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Susan Squier (center) recently wrote a book entitled *People Aren't Black, People Are Human*. The book was inspired by a question asked of her regarding her son, Michael (right). Michael, now 11, and Susan moved to Portland from Manchester seven years ago. Also shown is Susan's other son, Joshua.

Portland Writer's New Book Deals with Racism

by Michael McCoy

A little more than two years ago, Portland resident Susan Squier decided she wanted to write a book. But she didn't know what she'd write about. A question asked of her by a fellow Portland resident changed all that.

Squier remembers the resident saying to her, "Now that you're in the country, how are you going to teach your kid to be black?"

This query was posed to her in September 2005. The following January, Squier sat down and started writing a book on the issue of race in America. The book, called *People Aren't Black, People Are Human*, is the result of the effort.

Squier's 11 year-old son Michael is bi-racial; his father is African-American, while Squier is white. The two moved to Portland from Manchester seven years ago. She says, "I thought I was giving my son a better life."

But when she was asked about teaching her son "to be black," Squier says she was horrified. She says she responded to the question by saying, "When you're a mother, color doesn't matter. Either I love them both or I don't."

(Since moving to Portland, Squier married Jeremiah Squier, and together they have a five year-old son, Joshua. Joshua is not bi-racial.)

Unsettling as the question might have been, it still provided Squier with inspiration. She had been toying with the idea of writing a book, and in June 2005 she picked up some guides, such as *The Idiot's Guide to Being Published*, to help get her started.

"I always wanted to be a writer, but I never did very well at English Literature in high school," she remembers.

In January 2006, Squier started writing her book. She says that when it came time to write, "The first thing I did was go to the dictionary and look up the word 'black,' and I found, 'wicked,' 'dirty,' 'evil,' 'without color,' and 'of the black race.'"

Squier says she feels that there is too much pretense in the traditional publishing industry, including too much weight placed on formal education.

"You start a whole new resume," says Squier. "What you did in your previous life doesn't matter anymore."

Heeding the advice of her friend and fellow Portland writer Jill Deane, Squier decided to self-publish the book, using InstantPublisher.com.

"And from there it just escalated, because I couldn't believe that in a country that we live so free, we would characterize people as dirty, evil, and wicked," Squier said.

Squier began researching and found that

the term "black" was first used to describe people by Europeans who wished to make a clear distinction between slaves and free men.

As for the present day, Squier says, "I just think society is going in the wrong direction with fighting racism."

Squier says she feels too much emphasis is placed on making up for past wrongs, noting that it was not her or her immediate family that enslaved people 300 years ago. "We don't have the debt to pay," she says. "We don't have the blame."

"I believe that reverse discrimination has something to do with our racial injustice problem," she adds. "Some people are saying it's the white man's problem, and they're teaching people that whites won't treat them the same."

Squier relates this to a past job she held. "I worked as a waitress for many years," she says. "A Caucasian could walk to a table of black women and be treated like crap, while one of the brown waitresses could be treated like the Queen of England."

When asked if incidents like the one that spawned her book have been the norm, Squier responds, "Portland has come a long way."

She adds, "When we used to go to the

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library, they would treat Joshua much better than Michael until they realized I was Michael's mother.

Speaking about the school system, she said, "[Michael's] been with the same kids since they all started preschool, so school's not a problem."

But, Squier says, "It has just been since last year that Michael's been getting invited to play dates and birthday parties."

Squier remembers an incident from the Valley View Halloween Parade in 2001. While standing with the other mothers as Michael passed by in his costume, she heard one say, "There sure are a lot of black kids coming to our school."

"Little did they know, his mother was standing next to her," Squier says.

"I worked my ass off to move out of Section 8 housing to give my kid a better life," sighs Squier. "Then I have the black community saying I'm not good enough to raise a black child."

According to Squier that community has accused, "You have him around too many white people." Squier says, "My response is he's around people who absolutely love him

to death."

During the day, Squier works as an Assistant Property Manager for Konover Properties of Hartford. Next September, Squier will have a needle-felting article published in Hobby Farms Magazine. This was sparked by Jeremiah's business, Twist of Fate Spinnery. Sometime in the near future, Squier says, she will sit in for a discussion with DJ Buck during his radio program on 93.7, discussing race issues.

Squier serves on the Executive Board of Directors for the Friends of the Portland Library and serves on the Brownstone Festival Committee and the Portland Historical Society.

People Aren't Black... took Squier just over a year to write, completing it in February. It was then released on April 2. Though Squier plans to have her book available on Amazon.com soon, it can be currently obtained by calling her at 342-4304, e-mailing her at suesquier@yahoo.com, or by visiting peoplearentblack.com. The book costs \$6.95, but Squier is running a special for call-in orders, which drops the price to \$6, and includes a bumper sticker.



Employees of GEG Construction out of Massachusetts, work to install pavers on the sides of a new concrete sidewalk along Wall Street. Hebron is wrapping up work on the first phase of sidewalk installation in the center of town.

New Sidewalks To Connect RHAM High School to Town Center

by Sarah McCoy

Starting this fall, it may be a lot easier – not to mention safer – for RHAM High School students to walk from the school to the center of Hebron.

Work is nearly complete on the first phase of a project Hebron officials dreamed up six years ago: to install sidewalks in the center of town.

"The idea has been to promote walking between local businesses and for students to exit the school and be able to safely walk into Hebron," Town Planner Mike O'Leary said.

Last month, GEG Construction, out of Massachusetts, began and finished a brick pathway along the north side of Route 66 between Routes 85 and 316. Also installed is a concrete sidewalk with brick trim that stretches from RHAM High School down Wall Street (Route 316) to its intersection with Route 66.

Later this summer the Hebron Parks and Recreation Department will pick up where GEG leaves off. The department plans to install a walkway and footbridge from the library to AHM Youth Services. These items comprise Phase One of the project.

"We are happy to see the project progress," Public Works Director Andy Tierney said. "The sidewalks are a welcome attraction to the center of Hebron, and they will really help improve safety along the roads."

The town spent \$122,844 for the sidewalk construction this year, and has put \$40,000 in the current fiscal year's budget for continuing design work.

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commis-

sion originally introduced the idea of sidewalks in town several years ago, as a way to promote pedestrian traffic. And now, Phase One is nearly complete.

To get the project off the ground, the town applied for and received an Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act grant in 2002. This money funded the redesign and new pavers outside of Douglas Library.

Since then the town has set aside a small amount each year from the Capital Improvements Program budget for the design and implementation of a sidewalk master plan.

The town hired Nathan L. Jacobsen and Associates to handle the initial design work in 2004. As plans were being completed, the town worked with the Department of Transportation, utility companies and homeowners in preparation for the installation.

Last year, the Board of Selectmen passed an ordinance requiring residents and local businesses to take responsibility for maintaining the sidewalks in front of their property. And come winter, this will include shoveling.

Future phases of the sidewalk installation plan call for continuing the pathways to Ted's Supermarket and, eventually, down to Hebron Elementary School.

O'Leary isn't getting ahead of himself, though.

"It has taken a lot of work and coordination to get to this point," he said. "We certainly have a plan for where we're going, but every piece has to be executed correctly."

Police Investigating Series of Break-Ins in Portland

by Michael McCoy

Portland has experienced a series of break-ins during a month-long period, all in the same immediate area, police said.

Between June 9 and July 8, police said, six different residents and one business have reported break-ins. According to Sgt. Scott Cunningham, all seven incidents have been concentrated between Freestone Avenue and Bartlett Street and are spread over a half-mile area.

Items reported stolen include DVDs, TV remotes, loose change, bicycles, laptop computers, and jewelry.

"They're happening while people are at work," said Cunningham, adding that every break-in happened during the daytime. One home was entered while its residents

were on vacation, he says.

Cunningham said "we've had two [witnesses] so far," and added, "We're working on setting up a canvass."

As this is an open investigation, Cunningham offered few details, but he said police suspect one or two individuals to be involved in the crimes.

"We're inching our way forward" towards making arrests, Cunningham said. "We're certainly making some progress." He added that police are in the process of setting up interviews with suspects.

The squad assigned to this case includes Cunningham and Officers Daniel Knapp, Peter Paranzino, Gary Jarzabek, and David Bond.

Colchester School Board Makes Cuts

by Jim Salemi

The Board of Education Tuesday made a series of trims to its proposed 2007-08 budget, following an order by the Board of Finance to cut the spending plan by \$45,000.

To help achieve the cut, the board eliminated \$20,000 it had proposed adding to the budget to reinstate the sports program at William J. Johnston Middle School. That program was eliminated last year due to budget cuts.

The board also cut: \$2,400 from Music Technology at Bacon Academy; a proposed part-time custodial position, to save almost \$10,000; another \$10,000 designated for website hosting for the district; \$1,500 in foreign language textbooks at the middle school; \$1,100 in office software at the intermediate school; and \$235 in general supplies at Bacon Academy.

But it was athletics that took center stage at the board meeting.

"I think it does affect morale," said WJMS Principal Candace Sullivan in response to board member Michael Egan's question on the impact of the elimination of sports at the school.

Sullivan said there was an atmosphere of enthusiasm on game days. The student athletes are required to wear neckties on the days they

had away games, so the rest of the student population will know when there was a game.

"They'd say 'good luck' to the team members and exchange high-fives," she said. She added that about half the students participated in interscholastic sports participate in the intramural program.

About 10 members from both the Bacon Academy boys' and girls' indoor track teams showed up at the meeting, in support of saving their program, which had been eyed for elimination as well.

"We're asking that you keep indoor track," student Shana Stodolski told the board. "A lot of girls improved over the year. Outdoor track is more important, but indoor track helps with events like hurdles and the high jump."

Former school board member James McNair urged the board to address the problems with the track at Bacon Academy.

The track has deteriorated to the point that the team must hold its meets at other locations with running surfaces in better repair. The district has been trying to renovate the track for years, though funds to do so have not materialized.

"Athletics complements academics, and colleges look at extra-curricular activities during

their acceptance process," McNair said. "Let's give these kids the best shot possible. The track is terrible. It needs to be repaired. The kids are behind the eight ball."

Superintendent of Schools Karen Loiselle said the district recently went out to bid to fix a corner section of the track, which deteriorated to the point of posing a safety concern.

Board of Education Chairman William Hettrick said the board is aware of the condition of the track and has been aware of it for years. He said the track is being patched because a reconditioning is not moving forward. He said the town wanted to package the project with the construction of a community center and pool in the future.

Andrew George was the school board member who voted against the proposed budget cuts. He said the \$45,000 cut should be taken out of the municipality's self insurance reserve fund, which is currently in excess of \$1 million.

"I'm disappointed with the board, that the health insurance account is more untouchable than these things on the list," he said.

Hettrick said taking the money out of the reserve account would not be prudent, given the nature of the town's insurance plan.

"Health insurance is a self-insured account. Two months of reserves should be maintained. Many years we have been at zero. We have \$250,000 a month in claims, with about 867 people on the plan, over 1,000 if you include the town side," he said.

With the \$45,000 cut, the school board budget currently stands at \$33,385,095, a \$1.48 million increase in spending over the 2006-07 budget, or 4.65 percent. The board has made over \$410,000 in cuts and adjustments since the first budget was rejected by a 2-1 margin. Nearly \$312,000 in cuts and adjustments were made after the first referendum, and an additional \$59,000 after the second budget was defeated.

Two presented 2007-08 Colchester town budgets have been defeated by voters so far. Some officials have stated that they feel voters are rejecting the budget to stem significant tax impacts. The town recently underwent a revaluation, and some property owners saw marked increases in their assessments while at the same time seeing the market value of their homes decrease.

The next referendum will take place Tuesday, July 24, at Town Hall, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Andover Budget Passes on Third Try

by Jim Salemi

It took three tries, but Andover finally has a 2007-08 budget.

A \$9.9 million spending plan was narrowly approved at referendum Tuesday, July 10. The budget passed by a mere 19 votes, with the final tally 233-214.

Just over 20 percent of the 2,193 eligible voters turned out to cast votes at the referendum.

The approved spending plan represents a 5.7 percent increase, roughly \$537,000 over the 2006-07 budget.

Even though the budget has passed, there still

may be controversy swirling. There are reportedly questions regarding the accuracy of the numbers in the budget presented at the last town meeting on June 26. Look for a detailed story about this in next week's *Rivereast*.

The Board of Finance included an advisory question for the voters Tuesday, on whether the proposed spending plan was too high or too low. Of those that responded, 273 said the budget was too high and 95 said it was too low. Regarding the school budget, 224 voters said it was too high, while 132 said it was too low.

Portland Police News

7/7 — Michelle E. Kacich, 23, of 48 Wopowog Rd., East Hampton, was charged with DUI and failure to drive in established lane, Portland police report.

7/9 — Brian K. Milliot, 30, of 9 Sorries Court, Meriden, was charged with reckless engagement, breach of peace, threatening second degree, and three counts of failure to appear second, police say.

Marlborough Police News

7/4 — Anthony Traficanti, 20, of 18 Edstrom Rd., was arrested for DWI, failure to stop at a stop sign and possession of alcohol by a minor, police said.

East Hampton Police News

6/23 — Andrew G. Charney, 46, of 427 Clement Ln., Orange, was issued a ticket for failure to drive right, police say.

6/24 — Dean Testa, 22, of 19 Honey Hill Rd., Lyme, and Edward Veselak Jr., 55., of 109 Schulman Rd., East Hampton, were involved in a two-vehicle accident on Middletown Ave., two-tenths of a mile west of Main Street, police say, adding that Testa was arrested for failure to drive right and operating without insurance.

6/25 — A 17-year-old male juvenile was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, police say.

6/30 — Laquatta Weaver, 24, of 227 South Main St., New Britain, was arrested for speeding and operating a motor vehicle without a license, police say.

Colchester Police News

7/4 — Police say they are investigating an apparent theft of a "significant amount" of money, reported by a Parum Road business. Anyone with information is asked to call Trooper Melanson at 537-7555, extension 4071.

7/5 — James E. Burdo, 44, of 115 Chestnut Dr., was arrested for DWI, failure to stop at a stop sign and resisting arrest, police report.

7/5 — Brett March, 24, of 147 South Main St., Apt. R, was arrested for disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and second degree assault, police say.

7/9 — Nicholas Z. Skowronski, 18, of 20 Harvest Ln., was arrested for possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia. A youthful offender allegedly in a car with Skowronski, who was not named because of his age, was arrested on the same charges, according to police.

7/10 — Burke Bergman, 35, of Middletown, was arrested for speeding, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, misuse of plates, and driving without required m

Half-Million Dollar Grant to Aid Pump Station Project in Colchester

by Jim Salemi

As one of the fastest-growing towns in Connecticut, Colchester has undertaken some significant projects in recent years to keep up with that growth. Up next is rehabbing the town's sewer infrastructure — and a federal grant recently secured by U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney should give that project quite a boost.

Courtney announced recently the U.S. Department of the Interior has awarded a \$500,000 appropriation to the town, to begin upgrading its sewage-handling ability by way of a new booster pump station on town-owned property in East Hampton, on Flat Brook Road.

Courtney cited the town's growth in recent years as reasons for his efforts to secure the federal funds for the project.

The \$500,000 will serve as seed money for the design and construction of a booster pump station halfway between the town's only existing pump station, on Prospect Hill Road in the town's north end, and the wastewater treatment plant in East Hampton. The booster station is estimated to cost \$3.5 - \$4 million, Town Engineer Mark Decker said.

As it stands now, the Prospect Hill station must move the material generated by two towns—Hebron and Colchester—a total of eight miles, with a peak elevation of 280-feet, according to Decker.

"Prospect Hill takes all the flow from Colchester and Hebron and pumps it to East Hampton. That plant is at capacity. The pumps we have in there are the largest available of that type," Decker said, meaning that the station cannot be upgraded.

He added that the plant is also equipped with

"equalization" tanks, which are designed to keep the material flowing at a constant rate.

"The biggest problem is we can't push more to East Hampton," Decker said. "The distance and elevation are so great. Those are the controlling factors."

A booster pump station would effectively cut the elevation and distance in half, Decker said, for a shoot of four miles and a 140-foot climb.

Hebron is part of the three-town regional district, and that town is looking to expand its line in the future to include the Amston Lake area. Lebanon has also expressed an interest in becoming part of the regional facility.

"What it boils down to," Decker said, "is a great number of improvement projects are necessary because of growth of the towns, the age of the system and available improved technology."

Decker said "we are seeing what funding options we can identify to minimize what the community will have to pay."

He called the \$500,000 grant "phenomenal." "It will go a long way," he said, adding that the assistance was a long time coming.

"It was bouncing around Dodd, Lieberman and Simmons's office for years," he said. "Courtney really delivered."

The regional authority has also applied for a State and Tribal Grant (STAG) recently to perform upgrades to the treatment plant in East Hampton.

A STAG grant is awarded by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help states and tribes comply with environmental regulations.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Pat Yeager

Pat (Barbour) Yeager, 84, of East Hampton, formerly of Windsor and Branford, died peacefully Friday, July 6, at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown. Born Dec. 21, 1922, in Atlanta, GA, she was the daughter of the late Douglas and Ethel (Donehoo) Barbour. Pat was a graduate of LaGrange College in Georgia with the Class of 1944. She appeared in the Who's Who of American Colleges that same year.

In 1949 she moved to Windsor with her family, where she lived until 1986, when she retired to Cape Hatteras, NC, before moving back to Connecticut in 2001. Pat was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Windsor; and later the United Methodist Church of Hatteras, where she belonged to the United Methodist Women, worked in missions and had taught Sunday school.

She was a member of the Republican Women's Club in Windsor, the Women's State Republican Committee. Pat served a term on the Windsor Town Council was a past member of the Human Relations Committee, served on the League of Women's Voters, and was a past Girl Scout Leader. A loving, devoted, mother, sister, grandmother and friend, she will be greatly missed by all.

She leaves a son, Walter R. Yeager and his wife Laura of East Hampton; two daughters, Victoria Patton and her husband Jon of Benicia, CA, and Enid Killay and her husband Thomas of Cranston, RI; a sister, June Mescia of New York, NY; six grandchildren, Sam, John, Russell, Anna, Kimmel, and Heather; a sister-in-law, Roseanne Parrett of Scotch Plains, NJ and a beloved nephew, Bob Parrett and his wife Theresa of Laurence Harbor, NJ.

A graveside service was held Thursday, July 12, at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Windsor. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 180 Park Ave, Windsor, CT 06095 and or Hatteras United Methodist Church, 57665 NC Highway 12, Hatteras, NC 27943. Please visit us at www.carmonfuneralhome.com for online condolences.

Portland

Leonard Bower

Leonard Bower, 72, of Lake Rd., Portland, passed away Saturday, July 7, at his home. He was born in Moodus, the son of Carrie (Waz) Bower of Moodus and the late Lawrence J. Bower. Leonard was employed as an information technologist for the State of Connecticut. He was member of the Knights of Columbus Portland Council.

Besides his mother, he is survived by two sisters, Theresa Garrity of Centerbrook, and Cecelia Fabbri of Cary, IL; his best friend, Norman Ward; ten nieces and nephews, and 13 great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Edward Bower. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 11, from the Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown, followed by a Funeral Liturgy at St. Bridget of Kildare Church, 75 Moodus Leesville Rd., Moodus. Burial will be at St. Bridget's Cemetery. Calli8ng hours were at the Biega Funeral Home Tuesday, July 10. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Bridget's Restoration Fund, 75 Moodus Leesville Rd., Moodus, CT 06469.

Portland

John Maggiore

John Maggiore, 41, of Woodland Dr, Cromwell, died Wednesday, July 4, at the UMass Medical Center, Worcester. He was born Aug. 8, 1965, in Hartford, the son of Salvatore and Joyce (Hook) Maggiore of Portland. He was a member of St. Mary's Church, Portland and a graduate of the University of Connecticut. He was employed by Island Oasis Inc.

Besides his parents he is survived by a sister Jill Albert of Middletown, and two nephews Jeffrey and Brendan Albert. Funeral services were held Monday, July 9, from the D'Angelo Funeral Home 22 South Main St., Middletown, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Burial in St Sebastian Cemetery, Middlefield. Relatives and friends called at the Funeral Home Sunday, July 8.

Colchester

Alexander Bochain Sr.

Alexander Kippery Bochain, Sr., passed into eternal rest on Saturday, June 23, after a brief illness at the Westerly Hospital in Rhode Island. Alex was born in New York on Feb. 14, 1920, son of Amelia and Emilian Bochain. He grew up in Colchester. Alex served his country, flying over 50 missions as a B-25 pilot with the 5th Army Air Corps' 71st Bombardment Squadron. He was stationed in New Guinea, as part of South Pacific Campaign of World War II.

Alex joined Elizabeth (Betsy) Markham of Westchester, CT in marriage on Nov. 22, 1944. They had four children, all of whom survive him. Alex is survived by his wife Betsy; his son, Alexander Kippery Bochain, Jr.; and his grandson, Kippery Paul Bochain, of New London; his son, John Bochain, John's wife Veronica Ballass Bochain of the Bahamas and John's children, Alexis Arlander of Beverly, MA, and Amanda Bochain of Hauppauge, NY; his daughter, Elizabeth, her husband Andrew Feinstein of Stonington, and their children, Anna Katerina Feinstein and Zoey Feinstein; and his son, Theodore and his wife Deborah Clark Bochain and their son, Thaddeus Bochain of Lebanon.

Alex worked for the United States Postal Service for 37 years, in both Colchester and Westchester, retiring as postmaster in 1977. He was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was also an active fisherman.

The family has scheduled a memorial service at Latimer Point, in Stonington, for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23. Directions are available from the Belmont Funeral Home of Colchester at 537-2900. In lieu of flowers, donations in Alex's memory may be made to Friends of Cragin Memorial Library, P.O. Box 68, Colchester, CT 06415 or to Save the Sound, c/o Connecticut Fund for the Environment, 205 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511.

Andover

Levi Fournier

Levi Fournier, 75, loving husband of Solange (Dube) Fournier, passed away Saturday morning, July 7. Born in Stockholm, ME, April 11, 1932, the son of Oliver and Isabelle (Boutot) Fournier. Levi and his wife Solange wed in 1949 and lived in Limestone, ME until they moved to Andover in 1964 so he could work with his late brother Joseph "Red" Fournier at Red-Lee Metal Finishing in Manchester. He retired in 1982 and moved to Palm Bay, FL in 1984, and returned to live in Andover last year.

Levi loved and helped many people, and was deeply loved and respected in return. His greatest loves in life were his family and friends. He leaves his wife of 57 years, Solange; his first son Ivan; his youngest son Paul and his wife Erin; and his daughter Anna Parkington and her husband Allan; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Joseph "Red". He also leaves Joseph's wife Mary; brother Exior Voisine and wife Susan of Stafford Springs; brother Roger Voisine and wife Lynn of Maine; two sisters Joyce Laforrest of Massachusetts and Anita and husband Robert Emerick of Florida, and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at St. Maurice Church, 32 Hebron Rd., Bolton. Burial will be in Townsend Cemetery in Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to: The John A. Dequattro Community Center, Manchester, The American Cancer Society and the CT Humane Society.

Colchester

Winzor Morgan Sr.

Winzor Lloyd Morgan, Sr., 85, of Colchester, passed away Sunday, July 8, at the Marlborough Health Clinic. He was born Aug. 23, 1921 in Eastman, GA, son of the late Alexander A. and Sallie Lee Black Morgan. Winzor was a resident of Colchester for 59 years, served in the U. S. Army during World War II attaining the rank of staff Sergeant, served on the Town of Colchester Recreation Board and was a Town Constable. He retired from Electric Boat in August of 1987 after 25 years. He was married on Sept. 22, 1943, to Lula Belle Turner in Bowling Green, OH.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son Winzor L. Jr. and his wife Karen Morgan of Willimantic; two daughters Rose Marie Morgan of New York City, and Beverly Morgan-Welch and her husband Rev. Mark Welch of Andover, MA; a granddaughter, Alexandra Morgan-Welch, and extended loving family members. Funeral service will be held Friday, July 13, at 1 p.m., at the Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester. There are no calling hours. Burial will take place in Linwood Cemetery with full Military Honors. Belmont Funeral Home of Colchester had care of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Wheels on Meals, c/o Colchester Senior Citizens, Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415.

Hebron

June Worski

June Worski, 77, of Leonard Bridge Road, Lebanon, formerly of Hebron, widow of the late Chet Worski, passed away Tuesday, July 10, at Hartford Hospital after a valiant battle with cancer. Born June 4, 1930, in Long Island, NY, she was a daughter of the late Wilfred and Gabrielle (Russo) Chicoine.

Early on, along with her first husband Anthony Sylvester, June was a successful builder of custom homes and developer in the Hebron and Lebanon area for many years. Later, along with her daughter Cathynn, she would found Countryside Realty in Hebron. After her retirement, she loved to spend her summers at Strawberry Park Campground in Preston and her winters in Palm Coast, FL. Her greatest joy was found in her family, especially her great grandchildren.

She is survived by five children: Elaine and husband, Luis Cerna of Amston, Thomas and Marylin Sylvester of Lebanon, Louise Sylvester of Ashuelot, NH, Cathynn Schulte and her companion, James Randall of Lebanon and Anthony and wife, Diane Sylvester of Lebanon; 11 grandchildren, Tammy and her husband, Frank Burnett, Peter Keklak, Zachary and his wife, Karen, Joshua, Andrea, Sierra, Jodie and Anthony Sylvester, Patrick Cooney, Michael Thompson and Jamie Incontro (with whom she made her home); eight great-grandchildren, Angela and Frankie Burnett, Page McNichols, Racheal and Savannah Sylvester; Kerci Cooney and Antonio and Michael Incontro; three sisters, Lorraine Craft of Deltona, FL, Delores Parker of Amston and Diane Nichols of Westchester; her former husband, Anthony Sylvester of Amston; and numerous extended family members and friends.

Friends may call 5-8 p.m. Friday, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167

Old Hartford Road, Colchester. The Memorial Liturgy will be celebrated 11 a.m. Saturday, directly at the Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church Street (Rte. 85), Hebron with Fr. Michael Smith, officiating. Burial will be private in the Worski family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Norwich. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 228 West Town St., Norwich 06360.