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Bacon Academy class of 2013 graduates toss their hats into the air after receiving their anticipated diplomas Monday night. More photos of the Bacon Academy graduation are available online at glcitizen.com.

Encouraging Words for Bacon Grads

by Melissa Roberto

With the score board set to 20:13, and a sea of blue gowns adorning the football field, 250 graduating seniors from Bacon Academy in Colchester were reminded to never stop making face-to-face connections, no matter where they end up, and no matter how much the cyber world advances.

The words of wisdom came from Board of Education Chairman Ron Goldstein, who walked the seniors through his own experience of recently signing up for a Facebook account, which he promised the class will never display his photo.

"I have no picture, I have no wall, I don't like anybody, nobody likes me, I have no friends," Goldstein rattled off with a laugh, "I know it sounds very sad but it's the truth."

But the chairman made a point he hoped would settle with the class of 2013 for years to come, when their familiarity of Bacon Academy is in hindsight. He told them to continue Bacon Academy's tradition of "human action and human interaction," and keeping face-to-face connections alive while the rest of the world might be emailing, texting, checking-in on social networking sites, and "liking" each other's whereabouts and photos.

As a Bacon Academy graduate himself, Goldstein reminded the seniors of the school's tradition of "connecting in real ways." He recalled all the class had accomplished during the last four years together including "superior" achievements in sports, "countless" community

service projects and events and fundraisers held at the high school by the students themselves.

Unlike online interactions, "real connections are neither fleeting nor invisible - they're powerful," Goldstein said.

He used one of the school's staff members, office professional Mary Ann Therrien, who will retire after 15 years at the high school, as an example of a person who's connected with Bacon students "every single day" of their high school careers.

"I just hope that you graduates - and all of us - that we keep and we nurture the real connections of a real world," Goldstein wrapped up. "Don't ignore the virtual ones...but know this, only real connections matter."

Gilbert Lamb essayist Zachary Grinfeld also dished some advice to his fellow classmates and soon-to-be graduates. He reminded the 2013 class that no matter how far they may travel from Colchester, to "always remember the things that made us, 'us.'" To do so, he reminded students of the many late-night sports games, trips to Ohio, New York and Boston, Robotics Regionals, proms, homecomings, charity drives, Mr. Bacon events, pep rallies, shows by the Drama Guild, and more.

Grinfeld also told the class that "change is not a bad thing." Instead of being afraid of change, he encouraged his classmates to "embrace it" while making sure to quote the famous words of Baz Luhrmann while he still had the chance; "wear sunscreen."

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Fire Department Celebrates 75 Years

by Geeta Schrayter

The weather was picture-perfect. Blue skies, warm sunshine and a slight breeze greeted Andover residents as they gathered in preparation for the parade marking the 75th anniversary of the Andover Volunteer Fire Department, June 22.

The scene created was one Norman Rockwell, the American artist known for his depictions of American life, would have wanted to capture; kids rode their bikes around or chased each other in play while other people stood and chatted or sat in chairs they'd positioned for the best view of the event.

Down on Route 6, that meant setting up shop on the lawn in front of the First Congregational Church, or beneath the shade of a giant tree on the hill beside the Andover Public Library.

The parade began at the firehouse on School Road, then made its way down Hebron Road, along a section of Route 6 and up Long Hill Road where it came to a stop at the baseball fields.

A curve on Route 6 meant those waiting by the church and library heard the parade before they saw it; those driving the fire trucks sounded their alarms and tooted their horns not in warning or to signal they were en route to an emergency, but to celebrate the fire department's

milestone anniversary.

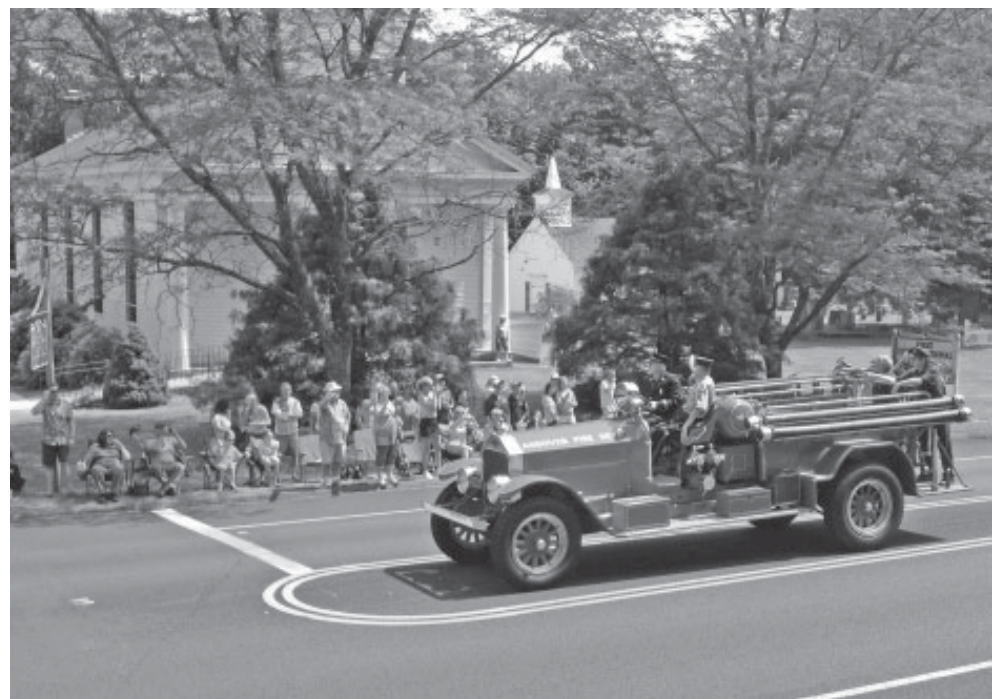
When the parade finally came into view, it seemed endless. Along with Andover's fleet of emergency vehicles, which included their antique fire truck and the ambulance that was dedicated in February, the parade consisted of fire trucks from more than a dozen other towns such as Bolton, Colchester, Coventry, Mansfield and South Windsor.

There were red ones and yellow ones, small ones, large ones and giant ladder trucks. The riders of some threw candy out to excited spectators, while the occupant of another was a Dalmatian who poked his head out the window.

In addition to the fire apparatus, the parade also consisted of a slew of antique cars, fire department officers who marched proudly in their dress uniforms and a number of fife and drum corps. In short, the 75th anniversary of the fire department was celebrated in style.

As the parade passed, residents smiled and cheered then followed the procession to the baseball fields where an afternoon of fun awaited. The field was rimmed with the trucks; firefighters that had ridden inside leaned on the front bumpers and chatted or joined residents in line for a hamburger or hot dog cooked by Attawaugan Fire and Rescue.

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Residents gathered in front of the First Congregational Church June 22 and watched as the town's antique fire truck passed at the start of the Andover Volunteer Fire Department's 75th Anniversary parade.



Bacon Academy graduates look toward the stage that was stationed on the high school's football field to watch fellow classmates receive their diplomas.

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Valedictorian Megan Ganley's speech reminded the Bobcats of an attribute that had led them throughout their victories, achievements, even struggles: determination.

She took the class back in time through memories they shared together where their determination triumphed, including their creativity to come up with new ways to play at recess when the former JJES and current CES were, respectively, being renovated and built.

She also mentioned the time the entire high school cafeteria broke out into "unprovoked clapping" that administration couldn't stop and

the treacherous mornings of finding a parking spot in the Bacon lot.

She left her classmates with the realization that determination had always carried them through their last 13 years together in the Colchester district, and encouraged them to always use that attribute in the future.

"For now, for the Bacon Academy class of 2013, determination will suffice," she said.

In typical Bacon Academy fashion, the class also listened to a recording – as the graduates do each year at graduation – of the Bacon Academy faculty leaving the students with one last



Members of the 2013 Bacon Academy graduating class are all smiles just minutes after receiving their diplomas. The Bacon Academy community bid farewell to 250 graduates on Monday, June 24.

token of advice that varied in voices and style.

Some of the encouraging statements the faculty left with students were to "be the master and commander of who you are," "leave a lasting smile on everyone you meet," a reading of Bob Marley's "Get Up, Stand Up," "embrace the unpredictability that life provides," "your close high school friends are always a part of you," and to "always remember to live life like a boss."

Attendees also honored a Bacon Academy teacher who passed away last month, Barbara Young, with a moment of silence. Young lost her life by a fallen tree in East Hampton, but class officers brought her spirit to life when recalling her friendly "hellos" in the hallways and her work with the school's Unified learners and sports teams.

Though the wind picked up and even caused the microphone to shut off for a few seconds during the calling of names, it didn't curb the graduates' enthusiasm after receiving their diplomas.

"It's so exciting it doesn't feel real," said graduate Lauren Prevost, who will head to Eastern Connecticut in the fall to study business.

Friends Daniel Pinto and Chad Ferro ended their last few minutes on the Bacon Academy campus recalling the welcoming environment of the school.

Ferro said he'll miss "all the teachers [and] all the nice people."

"Everyone was so kind and loving," he said. However, the duo promised they'll "definitely" come back to visit.

As the students met up with family members and friends, one student jumped out of her seat toting her diploma and said to her friend, "now what?"

The 2013 graduates of Bacon Academy are: Jeremy Abbatomarco, Joshua Adams, Robert Elijah Aldridge, Marylu Alejandre, Amanda L. Stanavage Almeida, Gordon Allen Archambault, Aidan Robert Armstrong, Lindsay Rose Atkins, Erin Elizabeth Avery, *Abigail R. Baker, I.J. Balaban, Theodore Conrad Ball, *Emily Anne Baseler, Hannah Elizabeth Beaton, James Arthur Beman, III, *Victoria Suzanne Bernier, *Kate Murray Bickhardt, Alexis Lauren Bisson, Peter Edward Blackman, Zachary Ronald Blanchette, Marisa Erin Blandina, Taylor Malik Boozer, Tyler Marcus Boozer, Eric Christopher Bornhorst, *Emily Elizabeth Boucher, Alexis Payton Bouffard, Mollie Kate Boulais, Glenda Diane Boyden, Kelly Michelle Brice, Cierra Shannon Brinson, Ibrahim Roger Brown, Nicholas Aaron Bruce, Rachael M. Brunner, Calvin Frederick Bussiere, Rachel Catherine Caley Bryanna Ashley Camp, Vito Christian Capasso, Jacqueline Irene Carey, Sydney Alexa Cassone, Christopher Daniel Cavanaugh, Morgan Gail Charbonnier, Vincent A. Chasse, Connor Raymond Chicoski, Raymond S. Chicoski, James Christianson;

Jacob Chwiedz, Mark Ryan Ciccone, Eric Connors, *Olivia Louise Cormier, Jake Ryan Corsa, Randy James Crowley, Christopher Robert Culviner, Alena Renee Cutler, Alison K. Dabrowski, Edwin DeJesus, Jr., *Bernard W. Dennler, III, *Jenna A. DeVoe, Alexis Rose Dorr, Travis Dowd, Jacob Michael Downey, Mycala Eleanore Drube, Michael Liam Dwyer, Brendan John Eakin, Conor Fitzgerald Egan, Shane Elliott, Lauren Marie Elmy, Taylor-Lynne Emmerson, Danielle Lindsay Evarts, Dylan Alexander Falbowski, Jeff Fennell, Shannon Rebecca Ferris, Chadd Vincent Ferro, *Hannah Christine Fiducia, Brianna M. Fontana, Maxwell James Fortin, Dominique Starr Gabrea, Kelli Rae

Gallagher, Gina Marie Gallucci, Megan Elizabeth Ganley, Shannon Victoria Ganley, Daniel Gannon, Kathryn Ann Gawlak, Alison Marie Geary, Trey Patrick O'Regan Geisman, Matthew Gregory Gilday, Rosalind Marissa Goodrich, Kara Elizabeth Gorski, Colin Gottlieb, Alisa Rae Goulet, Kevin J. Graham, Hunter Ryan Graves, Zachary Aaron Grinfeld, Zachary Grottole, Shannon Megan Gunther;

*Laura Elizabeth Hahn, Heather Harlow, Joshua Ryan Healy-Green, Courtney Alyce Heck, *Alyssa Marie Hemm, Lucas Kyle Higgins, Alyssa Michelle Howard, Allyson Christina Howes, Michael Edward Hughes, Paige Humphrey, Matthew Hurlbert, Elizabeth Leah Kateri Johnson, Derek L. Jones, Kaylyn Mae Jones, Timothy Mark Joseph, Enock Kazibwe, Tara Kelly, *Ryan Dennis Kennedy, Maura Katherine Kenny, Kashea Vanessa Kenton, Chelsea Lorraine Kimball, *Paige Elizabeth Kingsley, Michael Timothy Koch, Tyler Robert Kondracki, Zachary M. Konon, Keith Eric Kundahl, Kayla M. Kupper, Marisa Nell LaBrecque, Luke William Lamarre, Jaclyn J. LaSaracina, Jonathan E. Legato, Ashya Lynn Lineberry, Thomas Litwinko, Joshua Logiudice, Peter Loskant, Michael Lorin MacDonald, *Kelsey Paige MacKinnon, Kyle S. MacLachlan, Micaela Sophia Manganello, Saxon Austin Marselli, Zachary Roland Mason, *Matthew Steven McAllister, Kristen Alecea McComiskey;

*Jaime Lin McCurry, Nicholas James McDermott, Kimberly Alice McGill, Connor Campbell McHugh, Taylor Harris McLaughlin, Edward J. McMahon IV, Patryck Thomas McQuilkin, Caroline Anne Mecca, Keirra Marie Meekins, Brian Kryztof Michalowicz, Samantha Nicole Mielczarek, Austin Millstein, Callan Burke Minik, Joseph James Moran, *Audrey Lane Morgan, Kristina Nicole Muller, Stephanie Mae Napier, Jordyn Taylor Natale, Heather Marie Nebelski, Matthew Paul Nelson, Sabrina Marie Newell, Carys Christine Nolin, Brittany Arlyn Noonan, Shannon Nicole Noonan, Alex Norkeveck, Christopher Nurse, Nicholas, Terrence Obey, Connor W. Oliver, Jordan Kelly O'Meara, Nicholas Paul Ondras, Marina Joyce O'Neill, Jessica Brinn Ostroski, Kevin James Ouellette, Marc Anthony Panagrosso, Dinah Maran Parker, Ryan Christopher Parmelee;

Colin James Patchell, Patricia Pell, *Trista Rae Pennington, Anthony Wayne Stephen Percak, Stephanie Peruccio, Christopher John Peter, Carly Marie Pettit, Dalton Pinell, Daniel John Pinto, Amber Lynne Pluff, Amber Dawn Post, Lauren Ashley Prevost, Carlee Lynn Putnam, Spencer Raber, Jordyn Erika Randlov, Sean T. Rivera, *Sarah Barnes Rogers, *Romanna Romaniv, Gianna Cristina Rosenthal, Heather Roy, Eric Jeffrey Rude, Sydney P. Ruiz, Tessa M. Ruzsala, Jaymee Addison Sattler, Patrick Joshua Sawicki, Natalia Jane Setschinsky, Zachary Kenneth Shane, Destiny Lynn Shanks, Michael Sheridan, Ashley Christine Shumbo, John Silvestri, Edward J. Simmons, Trevor J. Sirois, Michaela Natasha Siver;

Cassandra Daniels Skelley, Zachary Paul Slomski, Catherine Ellen Smelser, Jordan Christopher Smith, Sydney Lauren Smith, Katelyn Sara Smith, Dylan Charles Snyder, Jack Anthony Speer, *Kenneth James Spranzo, Jennifer Elizabeth Stec, Jonathan Paul Steinmeyer, Aaron M. Stolzman, Patrick Vincent Stout, *Courtney Marie Studwell, Sarah Micaela Sullivan, Shawn Summers, James Colin Tasker, Gillian Marie Tedeschi, Danielle Renee Thomas, Charisse Townsend, Brianna Joëlle Trainor, Kevin James Tufo, Kristen J. Turner, *Christie Ann Tuttle, Gregory Alan Uliasz, Erin Rachel Vaill, Matthew Raymond VanCedarfield, Devin R. Vashalifski, Tyler Maximilian Vazquez, Matthew Ryan Verian, Kylee Rae Verrill, Kristi Nicole Vincent, Donovan John Violette, Jessica Lindsay Wagner, Ashley N. Watts, *Amanda Weinberger, Ryan Matthew Wetmore, Nathan Alexander Whewell, Samantha Wildowsky, Tito Anthony Wiltsie, Heather Lynn Wood, and Bartlomiej Zygmunt.

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The parade in celebration of the Andover Volunteer Fire Department's 75th Anniversary traveled along a section of Route 6 and touted fire trucks from over a dozen area towns.

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Appetites could also be satiated by the Monster Mouse Grillhouse, which had menu items like gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, cheese curds and fried cheesecake. There was also popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and plenty to drink.

Selectwoman Cathy Desrosiers could be found ordering cheese curds Saturday and said the fire department had done a great job on the event.

"I think the fire department did an excellent job putting this together for the community, especially coming from a small town," she said. "It creates a sense of community and pulls everyone together."

She was also happy so many other towns had joined in the celebration.

"It's a wonderful showing of brotherhood and support for small fire departments across America," she stated.

Residents George and Judy Knox have seen the department grow and change during their time in Andover and said they're supporters of all the department does.

"We've lived in town for 47 years so we're big supporters," said George.

They showed that support Saturday by proudly wearing anniversary shirts, and riding

in the parade in their 1925 black Chevrolet Superior K Touring car.

State Representative Pam Sawyer rode in the parade as well, in the car her husband owned since Vietnam. Sawyer had nothing but good things to say about the gathering.

"The parade had such a hometown feel that is enriched by the surrounding towns coming to celebrate," she said. "It's so special to have multiple fife and drum corps, antique cars and fire trucks and so many fire departments represented."

Sawyer added the entertainment provided by the band T. Rubble, bounce houses for the kids – including one appropriately shaped like a fire truck, games, raffles, the hamburgers and hot dogs added up to "a great finish."

Firefighter Mark Cramer and Fire Chief Joe Lorenzetti of the West Stafford fire department were bee-lining for the grill Saturday and had every intention of enjoying that finish. They said they were honored to be a part of the festivities.

"It has indeed been an honor to be invited," said Cramer.

"Sincere congratulations to the Andover Fire Department on 75 years serving your community," Lorenzetti added.

Hebron Joins Clean Energy Program

by Geeta Schrayter

At the June 20 meeting of the Hebron Board of Selectmen, the selectmen moved to join the Clean Energy Communities energy program, which aims to reduce energy consumption in town buildings while allowing the town to earn energy incentives and rewards.

Rebecca Meyer, with Connecticut Light & Power/Yankee Gas was present at the meeting and explained just what the program meant.

"With [Governor Dannel P. Malloy's] energy plan, we're really trying to promote energy efficiency and increase the number of renewable resources in towns," she said. "So we want town buildings to be energy efficient and purchase renewable energy as well."

The program is a way to help make that happen.

Joining the program, she said, meant the town would commit to a non-binding "Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge" and work toward reducing energy consumption in town buildings 20 percent by 2018. This matches a bill that's "coming down the pipe" which will ask state buildings to do the same she explained.

By participating in the program, the town can earn energy efficiency and renewable energy rewards such as Bright Idea Grants for energy-saving projects.

For example, Meyer said Hebron is eligible

for a \$5,000 Bright Idea grant that will be awarded once the town earns 100 points through participation in various energy related programs - and the town already has 84.

Meyer explained out of the 3,200 homes in Hebron, 269 participate in a residential energy program.

"That's eight percent, so you earned 48 points," she said.

Then, 33 Hebron residents have taken advantage of rebates for the installation of high-efficiency HVAC systems, which translates to about one percent of the population for eight more points.

Finally, out of 245 businesses and municipal buildings, 18 - or seven percent - had energy efficiency projects done, which equals 28 additional points.

Once the pledge is signed and 100 points are received, Meyer said the town would be eligible to receive the grant.

"All you have to do is tell me how you would use [the grant] and it has to be something energy efficient," she said.

The board voted unanimously to join the program.

Budget reductions made necessary after the 2013-14 budget failed at the first referendum May 7 and resulted in the Board of Finance

removing \$25,000 from the town budget also took place.

After significant discussion, the selectmen decided to take the money out of Capital Expenditures; \$13,000 meant to replace windows in the town office building, \$5,100 meant for exterior painting on the historic section of the Douglas Library, \$5,000 meant for some brickwork on the outside of the town office building; and \$1,900 meant to replace a cracked boiler at the senior center.

But Watt said at the meeting if there's money remaining in the budget toward the end of the year, it's the feeling of the selectmen that those services be restored.

The selectmen also awarded the bid for a new fire truck for the Hebron Fire Department to 4 Guys Fire Trucks from Meyersdale, Penn., in an amount not to exceed \$487,355.

In a letter to Town Manager Andy Tierney, Deputy Fire Chief Nick Wallick explained 4 Guys was the low bidder and can provide a truck that meets the department's requirements.

After a five-person committee was established to gather information and develop a list of specifications on the replacement truck, the town went to bid and received responses from four companies.

"The bids came in and the committee then

sat down with all the specifications" Wallick said at the meeting.

The committee reviewed different things such as the location of the service center, occupant protection and warranties, ultimately settling with 4 Guys.

The selected truck will be serviced out of Cromwell, has an advanced occupant protection system, a 24-month or 36,000 mile warranty and a 30-year body warranty.

The selectmen voted unanimously to award the bid to 4 Guys Fire Trucks.

Replacement of the truck is a CIP approved project, and funding is already in place for a down payment with plans to enter into lease funding for the remaining amount.

The replacement truck is expected to last 15-20 years.

Additionally, the selectmen scheduled a special town meeting in order to adopt an ordinance related to the library.

The purpose of the ordinance is to change the library from an association library to a municipal library, transfer all assets over to the town, and create a governing board of trustees.

The town meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Douglas Library, 22 Main St., and will be followed by the next Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Father John Ashe, 75, will retire after 50 years of serving as a priest. Ashe has dedicated the past 23 years of his life to the Church of St. Mary.

Portland Priest Retires After Fifty Years

by Elizabeth Bowling

St. Mary Church is celebrating Father John Ashe's 50-year anniversary as a priest this weekend.

The Connecticut native was raised in Vernon and ordained June 29, 1963 at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris when he was 25 years old - although he knew his entire life that he wanted to be a priest.

Now, the 75-year-old will soon retire after spending the past 23 years at the St. Mary Church.

"It's very unusual to be stationed at a place this long," Ashe said.

He served at four other churches prior to St. Mary's for periods ranging from a year and a half to 13 years.

And so, twenty-three years takes the cake.

But tragedy struck only three years into Ashe's service at St. Mary's when the 112-year-old church building burned down. That was

when Ashe said he really learned the importance of the parish.

"The church is not the building," he said of the fire. "The church is the community."

Construction of the new church building was completed four years after the fire, and the community has been working and growing together ever since, he said.

"It's going to be difficult to let go and yet it's necessary," Ashe said of leaving his favorite parish.

His health won't allow him to continue working, but in his retirement he hopes to travel. And when he's not traveling, he'll be at his home in Middletown.

There will be an open house following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass this weekend to celebrate Ashe's anniversary.

Hebron Selectmen Approve Charter Revision Commission

by Geeta Schrayter

The town charter is on its way to being revised, as the selectmen resolved last week to establish an eight-member charter revision commission that will be responsible for reviewing the town charter.

This commission, which consists of residents Donna Ferree, executive assistant Donna Lanza, Edward Philips, Arlene Snyder, selectman Mark Stuart, Kenneth Slater, Gail Richmond and Kathleen Williams, will be tasked with reviewing a list of items recommended by the selectmen along with any other matters they consider to be in the best interest of the town.

The list of areas identified for consideration or review during the revision were broken down into an "A" list and a "B" list. The "A" list asks the commission to look at different forms of government and various budget-related issues such as Bifurcation, the wording of referendum questions and the budgetary timeline.

The "B" list contains areas such as the acceptance of Open Space, term limits on elected officials, removal for failure to serve on elected boards and the number of electors required for quorum at a town meeting.

The tentative schedule for the commission's work was explained by board Chair Jeff Watt

at their June 20 meeting. He said the group would need to get together and organize themselves, then hold their first public hearing by August 1. The first draft of changes to consider would have to be prepared for the following April, after which a second public hearing will be held.

By May 2014 a draft report will be submitted to the selectmen, after which the selectmen will hold a hearing. Once completed, the draft will be returned to the commission who will work on it until July, when they'll present their final report back to the board.

Once the selectmen approve the revisions there may be a final public hearing (although not required by state statute) followed by a vote on the revisions during the Nov. 4, 2014 election.

After discussing the potential timeline, the selectmen - who initiated the search for commission members last December - agreed it was time for the revision to begin.

"I'm ready," said selectman Brian O'Connell.

"It's good to see this getting kicked off," added Watt. "I'd like to thank the volunteers, Mark Stuart and Donna [Lanza] for stepping up and getting involved."

Fatal Car Accident in Hebron

A three-car crash in Hebron last week claimed the life of a Marlborough resident, State Police said.

The crash occurred around 12:33 p.m. when Ruth Posuniak, 74, of P.O. Box 65, Marlborough, the only address on file for Posuniak at Troop K, struck David Wylie, 65, of 19 Old Chestnut Hill, East Hampton, who had slowed for a vehicle in front of him who was making a left turn east of Burrows Hill Road on Route 66, police said.

After striking Wylie, police said Posuniak continued into the westbound lane where she

then struck William Arnold, 41, of 45 Skinner Rd., Vernon, head on.

Police said Williams reported back pain but declined medical attention while Arnold sustained minor injuries and was transported to Marlborough Medical Center. Posuniak was transported to Hartford Hospital and was pronounced deceased.

Police are still investigating the crash.

Posuniak's obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

Colchester Resident Honored as Teacher of the Year

by Melissa Roberto

Colchester resident and Norwich music teacher Elisha Millerd Lewis has a reason to celebrate, not necessarily because the school year is over, but because she ended the 2012-13 year on a high note (musical note that is).

Millerd Lewis, who has taught general music at Teachers' Memorial Middle School in Norwich for the past nine years, was honored as the Norwich district's Teacher of the Year. And it's an honor she said wouldn't have been possible without inspiration from her former Colchester teachers.

Although Millerd Lewis has always loved music – “my mom would say I sang Christmas carols when I was one year old in the grocery store” Lewis recalled – it became a bigger focus when she attended Colchester schools.

After moving to town in first grade, Millerd Lewis started participating in the school chorus; she began at the former Jack Jackter Elementary School (JJES), then moved on to William J. Johnston Middle School and finally, participated at Bacon Academy, where she graduated high school in 2000.

Along with the piano lessons she took outside of school, Millerd Lewis recalled her time spent in Colchester classrooms, singing and learning about music from teachers who helped her realize the subject could be more than just a hobby.

“They were constantly encouraging me and inspiring me,” she said, “and letting me know that I was good at what I did.”

She admitted it wasn't until she received those encouraging words from teachers like Tom Kessler at Bacon Academy that she realized music could actually transition into a career.

“It wasn't until high school that I realized that [becoming a music teacher] was possible,” she said. “I never thought I was capable of doing that.”

Kessler remembers Millerd Lewis as someone who became an “excellent high school student musician by studying, singing, vocalizing, sight reading, auditioning, achieving, observ-

ing, and most of all, listening.”

Looking back at her high school career, Millerd Lewis said her fondest memories are of the music festivals she attended. With the help of Kessler and other music teachers at the middle and high school, she had the honor of participating in the Eastern Region Music Festival as well as the New England Music Festival Association, and traveled as far as Toronto, Canada and Virginia for competitions and auditions.

Kessler admitted, though, that Bacon Academy is only a “small part” of Millerd Lewis' success as a teacher, adding that her devotion to getting the most “out of herself and her students” is what helped her to succeed and positively represent the Norwich district.

With a bout of confidence from her many musical experiences in Colchester, Millerd Lewis went on to receive a bachelor's degree in music education from SUNY Potsdam Crane School of Music in New York.

Right out of college, she was offered the position at Teachers' Memorial and has stayed there ever since, serving the school and its music department since 2004.

Those who have worked with Millerd Lewis say her method of hands-on learning coupled with her dedication to students after school in addition to lessons that are heavy in technology have helped her stand out amongst the rest.

At the middle school, Millerd Lewis teaches sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students how to read music and play the keyboard, exposes them to different instruments, and assigns multimedia projects throughout the year.

Millerd Lewis' lessons go a bit further than just teaching general music. To make her classes hands-on while also giving students a chance to be entertainers, she incorporates iMac programs like GarageBand and iMovie into her lessons so students can use MacBooks and iPads to generate their own songs, scripts, podcasts, eBooks, PowerPoint presentations and music videos – some of which are even showed to other students in the district at the end of the year.



Norwich Superintendent Abby Dolliver (left) stands with Colchester resident and Norwich music teacher Elisha Millerd Lewis, who received the honor of the Norwich Teacher of the Year. Lewis credited her former Colchester teachers for giving her the inspiration to become a music teacher.

Outside of the school day, Millerd Lewis also runs an after-school program called Panther Productions where students learn how to make short films and score music to go along with them.

Though her work at the school is what some would say goes above and beyond her job description, the music teacher said she was “completely surprised” when Norwich Superintendent Abby Dolliver surprised her in the middle school cafeteria one day with flowers, a balloon and congratulatory remarks.

Dolliver said she believes Millerd Lewis was a “wonderful selection” this year.

“She brings an art to our students in a nice

way that we wouldn't have had otherwise,” the superintendent added.

Dolliver also pointed out that Millerd Lewis has managed to bring programs back into the school's curriculum that were once cut out of the budget, like the school's choral group.

Millerd Lewis said she feels “lucky” to be a part of the Norwich district, especially because she has the opportunity to know “every single student” and work alongside “amazing teachers.”

“It's definitely a very diverse district so I'm lucky to work with many different cultures and types of students,” she added.

Pet Consignment Store Comes to Colchester

by Melissa Roberto

Its name bears the truth: Paws2Claws Consignment is a consignment store for those with paws, claws, and all two-legged, four-legged, winged and furry friends in between - and their owners, of course.

Owner Susan Squier, who lives in Portland with her husband Jeremy and her two sons, 17-year-old Michael and 11-year-old Joshua, believes her store to be the first of its kind in the area. Paws2Claws Consignment is a place where former, current and future pet owners can sell pet supplies they no longer need, or buy supplies they do need “under retail price.”

Tucked away at 467 South Main St., across from Toyo hibachi restaurant and in the same plaza as Tim's Bistro, Paws2Claws Consignment is home to new and gently used pet supplies that are sold below prices you'd normally see in larger pet stores, Squier said.

It also serves consignors who may be looking to get rid of pet supplies with the advantage of making some extra cash, too.

Thinking back three years ago to when her sons wanted two bunnies, Squier let out a sigh. She admitted the hunt for affordable bunny cages became her inspiration to open a store that offered used pet products at discounted prices.

“I was pretty tired of paying retail for every cage and aquarium so that's how my idea came about,” she said.

Through her business, Squier, who defines herself as an animal lover - “If I could live in the zoo, I would!” she said with a laugh – gets to support a cause she's personally been invested in: animal rescue.

At the store's June 22 grand opening, Squier kicked off her “Pennies for Paws” campaign, which gives customers a chance to donate pennies to go to a local rescue shelter in the area. At the end of day one, Squier matched the \$27 worth of pennies donated to bring \$54 to Helping Paws, a cat rescue shelter in Colchester.

Squier added that a portion of every purchase at Paws2Claws will go to a no-kill rescue shelter – an effort that was partially influenced by Squier's discontent with “[poorly]-run puppy mills,” overcrowding of animals and the large number of homeless animals in the country.

“The only way to help animals in need of rescue is for me to donate a portion of my profits to them,” she explained.

Judging by its first day of business, Squier believes people were “really receptive” to her new venture.

“They thought it was a great idea and were really excited,” Squier said.

With her “number one goal” of offering products under retail price in mind, Squier added her costs are “generally 30 percent below” what pet owners usually see in other stores.

As far as consignment items, Paws2Claws will accept items ranging from cages, to leashes, clothing and more that can be sold for at least \$10. Squier explained that Paws2Claws will keep 40 percent of the merchandise that is brought into the store and the remaining 60 percent will go to consignors who brought the items in.

When she's not at work, Squier said she enjoys caring for her three pets: a nine-year-old blind border collie named Jag, a nine-year-old cat named Patty, and the newest addition to her family, an eight-year-old chihuahua named Dolly – all of whom she rescued.

In particular, Squier explained Dolly had been rescued from a puppy mill in Los Angeles, Calif.

“I think she rescued me way more than I rescued her,” she said of Dolly. “She's my best friend.”

At Paws2Claws, the door is open to serve any and all kinds of animals and their owners, with supplies for reptiles, fish, cats and dogs, birds, hamsters, guinea pigs and more. Squier said her store stands out, not only for its support of charitable causes but also because unlike most pet stores, used items are available - and affordable.

And just a few days into the new business, the walls at Paws2Claws are already filled with leashes, harnesses, clothing and cages. Squier added that she'll accept dog crates and pet carriers of all sizes as well.

Also in the consignment store, Squier offers healthy locally-made cat and dog treats, from Victoria Dog Food of Portland, as well as wheat-free, corn-free and soy-free treats from Pastries for Pets of Stafford Springs, and doggy



Owner Susan Squier stands inside of her new business venture in Colchester, Paws2Claws Consignment. The consignment store takes in and sells new and gently used pet supplies at low prices.

and kitty treats from Gourmet Doggy Bakery of East Hampton.

While her new adventure is just beginning, Squier said her hope for Paws2Claws Consignment is that it fills up fast.

“If people really take to it and I get overcrowded in this space then I actually hope to open up another store – that's my second goal.”

Squier said she has high hopes of one day making Paws2Claws Consignment a franchise.

Paws2Claws is located at 467 South Main St. and is open Wednesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The business is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. For additional information call the store at 860-537-0494 or check out its Facebook page at [Facebook.com/paws2clawstct](https://www.facebook.com/paws2clawstct).

Marlborough Artist Creates Bark Art, Ready to Share

by Melissa Roberto

Inside the shed which stands outside the home of Marlborough resident George Peterson, is a colorful world he created.

Every nook and cranny of the small space is encompassed with paintings and drawings made by this self-taught artist. Peterson admits he has a special “quirky” flare, and that’s apparent in his latest creation: ‘bark art.’

Though he spent 40 years in the printing industry, creating art has always been a constant in his life.

At four-years-old, the young “G. C. Peterson,” which is the name he scribes on each piece of his work, began doodling and making “all kinds of stuff,” he said.

While producing cartoons, paintings and drawings over the years, Peterson said he never received formal art instruction.

Instead he lets his creative juices flow onto paper, canvasses, old milk cans, and now, onto tree bark. The self-proclaimed “Mr. Bark Art” gets bark from the trees outside of his home, puts it on the table inside his shed, and finds images through its shapes before creating something new with it. Some of the bark is used to make funny faces, or is used in paintings as trees, or even carved into the head of an animal that could hang on a wall.

No matter the creation, Peterson’s bark art is unique, like most of his work. One of his favorite pieces is a painting of Abraham Lincoln, whose dark beard consists of bark he found in his yard.

He admitted that people who have seen his work react surprised when they lay their eyes on it.

“People ask ‘what the heck is that?’” he said of the bark art.

Though the public has never truly known Peterson as an artist, he admitted that he’s ready for his recent bark art and other creations to finally be viewed by others. Rather than just prop them up inside of his shed for his close family and friends to marvel at, Peterson hopes his artwork will sell.

“I’m running out of room to put it,” he said with a laugh. “I just want people to know who I am and to see my work.”

Whether comical, realistic, abstract or modern, Peterson says he can create just about anything using a paintbrush, pencil, pen and more. Within his shed are portraits, still-life and landscape paintings as well as his bark creations, painted old-fashioned milk cans and framed cartoons, too.

“I don’t just do one thing, I do a lot,” Peterson said.

Among Peterson’s years of artwork is a portfolio tucked away of over 100 drawings he’s done of different breeds of dogs – the only drawings he chose to sell in the past.

Peterson added that “believe it or not,” some of his pieces of art were inspired by dreams he’s had.

“I wake up and write things down,” he said, adding it helps him remember the next day.

Besides art, Peterson is a published author and poet. Some of the walls of his shed are filled with framed poems he’s written that have been published in books, and on one of the shelves sits a book he wrote and illustrated called “Stuck in the Mud.”

Asked why he hasn’t sold a majority of his art in the past, Peterson said his artwork was something he created simply because it satisfied him.

“I love coming up with new ideas and it keeps my mind going,” he explained.

Along with his dreams and running thoughts, Peterson also gets inspired by listening to his favorite music inside of his studio, like overtures by Tchaikovsky, and songs by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Paul McCartney.

Aside from creating art, “Mr. Bark Art” also enjoys spending time with his wife, Barbara, and his four grandchildren. A resident of Marlborough for 40 years, Peterson added he’s always enjoyed the community and thinks it’s now time to show his fellow residents what he has to offer.

“There’s something for everybody in here,” he said. “I’m open to different ages, different cultures and different interests.”

To contact Peterson and learn more about his artwork and offerings, call 860-295-0121 or go to slightlywrinkled.com.



Marlborough resident George Peterson sits inside the shed he built 25 years ago that displays all of his creative artwork. He hopes to start selling his work including his latest creation, bark art.

East Hampton Residents Express Kindergarten Concerns

by Elizabeth Bowling

Three concerned parents spoke out at Monday’s Board of Education meeting regarding their concerns over full- and half-day kindergarten.

Resident Bob O’Brien, who has a child going into half-day kindergarten in the fall, expressed his disappointment over the lottery system that placed his son in half-day kindergarten as opposed to full-day.

“I’d like to voice my disappointment that I live in a town where some get and some don’t,” he said. “I don’t think it’s right.”

Board of Education chairman Mark Laraia explained that come September, three teachers will teach full-day kindergarten and four will teach half-day. More full-day kindergarten options “just couldn’t get in the budget” he said, so some kindergarten classes have to be half-day.

Adding more full-day kindergarten will be a “phase-in process,” according to Board of Education member Scott Minnick.

For now, the money allotted by the budget had to be spread out, Minnick said. More funding wasn’t available for full-day kindergarten because Center Elementary School needed money for special education and the high school needed a part-time music teacher.

But despite the limited funding Minnick said the board actually tripled the amount of full-day kindergarten classes for next year. Unfortunately that still leaves about half of East Hampton’s kindergarten students attending half-day classes.

Resident Linda Ribeiro spoke as “a taxpayer and a mom.” She has a child entering kindergarten in the fall who, like O’Brien’s son, was placed in half-day kindergarten through the lottery.

Ribeiro said there are 120 children entering kindergarten next year. If each of the three full-

time teachers has 20 students, then only 60 kids get full-day classes and the other 60 get half-day.

“You have to give everyone equal opportunity,” she said.

She urged the board to demonstrate transparency.

“Where was [the lottery] done? Were parents invited?” she asked.

O’Brien added he’d like to know the details of the process.

“I’d like to know the nuts and bolts of the process [for choosing the children that got full-day kindergarten], as well,” he said.

Laraia said the matter will be considered further in a future meeting.

Another public comment came from an East Hampton citizen who expressed gratitude toward the board’s approved budget.

Joe Langelfield, president of Friends of East Hampton Football, said “I’d like to thank the board for all your support through the budget. We’re going to continue to support your efforts.”

One effort toward school nutrition was voted on by the board Tuesday. Members voted 7-2 to implement Connecticut’s healthy food certification. The certification requires “changes in the operation of certain fundraisers.” For example, candy sales must be done outside of the school building or outside of school hours and parents must be involved.

This is the first time East Hampton passed the cafeteria program, making it the 142nd town to participate in the program.

Minnick said the changes would present opportunities to be creative.

“Let’s be innovative here,” he said. “It’s the 21st century. We don’t need to be selling chocolate bunnies to be making money.”

Board member Carol Lane, who also voted in favor of the healthy food certification, added

“good nutrition should be in our schools.”

But Nutrition Education Coordinator Susan Fiore said it’s more expensive to serve healthier food.

The board also voted 8-1 in favor of increasing school meal pricing. Don Coolican was the only member to vote against the increase because, he said, he doesn’t like the lunch program.

“It doesn’t seem fair,” he said of making a profit off of milk, for example.

When all is said and done, Laraia said “a cafeteria should always break even.”

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Also at Monday’s meeting, the board decided not to confront the Town Council for questioning the actions of the Interim Superintendent Mark Winzler during its May 28 meeting.

Winzler used the public schools’ parent notification system to notify parents of the time, date and place of a budget referendum May 7. He did the same thing for the high school building project referendum June 4. His actions were legal in both instances.

Town Council member Ted Hintz, however, said at the Town Council meeting Tuesday night, “just because it was legal doesn’t mean it was appropriate.”

Regardless, effective July 1 Connecticut law will make it illegal to use an alert system to notify or remind parents about a referendum, so Winzler won’t be able to repeat the action in the future.

Board member William Marshall said he wanted to send a letter to the Town Council that stated “it is inappropriate to question the actions of the Superintendent of Schools at a Town Council meeting. The Superintendent of Schools reports to the Board of Education, not to the Town Council.”

Marshall said Winzler was accused in public

session of breaking the law but, in fact, no law was broken.

“If we’re not going to have our superintendent’s back, who will?” he said.

Minnick, who was also in support of presenting the Town Council with the letter, said “we’re not giving this letter as citizens, but as a board. It’s official correspondence.”

Other members, though, like Ken Barber, said “what’s done is done,” and opted to drop it before it becomes a back-and-forth issue.

Ultimately, the board voted 7-2 against sending the letter, with Minnick and Marshall opposed.

Despite the issue with the Town Council, Winzler said that as interim he was able to keep things running smoothly and that was, in part, thanks to the people he worked with.

“You have a great staff, you have a great administrative team and you have great kids,” Winzler said. “Thank you for helping me serve the students and the town of East Hampton.”

In finishing up his time as interim, Winzler signed the paperwork, both online and in print, for the high school building project.

The hard copy was submitted to the Bureau of School Facilities of the State Board of Education Wednesday, two days before its due date which is today, June 28.

“The project is filed,” Winzler said.

In addition to finalizing and submitting paperwork for the building project, Winzler has been preparing Diane Dugas, the new superintendent who starts July 1.

Winzler said Dugas will begin interviewing potential assistant superintendents by the second week of July and will hopefully hire someone by Sept. 1.

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The next East Hampton Board of Education meeting is scheduled for August 26 at 7 p.m.

Belltown Grads Ring in their Futures

by Elizabeth Bowling

One hundred and twenty seven East Hampton seniors walked out of the high school as students for the last time June 21. An hour and a half later they were graduates, ready to move on to the next chapter in their lives with smiles on their faces and diplomas in their hands.

The warm and sunny weather kept the ceremony outside, as planned, in the parking lot in front of the high school building.

Class president Victor Echeandia kicked off the ceremony by reminding his classmates to continue to be compassionate in life. Echeandia said he cried when he read the kind words his classmates wrote to him in his yearbook.

"The feeling is mutual," he said.

Third-ranked student Adrianna Zawodniak gave the essayist's address, which focused on the significance of the past four years in terms of change and understanding. She also looked ahead to upcoming years.

"Make something of yourself," she told her classmates. "If you follow your passion and you do what you love, you will be successful."

The student speeches continued with salutationary Bethany Levy, who got the crowd laughing when she said even though all the graduates weren't great friends "everyone can at least tolerate each other."

But on a more serious note, she said everyone is the protagonist of their own story.

To bring even more emotion to the ceremony, the Chamber Choir, conducted by Andrew Groves, then sang "Shenandoah" by Darmon Meader.

The musical break was followed by valedictorian Emily Norton's speech, which was the evening's final student speech.

"As you advance," she said, "remember those who changed your life and what they've done for you."

She said it's important to give thanks now, because the future is uncertain.

"There is no restart button in life," Norton said. "You only live once... You only have one chance to impact this world."

To counter Norton's monumental approach to life and the future, Interim Superintendent of Schools Mark Winzler said graduation is "only a concept" because in reality, every day is a graduation.

"Each day serves as a building block for the next day," he said. "I implore you to always look at life with the glass being more than half full."

Marked as both professional and personal advice, Winzler said, "people, and relationships

with those people, are paramount. In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant."

But in addition to fostering relationships, graduates will need to think individually. Board of Education Chairperson Mark Larai said each graduating senior will title the next chapters in their lives differently. For example, for some the title will be "college," for others it will be "military," and still others will title it "work."

"Whatever that title is, fill it with what you have learned and what you have passion for," he said. "Make the choices that you will be proud to leave behind [as your legacy]."

With that, Principal John Fidler was "the last thing standing between the graduates and their diplomas," he said, before quickly listing off the senior class' many accomplishments throughout the past four years.

"They have definitely left their mark," he said about their impressive ranking as a class, their high test scores, their spot on the advanced placement honor roll, and their other academic and athletic accomplishments.

"When this class goes, they go big," he said.

Fidler and Winzler then handed out the 127 diplomas to a beaming graduating class. The proud and excited crowd blew air horns and chanted students' names until, finally, the last name was called and a standing ovation ensued.

Members of the class of 2013 were instructed to move their tassels from the right side of their caps to the left, and moments later the graduates threw their blue and white caps in the air.

Cue music. "The Middle," by Jimmy Eat World played on repeat as the graduates, some dancing, proceeded back into the high school and rang in their futures – literally – on a big bell.

Immediately after the ceremony, graduate Jenny Pionzio said she was feeling "a lot of things." But "bittersweet" was the only way she could describe them.

Pionzio will attend the University of Connecticut where she will study to become a music teacher.

Shannon Walsh, another graduate who will attend UConn in the fall to study marketing, said her nerves had finally disappeared and all that remained was "good feelings."

Members of the East Hampton High School Class of 2013 are: Matthew John Abbott, Emilie E. Ackerman, David Winston Adams, Zachary William Augenstein, Dale R. Baker, Asia Richelle Banning, Elizabeth Aline Barber, Kate Marie Begin, *+Erik Houston Terumi Bell, Matthew Ryan



The East Hampton High School Class of 2013 participates in the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the graduation ceremony Friday, June 21. An hour and a half later, they were graduates. More photos available at glcitizen.com.

Benedict, Stephanie Rita Bock, Samuel Lowe Bolton, Benjamin Robert Boscarino, Timothy Sean Brogan, Nina Elizabeth Bromm, Cara Lynn Burke, Kate Stephanie Burns, Christine Marie Butler, Kelci Marie Calhoun, Carissa Margaret Capaldo, Jordana Nicole Costa, Brandon Todd Cunningham, Kaelyn Alexa Curtis, +Jared Connor Daddario, Rachel Mietek Danziger-Finkelstein, *+Lara Midori Davidson, Nicholas J. DePasquale, Jacquelyn N.W. Devin, Kweku George Dougan, Victor I. Echeandia Jr., Stephanie Lynn Edwards, David William Einsiedel Jr., Joshua Ryan Elges, Andrew J. Ferchaw, +Charles Henry Field, Brandy Justine Garofalo, Brandon Joseph Genovese, +Hannah C. Georgiades, Mackenzie Shannon Germain, Brenna Alyse Giordano, Kevin Norman Godwin, Jordan J. Goodman, Alexander C. Guerette, Olivia Marie Gunning, Jean-Sebastien Hains, Kylie Darlene Hanlon, Nathan Matthew Hatfield, Alexis Amelia Haydu, Kendra Ann Hayes, Calvin Michael Heller, Nathaniel Bryce Heroux, Miwand Hussaini, Caleigh Maria Jacobson, Jake Joseph Jendrzeczyk, Dakota A. Johnson, Bethany Hope Juselis, Mara Leajan Kaczmarczyk, Paul M. Kappock, Steven Paul Kelley, Thomas Riley Killilea, +Megan Lee Kimball, Klaudia Z. Komarnicka, Nathan Armand Joseph Landry, CarliAnne Michael Elizabeth Lanou, Shannon Elizabeth Law, Margaret Emily Lehmann, *+Bethany Levy, Andrzej Marcin Lipinski, Eric James Llaser, Benjamin M. Mailloux, Cody Robert Mallory, Alesha Janiece Mangual, *+Madeline

Ramona Martinez, *Mercedes Raquel Maurice, *+Jacqueline Ann Maynard, Polina Joseph McGuire, Brian Francis Messerschmidt, Addison James Moon, +Kimberly Anne Muscat, +Andrea Juliana Nease, *+Emily S. Norton, *+Kimberly Grace Nowakowski, Macklin Brian O'Connor, Carly R. Oguschwitz, Austin J. Olzacki, Meagan Ann Owen, Liam Esau Patten, Ethan Charles Pawlak, Paul E.A. Phelps, Jennifer Lynn Pionzio, Danielle Manon Plaskonka, Zachary L. Plitt, Sheryl Beth Strong Pratt, Kyle T. Randall, Meghan Elizabeth Reilly, +Madison Becotte Reinhard, Donald Joseph Rixon, Marina Ashley Robles, ~Amanda Novaes Pereira Fontes Rolindo, Jerry C. Root Jr., Tyler William Rubega, Samantha Willow Ryan, Hannah P. Sadlowski, Elizabeth R. Santos, Thomas R. Santos, Mason Philip Saunders, +Cayla R. Schaub, Ian Stuart Schrage, +Amber Veronica Sekoll, Kevin Matthew Serra, Nicholas James Sitro, Shane Nicholas Slossberg, Amanda Rose Spadorcia, Trent Allan Stevens, Lindsay Kate Stoldt, Amanda Jane Thompson, Seth John Tibus, Julianne Toce, Nicholas Raymond Urian, Megan Nicole Voelker, *Daniel Peter Wall, Shannon Laura Walsh, Michael Paul Wiley, Shelby Grae Zaborowski, Matthew Eugene Zawisza, *+Adrianna Krista Zawodniak and Patrick D. Zimny.

(*Top Ten Students, +Ferrigno-Bell Chapter National Honor Society, ~Foreign Exchange Student)

East Hampton Town Council Looks at Opportunities to Develop

by Elizabeth Bowling

The council decided to move forward with a plan that calls for improvements to the playground at Memorial Elementary School and a full playground replacement at Center Elementary School at their meeting June 25.

The total cost of the project is about \$48,700. The community donated \$28,700 and \$20,000 was budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan for the 2012-13 fiscal year, Town Council Chairwoman Sue Weintraub said.

The Board of Education already approved the plan so the next step is to start work, probably within the week, so that the project can be completed in the summer months before school starts back up, Weintraub said.

While the council wrapped up its decisions on the playground project, it didn't have enough information to decide on other issues. For example, no action was taken regarding East Hampton resident Haim Zahavi's property on 13 Summit St., which he has been developing for two years.

Zahavi's property, which would be called the Haim Zahavi and Summit Mill Pond Development, would include 31 dwelling units and a 900 sq. ft. office/studio.

Zahavi told the Town Council that a major roadblock to his development is his lack of ac-

cess to water.

His architect, John Matthews, said the water issue is leaving them "dead in the water" and it's the reason they're requesting just less than 7,000 gallons of water per day from the town's water system.

Town Manager Mike Maniscalco confirmed the town water system has approximately 7,000 extra gallons of water to spare per day, and by consensus, the council members encouraged Maniscalco to get more information from the town's health department so they could come to a decision at their next meeting.

After the council comes to a decision, Maniscalco said, "this still has to go back to Planning and Zoning."

Another issue presented at the meeting was the financial struggle for the concession stand at Sears Park, which, according to the Parks and Recreation Department, suffers a loss between \$2-\$4,000 dollars each year.

"Financially it's not the best idea for us to [run the stand]," Maniscalco said, summarizing the Parks and Recreation Department's recommendation.

Vice Chairman Glenn Suprono supported having a private vendor run the stand, but council member George Pfaffenbach said "it's run

by the town as a service to the town."

"I think we should have a concession stand," added Councilmember Barbara Moore, "but maybe we don't have time to get it for this year, so maybe for next year."

No official decision has been made yet, but for now the council would like to implement a compromise where the town would run the concession stand for the month of July, which is the best time for business since camp is in session.

The council needs more information from the Parks and Recreation Board before it makes a decision, Weintraub said.

An investigation that resulted from the resignation of four out of five members of the East Hampton Fire Commission in 2012 was recently reawakened and while some council members want to delve back into it, others want to move on.

"An investigation has been performed and it's complete and theoretically the system is repaired now," said Suprono.

But Pfaffenbach felt differently. "We need a third party investigation," he said. Moore agreed.

"You can't always just move forward. We

have to work it out," she stated.

But information has been hard to come by. Maniscalco said.

"I met with them immediately after they resigned," he said. "I had a difficult time getting them to meet with me during the [initial] investigation."

Also at Tuesday's meeting, Chief Sean Cox of the East Hampton Police Department addressed the council regarding standard operating procedures for the town police. He said developing the policies was a "long and arduous process with a lot of work."

The council needs to approve the new regulations.

Cox's attorney, Eric Daigle, explained the changes would move the town into the present.

"This process will probably move us from the 60s to the 2012, 2013 era," he said.

There will be a public hearing for a proposed change to the Commission on Aging Ordinance on July 9 at 6:15 p.m. at the EHHS library. The next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting will be July 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the EHHS library.



Officials celebrate the installation of East Hampton's first electric vehicle charging station with a ribbon cutting at the Village Center. From left: Kyle Dostaler, Jamie Bell, Sue Weintraub, State Rep. Melissa Ziobron and Sen. Art Linares

East Hampton Introduces Car Charging Station

by Elizabeth Bowling

East Hampton introduced its first electric vehicle charging station in the Village Center Wednesday morning at a ribbon cutting ceremony that included an electric car charging demonstration.

"We're at the forefront of this new wave of technology," Town Council chairwoman Sue Weintraub said of the station.

The station's installment was part of the Connecticut Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge, which was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The challenge was part of a three-year community energy savings program which ultimately helped East Hampton residents reduce their energy usage by 20 percent.

In addition to saving energy and staying up-to-date with technological advances, the station is intended to draw tourists to the area, Weintraub said.

Jamie Bell, co-chair of the Economic Development Commission of East Hampton said the station is a "wonderful opportunity to bring in people and business."

Bell called the station, "one piece of the puzzle" to attracting people to the area. Other puzzle pieces include the Airline Trail, local businesses and restaurants.

"Start multiplying all these things and eventually people will think of [the Village Center] as a one-stop shop," Bell said.

Presently, the charging station can be used free of charge, Bell explained. The Economic Development Commission and the town budget are funding it for now; the town will monitor the station to get an accurate idea of how often it gets used and therefore how much it will cost over time. Eventually a more long-term plan for funding the station will be put into place.

According to State Rep. Melissa Ziobron, there are no other electric charging stations within 15 miles of East Hampton's – the closest is in Middletown.

That made Sen. Art Linares all the more pleased to congratulate East Hampton on its new installment.

"I'm a huge supporter of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations," he said. "Having one in East Hampton is so important for the Airline Trail and the community."

Town Manager Mike Maniscalco said his hope is that someone will use the charging station and, while their car is plugged in, check out the Village Center area then "jump in their car and tell somebody about it."

East Hampton Police News

6/8: Noel Irizarry, 34, of 1136 Horse Pond Rd., Salem was issued a summons for failure to obey a traffic signal and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, East Hampton Police said.

6/10: Thomas Grylka, 18, of 58 Champion Hill Rd., was issued a summons for no insurance for an out of state motor vehicle, possession of less than half an ounce of Marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said.

6/13: Eric J. Hinxman, 21, of 9 Coughlin Rd., was taken into custody for DUI, police said.

6/14: Ashley E. Schonagel, 23, of 29 West High St., was issued a summons for failure to display a front marker plate, operating under suspension, operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle and misuse of marker plates, police said.

Hebron Police News

6/22: State Police said Edward Orzel, 51, of 52A Portland Rd., Marlborough, was charged with violation of a protective order.

Portland Police News

6/4: A 16-year-old juvenile male was arrested for risk of injury to a minor, obscenity and disorderly conduct, Portland Police said.

6/5: Michael Susarchick, 49, of 67 Gates Farm Rd., Lebanon, was charged with second-degree breach of peace, police said.

6/15: Justin Kozikowski, 31, of 21 Commerce St., was charged with second-degree reckless endangerment, police said.

6/21: Christopher Overton, 38, of 118 Newfield St., Middletown, was charged with second-degree breach of peace, second-degree threatening and violation of a protective order, police said.

6/23: Thomas Etheridge, 21, of 36 Lyman Ln., was charged with DUI, driving without insurance, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without a license and reckless driving, police said.

From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Geeta Schrayter

This week, Mike Thompson left the editor's desk for a much-deserved vacation. As a result, and after weeks of dipping my toes into the ways of his work in preparation, I've stepped in to take his place.

Along with the increased editorial duties, his absence brought the option to fill this corner of the paper with a column of my own – an option I was at first certain I would forgo. Then, while researching what holidays and observances were coming up I discovered Tuesday was National Columnists Day and took that as a sign. So here I am.

In case you were wondering, apparently today isn't some sort of holiday or special observance, but Sunday is both Descendents Day and Log Cabin Day. I admit, those aren't nearly as exciting as some of my favorites. These include National Star Wars Day, May 4, when you can wittily exclaim "May the fourth be with you!" and National Running Day, June 5.

I'm also a fan of National Relaxation Day, Aug. 15 and National Baking Week, which is Oct. 14-20 this year. The latter is actually a British event, but I love baking so much I've latched onto it and hope someday it will make its way across the Pond.

Speaking of baking, my next encounter with the oven will be for a better-known holiday: Independence Day. As usual, my contribution to any parties I attend will be a flag cake: a rich sour cream cake topped with cream cheese frosting and strawberries (or raspberries) and blueberries arranged to look like Old Glory.

My invites usually come with the stipulation I bring one, but I don't mind. I've enjoyed baking for as long as I can remember, and now that I'm older I've gone from making just desserts to setting aside time to bake warm loaves of honey or potato bread for the week.

I'm thankful for a mother, grandmother and great aunt who were able to teach me how to do so, especially since food as they knew it is definitely not the food as we know it.

I've never been super-preachy. I've more of a "live and let live" personality than anything, but lately I've been politely suggesting people pay more attention to the food they eat. I don't just mean what's healthy vs. unhealthy but what your food actually *is* and how it's grown and made.

Genetically Modified Organisms (or GMOs) are an issue. According to the Non-GMO Project, a non-profit organization working to preserve and build the non-GMO food supply, educate consumers and help them discern between GMO and non-GMO foods, GMOs are "plants or animals that have been genetically engineered with DNA from bacteria, viruses or other plants or animals."

The purpose is to engineer products that can withstand herbicides or produce an insecticide. The use of these products has also come with various promises such as increased yield, drought tolerance or enhanced nutrition, but those benefits are yet to be seen.

On the other hand, there are numerous concerns related to GMOs and our health, the health of the environment and the rights of farmers and consumers – concerns far too

extensive to list, which is why individual research is so vital.

The major GMO producers are against labeling products that have been made with GMOs. Prop. 37, a GMO labeling bill in California, was narrowly defeated last November after the industries responsible for these GMOs and major food lobbyists spent millions on a campaign against its passing.

(In Connecticut however, I'm happy to report Gov. Dannel P. Malloy signed legislation into law Wednesday that will require labels on GMO foods once four nearby states pass similar legislation.)

But the opposition to these labels by the very people who produce the product only leaves me, and many other proponents of GMO labeling and the right to know what you're eating wondering: if these companies stand behind their product as they say, what's the issue with the labels?

That translates to me writing this column – or any of my articles or books – then refusing to add my byline.

This is experimental technology and personally, I don't want to be part of an experiment. I much prefer food that has been grown in the dirt with some sunlight and water and not much else.

And so, I've started to garden. This year I'm growing organic carrots and beets and heirloom watermelons, mostly due to the fact I can't seem to find a watermelon that isn't seedless – what am I supposed to spit at my sister this summer? Just kidding – but growing watermelon with seeds *does* mean I can use them for next year's crop.

(By the way, I love seeing notices for the farmers markets in different *Rivereast* towns, and plan to pay them a visit as well.)

In addition, even though it costs more I try to buy as much organic food as I can or look for products that have a non-GMO label. Although there are currently no laws requiring these labels, there are many companies who work with the Non-GMO Project to have their products verified and labeled as non-GMO. These labels are clearly-visible.

And, I'll continue partaking in one of my favorite pastimes: baking. Then I can be absolutely certain my bread is how it should be, with six ingredients and wheat that isn't banned in other countries.

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While we're on the topic of my favorite things, another item on that list is Disney. I will proudly admit I love Disney movies, have scheduled Disney movie nights with friends, the nickname Cinderella and a mug adorned with the classic Disney princesses (who, in my opinion, are Snow White, Cinderella, Aurora, Ariel, Belle and Jasmine).

Well, speaking of Ariel, and thanks to the Internet, where all kinds of random facts come to light, my mind was recently blown when I discovered Ariel and Hercules are related. Notice how, in the Disney depictions, they both have red hair? Yeah.

Here's the logic: Ariel is the daughter of King Triton who is the son of Poseidon, the god of the sea. Poseidon is one of the many sons of Zeus, and Hercules is Zeus' son. That makes him and Ariel first cousins once removed.

My life has been changed forever.

Colchester Police News

6/17: Colchester Police said John Meehl, 61, of 95 Hunting Hill Ave., Middletown, was charged with DUI and failure to display license plate.

6/18: State Police said Michael Biggs, 44, of 23 Birch Rd., Moodus, turned himself in on two active arrest warrants for violation of probation.

6/20: Colchester Police said Karissa Putman, 25, of 213 York Rd., Lebanon, was charged with DUI and failure to drive right.

6/21: Colchester Police said Ryan Henk, 22, of 297 Old Hebron Rd., and Jacqueline Ruffino, 27, of 271 South Main St., Marlborough, were located in an abandoned building on Old Hebron Road and were found in possession of narcotics. Police said the two accused were charged with drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of a narcotic and second-degree criminal trespassing.

6/22: Colchester Police are currently investigating a vehicle break-in that occurred on

River Road at approximately 4 p.m. Police said a Vera Bradley purse was stolen containing \$100 cash, including a Coach wristlet and some items bearing the victim's information. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Colchester Police at 860-537-7270.

6/23: Colchester Police said Daniel Omara IV, 23, of 26 Berry Rd., East Haddam, was charged with sixth-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit a crime.

6/23: State Police said Richard J. Ruta, 50, of 83 Whitaker Rd., Westfield, Mass., was charged with making an improper turn and DUI.

6/23: State Police said Bryan C. Cleary, 21, of 950 Farmington Ave., New Britain, was charged with DUI and failure to drive in the proper lane on a multiple lane highway.

6/24: Colchester Police said Joshua Towne, 21, of 17 Oak Rd., Marlborough turned himself in on two arrest warrants for second-degree failure to appear and failure to respond.

Obituaries

Marlborough

Ruth Posuniak

Ruth Elizabeth (Karlson) Posuniak, 74, of Marlborough, widow of the late Thomas Posuniak, died Wednesday, June 19 at Hartford Hospital. Born in Bronx, N.Y. March 2, 1939, she was the daughter of the late Antone and Elizabeth Karlson. She had lived in Marlborough for most of her life.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton, a member of the Glastonbury Grange #26 and a lifelong Grange member. She was also an active member of the Manchester Power Squadron.

She is survived by her sons Ted Posuniak and his wife Jill of Indiana; Daniel Posuniak and his wife Ann of Glastonbury; a daughter Laura Combs and her husband David of Columbia; three sisters, Joan and Michael Braten of Ariz., Betty and Fred Owen of R.I., Marion and Arthur Bessette of Mansfield; her grandchildren Theodore Posuniak, Anthony Posuniak, Thomas Posuniak, Lee Combs, Keith Combs, Daniel Fisher, Elizabeth Fisher, and Edward Fisher; also several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Besides her husband she was predeceased by her longtime companion Arthur Turkington.

Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main St., East Hampton on Tuesday, June 25, followed by services at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Burial followed in Marlborough Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Roy B. Pettengill Ambulance Assoc. P.O. Box 308, Marlborough or to the American Diabetes Assoc. 2080 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill.

To leave online condolences visit spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Portland

Timothy C. Flood

Timothy C. Flood, 63, of Portland, passed away Thursday, June 20, at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. Born October 10, 1949 in Middletown, he was the son of the late Thomas W. and Mary (Kennedy) Flood.

He was raised in Portland and was a U.S. Army veteran having served during Vietnam. He enjoyed reading, gardening, coin collecting and was an avid sports enthusiast.

He leaves his daughter, Jessica DeRing and her husband Tommy of Portland; brothers and sisters, Ellin Murphy of Plymouth, Mass., Patrick Flood of East Calais, Vt.; Mary Flood of Portland; William Flood of Queen Creek/San Tan Valley, Ariz.; Betsy Flood of Manchester; and Joseph Flood of Guilford. He also leaves beloved granddaughters Emily, Gracie and Maryssa and beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Thomas W. Flood Jr, John Flood and Michael E. Flood, by a sister, Katharine "Anne" Sandalls and by an aunt, Marion C. Flood.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 25, at Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland followed by mass at the Church of St. Mary, Portland. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Friends of the Portland Library 20 Freestone Ave Portland, CT. 06480.

To send an online expression of sympathy, visit portlandmemorialfh.net.

Portland

Shirley C. Thiffault

Shirley C. Thiffault, 86, of Simsbury, formerly of Portland, passed away Saturday, June 22, at Hartford Hospital. Born Sept. 13, 1926 in Waterbury, she was the wife of the late George F. Thiffault and daughter of the late Edmund and Catherine (Lawlor) Conway.



She moved to Portland in 1965 and was a member of the Church of St. Mary in Portland. She was an avid Red Sox fan and she loved the UCONN Huskies girls basketball.

She leaves her sons, David L. Thiffault of East Hartford, Christopher E. Thiffault of Valencia, Calif., and Thomas G. Thiffault of Manchester, a sister, JoAnn Beaudoin of Wolcott, 2 grandchildren, Michael and Bonnie and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Alfred and Patrick Conway.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 27 followed by mass at the Church of St. Mary, 51 Freestone Ave., Portland. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Portland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Connecticut Chapter 659 Tower Ave, First Floor Hartford, Conn., 06112.

To send an online expression of sympathy, visit portlandmemorialfh.net.

East Hampton

Thelma C. Robert

Thelma C. Robert, 95, of East Hampton passed away June 25. Born Feb. 20, 1918, she is predeceased by her husband William H. Robert and two sisters.

Thelma is survived by her two sons William H. Robert III and Lawrence C. Robert and their wives Doris and Linda. She also leaves behind four grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to Palliative Medicine, Hartford Hospital, 80 Seymour St. Hartford, Ct, 06102.

To leave online condolences visit spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Portland

Eddie Chiabrero

Eddie Chiabrero, 85, of Portland, passed away Monday, June 24, 2013 at Portland Care & Rehab. Born Feb. 18, 1928, he was the son of the late Costanzo and Costantina (Perrotto) Chiabrero.

He was a lifelong resident of Portland and was a self-employed logging farmer. He was one of the founding members of the 490 Farm Tax Break, a member of the Portland Farm Association and a member of the Church of St. Mary in Portland.

He leaves his brother, Joseph Chiabrero of Portland; a brother-in-law, William H. Long of Portland; a sister, Ida Stawski and her husband, Tadeusz of Portland; a nephew, William P. Long; nieces, Janet Long and Marie Philopena; a great-niece, Kimberly Philopena; and a greatnephew, Christopher Philopena. He was predeceased by his sisters, Nina Chiabrero and Marie Long.

Funeral services were schedule for today, Friday, June 28 at 10 a.m. at Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland followed by mass at 11 a.m. at the Church of St. Mary, Portland. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Portland Fire Dept, 33 East Main St Portland, CT. 06480. To send an online expression of sympathy, visit portlandmemorialfh.net.

Colchester

Rita D. Guard

Rita D. Guard, 90, of Colchester (formerly of Lisbon), passed away at Harrington Court in Colchester May 31. She was born in Norwich June 6, 1922 to the late Joseph and Mary (Kenyon) Blanchette. She was married to Peter Lukasiewicz and then later to George G. Guard. They both predeceased her.

Rita is survived by a daughter Patricia Nastalczyk and her husband Waclaw of Colchester, and a daughter Joyce Novajovsky and her husband Frank of Florida. She also leaves behind grandchildren Lawrence Fedus, Robin Wiodarczyk, Frank Novajovsky, Tammy Wachsmuth and Melanie Novajovsky as well as many great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a son, Gary Luccas, six brothers and five sisters.

Family and friends visited Labenski Funeral Home, 107 Boswell Ave., on June 22 followed by mass. Burial immediately followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Norwich.

Visit labenskiFuneralHome.com to leave an online condolence for Rita's family.

Andover

Frances Stasiak

Frances (Lanzo) Stasiak of Manchester, formerly of Andover, widow of Edward M. Stasiak and mother of the late Terrance Stasiak, died Wednesday, June 19, at a local convalescent home.

She was born in Boston, daughter of Anthony and Margaret (Milo) Lanzo, and was raised in Boston and Concord, N.H., before moving to Andover in the 1950s. Prior to retiring, Frances had been employed by the Cheney Mills and the Klock Co.

She is survived by three daughters; Nancy Tedford of Coventry, Carol Burrill, and her husband, Richard, of Manchester, and Diane Stasiak of Ellington; four grandchildren, Chrislyn Lewis, and her husband, Joshua, Bryan Burrill, and his wife, Kellye, Richard Tedford Jr., and his wife, Beth, and Neil Tedford; two great-grandchildren, Corey Lewis and Ava Grace Lewis; two sisters Rachel Higgins, and her husband, Clayton and Florence Marden, both of Concord, N.H.

A private graveside service will be held in Townsend Cemetery in Andover. The Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester, has care of arrangements. To sign the online guestbook visit holmes-watkinsfuneralshomes.com.

Colchester

Paula Jean Lemire

Paula Jean Lemire, 63, of Colchester, beloved wife of Paul, passed away Tuesday, June 11, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Born March 23, 1950 in Frenchville, ME., she was a daughter of Omerine (Lavertue) Bourgoin of Colchester and the late Onizime Bourgoin.

She married Paul on July 6, 1968. Soon after, the couple moved to Colchester where they raised their family.

Paula worked for Apple Rehab (formerly Liberty Hall) in Colchester since 1977. She served many roles and in many capacities. Most recently, she worked in public relations and community outreach for Apple Rehab.

Paula was a longtime member and she served on the Board of Directors for the Colchester Business Association. Paula also acted as committee chairperson for the annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest as well as other community event committees. Paula enjoyed volunteering. She was involved with the Colchester Senior Center and assisted many seniors with home visits and help. Just last month, Paula was inducted into the Colchester Lions Club.

While she was not serving the community-at-large, she could be found working in her beautiful flower gardens and caring for her beloved grandchildren, to whom she was eternally devoted. Paula will be remembered by many for the frequent random acts of kindness she was known to impart on family, friend or stranger.

In addition to her husband of 44 years, she leaves three children; Michelle and her husband Steven Budwitz of Avon, Michael Lemire and his friend, Brennda Stomberg of Lebanon, Rachael and her husband Keith Kudej of Lisbon; six brothers, Ronald of North Carolina, James and wife Elaine of New Hartford, John, Robert and wife Theresa of East Hartford, Gary and wife Kathy of Newington and Marcel Bourgoin of East Hampton; two sisters, Joyce Miller of Cromwell and Toni Corby of South Carolina; four grandchildren, Peyton, Parker, Collin, Madison; and numerous extended family members and friends and many dear and special friends at Apple Rehab.

Visitation took place Sunday, June 16, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester. The Funeral Liturgy was celebrated Monday, June 17 at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester. Burial will be private.

Donations in her memory may be made to Apple Rehab, Recreation Department, 36 Broadway, Colchester 06415.

Colchester

Claire T. Delisle

Claire T. (Deschenes) Delisle, 85, of Colchester, husband of Ronald J. Delisle, died Monday, June 24, at Glastonbury Health Care Center. She was born in Pawtucket, R.I., on June 4, 1928 to the late George and Leda (Lague) Deschenes.

She attended Catholic schools in Pawtucket. Claire and Ronald were married on August 12, 1950 and lived briefly in western New York State before settling in 1956 in South Windsor, where they lived for many years.

Claire was employed for several years by the South Windsor Public Schools, managing the Pleasant Valley Elementary School cafeteria, and was a long-time communicant of St. Margaret Mary Parish in South Windsor before relocating to Colchester several years ago.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, five sons; George R. Delisle and his wife Geana, of Westfield, Mass., Robert J. Delisle and his wife Linda, of Glastonbury, Normand A. Delisle and his wife Lisa, of South Windsor, Ronald E. Delisle of Tolland, and Gerard R. Delisle and his wife Linda, of Tolland; two daughters, Marie Lobaugh and her husband Alan, of Ellington, and Annette Caneschi and her husband Robert, of Middletown; two brothers, Louis Deschenes of Pensacola, Fla., and Alfred Deschenes of Lincoln, R.I.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers, Ernest Deschenes and Raymond Deschenes.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, July 3 at 11 a.m. at Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor, followed by burial in the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kiwanis Foundation of New England, P.O. Box 613, Framingham, MA 01704.

For online expressions of sympathy, visit us carmonfuneralhome.com.

Colchester

Dorothy Boughton

Dorothy (Brenon) Boughton, 92, of Colchester passed away peacefully at Harrington Court in Colchester on June 19 with her family at her side. She was born in Watertown, NY on June 30, 1920 to the late Victor and Florence (McAvoy) Brenon.

She married her loving husband the late Charles Boughton on November 18, 1944 in Windsor Locks, Conn. Dorothy was a long time parishioner at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norwich and a communicant of Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

She is survived by a daughter Virginia Boughton of East Hartford, a daughter Catherine Nelmes and her husband Ray of Duluth, Ga., a daughter Joan Brown and her husband Stephen of South Glastonbury, a daughter Geraldine "Geri" Walton and her husband Michael of Spokane, Wash., a son Charles Boughton and his wife Anne Marie of Norwich and a son Daniel Boughton and his fiancée Susan Maciejko of South Glastonbury. She also leaves behind sisters Margaret, and Sister Victorine, brothers Victor and Robert and as well as grandchildren Jason, Janelle, Corey, Kristin, Jessica and Jeffrey, nine great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by sisters Anna Marie, Rose, Sister Geraldine, Sister Rita Marie and a brother Francis.

Family and friends visited Labenski Funeral Home, 107 Boswell Avenue, Norwich. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Norwich. Burial immediately followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Norwich.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothy's honor to a charity of one's choice.

Visit labenskiFuneralHome.com to leave an online condolence for the Boughton family.

Colchester

Kathryn Giddix

Kathryn (Driscoll) Giddix, 83, formerly of Kensington, widow of Leonard R. Giddix Sr., died early Monday morning, June 24, at Apple Rehab in Colchester. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late Mary (Lynch) and the late Edward D. Driscoll, she graduated from New Britain High School.

She was a member of St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Ladies Guild, New Britain Council of Catholic Women, DAV Auxiliary, National Unit, AARP Elm Hill #3436, AARP Newington Area Chapter #697, Women's Club of New Britain, and Kensington Garden Club, and was a volunteer at The New Britain Museum of American Art.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Leonard Giddix Jr. and Carol of Hebron, and David and Barbara Giddix of East Hampton; one sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ellen and John Flynn of Rocky Hill; six grandchildren, Leah, Jonathan, Timothy, Devan, Meagan, and Ashley; one great-grandchild, Sophia, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday at Porter's Funeral Home, 111 Chamberlain Highway in Kensington, followed by a funeral liturgy at St. Paul's Church. Burial followed at St. Mary Cemetery in New Britain. Friends and relatives called at the funeral home Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make donations in her memory to the American Cancer Society, New England Division, 30 Speen St., Framingham, Mass., 01701.

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Amston

Carol Ann Pugliese

Carol Ann Pugliese of Amston, formerly of Guilford, passed away peacefully in Gaylord Hospital, Wallingford on Monday, June 24. Carol was born in New Haven, daughter of the late Richard F. Wall Sr. and Doris Irene Wilson Wall.

Carol was a 1958 graduate of Sacred Heart Academy. She began her working career in the insurance industry and has maintained many friends from her years at Nationwide Insurance. Later she worked for various brokerage firms in operations and administration, retiring in 2009 from Merrill Lynch. From 2010 - present she was president of the Senior Friends of Hebron.

She was the wife of the late Clifford N. Pugliese and beloved mother of Clifford R. Pugliese of Amston; loving grandmother of Jessica and Zachery Pugliese; sister of Richard F. Wall, Jr and his wife Maureen of Abington, Mass., and Kenneth F. Wall of Branford. She is also survived by a step-mother Marie DeNegre Wall of Branford along with her extended Pugliese family; Raymond and Virginia Pugliese of Wallingford and five nieces and two nephews.

Friends may call Saturday, June 29 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Guilford Funeral Home, 115 Church St., Guilford. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. George Church, 33 Whitfield St., Guilford at 10 a.m. Saturday. Burial will follow in All Saints Cemetery, 700 Middletown Ave., North Haven.

Contributions in Carol's memory may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Attn: Donor Services, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas 75265-0309 or the Hebron Senior Center, 14 Stonecroft Dr., Hebron, Conn., 06248.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence for the family, visit GuilfordFuneralHome.com.

Portland

Ruth Helen Grimaila

Ruth Helen (Parzych) Grimaila, 81 of Centerville, Ohio passed away June 19. Born June 18, 1932 to Joseph and Anna Parzych of New Britain, she was the 3rd of their 4 children. She married Raymond M. Grimaila from New Britain in 1954 and raised three sons. She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Anna Parzych; her husband, Raymond Grimaila; her sister, Marion Lastauskas; and her brother, Joseph Parzych.

Over the years, the family lived in New Britain, Middletown, Portland, and Bryan, Texas. After her husband's death, she moved with her son Michael and his family to Centerville, Ohio.

Ruth was an avid reader, loved crossword puzzles, and making trips to the casino with her son Michael where she enjoyed good luck. Ruth was known for her positive attitude, enjoyed spending time with her friends, and keeping close contact with her childhood friends from New Britain. Ruth, our loving mother/grandmother/sister/friend, we all miss you. You were always so loving and caring. You are in god's care now and at peace in his loving arms.

Ruth is survived by her sons Robert (Patricia) Grimaila of Omaha, Neb.; Raymond (Janet and daughter Zoe) Grimaila of Raleigh, N.C.; and Michael (Shannon and daughter Rhiannon) Grimaila of Centerville, Ohio and by her brother Richard (Patricia) Parzych of Colchester.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105.

Marlborough

Donald L. Emory

Donald "Don" L. Emory, (81), of Port Charlotte, FL and Marlborough, formerly of Glastonbury, husband of the late Nancy H. Emory, passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 25. Don was born May 27, 1932 in Laurel, Del.

He graduated from the University of Delaware, class of 1954, with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He moved to Connecticut where he began his professional career with United Technologies Corporation June 22, 1954. During his 39 year career with UTC, he had a variety of responsibilities including the development of power plants for both military and commercial aircraft engines along with failure analysis that lead to extended engine life.

During the latter part of his career, he worked closely with one of the leading aircraft manufacturers and the FAA, to obtain Airworthiness Certification for single engine operation of twin-engine aircrafts, allowing them to fly with one engine in excess of 90 minutes over water.

Prior to his retirement, he was elected Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 2202 in Glastonbury during 1977. After retiring, he and his wife Nancy, of 32 years, relocated to Port Charlotte, Fla. where they joined Riverwood Golf Club. He was very active in golf and social activities. He had many friends who he enjoyed playing cards and golf with. Don served as the golf club handicap chairman for four years. He also served a four-year term as the president of the Neighborhood Association for Bay Ridge.

Don will be remembered by his family and friends including his three daughters, Cheryl Stomberg of Colchester, Linda Addington of Marlborough and Susan Emory of Colchester; a son, Stephen Emory of Portland along with nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends and relatives may pay their respects today, Friday, June 28, from 5-7 p.m. at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Ave., Glastonbury. A Celebration of Life will be held at Farley-Sullivan, Saturday, June 29 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Green Cemetery, (Section A), Hubbard St., Glastonbury.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial donations be made in Don's name to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center, Hartford Hospital, 80 Seymour St., Hartford, Conn., 06102.

To extend online expressions of sympathy or for further information, visit farleysullivan.com.