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Smell the Roses... This year's rose sale was deemed a success by the Marlborough Lions Club. Funds from the 260 dozen roses that were sold will be used to support local, national and international programs. Shown here with some of the flowers are, from left to right, Lions Glenn Warstock, Ray Marino and Tom Reiser.

Gaudinski Proposes \$4.61 Million Budget

by Melissa Roberto

At Tuesday's Marlborough Board of Selectmen meeting, First Selectwoman Cathi Gaudinski presented a draft of the proposed town operations budget of \$4,597,286 for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

The proposed spending package – which does not factor in the local Board of Education or RHAM budgets – is a 3.61 percent increase, or \$159,971, over the current spending package of \$4,437,315.

The purpose of Tuesday's budget discussion was for Gaudinski to give a brief overview of each department and point out the major increases and decreases over the current year's spending. A special selectmen meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. at Town Hall for continued discussion on the budget.

At the start of the discussion Gaudinski informed the selectmen that the budget was developed based upon "actual expenditures" in the current fiscal year.

Overall, the selectwoman said a 2.5 percent placeholder was included for most part-time and full-time salaries. She furthered contract negotiations for two American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) bargaining units will occur in July, and the Teamster's Union negotiations have not yet been settled.

However, Gaudinski did direct attention to the salary of the administrative assistant to the

first selectman. There is a proposed increase of about \$8,500, from \$34,539 in the current year to \$43,056. This reflects a 24.66 percent increase. Gaudinski said the reason for this was for the position "to be more competitive and a salary in line with other wages earned in Town Hall."

Gaudinski then showed a four-year history of the assistant's salary compared to two administrative assistants within Public Works and the Building Department. Currently Gaudinski's assistant is receiving \$18.45 per hour compared to other assistants in Town Hall receiving over \$25 per hour.

An impact to the budget that Gaudinski said the town hasn't seen in recent years is technology upgrades within Town Hall. This is seen throughout the budget in a number of line items. For example, a line item within the Town Clerk's department is rising by \$2,720 to cover the costs of new software that now backs up records online. This increase is caused by the software's monthly fee going up. However, Gaudinski said this monthly fee does include IT support which helps fill the void of an IT Department in Town Hall. Therefore, the selectwoman said, "It's very important we have support there."

A \$6,000 server is also proposed in the budget. This would replace the current Town Hall

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Colchester Theater to Perform *Les Mis*

by Melissa Roberto

Chances are you've heard of the iconic musical *Les Miserables*, the world's longest-running musical, and a plot that hit the big screen two years ago.

But in case you've never attended a Broadway show, or have never seen the movie, or even if you're dying to see it again, the Colchester Community Theater's (CCT) 70 cast members have been perfecting their pitches to bring the musical to a stage near you – at Bacon Academy – next weekend.

Director Wallis Johnson said this week it's a show that's never made its way to the Bacon Academy auditorium before, and may not again for a while. Late last year, for the first time, the Music Theatre International's rights to *Les Miserables* became available to community theaters. Thus, CCT reacted quickly.

"This year is the first time in over 30 years that the show has ever been accessible to community theaters," said Johnson, "so we jumped on that."

And come March it will be performed on Broadway again, meaning community theaters will no longer be given the rights to perform it.

With that said, the cast has spent the last six

weeks fine-tuning the show's two acts, which feature a plot that is more mature than CCT's past shows. The musical is based off of a novel written in the late 1800s by French poet and playwright Victor Hugo. Johnson explained the novel is Hugo's commentary of the political climate at the time. The musical deals with poverty and imprisonment but by its end, it's "one of hope and redemption," the director said.

Last year's show was *Cinderella* and the year before that, *Anything Goes*. In addition to the mature plot, the director said the show varies from others because there is no speaking at all. It's 100 percent singing.

"It's incredibly challenging vocally," Johnson said.

Kevin Shirey, who plays one of the show's lead roles of Javert, can attest to that. Shirey is responsible for memorizing 22 minutes of music and he said the hardest part of the show is "synching up with the orchestra." If you forget a verse, you have to keep singing, he said.

Another challenge for Shirey is playing the role of a stern policeman, which is much different from personalities he is used to acting out.

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Colchester Community Theater (CCT) cast members have spent the last six weeks rehearsing the theater's upcoming musical, *Les Miserables*. Shown above, cast members took the Bacon Academy stage to belt out "One Day More," just one of several songs audience members will have the chance to hear next weekend.

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server that has no space left, Gaudinski said. Other technological upgrades include two new computers for the Town Garage.

The personnel account is proposed to increase by 1.37 percent, from \$719,519 in the current fiscal year to \$729,400. Within this department is a placeholder for health insurance, which actually shows a drop of about \$8,000, from this year's \$320,981 to \$312,913. Gaudinski said though the value is subject to change, and although insurance rates have increased, health insurance has dropped because two employees have changed from a family plan to an "employee plus one" plan.

Insurance and bonds, however, within the administrative expenses account, is anticipated to rise by 7.63 percent over the current year. The line item jumps from \$107,808 in the current year to \$116,036. Gaudinski said this is a result of worker's compensation claims and liability.

An increase of \$22,833 is proposed under the professional line item in the Land Use Department. Gaudinski said this increase includes the Town Planner's salary as well as a change in the position of Building Official rising from 22 and a half hours per week to 32 hours per week. The selectwoman said the initial request was for 36 hours. The change in hours has been proposed because the building official has been working more as a result of an increased workload, Gaudinski said.

Another proposed increase is within the general maintenance portion of the budget. The proposal is to increase road maintenance by \$20,000, from the current \$130,000 to \$150,000. Gaudinski said this would cover costs for crack sealing, catch basin cleaning, and culvert repairs, among other things.

The contracted services account is also rising by \$10,000. This is caused by a new project where ordinances are going to be put online in a searchable database.

Additionally, a proposed \$15,000 increase is included in the professional engineering account. This increase would bring the line item to \$65,000 for the next fiscal year from \$50,000 included in the current budget. However, Gaudinski said that has increased due to actual expenses.

"We've been under funding that line item," Gaudinski said after the meeting.

The budget timeline shows that in the 2012-13 fiscal year budget professional engineering was at \$70,266, and the year before that, over \$96,000.

The budget proposal also showed the town's debt service at a 7.62 percent decrease over the

current year. This is over a \$200,000 reduction from \$2,659,873 in the current fiscal year to \$2,457,288.

"For the first time we're seeing a slight drop in our debt service for the coming year," Gaudinski said.

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Also at Tuesday's meeting, the board unanimously voted to allow Gaudinski to sign and authorize an application Marlborough would submit to be considered for the Local Bridge Program, a grant in which the town would receive federal funding to rebuild one of its bridges.

Town Planner Peter Hughes was in attendance to discuss the application. He said the need for federal funding comes after the state Department of Transportation (DOT) deemed the Fawn Brook Bridge in need of reconstruction on May 1, 2013. The DOT, as it is required to do every two years, inspected all of the town's bridges at the time and found Fawn Brook Bridge, located near the intersection of South Main Street and Kellogg Road, to have deteriorated quickly since the 2011 DOT inspection. The bridge was temporarily fixed the same week, leaving it open to one lane of traffic.

The town learned the bridge would ultimately need to be rebuilt. If Marlborough receives the grant, the federal government would cover 80 percent of the reconstruction costs, while the town would be responsible for paying 20 percent. Hughes showed a preliminary project cost estimate of \$1,279,000 with the federal request at a total of \$1,023,200. Hughes said these numbers were estimated by Jacobson & Associates, the town's on-call engineering service firm.

Now that the application was approved by the selectmen, the town will wait to see if it is considered. This process could take anywhere from two to six months, Hughes said. Additionally, this would cause an increase to the budget. In order for the project to be approved, money has to be set aside beforehand, he said.

Hughes said rebuilding the bridge in the future is "going to be an inconvenience," as there would be no access to the bridge for nearly two years.

The selectmen will be updated on the process, and if the project ends up moving forward, a public hearing would need to be held when the bridge design is 30 percent completed. In the meantime, the selectmen agreed the public would need to be made aware of this.

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

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"I've always tried to play lightweight and happy characters," he said. "It's very different to play someone real dark."

But bringing out that inner aggression is also exciting, he said.

"You just think of a bad day at work and it just comes out," Shirey said with a laugh.

James R. Williams Jr. agreed. He plays the lead role of Jean Valjean, a thief who is imprisoned at the start of the show and whose fate evolves before the audience. Like Shirey, the "sad story" of Valjean differs greatly from the comedic roles he's played in shows around the state for the last 30 years. But playing a darker role is one that Williams said he's enjoying because he feels "it's good to explore characterizations that you're not familiar with."

A resident of Plainville, Williams added the 50-minute drive to each rehearsal is "worth it," for he's playing a role that he's eyed since he was a young boy watching the show on Broadway.

"It's one of those crown jewels," he said.

Les Mis seems to be just as satisfactory for CCT's youngest actors. Seven-year-old Teagan Krieger of Glastonbury said *Les Mis* is her favorite musical. To prepare for her role as Little Cosette, Krieger said whenever she learned something new she would practice at home with her mom "all night." The young actress has a solo in the play, "Cast on a Cloud."

Another young actor who Johnson believes will "steal the audience's heart" is 13-year-old Joe Czapiga who will play the role of Gavroche. Czapiga also played a role in CCT's summer show *The Little Mermaid* as Sebastian the crab.

Czapiga said his favorite scene is the Beggar's Scene, in which it's his duty to "pump everyone up." In terms of what the audience can expect, Czapiga said, "tears. Lots of tears."

"It's not a miracle, happy-ever-after show but it does have a good ending," the 13-year-old said.

The performance will include the popular songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," and "The People's Song."

Johnson said the performance is also complete with "spectacular sets and costumes." In fact, she continued cast members have prob-

ably the most costume changes out of any other CCT show. Members will change from prisoner garments, to rags, and into fancy wedding costumes. The detailed sets also set the backdrop for an 1850s time period.

Other lead roles include Madame Thenardier played by Diane Ozmun, Monsieur Thenardier played by Charles DellaRocca, adult Cosette played by Siobhan Fitzgerald, older Eponine played by Emily Young, little Eponine played by Emma Kindl, Marius played by Adam Tortorello, and Enjoiras played by Jason Phillips.

Asked what to expect, Williams said, "a tremendous cast and a great orchestra." The lead concluded "it's going to be a hell of a show."

Performance dates are Friday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m., all at the Bacon Academy High School auditorium, 611 Norwich Ave.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children age 12 and under. Preferred-seating tickets (a maximum of 50 each performance) are available for \$20 each. Preferred-seating ticket-holders are asked to arrive at least a half hour before performance times as the entrance to obtain seats will be allowed before the general audience. Seating for the general audience will take place 20-30 minutes before the performance time.

Several ticket purchase options are available. Online ticket sales (credit card only) are available through ShowTix4U; see additional information at colchestercommunitytheatre.com.

In-person ticket sales (cash and check only) are available at Copies Plus... more, 31 Halls Hill Rd., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Credit card sales by phone will be available through CCT's "virtual box office" by calling 860-287-7309. Leave a name and phone number and calls will be returned within 24 hours.

Tickets will also be available at the door on performance days subject to availability. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. All ticket sales are final.

In case of inclement weather, call 860-537-7297 for updates. CCT is sponsored by Colchester Parks & Recreation.

Portland Musicians Release First Album

by Elizabeth Bowling

Three former Portland residents have joined forces to create music that they hope transcends beyond the local community.

Brian Moore, 27, originally of Portland, is the lead vocalist in the Glastonbury-based band Paragon. Their album, "Bare Your Soul" came out last October.

Moore moved from Portland to East Hartford two and a half years ago but his, as well as two of his band mate's roots, remain planted in their hometown.

Moore said he met two of the other four band members while he was a student at Portland High School. Likewise, Steve Delesdernier, 26, and Josh Ingraham, 26, knew each other from their time at the school. They were the first two members of Paragon, with Delesdernier on lead guitar and Ingraham on drums. They then recruited Moore for vocals and took to Craigslist to round out the band. It was online where they found Dan Field, 31, to play rhythm guitar and Eric Rosier, 28, to play bass.

The band was officially established two years ago, and their debut album was printed last September and released the following month, Moore said.

He described Paragon as "hard rock," though it differs from most hard rock music because the vocals are "more melodic."

Asked how the band came up with its name, Moore said "we wrote down a big list of names that we thought were cool and we liked."

The five musicians settled on "Paragon," which means "a model of excellence," Moore explained.

He compared Paragon to bands like Incubus and Breaking Benjamin - who he said inspires the band members when they're songwriting.

Personally, Moore said, "I love Incubus."

Ingraham is particularly inspired by Breaking Benjamin, while Delesdernier looks to 80s

metal bands like Aerosmith for inspiration, Moore said.

Despite the members' different tastes in music, or perhaps because of it, they were able to write all the songs on their first album in just over one year, Moore said. They started recording some songs while they were still working on others, he explained, thus expediting the process.

They recorded about two or three times each month for 13 to 14 months at a studio in Middletown called the Coffee House, Moore said. And with the first album under their belt, he added they've already gotten to work on their second, which they're recording in a room at Nap Brothers, a parlor frame company in Glastonbury.

He affirmed that the second album will differ from the first.

"It'll be more of an upbeat sound than 'Bare Your Soul.' It'll be more in depth and more detailed because we'll have more time and we'll be doing it ourselves," he said - noting that recording at Nap Brothers would create major cost and time savings for the band.

Of all the songs on their first album, Moore said the band's favorite is "Wanted." He said it's also the "fan favorite."

"It's probably the first song that we actually wrote all together - in the same room, sat down and wrote the song," he stated. "It's where we found the style that we have now."

Moore explained that he writes the lyrics and the other band members write the instrumental portions.

Along with working on their next album, Paragon has also entered into the Hard Rock Rising, a global Battle of the Bands competition. Fans can vote for Paragon to move on to the next round of the competition and if they're voted through, they'll play at the Battle of the Bands at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard



Paragon, a Glastonbury-based hard metal band consisting of three former Portland residents released its first album, "Bare Your Soul," last October. Lead singer Brian Moore, pictured here in Paragon's studio in Glastonbury, and his four band mates are already working on their next album.

and could win the ultimate prize: performing at a Battle of the Bands in Italy.

For instructions on how to vote for Paragon to move forward in the competition, visit the band's website at paragonmusic.org.

Paragon's next show is scheduled for Friday, March 14, at the Webster Underground in Hartford.

For more information about Paragon visit

facebook.com/paragonct. To purchase "Bare Your Soul," go to iTunes, Amazon or the band's website.

For tickets or a hard copy of the album send a private Facebook message to the band, leave a comment on their website, or email paragonmusic@ymail.com.

Meet – Another – New MES Principal

by Melissa Roberto

The second half of the 2013-14 school year at Marlborough Elementary School began with the welcoming of a new interim principal, Paula Schwartz.

And although Schwartz is one of the newest additions to MES, she's not necessarily a stranger. Schwartz is familiar with many in the Marlborough community, as she formerly held the position of principal at one of the district's neighboring schools, RHAM High School.

Originally, Schwartz retired from her career in education in 2007 but has accepted various interim positions similar to her new role in Marlborough ever since. She has been hired to see out the rest of the one-year interim position left vacant at the end of 2013 by Kathy Veronesi, who left the district upon accepting the position of Superintendent of Regional District 13 (Durham and Middlefield).

Schwartz holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from City College of New York, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a sixth-year degree in educational leadership from the University of Connecticut.

She began her career in education as a math teacher, and has since ended it as a seasoned administrator. In addition to holding the principal position of RHAM from 1991-96, Schwartz was initially assistant principal and following that, principal of Farmington High School. She eventually took her administrative career out of state, as the principal of Summit High School in Summit, New Jersey.

In 2003 Schwartz found herself back in Connecticut, and accepted the position of superintendent of Region 10 (Burlington and Harwinton). And it seems her retirement in 2007 was short-lived. In recent years Schwartz has served in various capacities including Assistant

Superintendent of South Windsor Public Schools and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum in Avon Public Schools.

Additionally, since retiring, Schwartz was asked to serve on a committee involved in teacher accreditation by the former Commissioner of Education for the State of Connecticut, Mark McQuillan. Schwartz said this role kept her "abreast" of the sweeping changes in school districts in the country, such as the new mandate for teacher evaluations that went into effect this year.

And now, Schwartz has found herself immersed in a school that makes up part of the regional population of RHAM middle and high schools, which accepts students from Marlborough, Hebron and Andover. In the last Board of Education meeting held Jan. 28, Schwartz commented positively on her return to the area.

"Many of us leave a job never to return and I have the luxury of coming back and just seeing people that I haven't seen for 18 years," she said. "It's a great feeling to be back and I feel very welcome."

Superintendent of Marlborough Schools David Sklarz also commented that evening on Schwartz's return, stating her "expertise and experience is really going to be a big help for all of us."

Schwartz said "the best part" of her new role has been reconnecting with former RHAM high school students, who now have children attending MES. A bulletin board hangs in her office filled with pictures of her former RHAM high school students, and Schwartz said it's been a fun experience to have visitors stop by her office and find themselves on it.

"It's nice to see how the kids turned out," said Schwartz. "That's been absolutely fabu-

lous."

Similarly, Schwartz only had positive things to say about her new student population.

"It's a wonderful community," Schwartz said of MES. "It's very close-knit and supportive of the kids. And what strikes you immediately is how nice the kids are."

Schwartz coined her new position "a comfortable transition" thanks to the teachers, parents and students. In turn, Schwartz hopes to move forward with the school year and to leave the school in good shape upon her exit.

"I would like to think that I not only kept it on a steady path but I continued to improve the education programs," Schwartz said of her goal for the end of the year.

The interim principal said she hopes to keep MES "moving forward" by making sure the new testing of the Smarter Balanced Assessment is a smooth transition, as well as working on the STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics) Room enhancements of new units and lessons, working with the Marlborough Education Foundation and professional development and hiring.

An aspect of MES that is unique this year is the resignation of Assistant Principal and Director of Special Education Maureen Ryan, as well as four teacher retirements. Schwartz said Sklarz has asked her to participate in the hiring process.

"That's what I took on when I took the position," Schwartz said. "I've always been a mentor to younger teachers and administrators so I feel that I can make a nice contribution to that process."

And although Schwartz's retirement came with the intentions of traveling with her husband Roy and spending time with her six grandchildren, Schwartz said it's hard to say if this



Paula Schwartz

school year will be her last.

"Something always intrigues me to get involved again," Schwartz said with a laugh. "I enjoy the kids. I enjoy the leadership work."

But for now, Schwartz says her focus is to keep MES "moving forward."

"I would not like to think of myself as a caretaker but someone who supported the teachers in their efforts to improve instruction for kids," she concluded.

Schwartz officially began her work as interim Jan. 2, and is expected to remain in the interim position until June 30 of this year. At that time, it's anticipated the permanent principal position—currently being advertised—will be filled.

Caucus Determines Soucy a Candidate in Marlborough

by Melissa Roberto

A Democratic caucus was held Monday night to endorse one registered Democrat for the Democratic selectman seat that is up for grabs.

And it turns out a majority of Democratic voters at the caucus agreed with the initial appointment made in December by First Selectwoman Cathi Gaudinski and selectman Dick Shea, as both votes resulted in the same outcome: support for Democrat Denis Soucy.

Soucy has served as the Democratic selectman on the three-member board since December, following the November resignation of Democratic selectman Mike Gut who moved out of town. According to state law, the remaining selectmen were responsible for filling the seat, and ultimately chose Soucy, who was one out of three candidates. The other candidates were Torin Lee-Lewis, who was endorsed by the Democratic Town Committee (DTC), and Eric Young.

But over 200 voters in Marlborough signed a petition last month that could jeopardize Soucy's appointment. Resident Lauren Cragg submitted the petition, which calls for a special election, at which all voters would weigh in at the polls. This is a legal process also allowed by state statute, and the first step of the process began with Monday's caucus.

According to DTC secretary Ann Kilby, 48 registered Democrats of Marlborough attended the caucus. Soucy and Lee-Lewis were both nominated. Kilby said a vote was then taken by paper ballot, and Soucy received 33 votes while Lee-Lewis was supported by 15 votes.

Kilby said she felt Monday's caucus resulted in "a positive outcome."

"We had a good showing," Kilby continued. DTC Vice chairman Joe La Bella felt similarly.

"I'm very pleased to see that number of people getting involved in the process," La Bella said of the nearly 50 Democrats who attended. "I'm happy now that the Democratic Party has had the opportunity to choose a person to fill the vacant seat."

And although Soucy came out on top for a second time, his seat on the board isn't guaranteed. Town Clerk Nancy Dickson confirmed registered Democrats have until Feb. 19 to file a primary petition with the clerk's office if they'd like to be a candidate. The primary petition requires 63 signatures. A Democratic primary would then be held, which would include a vote between whoever files a petition and Soucy.

In accordance to a timeline provided by the Secretary of the State's office, a primary would

be held on March 25, from 6 a.m.-8p.m., at Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Dr. Only registered Democrats of Marlborough would be able to vote in the primary.

There is also the opportunity for individuals to file a nominating petition. This type of petition would allow for a Marlborough registered voter—other than a Republican—to run in a special election. A Republican cannot fill the seat because there are already two Republicans (Gaudinski and Shea) seated on the board. Dickson said this paperwork is done through the Secretary of the State's office. These petitions require an amount of signatures based off of one percent of the votes Gut received when he was elected in 2011, which is "seven or eight signatures," Dickson said. Anyone who wishes to file a nominating petition has until March 11 to turn it into the town clerk's office.

The final option would be for those interested in the role to file a petition to become a write-in candidate, Dickson said. A write-in candidate would also be placed on the special election ballot but voters would not have any knowledge of this candidate until the day of the election. Dickson explained this is because the write-in candidate would not be publicized. The deadline to file paperwork to the town

clerk's office to become a write-in candidate is May 6. Dickson said there is a required amount of signatures needed but was unaware of the number as of this week.

If nominating petitions or write-in petitions come forward, Dickson said the election would be held on May 20, 6 a.m.-8 p.m., also at MES, 25 School Dr. The clerk furthered if a primary is held but no other petitions come forward she believes the winner of the primary would "automatically be the selectman." If no petitions come forward at all, including a primary petition, Dickson said she believes Soucy would keep his seat as selectman based on his endorsement on Monday. However, these circumstances would not be confirmed until after all of the deadlines have been met, the last one being May 6.

Soucy commented this week on the outcome of the caucus.

"I am very grateful to the people who braved the bad weather Monday evening and attended the Democratic caucus," he said. "It was a good displacement of how our democratic process works."

Soucy added, "A personal thank you to those who voted for me. I will continue to work hard toward the betterment of the town."

The seat Gut held expires in November 2015.

East Hampton Superintendent Hosts Forum on School Standards

by Elizabeth Bowling

East Hampton's superintendent of schools held a public forum last Thursday night, Jan. 30, at East Hampton Middle School to discuss the federally mandated Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

Approximately 70 interested members of the public attended, including parents of East Hampton youngsters and a handful of concerned high school students.

Superintendent Diane Dugas explained the district is currently working to align its curriculum to the CCSS.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Tim Van Tasle said the East Hampton school district will develop its own curriculum based on the needs of its students and requirements of the CCSS. He explained the state does not determine what East Hampton's curriculum focus will be, rather the district itself determines its own focuses or "priority standards."

"There is great flexibility given to school districts to really design what they want to see as a priority standard within a unit of study that's being taught," he stated.

In considering the new curriculum, Dugas said kids' skills must be "varied and flexible" in order for them to succeed in college and their future careers. She cited research which stated children today will have seven careers throughout their lives – not jobs, but careers – and technology is likely going to play a major part in those careers. Taking that into consideration, technology and digital literacy are going to be important components in aligning the Common Core to the East Hampton curriculum.

Dugas said, "Technology is an important part of learning" and that's why the district is bringing in new technology and working toward making students more digitally literate.

Technology and digital literacy are also imperative because the new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing is computerized.

The SBAC assesses the CCSS and will replace the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT), which was for students in grades three through

eight, and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT), which was for 10th grade students.

Dugas affirmed this year was a pilot year for the SBAC, and some parents in the audience said they thought the new testing was a "waste of time" and asked for an option for their children to opt out of the assessment.

But Dugas provided the *Rivereast* with a statement from the Connecticut Department of Education, which said "the district has no degrees of freedom in the matter. Federal and state law requires that public school students are to be tested."

It furthered, "According to the state there is no opt-out language in the law. As long as the student is enrolled in a Connecticut public school, the district is required to test them on some form of the statewide exam."

Dugas explained there is a federal mandate that students take an assessment each year. This year, the East Hampton school district chose to have students take the SBAC field test rather than the CMT and CAPT, as they are now obsolete.

She called the SBAC "the lesser of two evils."

Another concern among parents regarding the SBAC was whether their children were ready for computerized testing.

But Van Tasle said it would probably be the "rigor" of the new assessment, not the technology portion, that would be the biggest challenge to students taking the SBAC.

Regardless, Van Tasle said, "At some point in time students are going to need to be able to take an assessment in front of a computer."

For example, he said students may need to take the SATs on a computer in the future.

"We're moving into online technology," he said.

Also at last week's forum, Dugas explained that the new standards use "sequenced progressions" that "build upon one another." Thus mastery is now expected at each grade level, which differs from the district's past curriculum.

"We would expect certain things to be mastered by a certain grade level. It doesn't mean that you don't use it [later on]," she said.

Some parents were concerned about the now mandated "mastery."

Dugas provided reassurance. She used counting as an example: kindergarten students are expected to master the ability to count to 100, and even though she could do it in kindergarten, she continued to use her ability throughout her entire education and beyond.

Dugas said "mastery" simply means a student would need to be proficient in an area in one grade level in order to move on and use it more deeply in the next grade level.

Van Tasle further explained, "With the Common Core State Standards, there's fewer standards that teachers need to teach over the course of the school year giving them more time to go in depth with those standards in hopes that students will be at mastery."

Dugas echoed Van Tasle.

"It's a deeper thinking for students to engage in – that critical thinking and a deeper problem solving aspect."

Van Tasle assured parents that the district would help with student mastery by providing students with an intervention program if necessary because, he said, "we are anticipating with these standards that there may be higher numbers of students who struggle with them the first time."

Dugas elaborated that teachers assess their students everyday. She explained that if a teacher notices a student struggling, the teacher might put the student in a smaller group to work, or ask for additional resources from other teachers. It doesn't necessarily mean a student gets pulled from class.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, a parent in the audience asked about students that are quick to master a concept, like her daughter. She wondered if accelerated students would be able to move on sooner than their classmates.

Dugas said that in those cases, students would be expected to go further with a concept by "applying it deeper."

Other parents spoke throughout the forum and expressed concern that the CCSS caused teachers a "tremendous amount of anxiety," and that the changes may cause children to lose their love of learning early on, or their ability to think creatively.

Students who were present at the forum spoke as well.

Alex Balletto, a junior at EHHS, said vocabulary should be a priority standard in East Hampton schools.

"Because of the SATs, you should always be learning more vocab," he said.

Dugas responded that vocabulary will continue to be taught in East Hampton schools, but the way it is taught may be different. For example, rather than "rogue memorization" of vocabulary, it would be "embedded" she said.

Another concern came from Demitra Kourtzidis, a junior at EHHS, who said the changing curriculum may cause her grades to suffer in her Advanced Placement (AP) classes, thus potentially affecting where she goes to college.

"I respect that kids should have skills when they graduate. But I have those skills and I still have to waste class time in my AP classes doing essays that I've done since eighth grade," she said. "That's taking away from my learning. That's not challenging me. And that's hurting me for college and life."

Dugas acknowledged that the new curriculum would be a major transition for current students, teachers and administrators. In a concluding statement, she said, "There's a great deal more communication to be had" in order for parents to understand the benefits of rigorous learning and the challenges education is currently facing.

She welcomes parents to call or email her or arrange a time for her to come to their homes and discuss the CCSS with a small group over coffee.

Links to more information on the CCSS and the SBAC can be found at the district website, easthamptonps.org.

East Hampton Superintendent Proposes \$28.83 Million Budget

by Elizabeth Bowling

East Hampton's superintendent of schools presented the Board of Education with a \$28.83 million budget proposal for the 2014-15 school year – a 4.7 percent increase from the current school year's budget of \$27.53 million.

Superintendent Diane Dugas explained the makeup of the proposed \$28,825,560 budget at the meeting Monday night: 62 percent would go toward salaries and wages; 18 percent would be benefits; and the remaining 20 percent would consist of buses and fuel, utilities, supplies and textbooks, and outside services and software, to name a few.

She also explained the "budget drivers" – those factors that are driving the 4.7 percent, or approximately \$1.3 million increase. According to Dugas, the biggest drivers are salaries and benefits as well as insurance, technology, school safety, magnet enrollment and special education. Additionally, the federally and state mandated Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and teacher evaluations drove cost up, she said.

For example, as a result of the CCSS, Dugas' proposal included "instructional coaching positions" and "technology" in the proposed budget at \$210,000 and \$75,000, respectively.

She also noted that enrollment at East Hampton Public Schools is projected to decline in upcoming years. Unfortunately, she said, any cost savings from the declining enrollment is "offset" by the implementation of new programs and resources to support state initiatives and make East Hampton Public Schools "competitive" against magnet schools.

Dugas said the East Hampton district is working to counteract the increasing number of students attending magnet schools by redoing its website and creating brochures of each school for distribution as ways to better market the district.

Additionally, Dugas arranged meetings with real estate agents "to be able to foster an understanding of what the community has to offer" to potential new residents, she said.

If the proposed budget is passed, certified staffing costs would increase from \$13.84 million this year to \$14.25 million next year; classified staffing would increase from \$3.6 million to \$3.78 million; benefits would increase from \$4.73 million to \$5.07 million; and outside services and software would increase from \$848,000 to \$1.04 million.

The cost of utilities would decrease from this year to next year – from \$815,000 to \$810,000 – as would the cost of supplies and textbooks – from \$641,000 to \$607,000.

Dugas' budget proposal includes an increase in costs to cover the East Hampton children who attend magnet schools. This year's magnet tuition total is \$140,000, but is proposed to jump to \$157,000 for next year.

Dugas noted the importance of the town's public schools, thus validating the pricey budget.

"We are – as the East Hampton Public Schools – the town's largest real estate and human resource investment. When we think about the number of buildings we have and the number of employees we have, we are the largest asset to the town," she said.

That being considered, Dugas said the proposed budget is "conservative."

She added, "We also have looked at the impact of the high school renovation on the town and both the town's perception and the reality of that project on this budget and future budgets."

In looking forward to the budget proposal for

the 2015-16 school year, Dugas said she plans to come up with a three-year budget proposal, rather than a one-year budget proposal like the one she presented this week.

Asked about the purpose of a three-year budget proposal, Dugas said it's two-fold. First, she said, "for transparency – for the public to see where our vision is for the future and how we're going to get there." Second, she said, "so that we do know where we're ultimately going and at what cost."

Patience Anderson, a member of the Town Council, expressed her support of the forward-thinking plan during the public comment portion of the meeting.

She said, "It's wonderful to see that you're looking beyond this year's budget."

Board of Education Chairman Ken Barber was also supportive of Dugas' vision and appreciative of her "fresh set of eyes" on the budget.

The Board of Education will have budget workshops Monday, Feb. 10, and Thursday, Feb. 20. The board will vote on the budget Monday, Feb. 24.

East Hampton Talks Budgets, Capital Funds

by Elizabeth Bowling

The East Hampton Town Council and boards of finance and education held a tri-board meeting Tuesday night to discuss priorities and balance relating to their budgets.

The discussion was based on generalities, rather than hard numbers, because the town's budget has not yet been presented.

Board of Finance Chairman Ted Turner said there needs to be balance between the Board of Education's budget, the town operating budget and the capital budget.

"Capital improvement has taken a backseat in recent years," which has caused town buildings to suffer, he said.

Town Council member Patience Anderson said, "I've always been a proponent of capital."

She added if the town is going to take on projects like the high school building renovation and making improvements to the police department building, then it would need to adequately fund its debt sinking fund.

She explained that the town has a debt sinking fund to help pay future debt as it becomes due so that taxpayers aren't expected to pay debts all at once.

"It's a well of resource," she said. "We need to mitigate the future debt of taxpayers."

Town Manager Mike Maniscalco called the debt sinking fund "a great idea." He said he's hopeful to be able to fund it again this year because it "softens the impact of upcoming debt."

Continuing the discussion on capital, Board of Finance member Mary Ann Dostaler said she hopes there is "great consideration for long-term capital needs that the town has overlooked for too long."

Kevin Reich, the vice chairman of the Town Council, agreed.

"We need to invest in capital," he said. "We need to do this in order to move the community forward."

In regards to the school board's capital budget specifically, Board of Education member Steven Kelly encouraged members of the other two town boards to do a site visit of Center School, which makes up \$9,300 of the school board's capital budget, he said.

Superintendent of Schools Diane Dugas offered to facilitate Center School site visits for Town Council and Board of Finance members, and the Town Council Chairwoman Barbara Moore said "I think that's a good idea."

Turner suggested board members do a site visit of the police department, too. He said the building has liability and safety issues.

"It's been neglected for a long, long time" he stated.

Maniscalco agreed that it's "imperative" that the town look at its infrastructure – for example, of the schools and the police department – very seriously.

Regarding the town's needs to improve its police department, Board of Education Chairman Ken Barber asked Moore what the first step is. He wondered if a building committee would be put in place "to mirror the success of the high school building committee."

Moore said the council is currently discussing ways to solve the issues of the police department building, but she said, "I'm not sure what the first step is yet."

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Aside from capital funds, Barber told the other boards about the school board budget proposal, which is a 4.7 percent increase – approximately \$1.30 million – from the current year.

He said the board is "stuck with" 74 percent of that \$1.30 million increase "by contractual obligations." That 74 percent consists of personnel, like benefits and staffing. Another 5 percent consists of buses and fuel; 3 percent comes down to tuition and magnet schools – "we have no control of that," he said – and about 9 percent comes from outside services.

That leaves 9 percent of the increase as items the board "may have some control over," Barber concluded.

"We're not really asking for anything above and beyond," Barber said, with the exception of the implementation of full-day kindergarten for all East Hampton students. But even that, he said, is based on community interest. (The Board of Education has not yet voted on the implementation of full-day kindergarten for next year, but it is included in the proposed

budget.)

Dugas elaborated on the Board of Education's budget, noting that when she put it together, she considered plans for East Hampton Public Schools three to five years down the line.

Reich said he was impressed that the Board of Education is looking beyond this year's budget.

He added, "I think the town side of the budget also has to be looking at that as well. We need to prepare the community for the expenses that are going to occur. Over the last 20 years very little has been done in this community. But a good deal needs to be done – the police department for one, the fire department has issues, we can go on and on and on."

Reich threw his support behind the town's school buildings. He called the high school the civic and emergency center in town.

He furthered, "There's no reason why we shouldn't support all we can to improve this facility."

Reich urged the tri-board members in attendance to include as much as they desire in their budget proposals.

"I want to know what you feel we need," he said to the boards.

Moore also suggested that the boards "put it out there." Moore furthered that a board should include whatever it wants in its budget proposal regardless of the probability of a budget item being passed "because we don't know their needs unless we hear it from them."

"If they don't ask, they're not going to get it," she said. "We need to learn what they need. And if we need to put it off a couple years, that's what we need to do."

She added that departments should be able to "explain why" they are seeking funding for every item on their budgets.

"I don't think anything is off the table," Moore said. "We should listen to everyone."

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Regarding the town's future, Dostaler said it's important to consider that each department is asking for money from the taxpayers and to keep in mind that for the tax dollars the depart-

ments get, they need to give something back to the community.

Dostaler said the superintendent of schools had a "fresh eye" in creating the school board's budget proposal.

"I hope that we can look at the town budget with fresh eyes as well," she said. "Particularly, I would be very eager to see any recommendations to efficiencies [in the town manager's budget proposal] that can be gained as a result of the organizational assessment that has recently been completed."

Maniscalco said the organizational evaluation was funded by last year's budget. He affirmed that there are efficiencies the town can fund, but they may "cost a little bit on the front end."

Maniscalco used some of his floor time Tuesday to stress the importance of residents coming out to vote on the town budget.

"It's their opportunity to have the most say in our community," he said, calling the vote on the budget "the most powerful vote" of the year.

He said that as an East Hampton resident himself, he pays taxes to the town and he takes that into consideration when he puts the annual town budget together.

"We need to start looking at our budget not as numbers but as services and investments. We are investing in our community. And when we make an investment, we want to see a return," Maniscalco said. "I'm holding all my department heads accountable to show me what that return is for every increase."

A "return" on a budget increase may be increased services, faster plowing, better response times or increased programs, Maniscalco said.

He said he's not going to accept any budget increase unless he can see the return the investment would have. He said the department heads should be able to show him the returns.

In good news, Maniscalco concluded that the town's unemployment rate has dropped about 30 percent over the past year. In December 2013, unemployment was 5.7 percent, compared to 8.1 percent in January 2013.

"It's a dramatic decrease. It's a good sign for our community," he said.

Suspected Arson in Colchester

by Melissa Roberto

The Colchester Police are currently investigating a fire that took place last Sunday at a storage shed on Dr. Foote Road that is believed to have been an arson.

On Feb. 2, at approximately 4:22 p.m., the Colchester Hayward Fire Department (CHFD) received a call from a cellular device from someone in the area reporting smoke. Fire Marshal Reed Gustafson said fire fighters responded to the scene at 16 Dr. Foote Rd. two minutes later.

Upon arrival, fire fighters located a storage shed within a mixed commercial and residential area in Colchester that was found to be on fire with "some minor damage," Gustafson said.

According to a field card, the shed is owned by Elizabeth Manaforte, a resident of Vermont. Gustafson said the shed was vacant at the time of the fire.

Gustafson said the fire was put out "very quickly" and under control by 4:38 p.m. Eight pieces of fire apparatus responded to the scene, including one tanker, one ladder, three engine tanks, one service truck and one ambulance.

Gustafson said the storage shed did not include any utilities such as power, heat, etc. There were no injuries as a result of the fire.

The fire marshal, who is responsible for determining the cause of the fire, said, "based on evidence I determined it was an arson."

However, because the arson is currently being investigated by Colchester Police Gustafson could not elaborate more on his findings or the cause.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Robert Labonte with the Colchester Police at 860-537-7270.

Hebron Police News

2/1: Police said Kevin Tyler Blais, 21, of 18 Willieb St., Glastonbury, was charged with DUI and failure to drive right. His passenger, Graham A. Waddington, 22, of 260 Skinner Ln., was issued an infraction for creating a public disturbance. Police said the arrests were made following a motor vehicle collision that occurred at 82 Old Andover Rd. that damaged private property.

East Hampton Police News

1/28/14: Stanley McMullen, 72, of 9 West High St., East Hampton was placed under arrest and charged with second degree threatening, East Hampton Police said.

Colchester Police News

1/29: Colchester Police arrested Mark Eric Christensen, 37, of 7 Main St., East Hampton, on an active arrest warrant for the charges of DUI, failure to drive at a reasonable distance, insurance coverage fails to meet minimum requirements, operating a motorcycle under a suspended license, and failure to notify change of address.

1/29: State Police said Donald Lombardi Jr., 36, of 202 Anna Ave., Waterbury, was charged with first-degree harassment.

1/31: Colchester Police said Mary Fitzgerald, 48, of 67 Brindlewood Path, was charged with third-degree criminal mischief and breach of

peace.

2/2: State Police said Paul Cogswell, 43, of 23 Grand St., 2F, Middletown, was charged with criminal damage to landlord property, third-degree assault, breach of peace, risk of injury, interfering with a police officer, assault of a police officer, disorderly conduct and failure to submit to fingerprinting. Police said the arrest was made subsequent to a domestic violence investigation.

2/2: State Police said Matthew D. Patterson, 26, of 767A Norwich Ave., was charged with DUI, failure to drive right and failure to drive a reasonable distance.

Marlborough Police News

1/29: State Police said James Canidate, 37, of 421 Tolland St., East Hartford, was charged with DWI and speeding.

1/31: State Police said a one car crash occurred at the intersection of Jones Hollow Road and Cheney Road at approximately 12:26 p.m. Police said Irene Brown, 87, of 25 Riverside Dr., E3, Andover, attempted to negotiate a left turn onto Cheney Road when she left the right side of the roadway striking a bush and a rock with its front end. Police said Brown was transported to Marlborough Clinic by the Marlborough Fire Department for chest pain and minor cuts and bruises.

2/1: State Police said a three-car accident occurred at the intersection of route 66 (East Hampton Road) and South Main Street at approximately 10:18 a.m. Police said two vehicles, one operated by Catherine Feron, 50, of 135 Flood Rd., and another driven by Janice D. Smith, 56, of 30 West St., Hebron, were

stopped for a solid red overhead traffic light on route 66 eastbound. Police said a third vehicle driven by Patrice Smart, 55, of 4 Williamsburg Rd., struck Smith's vehicle from behind, pushing Smith's vehicle into Feron's. Police said all occupants of the three vehicles were transported to area hospitals. Feron was transported to the Marlborough Clinic by the East Hampton Fire Department for back and neck injuries. Smith was transported to Hartford Hospital by the Marlborough Fire Department for back, head and neck pain while her passenger, Lois E. Albert, 65, of 1071 Gilead St., Hebron, was also transported to Hartford Hospital by the East Hampton Fire Department for back, neck and head pain. Police said Smart was transported to Marlborough Clinic by the Marlborough Fire Department for head pain.

2/3: State Police said Danielle J. Jacobs, 25, of 33 West High St., East Hampton, was charged with DUI and failure to drive right.

Obituaries

Colchester

Dominick F. Sanzone

Dominick F. Sanzone, 84, of Colchester, passed away Saturday, Feb. 1, surrounded by his loving family.

Born Jan. 26, 1930 on the family farm in Lebanon where he worked at various times throughout his life, he was a son of the late Gregory and Lebronia (Drago) Sanzone.

He was a graduate of Lyman Memorial High School in Lebanon and went on to serve proudly with the U.S. Army.

During the 1960's, he drove school buses in Lebanon, before driving a milk tanker for Yankee Milk/CMPA during the 1970's. Lastly, he served as the Dog Warden for the town of Colchester before his retirement in 1993.

He leaves two children and their spouses, Donna and Rob Brown of Colchester and Dominick and Shawna Sanzone of Dayville; six grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; a brother, Joseph Sanzone of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a stepsister, Dora Morangelo of Brooklyn, N.Y.; special friends, the Fellows family of Colchester; and numerous extended family members and friends.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Rose Wengloski and Katherine Spencer, and a step-brother, Michael Tomminello.

A Chapel Service will be observed Saturday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester. The family will receive guests one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in the New St. Andrew Cemetery.

Colchester

Daphne Patricia Lappetito

Daphne Patricia Lappetito, 86, of Colchester and Moodus and formerly of England, widow of the late Joseph Lappetito, passed away Thursday, Jan. 30, at Hartford Hospital.

Born Oct. 26, 1927 in London, England, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Catherine (McCullough) Coulter.

Mrs. Lappetito was a communicant of St. Bridget of Kildare Church in Moodus, where she was active with the Ladies Guild. In her spare time, she was a talented artist, enjoying painting and drawing, as well as reading and playing Scrabble.

She leaves two daughters, Dimitroula Lylyk of Moodus, with whom she recently made her home and Madeline Johnston of England; three sons, Anthony Johnston and wife, Jean, Christopher Ryan and Martin Johnston, all of England; nine grandchildren, Dawn Shumbo and husband Tom, Stefanie Goodie and husband Travis, Tiffany Free and husband Nicholas, Charlotte, Simon, Nicholas, Timothy, Benjamin, and Andrea Johnston; fourteen great grandchildren, Ashley, Jake, Ava, Ellis, Holden, Nicole, Harley, Alaska, Colby, Hunter, Samuel, Rowan, Bailey and Corey; a sister, Benedicta Kocher of England and numerous extended family members and friends.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Dorothea Knight and Margaret Coulter; and a granddaughter, Stephanie Patricia.

The Memorial Liturgy will be celebrated Wednesday, March 12th at 11 a.m. at St. Bridget of Kildare Church, 75 Moodus-Leesville Road, Moodus. Burial will follow in St. Bridget Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

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

For online expressions of sympathy, visit auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

John Bayerowski

John Bayerowski, 76, of East Hampton, went home to the Lord Jan. 28, succumbing to complications of x cell carcinoma.

John was born May 2, 1937 at Backus Hospital in Norwich, the son of the late Zigmund and Mary Grace Bayerowski.

He was married for nearly 40 years to his surviving wife, Patricia.

He was an avid animal lover and also leaves his cats and dog Penny. His interests included fishing, boting, watching NASCAR racing, maintaining his property grounds since he was proud of his home, and enjoyed listening to country music.

Along with his wife, he is survived by two children from a previous marriage, son Gary Bayerowski and wife Gina; daughter Lory Balding and her son Bryan Bayerowski; and extended family and friends.

He was predeceased by stepson Scott Fowler. Caregivers commended during this trying time include his wife Pat, Holly, Dr. Robert Levy, Dr. Christopher Bentley as well as Middlesex Hospice staff.

Donations can be made to Protectors of Animals. Abbey Funeral Home in Rocky Hill is in charge of crematory arrangements. Burial is private.

Andover

Garrett Thomas Campen

Garrett Thomas Campen, 18, of Andover, beloved son of Catherine L. (Oliver) Campen and Glenwood B. Campen, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Garrett was born in Manchester Jan. 3, 1996, and was a lifelong Andover resident. He was in his senior year at RHAM High School where he was involved in athletics, most recently football and indoor track. He was a participant in the RHAM Special Olympics team in unified competitions and a member of the Andover Congregational Church.

With his parents, he is survived by his brother, Benjamin Joseph Campen; his paternal grandfather, Charles D. Oliver Sr. of Hebron; his mother's family, Aunt Sue Oliver of Bolton, Aunt Cindy Lukaszewicz of Lebanon, Uncle Chuck and Aunt Yvonne Oliver of Hebron and cousins, Stanley, Shawn, Michael, Cody, and Tyler; his father's family, Great Uncle George Sadler in Virginia, Uncle Sherrill Campen Jr. in North Carolina, Uncle Bill and Aunt Brenda Campen in Virginia, Aunt Dot and Uncle Ray Gates of Virginia Beach, Va., and cousins, David and Carol, Darrin and Sayo, Kenny and Yanna, Stefanie, Jason, Gary, Amanda and Nathan, and Raymond.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Mary D. (Sadler) Campen and Sherrill Grey Campen; and his aunt, Bernice Campen.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Andover Congregational Church, 359 Jonathan Trumbull Highway (Route 6). Visiting hours were held Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Holmes Funeral Home in Manchester.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Savings Institute Bank & Trust (memo: Garrett Campen Memorial Trust), P.O. Box 161, Hebron, CT 06248.

To leave a message for his family visit holmes-watkinsfuneralhomes.com.

East Hampton

Anthony F. "Babe" Christian

Anthony F. "Babe" Christian, 98, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22 in East Hampton. He was born April 15, 1915 in Glastonbury, where he farmed his land which is in most part now known as "Great Pond Estates." He also was the original owner of the Glastonbury Marina now known as "Sea Board Marina."

He retired from New Britain Machine after 35 years of service in 1978 and moved to Cape Cod, Mass. Babe was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox. After his wife, Cecelia "Sis" (Cardini) passed away Dec. 12, 1982, he married Ruth (Roots) and moved back to Glastonbury. After Ruth's passing in 1997 he moved to East Hampton where he has lived ever since.

He leaves behind his son, Larry Christian and his wife Judy of Arlington, Texas; his daughter, Linda Christian Miller of Palm Beach, Florida; his son, John Christian of New Haven; and his son, Joe Christian and wife Raini of East Hampton. He was the proud grandfather of Cindy, Larry, Nicki, Ryan, Lauren and Troy and also had ten great grandchildren.

Calling hours were Friday, Jan. 24 at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Ave., Glastonbury. Funeral Services were held Saturday, Jan. 25 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Augustine Church, 55 Hopewell Rd, South Glastonbury.

To extend online condolences or for further information visit farleysullivan.com.

Portland

Elizabeth S. Jarvis

Elizabeth S. Jarvis, 48, died Feb. 1 at Hartford Hospital after a long and courageous struggle against cancer. Lisa was born Feb. 18, 1965, to Penfield and Anne Bayha Jarvis in Hartford.

She attended Renbrook and Choate Rosemary Hall. As an avid rower, she was captain of women's crew and was honored with the prestigious Choate School Seal award. Upon graduation she spent one year traveling around the world. She earned a bachelor's degree in Economics from Yale University, class of 1988, where she continued her athletic career as a four-year member of the Yale women's golf team.

Lisa then joined the family business and served as a Vice-President and a Director of Penco Corporation, the parent of Jarvis Products Corporation where she was the General Manager of the Machine Tool division. She developed and promoted live tooling for CNC machine tools, as well as the company's historic machines and tools.

An energetic and active sportswoman, Lisa continued to play golf competitively at club tournaments and she enjoyed snow skiing, water skiing and fishing. Her cooking was legendary, especially her gourmet French dishes. She will be also remembered for her love of Connecticut's natural beauty through her tireless landscaping inspirations at the shore in Old Saybrook, at the farm in Portland and at her home in West Hartford. She loved her cats.

She is survived by her father Penfield Jarvis and his wife Teresa; her brother Jonathan Jarvis and his wife Kelly and their children, Blaine, Catherine, Will, Reed and William; her step-sister and step-brother Tracy (Ethan) Mann and Wade (Jillian) Finney and their families. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Lisa was predeceased by her mother Anne and her grandparents.

Her father would like to thank everyone at Dana Farber in Boston and at Hartford Hospital Cancer Centers for their support in Lisa's care.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Portland. Visitation is Friday, Feb. 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Portland Funeral Home, 231 Main St.

Memorials should be directed to the Lisa Jarvis Boathouse Fund in care of Choate Rosemary Hall, 333 Christian Lane, Wallingford, CT 06492. Donations will go towards the initiative to establish a boathouse in Middletown so future Choate oarsmen and women can row daily on the Connecticut River as she had and loved during her Choate rowing years.

Amston

Della Jane Francis Moore

Candy (Della Jane Francis) Moore of Deep River, died peacefully, surrounded by her family, Wed. Jan. 29 at Connecticut Hospice in Branford after a long illness. She was born Oct. 3, 1940 in New London, the daughter of the late Delma James Francis and Blanche Isabel Barber Francis.

After graduating from Old Saybrook High School, she was employed by Ponds in the IBM keypunch department, prior to having children. After spending several years as a homemaker, she returned to work in the graphic arts field and was employed by Eastern Graphics in Old Saybrook. After moving to Amston, she remained in the field as a freelance graphic artist, and ended her career at Sweet Waverly Printing in Glastonbury/Portland.

She was also a member of the Deep River Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary and a volunteer for the Deep River Ambulance Assoc., taking pride in the fact that she was one of the first female EMTs. She was a very loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and loyal friend. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

She is survived by her son Andrew Francis Moore, his wife Joyce, their children Scott and Pam Malcolm, Alvin Simmons, Christopher Nurse, Avery Moore, Hanna Moore, Terrance Moore, and Jakob Malcolm-Moore of Colchester; her daughter Tina (Christina) Mary Moore Tiezzi and children Troy, Madison, and Carter of Deep River; her son Daniel Roger Moore, wife Karen and their children Hallie, Samantha, and Mia of Deep River; her sister Janice Henning and husband Richard of Schuylkill Haven, Pa. and their children Christine, Richard and Mark; her brother James Francis of Enunclaw, Wash. and his daughter Michelle; her life-long friend Nancy Moore Lee, husband Donnie and their son, Tom and wife Lisa and their children, Melanie and Michael; and son Tim and wife Kim and their children, Paige, Erin, Noah, and Emma May. She also leaves cousins, Michael (Gail), Patty (Harold), Timmy, Mary, Cindy (Jim), Joseph, Beth, Stuart, and her uncle, Stuart.

She was predeceased by her grandmother, Freda (Nia) Barber, her aunt, Barbara Barber Holly, her uncle and wife, William and Virginia Barber, and her foster mother, Mary Richardson.

A celebration of her life was held Saturday, Feb. 1, at the First Congregational Church of Deep River. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Deep River Fire Department, Deep River Ambulance Assoc., and/or Connecticut Hospice in Branford.