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The Young People's Center for the Creative Arts in East Hampton is getting ready for its annual summer production. This year, the show will be *Chicago*. Pictured, from left, are Ally Mazzarella, Spencer Bazzano and Kianna Jensen getting ready for the show.

East Hampton Musical Offers Murder, Greed and 'All That Jazz'

by Michael McCoy

The Young People's Center for the Creative Arts (YPCCA) is gearing up for its latest summer musical – and this year its production will be somewhat darker than usual.

YPCCA's 80-person theater group will present *Chicago* at East Hampton High School from Thursday, July 26, through Sunday, July 29.

For those unfamiliar with the musical, it documents Roxy Hart's glittery rise to fame after she kills her adulterous husband. The show originally opened on Broadway in 1975 and was revived in the mid-1990s. It was turned into an Academy Award-winning movie in 2002.

Mike Mansfield started YPCCA in 1982, and the group's first production was *Li'l Abner*. Mansfield's daughter Rachel began directing the shows in 1997, eight years after her father passed away.

"Not a lot of theaters get permission to do this show," Mansfield said. Since *Chicago* is currently running on Broadway, its fee would normally be out of YPCCA's price range, she said. But, after writing a personal letter to Samuel French, Inc., the company that publishes the play, YPCCA was given a price break, she said.

With the average age of this year's YPCCA class being 16, Mansfield said she thought it a good time to try something a little edgier. But, she added, she toned down

some of the musical's racier material. "We've tried to be true to the author's intent while keeping it appropriate," she said.

With its themes of adultery and murder, *Chicago* represents a definite change from YPCCA's previous production.

"Last year we did *Beauty and the Beast*," Mansfield said. "That's about as family friendly as you can get."

But next year, she added, "we'll do *The Sound of Music* or *The Music Man*, to get back the young kids."

This year's production of *Chicago* "should be pretty visually interesting," Mansfield said, alluding to the sets. She said the jail cells, for example, are built on wooden platforms.

Another element of *Chicago* that may make it stand out from other musicals is its extensive choreography. But, Mansfield said, "the kids have been dancing every day in this kind of heat, and they don't complain."

On top of performing a show, YPCCA is a month-long drama camp that provides workshops in such subjects as Shakespeare and improv comedy.

Mansfield holds a degree in musical theater from the HARTT School. Her staff includes technical director Chris Briggs, music director Ali Brandt, and choreographers Brenna Doyle and Jenn Friday.

The total staff comes to 12 people, while

the 68 campers come from Middletown, Haddam, Killingworth, Durham, Middlefield, East Haddam, Marlborough, Amston and Wallingford. However, about half of the students are from East Hampton.

Noting one of the modifications made to this take on the play, Doyle said, "We've made solo pieces into ensemble pieces, and it's really like no *Chicago* that's ever been done before."

Another feature of this performance is that the 10-piece pit orchestra will be situated right on the stage; this is often the case when *Chicago* is performed.

Mansfield said she is delighted with the fervor the cast members display when they rehearse. "It's very infectious," she said. "It's fun to do a show that we couldn't do in a school system necessarily."

Mansfield, a social studies teacher at RHAM Middle School in Hebron, added, "It's a really, really fun way to spend the summer. Plus we're all teachers, so we need summer work."

Chicago opens Thursday, July 26 at 7 p.m., with shows at the same time through Saturday. The final performance will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 29. All performances will be held in the East Hampton High School auditorium. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and students 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by visiting www.ypcca.com.



Choreographer Elyse Schiave, who will be a senior at RHAM next year, rehearses a dancing scene with Alyssa Turner and Colleen Girardin. The teens are gearing up for next weekend's production of *Once on This Island*.

RHAM Theater Troupe Gearing Up for Summer Play

by Michael McCoy

It's once again time for the AHM Summer Youth Theater to mount its annual musical – and this year its production has an international flavor.

A group of 88 students will perform *Once on This Island*, a Tony Award-nominated musical that was first performed on Broadway in 1990.

Set in the French Antilles, *Once on This Island* focuses on a peasant girl named Ti Moune, who falls in love with a rich boy.

Hebron resident Mary Rose Meade is once again directing, as she has since 1992. Meade graduated from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and later earned her master's degree in English.

Meade's production team includes assistant directors Jeff Jacques, Leah Gilbert, and Sarah Warner. Matthew Warner (who is bound for the Tisch School's film program in the fall) is in charge of the light design, while Jim Mirakian is the sound director. John DeNicola, who works for the Ivoryton Playhouse, is the music director for the show, and Nathalie Horton has designed the costumes.

Tom O'Connell is the stage manager and built the sets with help from Tom Fritch.

Meade said she feels O'Connell is "a genius."

The AHM Summer Youth Theater group includes students from 5th to 12th grade in their productions; this year, there is only one newly-graduated high school student involved with the program: Alyssa Turner, 17, who graduated from RHAM High School last month. Meade said Turner "embodies the spirit of the summer youth theatre program."

Turner will be attending UConn in the fall. She admitted that when she first tried out for an AHM play – its 2001 production of *Godspell* – it was at the behest of her parents. But, she said, "I kept it up because I like doing it, and I've gotten to know a lot of the kids, and we've all become friends."

In addition to being one of the play's principal dancers, Turner also plays a "grande homme." At RHAM, Turner was co-captain

of the dance team, an art she plans to continue. Alyssa said she's especially fond of her eighth-grade AHM production, *Damn Yankees*, remembering, "It was kind of the year I started having more of a role in the play."

According to Meade, one of the virtues of this year's show is that it includes more of the cast than a typical musical would.

"The thing about this show is it's an ensemble show," says Meade. While most musicals may have four or five leads, *Once on This Island* has 11. Also, when the entire cast is not directly involved in a specific scene, they are always present on stage as other cast members tell them the story.

While Meade said she was not previously familiar with this show, DeNicola and Horton were big fans, and suggested it. Meade said she wanted to do a show "that incorporated as many of the kids as possible. This show leant itself to that idea."

Auditions for the musical took place in May, with rehearsals beginning in mid-June.

Meade said she is quite thankful to have the new high school auditorium as a performance and rehearsal site; she and the older kids in the program remember the older RHAM auditorium that they used prior to 2003.

"The seats were falling apart; the lights would spark out at times," Meade said.

The Summer Youth Theater program is self-sustaining, and it isn't provided for by the town budget. Instead, half of the funding comes from ticket sales, while the other half comes from a workshop fee paid by each student.

"The really cool thing is that when I started in '92, there were about 30 kids in the program, and it's tripled," Meade said.

Once on This Island will run from Thursday, July 26 through Saturday, July 28 in the RHAM High School Auditorium. Each performance starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Hebron Town Clerk's office, and will also be available at the door. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

Colchester Republican Caucus Coming on Monday

by Jim Salemi

With elections coming up in the fall, town Republicans will caucus next Monday – and it looks like the meeting will feature two people vying for the party's nomination for the top post in town.

The Republican Party will hold its caucus Monday, July 23, at 7 p.m. at the Polish Club, at the corner of South Main Street and Halls Hill Road. At the caucus, Diana Giles and Gregory Morgan will both make their bids for the Republican nomination for First Selectman.

Giles is a lifelong resident and former selectman, while Morgan has lived in town four years and was a Republican candidate for a 1998 bid for the Massachusetts General Assembly.

Residents have expressed concern about taxes, and both prospective nominees have advocated initiatives to attract more businesses to town to alleviate the lopsided tax burden that residents shoulder.

"Taxes and spending is a huge concern," Giles said this week. "Electricity, oil, gasoline—the same things that are affecting residents—are affecting the town. There are certain things we can do. We have an energy conservation board here in town. There are certain things you can do, but at the end of the day, you still have the same tax base. We need to bring in business, but we need to do it in a way that will retain the character of the town."

Morgan said that "in the course of the town meetings it's obvious there's a growing concern about rising taxes and a limited revenue stream. Eighty-nine percent of taxes raised in town comes from private homeowners and 11 percent from commercial."

At the local level, he said, some streamlining could be accomplished to help the tax problem in the long run, though that would require some spending, which isn't always popular.

He pointed to technology as an example. "They're still using DOS-based systems in the finance office," he said. "I can't imagine that, having worked on DOS back in the day, the typing of commands. It's really inefficient

by today's standards."

Both candidates also looked beyond the immediate problem of taxation.

Giles said that one obstacle standing in the way of businesses opening doors in town is the opposition to "strip mall" developing.

"No one wants to see strip malls," Giles said. A number of New England towns have approved such commercial developments in an effort to bring revenue into their towns.

"I'm excited about the business park idea," she said, where the latest trend is to allow mixed-use developments, which would feature all uses—commercial, light industrial and residential uses.

"It's exciting," she said. "I like the New-England village-like center." She added that East Lyme and South Windsor have such developments.

Morgan said he sees the state tax structure as the problem, and said some measures need to be taken at that level. He said a property tax cap would go a long way in solving local problems.

In his native Massachusetts, Morgan was a member of a citizen coalition called Citizens for Limiting Taxes, after local taxes went out of control for the same reasons as in Connecticut—unfunded state mandates.

"Fewer than six states don't have a property tax cap," he said. "Where do they fall? California is the only state ahead of Connecticut in taxation. Is California suffering?"

Morgan said his decision to run is a recent one, after a number of residents urged him to run after he spoke out at town meetings.

"I was asked several times," he said. "I quit my job and I am running full-time for First Selectman." Morgan said he wanted to make his positions on the budgets clear.

"I think it's a reasonable budget—now," he said. "The first one I thought was just too high. The last two, I didn't have a problem with the spending, just the unknown revenue amounts. I thought it was better to wait."

American Legion Head Stepping Down in Marlborough

by Sarah McCoy

Saying "it's just time I moved on," Brian Hope is stepping down as commander of American Legion Post No. 197.

Hope, a 24-year resident of Marlborough who now lives in East Hartford, headed the post for four years. "It's been a great experience," he said. "I've made some great friendships and we've done some good for the community. It's just time I moved on."

Hope will be replaced by former post chaplain Bruce Kinghorn.

Hope and his wife, Joyce, moved to East Hartford three years ago. Still, despite the commute, Hope continued to serve the Legion.

"I felt obligated to follow through with things that I initiated," he said.

The local American Legion post hosts a number of charitable events during the year, including an annual turkey drive that provides Thanksgiving meals to those who would otherwise go without.

The Legion also organizes the Memorial Day parade and Veteran's Day remembrance each year, and hosts parties and dances as fundraisers for various organizations and charities in the area.

Hope recently recognized two Marlborough

sixth-grade students, Kathryn Wise and Alexandra Piel, for their display of honor, leadership, scholarship, and service. The two were presented with certificates and medals at a ceremony in May.

Hope is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1963-66, including time in Vietnam. Not long after his stint, Hope became involved with the American Legion.

As commander, he oversaw and organized events as well as conducting the everyday business of the post. His responsibilities included the American Legion, the Sons of the American Legion, and the Women's Auxiliary.

While he won't be leading the Legion anymore, Hope said he has no plans on leaving Post No. 197. He will remain active as the new chaplain, taking Kinghorn's place.

"I will continue helping out where I can," Hope said. "There are a core group of people down there that do a lot to keep the place running."

There will be a swearing-in ceremony this fall for Kinghorn and the other new officers of the Marlborough Legion post. Hope said he feels this "new blood" will bring fresh ideas, including bringing the post up to the computer age.

Colchester Residents Attempt to Slash Budget at Town Meeting

by Jim Salemi

Over 100 residents of the town's two "manufactured home" parks showed up at the town budget meeting last Thursday, July 12, in an attempt to get the proposed 2007-08 budget cut before it went to referendum.

But no changes wound up being made, and a proposed \$47.3 million spending plan will go before the voters next Tuesday, July 24, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Town Hall.

At last week's meeting, residents said they were upset after receiving their first tax bills after the revaluation adjustment, as some saw their bills increase as much as 100 percent. Residents questioned the fairness of their assessments and how their property is regarded.

"These are trailers. They're up on little blocks. We don't own the property they're on...we don't have deeds—we have titles, like you have on a boat or a car," said resident Mary Scrivano of Westchester Village.

After making a motion to reduce "taxes" by \$500, Scrivano said, "Our taxes have jumped with the new assessment. It's really hard for most of us."

Meeting moderator Rosemary Coyle, who also serves on the Board of Selectman, explained that according to charter rules, cuts have to be made to specific line items on town budgets, and only the bottom line of the school budget can be reduced.

Resident Joseph Kablik questioned why mobile or "manufactured" homes are assessed the same as homes on individual lots.

"How is it that the whole park is considered private property while everyone else has individual lots?" he said. "People [in the parks] own individual homes; the land is owned by shareholders."

Town Assessor John Chaponis was on hand for the meeting and explained that, by Connecticut law, trailers and "manufactured" homes are assessed in the same way as homes and condominiums are. Also, he said, revaluation is based

in part on what people are willing to spend for similar properties in and around the same area.

"It comes down to the value of the property," he said, adding that assessments went down by 27 percent from 2000 to 2001.

First Selectman Stan Soby was also at the meeting, and suggested that the residents meet with him to discuss the possibility of setting up a special tax district.

In an attempt to bring down taxation rates, some residents made motions to cut line items such as subscriptions and the first selectman's salary.

Chaponis, in response to a question from Greg Cordova, said subscriptions are a service the town pays to municipal advocacy outfits, such as the Council of Small Governments, which keep its members up to speed on new state laws and regulations so towns can more efficiently adhere to them.

Other town officials suggested that the meeting be recessed for a week so residents can meet with the assessor before cuts are suggested.

Ultimately, though, residents moved to send the budget to referendum, although they did agree to meet with Soby at a later date.

The referendum will be held next Tuesday, July 24th at the Town Hall, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The \$47.3 million proposed spending plan includes a \$33.4 million Board of Education budget. That would be a \$1.48 million, or 3.1 percent, increase in spending over the school board's 2006-07 budget. The school board has made over \$410,000 in cuts and adjustments since the first proposed town budget was rejected. Nearly \$312,000 in cuts and adjustments were made after the first referendum, and an additional \$59,000 after the second budget was defeated.

The general government portion of the proposed budget is \$8.9 million, with \$4.5 million for debt services.



Linda Riley Hodge, center, was nominated by Colchester Democrats for First Selectman at their caucus Tuesday night. She is pictured with selectmen Rosemary Coyle and John Malsbenden.

Democrats Nominate Hodge For First Selectman

The Democratic Town Committee (DTC) named its slate of candidates for the November municipal elections at its caucus Tuesday night, with Colchester native Linda Riley Hodge unanimously nominated the Democratic candidate for First Selectman.

"We are thrilled to nominate Linda to lead this experienced and dedicated team of candidates," said DTC chair John Malsbenden. "Not only does she bring leadership experience on both the state and national level, but she has a strong commitment to her home community and a vision for its future."

The Democrats praised Hodge for having solid work experience, strong team-building skills, and a dedication to her hometown. Former First Selectman Jenny Contois spoke of Hodge's work on the Board of Education to strengthen parent and community involvement in the schools.

"She worked tirelessly with the superintendent to hold coffees and public sessions all over the community," Contois said. "It was important to her to listen to what everyone's concerns were and then brainstorm with others on what action would be necessary to address those concerns."

During her husband Bob's active Navy duty around the country, Hodge, a Bacon Academy valedictorian, served as a liaison between the Navy and military families and received several Navy honors for her efforts as an ombudsman. She also got involved with the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

"My PTA work, combined with military life, has provided me with a broad range of experi-

ences and the benefit of working with a diverse group of people," Hodge said. "My greatest skills are in communications and bringing people together to achieve common goals."

Hodge said she wants to bring her team-building skills to improve town communications and citizen involvement.

"It's imperative that we provide opportunities for and encourage more people to become involved in government," she said. "That's the only way we can have a responsive government that addresses the needs of its residents and considers their hopes for its future."

Hodge has served as the national Parent Teacher Association (PTA) president in 2003-05, overseeing a six million-member organization, after 15 years on the Board of Directors. Her work advocating for issues relating to children and families has earned her many national and state honors.

"Colchester needs a leader with vision, passion and determination to bring our citizenry together to stop the fragmentation that is occurring and to improve the quality of life in our town," Contois said. "Linda is that person."

In addition to Hodge, the Democratic Town Committee endorsed the following slate of candidates: for the Board of Selectmen, Rosemary Coyle, John Malsbenden; for Tax Collector, Tricia Coblentz; for Town Clerk, Nancy A. Bray; for Treasurer, Jon Sandberg; for the Board of Assessment Appeals, Tearice Peters and Nancy Riella; for the Board of Education, Michael P. Egan, Timothy D. Lamp and John Mazzarella; and for the Board of Finance, Brian T. Smith.

'Perfect' Weather Leads to Successful Old Home Days in East Hampton

by Michael McCoy

"It was absolutely terrific."

That was Red McKinney's response to the 2007 Old Home Days Parade, which kicked off at 11 a.m. on Saturday. "This is our 29th year, and we're expecting even more people next year," declared McKinney, a founding member of the Old Home Days Committee.

Since town festivals tend to be geared toward outdoors activities, they're vulnerable to weather. Fortunately, though, the skies cooperated for Old Home Days this year. "The weather was perfect," committee president Sheila Oakes said.

During the festival, which ran from Thursday to Saturday, the Old Home Days Committee gave away 34 bicycles to children. The three days also boasted an impressive lineup of treats, sold by vendors and local organizations. C & J Amusements provided the rides; attractions included a Jungle Bounce, Berry-Go-Round, the Thriller, and of course, a carousel.

On Friday night, Old Home Days ran its ninth annual Glorious Gallop, which is a 5K-road race. This year's first-place male was Forrest Misenti, 16, of Haddam, who ran the race in 15:09. Nidia Gonzalez-Lope had the fastest time among female runners. The 21-year-old Middle Haddam resident finished with a time of 18:12.

This year's parade theme was "The Wild, Wild West." Immediately following the parade, Melissa Engel issued prizes for Best Interpretation of the Theme. Third place went to the Pack 8 Cub Scouts. The East Hampton High School Band took second place. The grand prize went to the East Hampton Class

of 1962, whose mail order bride float set them apart.

Once again, Russell Oakes was the parade chairman, organizing it with his sons Russell, Jr., Daniel, Jonathan, and David and his son-in-law David Joyce.

The parade was followed by a brief ceremony on the Center School Grounds. Following the National Anthem, McKinney presents this year's Old Home Days Essay Contest Winners: Kayla Marrow, Abby Danziger, and Sharon Harris, all fifth-graders.

Sheila Oakes then read a letter from Governor Rell in which she said, "East Hampton should be proud of this outstanding effort." Upon finishing the letter, Oakes said, "Ditto."

Lauren Betancourt, the newly-crowned Miss Connecticut, was also at the parade. The West Suffield native said she has many parades to attend this summer, and said East Hampton "has really set a standard."

After reading a proclamation by the Town Council, councilman Bob Berlin said, "As usual, the committee did a wonderful job, and you can just look around and see it."

McKinney then injected some politics usually absent from this festival. Upon introducing Town Manager Alan Bergren, he lamented that this would be Bergren's last Old Home Day, adding, "due to nothing of his own doing." McKinney then said to the crowd, "Let's hear a round of applause if you think he's done a good job." The crowd acquiesced and offered an ovation.

Bergren then addressed the town, and said, "There's no place I know of that I'd ever want to live other than East Hampton."

Andover Budget Discrepancy Turns Out to Be Relatively Small

by Jim Salemi

A point of contention regarding the accuracy of the \$10.07 million 2007-08 budget approved last week at referendum proved to be much ado about relatively little.

The discrepancy in the actual spending plan versus presented budget numbers was \$1,713.

"There were two things at play here," Board of Finance member Marie Burbank said. "First and foremost it was a matter of human error."

Burbank said numbers have to be hand-transposed from the town's accounting software to standard, non-professional forms for public distribution.

In addition to the error transposing the numbers, some line items in the budget had to be readjusted before they were presented to the public; the Board of Finance had voted at a prior meeting to cut each line item one-half of one percent. The across-the-board cut was intended to keep budget cuts fair for all departments.

"We learned some things couldn't be touched, such as contractual items, so the finance board instead decided to cut all discretionary spending by the one-half of one percent," Burbank said, adding that the across-the-board cuts "affected the bottom line, but it was basically human error."

Belltown Ballerina Headed to Boston Ballet

by Michael McCoy

Jenna-lyn Geysen has been studying ballet for 11 years, and it looks like her studies have paid off. Since the start of the month, the 13-year-old East Hampton resident has been studying with the famous Boston Ballet.

Jenna-lyn began studying ballet when she was two, after a cousin started. She took classes at Dance 10 in Wethersfield, run by Mary Ellen Riley.

She began competing when she was nine, and she said she knew it was something she wanted to continue for the rest of her life. Her first competition was "Starbound" at the Hartford Civic Center.

"I did better than I thought I would," Jenna-lyn said. She and her partner, Shannon Quinn, took first place at "Starbound," moving on to a national competition in Atlantic City, NJ. At the nationals, they received a platinum award, the highest award possible.

Another highlight for Jenna-lyn came last year, when she was featured on an instructional DVD made by ballet teacher Janice Barringer of New York City. Quinn was also picked for the DVD. Barringer "didn't even know that we were dance partners or from the same studio, but she picked us," chuckled Jenna-lyn.

In January, Jenna-lyn auditioned for the Boston Ballet. Lianne Fisher, a member of the company, suggested Jenna-lyn give it a shot. Jenna-lyn auditioned in Boston; other tryouts were held in such locales as New York City, Miami, Tokyo, and London.

A mere 10 dancers were selected from each audition site. Still, Jenna-lyn said she felt con-

fident during the day-long tryout, as she was less than impressed with the other dancers. "I thought they were going to be like amazing," she said.

In mid-April, Jenna-lyn got her letter of acceptance. "I'm pretty excited," she said.

Jenna-lyn is no stranger to performing, having danced at such places as Hershey Park in Pennsylvania and Duke Theatre in New York City. She has also won at the American Dance Awards in New York City, taking home the stage presence award.

In late June, Jenna-lyn performed on weeklong trip to Bermuda and Barbados on Norwegian Cruise lines. After that, she headed straight to the Boston Ballet.

Jenna-lyn will continue studying at the Boston Ballet Dance Lab until Aug. 3. During the summer program, she is staying at Mount Ida College in Newton.

When the program ends, Jenna-lyn and her father, Kevin, will decide if they want to continue at the Boston Ballet; they are also looking at performing arts schools in Massachusetts and New York.

Jenna-lyn cited the American Ballet Theatre as one of her chief inspirations. "I like the performances because I can't stop watching it when I'm there," she said. "It inspires me to dance like that."

While it appears Jenna-lyn could keep on dancing for the rest of her life, she also has other, more academic aspirations. "I want to be a college professor in history," she said. "I really like social studies."



Resident Jenna-lyn Geysen, 13, has been studying with the famous Boston Ballet since the start of the month.

East Hampton Police News

6/28 — A 17-year-old male was issued a ticket as the result of an accident on Skinner Street, three tenths of a mile east of Middletown Ave., East Hampton police say. The youth was issued a ticket for traveling too fast for conditions and operating a motorcycle without proper endorsement, police say.

7/6 — Susan M. Piette, 55, of 11 Grist Mill Rd., Moodus, and John Phelps, 45, of 166 Clark Hill Rd., East Hampton, were involved in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Rt. 66 and Rt. 151, police say, adding that Piette was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and making an unsafe turn.

7/6 — A 17-year-old male was arrested for interfering with a police officer, assault third degree and disorderly conduct, police say.

7/7 — Ryan S. Ruel, 34, of 27 Stevenson Rd., East Hampton, was arrested for disorderly conduct and threatening second degree, police

say.

7/7 — France Pulino, 45, of 2A Tiffany Ct., East Hampton, was issued a ticket for failure to obey a traffic signal, police say.

7/8 — Timothy Tozier, 35, of 27 Knollwood Rd., Portland, was arrested for operating while under suspension, police say.

7/9 — Constance Sattler, 79, of 58 Moodus Leesville Rd., Moodus, was issued a ticket for disregarding a yield sign, police say.

7/9 — A 17-year-old male juvenile was arrested pursuant to a warrant for larceny sixth degree, police say.

7/10 — Theodore R. Stankiewicz, 70, of 27 Cobalt Rd., East Hampton, was arrested for disorderly conduct and assault third degree, police say.

7/13 — Justin Potter, 19, of 477 Cook Hill Rd., Lebanon, was issued a ticket for illegal passing, police report.

Colchester Police News

7/16—Police say they are investigating an incident of vandalism of construction equipment. Windows were reported smashed and conveyor belts were cut on the equipment, according to police reports.

Andover Police News

7/12—Marcus J. Luciano, 24, of Brooklyn, CT, was arrested on Route 6 for driving with a suspended license, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, failure to carry insurance, speeding and passing on the right, according to police.

Portland Police News

7/15 — Jean M. Graham, 35, of 576 Main St., Portland, was arrested and charged with selling liquor to minors and risk of injury to minors, Portland police report.

7/15 — Three juveniles were arrested for alcohol possession, police report.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Ann Maselek

Ann (Colturi) Maselek, 79, of Colchester Ave., East Hampton, beloved wife of Raymond Maselek, died Friday, July 13, at Chestelm Health and Rehabilitation of Moodus. Born July 25, 1927 in Hartford, the daughter of the late John and Verilda (Molta) Colturi, she was a 1945 graduate of Weaver High School.

Ann had worked at Carpenter Steel of Hartford for 15 years prior to her career as a secretary for Van's Leisure Living of East Hartford where she worked for 25 years before retiring in 1991. She was a communicant of St. Patrick Church in East Hampton. Ann enjoyed ceramics, knitting, and baking and decorating wedding cakes for family and friends.

Besides her loving husband, Raymond, to whom she was married for 56 years, Ann is survived by her two daughters, Linda Demick and her husband, Alan of East Hampton, Lori Lechowicz and her husband, Paul of East Hampton; her two sons, Michael Maselek of Pittsfield, MA, and Raymond Maselek Jr. and his wife, Laura of Manchester; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Julia Colturi of East Granby and beloved grandchildren, Jared and Kristen Demick; Kaitlin and Erin Lechowicz; Kristen, Brendon, Justin, and Tyler Maselek; and Jennifer and Raymond III Maselek.

The funeral procession left the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton on Tuesday, July 17, with Funeral Liturgy at St. Patrick Church, East Hampton. Burial followed in the family plot in St. Patrick Cemetery. Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home on Tuesday morning. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 4 Broadway Third Floor, Norwich, CT 06360. Ann's family would like to thank the staff and nurses at Chestelm for the love and care they showed Ann during her illness.

Andover

Gordon Price

Gordon W. Price, 52, of Andover passed away Tuesday, July 11, at Saint Francis Hospital. He was the son of the late Wallie Price and Margaret (Gordon) Price. He is survived by his two sons, Nathan T. Price and Austin J. Price both of Andover. He also leaves beloved Francie.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 14, at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Calling hours were just prior to the service. Burial followed at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the trust for the benefit of Nathan and Austin Price c/o Dennis Lavette, 280 Trumbull St., Hartford, CT 06103.

Hebron

Peter Kauffman

Peter D. Kauffman, 67, of Hillsdale Road, Amston, beloved husband of Sandi (Pasechnick) Kauffman, passed away Thursday, July 12, at home after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Born Oct. 14, 1939, in Hartford, he was the son of the late William and Dorothy (Rose) Kauffman and was raised in Glastonbury. In November of 1962, he was drafted into the Army and served for two years during the Vietnam War. Mr. Kauffman was a laborer for the Connecticut Department of Transportation for 34 years before his retirement in 1997.

In addition to his loving wife of 40 years, he is survived by two sons, Peter, II and his wife, Susan of Colchester and Paul of Tolland and his fiancée, Gina Barsanti of Scituate, RI; two sisters, Donna "Kitchie" Wallis of Florida and Dorothy "Sissy" Hendrickson of East Hartford; and numerous extended family members and friends. A Memorial Service will be observed 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 297 Westchester Road (Rte. 85), Colchester. Burial will be private in the Kauffman family plot in the Old Church Cemetery, Glastonbury. Donations in his memory may be made to the Colchester Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Care of arrangements has been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester.

Portland

Anne Bayha Jarvis

Anne Bayha Jarvis, 68, wife of Penfield Jarvis, of Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, died Wednesday, July 11, at Hartford Hospital. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland.

Marlborough

Eugenie Dalmasso

Eugenie (Etienne) Dalmasso, 92, died peacefully on Sunday, July 15, at Marlborough HealthCare, surrounded by her family. Jean was born in northern Italy on May 22, 1915 and moved to the United States as a young girl. She resided in New York City for much of her life and moved to Connecticut when she and her husband entered retirement. Jean was a skilled seamstress and a wonderful cook. She and her husband "Nino" hosted many family dinners in their home in East Hartford and handed down their culinary skills to their children and grandchildren.

Jean was "Mom", "Grandma" and "Nona" to her loving family and she will be remembered as a strong and moral woman who was respected and adored. Jean was predeceased by her husband of over 50 years, Albino Dalmasso. She was also predeceased by her brothers, John and Paul Etienne.

She leaves behind her three loving children and their spouses, Carol Keyloun and her husband Victor of Manhasset, NY, Pauline Ziegler and her husband Richard of East Hampton, and Ed Dalmasso and his wife Sue of Gaithersburg, MD. She also leaves behind six grandchildren, John Spaulding, Sheri Spaulding, Bill Spaulding and his wife Denise, Jennifer Marozzi and her husband Heath, Michael Keyloun, and David Dalmasso; and six great-grandchildren, Todd, Megan, Morgan, Jayden, Maya, and Macy.

Funeral procession left the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Thursday, July 19, followed by a Funeral Liturgy in St. Patrick Church, East Hampton at 11 a.m. Burial will be in the family plot in Lakeview Cemetery, East Hampton. Friends may call at the Spencer Funeral Home on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Connecticut VNA's Hospice, 111 Founders Plz., East Hartford, CT 06108.

Colchester

Charles Swift Jr.

Charles Michael Swift, Jr., "CJ," 13, of Lake Hayward Road, Colchester, went home to the loving arms of Jesus on Monday, July 16. Born Jan. 25, 1994, in Farmington, he was the beloved son of Charles and Mary (McCroby) Swift, Sr. CJ had just completed his 6th grade year on the Sigma team at Wm. J. Johnston Middle School in Colchester. In his spare time, he loved horseback riding, video games and enjoyed animals of all kinds. He will be greatly missed, but lovingly remembered for his gentle and caring way and his unique sense of humor that he extended to everyone he met.

In addition to his loving parents, he is survived by his sister, Sara; his grandparents, Marcella Kanerva of Central Village, William McCroby of Lumberport, WV, and Donald and Margaret Swift of Burlington; his aunt, Jennifer McCroby of Dayville; his uncle, Steven and Sofia Swift of Southington; three cousins, Andrew, Emilee and Rebecca; his neighbors and best friends, Karen and Robert Ross and their children, Lucas and Haley, all of Colchester; and numerous extended family members and friends.

Friends called Wednesday at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. The Funeral Liturgy was celebrated Thursday directly at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester with Fr. Michael Giannitelli, officiating. Interment followed in the New St. Andrew Cemetery, Colchester. Donations in his memory may be made to the Colchester-Hayward Vol. Fire Dept., 18-54 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, 06415 or to the church.

Portland

Anne Jarvis

Anne Christine Bayha Jarvis, 68, beloved wife of Penfield "Jarv" Jarvis, of West Hartford died peacefully on Wednesday, July 11, at Hartford Hospital, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Brooklyn, NY, March 2, 1939, a daughter of the late Herbert and Ebba Franz Bayha, she grew up in Portland and was a Registered Nurse, having graduated from of the University of Connecticut Nursing School.

While in college, Anne met Jarv and they were married in 1961. They settled in Hartford to start a family and a few years later moved to West Hartford. Anne was an expert homemaker and wife. Raising her two children was her primary focus. She volunteered as a nurse at Hartford Hospital and helped to coordinate the Fine Arts and Flowers event at the Wadsworth Athenaeum. Anne had a keen intellect and had many interests; cooking, gardening, traveling, Connecticut beaches and California deserts, politics, sports (Yankees, tennis, paddle tennis). Mostly, we will miss, but never forget, her positive spirit and enthusiasm for life.

Besides her husband, Jarv, she is survived by her daughter Lisa Jarvis of West Hartford; her son Jon Jarvis and his wife Kelly of West Hartford; grandchildren; Katie, William, Will, Reed, and Blaine; her brothers Charley Bayha of Meriden and Dan Bayha of NJ, and her aunt Lorraine Franz of NYC. Funeral services will be held Monday, July 23, at 11 a.m. in Trinity Church, 345 Main St., Portland. Calling hours will be held prior to the service from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Interment will follow in Center Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland. In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory may be sent to the Trinity Church Organ Fund, 345 Main St., Portland, CT 06480. www.portlandmemorialfh.com

East Hampton

Robert Smith

Robert A. "Bob" Smith, 68, of Bay Road, East Hampton, died Monday, July 16, at his home. Born on July 11, 1939, Bob was the son of the late Francis H. and Elizabeth M. Smith of West Haven. He was the brother of the late Eleanor Smith. For most of his career, Bob, an Attorney, worked in the Corporate Law Dept. of Aetna, Inc. in Hartford. Raised in the New Haven area, Bob later lived for many years in East Hampton. His military service as both an enlisted man and officer included both the U.S. Air Force and Navy Reserve. Bob earned his Bachelor's and J.D. Degrees at the University of Pennsylvania and Yale Law School respectively. Admission to the Connecticut Bar came in 1965.

He is survived by his sister, Susan M. Capasso of Branford, widow of the late Alfred D. Capasso; his brother and sister-in-law, Francis H. Smith, Jr. and Diane Smith of Norwich and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The Funeral Liturgy will be held Saturday, July 21, at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick Church, East Hampton. Burial will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery. Friends may call at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton on Friday, July 20, from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund, St. Patrick Church, 47 West High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424.