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Portland resident Thomas Gardiner, right, shown in this 1981 photo playing with the Philadelphia Fever of the Major Indoor Soccer League, will be inducted to the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame this Saturday. Gardiner was an All-American at RHAM High School and led the Sachems to a 1977 State Title.

## Former RHAM Soccer Star Inducted Into State Hall of Fame

by Sarah McCoy

These days, Thomas Gardiner is known as a grocery man. The Portland resident is the owner of Gardiner's Market, a South Glastonbury business he describes as "a community store that prides itself on giving great customer service."

But 30 years ago, before the meat, cheese, and eggs, Gardiner was a star soccer player in Hebron. Named to the All-State Team as a RHAM High School sophomore, All-New England Team as a junior, and All-American Team as a senior, he led the Sachems to a State Championship Title in 1977. Gardiner, who now lives in Portland, will be honored on Jan. 26 as one of eight individuals to be inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame in Farmington.

"It's a great honor," he said of his upcoming induction. "It's a testament to the great players I have been surrounded by since grammar school and the terrific coaches that always pushed me to the next level."

Gardiner grew up in Hebron and began playing soccer in the third grade in the

town youth league. Before long, he was tagging along with brother Ed, five years Tom's senior, when Ed would play soccer with the older kids. "Wherever there was soccer he took me," Gardiner recalled. "That's how our teams got to be so good over the years, we were always playing."

Success followed Gardiner at every level. As a sophomore he led the Sachems to the State Title, and came in as runners-up the following year. The Sachems were on their way again in 1979, when Gardiner sustained a leg injury in the first round of the State Tournament. RHAM then lost before getting to the championship round.

"Of all the players I've ever had, and I coached for 36 years, he was the single best player I ever coached," former RHAM boys soccer coach Mike Zotta said of his star mid-fielder.

But Gardiner doesn't look at himself that way. "I was fortunate to have been surrounded by good players and great friends throughout my career," he said.

What made Gardiner so good was the style of play he brought to the field. A pos-

session-oriented approach helped the Hebron native build up those around him. Gardiner led the Sachems in scoring for three years but was just as adept at playing defense.

"I would move him back to sweeper when we had a lead late in the game," Zotta said. "He was a big kid but fast and he could hold the ball — all things that were up and coming as far as soccer was concerned."

While at RHAM, Gardiner also played for the U.S. Youth National Team. He traveled across the world, even representing the country at the 1981 Youth World Cup in Australia. After graduating high school in 1981, he enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University where, in his lone year of playing for the Owls, he led the team to the NCAA Semifinals.

In 1981, Gardiner signed with the Philadelphia Fever of the Major Indoor Soccer League, thus ending his collegiate career. However, he tore his MCL that season, which forced him to take a year off

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Thomas Gardiner, center, heads the ball in an international match against Ireland in 1980. Gardiner, who was an All-American while attending RHAM High School, will be inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame on Saturday.

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from soccer. Gardiner returned in 1983 with the New York Arrows, but his comeback was cut short, this time by a broken ankle. Gardiner was forced again to watch from the sidelines. He tried to come back once more signing a contract with the Charlotte Gold of the United Soccer League in 1984 but this, too, was cut short by the nagging ankle injury.

Despite the ending, he has no regrets about leaving college for a shot at the big time. "Injuries happen. They're just part of the game," Gardiner said. "I knew I wanted to go pro especially after the U.S. boycotted the 1980 Olympics. I didn't want to wait four more years to get that chance."

After hanging up his cleats for good in 1984 Gardiner returned to Connecticut where he began work at the family's business: Gardiner's Market. Started by his grandfather Elmer in 1950 and passed down to his father, Leon, soon after, Thomas Gardiner now runs the grocery store.

Gardiner, his wife Amy, and their five children now live in Portland, where soccer remains an integral part of the Gardiner family. The five kids, who range in age from 10 to 16, are either former or current players in the Portland Soccer Club, where Gardiner still coaches. The eldest Gardiner daughters now play for the Kingwood Oxford varsity squad.

"Pretty much all of our weekends are spent

at Oakwood [Soccer Center in Glastonbury] or traveling to other games," Gardiner said. "We wouldn't have it any other way."

Given the opportunity, Gardiner would go on and on about his family. He'd tell you about all their soccer achievements. He'd tell you how his wife has been converted to a soccer nut despite never playing herself. What he's hesitant to speak of is his own skill for the game, preferring to deflect praises to his teammates and coaches.

It was two of these coaches, Rick Derella and Dave Farrell, who nominated Gardiner for the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame. The pair, who were inducted to the Hall of Fame in 2003, coached Gardiner at Oakwood and felt that his contributions to the sport merited enshrinement.

To earn a place in the Hall of Fame, a selection committee of eight considers each nomination. The committee looks at an individual's body of work, either as a player, coach, administrator or part of the media. After the induction ceremony later this month the Hall of Fame will have 88 members.

The Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will take place this Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Farmington Marriott. Tickets are \$40 and are available by calling the Connecticut Soccer Association at 860-676-1161. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the induction ceremony.

## Portland Gets State Grant for Boat Launch Study

by Michael McCoy

Thanks to \$100,000 in state money, it appears as if Portland may be inching closer to the boat launch many in town have waited so long for.

The search began in the late 1990s, when Ed Kalinowski was First Selectman. The original site was to be near Airline Avenue, a mile south of the Arrigoni Bridge. However, complications proved that pursuit too costly.

Shortly after being elected as First Selectwoman in 2003, Susan Bransfield pursued the project, this time looking at a site near the Wangunk Meadows behind the Exchange Club fairgrounds. That project seemed to be sailing along, but in December 2005, the town found out that the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was concerned about an endangered puritan tiger beetle. The DEP officially nixed the plans last March.

A month later, Bransfield and Public Works Director Rick Kelsey met with two DEP bureau chiefs, Ed Parker, and Rick Morrissey, as well as DEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy. This time they were exploring a site on the southern most part of the town's riverfront property, along Brownstone Avenue, near the quar-

ries. The idea seemed immediately promising. However, Bransfield told the state that she wanted some extra help, so as not to find the plan thwarted for the third time. "This time I said, 'I'm not putting forth any more town money'" researching the site, Bransfield said this week. (The town sunk \$20,000 into research of the Wangunk Meadows site.)

That request was effectively honored last Wednesday, Jan. 16, when the Board of Selectmen voted 4-0, with two abstentions, to accept a \$100,000 State Boating Fund Grant to fund a feasibility analysis and preliminary design for the project.

"It's a well thought-out process this time," Bransfield said. Speaking to the abstentions of selectmen John Anderson and Carl Chudzik, she said, "They had some legitimate concerns that will be addressed by the feasibility study." Chudzik seemed to be concerned about investing time and effort into the project before being assured that it wouldn't end up like the Wangunk Meadows site.

Within the next few weeks, Bransfield hopes that the town and the state could choose an engineer to perform the assessment and design.



Carabiner Connect is the name of Bacon Academy's Junior Achievement Company Program. Pictured bottom row, from left, are Shaunna Cullen, Denzel Williams, Matt Almeida, Matt Brion, Chris Chobot and Alex Winiarskyj. Top row, from left, are Tyler Wilson, Adrian Bialobrodec, Brian Duhamel, Chris Eckels, Todd Henderson, Kyle Davenport and Taylor Cappazzone.

## Colchester High School Students Gain Real World Experience

by Kristina Histen

"Operated Own Business" is a pretty impressive addition to anyone's resume, but even more so when one hasn't even graduated high school yet.

The Junior Achievement Company Program run at Bacon Academy isn't your standard classroom. The class is affiliated with Junior Achievement (JA) Worldwide, a program that, according to its web site, "uses hands-on experiences to help young people understand the economics of life." While showing students the power of believing in themselves, and teaching the crucial skills of workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy, a cornerstone of the programs is the importance of "fair and honest" competition, the web site said.

This year, the JA Company Program at Bacon Academy consists of 13 business students who were willing to do whatever it took to get a company they created off the ground in order to be successful.

The semester began in September, and ends this month. Louise Wessling conducts the operation of the corporation during an applied economics class that meets everyday. Wessling, the business teacher, and Fred Brown, a business consultant for the Wyndham Price Agency, advise the students.

In the past few months, a class of strangers has come together and worked as a team in order to plan, develop, organize, operate, and liquidate a business, while earning enough profit to make a decent return to the stockholders.

Each student was required to apply for the position they currently hold: Chris Chobot is President; Shaunna Cullen, VP of Marketing; Chris Eckels; VP of production; Todd Henderson; VP of finance/product; Brian Duhamel, Sales Manager; Tyler Wilson, Advertising Manager; Kyle Davenport, VP of Human Resources; Alex Winiarskyj, VP of Finance/stockholders; Denzel Williams, Advertising Manager; Matt Brion, Corporate Executive/Public Relation; Adrian Bialobrodec, Quality Control Manager; Matt Almeida, Accounts Receivable specialist; and Taylor Cappazzone, Advertising Manager.

One of the class' first activities was to research product ideas. Students each researched two products, and then pitched their ideas to the class. From there, they brainstormed ideas until they reached a final consensus – to sell carabiners. Market research was then conducted by surveying the student body during all lunch waves, to determine if there was a demand for such a product.

After weeks of deliberation, Carabiner Connect, "select and collect," was created. A carabiner is a D-shaped ring with a spring catch on one side; it is popularly used as a key holder, thus targeting everyone who carries keys. The determined style and quantity of carabiners sold was decided on the results of the survey and a cost-benefit analysis. They came up with four different styles of carabiners: regular, strap, lanyard or LED, which also functioned as a flash-

light. The carabiners range in price from four to eight dollars. The product is sold in the morning, during lunch and after school.

Carabiner Connect's mission statement is to sell manufactured products at a reasonable price while promoting school pride, as well as providing customers with the utmost respect and service they deserve. To date, the company has sold just over half of the 450 carabiners purchased, breaking even last week. Even after the semester is over, students will continue to sell carabiners, offering incentive to buy because of 'going out of business' deals. (The LED carabiner, however, is now sold out.)

In order to purchase the product, students needed to raise capital through the sale of stock to other students, teachers, parents, or Board of Education members. Out of 150 shares of stock available, 85 were sold, at \$10 each. If the kids reach their projected goal, they will make a gross profit of \$1105.50 before taxes, offering a 25 percent return investment.

"In the five years we've operated Junior Achievement businesses, we have never taken a loss," Wessling said. "That's a huge accomplishment, especially in light of how many new businesses fail in their first year."

Carabiner Connect hopes to be Bacon Academy's most successful and respected business from the previous years of Junior Achievement classes. Should there be a competition this year between different school's JA classes, it would likely be held in early June, Wessling said. There has been a competition for the last two years sponsored by MetLife Foundation and organized by the Junior Achievement of Southwest New England office in Hartford, Wessling said.

In past years, the competition has taken place at the Capitol Community College in Hartford, and it was open to any Connecticut school that participated in the JA Company Program. Teams were judged by a panel of judges on the basis of their business plans, their company results and the quality of their presentations. Each competing business was to present an overview of its company based on the eight curriculum components of the Company Program. Three trophies and awards were available, ranging from first at \$1,000; second at \$500; and third at \$250. The first year of the competition, the Bacon Academy class took first place. Last year, it took second.

"I am always so proud of what my students accomplish, and this year is no exception," Wessling said. "Students use innovative thinking to learn lifelong business skills as they explore and enhance their career aspirations. Through a variety of real-world hands-on activities, students develop a better understanding of the relationship between what they learn in school and how it applies to a real job. The experience is invaluable."

If interested in purchasing a carabiner from Carabiner Connect, visit [www.colchesterja.com](http://www.colchesterja.com).



# Colchester Superintendent Pitches \$34.68 Million Schools Budget

by Kristina Histen

School board members seemed impressed Tuesday when Superintendent of Schools Karen Loiselle pitched her 2008-09 schools budget – and the town's First Selectwoman did too.

"On behalf of the board, you all have done a fantastic job," Board of Education Vice Chairman Timothy Lamp said, following a budget presentation by Loiselle and Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove.

The proposed budget is \$34.68 million, an increase of \$1.37 million, or 4.13 percent, over current year spending. It is the lowest budget proposed by a Colchester schools superintendent in 15 years.

"The overall budget plan is fiscally responsible to the community, and educationally responsive to the learning needs of the students we serve," Loiselle said.

The budget theme is "Early Intervention... Future Success," Loiselle said, prioritizing the school board's focus areas of the district's strategic plan. Included in this theme is the continued improvement in student learning in reading and writing; increasing student access to courses at Bacon Academy; hiring, supporting, retaining and valuing "highly effective" staff; expanding the gifted and talented program to the middle school; and eliminating Pay-to-Participate fees for budget-funded after school academic clubs and sports.

The budget also addressed, Loiselle said, health, safety and security concerns, the maintaining of school facilities, equipment and technology to "safeguard the community's investment," and maximizing the use of technology for effectiveness and efficiency.

The major factors impacting the budget increase, Loiselle said, were the second year of

the new teachers' contract; the increase of Bacon Academy academic teachers to meet student demand for classes; the increases in energy costs for heating oil and bus fuel; the capital improvements to the William J. Johnston Middle School (WJMS) facility; and the increased access to technology for Bacon Academy and WJMS.

Other increases in the budget proposal include: staff salaries; classified staff salaries; workers' and unemployment compensation; employee benefits; instructional equipment; library books; and transportation and bus fuel.

The proposed spending plan also features some significant decreases from the current year's budget, including special education tuition, both private and state-agency placement; special education transportation; employee-related insurance; classroom supplies and textbooks, due to investing in new software and technology; professional services; office equipment contracts; and printing.

Loiselle said she had already reduced \$257,593 from initial department requests before devising her 2008-09 proposed budget.

Jack Jacker Intermediate School (JJIS) had a "critical need" to maintain current class sizes, Loiselle said. So, her proposed budget features moving a teacher from Grade 4 up to Grade 5. This would make for 11 sections of Grade 5, allowing an average class size of 22 students. There would also be an average class size of 22 students among the 10 sections of Grade 4, due to the fact there are fewer students in Grade 3 this year than are in Grade 4.

For WJMS, the proposed budget calls for the addition of a paraprofessional for the stu-

dent reading support program, an enrichment teacher to expand a successful JJIS program to identify and serve the middle school gifted and talented students, and a part-time teacher for the physical education outdoor challenge program.

Loiselle said decreases in special education transportation and tuition and employee health insurance allowed Loiselle the money to hire more teaching positions at Bacon Academy. A total of 3.7 FTE teachers will be hired, to meet course enrollment demands in such courses as science, math, Spanish, and technical education. The proposed budget also calls for the addition of a 0.2 FTE social worker, and a stipend for the Robotics Team Advisor.

At WJMS the proposed budget calls for the hiring of a 1.0 FTE enrichment teacher, a 0.2 FTE PE teacher, a 0.45 FTE reading paraprofessional and a 0.6 FTE Grade 8 health teacher. The budget also funds a 0.45 FTE Math Lab Paraprofessional.

The proposed spending plan also addresses technology. The budget would replace the computers in the Library Media Center Computer Lab at Bacon, offers a school-wide computer lab at WJMS, add smart boards and projection for grades 6-12, and add interactive learning applications. The proposed budget also includes resources to support the new curriculum at all levels, and new library books for all schools.

The proposed budget also includes: enhancing facility security at WJMS; continue to fund a 0.5 FTE District Nurse Position to ensure coverage at all schools; the phase-in restoration of a tech ed. classroom at Bacon; expand-

ing the use of SWIS software to monitor student discipline at all levels; and adding a 0.45 FTE custodian to clean new portable classrooms.

The proposed budget increase of 4.13 percent is the third lowest in the state out of 42 school districts reporting, Loiselle said. Instructional resource needs are shifting from consumable textbooks and chart paper to technological hardware, software, and on-line resources, Loiselle said. She added that savings in operational costs, purchase of technological tools to increase efficiency and active pursuit of cost-saving programs are resulting in savings in non-instructional accounts. An aggressive pursuit of grants and partnerships allow programs and services for children at a no or low cost to the community, Loiselle said.

A group of about 10 community members came to Tuesday's meeting, including First Selectwoman Linda Hodge.

"I think they did a very well job on this proposal," Hodge said. "It was reasonable and responsible. It addressed many of the things that needed to be addressed and they really listened to the community input."

Board of Education Chairman William Hettrick said, "Our goal is to establish a budget that meets the expectations of all the students, while trying to do it in an extreme cost effective manner because we're well aware of the four referendums last year."

The Board of Education will next meet to discuss the budget this Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m.-noon, at Bacon Academy, 611 Norwich Ave. The Board of Education will finalize the proposed budget on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

## Familiar Marlborough Town Hall Face Stepping Down

by Kristina Histen

Jan. 29 is Barbara Sarnik's last day as administrative assistant for the town building department. But she is not counting down the days, and she will try to hold back the tears when she packs up her things to say good-bye.

Sarnik is the continuity in the office; she keeps things going while the building officials are out doing inspections, answering the phones and directing people to the right places when they stop by the desk. After 34 years of hard work, the administrative assistant has decided to retire – albeit with some uncertainty.

"The reason why I'm not 100 percent sure [about retiring] is because I really like my job a lot," Sarnik said. "Most people that retire are not happy, but I'm really happy. I work with four guys that I just love, they're really wonderful and I love meeting the public."

Sarnik came to Marlborough in 1968 when the population was less than 3,000, with nothing but a grocery store, two gas stations, a tiny greasy spoon restaurant, and a hardware store.

"Coming from Bridgeport, my husband John thought, 'Oh my gosh, you're never gonna like it, there's no street lights!'" Sarnik recalled. "But I fell right into it. I loved it from day one."

The town in those days was not like it is now, Sarnik remembered. There were no banks, no doctors' offices, no Catholic Church, no post office. People had to go out of town for everything, Sarnik said, but living right near the lake was just beautiful, and great for her, John and their three children – John, James and Kathleen.

Around the time Sarnik moved to town, a lot of other people were trying Marlborough on for size as well. With so many new residents moving into town – and the dearth of places to gather socially – it was difficult to meet people, Sarnik said. So, she and a few other women started a newcomers' club called "Tri M." For about five years the ladies organized all sorts of fun things, including luaus on the lake, dinner parties, and trips out to movies.

A few years later, she got a call from her friend, who at the time was the second selectman, about an available job at Town Hall. "I wasn't quite ready to go back to work [after having children]," Sarnik said, "but he told me, 'you've always wanted to work in a municipality and this is your chance.' So, I applied, and got the job."

She was hesitant at first, because her youngest child, Kathleen, was only four, but with encouragement from her husband, she accepted the job and began working part-time on Feb. 12, 1974, for the town planner. At the time, she was working in an old church that had been converted into the town hall and library. One of her favorite memories was how everyone would have their coffee breaks at the same time. They would sit around an old, long table having fun while they told stories and shared laughter.

However, the building was falling apart, and with no historic value, it was torn down to build the town green. So, in 1983, a vault was added onto the former Mary Hall School building, and it became the new town hall. Everyone was ecstatic about the air conditioning, Sarnik recalled.

As her kids got older, and, with the convenience of being close to home, Sarnik was able to add hours to her schedule, eventually becoming a full-time worker. As the years passed by, Sarnik saw a lot of changes occur first-hand. One of these changes involved the department she worked in. She now works with four people instead of one; the town planner, the assistant planner, the building official and the sanitarian.

She has also had her fair share of bosses; going through four planners, five building officials, three sanitarians, and three town engineers (which they no longer have). Technology has obviously advanced, changing from a manual typewriter when she first started, to an electric typewriter, and now to computers. The town has also grown immensely over the years, doubling in population size, but still maintaining that small-town flavor, Sarnik said.

The Marlborough Bicentennial, celebrated in 2003, was an event that Sarnik will never forget. The fireworks on the lake and the parade through the town were wonderful and a lot of fun, she said. Everybody worked really hard, and everybody participated, which really brought the town together, she said.

But, eventually there comes a time to move on. And, even though she's not 100 percent sure, Sarnik said retiring feels right. She celebrated a "significant birthday this year," John, her husband of 50 years, has been retired for about 15 years from Pratt and Whitney, so her



Barbara Sarnik is retiring Jan. 29 from her position as administrative assistant for the town building department.

retirement will give the two more time to spend with their family, as well as more opportunities to travel. Sarnik will also be able to get those things done that she has been putting off for retirement, like making changes to her house.

But don't think this is the last Marlborough will see of Barbara Sarnik. She and her husband will continue to live in town; their daughter lives right around the corner from them. And, she said, she already has people approaching her, asking if she wants to volunteer for various organizations and activities. As a viable member of the community, Sarnik said she is sure she will be involved in something, maybe even one of the commissions she has been working with for all these years.

"I know I'll still see everybody, but it's different when you go," Sarnik said. "You're not part of that group anymore, and while I might stop in for lunch a couple of times with the girls, it's not the same. I'll miss not knowing what's

going on here, what's happening there. ... The interaction with people, I'll miss that the most. While I'll be out and about I'm sure, it's not the same as the everyday seeing people coming and going."

She admits that the transition into her new life won't be so bad though; she'll be spending the next two months in Florida with her husband. Their three children and six grandchildren will also be making a visit down.

And while Sarnik might never be replaceable, she is leaving behind what she refers to as the "bible," an agenda explaining how everything is done and when things are due.

"I try to keep everything under control," Sarnik said, "and I always treat everyone nicely that has come in. I've made this a homey environment, and sometimes people will call me, just to have someone to talk too. Those little things, I like to think, have made a difference."



# New Sidewalks in the Works for East Hampton

by Michael McCoy

East Hampton is just months away from \$500,000 worth of new and improved sidewalks – and the state is footing the entire bill.

Starting in April, new sidewalks will be put in along a half-mile stretch of Route 66, from Lakeview Street to Main Street. The project is estimated to last through November.

For the town, the construction project has been three years in the making. In 2005, the Economic Development Commission (EDC) applied for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant, a state program designed to help smaller communities that may have a harder time coming up with the resources to fund a major public works project.

In 2006, the town was awarded \$500,000 from the state, which was originally intended to just repair the sidewalks on the south side of Route 66, from Main Street to Town Hall. Much of the sidewalk in this corridor is in various states of disrepair. Last January, the Town Council formed the Streetscape Steering Committee (SSC) as an offshoot of the EDC, in order to guide the sidewalk project. Liz Harris has chaired the committee.

Harris said that because the state Department of Transportation had been planning to work on the intersection of Main Street and Route 66 in April, the SSC and EDC coordinated their efforts with them, so as to only intrude on Route 66 traffic once. (The DOT project involves installing four dedicated turn lanes at that intersec-

tion to improve safety and the overall time delays at the lights.) Harris noted that because of this dovetailing on the part of EDC, the SSC was able to extend repairs all the way to Route 196 (Lakeview Street).

“The new sidewalk is going to unify that stretch,” Harris said.

The construction plans call for the current bituminous curbing is to be replaced with more durable granite. The new sidewalks will also have a scored pattern, as well as a yellow line toward the edge, to keep pedestrians from walking too close to the curb.

Harris said the SSC and the EDC were also able to include electrical conduits under the sidewalks, as well as plant 20 new trees. “Those trees will form a canopy over the walkway,” Harris said, who also hoped this would cause drivers to more closely obey 30 miles per hour speed limit.

The conduits will be for pedestrian-focused lighting, which, along with trash cans and benches, the EDC and SSC would like to eventually install throughout the corridor. During this phase, there are only enough funds to include one trash can, one bench and one light, which will all be installed in front of Town Hall.

Harris said the EDC and SSC hope to eventually extend the new sidewalks up Lakeview Street, through the Village Center, and back up to Route 66 via North Main Street. “The long-term vision is to cover the entire loop,” Harris said. There is no timetable for this.

# Colchester Business Park Plans Move Forward

by Kristina Histen

The Colchester Zoning and Planning Commission last week approved four of the six pending applications, to move forward with plans for a business park.

But the application to allow for multi-family residential development in the business park has been postponed.

Commission Chairman Jim Ford said the concept of the mixed-use development is good, but certain aspects of the regulations still need work, such as design and some unit-size limitations. He suggested that staff contact other towns who have this type of zone to review their regulations.

“I’m in favor of adding the concepts for the village area and in favor of the spirit,” Zoning and Planning Commission (ZPC) Vice Chairman Joe Mathieu said. “I’m just not comfortable with the regulations at this point. We need to build up commercial base and be very careful about adding a residential component.”

“Limited residential development needs to be considered in these properties,” Town Planner Adam Turner said. “The commission is requiring more design criteria and limitations in sizes and building types. We are taking measures to ensure that.”

The application for a zone change from general commercial and suburban residential to business park at 58 Chestnut Hill Rd. and various locations on Parum Road has also been postponed. Turner said there are wetlands and buffering issues here that could be dealt with, and he is also working on access to the property.

“Clearly we have a lot of work to do and the commission is gathering information,” Turner said. He said he expected the application to go back before the commission at its next meeting, although that isn’t definite.

However, the applications for zone changes to business park between Lebanon Avenue and Norwich Avenue, and multiple locations on Lake Hayward Road near Route 11 were approved. Land off of Parum Road and Route 85 will also be zoned business park. These will establish focal points near Rt. 2 and Rt. 11 intersection.

“Congratulations guys,” Commission member Thomas Kane Stacy Brown said at the ZPC’s meeting last Wednesday, Jan. 16. “We have a Business Park.”

All zone change approvals will be effective Feb. 1.

Town officials see the business park leading to more economic development because of the location in the proximity to the town center that isn’t sprawled; an availability to water and sewer; reasonable transitions to adjacent residential uses; consolidated areas that meet community needs while avoiding strip development; adjacent to regional and local travel routes especially interchanges; and a contribution to community character.

Turner said there would be limited impact to residential areas as a result of the re-zonings.

“Hopefully these projects will provide increases in tax base, and also allow more job opportunities,” Turner said. “It will be a lot more green and efficient development.”

## Marlborough Resident Charged With Drunken Driving for Third Time

by Sarah McCoy

A Marlborough man who spent four years in jail in connection with a fatal drunk-driving accident was arrested again last week, for allegedly driving while intoxicated in Hebron.

Documents on file at Rockville Superior Court state that Scott DeFocoy, 40, didn’t notice a state police cruiser behind him when he accelerated to 85 miles per hour from a stoplight at Route 66 last Wednesday night, Jan. 16. Trooper Joshua Chivers, from Troop K in Colchester, said he followed DeFocoy’s Chevy S-10 pick-up truck for just over a mile before pulling him over, the documents state. Chivers observed DeFocoy cross the yellow center line three times, according to court documents.

Court documents report that when Chivers pulled DeFocoy over he detected an odor of alcohol on his breath, to which DeFocoy responded that he’d had “three beers.” DeFocoy failed three field sobriety tests, according to court documents, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, and

operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

After being transported to Troop K, court documents state, DeFocoy registered blood alcohol levels of .220 at 11:01 p.m., and .233 at 11:44 p.m. At this point, DeFocoy admitted he began drinking at 5 a.m. and drank “more than anybody can handle,” according to state police.

DeFocoy was arraigned at Rockville Superior Court last Thursday, Jan. 17. According to court documents, Judge Angelo L. dos Santos increased DeFocoy’s bail to \$25,000 – it was initially set at \$1,000 – after learning this was DeFocoy’s third arrest for driving while intoxicated. This included a four-year stay in prison following a 1992 drunk-driving crash that resulted in the death of a Putnam man.

DeFocoy posted bail and is due back in court Jan. 28. As conditions for his release, he is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle or from consuming any alcohol.

## Colchester Police News

1/18-Jayson Lyn Kaszycki, 25, of 19 Card St., Windham, turned himself in to State Police for the charge of second-degree failure to appear, State Police said.

1/19-Jones Norman, 43, of 16 Broad St., Middletown, was charged with speeding and DWI, State Police said.

1/21-Emily Laprade, 21, of 167 Harrisville Rd., Woodstock, turned herself in to State Police for charges of sixth degree larceny false pretense or promise and illegal use of credit card/illegal card/other person’s card, State Police said.

## Marlborough Police News

1/20-Naloya Reynolds, 25, of 22 Harding Ave., Bloomfield, was charged with disorderly conduct, State Police said.

## Hebron Police News

1/21-Gary Connolly, 45, of 648 Keeney St., Manchester, was charged with disorderly conduct, State Police said.

## Portland Police News

1/22 — John Tosta, 37, of 115 Front St., Middletown, was charged with sixth-degree larceny, Portland Police report.

## Resident Charged with Sexual Assault

A Portland resident has been arrested in connection with a sexual assault investigation involving three boys, state police report.

Robert Schleich, 37, of 47 Fairview Ave., was arrested Jan. 17 and charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault, two counts of fourth-degree sexual assault and two counts of risk of injury to a child, according to state police.

According to state police, detectives began a criminal investigation in 2005, into an alleged sexual assault involving three minor boys in Danielson. After an “extensive investigation,” state police say, detectives submitted an arrest warrant application to Superior Court in Windham. The warrant was issued and, police report, detectives found Schleich at his residence in Portland and arrested him.

Bond for Schleich was set at \$250,000, police report, and he was due in Danielson Superior Court Jan. 18. The case was continued to Feb. 8, according to the court clerk’s office.

## Hebron School Board Passes ‘Fiscally Responsible’ Budget

by Sarah McCoy

The Hebron Board of Education last week unanimously approved its budget for the upcoming 2008-09 fiscal year, a spending plan that the school board chair says is “fiscally responsible” and allows for full-day kindergarten.

The budget, which stands at \$11.55 million, represents a 4.96 percent increase from current year spending. It will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance who are responsible for putting forth a final number for residents to vote on at the May 6 referendum.

“The board members were in agreement that this budget met our objectives,” Board of Education Chairman Jane Dube said this week. “It is fiscally responsible and it includes full-day kindergarten options which, we feel, are important for the town.”

Last month, Superintendent of Schools Ellie Cruz presented her budget which, at the time, stood at a 4.96 percent increase. It went up, briefly, to 4.98 percent, after some line items came in slightly above what was initially projected. However, at the Board of Education’s meeting last Thursday, Jan. 17, Cruz informed the school board that the district’s bus company had offered to repair a hose that had been included in the budget. This savings of \$500 brought the increase back to 4.96 percent.

“It’s the lowest budget increase for Hebron in the last decade,” Cruz said. “It is a lean budget and I think that’s why the Board was able to reach a consensus so quickly.”

Since the board passed the budget last week, it canceled a meeting it had planned for Jan. 24.

“This is a budget that was responsible from right out of the gate,” Dube said. “It’s not like past years when we took the time to consider areas that we had discretion over. We don’t really have anything like that in this year’s budget. You can only spend so much time belaboring the rising costs of paper towels, electricity,

and the other things that schools must have.”

The primary area of discussion by the board came from staffing. This year’s budget included two reductions, one in the sixth grade and one paraprofessional from the math department.

Enrollment in sixth grade is expected to drop by 25 students next year. Rather than replacing the teacher who is set to retire in June, the Board of Education opted to reduce the total number of teachers in the sixth grade. This will save the district roughly \$70,000 between salary and benefits. However, class sizes will average 23.9 – just slightly below the board’s recommendation of 24.

“The board felt that we’d need to add an additional 10 students to warrant filling the position,” Dube explained. “We just didn’t see that happening and the teachers and principal were comfortable with the numbers so we left them as the Superintendent presented.”

The reduction of the math aide was an area of great concern for some BOE members. Worried that students would not be served as well as they were in the past, board members attentively listened as Cruz explained the new model for the math department. Instead of relying on the math specialist to handle data entry for the department this responsibility will fall to the Director of Curriculum and Technology Michelle Puhlick. By freeing up more time for the math specialist to work with students, Cruz felt that the paraprofessional position did not warrant the cost to the town.

“I’d like to say that this is the best budget representing the best decisions possible,” Cruz said. “Hopefully I can say that at the end of next year. Until then we will monitor these areas very closely.”

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance will evaluate the Board of Education budget either next month or in March. A Public Hearing will be held in April, followed by a referendum May 6.



# Obituaries

## East Hampton

### Frank John Howard

Frank John Howard, 78, of East Hampton, beloved husband of Jeanne (Gameau) Howard, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Middlesex Hospital. Born July 23, 1929, in Toronto, Canada, he was the son of the late Bertram and Helen (Prentice) Howard. Frank had served in the Royal Canadian Army 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment in Korea with the United Nation's Forces during the Korean War. He was a member of the Fowler-Dix Post 5095 VFW of East Hampton.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his four sons and their spouses, Ronald and Annette Howard of East Hampton, Richard and Rita Howard of Monmouth, ME, John and Lisa Howard of East Hampton, and Robert Howard of Middletown; six grandchildren, Jenora Shultz and husband Shawn, Christina, Matthew, Catherine, John, and Sarina Howard; and one great-grandson, Samuel Alden Shultz.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. in the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, with the Rev. Bill Hodge officiating. Burial will be private. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from noon until the time of the service.

It is requested in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Middlesex Hospital Hospice and Palliative Care, 28 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457. To leave online condolences or for directions visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com)

## Colchester

### Dorothy A. Roly

Dorothy A. (Burgess) Roly, 71, of Colchester and formerly of East Hampton, beloved wife of Russell Roly Jr. died Saturday, Jan. 19, at Middlesex Hospital. Born March 21, 1936 in New London, she was the daughter of the late Grant and Vera (Brailey) Burgess. She had lived in the East Hampton and Colchester area since 1975. Dorothy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. The family would like to thank the entire staff of the Weiss Hospice Unit at Middlesex Hospital for the wonderful care they provided Dorothy during her illness.

Besides her loving husband, Dorothy is survived by her four children and their spouses, Russell and Betty Roly III of Columbia, Cheryl and Harry Molyneux of West Haven, Susan Molyneux and William Sorrentino of Northford, Patricia and Frederick March of Colchester, a brother and sister-in-law Charles and Karen Burgess of Waterford, a sister Gaile Powell of Florida, a sister-in-law Joan Augur of New York, Nine grandchildren; Christopher, Shaun, and Meredith Molyneux, Eric Molyneux, Jessica Beloin, Brett and Rachel March, Russell IV and Jamie Roly, three great-grandchildren; Jordan, Karsyn, and Briana, several nieces and nephews and numerous grand puppies. She was predeceased by her brother George Burgess.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton. Burial followed in the family plot in Lakeview Cemetery. Friends called at the funeral home Tuesday evening. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Weiss Hospice Unit c/o The Development Office, 55 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457. To leave online condolences or for directions visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

## Marlborough

### Donald E. Rouillard

Donald E. Rouillard passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 19, after a courageous battle with heart and Alzheimer disease. He was born in New Hampshire, son of the late Leo and Ruby (Dickerson) Rouillard. He is survived by his beloved wife, Claire of 37 years; his daughter, Renee Piazza and her husband, Bob of Tolland; his son, Darryl Rouillard and his wife, Katie of Colchester; two grandsons, Brandon and Daniel of Tolland; several nieces and nephew; and numerous family members and friends.

He was a loving husband, dedicated father and an adoring grandfather. He was a longtime fan of the Boston Red Sox, UConn basketball, Denver Broncos and loved playing golf. Don will be remembered for his sense of humor, wonderful smile and his willingness to always help others. He served his country during the Vietnam War and his community as a police officer for over 16 years, was a member of the Rotary Club and was employed at the Aetna for 10 years.

A Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Church of the Assumption, 27 Adams Street South, Manchester. Burial followed at St. James Cemetery, Manchester. Family and friends called at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester on Tuesday, Jan. 22. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Drive, Marlborough, CT 06447.

## East Hampton

### Ebon G. Wylie

Ebon G. Wylie of East Hampton, widow of the late Homer Wylie, died Friday, Jan. 18, at Middlesex Hospital. Born March 19, 1921 in Stockholm, Sweden, Ebon was the daughter of the late Nils and Elna Gustafson. She had lived in East Hampton since 1927. She was retired from the former Rest Haven Convalescent Home. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary 5095 of East Hampton, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Aux. 20, and Treadway Cavanaugh Post 64 Woman's Aux.

She is survived by her children; David Wylie of East Hampton and Marilyn Davis of Decatur, GA; four grandsons, Alan, Dean, Dana, and Derrick, several great grandchildren living in Georgia; sister Doris G. Stevens of West Virginia; brother Carl Gustafson and his wife Ruth of East Hampton, many nieces, nephews, and cousins both here and in Sweden. She was predeceased by her sister Marilyn and two brothers John and Nils Gustafson.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Skinnerville Cemetery with the Rev. Thomas Kennedy officiating. The Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main St. East Hampton has care of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to East Hampton Ambulance Association, PO Box 144, East Hampton, CT 06424.

## East Hampton

### Mary Hitchcock Stickle

Two memorial services will honor the life and recent passing of Mary Hitchcock Stickle. They will take place in East Hampton and Saratoga Springs, NY.

The East Hampton service will be held at The Congregational Church of East Hampton, 59 Main St., East Hampton, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10. A service in Saratoga Springs, NY, will take place in the spring.

For more information, call Kathleen Wright at 860-487-2611.

## Colchester

### Albert Kelminsky

Albert Kelminsky, 66, of Colchester, passed away Thursday evening, Jan. 17, at the Middlesex Health Care Center in Middletown after a brief convalescence.

He was born on April 12, 1941, son of the late Albert and Mary (Brundes) Kelminsky and brother of Helen (Kelminsky) Fleming.

Friends called Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A Chapel Service followed. Burial private.

## Portland

### Carl W. Jackson Jr.

Carl W. "Bill" Jackson, Jr., 83, of Portland, husband of the late Virginia (Keser) Jackson, died Sunday, Jan. 20, at Portland Care and Rehabilitation Center in Portland. Born in Hartford, he was the son of the late Carl W. and Claire (Zeeb) Jackson and had lived in Portland most of his life.

Mr. Jackson was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corp from 1943 to 1946 serving in Okinawa as a radio operator and Fort Devens, MA. He attended UConn School of Business and was a member of Alpha Gamma Roe. He entered in the family business with his father as owner of Jackson Motor Company in Middletown retiring in 1985 and worked in real estate with the LaMalfa Agency in Portland.

He was a member of the Exchange Club of Portland, where he was active at the Portland fairgrounds, Middletown Lions Club and The Parish of Trinity Church in Portland. Carl was an avid Boy Scout and Eagle Scout and during his early years manned the watch towers in Portland during World War II before he was drafted. He loved golfing, boating, and the beach and was an avid fan of the UConn Huskies and the St. Louis Cardinals.

He is survived by one son, Carl W. Jackson, III and his wife Jill of Fenton, MI; two daughters, Kathleen V. Jackson of Plainfield, Ann M. Cauble and her husband Robin of Portland; and one granddaughter, Rebecka E. Cauble of Portland. He was predeceased by a sister, Elizabeth Esoda. Funeral services were held at the Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church St., Middletown, on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Swedish Cemetery, Portland. Friends called at the Doolittle Funeral Home on Tuesday evening. In lieu of flowers, friends may make contributions in his memory to The Parish of Trinity Church, 345 Main St., Portland, CT 06480. Friends are invited to send messages of condolence to the family at [www.doolittlefuneralservice.com](http://www.doolittlefuneralservice.com).

## Colchester

### Shirley Allen Scarr

Shirley Allen (Hooks) Scarr, 84, of Colchester, passed away Thursday, Jan. 10. She leaves her two daughters Candace E. Webb, and Holly J. Malicki of Colchester. A Memorial Service to celebrate her life was held Friday, Jan. 18, at The Curran Jones Funeral Home, 109 Main St., West Springfield, MA. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Connecticut VNA Hospice, 12 Case St # 316 Norwich, CT 06360 or to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 153 Magazine St. Springfield, MA 01109.

## Colchester

### Marianna Jedrychowski

Marianna (Gajos) Jedrychowski, 84, of Colchester, beloved wife of the late Franciszek Jedrychowski, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 19, in New Britain. Born in Poland, she came to the United States in 1987. She was a communicant of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church, Hartford. Marianna is survived by a son, Jerzy Jedrychowski, M.D. and his wife Stella of Farmington; a daughter, Elizabeth and her husband Lech Madej of Colchester; and three grandchildren, Mark Jedrychowski and Eric Jedrychowski, both of Boston, MA, and Mark Bronski of Germany.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 24, from the Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home, 43 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, with a Mass of Christian Burial at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church. Burial followed in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Her family received friends on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marianna may be made to The Hospital of Central Connecticut, George Bray Cancer Center, Attn: Dev. Office, 100 Grand St., New Britain, CT 06050.

## Portland

### Alfred F. Sutkowski

Alfred F. Sutkowski, 82, beloved husband of 60 years of Helen Russo Sutkowski, of Diggins Avenue, Portland, died Monday, Jan. 21, at Middlesex Hospital. Born in Shenandoah, PA, Feb. 24, 1925, a son of the late Joseph and Julia Waylock Sutkowski, he was a Portland resident for most of his life.

He had been employed by the United States Postal Service working in Middletown for many years before becoming a supervisor in Portland, where he retired as Postmaster after 39 years of service. He was a decorated veteran of World War II having proudly served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a member of the Middletown Lodge of Elks BPOE # 771, the VFW and the DAV, both of Portland, and the Air Force Evasive and Escapees Society. He was a parishioner of the Church of Saint Mary.

Besides his wife Helen, he is survived by his daughter Laura Sutlowski of Portland; his sister Helen Pusz of Middletown; his brother Ernest Sutlowski of Saddle River, NJ; his sisters-in-law: Lena Infererra and Connie DeGostin, both of Portland; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Phyllis Linehan and his special friend and brother-in-law James Russo. His family received relatives and friends in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, on Wednesday. Funeral services were Thursday at 10:15 a.m. from the Portland Memorial Funeral Home and in the Church of Saint Mary for a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment, with Military Honors, followed in St. Mary Cemetery. Gifts in his memory may be sent to the Church of Saint Mary, 51 Freestone Avenue, Portland, CT 06480, or to the charity of one's choice.

## Hebron

### Mary Elliott Tiano

Mary Elliott Tiano, 51, of Hebron, loving mother of Matthew, died peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Mary was born on April 7, 1956, in Wethersfield and was the daughter of Genevieve Elliott and the late Walter R. Elliott Jr. She graduated from Southern Connecticut State College with a B.A. and earned an M.Ed from Central Connecticut.

Mary was a dedicated elementary school teacher in both the Rocky Hill and Hebron school systems. A communicant of the Church of the Holy Family in Hebron where she also taught CCD, Mary was a volunteer for the Hebron Lions Club. Mary loved attending her son's Little League games and treasured her students.

In addition to her son, Mary is survived by her mother, Genevieve Grady Elliott, her brothers, Robert, John, and David, and her sister, Susan. Loving sister-in-law and aunt, Mary is also survived by her aunts, nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at 11 a.m., with a Mass of Christian Burial in Corpus Christi Church, 581 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Donations may be made in Mary's name to the Corpus Christi School 50 Year Anniversary Fund, c/o Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd., Wethersfield has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Colchester

### Gloria Mae Ross

Gloria Mae Ross, 65, of Lakeview Drive, Colchester, beloved wife of Harold, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22, at home. Born June 29, 1942, in Hartford, she was a daughter of Doris (Banning) Shaw of Norwich and the late Arthur Shaw. On April 25, 1959, she and Harold were married in Fitchville. Early on, Gloria worked as a nurse's aide in area convalescent homes and went on to be a machinist for Brownell in Moodus. In her spare time, she was an avid reader and doll collector and she also enjoyed camping with her family.

In addition to her loving husband of 48 years, she is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Taylor and husband, Robert of Bozrah; three sons, Harold, Jr. and wife, Linda, Robert and wife, Karen and Wayne, all of Colchester; five grandchildren, Kim, Mike, Samantha, Lucas and Haley; two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Lauren; two sisters, Terry Fields and Noreen Shaw, both of Norwich; three brothers, Bill of Montville, Ron of Pawcatuck and Art of Plainfield, and numerous extended family members and friends including Judy Kudrak of Middletown and Rose Daniels of Colchester. She will be remembered most for her devotion and love to her husband and family.

Friends may call 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A Chapel Service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will be private.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the CT Oncology Group in Middletown, as well as to Hospice SECT, the Colchester-Hayward Volunteer Fire Co. and to Hunters Ambulance for all that they have done to help Gloria through her illness. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Middlesex Hospital Homecare / Hospice, 770 Saybrook Road, Middletown 06457. Visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com) to submit online condolences.

## Marlborough

### Alice Purzycki

Alice (Ryan) Purzycki, 90, of Marlborough, widow of Edmund "Danny" Purzycki died Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Middlesex Hospital, surrounded by her loving family, following a brief illness. She was born in Hartford June 14, 1917, daughter of the late Edward Ryan and Catherine (Blood) Ryan, and lived in Hartford for 54 years before moving to Marlborough in 1971.

She attended St. Peter's and Immaculate Conception Schools, and was a graduate of Hartford Public High School class of 1937. She worked in various offices in the Hartford area, including Brown Thomson and Hamilton Standard, and was an election official for the Town of Marlborough for many years. She was an active member of the Marlborough Senior Citizen's Club and a member of St. John Fisher Church.

Alice will be lovingly remembered for her generous nature, bright demeanor, and youthful energy that defied her age. She spent her life selflessly caring for her family and it was an absolute joy for them to welcome her into their home for a final year of constant conversation, laughter, and sharing. She also cherished time spent with her dear sister Helen, especially celebrating their Irish heritage together on St. Patrick's Day.

She leaves her daughter, Kathryn Hood and her husband Harvey, with whom she made her home, her granddaughter Allison Hood and grandson Daniel Hood, all of Marlborough. She also leaves her dear sister and best friend Helen Lempitsky of Enfield; her sisters-in-law Jeanette Filkoff of West Hartford, and Adele Mazzie and her husband Henry of Avon. Because she and Danny started their own family later in life, Alice developed a very special relationship with her many nieces and nephews who will all miss their "Auntie Alice" dearly. She will also be missed by her very special friend Joan Nichol, and many close friends in the community.

She was predeceased by her son William Purzycki, and most recently by her beloved grandson Bryan Hood. She missed Bryan immensely and was very proud of the scholarship established in his memory. At her request, donations in her memory may be made to: The Bryan Hood Memorial Scholarship c/o Liberty Bank, P.O. Box 188, Marlborough, CT 06447.

Her family will receive friends Friday, Jan. 25, from 5-8 p.m. at Glastonbury Funeral Home, 450 New London Tpke., Glastonbury. A memorial Mass will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. at St. John Fisher Church, 30 Jones Hollow Rd., Marlborough. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.