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The 17th Annual Hebron Maple Festival will take place this Saturday and Sunday at various locations around town, with activities, fun and plenty of food and maple-flavored treats!

Annual Hebron Maple Fest This Weekend

by Sarah McCoy

If you like maple syrup then Hebron is the place to be this weekend.

The annual Maple Fest is back. For 17 years Hebron has celebrated the season of syrup with events across the town. Families, businesses, and organizations will be out in abundance this weekend offering shows, tours, and, of course, food.

The Maple Fest will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

To get off to the right start, there will be pancake breakfasts both days. On Saturday the Church of the Holy Family will offer breakfast as a fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus. On Sunday, the Hebron Lion's will kick-off their fundraiser with a pancake breakfast of their own.

But breakfast is only the beginning.

Starting at 10 a.m. many businesses will open their doors and give visitors a peek into their daily lives. This includes Golden Egg Art Studio and Village Blacksmith Shop. The four major sugar houses in Hebron; Hope Valley, Wenzel, Woody

Acres, and Winding Brook, will also be open to tour.

Visitors will be able to get a first-hand look at the process of turning sap into a variety of maple products.

Additionally, Winding Brook Sugar House will have a booth set-up to offer lessons for those interested in getting started with sugaring. They will be located at 27 Main St.

The Maple Fest is more than just syrup, though. There will be pony rides, a dog sledding exhibition, face paintings, and even an ice cream eating contest.

Back by popular demand will also be the Birds of Prey Show. AHM Youth Services will again host Julie Ann Collier, of Wingmasters, who rehabilitates wild birds. There will be two shows offered on Sunday, one at 1 p.m. and another at 2:30 p.m. These shows are expected to sell-out. For tickets please call AHM at 228-9488.

Another popular show will also be back this weekend. The Hebron Historical So-

ciety will again be displaying and selling historical quilts at Old Town Hall. This event will run on both days between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Esteemed quilter Sharon Buckley will also be present to appraise quilts on Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

With expected temperatures in the high 40s, this weekend looks to be one of the best Maple Fests yet. Visitors are encouraged to park at either Hebron Elementary or RHAM High School. A shuttle bus will run from RHAM to the major attractions.

Each year the Hebron Maple Fest Committee puts on the event with proceeds benefiting an annual scholarship for a student pursuing a career in the field of Environmental Sciences.

The list of food options and events is too long to list, but more information is available at the Hebron Maple Fest website, www.hebronmaplefest.com. Also available from the website is a map of the town and schedule of events.



Duo Fills Void in East Hampton

by Michael McCoy

Thirty years of mechanical know-how has arrived in East Hampton, as Belltown Appliance recently joined the local business community.

Edgar Goss started H & E Appliance in Hartford 30 years ago. He was always aided by his son, Harvey Goss. When Edgar passed away in 1992, Harvey took over the business that his father had built.

In 2005, Goss moved the business to his Moodus home.

That's when local resident Alan Veazie comes into the story. Goss and Veazie have been friends for the past 20 years, enjoying hunting and the outdoors together. Many times, as Veazie would pull into the driveway to pick Goss up for a hunting excursion, he would find him working on one machine or another. Of course, Veazie would always help his friend out, and they'd eventually be on their way.

One such day, Harvey suggested that they go into business together. So they did.

They originally retained the name H&E, which stands for Harvey & Edgar, but subsequently decided to go with something a little more colloquial and with more local meaning shortly after their grand opening.

The store is now in the middle of switching over all of their signage, as well as their logo and other promotional material from H&E to Belltown, but they are one and the same.)

Why locate in East Hampton? "We decided on East Hampton, because we thought the community could use it [a service like theirs]," figured Alan.

It would seem that another Alan shares his sentiment. "This is a great addition to the town," agreed Town Manager Alan Bergren.

Speaking of the warm welcome by the town, specifically the Economic Development Commission, Veazie says, "They've all been a really big help."

Harvey added, "They're all kind of psyched that we're here."

Belltown Appliance offers washers, dryers, stoves, electric ranges, ovens, refrigerators, air conditioners, and even commercial stoves.

They specialize in refurbished and "scratch and dent" products—that is, brand-new machines with minor blemishes. Belltown also stocks virtually any major brand you can conjure up: Maytag, Bosch, LG, Asco, Kenmore etc...

In addition to the products, they also sell specific parts and offer servicing on all machines. Incidentally, there is no other appliance store in the town of East Hampton.

The shop is located at 12 Summit Street, a building owned by Ralph Nesci.

"It's kind of a neat appliance store," said Nesci. "I'm tickled pink with his whole thing." As it happens, it was Alan's brother Kenny who found the space for Belltown. To add another relative dimension to the endeavor, Gross's mother Jane does all of the bookkeeping.

Harvey and Alan had plenty to attend to before their February 1st opening, including painting the entire interior of the shop, as well as erecting a wall to separate the sales floor from the back. The duo did it all themselves.

Belltown Appliance is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., though they plan to eventually extend the hours one more day during the week. They can be reached by phone at 365-0242.



EDC member Mary Ann Dostaler (left) and Town Manager Alan Bergren (right) wish new salon owner Lori Davis (center) well in her new venture in the Village Center.

Radiance Salon Welcome Addition to East Hampton Village Center

by Michael McCoy

The East Hampton Economic Development Commission—and the town at large—is welcoming Radiance Salon to the Village Center.

The business is owned and operated by Lori Davis, who has recently returned to Connecticut after a seven-year absence.

Davis, originally from Pittsburgh, moved to New England when she was in her early 20s. From 1996 into 1997, she lived in East Hampton. During this time, she graduated from the New England School of Hairdressing in Newington.

She worked part-time as a hair stylist for a bit. Then, in 1999, she relocated to Virginia, where she continued work as a stylist.

Last year, driven largely by a desire to be closer to her children, Amanda and Kyle, Davis returned to East Hampton.

While working at Equifax in Rocky Hill, she caught the bug to revisit her past career. So, she opened Radiance Salon, a full-service salon, located at 82 Main Street in the Village Center.

"It's something I was always interested in doing and learning," said Davis of the career she has now built a business around.

"We were looking at several locations. I just liked the little community down in the village," said Davis, who like many others has noticed the economic growth spurt the town's center has been experiencing.

Davis secured the space in early October. "Set up was difficult and a learning experience," remarked Davis. "We never thought opening

day would come."

Over the next two months, Davis saw to signage, molding, and plumbing issues. She replaced the floors and repainted the entire interior.

Despite Davis's stressful renovation period, opening day did indeed finally arrive. Radiance Salon opened on November 28. They offer their services to men, women, and children. Operating hours are still somewhat fluid, so Radiance encourages appointments but welcomes walk-ins as well.

Customers can expect to be pampered head to toe if so desired, as Radiance administers haircuts, manicures, pedicures, and waxing. Radiance also sports a line of Redken hair products. Davis is also looking for some new stylists to help ease the workload.

As she gazes around the elegant and newly converted interior, Davis says she knows she's made the right choice. "I've done a lot of things, but I like doing this," she remarked.

EDC Vice Chairman Mary Ann Dostaler offered up some encouragement: "I think it's a great addition to the Village Center," said Dostaler. "She has a willingness to work cooperatively with the community." Dostaler mentioned that Davis even expressed a willingness to work with Perfect Nails and Hairitage, which both lost their business spaces to a fire along Route 66 last month.

Radiance Salon is open Tuesday through Saturday and may be contacted at 267-4016.



Dot Foley (left) and Dottie Nowsch, both members of the Roy G. Pettengill Ambulance Association, present Parks & Recreation Director Lara Kalmbach (right) with a check to fund house numbering signs for seniors.

Free House Numbering Signs Available for Seniors in Marlborough

by Sarah McCoy

What started as a fundraiser is now benefiting three groups in town: those who want a better playscape at Blish Park; senior citizens; and emergency personnel who may have to find your house some dark night.

Reflective house numbering signs were originally offered by the Parks & Recreation Department to benefit the playscape project. They will, but now the Roy G. Pettengill Ambulance Association is offering to pick up the cost of the signs for any senior citizens in town who wants one.

Last week representatives from the Ambulance Board of Directors presented Parks and Recreation Director Lara Kalmbach with a check for \$2,000 to be used for senior citizen house numbering. That covers the sale of 100 signs.

So far only about 35 seniors have ordered the free signs.

Seniors have until the end of this month to take advantage of the free offer. In addition to paying for the signs, the EMT volunteers will also install the signs free of charge.

The highly reflective signs provide a clear

marking, as to which house is which for emergency personnel. "The feedback we've gotten from the police, fire department, and EMTs has been very positive," Kalmbach said. "They really do work."

The idea for the new venture came from Dot Foley. Foley sits on both the Parks and Rec. Commission and the Ambulance Board of Directors. "It is a way to kill three birds with one stone," she explained. "It helps the playscape. It helps the emergency personnel which, in turn, helps the seniors."

Those seniors interested in receiving their free reflective sign can place their order by calling the Senior Center or by stopping by.

Non-senior citizens can place their order for a sign by calling Parks & Rec. at 295-6203. Signs are \$20 each. They are recommended for all households, especially those set back from the street or with a mailbox on the opposite side of the street.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to renovate the playscape at Blish Park. Currently \$30,000 is needed to do the repairs and upgrades.

Hebron Grand List Shows \$234 Million Jump Due to Reval

by Sarah McCoy

Hebron real estate assessments soared last year, thanks in large part to the town-wide revaluation.

The annual grand list released last week showed a \$243.3 million jump in real estate properties. This represents a 46.21% increase.

Hebron Assessor Robert Musson called the increase "higher than some towns but within the ballpark of normal figures."

Personal property increased by 4.16% from last year and motor vehicles by 1.45%. This results in an overall net total increase of 40.63%.

Revaluation is a state-mandated process that each town must conduct every five years. The town contracted Total Valuation Services LLC, out of Waterbury, to handle the reval process.

The company analyzed the sales of properties between Oct. 1 of 2005 and Oct. of 2006, then used this data to determine market values for all properties in town.

As property values increase, the town's mill rate will decrease. This number is calculated by taking the net taxable grand list total of \$847,144,292 and dividing it by the revenue that is needed. The mill rate won't be set until June when the town has finalized its budget.

The Grand List itself also needs finalizing. Residents have until March 20 to file an appeal with the Board of Assessment Appeals if they feel an error has been made in their assessment.

Forms for the appeal process can be obtained in the Assessor's Office or on the Town of Hebron website.

Musson reported that, on average, the Grand List decreases by about 5% after the Board of Assessment Appeals has concluded their hearings.

Although property values have increased, Musson doesn't expect everyone to see an increase in their tax bills. "If the property has agricultural use then the owner will probably see a tax decrease," he explained.

Last year the town saw an increase in real estate accounts by 48. Musson said this was mostly due to the recently opened neighborhoods behind Ted's Market. Twelve new motor vehicle accounts were added in 2006 and there was a 6 account decrease in personal property.

The top real estate taxpayer last year was Blackledge Country Club. Rounding out the top 5 were Village Shoppes LLC, who own the Ted's Market plaza; Hebron Properties LLC, who own the Wellwood apartment complexes; B.I.S.S. Inc, who own the Subway plaza on Main Street; and Foothill Farms Inc., who lease the land to Tallwoods Country Club.

Residents can see their revaluation results by visiting www.totalvaluation.com and clicking Town Pages and then selecting Hebron.

Marlborough Student Inventions Include a Flashlight for Dogs

by Sarah McCoy

Forty of the town's youngest inventors put their creations on display last week for the annual Invention Convention. Inventions included everything from a flashlight for dogs to a baby stroller with an attachment to shopping carts.

Beginning in December, students in grades 1 through 6 set out to solve a problem—the only restriction being they had to do it under \$25. The results were as varied as the students themselves.

In the end, 31 of the Marlborough Elementary School students advanced to the state-wide competition to be held at UConn's Gampel Pavilion on April 28.

One of those students is Stephen Hawes. Stephen, a 6th grade student, has been to the state competition four times before. He has even been on the Tonight Show and the Martha Stewart Show to present his creations. This year Stephen needed to look no farther than the ground for inspiration.

A trombone player, he has always been frustrated by the amount of condensation produced by his instrument. That moisture needs to be released from the instrument frequently, creating a puddle at his feet. To put an end to the puddles, Stephen created the Moisture Motel. This container connects onto the end of a trombone. Musicians simply open the valve and let the condensation collect in the container.

Like Stephen, Josh Sousa also wanted to conquer a problem in his own life. For years Sousa has watched his mother struggle to get the mail out of the back of the mailbox as she

reached in from her car. With that in mind, Sousa developed the mail helper. The mail helper features a platform on the bottom of the mailbox hooked to an elastic band. To get the mail, you simply pull the platform out. It then snaps back into the mailbox for storage.

To participate in the Invention Convention students have to do more than just invent. The process begins by brainstorming ideas to solve a problem. Once students have selected one idea, they must outline the steps necessary to produce their solution. Next students gather their materials and begin to construct. Students then must reflect on their creation by answering questions such as; what skills were used and did you alter your original plan.

"You find a problem, get an idea, and then try to make it work. When it doesn't, you ask yourself why and try to correct that problem," Hawes said of the invention steps.

Third grader Maggie Hughes started the process with the idea of creating a floating bicycle for beginners. "That way if they fell off, it would only be into the water," she explained. But, after making her list of materials, Maggie realized she would be way over budget.

Not deterred, she set out on Plan B, a toilet seat that buzzes to remind men to put it down.

The 31 MES students will head to UConn in April where they will present their inventions to another panel of judges. If well received, students could receive one of four different awards.

Andover Schools Would Benefit from Rell Proposal

by Jim Salemi

If the Education Cost Sharing reform plan put forth by Governor Jodi Rell in her proposed budget passes, Andover stands to receive a 187% increase in state funding for education over five years, amounting to \$1.7 million in all.

But don't get your hopes up for a reduction in taxes. By all estimations, taxation will be a wash.

That was the message Andover Elementary School Superintendent Andrew Maneggia and finance board chairman Steven Reade gave residents at an education budget presentation last Wednesday. Maneggia presented the school board's operating budget for the next fiscal year to the finance board at the meeting.

"I don't think \$1.7 million [over five years] is going to lower anyone's taxes," Reade said at the meeting.

First Selectman Robert Burbank said that he has had conversations with legislators indicating that state STEAP grants and state aid for town roads may decrease.

STEAP grants are grants to pay for a percentage of municipal capitol projects.

"At best, we're neutral. There's a chance we could get less [money] from the state," the first selectman said.

Reade said that the proposed reduction in grants and aid probably will not affect Andover as it will other towns, as Andover recently completed a number of capitol projects, such as the school expansion, the new firehouse and an addition to the town hall.

Maneggia presented the education board-approved budget of \$3.8 million, representing nearly a 4% increase over current year spending.

The superintendent said there were still a number of "unknowns" in the budget, the result of unstable fuel prices and the cost of electricity. Because the addition built onto the school included new lighting fixtures and a new boiler and oil burners, among other items, Maneggia said he is expecting some savings as a result of the new and more efficient equipment, but the exact costs cannot be known until they are used and their efficiency better measured.

The superintendent also told the finance board that enrollment will remain largely the same and there are no unanticipated costs for special education, two factors that can drive a budget up substantially.

The exact budget figure requested by the superintendent is \$3,797,797, a difference of \$144,890 or 3.97% over the current year figures. The current year's operating budget is \$3,652,907.

After the meeting, Reade commented on how tame the public comment segment of the meeting was, saying the meeting was the first he could remember in 20 years that was devoid of any controversy.

The finance board will review the presented budget in a series of workshops and make its recommendation when its review is completed. Once approved, the budget will go to a public hearing and finally to referendum.

Colchester Police News

3/3—Robert Ferrara, 51, of 132 Scott Hill Rd., was arrested for falsely reporting an incident and making a false statement to police, according to reports. Ferrara allegedly told Colchester police that he found a handgun on his property. Police said in the report that they determined Ferrara was lying after a brief investigation into the matter.

3/4—William Congdon, 37, of 336 New London Rd., was arrested for DWI and failure to drive right, police said.

3/4—Carlos Rodriguez, 25, of New London, was arrested for DWI and speeding, police said.

3/6—Adrian Pompei, 18, of 71 Fox Ridge Dr., was arrested on a warrant for DUI, according to reports.

3/7—A 15 year old juvenile student was arrested on unspecified charges last Wednesday at Bacon Academy after allegedly "making an inappropriate remark towards a school administrator," according to reports. No other details were available.

Portland Accident Causes Traffic Tie-ups

Traffic backed up for miles on Portland's main roads Tuesday morning after a truck broke down on the Arrigoni Bridge.

A box truck traveling west over the bridge broke an axle at about 7 a.m. The axle punctured the fuel tank which then leaked fuel onto the roadway. Portland firefighters responded and the state Department of Environmental Protection had to be called in to clean up the spill.

Though the bridge was not completely closed, the accident severely restricted traffic flow. Traffic backed up for several miles on Route 66. Traffic on Route 17 toward Glastonbury was also backed up from just beyond Portland Four Corners to beyond South Glastonbury Center as drivers sought an alternate route.

The breakdown and fuel were finally cleared by about 9 a.m.

The truck was reportedly carrying mail.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Helen B. Perry

Helen (Bachman) Perry, 86, of Sun City Center, FL and East Hampton, beloved wife of the late Arthur Perry passed away on Monday, Feb. 26, after a brief illness in Tampa, FL. Born in Bristol, she was the second child of Charles and Anna (Collins) Bachman. She was a graduate of Bristol High School.

She was predeceased by her first husband Anthony Piteo, of Southington, who was the founder and owner of the Towne Dry Cleaners.

Helen loved life. She loved to laugh and saw humor in everyday ordinary activities. Though shy, she was blessed with many friends and admirers who were taken with her contagious giggle and easy grace. She had no enemies, held no grudges, didn't speak ill of others and never uttered a bad word. She was a lady through and through.

A woman of many talents, Helen liked to write poetry for friends and family, play the piano, and paint portraits for those who asked. Helen was also a great health enthusiast; a daily vitamin taker and walker who didn't smoke or drink but instead liked chocolate as her only vice.

During the 1960s and '70s, Helen was a nurse. The 1980s saw her as a very active volunteer for Bradley Memorial Hospital, in Southington and for Literacy Volunteers teaching English to Polish students newly arrived from Soviet dominated Eastern Europe. During her life, Helen traveled often to Europe, especially to Medjugorje in Yugoslavia (Croatia) to witness visions of the Virgin Mary. A devout Catholic, Helen loved her faith and garnered much strength in devotions and satisfaction by imbuing her children in the Roman Catholic religion.

Her greatest love of all, however, was for her family. Family meant everything to her. To all, she was Ma- an anchor of stability, patience and love, the one to count on and know was always there. Her goodness and wisdom will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughter Suzanne Harkness-Soden and husband John of Ruidoso, NM; daughter Althea Lockwood and husband Tom of Redding, CT; a son Tom Thomas and wife Mindy of Santa Barbara, CA; and son Josh Piteo and wife Karen of East Hampton, CT. She also leaves behind grandchildren Christine Sparks, Jennifer Findley, Aidan Thomas and Colin Piteo. Helen was additionally blessed with great-grandchildren Tucker Rozevick, Avery Sparks, Skylar Findley and Addison Findley.

Let no tear fall, for those who walk with the Lord know only bliss and eternal happiness.

A funeral mass was held Monday morning, March 5 at St Joseph Church in Bristol. A viewing was held prior to the mass at Funks Funeral home in Bristol. Following the mass, burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Southington.

Colchester

Patricia A. Wheeler

Patricia Arlene Wheeler, 81, of Gill St., Colchester, widow of the late Harold G. "Mike" Wheeler, passed away Friday evening, (March 2, at the Liberty Specialty Care Center in Colchester.

Born April 1, 1925 in Calais, ME, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Eleanor (Reed) Murphy. A 1942 graduate of Calais Academy, she went on to graduate from Holy Rosary Business College in St. Stephen, New Brunswick.

On April 29, 1950, she and Mike were married in Calais. Together, they shared 51 years of marriage before he predeceased her on Nov. 9, 2001.

Mrs. Wheeler had worked in banking for many years before her retirement.

She was a member of the Colchester Bible Baptist Church. In her spare time, she enjoyed nature, gardening, bird watching and reading, but her greatest joy was found in her family.

She is survived by three children and their spouses, Harry and Eileen of East Haddam, Bradley and Laura of New London and Brenda and Joseph Lopes of Lebanon; five grandchildren, Jeffrey and Caryn Wheeler, Tami Perez and Joseph and Michael Lopes; four great grandchildren, Justine and Owen Wheeler and Kayla and Courtney Perez; and numerous extended family members and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her twin sister, Winifred "Mimi" Ross.

Calling hours were Monday evening at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester. A Chapel Service was held Tuesday morning at the funeral home.

Burial in the Middletown State Veterans Cemetery will be private.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Colchester Bible Baptist Church, 38 Chestnut Hill Rd., Colchester 06415.

East Hampton

Arline M. Noack

Arline Marie (Corves) Noack, widow of the late Frederick A. Noack, passed away Sunday March 4, at Chestelm Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born March 3, 1909 in Meriden, CT daughter of the late William and Lena (Dossin) Corves.

Arline celebrated her 98th birthday, surrounded by her loving family, the previous day.

She had lived in Meriden for many years before moving to East Hampton in 1954. She retired at the age of 75 from Sinco Inc. She had also worked locally at Gong Bell Mfg. and Central Woodworking. She had been an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, having served as chairwomen of the Alter Guild. She had also been a member of the World War I Women's Auxiliary. In her younger years she had enjoyed gardening, cooking and keeping a comfortable home.

Arline was a selfless person always thinking of the needs of others before her own. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

She is survived by a daughter, Doreen Fay and her husband George of East Hampton; a son, Keith Noack and his wife Lynne of Marlborough; six grandchildren, Kenneth K. Noack, Stephen Fay, Cheryl (Fay) Siegmann, Jodi Fay-Stubbings, Wendy (Noack) Zimmerman, Randy Noack; seven great-grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren, two nieces and a nephew. Besides her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a son, Kenneth C. Noack; two brothers, William and Harold Corves; a sister, Dorothy Brenner; a granddaughter, Alicia Noack; a step-son, Frederick R. Noack; and a step-grandson.

Funeral services will be held today (Friday, March 9) at 11 a.m. in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. William Hodge officiating. Burial will follow in the family plot in Lakeview Cemetery. Friends may call at the Church on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church Memorial Fund 1 East High St. PO Box 31 East Hampton, CT 06424. The Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main St. East Hampton has care of arrangements.

Portland

Josephine Nanfito

Josephine Lastrina Nanfito, 90, formerly of Foley Rd., Portland, died Wednesday, March 7, in Plantsville. She was the beloved wife of the late Vincent S. Nanfito, Sr.

Born in Middletown, Jan. 15, 1917, a daughter of the late Guiesseppe and Anna Marie Gaudino Lastrina, she was a lifelong area resident. She was a parishioner of the Church of Saint Mary and had been active at the Portland Senior Center where she taught knitting and crochet. She had made and donated thousands of hats, scarves, sweaters, and mittens over the years. She also was a member of the Garibaldi Society.

Mrs. Nanfito is survived by her four sons, Philip Nanfito and his wife Patricia of Southington, Joseph Nanfito and his wife Pollyann of Venice, FL, Vincent Nanfito, Jr. and his wife Stacey of Southington, and Ronald Nanfito and his wife Peggy of Higganum; her 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews. She also is survived by her brother-in-law Philip Nanfito of Portland, and her lifelong friends Claudia Halibozek and Andy and June Lastrina of Portland. She was predeceased by her sisters Anna Jurzak and Angelina Ruitto, and her brothers Angelo Lastrina and Michael Lastrina.

Josephine was very grateful for the special love and care given by her nephew Joseph Lastrina of Meriden and Josephine Ruitto Norton of Portland and the family of Josephine would like to thank the staff at the Summit Nursing Home of Plantsville and the Hospice of Central Connecticut for all of the fine care and support they gave in her final days.

Her family will receive relatives and friends in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland this evening (Friday, March 9) from 5-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9:15 a.m. from the Portland Memorial and at 10 a.m. in the Church of Saint Mary for a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Portland

Lorraine M. Brochu

Lorraine Morneau Brochu, 77, formerly of Portland, wife of the late Wilfred Brochu, passed away on Friday, Feb. 23.

Born in Berlin, NH on April 20, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Yvonne (Melanson) Morneau.

Lorraine is survived by two daughters, Marie and husband Arnold Hurd and Julienne and husband Irving Moy; and a son, Roland Brochu. She was predeceased by a son, Daniel Brochu. She had six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; she is also survived by two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services and burial will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 21 Alpine St., Manchester, CT 06040.

Colchester

Joan Ann Raill

Joan Ann Raill, 58, beloved wife of Peter Raill, Brainard Road, died unexpectedly Saturday, March 3, at the W.W. Backus Hospital.

Joan was born in Norwich, Aug. 15, 1948, the daughter of Ozilda (Gervas) Koziol of Colchester and the late Peter Koziol. She was a gaming dealer at Foxwoods.

Mrs. Raill had a great zest for life, was a devoted mother and grandmother who enjoyed shopping and traveling. She was married to Peter Raill on Aug. 19, 1967 at St. Mary Church, Jewett City. He survives her.

Also surviving are two children Deborah and her husband Leon Soucy of the United Kingdom and Michael and his wife Stacy Raill of Manchester; four grandchildren Ashley and Christopher Soucy of the United Kingdom and Nicholas and Jasmine Raill of Manchester; a brother Richard Koziol of Danielson and a sister Carol Kumiega of Moosup. She was predeceased by a brother Stanley Koziol, Jr.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at the Jewett City Leffler Funeral Home, 30 North Main Street. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday morning in St. Mary Church. Interment was in Pachaug Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester Fire Dept., 52 Old Colchester Rd., Colchester, CT 06415.

East Hampton Police News

1/18 — A 12-year-old female juvenile was referred to Juvenile Court for larceny 5th degree and making a false statement.

2/20 — Jason Rich, 31, of 40 Falls Bashan Rd., East Haddam, was arrested for operating while under suspension and failure to have tail lamps.

2/22 — A 16-year-old male juvenile and a 17-year-old male juvenile were issued a ticket for simple trespass.

2/24 — Michael E. McArthur, 46, of 11 Long Crossing Rd., East Hampton, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

2/26 — A 17-year-old male juvenile was arrested for disorderly conduct and assault 3rd degree.

2/28 — Shannon Brown, 32, of 374 Beaumont Hwy., Lebanon, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of larceny 6th degree and issuing a bad check.

2/28 — Michael W. Barracliff, 41, of 22 Consonance La., Bristol, was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, operating an unregistered vehicle, no insurance, left lane violation, illegal storage of narcotic, possession of narcotics and possession of a controlled substance.

Hebron Police News

3/4—A juvenile RHAM student was arrested on a warrant for breach of peace and threatening following an incident at the school back in December, according to police.

Marlborough Police News

3/4—Police are investigating an incident of vandalism to a shed on property at Johnson Road, according to reports.