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**Super Swimmers...**For the second year in a row, Portland swimmers have medaled at the Nutmeg Sate Games, which were held July 22. Morgan Sartor placed first in the girls' 11-12 50-yard butterfly, 50-yard breaststroke, 100-yard individual medley and the 100-yard free and second in the 50-yard freestyle. Nathan Weeks placed first in the boys' 9-10 100-yard freestyle and second in the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard backstroke and the 100-yard individual medley. Both swimmers have qualified for the 2013 State Games of America, to be held in Hershey, Pa.

## Reynolds vs. Osten in State Senate Primary

by Katelyn Kelleher

Each of the two Democratic candidates for the 19th State Senate District will enter into next week's primary with the confidence of having strong endorsements.

Either Ledyard state Rep. Tom Reynolds, of the 42nd Assembly District, or Sprague First Selectwoman



Tom Reynolds

Cathy Osten will emerge as the Democratic candidate to take on Republican candidate Chris Coutu after the Aug. 14 primary. Each candidate faces that pressure with support – Reynolds with the backing of the district's Democratic convention and Osten with the endorsement of state Sen. Edith Prague, who has held the seat in the 19th District since 1994 and is retiring when her term expires in November.

Coutu is the sole Republican candidate. Columbia's Steve Everett dropped out of the race May 14 and backed Coutu.

With the induction of a new state senator will come a slightly different 19th District, which will include Marlborough, Hebron, Columbia, Franklin, Bozrah, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Norwich, Sprague and a portion of Montville. Andover was lost in a re-districting but Marlborough was gained.

Reynolds said his campaign is going well so

far, but said he runs his campaign "never [making] assumptions about the support that we have out there."

Still, he has the party endorsement, five of the seven Democratic town committees in the district, and the endorsement of at least 12 of the local legislatures and many labor unions. "I couldn't possibly expect anything better than that," he said. "We're pretty proud of the team we've built and we've run a very positive campaign."

As for the upcoming primary and the remainder of the election, "we're focusing on it right on through," he said.

The large portion of the feedback he's been getting from residents in the district is about job creation, which, Reynolds said, is one of four issues he said are resonating within the district.

"People are understandably anxious; even though the state is creating thousands of private sector jobs a month, unemployment in eastern Connecticut is still excessively high," he said, adding that, as state representative, he helped pass a legislative comprehensive jobs bill in the fall, and has developed an economic recovery plan, which stresses the importance

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Cathy Osten

## Klinck, Crawford Ready for Senate Primary

by Joshua Anusewicz

With just four votes separating the two candidates for the party nomination at June's Democratic convention, state Rep. Jim Crawford of Westbrook and former state Commissioner on Aging Mary Ellen Klinck of East Haddam will square off again in a primary next Tuesday to see who will be the Democratic candidate for the 33rd Senate district in this November's elections.

This November, the 33rd Senate District seat will be vacant, as current state Sen. Eileen Daily announced earlier this year that she would be retiring for personal reasons. The district represents three *RiverEast* towns – Colchester, East Hampton and Portland – as well as Chester, Clinton, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

At the other party conventions early this year, Republicans nominated Neil Nichols of Essex, who immediately announced he would step down to allow his opponent, Art Linares of Westbrook, to take the nomination. Higganum's Melissa Schlag unanimously received the Green Party nod and will be running as independent, as well.

The Democratic candidate was thought to have been decided at the Democratic convention on May 21, which resulted in Crawford

getting the nod for the spot over Klinck by a vote of 31-27. Klinck, however, filed for a primary, citing the compacted campaign for the nomination that did not give the candidates ample time to meet with voters and local town committees following Daily's announcement she would be retiring, which came just a week before the convention.

This week, Klinck said that the closeness of the vote factored into her decision as well. "If I hadn't done that well, I probably wouldn't have [forced a primary]," she said Wednesday. "But we did very well, and I was encouraged by that."

Klinck can also be encouraged by her extensive history of serving at both the state and local level, the most prominent of which was serving as the state Commissioner on Aging. She has also served as the first selectwoman of East Haddam, chair of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce and chair of the East Haddam Democratic Town Committee, and has served on the Board of Trustees at Franklin Academy



Jim Crawford

in East Haddam, a school for high school-aged students with learning disabilities.

Aging, however, is Klinck's biggest focus. With the coming retirement of state Sen. Edith Prague, a major advocate for seniors, Klinck said she would be prepared to fill the role and make sure that senior citizens are represented.

"Seniors need a lot more advocacy," Klinck said, adding that the senior citizen demographic is growing. "There's got to be very good programs out there for them and the legislature has to work together to get that done."

Klinck said she would also advocate for technical high schools and community colleges, which she said are important for filling manufacturing jobs in the state with qualified workers. Other concerns she listed were the environment and maintaining open space, alternative energy and affordable housing.

Having owned her own restaurant in the past and being the current owner of a real estate business, Klinck said she would also support aid for small businesses. Providing a good commercial base in the towns, she said, would help in keeping property taxes low, an issue she has heard from all of the towns she has canvassed.

"Every town you visit, there are always budget issues," Klinck said. "And keeping the taxes down are a big challenge, at both the state and

town level. We have to figure out the best for towns to lower property taxes. That has to be done by balancing services and taxes, and that's tough."

As a small business owner and an experienced public servant, Klinck said she will have no problem working hard to improve these concerns. "I have a lot of energy and I'm a hard worker," she said, adding that the response she's received from voters she's spoken with has been "great."

Klinck also relayed a point that has concerned many public officials in the area over the years – communities on the shoreline don't have the same needs and concerns as communities in the northern part of the district. With Daily and Crawford both from Westbrook, Klinck opined that a change might be in order.

"I think it's time to come up here," she said.

But standing in the way is Crawford, a formidable opponent. Crawford is currently serv-

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Mary Ellen Klinck

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of building a technology-savvy, highly educated, innovative workforce to compete in the “new economy.”

Reynolds said continuing Prague’s legacy by being responsive to seniors is another focus of his, as well as continuing to make budget and education reform a priority.

“Even though we appear to be on a sustainable path at the moment, as the economy turns around we can’t assume,” he said.

Osten said the feedback she’s been getting about her campaign has been positive, but people have expressed some concerns about the future of the state and the future of the country, in particular the lack of jobs in the area and the country.

Osten will enter the primary with the endorsement of Prague, who, in a June press release, said Osten is the best Democrat to fill her seat.

“Like me, she’s a tough-as-nails kind of woman and will never give up fighting for us,” Prague said. “Cathy will continue our fight for seniors. She will continue our fight for workers. And she will continue our fight for the Democratic ideals we stand for.”

Osten called Prague’s support an honor and

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ing his first term as the state representative for the 35th Assembly District, which represents the towns of Westbrook, Clinton, and Killingworth.

Prior to that, Crawford served as an educator within the Westbrook school system for over 35 years, teaching multiple subjects at multiple grade levels. In Westbrook, he has also served two terms on the town’s Board of Selectmen, as the chair on the Economic Development Commission and as the president of the Old Saybrook/Westbrook Exchange Club.

Crawford said he’s prepared to make the leap from the House to the Senate to get his voice heard. “I’ve learned that in the House, I’m one voice among many. Seniority is certainly key,” he said. “Where I’m at in my life and my career, I feel as though the Senate would provide me with a better opportunity for a bigger voice. I knew I’d regret it if I didn’t go for it.”

Not surprisingly, Crawford said his biggest concerns lie within education, particularly the sweeping reform recently mandated at the state level. Crawford pointed out two major issues that he feels need to be addressed; first, he said, both the state and federal government need to improve funding for special education, which is currently funded almost entirely by the individual districts. He said this is a particular issue because the small communities within the 33rd District aren’t easily able to carry the load, which “shouldn’t be an issue when the neediest students need our help.”

The second point, similar to what Klinck said, is “respecting the talents of all students.” Currently, he said, “we do a less-than-mediocre job of providing opportunities for all students,” not just those who want to attend four-year colleges. He added that by supporting technical schools and programs, businesses that provide labor and manufacturing jobs can be filled by experienced local employees.

Like Klinck, Crawford also pointed out that

“the best endorsement anybody can get.”

Osten also has several union endorsements and the endorsement of the Columbia and Sprague Democratic town committees. Not having the party endorsement means she doesn’t get some of the financial help that Reynolds does and has to pay for access to certain things whereas he does not. “I just think that makes me fight all the more,” she said.

A July 25 press release from Osten’s campaign said she had been approved for public financing through the Citizens’ Election Program, which allows General Assembly candidates to receive full public funding. “In order to qualify, a state Senate candidate must raise at least \$15,000,” the release stated, adding that “300 individual contributions must come from residents in their district.” Each contribution must be under \$100.

Reynolds’ campaign qualified for the program earlier in July.

The primary in Marlborough will be held from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. at Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Dr., and in Hebron from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Hebron Elementary School, 93 Church St.

senior citizens are a major focus, particularly in the area of affordable home care. He also mentioned that, as a member of the House’s transportation committee, he will be focused on the infrastructure of the district, which he referred to as “neglected.”

Being from the southern part of the district, Crawford said he has spent as much as possible getting to know the different communities in the northern section, including attending meetings of the newly-formed Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. He said that he has been “really pleased” with the response from the towns he’s canvassed in the area and that “the word is spreading and people are interested” in his candidacy.

He also complimented Klinck, calling her “a household name and a loyal Democrat,” but added that he feels his current position in the House will give him a leg up.

“I feel that I’m in the middle of the issues now, so the learning curve will be gentle,” he said. “I hope that’s something voters take into consideration.”

Crawford added, “I’ve worked hard and I’m not going to leave anything on the table.”

Both of the candidates’ hard work will come to a head on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the primary. Polls will be open from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Only voters registered with the Democratic Party can participate in the primary; new or unaffiliated voters can register with the party at their respective town halls until noon Monday, Aug. 13. (The deadline for Republicans to switch party affiliation has already passed.)

Voting will be held in Portland at the Portland Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., and in East Hampton at East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St. Colchester has three polling places: at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.; Abundant Life of the Assemblies of God Church, 85 Skinner Rd.; and Bacon Academy, 611 Norwich Ave. Residents can visit [colchesterct.gov](http://colchesterct.gov) to find out their specific voting location.

## From the Editor’s Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

A few weeks back, I wrote about how a familiar name from my time covering Glastonbury – Donn Cabral – was London-bound, having qualified to run for Team USA in the steeplechase. It was very exciting news, and I was definitely rooting for him.

And while he didn’t quite go all the way, Donn still performed very, very impressively.

Donn made his Olympics debut last Friday, and did well enough to advance to the steeplechase finals this past Sunday. He jumped out to an early lead, and was among the leaders for a while, before the rest of the pack caught up with him. Donn finished the 3,000-meter race in eight minutes and 25.91 seconds, which was good for eighth place in the 15-man race.

I’m sure, of course, that Donn would have loved to have brought a medal home to Glastonbury, but he had nothing to be ashamed of in his performance – and it sounds like he loved every minute of it.

“I think it was a fun experience, a great step,” Cabral said after the race, according to *The Hartford Courant*. “Eighth at the Olympics is pretty amazing.”

Donn has already established himself as one of the country’s fastest. During his time at Glastonbury High School, Cabral was a two-time State Open and New England cross country champion. In his senior year, he ran the fastest mile in the country for a high school student. And this year, at Princeton, he won the NCAA championship in the steeplechase.

Heck, his 8:25.91 on Sunday, as impressive as it was, wasn’t even Donn’s personal best in the steeplechase. That happened in May, when Donn ran it in 8:19.14 at the USATF Oxy High meet in Los Angeles – which also set the American Collegiate record. (That speed would have been good for the bronze in London Sunday.)

And to top it all off, Donn’s just 22 years old. He hasn’t yet officially announced his future plans, according to the *Courant*, but I’ll bet another shot at the Olympics is in him. I’m sure American track enthusiasts hope so too; America hasn’t medaled in the steeplechase since 1984 when Brian Diemer took home the bronze in the Olympics in Los Angeles.

Donn certainly doesn’t sound like he thinks this is it either.

“I think I’ve got more in me,” he said. “If it’s not coming this year, it will come next year I think.”

And whenever it comes, I’ll be sure to watch.

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I’ve been watching the other, non-Donn Cabral parts of the Olympics too, as has the vast majority of America. As is often the case during the Olympics, NBC has taken a fair amount of heat for its coverage. Some of the criticism has been justified (I know this is the United States, but the America-centric coverage can be a little much at times, don’t you think? Other Olympians can have interesting life stories too – they just may have taken place in other countries.) However, I think the criticism being dumped on NBC for showing the most popular Olympic events on tape delay in prime time is a little extreme.

Via its cable outlets like NBC Sports, MSNBC and Bravo, there is a good deal of the Olympics that is airing live; it’s just not happening on NBC proper. And this has led to a lot of complaints, saying that The Peacock Network should be showing *everything* live, regardless of what time of day it actually is in the United States.

But why should NBC do that? They dropped a *ton* of money on the London games – \$1.18 billion, up from the \$893 million they paid for the 2008 games in Beijing – so why should they air the most popular events during the day, or in the overnight, or whenever they’d naturally be airing? Why not show

them in prime time, when the most people can see them, and therefore you can sell ads at higher prices? (After all, NBC needs to make back its money somehow; prime time ad bucks are probably the best way to do it.)

And showing stuff live in prime time isn’t really an option; prime time here on the East Coast coincides with 1 a.m. in London; not a whole lot of games are going on at that hour.

So, tape delay seems to make the most sense – as it does in every Olympics that isn’t played in the United States. But still, there have been droves of people taking to the Internet and voicing their disgust. Tape-delayed Olympics, they feel, no longer flies in the age of Twitter and Facebook and mobile Internet. There are so many ways, they argue, for people to find out who won what as soon as it happens. This is true, but the Internet is a pretty big place; it’s possible to just avoid the news sites or Twitter feeds that are more prone to give Olympics spoilers. Yes, you may have to alter your Internet viewing habits a bit, but the Olympics only last for two weeks. Deal with it.

Facebook and Twitter and all the other kinds of social media may be the rage, but last I checked, they aren’t paying NBC’s bills. Madison Avenue is, though, and until they aren’t, tape delay is likely here to stay.

And by the way, for all the complaining going on, viewers sure are tuning in to these tape-delayed Olympics in droves. The first eight nights of NBC’s Olympics coverage averaged 34.5 million viewers, the highest ratings for the first eight nights of any Summer Olympics in the past 36 years. (Well, any Summer Olympics not played in the U.S., that is; a strange qualifier, and one that suggests there are a lot of people that – sadly – only care about the Olympics if they’re played here.) In fact, as of last Thursday, the Olympics were on track to be one of the top five television events of all time, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*.

With these kinds of numbers rolling in, it’s doubtful NBC is going to be altering its prime time Olympic plans anytime soon.

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There are certain places fireworks should be discharged. And certain places they should not.

The following story out of New Zealand falls decidedly in the latter category.

According to the *New Zealand Herald*, a 23-year-old man was at a party Saturday night, July 28, when he decided a nice place for a firework was....well, his butt.

“It appears a party was in full progress when a young male decided to place a firework between the cheeks of his bottom and light it,” Senior Sergeant Garry Smith told the *Herald*.

I’m not exactly sure what the gentleman – whom the paper mercifully did not identify – was hoping to accomplish. But he probably got a bit more than he bargained for.

“What must have seemed to be a great idea at the time has backfired, resulting in the male receiving quite severe and very painful burns to his cheeks, back and private bits,” Smith said.

Paramedics were called to the scene, but the man had already taken himself to the hospital by the time they arrived. Police told the *Herald* they believed he would be flown to a specialist burns unit at a different hospital.

To add insult to injury, when he gets out of the hospital, the man faces a \$282 fine for possessing fireworks after July 1 (a.k.a. Territory Day in that part of New Zealand – the only day fireworks can be legally discharged).

By the way, to the shock of probably no one, police told the *Herald* alcohol was a possible factor in the incident.

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See you next week.

# Deed Restrictions Discussed for Marlborough Business Park

by **Katelyn Kelleher**

The Board of Selectmen Tuesday discussed deed restrictions on properties in the Marlborough Business Park and the costs of connecting the Stage Harbor Healthcare Center to the town's sewer line.

In a joint meeting between the Board of Selectmen and the Economic Development Commission next Wednesday, the two boards will discuss the future of the 141-acre business park. The property is zoned designed business industrial.

First Selectwoman Catherine Gaudinski said the next step in the process would be to develop deed restrictions, "so if the town decides to sell lots to developers or sell property, we would have restrictions on it as far as the building look and the types of materials we would want to see."

She explained deed restrictions carry over even if the property is sold, whereas zoning can change. "You can't regulate, in terms of zoning, how a building looks or the type of business," Gaudinski said, "so once something is sold and built, if they tear it down it's not restricted [without a deed restriction]."

Gaudinski said the town has placed deed restrictions on properties on North Main Street.

Selectman Dick Shea asked for a chronological timeline of the key events of the business park development to be created and said he'd "like to see us worry about what we're going to do with the business park before we worry about deed restrictions."

However, Gaudinski said the deed restrictions must be developed before the properties are sold. Currently the properties are not being actively marketed, she said.

Also at the meeting, Gaudinski told the selectmen connecting Stage Harbor Healthcare Center to the town's sewer system could cost between \$900,000 and \$1 million.

The healthcare center on Stage Harbor Road currently is emptying its septic system daily, Gaudinski said, which is proving extremely costly. The center has a commitment from a lender for its portion of the project cost, which Gaudinski said is not available yet.

Gaudinski said she received a sample contract from Weston Sampson from the Water Pollution Control Authority that estimated the town's construction costs for the project would be around \$800,000. The town would be responsible for another \$81,000 in engineering costs and \$62,000 in time-charged engineering fees.

The healthcare center would be responsible for adding the lines from the system to the center and \$47,000 for inspection and on-site management of the project.

Annually, the healthcare center pays approximately \$85,000 in taxes to the town, Gaudinski said, and the costs of emptying its septic system so frequently might cause the center to leave town if it could not connect to the sewer system. "They won't be able to continue running at the current cost," she said.

Selectman Mike Gut said it might take 12-13 years for the town to get back the money it put into the project, but "in the long term it makes sense."

Due to the cost of the project, it would need to be approved by voters at a special town meeting. A date for that meeting has not yet been set.

Gaudinski said the healthcare center is hop-

ing to start construction on the sewer lines in the spring. "It's an aggressive timeline, but I think it's something necessary," she said.

Economic Development Committee Chairwoman Jane Boston attended the meeting, and said she would like to see a Connecticut construction firm on the project. Weston Sampson is located in Peabody, Mass.

Also Tuesday, Gaudinski announced the town had submitted the 2013 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant application on time – even a few days early. The application for funding to bring public water to the center of town was due Aug. 1.

Included in the application were a letter of interest in the project from Aquarion Water Company Attorney Fred Klein and a letter of commitment from Connecticut Water Company. Gaudinski said she will set a meeting for next week with herself, Hughes and Klein to go over some questions Aquarion had before making a proposal to the town.

The project also received letters of support from state Rep. Pam Sawyer and state Sen. Steve Cassano.

Gaudinski said the town could receive word on whether it received the \$500,000 grant as early as November, depending on how many applications were received.

The selectmen also appointed former Assistant Animal Control Officer Bill Paul as the town's ACO. Paul had been acting as such since former ACO Don Favry was placed on administrative leave March 7. Favry resigned from his position in May. Marlborough shares animal control services and facilities with Colchester, where Paul was appointed ACO three weeks ago.

Gaudinski said Paul presented a one-year plan for the animal control department, which includes public relations and volunteer recruitment. He already has come to an agreement with the John Gagnon Pet Resort in Colchester, to provide training for dogs the animal control staff has difficulty with.

The board also voted in favor of Marlborough Fire Department Fire Lieutenant Nick Fischer applying for HEARTSafe Community certification renewal, which has brought portable defibrillators to the senior center, Marlborough Congregational Church and Marlborough Elementary School. Gaudinski said she will look into training and upkeep for the equipment and possibly placing one in Town Hall in the future.

Town Hall also has a new assistant town clerk, following the retirement of former assistant town clerk Susan Wallen in June. Gaudinski said Marlborough resident Lauren Griffin started July 25 at 20 hours per week, with the flexibility to work full-time as needed.

The board also voted to approve \$13,622 in fiscal year 2011-12 year-end transfers. Per town charter, the selectmen can approve transfers up to \$2,000, not including salary accounts. Another \$173,405 in transfers will be brought to the Board of Finance.

The joint meeting between the selectmen and the Economic Development Commission will take place Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 20 North Main St. The next regularly-scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m., also at Town Hall.

## Marlborough Day Returns Next Weekend

by **Katelyn Kelleher**

Blish Park sees a lot of action in the summer, between camps, swimming at the lake, and races and events held this year. But the highlight must be the upcoming Marlborough Day, Sunday, Aug. 19, where anyone and everyone can partake in a carnival-like celebration of Marlborough businesses.

Marlborough Day is a community-wide event free to the public hosted by the Marlborough Business Association, said MBA administrative assistant Jessica Olander.

The event itself has been going on in town for about 25 years; it was previously run by the town, but took a hiatus for a few years.

"Five years ago the Marlborough Business Association revamped it," Olander said. "The MBA hosts it and we get donations and sponsors to cover all of the costs, the activities and entertainment for the day."

Marlborough Day is designed to focus on Marlborough businesses; therefore, only MBA member businesses are allowed to participate via booths, but sponsors not affiliated with the MBA are always welcome, Olander said. Of course, both residents and non-residents are welcome to attend.

Craig Robinson, chairman of the Marlborough Day Committee, said the event should be a simple day with plenty of entertainment. "You're at the lake and the beach with a nice pavilion and some interesting things for, predominantly, kids, and everyone loves it," he said.

The sponsors are bringing favored activities back this year. The Roaming Railroad, a trackless railroad that will give attendees free rides around the park from noon to 12:30 p.m. is sponsored by Middlesex Hospital Rehabilitation Services and Hand Therapy. Paul and Sandy's Too, an East Hampton gardening center, is sponsoring a Monster Mobile Arcade, a trailer full of arcade games.

There will also be plenty of live entertainment throughout the day. Local band Dino and the No-Names, sponsored by It's So Ranunculus Flower Shoppe, will open and close the day, with performances at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. "They have a great following," Olander said. "They're really active with Marlborough."

Robinson, owner of It's So Ranunculus, said foul weather forced Marlborough Day to shut down an hour early last year, and Dino and the No-Names lost their chance to perform. "They've been kind enough to [let the performers at Marlborough Day] utilize their sound system, so we wanted to give them a first shot at it," he said.

Following Dino and the No-Names' first performance, magician Jonathan Jacques, a crowd favorite who has been performing at Marlborough Day for the past five years, will take the stage at noon, sponsored by Liberty Bank.

Other Marlborough Day veteran entertainment, a capella group The Sweetest Key, sponsored by Sadler's Ordinary, will perform for the

third straight year at 1 p.m.

East Hampton's Jacqueline Roach School of Dance and Marlborough's Hot Stepz Dance Academy will provide dance demonstrations at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., respectively.

Sandwiched between the two dance demonstrations at 2:30 p.m. will be The Modern Riffs, a jazz band that incorporates other genres into their music.

Both the dance demonstrations and the magician will require audience participation, so attendees looking to take the stage themselves will have a chance to, Olander said.

The beach and lake will be open for swimming and lifeguards will be on duty as usual. The tennis courts will also be open and tennis lessons will be offered this year, sponsored by Heartwood Cabinetry, Olander said.

The local businesses, including but not limited to It's So Ranunculus, S.M. Welch Remodeling, Streamline Electric and Wooden-It-Be-Nice, will be setting up booths.

"Everybody has an activity at their booth, so we have henna tattoos, air brush tattoos, face painting, kids' games, the library is doing a scavenger hunt," Olander said.

Plus, she added, "The fire department always come and volunteer their time for the day. They play with the hoses, jump in the trucks and everything."

Sean Pampreen from the Marlborough Animal Hospital will even be there with a friend.

"He'll bring a bird or goat or something for the kids to look at," Olander said.

Of course, no town fair would be complete without food. Bite Me Catering and Three Fellas pizza will feed the crowds, along with the Boy Scouts, who will have hot dogs, hamburgers and water; the Republican Town Committee, which will have fried dough and beverages; and the Democratic Town Committee, which will have corn.

In addition to all the food and fun, there will be door prizes, donated from local businesses and drawn every hour. Olander said there are plenty of gift certificates and Wooden It Be Nice donated a gift basket. There will also be a teacup raffle, which she explained will raffle off prizes that are valued a little higher.

"It's a family fun day," Olander said of the event, which the MBA Board of Directors started planning in December of last year. "I can't say enough about Craig Robinson."

Robinson said he and the rest of the committee have worked to make sure all the booths and sponsors are offering something "engaging" for the public – whether it's food, games or face painting – to make the event "more of a carnival atmosphere than walking around and trying to be sold something."

The gates will open at 11 a.m. for the event and will go until 5 p.m. Marlborough Day will be held Sunday, Aug. 19, rain or shine.

# Courtney Opens Up Campaign Headquarters

by **Katelyn Kelleher**

Congressman Joe Courtney has once again opted to locate campaign headquarters in Colchester, and hosted a well-attended opening party Monday to meet his supporters.

For the fourth time, Courtney has set up shop in Colchester. He cited the town's centralized location within the 2nd Congressional District, which encompasses the entire eastern half of the state, as a big factor. He also called Colchester a "hot spot"—a very political town.

Though some supporters in attendance admitted they had a little trouble finding the headquarters on Norwich Avenue, clearly many found their way, as people at the small commercial building across from the senior center and Town Hall spilled out into the parking lot.

The turnout was reflective of the headquarters being right in the middle of the district. Supporters from the coast all the way to the Quiet Corner in the northeast part of the state were represented.

Colchester Democrats at the opening party included selectwoman Rosemary Coyle, selectman James Ford and state Rep. Linda Orange.

Courtney, who has held the seat since 2007,

doesn't yet know who his opponent will be this time around. East Lyme First Selectman Paul Formica was endorsed by state Republicans at their caucus earlier this year, but he has since been challenged by fellow Republican Daria Novak of Madison; the two are squaring off in a primary next Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Pawcatuck resident Gail McDonald said she has been to headquarters openings for several other candidates and the turnout varies, but was impressed with the turnout at Monday's opening party. "Depending on the weather, only a few people show up," she said.

McDonald, a longtime supporter of Courtney's, said he's been hindered by the Republican-controlled Congress. "But I really admire the effort that he made for the student loan interest rates and supported the healthcare decision," she said.

She added Courtney appeals to supporters across both party lines. "I know on his nominating committee there were people who came and spoke about him that were Republicans because he's for the people," she said. "If you have a problem he's going to respond to it. It's

not like he's asking 'What party are you?' He's beyond that."

Ann Gruenberg of Hampton said she was impressed by Courtney's ability to get things done both in Connecticut and at the Capitol.

"I've been in his office in Washington a few times. It's really valuable to see how effective he is there as well as being effective here and that's not an easy thing for anybody to do, but he's really, really, committed," she said. "You really feel his presence in Washington as well as Connecticut. He's really established himself with that. He has a lot of respect from his colleagues."

Lebanon residents Al and Judy Vertefeuille said they have known Courtney for years and came out to the campaign headquarters opening party to show their support, adding his campaign this year is as strong as it has been in previous elections.

Courtney called the upcoming election "huge" for the country – "and I can't wait," he added. "I'm a short distance away."

"This is a district where you're obviously on your toes and that's a good thing," he said.

He explained a telephone town poll of over 600,000 people recently conducted by his campaign, in which residents of the 2nd Congressional District were asked what the number one issue is with jobs and the economy, revealed some positive results.

"It was encouraging in some respects," he said. "We had our friends from [General Dynamics] Electric Boat tell us they were up 300 in terms of new hires since last January."

Courtney told the crowd there is still a tremendous amount of work to be done, but said more people have been lending their support to the Democrats.

"The vast majority of Americans, and people in the 2nd Congressional District, are on our side," he said. "They understand that we need a balanced budget policy that will unleash all that pent up energy of the greatest country in the world and the greatest economy in the world, which is the United States of America."

"What we need is to unlock the door in Washington; that we send people who are prepared to make good, balanced decisions on behalf of our country," he added.

# Colchester Fire Department Hopes Grant Would Boost Volunteers

by **Katelyn Kelleher**

The Board of Selectmen voted last Thursday, Aug. 2, to allow the Colchester-Hayward Fire Department to proceed with a grant application for volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention.

The \$90,000 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant would be used to "create a net increase in the number of trained, certified and competent firefighters in the ranks of the department," a memo from Deputy Chief Don Lee said.

The \$90,000 figure was split into three categories to be used for four years. Hourly payment for volunteers to cover their certification courses would use \$30,000. Per Diem/paid on-call costs to cover shortages in staffing and during special events and states of emergency would be another \$30,000. The remaining \$30,000 would augment the fuel compensation for volunteers and to defer the costs of the volunteers using their personal vehicles during responses and traveling to training courses.

Over the past seven months, the fire department has recruited 19 new members. "Five of them have come to us already certified at Firefighter II Level; five additional have gone on to become certified as either firefighter or EMTs," Lee said. "Our recruitment program is working well and we haven't had any loss of members, I believe, up until now."

The fire department currently has about 106 volunteer members.

The reorganization of facilities and public works departments was discussed and deferred to the next meeting, where an organizational chart will be provided showing the adjustments.

First Selectman Gregg Schuster said Director of Facilities Greg Plunkett will likely retire soon, so it is a good time to pursue a reorgani-

zation of the two departments. The director of facilities position would cease and would become the director of educational operations. The supervision of janitors would be a responsibility designated to this position.

"The supervision of janitors is a never-ending saga that's constantly in motion," said Public Works Director Jim Paggioli. "That's one of the things we're going to see change in the descriptions. It will fall under the director of educational operations, so that takes the phone ringing every five minutes responsibility off [the facilities manager]."

The facilities manager position would have a slight change in responsibilities. Currently, the position is split between the town and the Board of Education, but with the reorganization, the position would report to the town's public works director.

For the remainder of the 2012-13 fiscal year, the director of facilities position, which would become the director of educational operations, would still be split between the school system and town. Schuster said the position is still involved in the William J. Johnston Middle School/Community Center/Senior Center project. Beginning in the 2013-14 fiscal year, the position would be entirely budgeted for by the Board of Education.

The board discussed the possibility of discontinuing the abandoned portion of Reservoir Road, following the last meeting in which a resident was requesting permission to construct a driveway over the abandoned part of the road. Schuster said the item needed to be sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and then sent on to a town meeting.

The selectmen also revisited an agenda item from several months ago about adjusting Town

Hall hours. Town Hall staff kept a tally of traffic on Thursday evenings and Friday afternoons.

Schuster recommended the board make no change to the hours and no action was taken. "There's significantly less traffic at times on Thursday evenings, but it's good to let the public have that option," he said. "There is a drop-off but it's not enough to say, 'let's shut these down.'"

The board also discussed, but took no action on, four ordinances – including a curfew ordinance for town youth. Schuster said he was "grappling" with how to go about the curfew ordinance.

"Part of me is concerned about where it could lead us; part of me recognizes we've had a problem in the past," he said, adding he has other concerns about 24-hour local police coverage to enforce the ordinance.

"Is this really for us to decide, or do we want to put this to the town to decide?" he asked.

Paul Picard, of the Colchester Lions Club, said he was not opposed to sending the ordinance out to a town meeting.

Last June, a Lions Club trailer was vandalized overnight on the town green. Additionally, there had been several trash can fires.

Picard said he favored having a youth curfew and has spoken with other residents who felt the same.

"It would give police something to work with," he said. "It just gets very frustrating from my end."

Also discussed were ordinances regarding Sunday alcohol sales, building permit fees and adjusting the Open Space Advisory Board to align with what is allowable by the town charter.

The recommendation is to change the town's Sunday alcohol sales ordinance in accordance with state statute. The 1982 ordinance permits Sunday sales between noon and 5 p.m.; however, the state now allows alcohol to be sold between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has forwarded to the board recommended adjustments to building permit fees to address non-permitted work. Selectwoman Rosemary Coyle said she thinks there should be a step taken before the fines, for residents who weren't aware of the permit requirements. Building Official Tim York said "99 percent of the time, they know [the process], they just don't want to go through the statutory timeframe."

"I can tell you in the last month we must have had 10 remodels of basements with no permits," he said. "It doesn't sound like much, but that's pretty dangerous having someone go in there and wire and put a heating system in with no one overseeing it whatsoever. That's putting somebody's life in danger."

York said people who weren't aware of the permit requirements could go through an appeals process.

The selectmen discussed possible changes to the composition of the Open Space Advisory Board, which currently goes against the town charter. Changes would increase the existing two members at large to five members at large. The possibility of requiring a dedicated seat from the Agriculture Commission was also discussed. "The only thing it hurts is limit the number of non-interest groups," he said.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

# Colchester's Retiring Loiselle Headed to New York School

by **Katelyn Kelleher**

Superintendent of Schools Karen Loiselle-Goodwin, who recently announced she planned to retire at the end of the calendar year, will be departing Colchester earlier than expected.

Loiselle-Goodwin informed the Board of Education last week she has accepted a principal position on a New York island just south of Connecticut, causing the board to delay its search for a new Bacon Academy principal.

Loiselle-Goodwin has accepted a position as principal of the Fishers Island School in Fishers Island, N.Y., and asked to be released from her position as superintendent of Colchester's schools "sooner than later."

At a board chair meeting last Thursday, Aug. 2, First Selectman Gregg Schuster read a letter from Board of Education Chairman Ron Goldstein informing the board of Loiselle-Goodwin's decision.

Last month, Loiselle-Goodwin presented the Board of Education with a letter of resignation,

announcing that she will retire at the end of the year. Current Bacon Academy Principal Jeffry Mathieu was selected to take over the position Jan. 1.

Loiselle-Goodwin's resignation letter indicated the time commitments of her position as superintendent of schools prompted her to make the decision to retire at the end of the year.

Loiselle-Goodwin was not able to comment on the Fishers Island job; however, Goldstein's letter stated, "Karen will work with us to ensure a smooth transition and she will remain here as long as necessary to complete important initiatives and projects. However, we anticipate she will be leaving near the start of the school year."

Mathieu, who was appointed to take over the superintendent position upon Loiselle-Goodwin's departure, is set to start as superintendent on the first day of school, Aug. 28, much earlier than his original Jan. 1 start date.

Loiselle-Goodwin will still be in the district for the start of the school year, and the board does not yet know when her last day will be.

No one has yet been appointed to the soon-to-be vacant Bacon Academy principal position. The board appointed current Assistant Principal Mark Ambruso as interim principal until the hiring process for the high school principal position is complete. Ambruso's position will be filled by administration prior to the start of school, the letter said. Bacon Academy also has another assistant principal, Linda Iacobellis.

Goldstein said Ambruso applied for the principal position when it was posted and expressed strong interest in the interim principal position. "It was important to keep consistent leadership at the school," he said.

The Board of Education last month outlined a plan for the hiring process for the new principal.

The position was posted the next day internally and externally and remained posted for two weeks. Board members mentioned that there are staff members within the district that have the necessary qualifications for the position, which includes Connecticut School Administrator (092) Certification.

However, with the recent developments, the search for a new principal for the high school was suspended, and will likely be revisited in the spring. Goldstein said the school board would then reevaluate how to go about the process.

Loiselle-Goodwin has been superintendent since 2005 and, prior, served as curriculum director and principal of the Colchester Intermediate School, now Jack Jackter Intermediate School. Mathieu has been the principal of Bacon Academy since 1999 and has been working in the school district since 1992.

## Senate, Congress Candidates to Primary Next Week

by **Joshua Anusewicz**

For those who haven't gathered from the recent spike in political ads on television and radio in the past month, election season is in full swing at the state and national levels. And for several races, next week will mark another big step in the campaigns, as primaries will be held Tuesday, Aug. 14.

The most notable of the primaries will be held in the race for the U.S. Senate seat, which will be vacated by Democrat Joe Lieberman, who is retiring at the end of his term this November. Both major political parties will have candidates squaring off in a primary: Chris Murphy and Susan Bysiewicz will battle for the Democratic nomination, while Linda McMahon and Chris Shays will face off for the Republican nomination.

All of the towns in the *Rivereast* area – except for Portland – will also participate in an additional primary for the Republican candidate for Connecticut's 2nd congressional district. Republican hopefuls Paul M. Formica and Daria Novak will battle for the opportunity to face incumbent Democrat Joe Courtney in the November elections.

The most prominent races will be for the U.S. Senate seat. Democratic voters will choose between Murphy, who is currently representing the state's 5th Congressional District, and Bysiewicz, the former Connecticut secretary of state. Murphy, 39, is a resident of Cheshire and has previously served in both the Connecticut House of Representatives, serving the 81st District from 1999-2002, and the Connecticut Senate, serving the 16th District from 2003-06. Since 2007, Murphy has represented the 5th Congressional District, which includes the cities of Meriden, New Britain, Waterbury and Torrington.

While in the U.S. House of Representatives, Murphy has served on the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; while in the Connecticut General Assembly, Murphy served as the chairman of the Public Health Committee, helping pass a workplace smoking ban and the Stem Cell Investment Act, which invested \$100 million over 10 years into stem cell research.

Also during his time in Congress, Murphy has supported President Barack Obama's healthcare reform bill, as well as the economic recovery bill. He was also a vocal critic of the war in Iraq, but believes that the U.S. needs to take a stronger stance on the efforts in Afghanistan.

Murphy has received the endorsement of the most prominent Democrats in the state, including Gov. Dannel Malloy and Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman.

Bysiewicz, 51, a resident of Middletown, began her public service career as state representative for the 100th District, where she served from 1993-99. She then moved on to become the secretary of state, serving from 1999-2011. Bysiewicz previously announced she would make a run for governor in 2010, but dropped out to run for attorney general, a position she was ruled to be unqualified for by the state statutes, as she had not "actively" practiced law for more than 10 years.

Like Murphy, Bysiewicz has also supported the president's health care reform, as well as same-sex marriage and taking a hard-line approach to Iran obtaining nuclear weaponry. She has also taken a particular focus to women's rights issues, including supporting small businesses owned by women, demanding equal pay, and providing reproductive health care.

At the Democratic convention in May, Bysiewicz received just 24 percent of the delegates' votes and has received the support of EMILY's List, a group that supports pro-choice female Democrats in elections.

While the Democratic candidates battle for the nomination, the Republicans will be locked in a similar fight. So far, all major polls have given the lead to McMahon, 63, of Greenwich, who is arguably best known as the former president and CEO of Worldwide Wrestling Entertainment in Stamford. McMahon's only political experience has been serving on the state Board of Education in 2009. In 2010, she made an unsuccessful run for the U.S. Senate, losing out to current Sen. Richard Blumenthal.

McMahon has run her campaign with a focus on the economy and job creation; to do that, she has outlined a list of six "common-sense solutions" that she plans to institute if elected: tax cuts for the middle class, tax cuts for businesses, ending "job-killing" regulations, reducing spending by 1 percent per year, empower a skilled workforce and develop American energy sources.

At May's Republican convention, McMahon received the party's support over Shays, and has been considered the favorite of the Tea Party movement.

Shays, 66, of Bridgeport, is a former Congressman, serving the state's 4th Congressional District from 1987-2009. Prior to that, he served

in state House of Representatives for 12 years. His campaign for U.S. Senate has garnered the endorsement of many high-profile Republicans, including former presidential candidate Sen. John McCain and former congressman Rob Simmons.

Shays has spoken out against the president's healthcare reform bill and is a proponent of drastically cutting spending by the federal government. He supports utilizing "cost-competitive, domestic energy production" to create jobs and lower costs, freezing federal salaries and bonuses and cutting inefficient federal programs.

The Republican race has been particularly heated in recent months, with Shays saying in published reports that he would not support McMahon if he lost. "I think she is a terrible candidate and I think she would make a terrible senator," he stated. Recent polls have given McMahon the leg up in the primary.

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The Republican race in 2nd Congressional District also looks to be of interest, as Formica and Novak will battle for the chance to unseat Democrat Joe Courtney, who has held the representative seat since 2007. On Wednesday night, the two candidates took part in a forum at Vernon Town Hall, which was hosted by Grassroots East, an organization that supports Republican campaigns in Connecticut. The candidates fielded questions from residents of the districts and other Republican officials throughout the state.

Formica is the current first selectman in the town of East Lyme, a position he's held for six years. He's also served on the East Lyme Board of Finance, as president of the East Lyme Chamber of Commerce, and as vice chair of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments. Formica is also the owner and founder of Flanders Fish Market and Restaurant in East Lyme.

On Wednesday, Formica stressed that the purpose of his campaign was to "bring common sense and Main Street values to Congress." He said his experience in both business and his government will allow for responsible decision-making in Washington and said he's ready to make tough choices.

"You have to be strong and you have to be smart" when making decisions, Formica said. "And sometimes you have to compromise. I've shown that I can do that." Compounding his experience, Formica added that he's been able

to run campaigns, raise money and win elections in Democratic strongholds in the past.

Formica won the nomination of the Republican at May's convention, and has also been endorsed by *The Hartford Courant*.

Novak, a Madison resident, is a business consultant and former employee of the U.S. State Department, where she served from 1979-89. Novak made an unsuccessful run for Congress in 2010, losing in the primary. Novak has also served as volunteer firefighter and EMT, and can speak both Chinese and Spanish fluently.

Billing herself as the "only conservative candidate in the race," Novak rallied the crowd at the forum by saying Republicans had a "great chance" to win in Connecticut.

"We tried it the liberal way and it hasn't worked," she said. "We the people need to be in charge."

Novak railed against "career politicians" that she said receive too many benefits, and targeted Congress for raising the debt ceiling each time more money was needed. She continually referred to herself as having "a backbone of steel" that will be used to "stand up to big government" in Washington. She also opined that the best way to create jobs is by having an educated workforce, putting down the Department of Education in the process, calling it "inefficient" and "a waste of money."

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Polls will be open Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Only those registered to vote with a particular party can vote in that party's primary. New or unaffiliated voters can register with a political party at their respective town halls up until noon Monday, Aug. 13. (The deadline for registered Republicans or Democrats to switch party affiliation for the primary has already passed.)

In the *Rivereast* towns, voting will be held in Andover at the Town Office Building, 17 School Rd.; in Portland at the Portland Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave.; in Hebron at Hebron Elementary School, 92 Church St.; in East Hampton at East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St.; and in Marlborough at Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Dr. Colchester has three polling places: at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.; Abundant Life of the Assemblies of God Church, 85 Skinner Rd.; and Bacon Academy, 611 Norwich Ave. Residents can visit [colchesterct.gov](http://colchesterct.gov) to find out their specific voting location.

# St. Clements Hotel Plan Heads to Portland PZC

by Joshua Anusewicz

Ten years after the idea was originally proposed, a new proposal to build an 80-room hotel at St. Clements Castle will be in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission next Thursday night, Aug. 16.

According to Deanna Rhodes, the town's planning and land use administrator, the new hotel facility will be known as the "Garden Lodge" and will be located in the area just west of the "sunken garden" on the northern portion of the property.

The proposal is considered "a modification to a special permit" that was originally approved in August 2002 and received a five-year extension in July 2007. The original approved design had plans to attach the hotel to the existing conference center of the castle, Rhodes stated.

The newest proposal, Rhodes said, is for the construction of a freestanding three-story building, with five levels of usable space that would include a top-level "penthouse" with six luxury guest rooms, two of which would be suites. The basement would include a functional multi-purpose room, patio, kitchen/dining area and spa facility with massage therapy rooms, sauna, lounge, and hair/nail salon, she added. The hotel would be used exclusively for those attending functions at the castle.

The first floor of the facility would include the main entrance, Rhodes said, with a one-way vehicle drop-off portico. There would also be a reception lobby area, two multi-purpose conference rooms and a bar and lounge. Additionally, there would be a helicopter landing area just south of the proposed hotel on an existing grass field, Rhodes stated.

The facility, which is used to hold various events from weddings to business conferences, has been under the direction of The Saint Clements Foundation since 1993, when it was gifted to the foundation. Prior to the group's ownership, the castle, built in 1898, was a summer retreat for a family of Middletown merchants, as well as a facility used by Wesleyan University. After receiving the property as a gift, the foundation set to work restoring the property, converting it into the event facility that it is today.

First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield said Wednesday that after the lengthy process of developing a plan, she's relieved to hear the proposal may be close to approval.

"It's a major investment and I'm excited to know that they'll be moving forward," she said. Bransfield added that St. Clements has been working closely with the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in recent weeks to get approval for the hotel plan, which will be supported by an on-site water and septic system and not on a sewer system.

The next step for the project will be a public hearing at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting next Thursday, where residents will be able to find out more about the project. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Portland Public Library, 20 Freestone Ave. Bransfield said she is hopeful that the project will garner support and be able to move into the next stage of development.

"Hopefully we can close the public hearing and approve the modification," Bransfield said about the upcoming meeting. "It's a really lovely place already, and I think the product will be gorgeous."



The long-awaited plan to build a hotel at the St. Clements Castle event facility will be the subject of a public hearing at the upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on Thursday, Aug. 16. The hotel, seen here, would have five floors of usable space, which would include hotel rooms, multi-purpose conference rooms, a spa, and a dining area.

## Portland Park Owners Seek Powder Ridge Purchase

by Joshua Anusewicz

For the past several years, the Powder Ridge Ski Area in Middlefield has sat vacant, with most of the property overgrown and in disrepair. Interested developers have come and gone, promising various projects that would make the ski area and the town a destination.

All of those plans have gone by the wayside – until now. And it's a familiar name that's ready to take the reins.

The owners of the Brownstone Exploration and Discovery Park in Portland have submitted a plan to purchase the land and convert it into a winter park, a compliment to their summer park at the brownstone quarries. The owners would purchase the property for \$700,000 and put in roughly \$2 million of upgrades to have the facility ready by late 2013.

The proposal has since been approved by the Middlefield Board of Selectmen and was the subject of a public hearing for Middlefield residents on Thursday night at 7 p.m., after press time. The proposed winter park will then head to a town referendum in Middlefield on Thursday, Aug. 16, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

If the project is approved, it's not far-fetched to think the winter park would provide Middlefield with the same successes that Brownstone has provided for Portland. First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield said Tuesday that Brownstone and the town have been

"wonderful partners" since the park opened in 2007, helping with the redevelopment of Brownstone Avenue and the quarries and presenting "Portland as a destination."

The park "brings people into Portland and they use our other shops and businesses while they're here," Bransfield said, adding that the "moderately-priced" park has been at full capacity for the majority of the summer. The park also helps the town's economy by providing over 170 part-time jobs and strengthening the town's tax base. Bransfield said that through personal property and park structures, the town received \$229,000 in taxes from the park in the past fiscal year.

The winter park at Powder Ridge, Bransfield said, would be a complement to Brownstone, providing skiing, snowboarding and other winter activities.

According to the Town of Middlefield's website, the town purchased the ski area in 2008 for \$2.25 million when it went into foreclosure. The area covers roughly 246 acres, and had almost 20 trails when it was in business. The property also has several buildings that are planned to be used as restaurants and lodges for the winter park.

Brownstone owner Sean Hayes and Middlefield First Selectman Jon Brayshaw were not available for comment for this article.

## Missing East Hampton Woman Case Now Criminal Investigation

by Joshua Anusewicz

The case of a local woman who has been reported missing since July 29 has been turned into a criminal investigation, East Hampton Police reported this week.

Jini Barnum, 30, was reported missing last week after having a disagreement with her boyfriend late on Sunday, July 29. Barnum left her home shortly after the argument and has not been seen since. Her boyfriend was the individual who reported her missing.

Barnum is 5-feet-2, 160 pounds, with reddish-blonde hair. She has numerous tattoos and piercings, and was last seen wearing a dark colored T-shirt and jeans.

According to Kelly, Barnum has had no contact with her family or friends since July 29 and a crime is suspected to have been committed related to her disappearance. Barnum is the mother of a 6-week-old infant, who is currently in the care of other family members.

"The disappearance of Barnum is considered to be the result of a criminal act," Kelly stated in a release, and didn't provide any additional details.

Kelly did not return calls for further comment for this story.

No new information is available on the case, but State Police confirmed this week that



Jini Barnum

they have provided East Hampton Police with assistance on the case.

Police have asked anyone with information to call the police department at 860-267-9922.

# Burbank Facing Lewis in Andover Registrar of Voters Primary

by Geeta Schrayter

Next Tuesday, Aug. 14, when Andover Democrats head to the polls to cast their votes in primaries for U.S. Senate, they'll also be able to weigh in on the race for the next Democratic registrar of voters.

Up for the position are Marie Burbank and Catherine Magaldi-Lewis. Magaldi-Lewis was endorsed by the Democratic Town Committee at its May caucus. She said her experience with management and development training qualifies her for the position. She explained she developed the first training manual for the Hertz car rental company and assisted with the implementation of and training for new reservation software at Sheraton Hotels and Resorts.

"I went in there and learned all the databases and software and the manuals for those and trained people on the programs," she said.

Magaldi-Lewis added the position should be something she can fall into "fairly easy." She said she'd already been doing some research on the various laws, and there are individuals in Town Hall that will be able to assist her if needed. She said she was interested in the position because she wanted to be involved in town – to know what was going on and con-

tribute.

Burbank, who opted to primary against Magaldi-Lewis after her failure to be endorsed, said she decided to run for the position because she felt she was the most qualified. She has experience that stems from her present duties as election moderator and 12 years as the town clerk. She explained she already had knowledge of election law, and some of the registrar's duties as well, since certain activities, such as some pre-election work, used to be her responsibility as clerk.

Burbank had said she wanted to present her credentials to residents in the hopes they would acknowledge she was most qualified for the position. But on Wednesday, she said she hadn't had time to do any real campaigning because her husband, First Selectman Bob Burbank, has been in the hospital since July 18.

"I feel badly about it," she said. "I haven't been able to do much campaigning. I've been at the hospital and I'm hoping that everyone will understand."

Burbank has also submitted a petition to the town clerk that would allow her to be included on the ballot in November if she doesn't win

the primary. She said she would be listed on a third line on the ballot, after Magaldi-Lewis and Republican Registrar of Voters Cathy Palazzi. She added that state law wouldn't require her to register as either a Republican or a Democrat for the November vote, but she said she would "maintain my Democratic status as a registered voter."

Despite the petition, Burbank still requested residents vote for her Aug. 14.

"If I win at the primary, I'll withdraw the petition," she said, adding the reason she has already submitted it was because she wanted to be able to do more campaigning. The petition couldn't be submitted after the primary, as the deadline was Aug. 8.

"This is so important that I wanted to go further and be able to campaign," she stated.

Additional time for campaigning also affords Burbank the opportunity to address what she feels are "attacks" that have been made on her integrity.

"I want to answer the integrity questions because I find it offensive," she said, explaining it had been suggested in various letters in the *Riverast* that there would be a conflict of in-

terest were she elected since her husband is first selectman.

"To be perfectly honest, I'm sick of it, because if there's one thing I value it's fairness," Burbank said. "So it's hurtful and it's unnecessary especially when [Bob and I] have worked so hard for the town."

On Wednesday, Magaldi-Lewis said everything with her campaign was going "very well."

She said she'd been reading up on the role of the registrar, and what she learned "made me think that this is a really good choice." She explained she continued to see how different duties tied into her experience in training, facilitating and presenting.

"I'm really excited," she said of the opportunity.

And in regards to Burbank's decision to submit a nominating petition, Magaldi-Lewis said "people can do whatever they want to do."

"I'm just concerned with what we're doing – that we're running an open and honest campaign," she said.

Voting will take place Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 17 School Rd.

# Hebron Selectmen Opt for Lease Agreement with Energy Provider

by Geeta Schrayter

The Board of Selectmen last Thursday unanimously agreed to enter into a 20-year lease agreement with CCM Energy/Siemens for a performance contract that will provide the town with over \$1.2 million in new equipment and energy conservation measures.

Under the contract, Siemens will replace different items throughout the town, such as the boilers in both elementary schools and Fire Station No. 1; make interior and exterior lighting improvements; and install network controllers along with other conservation measures. The changes will be paid for over time from the realized energy savings.

No additional money will need to be budgeted for the construction – everything will be paid for from an escrow account. The lender, Siemens Financial, will then be paid back at a 3.3 percent interest rate, using money that is already set aside in the budget for energy purposes – and if there's a shortfall, the company pays for it.

Siemens representative Jerry Drummond explained the contract had originally included the Douglas Library, but this prospect became "overly complicated" due to the fact the library is not owned by the town. Although Hebron pays for the library's insurance and employees, and took out a bond for the library's expansion – the library is actually owned by the Douglas Library Association.

"So we decided to just remove the library," he said. He added the town could look at adding the library later on if it so desired, but the building couldn't be included in the initial financial package "because it was a standard

municipal lease."

After removing the library, the cost of the project was reduced by about \$150,000.

Drummond added the project "is ready to go," and the company was looking to have the new boilers installed before October.

"This is probably the best contract arrangement we're going to get for this big of a project," said selectman Mark Stuart.

"This is a really good project for this community," said selectman Brian O'Connell. "We will be getting equipment we would have had to replace eventually."

"This is very creative, too," added Board of Selectmen Chairman Jeff Watt.

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Selectmen also discussed the creation of a Library Study Task Force, which Tierney said in a memo would review "alternatives for the provision of library services, the framework for the future of the Douglas Library and the agreement" between the town and the Douglas Library Association.

The agreement states its purpose is to address the "common goal" of the town and the association "to provide high-quality professional services to the town's residents." The pact outlines all aspects of the library from property ownership to financial management and grounds maintenance. The agreement became effective in 2007.

Last month, the association sent a letter to the selectmen expressing a desire to review the agreement with the town and revise it if needed. The boards of selectmen and finance then met with members of the association at a July 26

workshop, and the idea for the task force was born.

Selectwoman Gayle Mulligan said the task force should look at various models throughout the state: libraries that are run strictly by an association; those that are run by a combination of association members and members appointed by the selectmen; and others that are strictly municipal.

In regards to library ownership, she furthered it would be beneficial to look at where it made sense to keep the library privately owned ver-

sus one that's owned by the town.

"I think we need to look at a lot of [different libraries] and project out several years to what the community wants," she said.

The motion to establish the Library Study Task Force passed unanimously with a target completion date of December.

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The next Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Office Building, 15 Gilead St.

## Arrest Made in Fatal Boat Crash

by Geeta Schrayter

An arrest has been made in the April boating crash that took the life of Amston resident Richard J. Franas Jr.

On Saturday, April 21, Franas was traveling on Mashapaug Pond in Union when the boat he was in with Middletown resident Michael Antol crashed onto the shore around 11:30 p.m.

Both individuals were taken to Johnson Memorial Hospital. Antol was treated for minor injuries and released later that night, but Franas was transferred to St. Francis Hospital due to the extent of his injuries and pro-

nounced dead on April 25. He left behind his wife and two daughters.

The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Environmental Conservation Police investigated the crash and, on Friday, Aug. 3, Antol was charged with second-degree manslaughter, second-degree manslaughter with a vessel, first-degree reckless operation of a vessel while under the influence and five other boating violations.

Antol was released on a \$100,000 bond. He is currently awaiting plea, and is next due in court Sept. 21.

# Demolition of Hebron Old Firehouse Soon to Occur

by Geeta Schrayter

The demolition of the former Fire Station No. 2 took one step closer to reality last Thursday, Aug. 2, as residents voted unanimously to have the .26-acre parcel of land the building sits on accepted by the town.

The land had belonged to the Amston Lake Volunteer Fire Company.

The building hasn't been used since 2005, when the new Fire Company No. 2 was completed on Route 85. Around that time, an offer was made to the Amston Lake District (ALD) to assume ownership of the station – but it was the land, not the building, the district had an interest in. ALD Board of Directors President Dave O'Brien has explained the district, just like the town, had an interest in ensuring open space in their watershed.

After discussions between the district and the town as to what would make an agreeable scenario, it was decided the fire station should be demolished. The ALD Board of Directors felt it would be easier for the town to handle the demolition; it would then reimburse the town for the cost of the project. ALD residents voted at a special district meeting in April to go for-

ward with the plans and reimburse the town up to \$45,000 for the work.

But before any demolition could happen, the land needed to belong to the town. The .31-acre parcel that houses the parking lot already belonged to Hebron, but the .26 acre parcel where the fire station sits belonged to the ALD – until last week's meeting, that is.

Now that both parcels belong to Hebron, the demolition can proceed; following the demolition, both pieces of land will be handed over to the district via quitclaim deed. The district will then start paying taxes on the land.

When the Board of Selectmen met following the town meeting, Interim Town Manager Andy Tierney explained more asbestos had been used in the building than was originally thought, but that wouldn't affect the total cost of the project. Some of the funds earmarked for the demolition of the building would be transferred and used for abatement instead. Since the cost of the demolition is determined by weight, the bid would decrease because the abatement would remove areas such as the roof and some of the kitchen. Therefore, Tierney said, the

project was still anticipated to come within the \$45,000 amount.

Tierney said this week the abatement process is in the works. The low bidder for the project has been selected and contacted, he said, and the town is hoping to have the abatement done by the end of the week of Aug. 20. The demolition process will begin "immediately after," he said.

Also at the selectmen's meeting, board members unanimously approved a motion for Tierney to sign the agreement between the town and the ALD regarding the demolition and conveyance of the land to the district. Final approval of the conveyance would take another special town meeting; this is slated for Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7:15 p.m., at the Town Office Building, 15 Gilead St.

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Also at last week's special town meeting, residents voted unanimously to have the town accept two other parcels of land: a 71.24-acre parcel in the Lakewood Estates and approximately 14.04 acres at 120 Church St., which was presented as a gift from residents Brian

and Kimberly Reed.

After the latter parcel was accepted, selectman Brian O'Connell thanked the Reeds on behalf of the community.

"We really appreciate what you've done," he said.

Toward the end of the Board of Selectmen meeting that followed, O'Connell again acknowledged the Reeds' generosity.

"I want to try to emphasize that we can't thank the Reeds enough for thinking of us," he said.

He added the land they'd been given protects a watercourse and abuts another area of open space and was a "generous donation" to the town.

"I want to give them a special thank you," he furthered. "And if there's anybody else that would like to have a discussion on protecting their resources, protecting their land – contact the town planner or myself."

Both the Lakewood Estates parcel and the land donated by the Reeds will be added to the town's collection of open space properties.

## Colchester Teens Charged in Death of Dog

by Katelyn Kelleher

Two Colchester juveniles have been arrested and a third arrest is expected to be made in the death of a dog stolen from a residence.

Police said a 15- and 17-year-old were arrested last Wednesday, Aug. 1, on charges of animal cruelty, third-degree burglary, simple trespassing and fourth-degree larceny after allegedly stealing an American Bulldog from a

Colchester residence.

Colchester Police Officer Jonathan Goss said Tuesday the dog is now deceased and, while no further information can be released at present time, a third arrest is expected to be made in the near future.

Anyone with information is asked to call Goss at 860-537-7555 ext. 4083.

## Colchester Police News

8/1: Ryan Bogan, 27, of 127 Falls Rd., Apt. 1, Moodus, was charged with DUI, failure to drive right, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to have lights lit, State Police said.

8/1: James Wallington, 44, of 210 Balaban Rd., was charged with reckless endangerment, interfering with an officer and evading responsibility, State Police said.

8/3: The owner of Dunkin' Donuts on 440 S. Main St. reported a customer stole \$10 from the employee tip jar. The suspect was observed driving away in a red pick-up truck, State Police said.

8/3: Matthew Willette, 22, of 25 Victoria Dr., was charged with breach of peace and violation of a protective order, State Police said.

8/3: Scott Liska, 43, of 16 Hagen Rd., Salem, was charged with breach of peace and threatening, State Police said.

8/3: Alex Peck, 24, of 120 Stollman Rd., was charged with DUI, State Police said.

8/7: Saidi Campbell, 36, of 631 Garden St., Hartford, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under suspension, improper use of marker/license/registration, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, State Police said.

# Obituaries

## Colchester

### Jane Burtis

Jane (Northrop) Burtis, 84, of Colchester and formerly of East Haddam, beloved wife of Wallace J. Burtis, passed away at the Middlesex Hospital Hospice in Middletown. Born Nov. 14, 1927 in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Arthur Noble Northrop and Charlotte Viola Webb Northrop Batz.

On Oct. 9, 1948, she married her high school sweetheart, Wallace, in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. Jane and Wally raised their family in Mt. Vernon and Yorktown, N.Y. before retiring in Moodus in 1984.

Mrs. Burtis had worked as a clerk for the Old Fashioned Christmas Shop in East Haddam, where she was a longtime and active member of the community. She was a member of the East Haddam Historical Society and Lions and was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Ladies Aid Society.

Most importantly, she was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend whose love, incredible memory, attention to detail, wonderful sense of humor and classic sayings will be greatly missed. And for the record, she was forever 24.

In addition to her loving husband of 63 years, she is survived by three children and their spouses, Robert and Beverly of Whiting, NJ, William and June of Colchester and Elizabeth and Robert Rohle of Wappinger Falls, NY; grandchildren, Amanda and husband Brian Sovyrda, Daniel, Michael and wife Casey, Nicholas and his partner Anthony, Jessica, Christopher, Kevin, Bryan, Nicolas; her beloved dog, Duke II, and numerous extended family members and friends.

She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Northrop.

Friends called Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester. Funeral services and burial were private, and both were held Monday, Aug. 6.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Middlesex Hospital Hospice, 28 Crescent St., Middletown 06457 or to St. Stephen's Church, P.O. Box 464, East Haddam, CT 06423.

For online condolences, visit [auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

## Colchester

### Marcus Edward Raulukaitis

Marcus Edward Raulukaitis, 58, of Colchester, beloved husband of Cheryl (Hickton) Raulukaitis, passed away Friday morning, Aug. 3, at home, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born Jan. 3, 1954, in Hartford, he was a son of Edward and Gloria (Aldrich) Raulukaitis of Rocky Hill. He was a graduate of Vinal Tech in Middletown and had worked as a roofer with Local 9 for 33 years.

On Sept. 9, 1978, he and Cheryl were married in Ellington. The couple moved to Colchester, where they raised their family.

Marcus was an avid outdoorsman. He lived life to the fullest while enjoying hunting, fishing, boating and most importantly, spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his loving wife of 33 years and his parents, he is survived by two children and their spouses, Michael and Jennifer Raulukaitis of Oakdale and Alison and Tanis Granier of Colchester; two grandchildren, Aiden and Madison; three siblings, Darlene Burgwardt and Bruce Raulukaitis, both of Rocky Hill, and Joe Raulukaitis of Colchester; and numerous extended family and friends.

Friends called from Monday, Aug. 6, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester. The funeral liturgy was celebrated Wednesday, Aug. 8, at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester. Burial followed in the New St. Andrew Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the The Lustgarten Foundation, 1111 Stewart Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714 (for Pancreatic Cancer research).

For online condolences, visit [auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).



## Andover

### Colleen Vera Keenan

Colleen Vera Keenan, 47, formerly of Andover, died Thursday, Aug. 2, in Phoenix, Ariz., where she relocated to continue her cancer treatment.

A gifted student, singer, actress and public speaker from preschool onwards, Colleen graduated from RHAM High School, Yale University, obtained an MBA from Ryder University, and took classical voice lessons.

While at Yale, she met and married Stephen Brown, presently an inventor for ExxonMobil. She was the beloved mother of Joseph, a junior at Carleton College, and Margaret, a sophomore at Haverford College.

She started her career in the non-profit world, including administrative positions at the Mercer County United Way and the New Jersey Department of Human Services. After spending four years with her family in Brussels, she became, on her return, a certified ActionCoach.

Singing was an integral part of her life. At RHAM High School, she starred in various school productions, and choral groups. At Yale, she starred in *My Fair Lady* and *Baby*, and was a member of Whim 'n Rhythm. Lately, she was a regular performer at the Morristown Mayo Center's Cabaret class.

She is survived by her parents, Mary and Dennis Keenan of West Hartford; sister Devra of Skillman, N.J.; brother Colin of Los Angeles, Calif.; and many loving, caring family and friends.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m., there will be a memorial service at Stanley Congregational Church on Fairmount Avenue in Chatham. A light lunch will follow. Family and friends are also invited to a gathering at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave., Summit, N.J. 07901, at 6 p.m. that evening to celebrate her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hunterdon County YMCA, 144 W. Woodstock Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822, or to AHM Children's Trust Fund, 25 Pendleton Dr., Hebron, CT 06248-1525, in memory of Colleen Keenan.

## East Hampton

### Thomas E. Hurlbert

Thomas E. Hurlbert, 76, of East Hampton, beloved husband of Theresa (Ridout) Hurlbert, died Monday, Aug. 6, at Middlesex Health Care in Middletown. Born April 3, 1936, in Bangor, Maine, he was the son of the late Hugh and Frances (Golden) Hurlbert.

One of 11 children, he was raised in Patten, Maine, and moved to East Hampton in 1965. He proudly served his country in the Air Force as a Crypto Operator during the Korean War. He was retired from Connecticut Valley Hospital where he had worked as a Psychiatric Aide for 29 years. Thomas was active in the Boy Scouts when his sons were younger.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his two sons, Hugh Hurlbert and his wife Virginia of Colchester, Robert Hurlbert and his wife Karen of Middletown; a daughter, Cathy Nye and her husband David of Higganum; five brothers, David, Neal, Frederick, Harold and Charles Hurlbert; a sister, Amber Hobbs; and five grandchildren, Stephanie Nye, Matthew Hurlbert, Jacob Hurlbert, Krysten Nye and Ryan Hurlbert.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Robert and Bill Hurlbert, and two sisters, Frances Porter and Katherine "Dolly" Hurlbert.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, at 10 a.m., in the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton. Burial will follow with military honors in St. Patrick Cemetery, Maple Street, East Hampton. Friends may call at the Spencer Funeral Home today, Aug. 10, from 5-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., East Hampton, CT 06424.

To leave online condolences, visit [spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).



## Portland

### C. Paul Ghent

C. Paul Ghent, a lifelong resident of Portland, has said goodbye after 74 amazing years with his family and friends. Paul died peacefully on Monday, Aug. 6, with his family embraced in loving arms.

Paul was born Oct. 1, 1937, to the late Carlos and Charlotte (Jacobson) Ghent. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958-60 while stationed in Germany. Paul worked at Pratt & Whitney for 25 years and retired in 1989.

After wanting to continue working, Paul was employed by the Town of Portland in the building maintenance department. Paul was involved in many activities and clubs including Portland Little League, Portland Board of Finance and Board of East Hartford Aircraft Federal Credit Union. He was a justice of the peace, who married many special friends.

He leaves his precious wife of 51 years, Joyce (Johnson) Ghent, to continue celebrating life with their five children and their families. Paul will continue to watch over his children as they take away some of the best memories ever made. Besides his wife, he leaves behind Lynne and her husband, James Nursick, Todd and his wife, Renee, Karen Ghent Childs, Lori and her husband, Michael Brown, Thomas and his wife, Lisa and his daughter by heart, Monica Mejia of Bogota, Colombia.

Paul's greatest joy has been the proud moments with his 10 grandchildren, Kristen, Matthew and Jessica Nursick, Amanda Ghent, Hannah Childs, Kelly, Justin and Jacklyn Brown, Ashley and Tyler Ghent all of Portland, Paul also leaves a sister, Gertrude Ghent Harmon and her husband, Sidney, also a niece, Deborah Harmon Leary and her husband, Michael and their son, Joshua and nephew, Bryon Harmon. He was predeceased by his niece, Pamela Harmon. Paul had two special cousins, Eleanor Lastrina and Robert Fusari.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 9, from the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., with a service that morning at Zion Lutheran Church, 183 William St., Portland. Burial with military honors followed in Swedish Cemetery, Portland. Relatives and friends called Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Portland Volunteer Fire Department P.O. Box 71, Portland, CT 06480 or Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords at c/o Christine Gregorio 214 Talcott Rd., Middletown, CT 06457. To send an online expression of sympathy, visit [portlandmemorialfh.net](http://portlandmemorialfh.net).

A special thanks to the Middlesex Hospital ED, CCU and Hospice Staff for their comfort and kindness. Paul has provided the roots and now he has wings .....

## East Hampton

### Richard F. Muhl

Richard F. Muhl, 71, of East Hampton, passed away Sunday, Aug. 5. Richard was born in Mineola, N.Y., on April 4, 1941, to the late Frederick and Anna (Dietz) Muhl.

Besides his parents, Richard was predeceased by his wife Patricia (Leone) Muhl.

He is survived by his son Frederick Muhl and his wife Ginger; daughter Adel-Marie Cerri and her husband Donald; sister Barbara Wyzkowski and her husband David; grandchildren Kayla and Rena Cerri and Lydia Muhl; several nieces and a nephew. He is also leaving his dog and faithful companion Nikki.

An ex-Navy submarine man, Richard never lost his love of the sea. He went boating and fishing whenever he could. If you went fishing with him he always made sure you reeled one in. He served his community by being a member of the Floral Park, N.Y., and Clinton fire departments.

After running his own business for 20 years, he retired to spend time with his family. He especially enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters and making sawdust in the basement.

Calling hours took place Thursday, Aug. 9, at Swan Funeral Home, 80 East Main St., Clinton. A graveside service will take place today, Aug. 10, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary Cemetery on Beach Park Road in Clinton.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405 ([hospice.com](http://hospice.com)).

Messages of condolence may be left online at [swanfh.com](http://swanfh.com).



## Portland

### Leonard M. Shapiro

Leonard M. Shapiro, 76, of Portland, husband of Ina (Nussenbaum) Shapiro, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 7, at his home. He was the son of the late Benjamin and Mollie (Sinder) Shapiro.

Born July 24, 1936, in New York, he had lived in Portland for the past 10 years. He taught himself to use computers and became a Macintosh expert. Anyone who has met him knows that he loved bears.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Robert Shortell of Portland; a daughter-in-law, Louann Shapiro; and four grandchildren, Jordan and Drew Shortell and Daniel and Kevin Shapiro.

Graveside services will be held today, Aug. 10, at 11:30 a.m., at Swedish Cemetery, William Street, Portland, with the Rabbi Craig Marantz officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492.

Portland Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, has care of arrangements. To send an online expression of sympathy, visit [portlandmemorialfh.net](http://portlandmemorialfh.net).

## Colchester

### Elizabeth M. Collins

Elizabeth M. Collins, 76, of Jericho, Vt., died Sunday, Aug. 5, at Birchwood Terrace Nursing Home in Burlington, Vt., after a long illness. She was born in Hartford on May 20, 1936, daughter of the late James and Elizabeth (Kelly) Maher.

Liz, also known as Betty by some of her family, was married Oct. 27, 1956, to Roger A. Collins in Hartford. They celebrated 52 years of marriage together before he predeceased her on Feb. 12, 2009. She was employed at the telephone company in Hartford as a switchboard operator where she met Roger. After 14 years of marriage and five children later, they decided to move from Colchester to Jericho, where their sixth child was born.

She spent many years in retail, shipping and receiving for Giant's, Kings and finally the Ames Department Store, where she also continued to work in both Connecticut and Vermont, before retiring in 2002. Liz is survived by her six children, Roger L. Collins and his wife June of North Hero, Vt., Timothy P. Collins of Jericho, Vt., Cynthia C. Bassett and her husband Bruce of Bristol, Maureen A. Collins of Bristol, David S. Collins of Jericho, Vt., and Robert W. Collins and his wife Kelly of Underhill, Vt.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Robert J. Maher and his wife Nancy of Granby, Thomas L. Maher and his wife Karen of Plainville; a sister-in-law, Sandra Maher of West Point, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Richard Maher.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, Aug. 11, at 11 a.m., at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Essex Center, Vt. Interment will follow in the Jericho Center Cemetery. There will be no visiting hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Champlain Valley Agency on Aging ([cvaa.org](http://cvaa.org)), or The Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)).

Arrangements are by the Ready Funeral and Cremation Service, Mountain View Chapel, 68 Pinecrest Dr., in Essex Junction, Vt. Online condolences may be made to [readyfuneral.com](http://readyfuneral.com).

## Portland

### Stuart William Cunningham

Stuart William Cunningham, of Portland, passed away Tuesday, July 31, at the age of 58.

He was a graduate of Roger Ludlowe High School, '72, in Fairfield and had a B.A. in history from Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. Stu was a talented musician who played in the Middletown area for many years. He was an avid photographer, sports enthusiast and a friend to many. He was big-hearted with a big sense of humor.

He is survived by his mother, Julie Cunningham of Fairfield, his sister, Claire Cunningham of Essex and his niece, Dana Bechert of Baltimore, Md.

Stuart will be sadly missed. A memorial service was held Thursday, Aug. 9, at Christ Church, 66 Middle Haddam Road, Middle Haddam. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made in Stuart's name to the National Kidney Foundation, 2139 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 208, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-2339.

Arrangements are by the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home in Centerbrook. To share a memory of Stuart or send a condolence to his family, visit [rwwfh.com](http://rwwfh.com).

## *Marlborough*

### **Dorothy Augusta Williams**

Dorothy Augusta (DeFreitas) Williams passed away peacefully surrounded by her family Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Marlborough Health Care Center. She was born Aug. 14, 1923, in Hartford, the daughter of Francis A. DeFreitas and Clara King DeFreitas.

Dorothy grew up an accomplished pianist and dancer. She was an assistant dance teacher at the Frances Deely School of dance in Hartford. She also danced professionally for a short time after graduating from Hartford Public High School. Upon graduation, Dorothy entered the Hartford Secretarial School and went on to work at the Colts Firearms Company, where she met her husband Raymond.

Dorothy married in 1942 and eventually moved to Manchester after World War II where she spent the rest of her life. Dorothy volunteered in numerous activities that supported her children such as Room mother, Brownie leader, Sunday school teacher, etc. She worked at the Travelers Insurance Company for 25 years and was a member of the Travelers Girls Club.

When Dorothy retired, she combined her love of reading with her lifelong dream of becoming a librarian and went to work for the Whiton Memorial Library in Manchester. Dorothy was an active member of Trinity Covenant Church in Manchester and served with the Agape Mission holding the position of secretary.

Dorothy continued her love of dance into her retirement years, tap dancing with the Beverly Bollino Burton Studio. She also loved ballroom dancing and danced with the Manchester Senior Citizens and Ellington Senior Citizens. Dorothy enjoyed her travels going on numerous cruises all over the world. Dorothy will be remembered for being a wonderful mother and a friend to many. She will be remembered for her good heart, generous nature, and her contagious smile and sense of humor.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, Raymond, and leaves her sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Arthur Craft of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., her son and daughter-in-law Mark and Donna Williams of South Windsor, her son and daughter-in-law Richard and Susan Williams of Hollis Center, Maine, and her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Martin Chambers of East Hampton. She also leaves behind her friend and companion, Leonard Angell of Vernon, her treasured grandchildren, Timothy and Brian Williams, Jeffrey and Randy Williams, and Colleen, Denis, Michelle and Nicole Chambers. She also leaves behind extended family and friends.

Her family would like to give thanks to the caring staff at the White Oaks Retirement Community and the Marlborough Health Care Center.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. Burial followed in the East Cemetery in Manchester. Family and friends called at the funeral home Saturday before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., I-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3045 or Trinity Covenant Church, 302 Hackmatack St., Manchester, CT 06040.

To leave a condolence message, visit [holmes-watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://holmes-watkinsfuneralhomes.com).

## *Portland*

### **Neil Francis Burr**

Neil "Buzz" Francis Burr, 72, of Springfield, Vt., formerly of Portland, died Saturday, July 28, at home, after a long illness. He was born Nov. 2, 1939, the fifth child of the late Harold and Norma (Adams) Burr.

He loved his country and served it loyally for 20 years in the U.S. Navy. Stationed all over the world, he met and married his former wife in Scotland, UK. Upon retirement from the Navy he returned to the U.S. with his growing family. He will be best remembered for his boundless generosity, his wry humor, his 22-year affiliation with the Bill W. Assoc., his enthusiasm for auctions and his well loved tartan cap-an expression of his affection for Scotland and the friends and family he found there.

Predeceased by his brothers, Robert, Donald and David Burr, and his sister, Mary O'Nealm Neil is survived by his younger brother, Dennis Burr; his former wife, Fiona Marciniak Fine; their children, Kay and Tammy Burr, Deborah Lemire, Todd Burr and Michelle Burr Caron; 10 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and countless friends and family both in the U.S. and abroad. He will be deeply missed.

A graveside service for friends and family will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery, Route 66, Portland, Saturday, Aug. 11, at 11 a.m.

The Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church St., Middletown is handling the arrangements. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at [doolittlefuneralservice.com](http://doolittlefuneralservice.com).

## *East Hampton*

### **Patsy Muli**

Patsy Muli, 94, of East Hampton, husband of 68 years to the late Anna (Samolik) Muli, died Thursday, Aug. 2, at Hartford Hospital. He was born in Meriden, the son of the late Dominic and Elvina (Papandrea) Muli.

A veteran of World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy. Prior to his retirement, he was a foreman at Barr Construction Company. Patsy was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and will always be remembered for his passion for cooking.

He is survived by his children, Sandra Murphy and her husband, William, of East Hampton and Patrick Muli and his wife, Mary Catherine, of Rhode Island; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews. "Hey Pop, looks like you hit the jackpot after all."

He was predeceased by two brothers, Frank and Louis Muli; and a sister, Margaret Barillaro.

The funeral liturgy was held Monday, Aug 6, at St. Sebastian Church, Washington St., Middletown. Burial with military honors was in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. There were no calling hours.

Biega Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. To share memories or express condolences online, visit [biegafuneralhome.com](http://biegafuneralhome.com).

## *East Hampton*

### **Linda M. Grenman**

Linda M. (Cook) Grenman, 60, of East Hampton, passed away Thursday, Aug. 2. She was born in Middletown to the late Winnie and Lee Cook of Killingworth.

She is survived by her husband, John, and two daughters, Tracy Dickson and her husband John of Deep River and Jodi Picard and her fiancé, Ed Hancock of Middletown. She also leaves her siblings and best friends, sister Karen Sypher and her husband Ray of Essex, and three brothers, Jeff Cook of Killingworth, Craig Cook, of New York, N.Y., and John Cook of Deep River. She is also survived by five grandchildren, her true pride and joy, Leah, Annie, JT, Riley and Connor, four loving nieces and a nephew, her adored cat, Lucky, and her dear friend, Maribel Doran.

Linda was raised in Killingworth and attended the Morgan School in Clinton. She spent many years as a cook in Connecticut and Vermont where she lived for several years. Linda was a wonderful cook and her highly guarded recipe for cheesecake was legendary. Moving back to Connecticut to be closer to her family, Linda began work at Whelen Engineering, where she was employed up until the time of her death. She had developed many friendships with her co-workers at Whelen and they enjoyed hearing her hilarious stories about her antics and those of her grandchildren.

Linda had a unique and hysterical sense of humor. She enjoyed music, often passing along her favorite CDs to her daughters and she still attended rock concerts whenever the opportunity arose. In addition, she enjoyed eating out and visiting the casino.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved golden retrievers, Maggie and Jake.

Visitation was held at the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, 34 Main Street in Centerbrook Monday, Aug. 6. Linda's memorial service followed that evening.

Memorial contributions in Linda's name may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, Waterford Shelter, 169 Old Colchester Rd., Quaker Hill, CT 06375.

To share a memory of Linda or send a condolence to her family, visit [rwwfh.com](http://rwwfh.com).