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Winter Wonderland... A snow-covered, classically New England model train landscape is one of the mainstays of the Connecticut Cellar Savers' annual Holiday Toy Train Display in Portland. The N-gauge train layout is one of several featured at this year's exhibit, which also includes an O-gauge layout and several HO-gauge trains. See story, additional photos on page 12.

'Bridging the Gap' with Arrigoni Crossing

by John Tyczkowski

More than a dozen individuals from Portland and Middletown showed their opposition against aggressive policing and support for community solidarity when they walked across the Arrigoni Bridge between both towns two Saturdays ago.

But the Dec. 20 event wasn't a protest per se, organizer Patricia Hall said, noting she had notified Portland and Middletown police in advance.

"It wasn't a march, and I didn't want it to get violent. I didn't want people carrying signs saying 'Hands up, don't shoot' and I didn't want people blocking streets or lying down in the road," she said. "That's not what I was here for; I was here for a peaceful day."

"At the same time, as a mother of a young black male I'm concerned with police brutality, and I felt I needed to do something," she said.

Hall is a 1980 graduate of Portland High School, and grew up in town. She now teaches modern dance in the Hartford school system as a master teaching artist.

She said activism runs in her family, as she had a sister who was involved with the Black Panthers, a Black Nationalist and socialist organization involved in community social efforts.

"She organized a sit-in at the [Portland] public library in order to have the library obtain books on black history," Hall said. "I learned

from her how to organize events for community awareness without causing trouble. You can do it without friction."

"Bridging the Gap," as Hall named it, was the second organized event on this topic during the month of December.

On Dec. 8, Wesleyan University students blocked traffic in Middletown at Main and Washington by lying down in the street. Their protest centered upon the Michael Brown and Eric Garner grand jury decisions in Ferguson, Mo., and Staten Island, N.Y., respectively.

Hall said she was proud of the Wesleyan students expressing their right to free speech and conscience.

"I thought what they did was great," she said. "Let the students set precedents and express solidarity."

Hall was also involved with Wesleyan University from 1976-80, when she worked with the university's Upward Bound program, which helped prepare local high school students for college.

She mentioned that, when she worked there, she met with Wesleyan students under the Arrigoni Bridge where she learned African dance.

"I loved the experience, and now I think back and it shows my community is here, in Portland and Middletown, and at Wesleyan," she

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Pooches Face Possible Ban from Colchester Field

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

Every dog has its day – but in Colchester, town officials are discussing a limit to where those days may take place.

On Dec. 18, the Parks and Recreation Commission presented to the Board of Selectmen a motion to ban dogs from all youth and adult parks and recreation events. However, during the meeting, commission members told the selectmen the real problem was not with the entire complex, but with the football and lacrosse field known as R-8.

Located near the town garage, R-8, or Recreation Field Eight, is much smaller than other fields, and corrals spectators into one area with players on the other side.

According to youth football coordinator Paula McDowell, the league had one incident of a dog bite in 2012, and in 2013, two incidents. Those two incidents in 2013 included a four-year-old child being bitten in the face and a seven-year-old child being bitten in the arm. All dogs were leashed at the time.

In 2014, McDowell said, things were "shaky," as there were some near-incidents, but no actual bites the commission could report.

"We try and request parents to not bring dogs," McDowell said. However, the league cannot make that request of parents of kids on the visiting team. As it stands currently, field

regulations state dogs are allowed if leashed. "It's a huge concern for our league," she said.

Selectwoman Rosemary Coyle wondered about the practicality of banning dogs from the field.

"I have no problem with the concept, but who's going to enforce this?" she asked. "What are the steps when someone says they are not leaving?"

Chris Ferrante, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said most of the conversations on his commission have been surrounding those questions of enforcement.

"We don't want the sports league administrators doing it," Ferrante said of the enforcement question.

Ferrante also told the selectmen the commission knows that, in any motion it proposes for a ban, it needs to separate R-8 from the entire recreation complex – as it's R-8 that's causing the problem.

What poses a particular challenge with R-8, as opposed to the rest of the complex, is space, said Ferrante, who is also president of Colchester Little League.

"Spectators with dogs 99 percent of the time are proactive," Ferrante said. "There have been incidents [in the recreation complex] where I've asked people to walk outside of the fence. With the football field, there's no

where to go."

Ferrante explained with the setup of R-8, the spectators from Colchester and the visiting team are on one side with the players on the other.

Coyle asked McDowell and Ferrante where signs would be located indicating the ban. McDowell said there is currently a sign at the field that says dogs are allowed if leashed.

"Yes, signage can be changed," selectman Kurt Frantzen said. "But it's only one part. It doesn't enforce. It still mandates that something else is needed. You have to be respectful of both parties."

Ferrante said when there had been a previous issue at the fields regarding people smoking, recreation complex officials had to call law enforcement authorities to enforce it.

"We don't want anyone from the league involved in a confrontation," Ferrante said.

First Selectman Stan Soby asked the commission if they had discussed the matter with Animal Control Officer Bill Paul or the town's resident trooper, Sgt. James Mercer. Soby also brought up that the town has been looking at a potential for a park ranger because of vandalism and other issues. Something such as enforcing a ban on dogs during league events at R-8 would fall under a park ranger's responsibilities.

Meanwhile, selectmen Bill Curran pointed out not all dogs may necessarily be at the field for recreational purposes.

"What about service dogs?" he asked. "How would you handle what is a service dog?"

"We had not given consideration to that," Ferrante said. "We would make provisions for service dogs."

When it was pointed out service dogs usually wear vests indicating them as such, Soby said that's not always the case – and besides, he pointed out, people can easily make their own, unofficial vests for the dogs.

Also, Soby added, the definition of what constitutes a service dog "is getting broader."

Ultimately, the selectmen told the commission it needed to work more on the motion – and also review the matter with Paul and Mercer.

"I understand what you're trying to do, but it needs to come with steps," Coyle said.

"The Parks and Recreation Commission needs to formalize the motion," Soby said about altering the motion from the entire recreation complex to just R-8. "We need to pick this up in January."

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m., at Town Hall.



At left, more than a dozen ‘Bridging the Gap’ participants stroll over the Arrigoni Bridge on their way back to Portland from Middletown. At right, Patricia Hall, organizer of the event, stands at center. Participants at the Dec. 20 event carried black and white balloons and ‘Abolish Racism’ bumper stickers to show their opposition to aggressive policing and solidarity for the mothers and families of those affected.

‘Bridging the Gap’ cont. from Front Page said. “I teach students that dance now. My mother taught [me and my siblings], ‘Whatever you do, you always give back.’ And I’m giving back.”

On Dec. 20, strollers met at the Dunkin’ Donuts on Main Street in Portland, walked across the Arrigoni Bridge to approximately Grand and Main, and then walked back again to Dunkin’ Donuts.

Those present held black and white balloons, carried together. A few also held red, black and green bumper stickers proclaiming ‘Abolish Racism.’ There was also one sign, with ‘Black Lives Matter’ on one side, and ‘Democracy Needs Police Accountability’ on the other.

Throughout the entirety of the walk, over 30 passersby in cars honked, gave thumbs-ups and otherwise expressed their approval of Hall and

the strollers.

While only about 10 people started the walk in Portland, the group picked up some more supporters once in Middletown, who then followed back to Portland.

However, turnout was much smaller than expected, Hall said, since about 50 people indicated they would attend the event via its Facebook page.

Fellow event organizer Eileen Lastrina said she didn’t think the lower-than-anticipated turnout was a major barrier to the event’s success.

“It was small, but it was peaceful and it raised awareness. We just want to make sure all the moms know we feel their pain; we are mothers here, and no one should be afraid of the police,” she said. “And the police shouldn’t be afraid of our sons either, that’s the other part.”

Hall agreed, and talked about her personal

take on the recent cases in the national spotlight, from Ferguson to Staten Island.

“When most mothers’ sons go out, they say, ‘Have a good night,’ and I have to say to my son, ‘Play safe.’ I need him to come home to me.

“I’m grieving for the mothers who have lost their children. Aggressive policing must stop,” she said.

Hall said she “must” have a follow-up event to the stroll across the bridge.

“Aggressive police is still going on every day in this country. If it takes a small town like Portland to bring attention to it, along with good, kind people, we’ll show you a different side,” she said. “Not all protests end up with communities being damaged.”

She said overall, she was happy with ‘Bridging the Gap.’

“We came here with smiles and good hearts, and we’re leaving with smiles and good hearts, and we put our message out there for everyone,” Hall said.

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Tierney Receives Praise in Hebron’s Annual Review

by Geeta Schrayter

Another year has come to an end – and it’s a year Hebron Town Manager Andrew Tierney recently received praise for.

The annual town manager review for 2014 came to an end after an executive session at the Dec. 18 Board of Selectmen meeting, and in a memo they sent to Tierney, the selectmen shared their thoughts on his performance.

“We have reviewed the feedback from your department heads and the selectmen’s worksheets and comments and would like you congratulate you on doing a very good job again this year,” they wrote.

During last year’s review process, the selectmen gave Tierney a number of goals for 2014, and they said he had “met or exceeded” many of them this year.

Among those, Tierney completed a budget for 2014-15 that was supported by the taxpayers and passed on the first try; he also developed and implemented a debt management policy and has continued the momentum of economic development in town.

“It is our perception that you have been assertive in reaching out and dealing with new business opportunities and retaining business in the community,” the selectmen wrote. “You have worked with the [Economic Development Commission] when they hold their semi-monthly business get together and presented yourself and the community in a positive light.”

Other goals for Tierney were to move the fire department forward, hire a fire chief and complete policies and organization updates; and to take more of a leadership role in regards to the selectmen, providing guidance, and recommendations.

And the selectmen said he’d done both. “You have hired the chief after a thorough and thoughtful search process,” they wrote. “The town and the members of the [Hebron Volunteer Fire Department] had input in the selection process and now have a new leader that hopefully all will rally behind. The organization has been implementing updates since the

new chief has been hired and we will continue to monitor progress.”

Regarding Tierney’s leadership, the selectmen said, “We feel that you have taken the appropriate first steps in initiating this recommendation and would like to see you continue this process ongoing. You have shown us that you have the capability to be a strong leader and we want you to strive to polish and improve in this area every day.”

Speaking on his review this week, Tierney said he felt good about it heading in, although, he added, “you never know how it’s going to come out.”

“A way you conduct part of [the review] is to have department heads review their boss,” he explained. “I was hoping it would go well and it did go well and it’s a good feeling.”

Tierney received an overall score of 3.7 out of five on the evaluations from the department heads. The selectmen wrote that the score “represents an improvement upon the last review. We believe that the department heads have shown by their review a confidence in you as the leader of the team. Keep up the good work.”

Tierney added his review was “another benchmark to show where I need to step up in areas but mostly, I achieved the goals.”

He added, “I appreciate and thanked my department heads and staff and I’m happy the selectmen are happy with the job I’m doing.”

Prior to the executive session Dec. 18, the selectmen held their regular meeting where an update was provided by Public Works Director Kevin Kelly on the implementation of single stream recycling at the town Transfer Station.

Kelly shared the construction of the new single stream compactor is complete and compactor “is in operation at this time.”

He added the cost of construction “is on budget.”

“Although this operation is still new our results so far are promising,” Kelly explained, sharing in the past five months, the town was

hauling an average of 18 loads per month. Now, about two loads of recycling have been hauled per week, “so about eight per month; we’re hoping to save about \$9,000 a year so we hope [the compactor] pays for itself in four years.”

He explained the savings would come from hauling fewer – and heavier – loads of recycling, which will save on employee time, fuel and wear and tear on the truck and containers.

He clarified this week the \$9,000 savings weren’t based on additional savings realized from the increased recycling (the town actually receives money for each ton of recycling) and reducing the amount of municipal solid waste (conversely, the town has to pay for each ton of waste) – “although we hope that this will also generate savings as residents find it easier to recycle,” he said.

Kelly told the selectmen he had already received positive comments on the change.

“Some feedback already brought is that it is easier, everyone seems to bring more recycling,” he stated, adding, “There’s been nothing but good comments so far. So we’re hoping it’s a step in the right direction.”

In order to help direct residents about what items are recyclable and where everything should be placed, Kelly added this week there was additional signage at the transfer station.

He concluded, “We hope this helps to make recycling more convenient for everyone.”

During Tierney’s town manager’s report at the end of the meeting, he touched on a number of subjects: he shared Finance Director Elaine Griffin and the Finance Department were reviewing the final audit report which “went very well.”

He also shared the town was one of 46 to recently join an effort to increase broadband speeds to businesses and consumers in the state through public and private partnerships and make Connecticut the first “gigabit state.”

“We’re going to try to be the first state in the nation to achieve this,” he said.

Tierney also said the potential purchase of a parcel of land for open space was moving forward.

Selectman Brian O’Connell, who is also liaison for the Open Space Committee, explained the property abuts current town land and will help provide a connection toward the Air Line Trail which the committee has been working toward.

O’Connell furthered the parcel is “a high value piece” that fits the categories the committee looks at when considering land for purchase.

In addition to the above, Tierney mentioned an insurance meeting he attended and said the cost of insurance was a concern “because the number that came in is almost a 10 percent [increase].”

He added insurance was going to be “a driver of the budget.”

Other items Tierney mentioned included a presentation he saw by LEAN Government Services, offered through the Connecticut Department of Labor, that works to help streamline government processes to provide cost and resource savings.

“This isn’t to tax people but to make things more efficient and to make the public happier with the result” of their experiences with town hall, Tierney explained.

Tierney also mentioned he was working with Parks and Recreation Director Rich Calarco and RHAM Superintendent of Schools Bob Siminski on a contract for fertilization and some oversight on the fields at RHAM; the RHAM school board recently signed off on Calarco doing field work at the middle and high schools.

Tierney said the contract was being “tweaked” and “hopefully if it looks good and is agreeable it will get approval from both parties.”

The next meeting of the Hebron Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m.



Michael Tierney's O-gauge model train layout encompasses a large portion of the Portland Fire Museum's display. It includes nearly 100 train cars, over 100 figures, all the buildings of a small 1950s town, a lake and a mountain complete with a train tunnel. The cars are mostly Lionel Trains models – antiques from the 1950s when the O-gauge standard was adopted.



Toy Trains Fixture of Portland Holiday Cheer

by John Tyczkowski

An annual tradition that draws more than 1,000 visitors in six weeks continues this weekend at the Portland Fire Museum on Main Street.

The Holiday Toy Train Display for the 2014 season, now in its 11th year, features various gauge train layouts, including N, O and HO sizes.

It also features railroad memorabilia from local rail lines, including old railroad lanterns, switch-stand lights from the New York Central Railroad and a coaling shovel from an engine on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

"We cleaned them up, but there's still old coal stuck in the lights," Michael Tierney, the president of Connecticut Cellar Savers, said. "It's pretty neat to have these real pieces of railroad history here, with the model trains too."

The Connecticut Cellar Savers is the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus of America.

Though the chapter has been present in town for over 35 years, CCS leased the former Portland Fire Company Two building from the town only recently. Soon after, Tierney's uncle suggested the new museum add in model trains for the holiday season.

"He said 'Hey, it's Christmas, we need to put in a model train display,'" Tierney said. "Xavier High School had a model railroad club at that time, but they disbanded, so they gave us the

tables. We built the first layout, which was all we had, and we've come a long way since then."

For the first year, Tierney said, there was no grass on the layouts, for example; the tables were merely painted green.

"But every year we've been doing a little more, and trying to add as much as we can to make it as big as we can within the museum here," he said.

And Tierney's O-gauge layout is proof of that expansion, as it now features grass, trees, a lake and a 1950s model town complete with fire station, diner, train yard, campers, townspeople and more.

However, he said, one of the most popular features of that layout is the buttons stationed around the display, which when pushed trigger events such as two men sawing through a log, a fire engine leaving the fire station and more.

"Everybody loves those," Tierney said, noting that the two-man saw is especially a favorite among visitors.

Lionel Trains popularized the O-gauge standard in the 1950s. Tierney's layout features nearly 100 cars, up from the 15 it started with several years ago.

"We just pick up a couple new ones each year, and add them in," he said. "We just get the boxes out and start throwing them on, because you can't have the cars in the same place each year. It's never exactly the same, and that's the fun of it."

Tierney said the preparation for the six weeks

of train displays begins around Columbus Day, and it always takes the full amount of time until Thanksgiving to get things ready.

"It would actually take a lot less time to set them up, but we really like to change things around every year," he said.

"This year, we put on more grass and trees to this layout," Tierney said, referring to his large layout in the center of the museum, which features a mountain and tunnel. "We wanted to spiff it up a little."

And while it takes weeks of work – and hours per day – to prep everything for the holiday season, Tierney said the reactions of visitors make it all worthwhile.

"It's a lot of fun; all the kids like it," Tierney said. "They love coming in here, they're smiling. That's what it's all about."

"The kids cry on the way out, and not on the way in," he joked.

Tierney also said the train display is truly a group effort, with around a dozen people involved in various roles.

"There's a good group of guys who work on this, from the museum and those who aren't but who help us out with the trains," "One guy is great with scenery, one guy helps with the electrical stuff, for example. Everyone has a talent and helps out."

CCS secretary Sandy Alonzo is one of those guys.

"Model trains have always fascinated me, and I got into them on my own a while ago," he

said. "So I was very glad to have the chance to get involved."

"And I'm glad to say we've come a long way since our first year with just one N-scale layout," he said.

As for next year, Tierney said he'd like to bring back a smaller layout that hasn't been used since 2012.

"It's another snow scene that really fits the season," he said.

He also says he has some other ideas that have been brewing over the past few months.

"I go to train shows during the year, and whatever I like, I try to bring it back and make it work here," Tierney said.

Each year, the display runs from the Friday after Thanksgiving until the second week of January. There are still two more weekends left for this season, until January 11. The display is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free, but donations to the museum are appreciated, Tierney said.

"Donations really help us out, they go right to the museum," he said. "Everyone loves the trains and the museum, and we just want to keep them running."

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For a photo gallery of some layouts, visit [Facebook.com/rivereastnewsbulletin](https://www.facebook.com/rivereastnewsbulletin). The CCS train display page with a video, display times and more can be found at ctcellarsavers.org/train.htm.

Brook Project Groundbreaking Date Uncertain in East Hampton

by John Tyczkowski

A project to replace aging pipes on North Main Street may be delayed a full year.

At its Dec. 9 meeting, the Town Council decided on a compromise reached after an hour of discussion regarding conflicting ways of dealing with the failing infrastructure.

The proposed construction project deals with three 24-inch corrugated metal pipes under North Main Street between Sears Park and Lake Boulevard. The pipes are deteriorating and are on track to be replaced with two concrete box culverts. In addition, the existing wooden pedestrian bridge would be replaced with a sidewalk.

During the process, according to Matt Brown, an associate and senior project engineer with Anchor Engineering, Christopher Brook would have to be diverted around the area to avoid contamination with construction materials. Also, utilities along North Main would have to be re-routed around the site as well.

However, pedestrian traffic would be accommodated via a temporary bridge on the lake side of the construction zone, as required by a state Department of Transportation (DOT) mandate for the project.

"There's a lot of stuff that needs to be done just to set this up," Brown said.

Also, the construction would directly affect a 165-foot stretch of pavement, plus or minus, on North Main, he said.

The original plan would involve keeping one lane of North Main open at all times during construction, during both day and night. Brown said, however, the DOT had reservations about that setup.

"This approach would result in a project which would last longer than construction season, which is pretty much April through November," Brown said.

Also, Brown said, the length of the project would make construction problematic if the start date was later than April 2015.

"If we started, say, in August, it's likely the project would go through the winter and there would have to be a winter shutdown period allowable under DOT guidelines for contractors," he said. "In that case, the project would open up again in March, and probably run through May or June."

Throughout the entire winter shutdown period, only one lane of traffic would be open, Brown said.

However, Brown said, an alternative plan would be to entirely shutdown North Main, which would greatly speed the project to completion during one construction season, at the cost of greatly disrupting traffic flow around Lake Pocotopaug.

Town Council Vice Chairman Kevin Reich expressed concern over the fact that blocking

the road would cut off trailer access to Nelson Campground on Mott Hill Road.

"There are a lot of vehicles that go back and forth through that street to get to that campground," he said. "That is a very large taxpayer of ours as well."

However, a main concern all councilors raised was the impact on emergency vehicle response times closing off that section of the street could have, due to North Main being the main link between lake communities and the town center.

"No ambulance, fire or police is going to be able to access that part of town without adding on an additional three miles," councilor Ted Hintz Jr. said. "If you're having a heart attack at Angelico's, I'd rather have them come up North Main Street than have them come up all the way around the lake."

Brown said it might be possible to make accommodations for emergency vehicles during day hours, but that such accommodations might hinder work schedules and extend the project further.

"Closing the road entirely is going to be a major inconvenience, not to mention there's the safety concerns," Town Council Chairwoman Barbara Moore said. "I just can't see entirely closing off the street."

Councilor Philip Visintainer agreed.

"It's the ideal way, but it's not the smart way," he said of the total shutdown plan.

Brown agreed to research a plan that would allow emergency vehicles access to that section of North Main Street during the day, and said he would report back on it to the council.

There are three options before the town. If the town could create a plan that would allow emergency vehicles through the construction zone during off hours, and have it approved by the spring, then the project would be on track for a fall 2015 groundbreaking.

Also, the town could go ahead with the one-lane access plan and start the project later this year, though the construction might last eight to nine months into 2016.

Conversely, if such a plan is not approved by the DOT by the spring, then construction would be pushed back to spring 2016, pending DOT approval and the completion of the winter shutdown period.

Brown agreed to bring to the DOT a compromise: the town would continue to steam full ahead toward a late spring 2015 start date as planned. However, if it became clear there could be no emergency vehicle accommodations, he said he would indicate the town would prefer to start construction in spring 2016 instead.

The compromise passed with a unanimous 'yes' vote.

Marlborough Resident Finds Library Book – 43 Years Overdue!

by Chris Seymour

Craig Soifer of Marlborough, who owns a comic book shop in Glastonbury, was recently flipping through some of the thousands of books he purchased from an estate sale in New Jersey when he came across a surprising find: a New York City library book that was nearly 43 years overdue!

Even more interesting, the overdue book – *Wilt Chamberlain* by George Sullivan – was taken out from the Parkchester Library in Bronx, N.Y., which was Soifer's neighborhood library when he was a kid growing up in the New York City borough.

The book was due back to the library on Feb. 24, 1972. At a penalty of 10 cents per day (according to the inside cover of the book), the fine on the book would currently stand at approximately \$1,563!

"I was like, 'This is too cool,'" said Soifer of the moment he opened the Chamberlain biography. The book was published in 1971 and is described as "the life story of one of the great basketball players of all time."

"I was thinking about how I was like 10 years old when this was going on," added Soifer. "That was our branch; I went there all the time as a kid. I could've been there when the book was taken out."

The library was located at 1384 Metropolitan Ave. in 1972 but has since relocated to 1985 Westchester Ave. Soifer called the library soon after he found the book and relayed the story to a librarian, who was fascinated and amused, and told him that he would not have to pay the roughly \$1,500 late fee.

"He said he had never heard a story so cool before," said Soifer. "He also told me they have no use for the book because they use scan codes now [rather than index cards] so there would

be no type of penalties, and I can keep it."

Soifer said he plans on donating the book (which was worth \$2.49 in 1972, but alas just 98 cents today, according to one of Soifer's customers, who appraised the book online) to Richmond Memorial Library in Marlborough.

"I'm thinking I will return it to Marlborough library and see what they think – really blow their mind," he said with a laugh. "But I am going to donate the book and see if they're interested in it."

Soifer said he often purchases books from estate sales – and has purchased hundreds of thousands of books over the years, in fact – but he has never come across anything like this.

The thousands of books from the estate sale in New Jersey featured the extremely overdue library book along with old encyclopedias, *Hardy Boys* books, and hardcover *Time Life* publications.

While he sells many of the items he buys from estate sales at his Glastonbury store, Comics & Hobbies, Soifer said he mostly just enjoys going through the books.

"I buy them more to buy them," he said. "I enjoy it: the feel, the smell and the touch ... I like going through the books. You are buying them cheap enough; the biggest problem with these things is the storage, so I had to rent space in the basement [at the Glastonbury shopping plaza where Comics & Hobbies is located] to store them."

Soifer's store is located at Glen Lochen mall, 39 New London Tpke., Glastonbury. For more information, call 860-430-2882.

Note: Chris Seymour is a reporter for the Rivereast's sister newspaper, The Glastonbury Citizen. A similar version of this story appeared in the Citizen.



Marlborough resident Craig Soifer, owner of a comic book store in Glastonbury, was shocked when he recently found a library book nearly 43 years overdue. He made the discovery in a collection of thousands of books he recently purchased at an estate sale in New Jersey.

Physician One Opens Location in Colchester

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

The state's ninth Physician One Urgent Care center has come to Colchester, serving patients that do not necessarily need to go to the emergency room.

According to Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jeannie Kenkare, the string of centers began in 2008 in Southbury, as Urgent Care of Connecticut.

"I had been working at a local teaching hospital," Kenkare said. "There was a long wait at the ER, and 80 percent of those patients could be seen outside of the ER."

Kenkare said the transition to urgent care was natural.

"It was to decompress the ERs," Kenkare said.

The urgent care centers are designed to be one stop facilities including six exam rooms, an in-house medicine dispensary with 30 of the most commonly prescribed medicines, an X-ray machine and laboratory testing services.

"We provide well-rounded medical services," Kenkare said. The centers are also equipped to handle pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology. "We were well received in 2008. There's a real need."

Since then, the centers have been renamed to Physician One Urgent Care, and include facilities in Southbury, Brookfield, Norwalk, Norwich, Ridgefield, Glastonbury, Newton and Groton. The group plans to open a location in Derby in the spring.

"We're really excited to be in the local communities and contribute to those communities," Kenkare said. "We are a resource to the community."

The centers pride themselves on being state-of-the-art with rigorous standards and certifications, Kenkare said. They have a level one certification from the Urgent Care Association of America and are also certified by the Joint Commission with having the highest standard

for patient safety.

"We voluntarily put ourselves through that," Kenkare said.

All of the nine centers have all of the same resources all the time. The centers also serve, as Kenkare described it, from "birth to grave," meaning they deal with people of all ages.

As for why Kenkare wanted to bring a branch to Colchester, she said the town "didn't have many good options for patients for walk-in services." She said the closest walk-in options were Backus Hospital, which is in Norwich, and the emergency room at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

"I was shocked that the fastest hospital in the state, Middlesex Hospital, still has a wait time of 3.5 to 4 hours to be seen," Dr. Paul Dalbec, a physician with Physician One, said. "Urgent care on average is a 45-minute wait or less."

Kenkare said one of the other benefits of going to an urgent care center instead of the ER is the costs.

"Urgent care is not associated with the ER or its high costs," Kenkare said. "Co-payments and fees are much less."

However, Kenkare stressed, patients should also understand when it's time to go to urgent care or when it's time to go to the ER.

"People have to understand what urgent care is for," Kenkare said. "If you think you have a stroke, a heart attack or anything life threatening, they need to go to the ER."

Physician One advised that people go to the ER for: any sign of heart attack, severe chest pain or pressure, stroke, anaphylaxis, sudden loss of consciousness, severe head injuries, sudden loss of vision, sudden shortness of breath, coughing or vomiting blood, sudden and severe abdominal pain, suicidal feelings, partial or total amputation of a limb, sudden severe headache, a large open wound, severe bleeding, spinal injuries, vaginal bleeding with



A new Physician One Urgent Care walk-in clinic has opened at 179 Linwood Ave., right next to the Stop & Shop. The location offers extended hours, so people do not necessarily have to go to the emergency room. Shown is Dr. Paul Dalbec, one of the physicians with Physician One.

pregnancy, serious burns, or alcohol or drug overdoses.

Also, Physician One said that anytime a child is having difficulty breathing, has blue lips, tongue or skin tone, has a change in mental status or seizures, or ingested a toxic chemical or a drug prescribed for someone else, they also should go immediately to the ER.

If unsure, Kenkare said people can always call the urgent care center and describe their symptoms to find out if they should go there or straight to the emergency room.

Physician One accepts most insurances, in-

cluding Medicaid, Medicare and Tricare. It is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

"We're available before the primary doctor offices open and after they close," Kenkare said. "We also get huge volumes during the holiday times when people are traveling out of town from their usual physician."

The Colchester facility opened Dec. 4 at 179 Linwood Ave. No appointments are necessary; the clinic is 100 percent walk-in. It can be reached at 860-603-2619.

From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

Happy new year, everyone, and welcome to 2015.

Maybe it's because this was the year Marty McFly travels to in *Back to the Future II* – by the way, where is my pizza hydrator? – but this year has always had such a futuristic sound to it. Now it's arrived, though, and the reality has sunk in that, well, it looks basically the same as 2014.

Maybe that's part of why some people don't really care for all the hoopla surrounding New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There's no big special feeling to it. It's a day – just like any other day.

Like any day, though, New Year's presents the opportunity for a fresh start. Each day holds new promise, new potential; after 364 days of hubbub and tumult, it can be easy to forget this sometimes, so New Year's is a nice, very prominent, reminder.

Whether you had a great 2014, a year you'd just as soon forget, or somewhere in between, I hope all of you have an even better 2015.

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From the “no good deed goes unpunished” department: Alexander Louis, 20, of Norwalk, was spotted around noon last Friday going into cars on the lot of Coating's Auto Body, also in Norwalk. Believing him to be a car burglar, the employees who spotted Louis called police, who promptly responded and detained the man, *The Hour* reported.

Louis – who was not in possession of any stolen items – told officers he was simply going car to car and making sure each one was locked. When he discovered an unlocked vehicle, Louis would simply lock it and move on to the next one.

Police reviewed security footage, which backed up Louis' claim. He didn't enter the cars, or rifle through anything inside; he indeed simply just locked the car door and moved on.

It was a nice gesture by Louis, and one I'm sure owners of those unlocked vehicles probably appreciated. Nonetheless, he wound up getting arrested anyway. There are “no trespassing” signs clearly posted at the auto body shop, so Louis was charged with criminal trespass.

The Hour reported Louis' bond was initially set at \$20,000, though it was eventually lowered to a simple promise to appear in court.

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A few weeks ago, I waxed poetic – okay, I

strung a few words together and hoped they made sense – about old-time radio and how I enjoy it. And I neglected to mention Portland's own connection with it. A fairly popular sitcom from the 1940s (which I actually own a few episodes of) was called *The Great Gildersleeve*, and starred Harold Peary as blustering, arrogant (but of course with a heart of gold) Throckmorton P. Gildersleeve. The character was spun off of the hugely popular *Fibber McGee and Molly*.

Around here, of course, Gildersleeve is known as a part of Portland. The village is named for the Gildersleeve family, who were prominent shipbuilders in the 1800s. I'm not sure of how the radio Gildersleeve got his name, but I wouldn't be surprised if there was some connection between the two. After all, Portland churned out a lot of U.S. Navy vessels used during the War of 1812, and perhaps a staff writer of *Fibber McGee* mined a love of nautical history when devising a name for the character.

Coincidental or not, though, Portland residents decided to do something about their town's connection to the radio show. Doris Sherrow-Heideneis relayed a fun story about the matter in a 2012 newsletter from the Portland Historical Society.

On Sept. 19, 1941, Peary received an invitation from Joseph Bransfield, chairman of the town's Centennial Commission, to attend Portland's Centennial that month as a unique guest of honor – the Mayor of Gildersleeve.

“And, whereas the first Gildersleeves built the fleet which helped win the war of 1812 and ‘The Great Gildersleeve’ of the modern airways is building happiness for the American people: We, the centennial committee, do solemnly declare and herewith appoint ‘The Great Gildersleeve’ honorary Mayor of the village of Gildersleeve in the town of Portland, State of Connecticut,” Bransfield telegraphed to Peary.

As Peary did his show in Hollywood, he had to respectfully decline the invitation. But he was quite clearly touched by it. Peary read the invitation on the air during the following week's episode of *The Great Gildersleeve* (which he incidentally had dedicated “to the citizens of Gildersleeve”), and added this response: “They say the first hundred years is the hardest. Well, here's hoping the second hundred will be easier.”

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See you next week.

MES to Launch After School Program

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

Starting this month, there will be a new option for kids after school at Marlborough Elementary School.

Funded with a Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) grant, the after school program will be run twice a week and include a healthy snack and free transportation.

With the grant money, the Board of Education voted Dec. 18 to add the \$11,000 program, along with \$3,160 of WiFi updates, as well as \$24,500 for 50 iPads for grades K-2, and \$10,900 for a cart of 24 Chromebooks for grades three through six.

At the meeting, school board chair Ruth Kelly wondered how the school would make the program appealing to students with all of the other after school activities and homework they have going on.

MES principal Dan White stated the idea of the program would be that the ratio of student to teacher would be 5:1 and help students better understand their homework so they can complete it better at home.

Board member Theresa Bryssel said the extra help may help boost the confidence level of those students struggling due to various factors including language and economic constraints.

Board member Betty O'Brien added that

there is a need to do something beyond the services already being provided during the school day.

With the declining enrollment and staff changes, O'Brien said she would like to get a better understanding of how many kids are receiving special education services and how many are receiving extra help.

School board vice chair Wes Skorski said the board should maybe consider additional specialists to help with more enrichment during the school day.

Superintendent of Schools David Sklarz stated the school currently has 1.5 math specialists, three reading specialists and three special education teachers.

“We need to better address needs during the school day,” board member Mimi LaPoint said.

White clarified the main problem is that time during the school day is an issue.

“It's a small investment to try a new program which may have a positive impact,” Sklarz said.

The board decided to pilot the program from January to June 2015 and receive a report in June regarding how the program is doing.

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The next Board of Education meeting will be Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at MES.

Marlborough Police News

12/16: State Police said Charlene Winston, 30, of 90 North St., Norwich, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

12/20: State Police said Douglas Brisco, 56, of 28 Highwood Dr., Avon, was arrested and charged with speeding, DUI and failure to drive in the proper lane.

12/20: State Police said Christopher Marquis, 28, of 39 Chapman Rd., was arrested and charged with DUI and speeding.

12/23: State Police said they are investigating after a red Honda dirt bike was stolen from a garage on Jones Hollow Road. Anyone with information can call Trooper Yvette Kramer at

Troop K at 860-465-5400.

12/24: State Police said Richard Zacher, 45, of 1782 Paper Mill Rd., was arrested and charged with interfering with an officer, attempt to commit assault on an officer and disorderly conduct.

12/29: State Police said they are investigating after school buses parked at the end of School Drive were entered. Police said the people involved sprayed a fire extinguisher inside one bus and on the outside of two others. Police said they have increased patrols in the area. Anyone with information can call Trooper Benjamin Dodge at Troop K at 860-465-5400.

Colchester Police News

12/15: State Police said Richard Glennon, 53, of 106 Mill Rd., East Haddam, was arrested and charged with second-degree assault and disorderly conduct.

12/15: State Police said Erick Mesick, 32, of 9 Caulkins Rd., Old Lyme, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

12/17: Colchester Police said Rahul Mahey, 18, of 24 Oak Leak Dr., was arrested and charged with DUI and having articles obstructing view.

12/18: Colchester Police said Pamela Kloo, 43, of 259 Westchester Rd., was arrested and charged with DUI and failure to grant right of way.

12/19: State Police said Jason Bachan, 19, of 36 Sunnyfield Dr., Windsor, was arrested and charged with speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia and sale of a controlled substance.

12/19: Colchester Police said Patrick Dyer, 30, of 5 Silver Meadow Dr., was arrested and charged with DUI and failure to have lights on. Police said Dyer was also charged with possession of narcotics and sale of drugs in a school zone.

12/20: Colchester Police said Timothy Baker, 49, of 91 Amston Rd., was arrested and charged with third-degree assault and disorderly conduct.

12/20: State Police said they are investigating after a front window was broken into at the

Colchester Police News

12/28: Colchester Police said they are investigating an incident where bank deposit bags containing a large amount of cash may have been removed from a vehicle parked in the Noel's Grocery parking lot between noon and 1:30 p.m. Police said there are also other locations in town they are investigating in connection with the incident, and anyone who may have observed something suspicious is asked to contact the Colchester Police at 860-537-7270.

Andover Police News

12/17: State Police said they are investigating after an overnight burglary into a concession stand on Rt. 6. Anyone with information can call Trooper Christopher Briganti at Troop K at 860-465-5400.

12/27: State Police said John Totri, 54, of 30 Lakeside Dr., was arrested and charged with third-degree assault and breach of peace.

Hebron Police News

12/20: State Police said Carolyn Asmuth, 67, of 71 Buttonwood Rd., was arrested and charged with DUI.

Obituaries

Amston

Diane Dunn Rapp

Diane Dunn Rapp, 71 of Shelburne Falls, Mass., passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, at the home of her daughter in Amston, with her family by her side.

Born Feb. 11, 1943, in Hartford, she was the daughter of Harold and the late Edith (Warner) Dunn and sister of the late Darlene Pye. Deedee grew up in Fairfield, but later made homes in Easton; Angel Fire, N.M.; and Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Deedee enjoyed knitting, sewing and other crafts as well as her yearly trips to Siesta Royale in Florida. She had lived the last 20 years in Shelburne Falls, MA, with her late husband George Rapp. From there she made many happy memories with her friends. She enjoyed many things throughout her life but being a grandmother to her 3 grandsons: Connor, Cliff and Dylan, was one of her greatest joys. Deedee also often talked about how she had the best son-in-laws in the world. She also valued her life-long friend, Marie Stangel. She will be missed but always remembered by her family: Lauren, Dave and Connor Henry, Darren Spinelli and Bill, Clifford and Dylan Omelia, Bing and Natalie Dunn, Jonathan, Martha, Natalie and Elise Dunn and Bob and Molly Pye and the numerous extended family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held privately.

Colchester

Dorothy Badger

Dorothy Badger of Colchester passed away Friday, Dec. 12. She was born on July 16, 1921, the oldest child of Herman and Helen Clemens. Dorothy was raised in Rochester, N.Y., where she graduated from high school.

On June 10, 1950 she married Ray Badger. They were blessed with a loving marriage of 56

years. When Ray passed away in 2007, Dorothy said that 56 years was not long enough.

Dorothy was a resident of Colchester since 1957. She was an active parishioner of St Andrew Catholic Church where she had been a member of the Ladies Guild. She worked as a legal secretary both locally and in Hartford. In her later years she participated in Bible study groups and played bridge. Dorothy valued the friendships gained from those activities.

Survivors: Dorothy is survived by her loving son Ray Badger Jr. and his wife Sharon of Carson City, Nev.; her brothers John Clemens of Denver, Colo., and Paul Clemens of Rochester, N.Y.; her granddaughters Sabrina Badger of Carson City, Nev., and Jessica Badger of Centreville, Va.; nieces and nephews and their children; and lastly by friends Dawn and José Delacruz, whose countless acts of kindness brought them into Dorothy's family.

In addition to her parents and husband, Dorothy was predeceased by her brothers Terry and Walter.

She loved her family dearly and will be sorely missed.

Services: Per her wishes, there will be no services in Connecticut. Dorothy will be inurned with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Belmont-Sabrowski Funeral Home in Colchester has been entrusted with Dorothy's care.

Contributions: If you wish to make contributions in Dorothy's name, the Tutwiler Clinic in Tutwiler, Miss., or the Colchester Senior Center is suggested.

Colchester

Judith Anne Joels Haynes

Judith Anne Joels Haynes, 78, of Colchester, was reunited with her devoted husband, Richard H. Haynes, Wednesday, Dec. 17, after a courageous battle with cancer.

"Judy" was brave, strong and an inspiration throughout her battle.

She is survived by her loving family who wish to acknowledge the kind, caring staff of the Middlesex Hospital Hospice Unit and request that memorial donations in Judy's name be made to the Hospice Unit in lieu of flowers.

A graveside service was held Monday, Dec. 22, at Rose Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill.

Portland

Mary Carlson

Mary (Zappulla) Carlson, 84, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18.

In addition to her parents, Carmela and Sebastian Zappulla, she was predeceased by her husband, Graham B. Carlson.

Mary was born and raised in Hartford and was a graduate of Hartford Public High School, class of 1948. She lived in Portland for 56 years and most recently lived in Middletown. She and her husband spent their summers in Lyme at their waterfront home, where she welcomed many friends and family members.

For 19 years, she worked at Portland High School as a librarian assistant and in the school office. She frequently said "the kids keep me young."

Mary was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church where she served on the Vestry and the Altar Guild. As a member for over 50 years, she involved herself in many church activities and fundraisers.

For Mary, family was the most precious gift, and she was blessed with a large and loving family. She is survived by her son John and his wife Nancy of Avon; her daughter Jeanne Ambrosio and her husband Tony of Farmington; her son Raymond and wife Patricia of Windsor; and her son Donald and his wife Kathleen of Portland. Mary leaves seven grandchildren, Megan, Lauren, Matthew, Michael, Amanda, Shawn, Mark and one great-grandchild, Andrew. She also leaves her sister Carol and her husband Vincent of West Hartford.

Mary was predeceased by sisters Pasqualina Meli, Carmella Pellegrino and Pauline Carbone, sister-in-law Janice Carlson and grandson Jeffrey G. Carlson.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 22, from Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, with a service that morning at Trinity Episcopal Church 345 Main St., Portland. Burial was in Center Cemetery, Portland. Friends called Sunday, Dec. 21, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trinity Episcopal Church Book of Remembrance, 345 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480.

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

Colchester

Robert John Previti

It is with great sadness that the family of Robert John Previti, age 39, of Lebanon and formerly of Colchester, announce his tragic passing from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Rob was the loving and devoted son of Kathleen "Casey" (Riley) Margelot of Colchester and Victor Previti of Ellington; stepson of Walter Margelot and Shirley Previti; brother and best friend of Michael Previti of Groton; brother-in-law of Jillian Previti; doting uncle of Samantha, Gianna and Anthony; grandson of James Riley of Micco, Fla.; and cherished nephew, cousin and friend to many.

Rob was a 1992 graduate of Bacon Academy in Colchester and had worked as a contractor with his "extended family" at General Paving Co. in Rocky Hill for many years. He loved to spend time outdoors, whether it be fishing, four-wheeling or snowmobiling. His greatest gift, memory and legacy he leaves to those he loved was in his ability to live each day to its fullest, lend a helping hand to anyone in need and to always put family first.

The family received guests Monday, Dec. 29, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A Celebration of his Life was observed that evening at the funeral home. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to benefit his beloved nieces' and nephew's education online, at robertpreviti.memorialfund.mydagsite.com, or to American Lyme Disease Foundation, P.O. Box 466, Lyme CT 06371.

For online condolences, visit auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Colchester

Della F. Zahacefski

Della F. Zahacefski, 89, of Colchester and formerly of Salem, passed away early Friday morning, Dec. 26, at Backus Hospital in Norwich. Born May 13, 1925, in North Westchester, she was the last surviving of 17 children of the late William Orville and Nellie Belle (Martin) Schmidl.

Della married Edward June 12, 1954. He predeceased her on May 4, 1990.

Della retired several years ago after having worked for N.N Hill Brass Factory as a press operator.

She was an active member of the Congregational Church of Salem, the Salem Fire Company Auxiliary, St. Joseph Polish Society Auxiliary and the Polish women's Alliance. She will be remembered fondly as a devoted mother, grandmother aunt and friend to many.

She will be sadly missed but always remembered by her daughter Deborah and her husband Mark Okarmus, grandchildren Anthony LaTerra, Shelby Okarmus and Cameron Okarmus and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

She was predeceased by brothers and sisters, Pearl Brown, Hazel Lane, Louise Long Bernice Ross, Ruth Cusimano, Viola Raecek, Lula St. Paul, Frederick Schmidl, Bernard Schmidl and Eleanor Rathbun.

Friends are invited to attend calling hours today, Jan. 2, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. The funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m., directly at the Congregational Church of Salem, 244 Hartford Rd., Salem. Burial will follow in the Salem Green Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Interim Health Care, the Backus Hospital, Gardner Lake Fire Department, Especially Jimmy Savalle, the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department the Congregational Church of Salem with deep gratitude to Pastor Timothy Dubeau.

Donations in her memory may be made to: The Congregational Church of Salem or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Ave., 5th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851.

For online condolences, visit auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Portland

Robert A. Johnson

Robert A. Johnson of Portland passed away Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Water's Edge in Middletown after a short illness.

Robert was born in Portland Dec. 14, 1922, to Arthur and Agnes (Bjorklund) Johnson. He attended Portland schools, graduating in 1940 and Uppsala College in New Jersey. He joined the U.S. Navy, and as a World War II radio operator, he saw action in the European and Asian Theaters. He was recalled to active duty for the Korean War.

Bob was living in Seattle where he met his wife of 54 years, Christiane (Lagerfeld) Johnson. He retired as the Tax Collector for the Town of Wethersfield in 1992. He was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church in Portland, the Portland Historical Society and belonged to many social clubs such as the Vasa Order of America, the Scandinavian Culture Society, and the Half Century Club.

He is survived by his wife Christiane, daughter Caroline Wilcox, and sons Roger Johnson (Lisa Piatti) of Portland, and Paul Johnson (Lilian Villadolil) of Flower Mound Texas, and grandchildren, Jessica and Collin Wilcox, Jonathan Johnson, and Andrew, Anthony and Alyssa Johnson. He is also survived by a brother Teddy and a sister, Dorothy, and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his beloved son, Karl and his brothers, Walter, Richard, Philip and sister, Helen.

The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at The Water's Edge for their compassionate care of Bob during his stay there.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 3, at 11 a.m., at Zion Lutheran Church 183 William St Portland. Burial will be in the Swedish Cemetery, Portland. Relatives and friends may call Saturday from 10 a.m. until the service at church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the Zion Lutheran Church 183 William St P.O. Box 202 Portland, CT 06480 or to a charity of their choice.

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

East Hampton

Sue Carol Engel

Sue Carol (Anderson) Engel, 71, of East Hampton, devoted wife for 52 years of Howard Joseph Engel passed Monday, Dec. 29, at home, surrounded by her adoring family.

Sue, a.k.a. "Mama Sue," a lifelong resident of East Hampton, was born Jan. 15, 1943, in Middletown, the youngest daughter of the late Harry and Mary (Spencer) Anderson.

She was predeceased by sisters Mary Goff, Alma O'Brien, Norma Fontanelli, Gail Whitten; brothers John, Donald and Robert Anderson.

Besides Joe, she is survived by her children, Sherry & Nick, Joey & Arlene, Julie & Keith, Jeff & Nicole and Jen & TJ; and sixteen grandchildren who she loved dearly.

She is survived by siblings, Harry Anderson and Joyce Ottone and many nieces and nephews who she loved as her own. They were very near and dear to her heart.

She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend who took those jobs very seriously. Her favorite place was the beach, where she and Joe and their family spent many sunny days. She was the proprietress and designer of the Tartia Road Christmas General Store, a remarkable gardener and landscaper, an avid reader, a wedding planner extraordinaire, a crafter, a seamstress, a baker whose famous pies brought high dollars at local auctions and a caring advisor to the many who sought her counsel.

A celebration of Sue's life was held Thursday, Jan. 1, at the home of daughter Julie at 134 Tartia Rd.

Contributions may be made to the East Hampton Library in her memory.

Colchester

Judith Washburn

Judith "Judy" Washburn, 73, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and formerly of Colchester, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, at home in Florida. Born Feb. 5, 1941, in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Stella (Bukowski) Johanson and Ragner George Johanson.

Judy enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, softball, bowling and tennis. Judy and her beloved husband, Bob, retired to Port St Lucie in 2006. Judy was widowed by Bob in August of 2008, and, like Bob, passed peacefully with loved ones by her side.

Judy is survived by two children, Cory of Jensen Beach, Fla., and Kim of Floyd, Va.; her sister, Sandra Middleton of South Windsor, and brother, Bobby Johanson of Danielson; nieces, Jacqueline Middleton of Tolland and Laura Ballenger of Westminster, Colo.; and her lifetime caring friends and neighbors.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A memorial service will be observed at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Following the service, friends are invited to visit the Colchester Farmers Club, 112 Halls Hill Rd., Colchester, from 4-6 p.m., to reflect and share memories with the family.

Donations in her memory may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997.

For online condolences, visit auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Andover

Anna Theresa Garger

Anna Theresa Garger, 95, of North Franklin, formerly of East Hartford, Coventry and Andover, died Monday, Dec. 29, at the Marlborough Healthcare and Rehab Center. Born Oct. 21, 1919, in Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Theresa Labowski.

Anna married Steve Garger in 1942. He predeceased her Feb. 4, 1972.

Mrs. Garger worked as a coding assistant supervisor for AETNA. She enjoyed gardening, especially flower gardens, and her dog Thor. She will be remembered as a loving wife and mother.

Anna is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Alan Fuller, and a grandson, Justin, and numerous family members and friends.

A graveside service will be held today, Jan. 2, at 11 A.M. in Hillside Cemetery, East Hartford. There are no calling hours.

Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, has been entrusted with arrangements. For online condolences, visit auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.



Colchester

Helen A. Gallagher

Helen A. Gallagher, 94, wife of the late John M. Gallagher, entered into eternal peace Thursday, Dec. 18, surrounded by family, at Harrington Court, Colchester. Born and raised in Norwich, she was the daughter of Alice (Pietrolay) and Stephen Lisiewski.

Helen was a devoted wife and mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. In addition to spending time with her family, she loved sewing, knitting and crafts. She was previously employed at Majestic Clothing Co.

She leaves her children, Paul Thompson and wife, Rita, of Norwich; MaryAnn Deffley and husband, Herb, of South Windsor; Michael Gallagher and wife, Lorna, of Norwich; Eileen Gabler and husband, Ian, of West Palm, Fla.; Dennis Gallagher of Port St. Lucie, Fla. Helen was blessed with seven grandchildren, Jason Thompson and wife, Rhonda; Laura Roessler and husband, Matthew; Kara Cromack and husband, Steve; LeighAnn Deffley and husband, Patrick; Matthew Deffley, Stacey Gallagher and John Patrick Gabler; and seven great-grandchildren, Andrew, Mackenzie, Hannah, Emily, Jacob, Matthew and Owen.

Helen was predeceased by her first husband, Paul R. Thompson, U.S. Navy, sister Carol Maurice and brothers Joseph and John Lisiewski.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff of Harrington Court for the kind and compassionate care they provided.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 23, at The Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, Norwich.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave. 7th Fl., New York, NY 10001 or alzfdn.org.

To leave an online condolence, visit [labenski funeralhome.com](http://labenski.funeralhome.com).

Colchester

Nicholas J. Macri Sr.

Nicholas J. Macri Sr., 85, of Westbrook, formerly of Meriden and Colchester, entered into eternal peace Sunday, Dec. 28, surrounded by his loving children and devoted wife of 62 years.

Nick was born on Sept. 15, 1929, a son of the late Joseph and Carmella Macri. In 1952, he married Donna (Knop) Macri and together they owned and operated Macri's Variety Store. They worked beside each other for more than 17 years, making many friends and fond memories while serving the kids at the candy counter. They later moved to Colchester, where he retired from Wesleyan University.

Nick was a lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, a member of the Union Club, Elks Club, Lions Club and served in the U.S. Army. Nick was a kind and gentle soul; he had a loving and generous heart and was always giving to others.

He leaves his loving memories to be cherished by his children: two daughters, Lynn Williams and Deona Deicke, her husband, Gerald; two sons, Nicholas Macri Jr., his wife, Eileen and Thomas Macri, his wife, Catherine. He also leaves his adorning grandchildren, Christopher Jr., Courtney and Britney, James and Steven, Brian, Brooke and Todd, Coryne, William Jr., and Jillayne; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, notably Francis Macri Jr., who was always thought of as a third son. His loving sisters, Diane Morris (Jim) and Sharon Rodriguez (Peto) of Florida; many other family members and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents; and his two brothers, Francis and Joseph Macri.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m., at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 109 Goodwill Ave., Meriden. Everyone is asked to meet directly at church. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at the John J Ferry & Sons Funeral Home, 88 E. Main St., Meriden today, Jan. 2, from 4-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

For online condolences, visit jferryfh.com.

Colchester

Karie Leslie Parker

Karie Leslie Parker passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, aged 60, at her home in Colchester, of long-standing health issues.

She is survived by her loving sisters, Deborah Thigpen and her husband, Andrew, of Waresboro, Ga., Kathryn Marshall and her husband Jeff of Maitland, Fla.; her nephew, Beau Thigpen of Miami Beach, Fla.; and devoted partner, Marc Warren. She also leaves an extended family centered around Atlanta, Ga.

Born in Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 10, 1954 to the late Robert and Alice Parker, she was raised in Binghamton and Endwell, N.Y., and then Ormond Beach, Fla. She graduated from Seabreeze High School in Ormond Beach, Fla., where she played clarinet in the marching band, was an active member of the Civil Air Patrol, and volunteered at the Daytona Speedway with her beloved father.

Karie attended the University of Tennessee and her following career spanned over three decades in telecommunications working for SNET, Cingular Wireless, SBC, and AT&T Mobility. Owing to her career she became active online early in the Internet age, and met and retained many friends worldwide. Her online presence continued throughout her life. Her interests included aviation – she was a licensed pilot, had tried sky-diving, and taken helicopter flight instruction. She met her life-partner, Mr. Warren, at a small airport in 1989.

She was a longtime member of Mensa, and an active member of the Parrothead Club of Connecticut, where she participated in many charitable fundraising activities. She loved music and was known for her beautiful voice raised in song at any opportunity. She loved animals, and overcame a life-long allergy to take in a number of abandoned kittens over the years, many of whom she found homes for. She loved to travel, and went on many annual cruises and vacations in Key West, Fla., where she met many friends.

She will be remembered and deeply missed by her family, friends, and the numerous lives she touched with her spirited personality and caring nature.

Friends called at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Route 4, Unionville, Saturday, Dec. 27. A service of remembrance followed. Callers were welcome to wear tropical print shirts and comfortable slacks if they wished to the celebration of Karie's life.

To send online condolences to the family, visit ahernfuneralhome.com.

Hebron

Wayne A. Morrison Sr.

Wayne A. Morrison Sr., 73, of Hebron, died Thursday, Dec. 25, at St. Joseph's Living Center in Windham. He was born July 27, 1941, to the late John W. and Lila G. (Davis) Morrison of Lebanon.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 47 years, Barbara (Roy) Morrison.

He served in the United States Army with the 173rd Airborne Brigade during the Vietnam era. Wayne was retired from Hallamore Motor Transport out of Massachusetts, where he was a rigging foreman.

Wayne loved hard work and upon retirement spent countless hours at the homes of his children working on projects for them, no job was too big. We should have named him the cordwood king. He enjoyed splitting and stacking wood more than going on vacation. But that was who he was.

Wayne is survived by his three children, Wayne A. Morrison Jr. and his wife Nola of Columbia, Kelly A. Teixeira and her husband Anthony of Lebanon and Jason E. Morrison and his fiancé Christianne Wolfson of Andover, and a very special grandson, Matthew A. Teixeira of Lebanon. He is also survived by two brothers, Richard Morrison and his wife Joyce of Lebanon, John Morrison and his wife Gloria of Tennessee; and a sister, Susan Morrison of Vermont.

Wayne was predeceased by two sisters, Marilyn Muldoon, Corinne Morrison and a brother, Donald Morrison.

It saddens Wayne's family that he had to endure court, a place where he was most uncomfortable, and waste what precious time he had left due to a malevolent neighbor. Wayne was trusting of others and this taught him a hard lesson late in life.

Services will be private, with no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made in Wayne's memory to the Norton Children's Fund Commission, c/o Andover Town Office building, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232

To offer online condolences, sign the guestbook at potterfuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

William Frederick Briggs Jr.

William Frederick Briggs Jr., 85, of East Hampton and Sarasota, Fla., formerly of South Glastonbury, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, in Sarasota, Fla. Born in Waterbury July 5, 1929, he was the son of the late William F. Briggs and Dorothy (Porteous) Briggs.

Bill grew up in Middletown and married his high school sweetheart Barbara White, his beloved wife of 51 years. He proudly served as a Lieutenant JG in the US Navy during the Korean War.

In the late 1950s, Bill moved to South Glastonbury, where he raised his family. He was the president and co-owner of Valley Oil Co. in Portland. Valley Oil was a highly successful family business for over 85 years, servicing customers throughout Connecticut. Bill truly cherished all of the summers spent with his family at his cottage on Lake Pocotopaug in East Hampton.

Bill was an avid golfer and a charter member of the Glastonbury Hills Country Club where he was the Senior Club Champion several times. He golfed for many years in the celebrity pro-am of the Greater Hartford Open, where he played with many celebrities including Johnny Miller, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Arnold Palmer. He was very proud of the fact that he had five holes-in-one in his lifetime.

Another of his passions was fishing. He had numerous "prize catches." Bill also loved following sports. Whether they won or lost, his love of the Red Sox, the Hartford Whalers and the UConn men's and women's basketball teams was unwavering.

He is survived by his brother, Robert Briggs of Haddam; his sister-in-law, Marilyn Baillargeon; his daughters, Cynthia Thierfeld and her husband Jeffrey of Portland, Cathleen Glynn and her husband John of Marlborough, Carolyn Aubin and her husband David of Hebron; and his son William of Middletown. He is also survived by his 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who were the loves of his life. Bill's close friend, Hilda Siderman, held a special place in his heart.

Along with his parents, Bill was predeceased by his son, Charles and his wife, Barbara.

A private burial will be held at Pine Grove Cemetery in Middletown, and a memorial service celebrating his life will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in William's memory to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, CT Chapter, 321 Research Parkway, Suite 212, Meriden, CT 06450 or the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, 2075 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

Doolittle Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. To share memories or Send condolences to the Briggs family, visit [doolittlefuneral service.com](http://doolittlefuneral.service.com).

Portland

Nella Ann Caffery

Nella Ann (DiMauro) Caffery, of Higganum, formerly of Portland, beloved wife of William J. Caffery Sr. of 58 years, passed peacefully after a long illness Saturday, Dec. 27, at Middlesex Hospital, with her family at her side. Nella was born in Middletown, the daughter of the late Salvatore and Jennie (Bartolotta) DiMauro.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Caffery was the owner of Caffery's Dance & Gymnastics School in Middletown. Nella loved all styles of dance, but her passion was tap dancing. Bill and Nella were avid travelers, taking 32 cruises and trips to many destinations. Above all, the true loves of her life were her family and her best friend Haley, a snow white Bichon.

Besides her husband Bill, Nella is survived by a daughter, Maureen Aresco and her husband, Eric of Higganum; two sons, William J. Caffery Jr. and his wife Lynn of Portland, and Robert Caffery and his soulmate, Tracy Burr of Clinton. She is also survived by her brother, Salvatore DiMauro of Portland; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Nella was predeceased by her brother, Sebastian DiMauro.

A funeral liturgy will be held Saturday, Jan. 3, at Saint Mary's Church, Freestone Avenue in Portland, at 10 a.m. The burial will be held at Saint Sebastian Cemetery, located in Rockfall. Friends may call Biega's Funeral Home, 3 Silver Street, Middletown tonight, Jan. 2, from 5-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude's Hospital at 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To share memories or express condolences online, visit biegafuneralhome.com.

Marlborough

Clarence Nels Gustafson

Clarence Nels "Skeets" Gustafson, 93, passed away peacefully Friday, Dec. 19, surrounded by his devoted and loving wife of 70 years, Alice, and his family. Born in Hartford, to Axel and Frida Gustafson, Skeets was a former resident of Wethersfield, Norwich and a 45-year resident of Marlborough.

He was the loving father of Lee Gustafson (wife Susan) of Glastonbury and Ann Gustafson Mosher (husband Wayne) of Gardiner, N.Y., and devoted Pop-Pop to grandchildren Jesse Gustafson and his wife Valerie, and Emmy Gustafson Heley and her husband Andy.

Skeets graduated from Bulkeley High School in Hartford before serving honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He was a leading figure in Connecticut's banking industry and had a long and storied career. Beginning his banking career literally in the mail room, Skeets' keen intelligence, relentless energy and financial acumen enabled him to climb to the office of senior vice president at Connecticut Bank & Trust before retiring after 44 years of service. Upon his retirement from CBT, Skeets was named to the U.S. Congressional Record by Senator Chris Dodd Oct. 19, 1983, for bringing warmth and compassion to his professional undertakings. He was regarded as a friend and neighbor by many of his customers for his humane and individualistic approach to business.

Besides being an exemplary business leader, Skeets was always very active within the community. He served as president of the Wethersfield Business and Civic Association, chairman of the Wethersfield Housing Authority, director and treasurer of United Workers of Norwich, director and treasurer of Norwich Community Development Corporation, and director of the Dahl Oil Company of Norwich. He was proud of his association with the University of Connecticut Foundation, where he served as its first treasurer and was named an honorary life director.

Skeets was also involved with the Boy Scouts of America, Backus Hospital of Norwich, United Way and the Eastern Connecticut Development Council. He was a longtime member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford.

Skeets will be deeply missed by all who loved his gentle manner, his wonderful sense of humor and his beautiful blue eyes.

Alice and her family would like to recognize the hospice nurses and caregivers at Middlesex Hospital for their dedication and kindness while caring for Skeets.

There will be no calling hours. Burial will be at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Middlesex Hospital Hospice and Palliative Care Unit and mailed to Middlesex Hospital, Office of Philanthropy, 28 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457.

Portland

Cecilia King Schultz

After a long and loving life of 105 years, Cecilia King Schultz, formerly of Portland, passed away Thursday, Dec. 25.

Cecilia was born in Gardiner, Mass., Dec. 13, 1909. When she was 14 years old, she moved with her parents, Cyrus and Eliza King, and her seven surviving siblings to industrial Meriden. By 1932, she was married to Walter F. Schultz Sr., and was the mother of Walter, Jr., living on the Schultz farm on Richard Street, Newington. In 1944, daughter Barbara Ann joined the family.

A busy, rich life of hosting and caring for her many relatives, interspersed with harvesting strawberries and vegetable crops, gave way to a happy interval of retail sales at Blue Stamps and 2Guys Stores on the nearby Berlin Turnpike. A move back to Meriden in 1970 brought retirement and the close companionship of her remaining siblings.

In 1991, she and her husband moved to Cape Cod, MA, where she contributed through her culinary gifts to her son's restaurant business, alongside her late daughter-in-law Alison Stevens Schultz. Walter Sr. died shortly after the move, and she returned to Connecticut in 1997. Since 1998, Cecilia's care has been shared first at Greystone Retirement Home of Portland and then at Middlesex Healthcare of Middletown. Her beautiful smile and kindly ways were greatly valued by her dedicated caregivers.

She is survived by her son, Walter Schultz of Orleans, Mass., and her daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Allan Dresser of South Glastonbury; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be sent to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington.

A funeral service will be held today, Jan. 2, at 11 a.m., at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Family and friends may gather from 10-11 a.m., just prior to the service.

Portland

William Edmund Murphy

William Edmund Murphy of Westmont Drive, Middletown, passed away Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at Portland Care & Rehab, after a brief illness. Born in Middletown, he was the son of the late John J. and Mary (Butler) Murphy.

William just recently celebrated his 90th birthday. A devout Catholic, he was a lifelong member of Saint John Church. William graduated from Saint John School and Middletown High School. He served with the U.S. Army in World War II from 1943-46. Upon returning from the war, William was employed as an accountant with Jackson Pontiac, Middletown, for 38 years, until his retirement.

William enjoyed the game of golf and was a member of Edgewood Golf Club (now River Highlands in Cromwell) and Portland Golf Course. He took daily walks in Indian Hill Cemetery, when he stopped playing golf in his mid-80s. He loved people and enjoyed talking to those who he met on his walks.

He followed several baseball and football teams, with the Red Sox and Giants being his favorites. He thoroughly enjoyed trips to Fenway Park and the GHO tournaments as recently as last year. William loved the holidays and family gatherings, and happily looked forward to leaving with "care packages." All who knew him would agree that he was always quick to smile or lend a helping hand.

Numerous nieces and nephews, who affectionately called him "Billy", survive William. He always made time to spend with his nephews and nieces when they were young. He planned fun and interesting outings that created lasting memories.

William was the last surviving sibling of the Murphy Family. He was predeceased by his sisters, Margaret Wisneski, Elizabeth Murphy, Kathleen Murphy, Lucille Varhue, and brothers, James, John and Thomas Murphy.

His family is extremely grateful to Dr. Matthew Raider and the entire staff at Portland Care & Rehab Center for their kind and compassionate care during his last days. The family also wishes to thank Dr. Larry Levine and Nurse Rachel for their exceptional care and concern during William's illness.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 29, from Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church St., Middletown, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint John Church in Middletown. Burial followed in Saint John Cemetery, where full military honors were accorded.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make donations in William's memory to Saint John Church, 19 Saint John Square, Middletown, CT 06457, and may send messages of condolence to the family at doolittlefuneralservice.com.

Hebron

Carole J. Falvo

Carole J. (Medovich) Falvo, 69, of Hebron, beloved wife of Louis Falvo, passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 22.

Born Jan. 1, 1945, she was the daughter of the late Stan and Mildred Medovich. Prior to her marriage, she worked as a nurse.

In addition to her loving husband Louis, Carole will be dearly missed by her brother, Gary Medovich and his wife Anita of Annapolis, Md.; her brother-in-law, Frank Falvo and his wife Susan of Wethersfield and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sister, Bonnie Heck.

Carole's family would like to thank Middlesex Hospital Critical Care and Palliative Care for their efforts over the last three weeks as well as the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center and the Connecticut Oncology Group, especially Dr. Robert Levy, for their assistance the last seven years-plus.

Funeral services will be private and there are no calling hours.

The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, Wethersfield is assisting the family with arrangements. To share a memory of Carole with the family, visit desopo.com.

Hebron

Patricia M. Govoni

Patricia M. (Pat) Govoni, 61, of Glastonbury, formerly of Hebron, died Monday, Dec. 22, after a short battle with cancer. Born in Milford, Pat lived in central Connecticut most of her life.

Surviving are her husband Peter F. Govoni; daughters, Kristen E. Govoni (Christopher Gatti) and Carolyn Zimmer (David); grandchildren, Oliver and Levi Gatti and John, Joseph and Noelle Zimmer; siblings Cheryl Plaster (Mary) and Robert Magoon (Susan); and nieces and nephews.

In 1971, she graduated from Milford High School and after her marriage in 1973, she and Peter lived in various towns in Connecticut, settling in Hebron, where they started their family. She moved to Glastonbury in 1989.

In 1988, Pat graduated from Manchester Community College with an associate's degree in data processing. In 1991, she joined Harry Morgan, MD, and worked for the Center for Geriatric and Family Psychiatry in Glastonbury, assisting people with Alzheimer's and dementia. As office manager, she took care of business issues, managed the support staff, all technical issues and training, and worked closely with the clinical staff to support their needs and the needs of the patients.

Above all, Pat enjoyed her family most, including her title as Grammy, and really loved time with her grandchildren. Over the years, selflessly devoted to her family, she hosted the family's Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, always serving up the best and biggest meals creating abundant joy for her family and friends.

Pat, with her husband Pete, was an avid sailor, plying the waters of Eastern Long Island Sound, West Harbor, Block Island, Newport, Martha's Vineyard and P-Town. As a "captain" and navigator, she steered a safe course and kept their sailboat "Heavenly" and Pete out of harm's way.

Relatives and friends called at the Mulryan Funeral Home 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, Monday, Dec. 29. A short service followed that evening. The next day, Dec. 30, interment was at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Wareham, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

For online condolences, visit mulryanfh.com.



Hebron

Frederick Francis Sanford

Frederick Francis Sanford, 95, formerly of Hebron, died at his home Monday, Dec. 29, with his family present.

The fifth son of Edward M. and Lucy Grace (Clark) Sanford, Fred lived in East Granby until he entered the service during World War II on Jan. 5, 1944, after being deferred several times for war work at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. He trained at Indian Town Gap, Pa. He served in Northern France, Rhineland, Germany, and in Central Europe as squad leader. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal and was discharged as Sergeant in December 1945.

He returned to Pratt & Whitney after the war and retired from there after nearly 40 years of employment. He married Eva Mourey in 1947 (who predeceased him in 1997) and they resided in Burlington and later Hebron, and then West Willington. In 1985, they moved to Agawam, Mass., where he resided for the rest of his life.

Fred loved to work outdoors, gardening, feeding the birds, enjoying the Boston Red Sox, the Patriots and the UConn women's basketball games. Fred was an active member of the Agawam Congregational Church and the Agawam Historical Association.

Fred leaves behind his three daughters, Beverly Sanford Follis, Cindy Sanford Taylor and her husband, James D. Taylor of Agawam, Mass.; Ann Sanford Behfar and her husband, Farid Behfar of Oviedo, Fla.; three grandchildren, Michael Sanford Follis of Agawam, Mass., Dr. Kelly Anne Wolfe and her husband Dr. Brian Wolfe of Stamford, and Abraham Sanford Behfar; and one great-grandchild, Grace Eva Lynn Wolfe.

He was predeceased by his four brothers, Edward, Wesley, James, and Charles Sanford and his two sisters, Mildred Sanford and Lucy Cowles.

Calling hours were held at the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam, Mass., Thursday, Jan. 1. His funeral was held today, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m., at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, Mass., with burial following at the Agawam Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Fred's name can be made to the Springfield Rescue Mission, 19 Bliss St., Springfield, MA 01105 or to the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, MA 01101.

To leave a personal reflections and additional information please visit our website at forastierefuneralhome.com.