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RHAM High School graduate and Hebron resident A.J. Pollock is congratulated by friends after he was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks with the 17th pick of this year's Major League Baseball draft Tuesday night. It is the earliest a Connecticut resident has ever been drafted.

Hebron Resident Chosen by Diamondbacks in Baseball Draft

by Sarah McCoy

It was straight out of an episode of *This is Your Life*.

There were former teammates from the Marlborough Youth Athletic League. There were coaches from various levels. There were even college teammates. All were gathered in the Pollocks' Hebron living room for one thing – the Major League Baseball draft.

After graduating from RHAM High School in 2006 A.J. Pollock went on to play baseball at the University of Notre Dame. Having just completed his junior year, Pollock was draft eligible this year.

Friends and family sat around the television, watching pick after pick waiting for Pollock's turn. Projected to be a mid-first round selection no one had to wait long.

Cheers erupted at 7:40 p.m., when the Arizona Diamondbacks made Pollock the 17th selection in this year's draft.

"It's incredible," Pollock said. "It's surreal."

The draft selection comes after a long week of workouts and cross-country flights as Pollock met with possible suitors. He was in Phoenix last Tuesday to meet with Diamondback management. From there it was onto Seattle, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C.

Prior to Tuesday's draft, Pollock was up

in Boston to meet with Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein.

"It's a relief," Karen Pollock, A.J.'s mother, said after the selection on Tuesday evening.

It's a relief to know where Pollock is headed. It's a relief to be looking at some downtime. It's a relief to know that the wait is over.

A.J. Pollock spent much of draft night secluded upstairs with his father, Al. The two spoke with Rob Martin, Pollock's advisor, as they tried to gauge where he would land. About 15 minutes before they made their selection Martin called to present the Diamondback's plans.

Pollock accepted. Zipped his lips and headed downstairs.

With everyone hanging on MLB Commissioner Bud Selig's lips, Pollock stood in the kitchen knowing what everyone else was about to find out.

Pollock said he will likely take the next week or so off. Once he signs a contract he'll be off likely for Missoula, MT, where the Diamondbacks minor league rookie team is stationed. If all goes well, Pollock will move up to the single A South Bend Silver Hawks in Indiana by the end of the summer.

South Bend is located just miles from the Notre Dame campus. Playing there will al-

low him to live in the "baseball house" with Pollock's now former Fighting Irish teammates. "It really couldn't have worked out better if he scripted it," Karen Pollock said.

Being in South Bend will also allow for Pollock to continue with school in the fall semester. The sociology and computer applications major is two semesters away from finishing his degree – something he plans to do regardless of how baseball pans out.

Paul Steiner, Pollock's coach while at RHAM, said it is players like Pollock who make him look good as a coach. "It's kids like him you hope do really well," Steiner said. "Because as good of a player he is, he's a better person."

The Pollocks expect to see a contract from the Diamondbacks in the coming days. Pollock said that a signing bonus was discussed prior to his drafting but won't discuss the figure. "I worked hard at summer jobs for not that much money. Now, this happens just for playing baseball. It's amazing," he said Tuesday night.

His journey to being drafted didn't just happen as Pollock might lead you to believe. After winning a state championship with the Sachems in 2004, Pollock was named the Gatorade Connecticut Player of the Year in 2006 (he batted .462 with four

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Pollock reaches to put on an Arizona Diamondbacks T-shirt after getting drafted by the team Tuesday night. Meanwhile, friends and family continue to follow the draft on television.

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home runs and 27 RBIs that year for the Sachems). Playing shortstop, he went undrafted after high school and enrolled at Notre Dame.

He led the Fighting Irish in hitting all three years and was named to the All-Big East team his sophomore and junior seasons.

It was last summer that Pollock really started to garner attention, though, as he led the Cape Cod League in hits (61) and was second in average (.377). He was named MVP of the league, an honor that has been awarded to current major leaguers Evan Longoria, Carlos Pena and Jason Varitek.

On Tuesday, that MVP trophy was used to store pretzels as Pollock's friends and family

waited anxiously for the news.

Now that the news is here, Pollock said he plans to take it easy for a couple days. He said he'll travel up to Cape Cod to visit friend and Notre Dame teammate Matt Grosso. Grosso, also a 2006 RHAM graduate, is playing for the Falmouth Commodores, the same team Pollock played for last year.

He's not going to wait too long to sign a contract, though. "I'll probably hit everyday anyways. Why not start playing with a team?" Pollock said. "I always think I want a break but when it comes I realize how much I miss playing."

Hopefully for Pollock, his best playing days are still ahead of him.

From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

With East Hampton's budget passing last week, Marlborough is now the only *Rivereast* town that doesn't have a budget for the next fiscal year. I'm sure it's a distinction the town doesn't want, but nevertheless, it's a distinction it has.

I'm not going to take a side either way on the budget – whether too much has been cut, not enough, whether the school side of the budget needs to be re-examined, whether the general government side does. A look at the letters pages from the past several weeks will show that the debate has grown heated enough, without me adding fuel to any fires.

I will say this though: the cuts the Marlborough Board of Finance has made following last week's rejection are precisely the *types* of cuts the finance board need to make. (The board made \$117,000 worth of reductions last week, followed by another \$31,000 Wednesday night.) And by that I mean: the best way to cut a budget is to actually... cut the budget.

Every year around this time you hear people suggest using money from a town's undesignated fund balance to try to offset expenses in the budget that is being put together for the upcoming fiscal year. The more a budget gets shot down by the voters, or the more people talk about how the only cuts left to make are the utterly painful ones no one wants to make, the greater a chance a town might fall into that trap and dip into that fund balance to try to lower the costs. In fact, before the June 1 vote, the Marlborough Board of Finance did just that, although they only took a little bit out of the balance, about \$20,000. Fortunately, when the budget got rejected (and by a significantly higher margin than the 17 votes that sank it last month), officials didn't panic and decide to take even more from the fund balance. Instead, they opted to cut expenses instead, no matter how difficult those cuts may be.

And that's precisely the method they should use.

Whenever I hear people talk about using undesignated fund balance – or any outside money source – to try to lower a town budget, I always think back to a conversation I had about seven years ago.

It was early 2002, and at the time I was a town news reporter, covering Hebron. The town had recently come into a windfall, as a result of the CRRA-Enron debacle. I forget exactly how much it was, but it was a substantial amount of money. I asked then-Hebron Town Manager Robert E. Lee if he intended to apply the money to the town budget. He told me 'no,' saying that it wasn't sound financial practice to use one-time windfalls to offset continuing operational budgets. At the time, I was still fairly wet behind the ears when it came to town budgets, but as time went on I began to realize: yeah, Robert was right.

When you take money from outside an operations budget and use it to make the bottom-line budget figure lower, you may win, but it's no more than a one-year victory. As a purely hypothetical example, let's say a town has proposed increasing its budget by \$750,000 for the 2009-10 fiscal year. But, shortly before the town sends the budget to the voters, it learns a long-ago lawsuit has been settled, with the end result being a payment to the town of exactly \$750,000. The town applies it straight to the bottom line. The budget figure doesn't rise from its current level. Everybody's happy. Meanwhile, all those individual line items in the budget – those increases that add up to \$750,000 – are

all still there. The voters might not see that because, as far as the bottom line goes, it's exactly the same budget they passed for the 2008-09 year.

The next year rolls around, and it's time to put together the 2010-11 budget. Voters are shocked to see the town has proposed increasing spending by \$1 million over the 2009-10 figure. One million dollars! Only it's not \$1 million; it's really only \$350,000. Without that one-time windfall, voters finally see those \$750,000 worth of increases that were included in the 2009-10 budget. In actuality, spending has increased in town by \$1 million over the period of *two* years, not one. The \$350,000 the budget increased from 09-10 to 10-11 is actually the lowest year-to-year increase the town has seen in several years.

But the public doesn't see it this way. Instead it sees a budget that's shooting up by \$1 million. There's anger. Divisiveness. Lots and lots of letters to the hometown weekly newspaper.

In the end, town officials realize – too late – that they should have taken that \$750,000 and applied it to the undesignated fund balance, or purchased some open space, or done anything other than applying it towards the town budget.

And that's why I'm glad Marlborough's taking the approach it's taking. Like I said before, I'm not going to get into whether I think the cuts are too much or not enough or how they are spread among the education and general government portions of the budget. I'm glad they've decided the best way to reduce the proposed budget increase is to... reduce the proposed increase. Yes, the cuts might be painful to make – although when are cuts *not* painful? – but in the long run it's better to do it this way.

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Also, I received a note this week from the Middlesex County chapter of the Blue Star Mothers. The group meets the third Wednesday of every month, at 7 p.m., in the activity room at Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West St., Cromwell.

The group is open to any Connecticut mother who has a child now serving or who has served in the military. And as the group says, "No one knows the heart of a military mom better than another military mom." So if you're a military mom in the area – particularly Portland and East Hampton, given those towns' proximity to Cromwell – you might want to drop in for a meeting.

For more information about the chapter, visit www.middlesexcountybluestarmothers.org.

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Finally, congratulations to Hebron's own A.J. Pollack, after he was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft Monday night. For anyone to be selected in the baseball draft is pretty great, but to go in the first round – the 17th overall pick – is just freakin' awesome. (In case you're wondering, the last time a Connecticut resident was drafted that highly was 1988, when Charles Nagy was chosen by the Indians, also as the 17th pick.)

Also impressive is that this 2006 RHAM High School graduate is planning to complete his college education and get his degree.

I may not be a Diamondbacks fan, but I'll be pulling for Pollack all the way. So congrats again, A.J.; I hope you continue to find great success in the years to come.

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See you next week.

Marlborough Finance Board Sends \$20.83 Million Budget to Voters

by Sarah McCoy

Despite testy moods and differing opinions the Board of Finance (BOF) put forth a recommended 2009-10 fiscal year budget for next week's Town Meeting.

Voters will have their opportunity to sound off on the \$20.83 million budget on Thursday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in the community room of Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School.

The proposed budget reflects a 2.37 percent increase in spending and features a 26.47 mill rate, a .61 increase over the current year's rate.

Last week, the BOF cut \$32,000 from town spending and requested the Board of Education (BOE) cut its budget by an additional \$85,000.

The BOE met Tuesday night to identify line items for reduction. The cuts came from three sources: funding to AHM's presence at Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School, week-end custodial support and, the most controversial, the school's Challenge and Enrichment (C&E) program.

Despite hearing parent after parent urge the BOE not to cut the program, school board members reluctantly cut the program. According to BOE Chair Maria Grove, the current C&E teacher has been offered a classroom teaching position to remain with the school.

The reduction of the C&E program will save the district nearly \$37,000.

Superintendent of Schools Sal Menzo said the cut was done with a heavy heart, but with the consideration of affecting the least possible amount of students. "Obviously we didn't want to cut anything," he said Wednesday morning. "We didn't want to lose our reading specialist or classroom teachers. We just don't have anywhere else to go."

Menzo said the district will try to continue

some aspects of the program through after-school programs or through volunteer support.

At Wednesday night's meeting, BOF member Beth Petroni made a motion to reinstate \$50,000 to the BOE budget allowing them to continue the C&E program. "I believe we are going to swing the pendulum the other way if we vote for the full reduction," she said. "We are going to be here all summer because parents are not going to support this."

Petroni's motion failed 2-4 with only Lauren Cragg supporting the motion.

At Wednesday's BOF meeting, Menzo reported that the town's teacher's union met earlier in the day to consider possible concessions. The teachers voted not to make any concessions at this point.

Menzo said he believes the vote was made based on differing opinions on the status of the teachers' contracts. It was the belief of the town's attorney that any concessions made by the teachers' union would be included as a separate sidebar to their contract. However, representation from the Connecticut Educational Association warned Marlborough teachers that by making concessions their contract could be reopened and, thus, renegotiated, Menzo said.

"It is my belief that this miscommunication had an affect on the vote," Menzo said Wednesday, following his comments at the BOF meeting.

However, Menzo did report that the school administration and all 10 month and 12 month non-certified staff members had agreed to one furlough day for a savings of \$2,700.

As it currently stands, the BOE's proposed 2009-10 budget is \$6.91 million, a 3.06 percent decrease in spending from the current year's budget – and actually nearly identical to

the 2007-08 school budget.

In addition to the BOE reductions, the BOF made additional cuts to other parts of the budget, on top of the reductions the board made last week. Including the savings from the aforementioned school furlough day, the reductions totaled \$31,000.

The largest cut made by the BOF Wednesday was a reduction in the town's contingency fund, bringing it from \$40,000 down to \$20,000. The motion carried by a vote of 4-2 with Petroni and Cragg dissenting.

Other reductions include \$4,000 to office supplies, a freeze to First Selectman Bill Black's salary (the freeze saves \$2,600), and \$2,000 from transfer station rentals and the aforementioned school furlough day. Since the last budget vote on June 1 the BOF has cut \$65,601 from the town budget and \$85,000 from the BOE budget.

Many other motions for further cuts were also heard on Wednesday, with the one with the most financial impact being a reduction in Resident State Trooper (RST) positions. Currently the town has two RSTs, a full-time constable and a part-time constable. On Wednesday, BOF Chair Catherine Gaudinski voted to cut one RST position, for a savings of \$90,000. (One of the RSTs is retiring, so the move wouldn't have meant laying anybody off; the position just would have gone unfilled.)

However, selectman Joe Labella addressed the BOF, saying, "There has been a move to establish a certain level of service when it comes to public safety. The course you're considering reverses that work."

Cragg said she was "embarrassed" to even be voting on the matter. "We're taking such a risk," she said. "This is so important to our

town."

BOF member Susan Leser disagreed. "Troopers don't necessarily patrol our town," she said. "They can be called out to other areas when they're needed. There's actually very little patrolling of back roads unless there's been a problem reported."

Leser continued by noting that the town would still continue to have access to Troop K State Police in the case of an incident.

Labella responded by saying Marlborough's strong law enforcement coverage may be a deterrent to some looking to commit crimes. That value, he said, is hard to quantify.

The motion to reduce the RST failed by a 3-3 vote, with Gaudinski, Leser and BOF Vice Chair Evelyn Godbout voting for it and Petroni, Cragg and Pasquale Amodeo voting against it.

BOF members also voted against cutting the library's budget, the line item for field maintenance and the line item for lifeguard staffing at Blish Park.

Gaudinski made a single motion on the town's expected revenues. She moved that the BOF tap into the town's undesignated fund balance, which currently stands at 7.4 percent of the town's operating budget, and move the number to 7.25 percent. Her motion failed 2-4.

Many of those who voted down this measure stated that they did so because of the expected hardships for next year. The town's debt will continue to rise for the 2010-11 fiscal year and many BOF members are worried that cuts are going to be even more difficult to come by. Gaudinski said that next year the town could go as low as 5 percent in the undesignated fund balance.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available in Town Hall, 26 North Main St.

East Hampton Art Teacher Retiring After 40 Years

by Michael McCoy

When school starts up in the fall, one thing will be missing from Memorial School: Nick Badolato, who has been there these last 40 years.

Badolato will retire at the end of the school year, after spending the first half of his career teaching third grade, and the latter half teaching art.

Badolato is a lifelong New Britain resident. After graduating from New Britain High School in 1965, he earned his bachelor's degree in education (nursery school to eighth grade) from Central Connecticut State College (now University.)

In the summer of 1969, after graduating from college, Badolato was drafted by the U.S. Army. However, thanks to what he called a "twist of fate," he avoided deployment. While working construction for the summer, Badolato injured his leg after falling off a retaining wall. This delayed his report time.

Memorial School called shortly thereafter, offering him a longterm substitute teaching gig (thanks to a kind word from a former professor), filling in for a third-grade teacher who had taken maternity leave. However, the teacher Badolato was subbing for opted not to return to the school, so the position became permanent. Thus, by the time his leg had healed, Badolato was granted an occupational deferment by the Army.

During high school summers, Badolato worked as a plumber, as he was planning a career in the trade. However, his Uncle Dom convinced him that he would be better suited for a career in education. Badolato said he liked the sounds of working with children so he gave it a shot.

When Badolato began his teaching career, men did not exactly proliferate elementary schools; in fact, Badolato, the principal and the gym teacher were the only male faculty members at Memorial when he was hired. For this reason, Badolato said he was expected to be a "father figure," and was largely given the students with more behavioral issues.

"It was tough," said Badolato of his having few men around. However, because of the small staff at the time, he said the faculty was very close-knit. "It was kind of like a family," he said. "We did a lot of things together."

Badolato laughed that the environment also

"helped immensely in my social life."

During his first years as a teacher, Badolato chipped away at his master's degree, which he received from Central in 1976. This degree was in art education, which he had previously ignored in.

However, despite realizing his calling in teaching art, Badolato said that, in the mid-1970s, these positions were being axed in large quantity around the state, so he did not want to move to a new school in that climate. Instead, he waited it out, and when Memorial School's art teacher retired in 1988, he got the job.

"It was a kind of dream realized," Badolato said of his new job. And, he added, "I felt a lot less pressure," explaining that not as much paperwork is involved with teaching art.

But it seems Badolato was indeed rejuvenated in his new role. "Young children, to me, they abound with creativity," Badolato said, adding that the position "gave me a second breath of life."

He said the only drawback was the loss of forging "emotional connections" with students. However, he said this was inevitable, considering he was meeting with 500 students every week, instead of the 20 or so he had in his third-grade class.

Of course, one of the major changes Badolato has seen during his 40 years is technology, which has not passed over the art room. Badolato seems to always have embraced this, and said, "It's something that we're developing," continuing, "The kids, they love it, and they're not afraid of it."

In addition to helping them research artists, Badolato said computers open up other possibilities, like art-related games. "It's just another tool, basically," he said.

Due to their age, the children Badolato would deal with had fewer inhibitions, and dove right into every project.

Though Badolato loves all sorts of art, he of course has certain affinities. "I prefer to work with my hands," he said, naming sculpture as his favorite discipline.

So, though his students spend a lot of time painting and using watercolors, he makes time for sculpture too. Fortunately, the room has a kiln, which allows the students to work with clay. Badolato said his kids also do paper sculpture.

Though Badolato said the content of his classes has remained more or less the same for 20 years, he has tried to find new techniques, commenting, "I look for things all the time."

But even as early as kindergarten (Memorial school is Pre-K to third grade) the students are not just engaging their hands, but their minds as well, as they learn art appreciation. Just last month, Badolato's third graders were studying Grant Wood's iconic *American Gothic*.

With 40 years under his belt, Badolato has had the opportunity to see former students pursue careers in art, or at least use their skills for fun. Badolato (who was one of seven kids) said his sister worked for the mayor of New Britain. Every year, city hall has an art display, and one of the artists turned out to be a former student.

For some years now, Badolato has had the unique experience of teaching children of former students. "I'm the old dinosaur," Badolato said, smiling. He said children of former students have been filing in his room for the past 10 or 12 years. "That's how you know you've been here for a while," he said. "It's scary too."

While this may be a reminder of age, it has also yielded something more benign. Badolato has found that many current students have already practiced certain art techniques with their parents, techniques he taught them.

"He's phenomenal," said Memorial School principal Karen Fitzsimmons, whose son is among those taught by Badolato. Fitzsimmons has known him for 20 years, and has been principal for the last seven. "He is phenomenal; he's going to be truly, truly missed."

"It's hard to believe I've been here for 40 years," mused Badolato, who said he just felt it was time to turn to other things, although, he added, "This job here, I could probably do till I'm 90."

Badolato has three grown children, two of which live in New Britain while the other lives in East Hampton. His wife Patricia, whom he married in 1971, passed away in 1999.

Badolato is in the enviable position of not having his whole retirement mapped out. "I don't have a plan," admitted Badolato, but mentioned that the first order of business would be to "shut off the alarm clock."

But Badolato is not without his hobbies. He's on the board of directors at the Italian Political



Nick Badolato

Independent Club in Kensington, runs three Bocci leagues and loves to fish. Oh, and he dabbles in art too.

Once he retires, "I hope to get back into my art," he said. Though his love of teaching art was apparent, he said what we all know. Once he gets home from work, he's tired, and life's small duties always seem to come first. But when a door closes, a window opens, and Badolato hopes to convert a whole room in his home into an art studio.

"Everybody said you'll know it's your time" to retire, Badolato said, "and I figure this is my time."

Badolato looks forward to being part of the hiring of his replacement and hopes to meet them before he leaves for good. Though he will be in and out of Memorial School this summer, cleaning out 40 years worth of stuff, his last day will be June 24.

But before he goes, Memorial School will dedicate its art room to Badolato next Tuesday, June 16, at 8 a.m. Superintendent of Schools Judith Golden is expected to be among those in attendance.

East Hampton Residents Sound Off About Noise from Angelico's

by Michael McCoy

Summer brings many things: warm days, trips to the beach, cookouts and baseball, to name a few. And in East Hampton, it also brings something else: complaints about noise from Angelico's.

During Tuesday's Town Council meeting, no less than an hour went to public comments concerning noise in town, though most directly addressed Angelico's Lakehouse Restaurant.

Complaints from residents about noise coming from the popular North Main Street eatery are nothing new. But this time, instead of the public commentary being a one-sided affair, the Town Hall meeting room Tuesday was about split, between those who were fed up with noise from Angelico's and those who had nothing but kind words for the restaurant.

Resident Red McKinney led off the public comments by speaking on behalf of Angelico's (even though nobody else had maligned it—yet). Speaking to his understanding that a petition for a noise ordinance would be submitted that night, he worried such a thing would “create another level of bureaucracy that may or may not be enforceable in our town.” He also wondered if an ordinance would affect events like weddings, showers, parties, the ringing of bells at St. Patrick's Church and Old Home Days.

He also pointed to the annual boat parade put together by the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, and said such events “certainly would exceed any sensible decibel level this ordinance might dictate.”

McKinney, who anticipated the petition would have about 35 names on it, said he could easily find 1,000 signatures of people saying, “We like Angelico's and their music.”

McKinney also said Angelico's has moved the bandstand, erected fences, and asked bands to turn the music down, all in an effort to appease his neighbors.

Finally, McKinney, who made an early exit after his remarks, concluded that if the “35 or so” pooled their resources, they could have what they're “really after: put Angelico's out of business.” He then added, sarcastically, “Wouldn't that be nice?” and said up to 100 people could be put out of work if the restaurant closed down.

Fran Klein spoke after McKinney and indeed presented a document that she was quick to point out was not a petition per se, but rather a “request for a town ordinance.” Nonetheless, the document was signed by 27 people, and was not a petition but a “request for a town ordinance.” She had presented the document to Town Council Chair Melissa Engel before the meeting.

“I don't think anyone wants to close Angelico's down,” Klein said. “He has a right to earn a living.” But, she added, “We also have a right.”

Klein, a Bellevue Street resident, said she's lived on the same property since 1945. According to her, businesses have come and gone in that area, never before causing a disturbance. She specifically mentioned dancing at the Ivy Inn and dining at the Blue Bell, which, she recalled, offered pancakes and waffles three for a quarter.

But now, Klein said, “I can't sit on my deck,” and has to close her windows, and doors and crank up the air conditioning.

Bonnie Sweet Reilly said of special events like Old Home Days, “Nobody's asking for these special events to stop,” and added that they could just be written into an ordinance as exceptions.

Resident Kyle Dostaler echoed those sentiments, saying, “I think there is a big difference between incidental noise and excessive noise.” He also said that complaints about Angelico's come in “year after year,” asserting, “The town needs to deal with it.” He admitted, though, “Not everyone's going to be happy with the end result.”

Anne Garwood conceded that Angelico's has made an effort to address concerns over the past several years, including pointing the speakers toward the restaurant itself. However, the Barbara Avenue resident said the stage is just 20 feet from her deck, and, like Klein, said she can't open her windows or doors.

Garwood said that on a typical weekend night at Angelico's, the first hour of entertainment will often be a sonorous folk act, but “the next three hours is some horrible, horrible band,” with “some terrible singers. I don't know where they come from.”

“All we're asking,” Garwood said, “is that [Paul Angelico, owner of the restaurant] turn the speakers down, or off. Why can't we have a band without speakers?”

(Angelico was in attendance at Tuesday's meeting, but remained silent throughout.)

Resident Amanda Johnson reminded people that school is still going, and because of the noise, “Children can't get to sleep at a decent time.”

Resident Andy Tierney is currently interim town manager for Hebron. And in Hebron, he said, “We went through this.” He said town officials spent a lot of resources exploring an ordinance but eventually dropped it. Tierney said that an ordinance would have to take into consideration everything from boating to driving a tractor to milking a cow. “You might as well put on three new officers to try to enforce this,” he said, adding, “It will affect Old Home Days. It will affect bells in the church.”

Fellow East Hampton resident Kevin Reed, who is also the Andover Resident State Trooper,

said, “I'd be very, very careful, because you can't pick and choose when you enforce it.”

Gladys Yeager Griswold spoke about the recent poker run done in honor of her late husband Dennis Griswold. She said the event raised \$5,000 toward a scholarship for an East Hampton High School senior pursuing a degree in environmental science. “It wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for Paul Angelico's Lakehouse.” (The event concluded at Angelico's, and some residents voiced disapproval over the motorcycle noise it caused.) She said Angelico is “a good man, and does a good job for our town.”

Resident Alison Bliss said while that sentiment may be true, “That should not exempt him from being responsible for noise and stuff.”

Jon March questioned the logic of the poker run's final stop being “the one restaurant in town that's in the middle of a residential zone.”

Gail Peterson, who said she was Griswold's daughter-in-law, said the poker run ended at Angelico's because it was a favorite spot of Griswold's. Also, she added, “The majority of people in this town have bikes, and that's their main mode of transportation this time of year.”

John Moore, who recently moved to Lake Boulevard, said he enjoys Angelico's music and has “absolutely no problem with the noise.”

Similarly, Ann McLaughlin, who lives in the Edgemere complex on North Main Street, said “I love the music; I don't think it's a nuisance at all.”

At the close of the remarks, Engel asked how many people in the room would prefer an ordinance, and how many would like the noise controlled without an ordinance. Fifteen to 20 people (at least 50 people were in attendance at Tuesday's meeting) raised their hands for the latter choice, while none raised their hands for the former.

Engel also said an ordinance would have to be generic, and the discussion has “all been about Paul Angelico tonight,” as opposed to places like Markham Meadows (which Engel owns), Loco Perro and Nelson's Campground.

Planning, Zoning and Building Administrator Jim Carey said town noise ordinances need to be approved by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), but said, “The DEP no longer has a noise control staff,” figuring the town would most likely be asked to refer to the state regulations.

Carey said the town could also purchase a sound pressure meter, which would run \$200-\$500, but a calibrator would be needed, which would cost nearly triple the price of the meter itself. Alas, while these can be used to figure out how noise stands up the state regulation, the equipment is not of a level high enough to be honored should an issue go to court.

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Police News

6/1 — Jeffrey Rose, 52, of 10 Chatham Ct., was charged with second-degree failure to appear, Portland Police said.

6/1 — Jason Prince, 29, of 1080 Portland-Cobalt Rd., was charged with DUI, failure to drive right, misuse of plates and operating motor vehicle without insurance, police said.

6/1 — Kristen Chapone, 19, of 4 Depot Hill Rd., Cobalt, was charged with second-degree failure to appear, police said.

6/2 — Fantasia Ona, 62, of 143 East High St., East Hampton, was charged with issuing a bad check and sixth-degree larceny, police said.

6/2 — Frank Camire, 45, of 25 Prospect St., Deep River, was charged with operating under suspension and following too close, police said.

6/4 — Samuel Adelman, 55, of 19 Maple Ave., Windsor, was charged with violation of probation, police said.

6/5 — Samuel Clymer, Jr., 43 of 13 Fairview St., was charged with criminal violation of protective order and third-degree assault, police said.

6/5 — SueAnn Ruggeri, 46, of 13 Fairview St., was charged with third-degree assault, police said.

Hebron Police News

5/31-Robert Morin, 40, of 460 Church St., was charged with second-degree threatening, second-degree harassment and breach of peace, State Police said.

6/4-Dana Shaw, 28, of 6 Rondaly Rd., Amston, was charged with disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance, State Police said.

Engel said she met with Town Manager Jeffrey O'Keefe and Angelico on Monday, and that Angelico is in the process of building of a clamshell for his restaurant. While a clamshell is often used to spread noise in amphitheaters, Angelico's version would be turned around to contain noise. Engel also said he planned to install other sound absorption materials.

“I don't know why we need the kind of music that's polluting,” said Town Council member Sue Weintraub, but mentioned in the same breath that she enjoys the food and ambience at Angelico's. She surmised, “I know Paul wants to do the right thing.”

“I think it's clear the residents want Angelico's addressed,” said council member Thom Cordeiro. Cordeiro added Wednesday that he can often hear the bands at Ernie's Place on Friday and Saturday nights from his Hog Hill Road home. “It's frustrating,” he said, though he added he has never complained or heard anyone else complain. The comments on Tuesday, he noted, were exclusively aimed toward Angelico's as far as live music is concerned.

At Tuesday's meeting, Cordeiro said that, while he sympathized with residents, “I think this can be done without an ordinance.” However, he said the discussion about Angelico's noise has been going for three years, and “We need some resolution, not just ‘we're on it’” types of responses from the Town Council.

Council member Scott Minnick commented on just this, and, directing his words toward, Engel said, “For three years, I've heard you say, ‘Don't worry, we'll talk to him.’”

Following Minnick's remarks, Carey said he was also interested in using a sound pressure meter to see what decibel level ambient conversation was at Angelico's. At this, O'Keefe (who always seems to work at least one quip into Town Council meetings) cracked, “Can you do it at a few of these council meetings?”

No formal action was taken Tuesday, other than for the town to keep working with Angelico and residents to reach a happy medium. On Wednesday, Engel said O'Keefe already ordered a decibel reader. She also said she hoped “Paul gets his clamshell built this summer rather than next.” Engel said she has never been near Angelico's on a weekend evening, so could not weigh in on the noise output.

Cordeiro said Wednesday that while he's fond of the place and has no plans to stop going, the noise can get quite loud. Nearby residents, he said, “shouldn't have to deal with excessive noise.”

Still, Cordeiro said a collaborative effort should work, and, like Weintraub, said, “I think Paul really wants to do the right thing.”

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Police News

5/26 — Two male juveniles were referred to Juvenile Court for third-degree burglary and fifth-degree larceny, East Hampton Police said.

5/30 — Susan Burr, 41, of 69 Clark Gates Rd., Moodus, was arrested for failure to drive right and DUI, police said.

5/30 — Austen Pelkey, 26, of 18 Murphy Rd., Portland, was arrested pursuant to a warrant for second-degree threatening and second-degree harassment, police said.

5/30 — Michael Destefano, 46, of 48 Barton Hill Rd., Judith Rand, 51, of 77 Breezy Ct., Portland, and April Swolecki, 40, were issued tickets for improper parking, police said.

5/31 — Nicole Welk, 29, of 3 Hillcrest Rd., Enfield, was arrested for counts of failure to appear and pursuant to two warrants for improper use of a marker plate, driving under suspension, driving without minimum insurance, failure to renew registration, use of drug paraphernalia, second-degree breach of peace and possession of a controlled substance, police said.

6/1 — Aaron V. Gosselin, 41, of 22 Wopowog Rd., was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol, police said.

6/2 — Stephen Brown, 47, of 151 Lakeview St., Colchester, was issued a ticket for improper passing, police said.

Andover Police News

6/7-Irene McDonald, 46, of 10 Pine Ridge Dr., Andover, was charged with DUI and reckless driving, State Police said.

Colchester Police News

5/27-Taylor Suroviak, x, of 188 Old Hebron Rd., Colchester, was charged with breach of peace and possession of narcotics, State Police said.

5/28-Manuel Echevaria, 31, of 74 Newland St., Springfield, MA, was charged with second-degree larceny, operating a motor vehicle the wrong way and operating a motor vehicle without a license, State Police said.

5/28-Dana Shaw, 28, of 6 Rondaly Rd., Amston, was charged with sixth-degree larceny and second-degree failure to appear, State Police said.

5/29-Spencer Gauthier, 19, of 223 Church St., Willimantic, was charged with DUI, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and driving on the left side of a highway, State Police said.

5/30-Raphael Hernandez, 52, of 20 Lasalle St., New Britain, was charged with DUI and driving in multiple lanes on a highway, State Police said.

5/30-Marilyn Saltus, 42, of 280 Norwich Ave., Colchester, was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal violation of a protective order, State Police said.

5/30-Richard Miller, 49, of 280 Norwich Ave. Colchester, was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal violation of a protective order, State Police said.

6/1-Tonya Gagnon, 27, of 7 Meadow Dr., Apt. 3, Colchester, was charged with breach of peace, threatening and harassment, State Po-

lice said.

6/2-Christopher O'Neal, 29, of 9 Briarwood Dr., Moodus, was charged with second-degree failure to appear, State Police said.

6/6-Barbara Greco, 38, of 47 Macdonald Rd., Colchester, was charged with **(three?)** third-degree assault, possession of drug paraphernalia and breach of peace, State Police said.

6/6-Robert Kuhn, 39, of 1804 South Gate Ln., Colchester, was charged with possession of narcotics, intent to sell, possession of drug paraphernalia, breach of peace, and third-degree assault, State Police said.

6/6-Raymond Divita, 21, of 64 Laurel Point Dr., Oakdale, was charged with failure to drive right, DUI and possession of a controlled substance, State Police said.

6/7-William Freeman, 48, of 16 Main St. Colchester, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, State Police said.

6/7-Stacey Harris, 36, of 279 Old Colchester Rd. Hebron, was charged with DUI and failure to stop at a stop sign, State Police said.

6/8-Kayla Cassidy, 37, of 8 Cobble Way, Colchester, was charged with third-degree larceny and interfering with an officer, State Police say.

6/8-Danny Spaulding, 26, of 8 Cobble Way Colchester, was charged with third-degree larceny and interfering with an officer, State Police said.

Wesleyan Students Dig up Dirt on Job's Pond in Portland

by Michael McCoy

Portland's Job's Pond area is made up of many longtime residents, whose families have been there for generations. And now the unique pond has drawn the attention of some out-of-towners as well.

Job's Pond is located off Route 66, northwest of the Route 17/66 intersection. The pond, estimated to be between 10,000 and 15,000 years old, has no public frontage, though the YMCA's Camp Ingersol owns a significant amount of adjoining property. Every summer, about 100 kids use the pond over a six-week period and enjoy swimming, boating and fishing, according to resident Dick Hall.

About a year and a half ago, Hall and fellow residents Veronica Ketch, Jerry Kuzina and Ellen Mantel formed the Job's Pond Water Quality Committee, in an effort to maintain the quality of the pond.

Last year, Mantel contacted Chuck Lee of the Connecticut Bureau of Water Management and Land Reuse about studying the pond. Specifically, Hall said, his committee aimed to "get a handle on the quality of the water." Lee put them in touch with Wesleyan University Professor Tim Ku. Ku and his team of 27 environmental geo-chemistry students conducted a study of the pond from January to May.

Job's Pond is notable for being a kettle hole. A kettle hole is a body of water that forms after a block of ice melts under the water table. A look at a map of the Connecticut River will yield the fact that the river bulges to the west on Portland's western border. Once upon a time, this was not so, and the river went right through where the pond now sits.

"As the ice melted," said Hall, "it formed a ring of dirt, stone, and gravel."

The students completed their study in early May, and presented their findings to the committee and other interested residents. Their presentation, held May 5 at Brownstone Interme-

diate School, drew around 150 people, Hall said.

Ku said this week the study was part of a service learning program, which involves students working in surrounding communities, resulting in mutual benefit. Students were broken down into groups, with some studying the history of the pond, others doing GIS mapping, others studying the water chemistry and still others looking at sedimentation.

Ku said one interesting element about the pond was its dramatically shifting water level, which does not seem to be merely a function of rainfall. Ku said the lowest parts of the pond are about 42 feet deep, but that level can swing 15 feet over the course of a year. He said this is especially odd, since the pond has no outlet, so all the change is due to groundwater escaping or evaporation.

Ku dated the oldest water as being about 50 years old. As for sedimentation, Ku said most materials dated well before the 1800s, which means not much has changed since Europeans settled around it. However, some sediment from as recently as the late 1900s was found, causing Ku to hold that there is still reason to be careful. However, he surmised, "The lake is overall relatively healthy."

Ku admitted he may be a bit overly enthusiastic following the study, since he has dealt mostly with more troubled lakes. He commented, "It's nice to see something that's not completely eutrophic," a term that refers to lakes or ponds overwhelmed by nutrients.

In the beginning of the study, students actually had to drive through 10 inches of ice. Though this was an unwelcome step, Ku said it actually made it easier to access the pond, since motorboats are not allowed. A pond full of 27 students in rowboats would have been less man-



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ageable than walking on top of the ice.

"It looks pretty clean," said Ku of the pond, noting low levels of nitrogen and phosphorous. He also said there were some low oxygen readings, which was less encouraging.

Ketch said the only other study done on the pond was a geo-technical endeavor conducted by Dr. Clarence Welti in the 1980s. However, when asked about whether this most recent study was worth the trouble, Ketch said, "Oh,

yes. Nothing like this had ever been done before."

Ku said he hoped a Wesleyan hydrology class might conduct another study on the lake. "This is just a start," he said.

Though Ku has collected all the student work, he has not yet synthesized these into a master report. Once this is completed, he said it would be passed along to the Job's Pond Water Quality Committee.

Police Break Up Underage Drinking Party in Portland

A report of an underage drinking party last Friday led to several youths receiving citations, according to Portland Police.

At around 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, police said they received a report of an underage drinking party at 28 Kirsten Dr. Two officers responded at the scene, police said, and they were met upon arrival by two youths. One of the youths, according to police, attempted to elude officers by running into the basement of the home. The youth was followed by Officer Peter Paranzino, who observed him "frantically" trying to hide open cans of beer, police

reported.

Police said 23 unopened cans of beer and an open bottle of Jagermeister were seized.

Five individuals – Zachary Colonghi, 18, of 28 Kristen Dr., and four "youthful offenders," all of Portland – were issued citations for possession of alcohol by a minor, police reported. A 15-year-old, also from Portland, was referred to the Portland Juvenile Diversion Board.

The tickets were for \$136 each, and the youths must respond to them by June 19, police said.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Frank Mott Jr.

Frank Arthur Mott Jr., 70, of East Hampton, passed away Saturday, June 6, at his home, with his beloved wife of 47 years, Margaret Mott by his side, after a brief illness. He was born Aug. 28, 1938, in Brooklyn, NY, the son of the late Frank Arthur Mott Sr. and Edith (Northrup) Mott.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, 101st Airborne Division as a paratrooper in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and was a sales representative for various paint companies for over 45 years. Frank was an active member of the East Hampton Lions Club, a group that he truly loved, a lifelong member of the Boy Scouts of America, and was involved in the East Hampton Little League in his earlier years.

Frank had a zest for life and his personality was one of his greatest attributes. He loved the outdoors; canoeing, fishing and camping and he never thought twice about helping someone out. He will be remembered and greatly missed for his warm smile and infectious laughter.

Frank is survived by his loving wife Margaret (Zeuner) Mott and leaves behind four children, Kim Moon and partner Kenneth Miner of East Hampton, Lisa Seymour and her husband Whitman of Colchester, Frank A. Mott III and his wife Karen of Moodus, and William Mott of East Hampton; 12 grandchildren, Joshua Moon and his wife Michelle, Scott and Matthew Evans, Erica, Casey and Samantha Seymour, Nicole, Amanda, Carrie and Jessie Mott and Daphne and Justin Miner; his great-grandson Benjamin Moon; his sister Susan Warren of Chester, NY, many nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts.

He was predeceased by his brother James.

Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Thursday evening, June 11. There was a funeral service that night, with the Rev. Thomas Kennedy officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the East Hampton Lions Club, P.O. Box 153, East Hampton, CT 06424.

To leave online condolences, visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Hebron

Joseph C. Scrivano Jr.

Joseph C. Scrivano, Jr., 52, of Lebanon and formerly of Hebron, beloved husband of Dawn (Fisher) Scrivano, passed away Friday, June 5, at Hartford Hospital from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Born Aug. 14, 1956, in Hartford, he was a son of Joseph and Mary Ellen (O'Brien) Scrivano, Sr. of Westchester.

A 1974 graduate of RHAM High School in Hebron, he went on to study the Machinist trade at Manchester Community College. Joe was the installation supervisor for Fireside Supply in Hebron, where he worked side-by-side with his son, Joe, as well as one of his best friends of 38 years, John Tarquinio. He had a zest for life, he loved to ride his motorcycle and is deeply missed by his extended family at Butterball's in Hebron. Most importantly, he will be forever remembered for being an excellent provider and devoted husband and father.

In addition to his parents and his loving wife of 23 years, he is survived by three sons, Joseph III, Michael Allan and Jesse James, all at home; as well as two other children that he loved as his own, Matthew Waitkus and Kolby Byron; his sister, Laura Scrivano and her longtime companion, Bill Mancini of Hebron; two brothers and their spouses, Frank and Debbie (Fisher) of Lebanon and Michael and Nancy of Columbia; his mother-in-law, Margaret Volpe and her husband, Nicholas of Stafford Springs; Dawn's other siblings, Michael Fisher of Coventry, Judy and her husband, Jerry Carilli of Lebanon, Allan and his wife, Kelly Ann of Mansfield, and James Fisher and Nicholas Volpe, Jr., both of Stafford Springs; special nieces and nephews, Mathew, Alexa, Jennifer, Justine, Tori, Maria and Madison; and numerous extended family members and friends.

The family received guests Thursday, June 11, at the Colchester Fish & Game Club, Old Town Road, Colchester. A celebration of his life will be held starting at 3 p.m. today, Friday, June 12, also at the club. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Joseph Scrivano Memorial Fund, c/o The Savings Institute, attn. Laura Legary, P.O. Box 161, Hebron 06248 to benefit his children's education.

Care of arrangements has been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester.

For online condolences, visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Colchester

Richard Danko II

Richard Thomas Danko II, 55, of Colchester passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, June 3, at his home. Born Dec. 17, 1953, in Kittery, ME, he was a son of the late Richard and Shirley (Monteith) Danko.

A resident of Colchester for most of his life, he was a 1972 graduate of Bacon Academy and went on to work as an auto mechanic for many years. He enjoyed the peace and tranquility of the outdoors, in particular Devil's Hopyard State Park. He loved being around animals and enjoyed cooking for all of his friends.

He is survived by four siblings, Phillip Danko and his wife Cyndi of Salem; Janie Danko of Bozrah, Dana Johnson Danko of East Hampton and Cathy Danko of Sterling; his nieces and nephews, Dawn, Windy, Phil, Jr., Drew, Dan and Tucker, as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

His friendly nature and willingness to always help someone in need will be deeply missed.

Friends called Monday, June 15, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A Chapel Service was observed at 6 p.m. Burial private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

For online condolences, visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Portland

Henry S. Bagadinski

Henry S. Bagadinski, 89, of Portland, died Tuesday, June 9, at the MidState Medical Center in Meriden, following a short illness. He was the husband of the late Natalie Bayerowski Bagadinski. Born in Portland Aug. 8, 1919, a son of the late Walter and Mary Bagadinski, he lived and worked here in Portland his entire life except for serving his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion to his two sons, Richard Bagadinski of Portland and Henry R. Bagadinski and his wife Patricia of Shelby Township, MI; his grandson, Steven Bagadinski, his wife Maria, and their son Nicholas; his brother, Clement Bagadinski of Portland; and many nieces, nephews, and numerous friends. He will be missed dearly by all who loved him.

He was predeceased by his sisters Lucy Wotjiewicz and Sophie Piecuik and his brothers Walter Bagadinski and Stephen Bagadinski.

His family will receive relatives and friends at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home 231 Main St., Portland, Saturday, June 13, from noon-2 p.m., when the Rev. John F. Ashe will officiate a service in the funeral home. Interment, with military honors, will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Henry's memory may be sent to the American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

For directions, or to leave an online expression of sympathy, visit www.portlandmemorialfh.net.

Hebron

Dolores M. Colaluca

Dolores M. "Dollie" Colaluca, 76, of Hebron, beloved wife of the late Nicholas Colaluca, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 4, at Hartford Hospital. Born in McKeesport, PA, to the late Andrew and Anna (Petro) Zurovcik.

Before Hebron, she had lived in Boston, Providence, Springfield, and South Windsor. Dollie and her husband Nicholas were the originators and owner/operators of the Chicken Coop, as well as many other restaurants in New England.

She is survived by her daughter, Monica Burnett of Hebron; her son, Larry Graziano and his wife Jennifer of Duquesne, PA; sisters, Mildred Toppi and Helen J. Mulac of McKeesport, PA; brothers, Joseph Zurovcik and his wife Rae of Port Vue, PA; Andrew Zurovcik and his wife Pat of West Newton, PA; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dollie was predeceased by her siblings, Mary Molina, Marlene Stephan, Janice Zurovcik, and Michael Zurovcik, all of McKeesport, PA.

Services will be private. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 1004, Meriden, CT 06450-1004 or the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111.

For online condolences, visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

Hebron

Ivan E. London

Ivan E. "Jack" London, 85, beloved husband for 60 years of Elizabeth (Graham) London, passed away at home Thursday, June 4, surrounded by lovingly family. Born in Waterville, ME son of Elroy and Mabel London, he was raised in Hebron and moved to Manchester in 1948.

After serving in the Merchant Marines during World War II, he was employed by G. Fox & Co. for 35 years. He was a member of Uriel Lodge No. 24 A.F. & A.M., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Old Guard and Manchester Senior Center. Jack was a lifelong sports enthusiast and devoted Husky fan. He possessed a great love of music and never encountered an instrument he wouldn't play. He was also well known for creating poems for every occasion. In retirement, he spent winters in Palmetto, FL and summers at Columbia Lake.

In addition to his wife, he leaves to cherish his memory, his two sons, Dr. Raymond London of South Windsor and Barry London of Manchester; his daughter, Gail Springer and husband, Patrick of Manchester; four grandchildren, Carolyn Dorey and husband, Trevor; Sheryl LeBel and husband, Michael; Pamela Springer and Erin London; great-grandchildren, Alexis and Brycen and sister, Arlene Friedrich Minor of Cromwell; along with many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Ivan was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Charles B. London and sister-in-law, Mary London Jones.

The family extends special thanks to Diane Szymkowicz for her dedication, compassion and exceptional care. Ivan viewed every day as a new adventure and inspired all who knew him to live each day to the fullest. He will be greatly missed.

Family and friends attended calling hours at Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester, on Sunday, June 7, which were immediately followed by a funeral service. Private family burial with military honors in East Cemetery, Manchester.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Memorial Donations P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or the National Federation of the Blind, 1800 Johnson Street Baltimore, MD 21230-4998.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.holmes-watkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Colchester

Bettye L. Clare

Bettye L. Clare, beloved wife of 60 years to the late David E. Clare Sr., of Colchester, died Wednesday, June 3, at Portland Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Evansville, IN on June 5, 1924, daughter of the late William and Ellin McIntyre.

She lived and raised her family in Springfield, MA, eventually coming to Connecticut working for Loctite for 30 years. As an avid sports fan, the Patriots, Red Sox UConn Huskies and her favorite Tiger Woods, there was always a game to watch and enjoy. She loved to knit and crochet beautiful blankets for her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Always fun to be with, her home was open to all with a candy dish filled at all times. We will cherish her spirit, her love of life and her gentle nature.

She is survived by her sons, Frank Clare and his wife Susan of Meriden, David Clare and his wife Susan of East Hampton, and her daughter, Debbie Bassett of Portland, with whom she made her home. Hebron is also survived by her grandchildren, Victoria Clare, Kim Kuca and her husband Jim, Chris Clare and his wife Jodi, and Jordana Fournier; her great grandchildren, Jamie and Ashleigh Kuca and Nathan Clare.

Bettye's family would like to thank the Middlesex Home Care, especially Colleen, Beau and Pat and Portland Care and Rehab Center for their compassionate care. A special thank you to Dorothy and Graig.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 10, at the Chapel of the State Veteran's Cemetery, Bow Lane, Middletown.

D'Angelo Funeral Home, 22 South Main St., is in charge of arrangements.

Portland

Sally W. Elliott

Sally W. (Jones) Elliott, 67, of Portland, beloved wife of Robert P. Elliott, passed away on Friday, June 5, at her home with her loving family at her side. Mrs. Elliott was born in Rockland, ME, the daughter of the late Dr. Paul and Minnie (Hogdkins) Jones and had been a longtime resident of the Portland community.



Her many interests included gardening, antiquing, reading and boating. She had been a member of the Hartford Yacht Club and the National Association of Realtors. She was very dedicated to her career in real estate, which was indicative of her 31 years and many awards and happy clients. She had always had an interest in historical homes and had been animal lover.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her two daughters, Sarah Caratasios and her husband William of Cromwell and Stacey MacQuinn of Moodus and her son Adam MacQuinn of Old Orchard Beach, ME. She also leaves her two stepsons, Michael and Tommy Elliott, and two stepdaughters; Michelene Haagensen and Kimberly Elliott. She is also survived by her two half-brothers; Dr. Paul and Leslie Jones and her nine grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the staff of Middlesex Hospice.

Relatives and friends attended the funeral service Thursday, June 11, at 1 p.m. at the Glastonbury Funeral Home, 450 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury. The interment service will be held at a later date. Mrs. Elliott's family received callers at the funeral home Wednesday, June 10.

Memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111 or to the American Cancer Society, 538 Preston Ave., P.O. Box 1004, Meriden, CT 06450-1004.

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