safer for school children.

New School Zone Signs Installed on Norwich Avenue

Colchester school children will soon be safer thanks to flashing beacons being installed along Norwich Avenue within two new school zone areas.

The beacons are intended to better control traffic and speeds within these critical locations. The two zones and new signals are the result of a combined effort between the Board of Education, Board of Selectmen, State and Colchester police, and the Public Works Department.

The various departments met last May to evaluate traffic problems along Norwich Avenue in the vicinity of the school complexes and to identify deficiencies with the existing controls.

Because Norwich Avenue is a state road, the results of the town's evaluation were forwarded to the state Department of Transportation (DOT) in the form of a formal request. The DOT conducted its own evaluation and made a recommendation to the State Traffic Commission (STC).

Public Works Director Mark Decker said the town got much—but not all—of what it requested.

"While I'm pleased the state agreed with our request to break up the previous one school zone into two distinct zones around Bacon Academy and the pre-K, Intermediate, and Middle School complexes, and to allow us to remove the non-functional traffic signal in front of WJJMS [William J. Johnston Middle School], I was disappointed we could not convince them to add a control signal at Chestnut Hill Road," he said.

"Their rationale was a signal is not warranted for 22 hours a day and yet, by law, must operate throughout the day," Decker explained. "Therefore it just wasn't appropriate."

Once STC approval was obtained, the state initiated removal of the old signs and installed new ones at the revised School Zone locations. The town then purchased

new computerized controls, which will flash only during specified arrival and dismissal times for the respective schools within the zones.

When the signals are flashing, reduced speed limits will apply and will be enforced by state and local police. The signals will flash from one-half hour before to one-half hour after the arrival and dismissal times at each school within the zone.

"With the staggered arrival and dismissal times of the elementary through middle schools, and morning and afternoon sessions at the pre-K and kindergarten grades, the zone around Halls Hill Road and Norwich Avenue will be flashing much of the morning and early afternoon" said Resident Trooper Sgt. William Kewer. "There is a lot of traffic along Norwich Avenue and the flashing beacons will help motorists recognize the school zones and the speed reduction requirements."

Colchester Land Trust Identifies Today's Conservation Corridors

The Colchester Land Trust (CLT) recently completed an effort to identify and map open space corridors within the town.

These broad areas include undeveloped land, sources of clean water, aquifers, connections to other conserved lands, animal habitat and recreation resources.

The Land Trust was able to draw on its members to complete the mapping process.

"We are fortunate to have many talented members of our trust," said CLT president Lisa Hageman. "Members Will and Helene Hocholzer, who are professional land resource managers, used GIS technology as well as aerial photography, topographical and open space maps to identify these areas."

Hageman said the identification of open space corridors will help CLT in making their land conservation choices.

The current corridors include the Salmon River watershed to the west; the headwaters of the Eight Mile River to the south; privately held farms and forest to the east that are near preserved lands in Lebanon; and a central region which includes several ponds and rivers.

"This is not a singular land issue, but a regional one. It's a very dynamic process, so we must see a big picture before we consider any individual land for conservation," explained Hageman.

Will Hocholzer points out, "This map is a 'snapshot' of our existing open space today and not meant to single out or exclude any individual property. These areas will certainly change over time."

The Colchester Land Trust is a federally recognized nonprofit organization that works with private landowners who want to conserve their open space. "There are accelerated federal tax incentives recently put in place for conservation easements," says Chuck Toal, board member and grant coordinator of CLT.

A conservation easement is a way for a landowner to own, use and sell their property while ensuring it will never be developed. The property must meet specific conservation criteria, but the value of that easement can be documented and donated to the trust. A landowner can potentially receive federal tax savings over several years as an incentive for an easement.

"We encourage land owners to consult their tax and legal advisors, but we hope they will



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Prepared by Colchester Land Trust – May 31, 2006

Townline	Greenway	Open Water
Roads	Central Corridor	MARSH
Stream	Eastern Corridor	WATER
Municipal Land	Eightmile River Watershed	
DEP Properties	Salmon River Corridor	

Colchester Land Trust's four corridors within Colchester help identify the trust's priorities for conservation. They include the Salmon River Watershed to the west, headwaters of the Eight Mile River to the south, eastern land near conserved property in Lebanon and a central region including several ponds and rivers.

contact the land trust for more information, especially if their properties fall within these current open space corridors," says Toal.

Hageman said several Colchester land owners are currently discussing their options with the trust. "We will make an important announcement shortly about our first land acquisition," she said.

Hageman also stressed the importance of

preserving space now. "It is critical for all segments of our state and local community to support these efforts," she said. "We can't afford to wait for someone to do this for us, but we expect the trust to be a strong balance to the growth pressures facing our town. The next ten years will be critical to connecting our conservation dots. Once open land is lost, it is gone for protection for ever."

Toal said identifying today's corridors is a first toward preserving open space for many generations to come. "This corridor map is our conservation guide for a quality of life in Colchester," he observed.

Should anyone need further information or wish to support local conservation efforts, please go to www.colchesterlandtrust.org or call Lisa Hageman at 860-267-6145.

Shaws Impacts East Hampton's Grand List Increase

The October 1, 2006 grand list of taxable properties filed Jan. 31 with the Town Clerk totals \$1,095,997,707, according to Town Assessor Donna L. Ralston.

The figure represents a 3.614% increase over the 2005 net grand list, said Ralston.

A significant part of the increase was due to the construction of the new Shaws Supermarket at the Old East Hampton Mall site.

Growth was noted in each of the three categories of taxable property: motor vehicle, personal property and real estate.

The biggest dollar jump occurred in real estate, which saw a \$30 million (3.18%) net increase—\$5 million of which was due to the new Shaws building, observed Ralston.

Personal property increased by \$5 million (27.26% over last year)—\$2.5 million of which is also the direct result of the Shaws construction.

"Even without Shaws, this is the largest increase in personal property that we have experienced during my tenure with the Town of East Hampton," Ralston wrote in Jan. 31 letter to Director of Finance Jeffrey M. Jylkka. "I attribute the growth in that portion of the grand list to having the experienced staff needed for the discovery process and to the audit program that I instituted three years ago. It seems to make the taxpayer more aware of their filing responsibilities."

The motor vehicle portion of the grand

list grew again this year by \$2,816,067 (3.35%) over last year.

Comparisons of the 2005 list with the 2006 list show real estate rising from \$955,107,270 in 2005 to \$985,459,600 on the 2006 list—an increase of \$30,352,330. Motor vehicles went from \$85,081,519 in 2005 to \$23,640,521—an increase of \$5,063,641. Personal property went from \$18,576,880 in 2005 to \$23,640,521—an increase of \$5,063,641.

The combined total of \$1,057,765,669 in 2005 went to \$1,095,997,707 in 2006—an increase of \$38,232,038.

Tax exempt real estate on the 2005 list totaled \$83,614,860. Tax exempt real estate on the 2006 list totaled \$83,811,980.

Just by way of comparison, the East Hampton grand list in 1990 was \$538,131,796. That represented \$497,639,849 in real estate; \$29,767,955 in motor vehicles; and \$10,723,992 in personal property.

The 1995 list totaled \$581,666,052, representing \$521,435,395 in real estate; \$48,089,100 in motor vehicles; and \$12,141,557 in personal property.

The 2000 list totaled \$622,007,782. That represented \$547,280,430 in real estate; \$61,778,429 in motor vehicles; and \$12,948,923 in personal property.

Marlborough Education Budget Represents 4.3% Increase

The Marlborough Board of Education has approved a proposed 2007-08 education budget for presentation to the Board of Finance.

The \$6,946,705 budget represents a 4.38% increase from last year.

According to the board, the budget would sustain the current level of services and includes two initiatives, in addition to increases resulting from mandated special education program.

The first new initiative calls for the addition of a halftime physical education teacher. This new position will aid in the district's efforts to provide additional physical fitness and health opportunities for students in grades 4-6, noted the board.

"Given the rising levels of childhood obesity, the Board of Education believes that providing increased health and physical fitness education will positively influence academic performance and provide our children with lifelong wellness benefits," said School Superintendent Salvatore Menzo.

The second initiative is \$15,000 in funding

for professional learning opportunities for

teaches in the area of "inquiry-based science."

"In response to the fact that science will be a newly added area to the Connecticut Mastery Test in 2008, our staff would benefit from additional professional development opportunities in the area of inquiry-based science as related to the science materials purchased by the Board of Education in 2005-2006," said Menzo.

A PowerPoint presentation of the approved budget can be viewed electronically by logging on to the district website at www.marlborough.k12.ct.us and clicking on "Marlborough Board of Education Approved Budget 2006-08."

The budget will be presented to the Marlborough Board of Finance in the coming weeks. The meeting date and time will be posted at the Marlborough Town Hall and on the school district website.

The public is invited to send comments to the Marlborough Board of Education at boardofed@marlborough.k12.ct.us

Marlborough Tries Out New De-Icer on Storm

by Sarah McCoy

All things considered, this has been a mild winter by Connecticut's standards but this Wednesday Mother Nature hit the state full force. Snow and a wintry mix hit towns across the state hard, leaving roads covered in flakes and sheets of ice.

Locally things were no different but Public Works departments worked throughout the day to make the roads as passable as possible.

In Marlborough, crews began at 1 a.m. plowing and sanding the 61 miles of town roads in hopes of beating the rush hour chaos. "We got our guys out early and it shows," Public Works Director Dean Hunniford said Wednesday afternoon. "We've been able to stay on top of much of the accumulation."

This is the first true test of Ice B' Gone, a salt composite designed to melt more snow at lower temperatures. The town has begun to transition over to the new product, in hopes of abandoning traditional sand applications. The magnesium chloride substance was used specifically in the areas around Lake Terramuggus and at town building parking lots.

In addition to having a lower melting temperature, -5 degrees instead of 18 for traditional mixes, Ice B' Gone is also environmentally friendly.

Marlborough First Selectman Bill Black said that while the substance is slightly more expensive up-front, in the long run it makes the most sense. "By the time you factor in the street sweeping and catch basin cleaning associated with using a sand-based coating, it is about

equal to the cost of the salt composite. Since [Ice B' Gone] has additional environmental benefits, it only makes sense to use."

Currently the State of Connecticut has also adopted the substance as part of their snow removal workflow.

Andy Tierney, Public Works Director in Hebron, reported that his department currently uses a mix of salt composite and sand but has also begun to consider a switch to Ice B' Gone for 2008-09.

Hebron workers began their plowing at 3 a.m. Wednesday morning. With 13 trucks on the road, plowers worked their 10-mile runs throughout the day.

Despite the constant precipitation on Wednesday, both Hebron and Marlborough are currently reflecting surpluses in the areas of snow removal material and overtime. Preliminary estimates show about a 20% surplus for both towns.

Both towns budgeted for enough resources to handle 10 snowstorms. This winter, crews have been called out three times.

Any additional material the town has not used will go into next year's stockpile. Un-used overtime coverage will be returned to the town at the end of the fiscal year.

Tierney was cautiously optimistic about the possibility of returning money to the town. "It is too early to say there will be a surplus," he said. "We are on that track but one good walloping on a holiday or in the middle of the night and that could set us back."

Marlborough Kicks Off Budget Season with List of 'Wants'

by Sarah McCoy

Budget season has officially kicked off in Marlborough.

At Tuesday night's Board of Selectmen meeting, First Selectman Bill Black handed out binders to his fellow selectmen reflecting the needs and requests of all the town departments for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

The selectmen will meet for a series of budget workshop at the end of this month and beginning of March before they make their final recommendations by March 14.

At this point the budget figures are only raw numbers. Each line item is a collection of the requests made by each department head. Over the course of the next few months the Board of Selectmen, and later Board of Finance, will make adjustments before the Town Meeting held in May.

The current starting point for the total town budget is \$20.97 million, a 9.74% increase from last year.

Of this, \$13.6 million is designated for the two education boards. The local Board of Education budget currently stands at \$6.95 million, a 4.38% increase. The RHAM BOE budget request is \$6.67 million, or a 5.89% increase.

In the 2007-08 school year Marlborough will have a slight drop in enrollment at RHAM. As a result, the town's portion of the budget will be less than the proposed 5.89% increase.

A main source of increase for next year's budget will come from the debt services line

item. This number jumps by almost 24% to \$1.96 million. This number encompasses past projects the town has undertaken such as the construction at both Elmer Thienes- Mary Hall Elementary and RHAM.

"We could see this increase coming," Selectman Sharon Reiner said Tuesday night. "But these are all projects that the voters approved of."

To compile the town operations budget, Black solicited budget requests from each department head. Without any further filtering or discussion, the total requests comes to just under \$4.6 million, which represents a 14.74% increase.

"Obviously the final number isn't going to be this," Black said. "As we go through our budget process we will have to make tough decisions when it comes to what the town truly needs next year."

The same mantra applies to the Capital Non-Recurring and Capital Improvement Program budget items. There is over \$685,000 in requests for CNR and another \$61,000 for CIP. Black reported that the selectmen would pare this down as a board in the coming month.

Included in these requests are three new vehicles for Public Works that total just over \$300,000.

The first budget workshop will be held on Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Marlborough Town Hall.

Two Arrested in East Hampton for Filing False Report

Two East Hampton men were arrested Feb. 2 on charges they falsely reported a car as stolen.

Isaac Jeffers, 50, of 6 Mott Hill Rd., East Hampton and his son Justin Jeffers, 23, of the same address, were arrested for allegedly conspiring to report a wrecked BMW car as stolen in order to collect the insurance money, said State Police.

According to police, Justin Jeffers was involved in an accident five months ago, and "may have fled the scene," according to re-

ports. Police say the two men then waited for some time to pass and reported the car as stolen in hopes of collecting the insurance money.

They were charged with interfering with police, conspiracy and falsely reporting an incident.

Anyone who might have witnessed the accident involving the 1995 BMW is asked to call Trooper Rhoades at the barracks at 537-7500.

Andover Historian Talks About Rochambeau's March

by Jim Salemi

Imagine watching 5,000 French infantry troops pass down the road in tiny Andover during the Colonial Era.

Bruce Clouette asked current Andover residents to try and picture just that last weekend during his presentation on the Revolutionary War. Late in the war 5,000 French Army troops under the command of General Rochambeau march through Andover as they made their way from Narragansett Bay to Hudson Bay and ultimately Yorktown, VA.

Clouette is a historian with PAST, Inc., of Storrs, a historical and archeological research association. He gave the presentation after being invited by the Andover Historical Society.

On April 22nd, the Historical Society will sponsor a reenactment of the historic march through Andover.

"Over 5,000 people were walking through Andover. It was the biggest thing most [inhabitants] have seen," Clouette told about 30 residents who came out to hear the lecture and view a slide show presentation.

It was one of the biggest things British forces in Yorktown had seen as well, as it was Rochambeau's army that tipped the scales in the war for independence. The French troops ultimately helped Washington's Army beat British forces led by General Cornwallis. Cornwallis's surrender and the participation of Rochambeau's armies marked the end of the war and the birth of a new nation.

It has long been well known that Rochambeau, with his king's blessing, brought an army to the then British Colonies to aid the Americans in their struggle for independence. It was also known that the force marched from Rhode Island to Hudson Bay where it met Gen. Washington's Army. Both armies then marched to Virginia.

However, the exact route of that march remained unclear. Most of the record focused on the meetings and conversations between General Washington and the French general about strategy and scheduling.

PAST's project, noted Clouette, was to attempt to map the exact route Rochambeau and his troops took as they marched through the colonies.

The organization compiled a report that described the route used by Rochambeau's Army as it exists today—much of it sections of roads presently considered back roads or residential roads, but which were once part of the major routes of the day. Even less traveled today are the "logging roads" or overgrown trails—former roads bypassed and abandoned all-together after the war.

Clouette said there was a major redesign of

roads the years immediately following the War for Independence.

The actual route mapped by PAST was derived from a multitude of maps drawn during the era—maps drawn by British government surveyors and maps drawn by the American Army before and during the war.

Also consulted were maps drawn by the French army in the French language so the troops could read them, and officers knew where they would be staying and the troops knew where they would be camping.

Modern topographical maps were also employed in the course of their research, Clouette said.

The landscape at the time was largely open as farmers cleared much of the land for crops and livestock. This allowed waterways, valleys, hills and other landmarks to be accurately recorded.

Clouette referred to a residence on Hutchinson Road where the officers slept on a number of occasions. The road was once part of a major route in Andover, before Route 6 was built. At the time, the home at 130 Hutchinson Rd. was Daniel White's Tavern. Officers slept in the tavern, while the rank and file troops camped on the property.

To confirm their conclusions, historians with PAST asked permission of landowners to try and retrieve some artifacts from areas indicated as campsites on the historic maps.

Clouette's team recovered uniform buttons, eating utensils, buckles and coins, among other artifacts from the sites. Cannon balls were found along the roads—particularly along hilly sections. The theory is that the cannon balls would roll off the wagons as the wagon climbed up a steep hill.

The steep sections of road were also an object of complaints by French troops during the march, Clouette said.

French troops also took note of the beauty of the Connecticut landscape, and expressed amazement, as people of today still do, over the number of boulders in the roads and fields, despite the numerous and crude stone walls that line the roads and fields.

It is believed Rochambeau's army took the inland route, which passed through Andover in order to avoid the shoreline where they would be vulnerable to detection by the British Navy, which had a heavy presence in Long Island Sound during the war.

Resident Scott Yeomans maintains a web site on Andover history at: www.andoverconnecticut.homestead.com for those interested in learning more about the town's past.

Real Estate Assessments in Colchester Drive Grand List Gain

by Jim Salemi

Real estate assessments have catapulted property values by 58.7% over last year's grand list, according to Town Assessor John Chaponis.

The net gain in the grand list was 47.5%, Chaponis said in a memo to the boards of finance and selectmen.

The net gain is somewhat lower because motor vehicle, personal property, motor vehicle supplements and prorates for new construction did not grow at the same level.

Chaponis anticipates the mill rate will decrease given the magnitude of the grand list increase. The mill rate will not be set until after voters adopt a budget over the summer.

The 47.5% net increase represents an \$87.5 million increase over last year's grand list.

Assessments in real estate in 2005 amounted to approximately \$152.3 million, compared to \$241.6 million for the 2006 grand list.

Motor vehicle assessments are down from \$23.7 million on the 2005 grand list to \$22 million in 2006.

Details for the current list are below:

The 2005 net grand list was \$184,317,470. Real property was \$152,258,670; motor vehicle at \$23,738,700; and personal property at \$4,820,100. Prorates totaled \$700,000 and motor vehicle supplements were \$3 million.

The 2006 net grand list, reflecting the re-assessment, was \$271,859,090. Real Property was \$241,589,300; motor vehicle was \$21,963,640; and personal property was \$5,006,150. Prorates were \$700,000 and motor vehicle supplement \$3,100,000.

Top Ten Taxpayers Led by Power Company

The top ten taxpayers on the 2006 grand list is led by the Connecticut Light and Power Company. The utility's property has a net value of \$11,604,380 and comprises 1.059% of the total net grand list.

The total net grand list is \$1,095,997,707.

The second highest taxpayer is Landmark East Hampton, LLC, owner of the East Hampton Mall. Net value of Landmark's property is \$7,390,030, which makes up .674% of the total grand list.

In third place on the list is property owned by various companies belonging to developer William Rand. These include Lakeview Court, Edgerton Ests. LLC, Hardin Road LLC, Barton Hill II LLC, Forest Hills LLC, global Land Development LLC, Global Self Storage, Champion

Hill Estates LLC, Skyline Estates and Belltown Developers LLC. Net value is \$5,723,450 or .522% of the grand list.

The remaining seven top taxpayers own property ranging in value from just over \$3 million to just over \$2 million.

They are: Royal Oaks LLC (developer) at \$3,157,050; Shaws Supermarket (mall personal property) at \$3,125,000; Edward Jackowitz/American Distilling (manufacturer) at \$2,971,880; Dream Developers of Cape Cod, Inc. (developer) at \$2,902,483; Charles B. Nichols/Nichols Bus Service (real estate/bus service) at \$2,773,230; Quantum of East Hampton LLC (developer) at \$2,220,530; and Noslen Inc./Gustine Family Ltd./Gustin RV Sales (campground, real estate/RV sales) at \$2,021,930.

East Hampton Police News

1/07 — As the results of seven incidents dating from October 2006 through January 2007 a 14-year-old male juvenile was referred to Juvenile Court on the following charges: conspiracy, reckless endangerment 2nd degree and two counts of criminal mischief 2nd degree; criminal mischief 1st degree; conspiracy, reckless endangerment 2nd degree, criminal mischief 1st degree and breach of peace; conspiracy, criminal mischief and breach of peace; conspiracy, reckless endangerment 2nd degree and breach of peace 2nd degree; criminal mischief 3rd degree and reckless endangerment; criminal mischief 3rd degree.

1/18 — Brett Stuart, 56, of 31 Old Marlborough Rd., East Hampton, was issued a ticket for a nuisance dog.

1/31 — Russell J. Baker, 19, of 187 North Moodus Rd., Moodus, and Dana G. Bochan, 34, of 174 Comstock Trail, East Hampton, were involved in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Rt. 16 and Hog Hill Road. Baker was issued a ticket for traveling too fast for conditions.

2/1 — Courtney Flannery, 19, of 9 Flannery Row, East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of disorderly conduct, assault 3rd degree and conspiracy to commit assault 3rd degree.

2/1 — Alexandria M. Fachini, 18, of 42 Champion Hill Rd., East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of disorderly conduct, assault 3rd degree and conspiracy to commit assault 3rd degree.

2/2 — Danielle E. Fitzpatrick, 19 of 39 Stevenson Rd., East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of disorderly conduct, assault 3rd degree and conspiracy to commit assault 3rd degree.

2/3 — Brian M. Hanna, 19, of 3 Butler La., Portland, was issued a ticket for operating an ATV on a public road.

2/4 — Kevin J. McLaughlin, 26, of 87 Main St., East Hampton, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

2/4 — Brian L. Woynar, 43, of 89 Wopowog Rd., East Hampton, was arrested for failure to drive right, failure to renew registration, operating while under suspension, illegal possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal possession of a narcotic.

2/5 — Russell J. Baker, 19, of 187 North Moodus Rd., Moodus, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Portland Police News

2/3 — Burke Berman, 34, of 64 Stack St., Apt. 2, Middletown, was charged with possession of less than 4 oz of marijuana, said Portland police

2/3 — Courtney Paul, 24, of 8 Valli Dr., East Hampton, was charged with possession of narcotics (heroin), possession of drug paraphernalia and traveling too fast for conditions, said police.

2/3 — Sarah Leblanc, 18, of 518 Main St., Portland, was charged with possession of less than 4 oz. of marijuana, said police.

2/5 — Avone Leach, 28, of 35 Chatham Court, Portland, was charged with assault

East Hampton

Carol Erlandson

Carol Erlandson of Antioch, TN passed away on Jan. 11. Born May 12, 1960 in Hartford, CT, she had lived in East Hampton and West Hartford before moving to Nashville, TN. in August 1990.

She is survived by her parents, Richard and Elsie Erlandson of East Hampton; a brother, Rick Erlandson of Moodus; a niece, Elizabeth Erlandson of Moodus; a nephew, Benjamin Erlandson of Moodus; an aunt and uncle and several cousins.

Carol formerly worked for Travelers Insurance and Primus Ford Credit. She had a loving passion for animals. Carol volunteered for many charitable organizations throughout her life and she sponsored a child for many years. She also enjoyed cooking, her yard, gardening and flowers.

Funeral services will be private. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions can be made in Carol's memory to Connecticut Humane Society 701 Russell Rd. Newington, CT. 06111.

The Spencer Funeral Home 112 main St East Hampton has care of arrangements.

on a police officer, threatening 2nd degree, assault 3rd degree, reckless endangerment 1st degree, interfering with police, risk of injury to a minor (2 counts), disorderly conduct, assault 3rd degree and using a motor vehicle without the owner's permission, said police.

2/10 — Christopher Glass, 32, of 50 High St., New Britain, was charged with criminal trespass 2nd degree and criminal mischief 3rd degree, said police.

2/10 — A 16-year-old male was arrested on charges of DUI and failure to drive in the established lane, said police.

East Hampton

David R. Sorrell

David R. Sorrell, 70, of East Hampton, the husband of Wanda (Aldrich) Sorrell died Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Hartford Hospital.

He was born May 17, 1936 in Charlotte, VT., the son of the late Floyd and Eva Sorrell he had lived in Moodus before moving to East Hampton in 1996. He was a retired staff sergeant. from the U.S. Air Force where he had served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

He had been employed by Phalo Cable as an electrician before his retirement.

Besides his wife Wanda, he is survived by a son, Shawn Sorrell; five brothers and one sister; and two grandchildren, Angelina and Kaleb Sorrell. He was predeceased by a daughter, Renee Sorrell.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, at 12 noon in the Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main St. East Hampton. Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Obituaries

Colchester

Kevin R. King

Kevin Robert King, 44, of Colchester, beloved husband of Suzanne (Harrity) King and the best Dad ever to Ryan David King, passed away peacefully with his wife by his side Wednesday, Feb. 7 after a long battle with cancer and at the Middlesex Hospice in Middletown.

Born March 20, 1962 in Hartford, he was the son of Robert A. King of East Hartford and the late Janet (Haynes) King and grew up in East Hartford.

Kevin proudly served his country with the United States Army.

Mr. King was employed by Dari Farms in Tolland during his illness.

In his spare time, he enjoyed NASCAR racing, riding roller coasters with his son and most of all, spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his father, his loving wife of 14 years and his six-year-old son, he is survived by two sisters, Cheryl (King) Smith and her husband, Brian of Manchester and Cindi King of East Hartford; his father and mother-in-law, David and Patricia Harrity of Bedford, NH; his sister-in-law, Tracey (Harrity) Previti and her husband, James of Cumming, GA; as well as two nieces, two nephews and many great friends.

Calling hours were Sunday afternoon at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A Memorial Service was held Monday, at the Buckingham Congregational Church, Cricket Lane, Glastonbury.

Burial is to be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to "Ryan's Fund", c/o Liberty Bank, 129 So. Main Street, Colchester 06415.

Portland

Charles J. Karpe, Jr.

Charles J. Karpe, Jr., 82, of Victoria Road, Portland, died on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Middlesex Health Care Center in Middletown. He was the husband of Viola Ciaburri Karpe.

Charles was born in Middletown, Oct. 27, 1924 to the late Charles and Ethel Caron Karpe and had been a resident of Portland for most of his life.

Charles graduated from Portland High School, attended Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, and graduated from the University of Hartford. An Army veteran of World War II, he was honorably discharged as 1st Sergeant in the 32nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division. He saw action in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia, and also participated in the Invasion of Normandy on D-Day.

For many years he was active in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Portland as well as serving on the Board of Education for 7 1/2 years, the Board of Finance for 4 years, and also the Board of Long Range Planning. He held the position of Treasurer in the following organizations: in the early 1950s for the Fish and Game Club, the Knights of Columbus for over 30 years, and the Town Treasurer for two years. He had retired as Secretary and Treasurer of the Union-Parker Co., in Meriden and the Five-Star Company in 1987. He was a parishioner of the Church of Saint Mary and the Knights of Columbus.

Besides his wife Viola, he is survived by his daughter Paula Karpe of Centreville, VA; his two sons, Robert Karpe of Portland, and Peter Karpe of South Haven, MI; his granddaughter Kathryn Karpe of Delaware, his brother Donald Karpe and his wife Patricia of Avon, and his sister-in-law Frances Keane of Portland, as well as many caring nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were Monday evening at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning with a Mass of Christian Burial in the Church of Saint Mary. Interment, with military honors, was in the Swedish Cemetery.

Gifts in his memory may be sent to the Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA, 02445-7295, or to the Church of Saint Mary, 51 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT 06480.

Colchester

Stanislaw Mielniczak

In loving memory of Stanislaw "Stanley" (Rybak) Mielniczak, 70, of Colchester, may he rest in peace.

Stanley passed away on Saturday, Feb. 10, at Backus Hospital in Norwich. He was born in Poland and lived in Bloomfield and Hartford before moving to Colchester five years ago.

Stanley was a self-employed fisherman. A high tempered man, Stanley was very likeable and would go out of his way to help others, asking for nothing in return.

He is survived by a son, Boguslaw Mielniczak of Hartford; a daughter in Poland; a sister, Irene Kisiel of East Hartford; and a brother and sister in Poland.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m., at SS Cyril & Methodius Church, Hartford. His family will receive friends on Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m., prior to the mass at the Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home, 43 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford.

Portland

David Kennedy

David Kennedy, 58, of Portland died Thursday, Feb. 8, at Hartford Hospital.

He was a devoted father and grandfather to Meghan Copeland, son-in-law, Grant and granddaughter, Ella of Wallingford and to Brendon and Maura Kennedy of Waltham, MA. He leaves behind his mother, Ann Kennedy of Middletown; his siblings, Thomas of Portsmouth, NH, Tama Clark and Brian of Middletown, Kevin of Old Saybrook, Mary Ellen of Bristol, VT and SFC Steven Kennedy of Virginia Beach, VA; his companion, Sandra Thomas of Waterbury, his devoted friends, Fred Miller and cousin, Ray Brophy; and his nieces and nephews. He was dedicated to helping children at Riverview Hospital and to the Sail CT Access Program.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday Feb. 12 in St. Pius X Church, 310 Westfield St., Middletown. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours were Sunday afternoon at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Sail CT Access c/o Debbie Ballou, 1 Riverside CT, Guilford, CT 06437.

Portland

Julia B. Limanni

Julia Barbara (Szczesny) Limanni, 82, beloved wife of Dominic Limanni, passed away in her sleep on Friday morning, Feb. 9, in her hometown of Portland. She was born in Norwich, the daughter of the late Adam and Anna Koziel Szczesny.

She had worked as a weaver almost exclusively during her adult life, first for Ponemah Mills in Taftville, later for the Russell Company in Middletown, and finally retiring from Walter's Belting in Middletown in 1984.

Mrs. Limanni is survived by her husband of 56 years, Dominic, and their three children, Rev. Joseph Limanni, a Roman Catholic priest of Houston, TX; Maryanne Limanni Winslow, her husband, Timothy Winslow and their son, Robert of Virginia; and Nancy Crosen and her children Kristin, Lauren, and Kevin Crosen of Portland; her sister, Gladys Shea and her husband, Daniel of Uncasville; her brother-in-law, Samuel Limanni and his wife, Gloria of Willimantic; her brother-in-law, Don Cameron; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Rudolph Szczesny and her sisters, Mary Connelli and Genevieve Cameron, and her brother-in-law, Frank Limanni.

Calling hours were Tuesday evening at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, from the Portland Memorial with a Mass of Christian Burial in the Church of Saint Mary. Interment was in Saint Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts in Julia's memory be sent to the American Lung Association, 45 Ash St., East Hartford, CT 06108-3272.

East Hampton

Patricia Ann Hobson

Patricia Ann Hobson, 73, of East Hampton, formerly of South Windsor and Hyannis, MA, beloved wife of Dr. Melvin Clay Hobson, Jr., Ph.D., passed away Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Middlesex Hospital in Middletown.

Born July 7, 1933 in Hazelton, PA, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Elizabeth (Doyle) Gallagher.

On July 28, 1956, she and Melvin were married in Philadelphia.

In her spare time, Patricia loved to sing and cook for her family. In them, she found her greatest joy, gave her greatest care and devotion and in her passing, perhaps their greatest sorrow. Her memory, however, will live on forever through them and all those she touched.

In addition to her loving husband of 50 years, survivors include three daughters, Lisa and Dean Senesac of Pittsboro, IN, Kathleen and Robert Clay of Amston and Kimberly Hobson of Hoboken, NJ; four grandchildren, Shannon and Jordan Duff and Jacqueline and Kevin Clay; two brothers, Thomas and Richard Gallagher, both of New Jersey; and numerous extended family members and friends.

The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated today (Friday, Feb. 16) at 10:30 a.m., at the Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church Street (Route 85), Hebron, with Fr. Michael Smith as Celebrant, joined by the Rev. Denise Esslinger, Pastor of Gilead Congregational Church. The family will receive guests starting at 10 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow in the Wapping Cemetery, South Windsor. Care of arrangements has been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester.