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**Veteran of the Year...** Sean Connolly, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs, presents Hebron resident John Tuttle with a certificate of appreciation this week. Tuttle was named the town's Veteran of the Year during a ceremony at the American Legion hall for American Legion Post 95. Also pictured is American Legion member John Gasper. See story on page 30.

## Future of Belltown Water Discussed

by John Tyczkowski

Tuesday evening, the East Hampton Town Council heard an update regarding the long-running process of creating a town water system.

Mark Barmasse, chair of the Water Development Task Force (WDTF), spoke before the council on the task force's progress since its creation in May 2014.

Barmasse gave an overview of the recent history of town water system development, beginning with the five water system proposals the Town Council reviewed in 2006 prior to selecting one for a referendum.

"These various plans ranged from \$15- \$50 million, and were designed to serve various portions of the central part of the town using the Cobalt Well Field as a water supply source," Barmasse said.

The council eventually voted to accept a \$28.5 million proposal to serve the Village Center and residential and commercial properties located in proximity to that location.

However, that proposal was later defeated at referendum in 2007.

To date, the Cobalt Well Field is still the only aquifer in the area large enough to allow the town to operate a water system that would realistically be able to serve the town's current and future needs, with a capacity of around 900,000 gallons per day, Barmasse said.

At the time of the 2007 referendum, the town did not have the rights to the Cobalt Well Field.

However those, along with land in Cobalt for a water treatment facility, were later acquired.

Barmasse said as a preliminary part of the task force's work during summer 2014, the WDTF revisited the 2007 referendum plan. Updated with 2015 materials and construction costs, he estimated the total amount to be \$35-\$37 million.

Barmasse said the task force also revisited another option the council considered in 2006, which would have served a greater portion of the town than was indicated in the 2007 referendum plan.

Its cost at that time was around \$51 million which, updated with 2015 costs, would be \$65-\$70 million today, he said.

However, given the focus on other facilities' needs in town at the end of 2014 and into 2015, Barmasse said the task force decided to come up with new ideas, though the 2007 options were still feasible from an engineering standpoint.

"With the laundry list of facilities' needs as long as my arm, there didn't seem to be the appetite in town for a water system costing between \$35 and \$70 million," he said. "So we decided to look at other options."

The two alternatives the task force decided upon were for the town to either partner with a private entity on a water system, or let a private entity construct and maintain the entire town

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## Hebron Synagogue Celebrates 75 Years

by Geeta Schrayter

In 1940, the cornerstone was laid for a Jewish synagogue in Hebron, on a piece of donated land near the center of town. The following year the building was complete, and since that time it's served as a place of worship for the local Jewish community.

To mark the 75 years since the laying of that cornerstone, the public is invited to a celebration of the synagogue next week.

The history of the Jewish community in the area dates back to the 1880s. Prior to the construction of the United Brethren of Hebron Synagogue, a small Jewish community of about eight to 10 families existed in the Hebron/Amston area. They were mostly farmers, who had left Europe to escape poverty and persecution. Until the synagogue existed, the families would meet in each other's homes for Sabbath services.

But in the late 1930s, the decision was made to build a synagogue; resident Ira Turshen designed the building, which was built on land donated by Benjamin Kassman. And with its completion came a permanent place of worship for the congregants, as well as a home for a copy of The Torah, the handwritten scroll containing the five books of Moses, which had previously been kept in the home of a congregant. The building, which features a brick exte-

rior, was designed all those years ago with Art Deco details. Inside, the serene setting includes several murals of scenes of Israel painted on the walls along with a sky and clouds on the ceiling, highlighted by the hanging chandelier, and pillars painted to look like marble.

Built as an orthodox synagogue, the building includes a separate seating area for women located on one side of the sanctuary, as well as a downstairs that includes a kitchen and all-purpose room.

This week, Arlene Snyder, a member of the synagogue's board, shared the construction of the United Brethren of Hebron Synagogue was a community effort, with many people helping. A lot of the brick, she said, was reclaimed; the Star of David over the front door was made with recycled pieces of glass.

"You walk in and can see the history and tradition," she explained. "It's a nice place to pray."

Described as "comforting" and a "nice, intimate setting" the synagogue can seat 80 comfortably – more if additional chairs are used.

Over the years, along with Jewish services the synagogue has been used for a variety of purposes. For instance, the Red Cross used the building during World War II to roll bandages for soldiers overseas. Groups such as the Girl

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The inside of United Brethren of Hebron Synagogue looks much as it did when it was built; scenes of Israel are still painted on the walls, and a separate seating area for women can still be found off to the left. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the construction and opening of the building, and a kick-off of the yearlong celebration will take place next Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 10 a.m.



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water system, including transferring ownership of existing water infrastructure.

Barmasse also suggested that regardless, the town should consider a phased development plan. That type of plan would not only add new water infrastructure, but would link existing infrastructure, including the Village Center, Royal Oaks, Edgemere and Spice Hill water systems.

Those existing system linkages would then be added to the new infrastructure to create a more comprehensive emergent system.

“You’d be able to build portions of a water system in separate \$3, \$4, \$5 million pieces,” he said. “It would create a core of a system which could meet town needs, and could possibly interest a private entity in further developing it, or attract state funding or a public utility.”

Speaking to the latter, council members suggested looking into working with the Metropolitan District Commission, a regional water utility, currently talking with Portland about a possible expansion there.

Finally, Barmasse encouraged the Town Council to look into a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) process to solicit options from private entities.

“It’s a non-binding document, and there’s no commitment on the part of the town,” he said of the RFEI process. “But the endorsement of this course of action by the Town Council would show those prospective entities that we’re serious.”

The council took no immediate action on the RFEI process that evening and instead opted to revisit it in more detail and take action at the next council meeting.

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The council also previewed two upcoming events in town.

The first was a joint meeting between the Conservation-Lake Commission, the Inland Wetlands/Watercourse Authority and the Town Council to discuss Lake Pocotopaug’s health and other related issues.

Representatives from Northeast Aquatics including George Knoecklein, the town’s limnologist, will attend, as will Chuck Lee, DEEP’s Supervisor of Nonpoint Source, Watershed, Lakes Management and Low Impact Development Programs.

The meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at East Hampton Middle School.

“It’ll be a night to learn about the lake and I hope everyone interested will attend,” Town Council Chairwoman Barbara Moore said. “It’ll be a very important night for all of us.”

In addition, there will be a Hometown Heroes Program held at Hope Church at 230 East High St. on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be seven honorees, chosen by the seven members of the town council. These individuals include veterans, teachers, volunteers and more, Moore said.

The VFW Color Guard will attend for a presentation of the colors, Red McKinney will serve as emcee, and there will be a “Song for the Unsung Heroes” by Val Greco, a poem by poet laureate Hugo DeSarro and a benediction by ordained minister T.J. Day.

Rotarians, EHHS Interact Club members and members from the East Hampton Senior Center will help put on the event, which will also feature refreshments after the ceremony.

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The next town council meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall meeting room.

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Scouts, the 4-H Club and an elementary school woodworking class have also made use of it.

Today, the congregation consists of about 30 families from Hebron, Columbia, Marlborough and other nearby towns. The congregation touts itself as diverse, and is made up of singles, seniors, families, interfaith families, both conservative and orthodox Jews, longtime participants in Jewish tradition as well as those just learning.

“Even if you’re not super religious, it’s easy to see how you can sit in here and gather your thoughts,” added board president Jill Zorn. “You can feel that spirituality.”

Looking toward the future, board treasurer Leslie Kassman said of the building, “We’d certainly like to make it to 100! I hope we’re able to continue to sustain a working community that can offer a place for Jewish culture

and worship.”

Snyder added while there were many other rural synagogues in the state, many no longer offered services.

“So the fact [ours] is still alive is wonderful” added Zorn. “We have had great support from other faith communities in town.”

Zorn furthered, “The history is really meaningful. To think that these families came in the 1880s, decided to build a synagogue, and it’s still functioning today and so beautiful is wonderful.”

And to mark that longevity, a celebration will be held at the synagogue next Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. The public is invited to join elected officials, area clergy and others for a kick-off to the yearlong 75th anniversary celebration.

United Brethren of Hebron Synagogue is located at 10 Church St.

## Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

I got a good chuckle recently when I came across a list of exchanges between pilots and air traffic controllers. You could tell some of the exchanges were from a while ago – note the references to long-gone airlines – but I still got a kick out of the list. Here are some highlights:

Tower: “Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o’clock, six miles!”

Delta 351: “Give us another hint! We have digital watches!”

“TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 degrees.”

“Center, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?”

“Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?”

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down. San Jose Tower noted: “American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport.”

From an unknown aircraft waiting in a very long takeoff queue: “I’m f—ing bored!”

Ground Traffic Control: “Last aircraft transmitting, identify yourself immediately!”

Unknown aircraft: “I said I was f—ing bored, not f—ing stupid!”

Allegedly, a Pan Am 727 flight waiting for start clearance in Munich overheard the following:

Lufthansa (in German): “Ground, what is our start clearance time?”

Ground (in English): “If you want an answer you must speak in English.”

Lufthansa (in English): “I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?”

Unknown voice from another plane (in a British accent): “Because you lost the bloody war.”

Tower: “Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on frequency 124.7”

Eastern 702: “Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway.”

Tower: “Continental 635, cleared for take-off behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?”

Continental 635: “Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern... we’ve already notified our caterers.”

Allegedly the German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport were a short-tempered bunch – and not only expected one to know one’s gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. Keep this in mind as you read this exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.

Speedbird 206: “Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway.”

Ground: “Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven.”

The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: “Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?”

Speedbird 206: “Stand by, Ground, I’m looking up our gate location now.”

Ground (arrogantly, and with impatience): “Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?”

Speedbird 206 (coolly): “Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark ... and I didn’t land.”

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It’s been a warm September. We’ve had several days in the upper ’80s and low ’90s, including an extremely rare (for Connecticut) September heat wave earlier this month. I’ve been really enjoying it, and am pleased to see [weather.com](http://weather.com) calls for temperatures to remain in the mid- to upper-70s at least through early October. That’s terrific.

But history tells us it won’t last. Eventually we’ll start to have some autumn temperatures to deal with. And as it gets cooler out, it’s time to think about something probably a lot of us haven’t quite yet: flu shots.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, everyone should get a flu vaccine every flu season. That season, the CDC said, can start in early October and run as late as May.

Fortunately, there are several opportunities in coming weeks for folks in *Rivereast*-land to get their flu shots. The Chatham Health District is hosting several clinics in the area, including:

Monday, Sept. 28, Gilead Hill School, 580 Gilead St., Hebron, 3-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 29, Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School, 25 School Dr., Marlborough, 3-6 p.m.;

Monday, Oct. 5, Richmond Memorial Library, 15 School Dr., Marlborough, 3-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 7, East Hampton High School, 15 North Maple St., 3-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 28, Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., 4-6 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 29, Hebron Elementary School, 92 Church St., 3-6 p.m.;

Monday, Nov. 2, Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., 3-6 p.m.; and Monday, Nov. 9, East Hampton High School, 15 North Maple St., 3-6 p.m.

These are walk-in clinics; no appointment is necessary. Also, no co-pay is needed. Proof of vaccination will be available for daycare records.

Bring a copy of your insurance card and a filled-out, printed copy of the influenza vaccination consent form for each person receiving a vaccination. The form is found at [chathamhealth.org](http://chathamhealth.org). All insurances will be accepted.

Call the Chatham Health District at 860-365-0884 for more information.

Oh, and by the way, in case anyone is concerned, the CDC says the flu shot does *not cause the flu*. Yes, you may be injected with the flu virus, but it is a virus that has been “killed,” or inactivated. There are possible side effects – soreness/redness/swelling where the shot was given, a low-grade fever, or aches – but you cannot get the flu from a flu shot.

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See you next week.

# Portland Infrastructure Improvements Discussed

by John Tyczkowski

At last Wednesday's Board of Selectmen meeting, a possible solution for some of the town's sidewalks woes came to light.

Precision Concrete Cutting, with offices in New Haven, came to town and did a demonstration repair on a single sidewalk slab, Fred Knous, chair of the board's sidewalks subcommittee, said.

Knous, dubbed the "sidewalk selectman" by the board, said the demonstration happened at no cost, and occurred near the corner of Fairview and East Main.

According to Precision Concrete's website, the process involves shaving off sheets of the top of the sidewalk slab, akin to slicing cheese or potatoes finely. By that process, any sudden drops that could cause trips are rounded and straightened into a smooth slope, with a rise in line with ADA-compliant standards.

"It's like a little ramp almost," Knous said. "It took about 15 minutes to do that one slab. It's easier to walk on and it looks great."

"It specifically cuts down on trip hazards," he said.

As such, Precision Concrete's services would not work for other sidewalk problems in town, such as those stretches where there are large gaps between slabs, or badly-cracked slabs, Knous said.

"But they do a great job in getting rid of those trip hazards – and there's plenty of those on sidewalks in town," he said.

Where applicable, the shaving process to

smooth out trip hazards would cost about one quarter of the cost of traditional sidewalk slab replacement, Knous said.

"It's affordable, and I thought it was certainly something we should look at as part of our sidewalk solutions," he said.

Knous, however, stressed that a comprehensive overhaul of the town's sidewalks ordinance and a review of the options and costs to repair and replace sidewalks that could not be aided by the trip-hazard process would need to be addressed before making a decision.

"We've got to take a look at all our options and then decide if we want this to be part of the mix as well," he said.

First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield said she was in favor of looking at the smoothing option.

"This process isn't the be-all and end-all, but it's certainly an affordable way to improve our walkability in town," she said.

Selectman Ryan Curley also endorsed the process.

"Safety is our first priority, then replacing the ones that are cracked and making them look nice," he said. "This is a simple way to protect people from tripping and falling over, and I think this is phenomenal."

Bransfield said the town has \$25,000 budgeted for local capital improvements, which could only fund repairs to town-owned sidewalks.

"So that leads us back into that age-old ques-

tion of who owns the sidewalks," she said. "We're going to have to keep working on that."

Three state highways, Route 66, Route 17 and Route 17A, run through Portland, and it's uncertain whether the town could make repairs to sidewalks lining them.

Selectmen agreed to review the sidewalk repair information and resume the discussion at next month's meetings.

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Selectmen also discussed the possibility of putting in LED lights at the Ledges, a stretch of Route 66 on the way to Cobalt, beginning roughly around St. Clements Castle. It is narrower than the rest of the highway in town, and has several blind curves.

Three fatal car crashes and one non-fatal crash have occurred there since September 2013.

The LED lights would be an Eversource initiative. Bransfield said the utility had contacted her "a few days" before the meeting and offered to install 50 LED streetlights "in a continuous stream" as part of a pilot program for switching to LED lights.

Eversource would install the lights for free, converting the streetlights currently there. However, the town would then be responsible for upkeep, Bransfield said.

"They do cost less to run, however," she said. "And there is a five-year plan that Eversource has to make all streetlights that they own LEDs."

Eversource itself suggested putting the lights in at the Ledges, Bransfield said.

"We're still looking at this and I don't have a final answer yet, but I think it would be prudent to look to do this where there's a demonstrated need," she said.

Selectmen indicated their support for the idea.

"That's a good deal," selectman Carl Chudzick said.

Bransfield said she anticipated having more information on the possible LED streetlight installation by the end of the month.

In addition, Bransfield said something to consider for the future would be a town-wide effort to convert all streetlights to LEDs, which other towns in the state, such as Bristol, have begun.

"With the small number of lights we have compared to New London, Hartford or New Haven, it might make sense to see how this (pilot program) goes and do our research," she said. "And if it is something our fellow towns are doing, then it might be something for us to seriously consider. I want to keep our options open."

"However, you do have to remember, once you own them, you own them," she said.

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The next Board of Selectmen meeting will take place Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the Mary Flood Room of Portland Library.

# Commission Proposes Charter Changes in Colchester

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

The Charter Review Commission last week put forth several recommended changes to the town charter.

Gregg LePage, chairman of the five-member Charter Review Commission, presented the proposed changes to the Board of Selectmen at its meeting last week.

"We thoroughly reviewed the charter," LePage said. "We reviewed the current government structure and its efficiency and effectiveness. We also interviewed key stakeholders and found pain points."

The first suggested change was making all terms four-year ones. Currently, members of the Board of Selectmen have two-year terms, meaning the whole board is up for re-election every two years. The Board of Education has four-year, staggered terms – meaning not everyone is up for re-election at the same time – and the Board of Finance has six-year terms, also staggered.

"Two is too little," LePage said. "By the time you get up to speed – boom! – re-election."

At the other extreme, LePage said, are the six-year terms on the Board of Finance. He said this is too long, with members often resigning before they make it the full six years.

The four-year terms would be staggered, LePage explained.

Another key change would be making sure the budget referendum process can actually draw to a close – in order to reduce the money the town spends holding referendums. LePage told the selectmen he knows of one town where, after two failed referendums, the Board of Selectmen determines the final budget, which can be equal to or less than the amount at the second failed attempt.

"Each budget vote is a significant cost to the town," LePage said. "The elected Board of Selectmen is qualified to determine the final budget."

The commission also suggested making the town clerk and tax collector appointed, rather than elected. This "would allow for defined qualifications and experience necessary for the position," LePage said.

Also, he said, switching the two positions to appointed ones would allow for an expanded pool of candidates, as there wouldn't be the residency requirement currently in place. The switch also means people could be removed from office in the event of poor performance, and it would also eliminate "re-election distrac-

tions," LePage said.

The commission also suggested eliminating the town treasurer position – interestingly, a position LePage has held previously.

"There's a lot of overlap with the [treasurer position and the] finance department," LePage said. "It's not efficient."

LePage pointed out that, of the proposed changes, this is the lowest-priority one for the commission, but it could save the town a few thousand dollars, as the treasurer is a paid position; in the current fiscal year budget, the treasurer is paid \$4,728.

In regards to the budget process, the commission suggested that, instead of making line-item cuts, the Board of Finance only be allowed to give the Board of Selectmen a bottom-line budget number, as is currently the case with the Board of Education.

The commission also suggested increasing the threshold needed for recounts, transfers and special referendums – to better reflect the town's population and budget size.

The commission also discussed making a few minor grammatical and technical changes to the charter, such as adding a table of contents and definitions of what exactly an elected official is.

LePage also shared that, after some consideration, the commission agreed now was not the time to switch to a town manager form of government.

"We feel it's a good idea, but we don't know if the town is ready," LePage said. "To go from first selectman to a town manager is an added \$40,000 to \$50,000 [to the budget]."

LePage said the commission is focusing more on the other proposed revisions at this time. Commission member Monica Egan said the commission wouldn't want debate over possibly switching to a town manager to "overshadow" the other proposed changes, which have a more realistic chance of passing with the voters.

From here, the suggestions will go to a Charter Revision Commission, and then potentially to a ballot in 2016.

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Also at the selectmen meeting, the board appointed four members to the Blight Ordinance Task Force and that group met for the first time Sept. 24.

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The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m., at Town Hall.

## Recount in Portland Primary, But No Change

by John Tyczkowski

Kayleigh Kinsella remains the Democratic nominee for town clerk for this November's election after a recount of last week's primary vote totals.

Wednesday, interim town clerk Mary Dickerson said the recount, which happened Tuesday evening, was "purely procedural."

"It was an automatic recount that occurs when there's fewer than 20 votes' difference between both candidates," she said.

The primary took place last Wednesday,

Sept. 16. Kinsella, the endorsed candidate, defeated the petitioning candidate by a vote of 94-81 – and the total remained exactly the same after Tuesday's recount.

"We had to reopen the ballot tabulator machines and hand count the ballots," Dickerson said of the recount process. "And then we had to hand count the absentee ballots, and make sure the inner and outer envelopes matched."

Kinsella will face Republican selectman Ryan Curley for the town clerk seat on Nov. 3.

## Coventry Women Dies in Route 6 Crash

by Geeta Schrayter

A Coventry woman died – and two others were injured – in a crash on Route 6 last Sunday, Sept. 20.

According to state police, Amber Buczko, 30, of Coventry, was traveling east on Route 6 in her Toyota Celica shortly before 2 a.m. while Brian Filbig of Tolland, 26, was heading west in his Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck with Sarah Donahue of Columbia, 20.

Near the intersection with Burnap Brook Road, police said the two vehicles collided.

Buczko was pronounced dead at the scene, according to police; Filbig and Donahue were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Anyone with information regarding the accident is asked to call Troop K at 860-896-3200.

## Police Thwart Burglary Attempt at Portland Restaurant

by John Tyczkowski

Portland Police stopped a break-in in progress at a local restaurant early this past Sunday morning.

Jolynn Anderson, 40, of no certain address, was charged with criminal attempt to commit burglary and second-degree criminal trespass.

At around 6 a.m. on Sept. 20 while performing property checks for local businesses, Officer Michael Fitzpatrick noticed a 1997 Dodge Intrepid pull into the parking lot of Campagna Restaurant, located at 151 Marlborough St. He observed the car drive behind the building and then stop at the rear door.

Fitzpatrick parked and observed Anderson step out of the car and pick up a brick from the ground. Then, she began smashing the door of the restaurant with the brick in an at-

tempt to break in, police said.

Fitzpatrick returned to his cruiser and pulled closer. Anderson then saw Fitzpatrick approaching, and "crouched behind her vehicle attempting to hide," police said. Fitzpatrick was able to take her into custody without incident.

When questioned by Fitzpatrick during processing at the Portland Police Department about two other recent burglaries in the same area, Anderson provided a statement that implicated herself those incidents, police said.

Also, police said Anderson was a former employee of Campagna Restaurant, and an investigation is ongoing.

She was released on a \$5,000 non-surety bond and is due in court in Middletown on Sept. 29.



# Marketing Highlighted for Marlborough Economic Development

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

The consensus after a discussion on economic development Tuesday is that the town needs more marketing – and a better image.

The discussion was part of a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen, and was attended by a mix of residents and town officials. The idea for the forum, facilitated by Robert Santy of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC), was sparked by First Selectwoman Cathi Gaudinski and Director of Planning and Development Peter Hughes.

The goal was to come to some kind of conclusion about the next step for the town in improving economic development and the number of businesses.

Before the meeting, Santy had given the selectmen and Hughes a survey they could fill out indicating what they felt were strengths and weaknesses of the town's economic development. Other meeting attendees could fill it out during the meeting.

"No town is going to do it all," Santy said. "You have to find the top priorities."

Santy said he felt the two biggest things the town struggles with is designating a contact person for prospective investors, and having a liaison to the business community.

"People are really concerned with the lack of marketing," he said.

Gaudinski said the town currently does not spend anything on marketing and does not have a town Facebook page.

Meanwhile, Scott Welch, president of the Marlborough Business Association, said people perceive the town as not being business-friendly.

"The building department was previously toxic," he said. "The Planning Commission was difficult. A lot has changed, but no one knows it."

"If you're not creating your reputation, someone else is," Santy said. "There isn't a lot of marketing going on."

Gaudinski said the town has not been "good at being cheerleaders for the town."

"It falls into branding and what the town can do. We're working on the sewers, water and we changed the zoning," Gaudinski said. "But the message isn't out there."

"There was a number of businesses who were here, but with no utilities, they couldn't expand," selectman Dick Shea said. "We saved the Marlborough Health Care with the sewers."

Jane Boston, chairwoman of the Economic Development Commission, asked Santy if it would be a good idea to refresh the 2007 market study the town has.

"I would, especially after the recession," Santy said. "Think about marketing as a whole and brand the town. Go through strengths, weaknesses and opportunities."

Santy stressed the town website is the first place people go and to use it to showcase the town. Gaudinski mentioned the town website is currently being worked on.

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Meeting attendees also brought up the issue of real estate in town, especially at the town center where economic development is stalled due to foreclosures on a number of properties in town owned by Robert Elliott.

"The problem is that a good portion of the land is owned by a very few people," Shea said.

"The fact is that the [foreclosure] is an opportunity," Santy said. "It's the question of whether it's an opportunity the town can take advantage of."

Santy mentioned that, in the town's plan for the town center, a walkable downtown is a pri-

ority. He said it would "require reconfiguration," and, with the properties in foreclosure, "there's an opportunity to move forward, but it's a tough, tough road" to wade through the foreclosure process and then take action, which could possibly include the town buying all the properties itself.

Gaudinski said the town has done what it can with helping applicants along the process.

"The town fast tracked the grocery store application," Gaudinski said. "Unfortunately that was our portion. The landlord [Elliott] could not get a tenant. The application is still there and hasn't expired."

Gaudinski said if someone were to take over that section of real estate, they could begin construction.

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Residents also asked Santy about the importance of offering incentives, such as tax abatements, to businesses to entice them to come to town.

"It has an effect," Santy said of incentives. "Site selectors ask about incentives, but the fundamentals have to be right first." These fundamentals include the town's population, its access to main roads, and other issues.

Board of Finance Chairwoman Evelyn Godbout asked about the practicality of investing in infrastructure – such as building up the business park or placing an access road at the park – if there is no commitment from a particular business that they'll come to town.

But Santy said the wants of a particular business shouldn't be the driving factor behind such improvements. "Money goes into infrastructure for infrastructure," Santy said. "You will use [the improvements] anyway."

Economic Development Commission mem-

ber Joe Asklar mentioned that Marlborough has never given a tax incentive.

"We have no formal [tax] abatement process, but it doesn't mean we can't give one," Gaudinski said.

However, Santy advised to not expect incentives to lead a business to town.

"It's not a leading thing. It's a following thing," Santy said. "It begins online. We have a site database [at CERC] and don't list incentives. That's up to the town."

Santy said developers look at properties on the database without the incentives then go around and ask towns about incentives for the properties they are interested in.

"If you're not actively online, you're not marketing," Santy said.

Gaudinski said that town officials have discussed putting parcels on the CERC site database.

Santy also reminded those at the meeting that retention of current business is more important than attraction of new business.

"If you're not doing visitations with businesses [currently in town], they don't feel the love," Santy said. "If you have a good relationship, they understand how things may help their business."

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At the end of the meeting, Santy suggested the town entice volunteers and help get done some of what was talked about the meeting – because, with only 20 town employees, there's simply no one to push it forward.

"The town is run entirely on volunteers," said Welch, himself a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, in addition to the MBA. "I find the time. We do what we can. We don't have a plan, and we just need a plan."

## There's a New Advisor in Marlborough

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

Qualified investors have a new place in town to seek financial advice, with Jamie Nowakowski's new location at 6 Independence Dr.

"I work with a defined group of qualified investors," Nowakowski said. "My mission is to provide solutions that are customized for each individual client situation."

An independent franchise of Wells Fargo, Nowakowski, an East Hampton resident, has been in the financial advising business for more than 15 years – but that's not all she's done.

She always knew she was a driven entrepreneur. After graduating high school, Nowakowski opened three beauty salons in Hartford, West Hartford and Simsbury. She continued with the salons while her children grew up.

"It takes self-confidence and self-discipline to teach yourself things," she said. "I have the ability to manage, self-discipline and know what I need for knowledge."

However, in 2000, Nowakowski decided it was time for a change. She started at Fleet Bank in April in downtown Hartford, working in banking. She soon discovered she enjoyed the financial side of banking.

In November 2007, Nowakowski began working with Citizens Investments in Mystic, eventually opening up her own Wells Fargo franchise in Uncasville in 2012.

In 2014, she co-authored a book with Steven Forbes called *SuccessOnomics*, a compilation of various advisors voicing their opinions on different financial scenarios. Nowakowski's chapter is on leaving a legacy, and she said the book is good for everyone no matter how old they are or in what financial status.

Nowakowski holds six licenses, including being a principal which means she can supervise other traders.

Working in Uncasville was great for her, but Nowakowski desired to be closer to home.

"My son played football at RHAM and my husband owns Classic Auto in East Hampton," Nowakowski said. "I know people in Hebron, Marlborough and East Hampton. It was a great opportunity to come here."

Although she officially opened the location in July, Nowakowski said she wanted to settle in, and then really get going.

"We meet with everyone and find something for each person," Nowakowski said. "I have a junior [advisor] in training for smaller accounts."

She said she has access to an "array of resources to help me remain fully-invested in a client's success."

Nowakowski also understands the complexities that come with handling money and finding the right person to invest with.

"Money is emotional," she said. "You have to work with someone you're comfortable with. There's no right or wrong in the market."

To help residents see if she is a good fit, Nowakowski is hosting numerous events in the coming months to meet her and her staff in a no pressure environment.

"There's no cookie-cutter answer for everyone," she said. "I take the time with each individual."

On Sept. 30, she is hosting a wine and beer tasting from 4 to 8 p.m. at 6 Independence Dr. Anyone can stop by and stay for as little or for as long as they would like. In October, Nowakowski will be hosting mini-workshops on things such as cell phone tricks, how to sell



Jamie Nowakowski of East Hampton, center, recently opened up the new Wells Fargo Advisors franchise at 6 Independence Dr. She is pictured with her receptionist Helene Morneau, left, and junior advisor in training Nancy Gillis, right.

on eBay, and getting a chance to see cars from Jackson Chevrolet.

Also, on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., Nowakowski will have an open coffee club.

So far she said business has been going well at the new location and would like to see more people stop by.

"I can help people define tomorrow today," she said.

Nowakowski's advising location is open 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. She is also available by appointment in the evenings and on the weekends. The office can be reached at 860-215-2000.



# 'A Good Life' Secret to Living to 100 in Marlborough

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

As residents of the Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation Center and her family gathered to celebrate her 100th birthday last Thursday, Joan (Malecky) Orzech wept tears of joy, overwhelmed by the love.

A longtime Glastonbury resident, Orzech was shocked at the surprise party which featured a bluegrass band Still Pickin', cake, and a letter from the White House.

"I never expect this, so many people," Orzech said of the party. "I still can't believe it; it's beautiful."

Orzech is a great lover of hats, her daughter, Barbara Cinciva, said, and wore her 100-year-old celebration hat proudly.

Her secret to making it to 100? Living a good life.

Orzech was born in Glastonbury Sept. 17, 1915, the daughter of the late Stanley and Balbina Malecky. The eldest of 10, she had four brothers and five sisters, with one brother, John Malecky, 98, present at her party. One of her sisters is also still living.

Orzech grew up with a strong sense of family and faith in her large Polish family. She attended Saint Paul Roman Catholic Church in Glastonbury regularly.

"They were all very close and stayed in the area," Cinciva said. "She had a large family of cousins and lived a simple life."

Joan married Joseph Orzech and the two purchased an old home on Hebron Avenue in Glastonbury. Her husband performed antique appraisals and lectures as his job and antiquing was their favorite hobby together.

As lovers of antiques, the two worked to re-

store the home and fill it with antiques found all over the area. In the fall of 1968, the two picked up and moved the home to Clinton Street in Glastonbury, where it still stands, to make way for development on Hebron Avenue.

Orzech and her husband traveled the country and Canada by car, going on frequent road trips with other couples in the family. At times they would simply pitch a tent and camp somewhere on the way. The couple left the United States and Canada only once, when they went to Bermuda.

Though she was an only child, Cinciva said that her home was like Grand Central Station, always busy – especially when her grandmother, Balbina Malecky, came to live with them when her health began to fail.

Holidays were full of Polish traditions – and entirely based around food.

"She would whip up stuffed cabbage by the panful," Cinciva said of her mother.

A seamstress for most of her life, Orzech retired later on from Aetna. Her husband passed away in 1993, and Orzech continued her quiet, simple life.

Orzech has three granddaughters and three great-granddaughters, and Cinciva said her mom is "very much aware and very involved in their lives. She really enjoys them."

"The daughters all take after [Joe] and like antiques," Orzech said of her grandchildren.

The family had a celebration on Orzech's 90th birthday – but she was quite the reluctant guest. Therefore, when Amanda Harvey of Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation approached them family about a 100th celebration, the family kept it quiet.



Joan Orzech, 100, got to celebrate her birthday with her brother, John Malecky, right, who is 98 years old. Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation, where Orzech resides now, hosted Orzech's 100th birthday party Sept. 17.

"It's not every day we throw a 100 year birthday," Harvey said.

Cinciva thanked everyone at the party.

"We thank the entire staff who have made this Mom's home," Cinciva said. "You make

every day so happy."

As the party began to close, Orzech smiled with her family for photos, cherishing the time with the people that mean the most to her.

# Tuttle Named Veteran of the Year in Hebron

by Geeta Schrayter

Each year, the Hebron American Legion with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8776 names a Veteran of the Year, and for 2015 that honor was bestowed to resident John Tuttle, a man who called being a veteran "the most privileged title I ever had."

Tuttle enlisted in the U.S. Army when he was 19. Following basic training he attended Military Police School at Ft. Gordon, Ga., starting his 41-year career in law enforcement. He was then assigned to a 13-month deployment to South Korea.

There, he was selected to a detachment of the Criminal Investigation Division and worked with Korean National Police and the Korean military police to stop smugglers of military goods bound for the black market.

When he returned to the United States he was stationed in Ft. Hood, Texas, and was then sent to Vietnam where he was assigned to town patrol, machine gunner on highway escort runs, and participated in night ambush patrols.

He was honorably discharged in March 1967.

Following Vietnam, Tuttle attended the University of New Haven and married his wife Janice. After graduating, he went on to become a special agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration and spent eight years working in Hartford. He was then transferred to New York City, and his work took him to places such as Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

In 1980, Tuttle became a special agent with the Department of Defense. He moved to Hebron with his wife, where they raised their two sons, John and Justin.

Tuttle went on to become very involved with veterans' affairs in town. He served three times as commander of the American Legion and is an active member of Hebron's VFW. For over 10 years he's acted as coordinator of the town's Memorial Day Parade and has overseen the packing and shipping of care packages to deployed soldiers.

And it's due to his sacrifices and tireless efforts that he gathered in the American Legion Hall in Hebron Tuesday evening with fellow members of American Legion Post 95, the VFW, family and special guests, to be declared Hebron's Veteran of the Year.

One of the "special guests" present Tuesday was Hebron resident Sean Connolly, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of

Veterans Affairs. He was there to present Tuttle with a certificate of appreciation from the department.

"The Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs thanks you for your numerous contributions to the United States of America and the state of Connecticut and the town of Hebron and thanks you for your unwavering support in honoring all veterans, and your tireless and dedicated efforts to public service," he read.

Along with the certificate, Connolly also shook hands with Tuttle, and in doing so, handed him a Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs challenge coin – "the commissioner's award for those who are helping us serve those who have served."

The next time Connolly sees Tuttle, he'll challenge him – if Tuttle has his coin on him, "I have to buy the drinks or do push-ups, and if he doesn't have it, he has to do push-ups or buy drinks," Connolly explained.

Along with Connolly, state Rep. Gayle Mulligan was present Tuesday to give Tuttle an official citation from the General Assembly.

"It's a very big pleasure for me to be here tonight. You're more than deserving of this award for all that you've done for our country, for all that you've done for Hebron and our community," Mulligan shared, before reading the citation.

"Today we celebrate your many accomplishments and thank you for your contributions to your community and country," she read. "Your passion and dedication to fellow veterans is to be commended. Thank you for your hard work and congratulations on your honor."

Others present for Tuesday's ceremony shared their thoughts of Tuttle – all positive, and all with the common thread of pointing out his efforts to help others.

"He's a real person in that he loves humanity," shared Tom Brancato. "He always tries to keep things neutral. I'm proud to know him."

Brancato, who was in the United States Army, added it was Tuttle who invited him to join the post and then became a friend.

"He's always been able to bring people together, and that's a leader," he said.

Similarly, Ron Winter, who was in the United States Marines, added, "John is the guy that you can always call when you need help, when you need a friend, and he's the guy that always



John Tuttle, seated, was honored as Hebron's Veteran of the Year this week. With him at the ceremony were (from left) Sean Connolly, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs; state Rep. Gayle Mulligan; VFW Commander Forrest Kocher; American Legion Commander Joe Fetta; and Rob Warner, American Legion Service Officer.

comes."

Winter added, "He takes being an American very seriously. He takes the responsibility to give back to the country that gives so much to us very seriously, and in the vernacular of the veteran's community, he walks the walk. He doesn't just sit back and talk about it – you'll find him out there."

"He's kind of the glue that holds other people together," added Barbara Parkyn, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Tuttle's wife added his involvement was something that brought him joy.

"John's involvement with the legion has been just wonderful. It's kept him very happy, very busy. The parade of course is his pride and joy. He does an excellent job [coordinating that]...

he gets everybody involved."

As for Tuttle, as the ceremony came to a close Tuesday he said a few words, reiterating what a privilege it was to be a veteran.

"Thank you for this honor," he said. "I'm in some tall cotton with my predecessors on this award. ... I appreciate it, and I'm going to treasure this moment. And I'll just say, in the words of General Patton, 'The highest obligation and privilege of any citizen is to bear arms for one's country.' And I had that privilege and I had that honor."

Tuttle added he'd been called many names over the years, "a lot of names with status and a goody two-shoe feel to the title or whatever, but the most privileged title I ever had is veteran and resident of Hebron."



# East Hampton Board Discusses SBAC Testing Results

by John Tyczkowski

The Board of Education last week heard the results of the inaugural Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) tests, given last year to grades three through eight and grade 11.

Interim Director of Curriculum and Instruction Nancy Briere gave the presentation, and deemed the results positive.

However, this round of SBAC scores are not useful for showing trends over time, she stressed, as last year was the first time the test was administered. Instead, they're considered a baseline metric by which subsequent years' testing performance will be assessed.

Also, while grade 11 students took SBACs last year, they will use the SAT for assessment instead starting this year – which the state will pay for, Briere said.

SBAC score levels range from one to four. One means “does not meet the achievement level,” three means “meets the achievement level” and four means “exceeds the achievement level.”

In grade three, 63 percent of students achieved a three or four in English language arts (ELA) and 49 percent did so in math; in grade four, 61 percent achieved a three or four

in ELA and 53 percent did so in math; in grade five, it was 71 percent achieving that mark in ELA and 47 percent in math; in grade six, it was 56 percent in ELA and 38 percent in math; in grade seven, 64 percent in ELA and 46 percent in math; and in grade eight, 71 percent achieved a three of four in ELA and 38 percent in math.

In grade 11 – which will no longer be taking the tests – 71 percent of students achieved a three or four in ELA, while 38 percent did so in math.

East Hampton was also largely in line with state averages overall for scores meeting or exceeding achievement. By subject, East Hampton students largely did better than average in ELA, and were about average in math.

Also, Briere said, East Hampton, at 63.9 percent, was roughly in the middle of districts' scores in its District Reference Group with respect to the percentage of students achieving threes and fours in ELA.

It was also above the state average of 55 percent.

For comparison, the DRG's high scorer was East Lyme, at 77 percent, and its low scorer was Windsor, at 45.8 percent.

However, East Hampton's percentage of students achieving threes and fours in math, 43.5 percent, was slightly toward the lower end of DRG percentages, but still above the state average of 39.1 percent.

The DRG's leader was Stonington at 66.1 percent, and its last-place ranker was Windsor, at 33.2 percent.

The presentation also outlined action plans for the coming year to continue to raise student performance in both ELA and math areas.

Though specifics varied by subject, the main focuses were to support teachers' efforts to improve instruction to students, to make decisions on how to enhance instruction through assessment data, and to build leadership among teachers, administrators and instructional coaches regarding how to achieve improved learning outcomes.

Jason Lehmann, principal of East Hampton Middle School, spoke about the SBAC testing process specific to his school, which he said “went smoothly overall.”

Overall, he said there were no problems with the wireless networks and other technology aspects due to the “very hard work” of the IT staff, teachers and administrators were comfort-

able administrating the computer-based test, and the school's Chromebooks came in handy for the test as well.

He also said the state was very responsive to questions in advance about administering the test.

Those middle school impressions mirrored the entire district's testing experience, Briere said.

Briere also reiterated that the SBACs test different things than previous assessments; rather than focusing on specific knowledge, she said, the tests are designed to focus on skills applicable to a wide variety of subjects and life situations.

These goals include teaching students to support their reasoning, teach them critical thinking, problem solving and data analysis, and to read and write effectively and analytically.

“Overall, it was a good experience,” Briere said.

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The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. in the East Hampton High School library, due to the Columbus Day holiday. The Sept. 28 meeting has been canceled.

# East Hampton Superintendent Leadership Profile Discussed

by John Tyczkowski

The Board of Education Monday discussed an eight-page leadership profile compiled from an online survey and 12 focus groups in town about what they'd like to see in a new superintendent of schools.

Mary Broderick, senior search consultant from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, presented the results. The previous schools chief, Diane Dugas, departed in June; Mark Winzler is currently the interim superintendent.

Fifty-eight people participated across the 12 focus groups and four interviews. These included a mix of teachers, board members, town officials, Central Office staff, administrators, parents and community members, and high school students.

The online survey drew 210 participants – including 102 parents, 75 teachers and 14 “non-parent community residents.” Students, administrators, support staff, board members and town staff rounded out the survey-takers.

The report was divided into “strengths” and “challenges” sections regarding the town and its schools.

The high quality of teachers and staff was most often mentioned as a strength, Broderick said. Following that was student excellence, the town as a close-knit community and strong parental involvement.

“Universally, people raved about how com-

mitted the teaching staff are to students' success and making each child feel known,” Broderick said. “And the students echoed that as well; there wasn't a word of cynicism and students were very positive about their experiences in the schools.”

The challenge mentioned the most was the district's resources: its budget, infrastructure and resources. A specific concern included passing the annual budget each spring.

Along those lines, some parents offered concerns that the “bells and whistles” of the magnet schools were prompting students to leave the district, Broderick said.

“It is difficult to compete with magnet schools when you have fewer resources locally,” she said.

But on the other hand, Broderick said an oft-cited reason parents had for returning their children to East Hampton from the magnet schools is, despite the increased resources, there was a lack of a strong sense of community.

Another challenge was programming, or courses offered. Students said they wanted to be able to take more AP courses, and take them earlier in high school as well, and parents wanted to make sure support for the arts would be maintained, Broderick said.

Communication between the schools and the town community as a whole was another frequently-mentioned issue, Broderick said, as

people indicated they wanted to see the district promote its student and staff accomplishments more.

The changing demographics of East Hampton was also cited as a major challenge, as over the next decade, the student body could drop by about a third of its current size, while the population over age 65 could rise by up to two-thirds of its current size.

“Combined with the trend of young professionals moving into town, people expressed concerns that it could lead to further tensions based upon divergent spending priorities,” Broderick said.

Political upheaval in town, both within the schools and “antagonisms” between the Board of Education, the Town Council and the Board of Finance, was also cited as a challenge in the report.

Finally, leadership was cited as another major challenge, as “staff at all levels have not felt supported, empowered or recognized,” the report said. District employees also said they wanted to feel more involved in changes in the schools.

“There's a sense of change being done to, not being done with,” Broderick said. “The feeling is, ‘We're willing to change, but let us know that when we'll change, we'll be supported and encouraged.’”

“Instead, there's been a sense of shifting pri-

orities and a lack of follow-through,” she said.

In addition, the report also mentioned the specific desired qualities and characteristics which responses indicated were wanted in a superintendent.

These were, in order from most important to less important, that the superintendent should be a builder of trusting relationships, an effective communicator, able to develop and foster a collective vision, an expert in budgets, a generalist not afraid to delegate tasks to those most qualified and an advocate of professional development.

Also, Broderick said, there were several personal qualities that were consistently mentioned across all survey types. These were that the new superintendent should keep students' growth and wellbeing at the forefront of their focus, should be accessible, approachable and visible in the district and the community, and should be a decisive, confident and objective problem-solver with good judgment and resiliency.

Finally, the new superintendent should also have a good sense of humor, and should be warm and genuine, Broderick said she found.

The board voted unanimously to accept the leadership profile and proceed to the next step.

From here, the Board of Education will review candidates' applications, and select qualified applicants for interviews to take place as soon as possible, Winzler said.

# Students Offer Perspectives On EHHS Renovation

by John Tyczkowski

Katie Williams, Kieran Owen, Emma Cook and Molly Conklin are all Bellringers. All except for Conklin, a freshman, will never attend the fully-renovated high school, as they'll graduate before it's completed for the 2017-18 school year.

But that's not dampening views of the renovations, Williams, a senior, said.

“I'm really happy for what's going to happen, even though I won't be here,” Williams, a student representative on the Board of Education, an Interact Club member and student athlete, said. “Everyone – the future graduates of East Hampton and the community at large – is going to benefit so much from the new high school.”

Specifically, major sections including the new auditorium, the new gym and the new science wing will be ready to go for upperclassmen before they graduate, this year.

All four students agreed that renovation processes was somewhat pervasive and present in their daily lives, but not distracting.

“It is a big change overall, especially halfway through high school,” Owen, a junior, student athlete and Spanish Club member, said. But he said he “warmed up to the changes” faster than he thought he would, including in a way he didn't expect.

“I kind of like how the exposed ceilings look a little higher now, I thought the tile ceilings felt too low,” he said.

Cook, a sophomore on the Student Council, and an Interact Club member and student ath-

lete, said the hardest thing for her was discarding what she had learned about the school layout at the beginning of her freshman year.

“It started halfway through the year for me,” she said. “It was like ‘Surprise, time to learn a new layout.’”

And it's proven to be a continuing education topic for her.

“This year I actually made sure I came into school early with enough time to walk around and familiarize myself with all the changes made since just June,” Cook said. “I was kind of like, ‘Woah, what happened?’ when I saw the temporary walls everywhere.”

Cook was also freshman class president when the renovations began last year, and spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony last November.

Conklin, an Interact Club member and student athlete, said she felt least affected by the change, as she had never been around for the pre-renovation high school.

“I wasn't here, so I'm getting used to these changes as they happen,” she said. “It's not too confusing to get used to, and it's going to pay off for my senior year.”

“But, I will admit I was a bit shocked by the floors and exposed ceilings when I walked in here for freshman orientation,” she added.

In addition, there were several areas all students agreed they were glad the renovation would address.

In particular, they talked about the high school bathrooms.

“We need to fix the stalls in our current bathrooms around the school; almost all the doors have issues,” Williams said

“That's true; in the guys' bathrooms, a lot of the stalls' locks don't work, and you have to fiddle with the doors to make them close,” Owen said.

Also, leaky roofs were a concern, as Williams, Owen and Cook agreed that they frequently saw buckets in the halls during heavy rains.

“I'm definitely glad to see they'll be addressing the roof,” Cook said.

All four also agreed the auditorium needed an update in terms of more comfortable seats, and the gym locker rooms needed new lockers that opened and closed properly.

Switching to sections of the high school that had already been renovated, Williams, Owen and Cook said they were enjoying the new, more open cafeteria.

Specifically, the three said the glass paneling, as well as the increased width of the cafeteria, “went a long way” to making the space feel “less dungeon-like.”

“The old cafeteria was a bit enclosed, because we had shades over the windows that were there before, and it was smaller,” Williams said.

The cafeteria is now shorter than it used to be, lengthwise, but the students said they appreciated the increased natural light and having a deeper room.

Another aspect all agreed they were excited for was the addition of a section that would allow the high school hallways to become a circle, instead of “a collection of dead ends.”

“You have everyone going around and trying to turn in different directions at once, and everyone uses the same main hallway,” Owen said. “It gets very hectic, and you have to keep moving, you can't stop or you disrupt the flow.”

Williams said her only major issue during the renovations was one that didn't have to do with the building itself: parking.

“That's really the only negative aspect of the renovations for me,” she said. “The senior class is contending for a relatively small number of spots, along with teachers and staff, and it makes mornings very stressful.”

Due to the low number of spots available – fewer than 80 for students, teachers and staff alike – only seniors are allowed to drive to school this year.

Williams suggested seniors could register for spots in advance, and possibly personalize their spots through decorations.

“I also feel it might be easier if people had their own spots, so it's not musical chairs every day,” she said.

Overall, though, all four of the students agreed the change is for the better.

“While it's a little upsetting I won't get to see it done while I'm here, it's good that we'll see some benefits before then,” Owen said, “and it'll be great for everyone after me.”



# At 100, Hebron Resident Ready for ‘Whatever Comes’

by Geeta Schrayter

On Aug. 27, Hebron resident Carrie Fulginiti turned 100. The milestone birthday was celebrated with a trip to the casino, something she liked to do each year. She also donned a tiara, given to her by her grandson, which she wore the entire day.

“Well, I turned 100!” she said proudly of wearing the crown, as though the thought she *wouldn’t* wear it was appalling.

At the casino, Fulginiti and family had dinner at the Golden Dragon restaurant complete with a cake and birthday wishes from the casino’s vice president.

Then, two days later, another party was held at the community center in the Russell Mercier Senior Center.

“Oh my God, was *that* a party!” she exclaimed this week. Family and friends from four different states gathered to wish her well including her daughter Dolores from California, her grandchildren and several great nieces and nephews from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York.

In addition, proclamations and well wishes for her milestone birthday came from the town, the state – even the White House.

Fulginiti shared this week one of her favorite things about the party was being called a name she hadn’t heard in quite some time, “Aunt Sis.”

“The thing is, when I was born I didn’t really know what my name was until I was 7, because I was named after my mother,” Fulginiti explained. “Everybody called me ‘sis’ because they couldn’t call me Carrie – that was my mother’s name – so they gave me the name of sis. So it was a pleasure just to hear that.”

At the party, it was her grandnephew from New York who came up to her and called her “Aunt Sis.”

“When I started school at 7 and they started calling me Carrie, I said, ‘That isn’t my name, my name is ‘Sis!’ The teacher started laughing; she said, ‘That’s a nickname!’ I didn’t know that was my name!”

As Fulginiti sat down to talk about her 100 years this week, she shared a number of other stories from her childhood in Shenandoah, Pa., including more school stories.

“I went to school in my bare feet because we went barefoot all the time, and the teacher asked where my shoes was. I said, ‘They’re at home,’ so she said, ‘Well go home and put them on!’ The school was right across the street from where we lived so it was so stupid... but we didn’t wear shoes at any time, even when we got home we kicked them off.”

Fulginiti added that during a Christmas play one year, she was dubbed the “C” in Christ-

mas, which meant she’d be the first to say her lines. She recalled going up into the school’s storage room and rummaging around for a pair of shoes to wear; she found a pair with pointed toes and heels, which had the teachers laughing when they saw her.

Following the play, the teacher asked her why she hadn’t been at school that day, and Fulginiti replied that she didn’t have any shoes to wear.

“So she said ‘Do you have shoes now?’ and I said, ‘Yeah I have shoes – I have them on now!’ and she showed off the pointy high-heels she’d found.

“I thought it was great.”

Fulginiti was born in 1915, the daughter of a coal miner and the seventh of 10 children. They didn’t have much money when she was growing up, and Fulginiti recalled a group of teachers once took her and her sister and another girl “uptown” to buy some clothes, underwear and shoes.

“We didn’t know we were that poor!” she exclaimed. “Kids don’t know it. And I thought that was great” that the teachers took them shopping.

Fulginiti grew up with no TV, no cars and no electricity.

“There were 10 kids in our family and no cars at all and my father was a coal miner so we couldn’t afford that stuff. There were buses and trolley cars,” she shared.

And while there was no television, Fulginiti said she remembered one of her neighbors had a radio they could hear when he had his window open.

In the kitchen, she added, her family had a coal stove, and burned wood and coal.

“And oh, electricity, Jesus! That was for rich people. We had coal oil lamps and we carried them from room to room. So my mother really worked hard to raise us. I don’t know how the heck she did it,” Fulginiti said, before adding, “Let’s go ahead to Connecticut...”

Fulginiti moved to the state with her husband Johnny in the early 1960s. They lived in an apartment for a year while they built their house, which still stands in town next to Ace Hardware; they lived upstairs and opened a barber shop and a beauty salon below, working side by side.

Fulginiti and her husband enjoyed going to the political conventions each year, bowling and going to the greyhound races.

“We’d go once a week on our day off – we’d close on Thursday,” she shared, adding, “Then we got acquainted with the casinos and we went once a month. ... Most of the time we won; sometimes we didn’t.”

Fulginiti still heads to the casino twice a year, on Mother’s Day and on her birthday.



**Hebron resident Carrie Fulginiti celebrated her 100th birthday this summer with a trip to Foxwoods casino on her actual birthday Aug. 27, followed by a party in the community room at the Russell Mercier Senior Center two days later. There, along with a giant cake, she enjoyed seeing friends and family who had come from four different states to see her, and received numerous well-wishes and proclamations from the town, the state – even the White House.**

Fulginiti and her husband had plenty of adventures together. She recalled a trip they took to Atlantic City, where they got front row seats to the Miss America Pageant from scalpers on the street.

“My husband would go over to the runway with a little camera and try to get pictures of the girls and they [security] chased him away – and they’d keep chasing him and he’d keep going back and they got disgusted with him so they let him go and even showed him the best place to go to get pictures, because they knew they couldn’t get rid of him,” she laughed.

The two also took trips to Hawaii and annual trips to Las Vegas, and had even traveled to Italy.

“We had a great old time. We were going to go to England too because I’m part English – but I don’t know which part!” she quipped.

The two also saw their fair share of celebrities over the years, including Liberace, Anthony Quinn and Dean Martin.

“Oh was he beautiful!” she said of Martin. “In person he was so beautiful – so handsome!”

Fulginiti shared some of her current pastimes

include watching game shows – “I love game shows!” – as well as *Judge Judy*. She also admitted she was a fan of the celebrity gossip magazine *The National Enquirer* and had been a subscriber for years.

Her grandson, she said, called it “a bathroom paper.”

“How does he know it’s a bathroom paper if he hasn’t read it?” she asked. “I like to read the dirt – whether it’s true or not. It’s interesting!”

Speaking on her life in general, Fulginiti said she was “happy, happy, happy.”

“I’m very happy,” she said. “I had a very happy life.”

She added, “I was wishing I’d hit 100 and I hit it, so anything can happen. And I don’t care when it happens because I’m happy.”

Idly, she added with a smile, “Maybe I’ll see the casino again...”

But, in the end, she concluded, “I take each day at a time. And whatever comes, comes. The Grim Reaper is gonna get me one of these days, so if he does, he does. What am I afraid of? ... We all know we’re going to go someday.”

## Hebron Teen Seriously Injured in Columbia Crash

by Geeta Schrayter

A Hebron teenager was seriously injured last week in a motor vehicle crash in Columbia that claimed the lives of two other teens.

According to state police Hannah Schmidt of Hebron, 18, was driving south on West Street with two of her friends last Friday, Sept. 18 when, a little after 3 p.m. the 2005 Toyota Camry she was driving was struck on the right side by a tractor trailer truck as she entered the intersection at the junction of Route 66.

Both vehicles traveled off the right side of the eastbound shoulder of Route 66 and came to a rest after colliding with a utility pole, which snapped at its base, police said.

The driver of the tractor trailer, Adolfo

Lopez, 48, of Hartford, was transported to Windham Hospital with minor injuries; Schmidt was also transported to Windham Hospital but was then transferred to Hartford Hospital via LifeStar with serious injuries.

Schmidt’s friends, Alana Ferrante, 19, of South Windsor, and Ryan Meegan, 19, of Ridgefield, were pronounced dead at the scene.

All three were students at the University of Connecticut.

Anyone who witnessed the crash or has any information is asked to contact Trooper First Class Joseph Marsh at Troop K by calling 860-465-5400.

## Colchester Police News

9/15: Colchester Police said they are investigating after counterfeit money was received at Savings Institute Bank and Trust on Norwich Avenue. According to bank personnel, the money was deposited by a Colchester business owner. The case is under investigation and anyone with information can contact Officer Jonathan Goss at 860-537-7270.

9/15: State Police said Kyle Fox, 24, of 29 South Park St., Windham, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

9/15: State Police said Courtland Swan, 24, of 117 Skyline Dr., Salem, was arrested and charged with speeding and failure to meet insurance requirements.

9/18: State Police said Romain Stewart, 22, of 173 West Euclid St., Hartford, was arrested and charged with DUI and failure to drive right.

9/18: State Police said Stephen Downing, 39, of 427 Mountain Rd., Newington, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

## Marlborough Police News

9/18: State Police said Allyson Deckman, 41, of 57 Fox Meadow, was arrested and charged with DUI and failure to carry a license.

9/20: State Police said Christopher Moore, 35, of 2 White Pine Rd., Ledyard, was arrested and charged with criminal impersonation, operating without a license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, speeding, and three counts of failure to appear.

# Hebron Lunch Program Highlighted at Open House

by Geeta Schrayter

Hebron's school lunch program was highlighted at Gilead Hill School this week during the school's open house. As parents and students came to tour the school and meet with faculty, they were also afforded the opportunity to learn about the program and sample some of the offerings.

This is the second year the district's lunch program has been self-operated. In previous years it was run through the dining service company Chartwells – and had a negative balance in recent years. For instance, during the last year the company was used in 2013-14, the district had a negative balance of \$19,787. But now, lunches at the school bring in revenue for the district; at the end of the 2014-15 year, the first year changes were made to the program, the balance was \$14,087.

Ushering in those changes was Food Service Director Christian Urban who was hired in July of last year. Over the summer, Finance Director Richard Huot shared at a Board of Education meeting, "My hope when we hired [Urban] was that we would at least break even – and we certainly did better than that."

Urban explained that, by becoming self-operated, a number of changes were able to take place within the program, including ramping up student involvement.

"We got the kids involved with a lot of taste tests," he said. "A lot of [the changes] are customer service-based – making it more presentable to the kids."

Urban added he works with the dietetics program at the University of Connecticut, to have senior students sent over to work as interns in the district each school year.

The interns, he said, perform a lot of the taste tests and conduct surveys with the kids "so it becomes [the kids'] program, not the school's lunch program."

In addition, a menu contest is now held each year with the sixth-graders. As part of the contest, competing teams have to develop a menu and advertise it with posters in the cafeteria. A committee then picks a winner and the winning team gets to serve their menu for a day. The winning menu during the inaugural competition in Hebron included barbecue chicken wings with a fresh fruit salad, a whole grain

breadstick and an assorted vegetable tray with fat-free ranch dressing – and is now on the menu each month.

Over the summer Urban explained, "All the kids got into it because their friends were serving lunch that day. It turned out to be one of the highest serving days."

In general, Urban added participation in the district's lunch program has also increased. Last year, average participation was around 42 percent (of students buying lunch every day) compared to around 30 percent in the last year the school worked with Chartwells.

"It's not that all food companies are bad; it's just a lot of it has to do with who's running it," Urban stated regarding working with Chartwells. "There are some very successful food contractors but you're also bound to the contract, so if you happen to not make money [which was happening in Hebron], you still have to pay" the company.

Along with the above, Urban shared Monday lunches at the school now include more fresh, local produce, including seasonal fruit from local orchards and around the region. Right now Urban explained that means a lot of apples and pears, but they're also still receiving some plums and peaches – and even watermelon from Maryland.

He added for the 2015-16 school year the food service department is also featuring a "Farm of the Month" to highlight the local growers used during a particular time. Currently featured for August and September is Verizzi's Apple Farm in Columbia and West Green Farm in Lebanon.

"I've noticed an explosion of what [the kids] actually eat for fruits and vegetables if it's fresh, as opposed to your typical [United States Department of Agriculture] canned fruit cocktail mix which nobody likes," Urban shared. "I can't believe they still offer it."

The program also includes a number of snacks that are specially made for schools including whole grain cookies and individual bags of baked chips made with less sodium and fat than those found in stores.

"All baked chips have to be 200 calories or lower now to qualify, so they're specially-made for the schools. We're the only ones that can buy them," Urban stated. "It's funny – I have a



**Food Services Director Christian Urban stands behind the counter in the cafeteria at Gilead Hill School this week. During Monday's open house, Urban was present offering samples and answering questions about the district's lunch program, which has seen a number of changes since his arrival last year.**

couple of moms who were like, 'Can we buy cases of them? Because these are the only chips we want our kids to eat!'"

Urban reiterated it was important that students felt like they had some ownership of the lunch program, and another way that's done is by offering "build your own" meals. For instance, on Monday lunch was a build-your-own waffle bar with sausage, strawberries, whipped cream, maple syrup, assorted fresh fruits and veggies, juice and milk.

"We do that with a lot of our meals where we try to make it a selection," Urban stated. "And if you offer them enough choices, you're still complying with [USDA] guidelines and they're getting something they want to eat."

Speaking about Monday's open house, he added, "It's just like a meet-and-greet type of situation to get the parents involved and we also

want to get the kids involved." Urban furthered, "Last year, we had great feedback, and that's why we're continuing to do this."

And some of that positive feedback continued Monday, as parents came to see the lunch area – some pulled by their exuberant child, others hurrying to catch up with them as they ran over excitedly.

"So you always have fresh stuff?" one parent inquired, and when Urban responded "yes," she added, "That's awesome!"

"This is her favorite spot in the whole wide school!" another parent said of her daughter.

To which Urban replied, "That's our hope!"

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For more information about the Hebron Public Schools Food Services or to view the lunch menu, go to [hebron.k12.ct.us](http://hebron.k12.ct.us) and click on "departments."



## Obituaries

### Portland

#### Roger A. Manning

Roger A. Manning, 65, of Portland, formerly of East Hampton, passed away Friday, Sept. 11, at Middlesex Hospital, after a six-year battle with cancer.

He is survived by his friend and caregiver, whom he considered a brother, Jeff Lapadula and his wife Kim; his son, Kevin M. Manning of New Hampshire; his sisters, Sharon R. Handy of Groton, Linda R. Wachtarz of Louisiana.

He is predeceased by his father, Walter L. Manning; his daughter, Denise M. Manning; his infant son, Keith Manning.

There will be a private family burial.

### Andover

#### Rose Margaret Duprey

Rose Margaret Duprey, 107, the wife of the late Arthur J. Duprey, died Monday, Sept. 14, at her home in Andover. Born Nov. 16, 1907, she was the daughter of Sixtus and Christine (Fleischmann) Heether.

Rose lived a full life and deeply loved her family. She was positive, energetic, and loved laughter. This attitude made her a joy to be with. For many years, she grew beautiful flowers and vegetables in extensive gardens, enjoyed quilting, sewing, making dolls and fine lacework.

Rose is survived by her daughter Rose and her husband Larry Fiano and her son Henry and his wife Anita Duprey. She is also survived by six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; Craig and Erika Duprey; Dianne and Carl Palmberg and their two sons Carl and Nicholas; Leah Fiano; Larry and Darcy Fiano, their daughter Zoe and three sons Gerry and his wife Teresa and their children Benjamin and Jason, Chris and his wife Nissa and their daughter Scarlett Rose, and Joe and his dear friend Katy; Mark and Barbara Fiano, their four children Emily Rose, Elena, Catie and Andy; Rosanne and Stephen Horney and their two children Chris and his wife Liz and Matthew. Rose is also survived by her lifelong friends Lori and Rocco, Suzanne and Mailyn.

The family extends a special thank you to caregivers Lidia, who made Rose's summer most enjoyable, and Irena. Also, thank you to all of the visiting nurses and aides, Sandy and Veta.

Funeral services will be held today, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m., at Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, Andover, CT 06232, followed by burial in Townsend Cemetery, Townsend Road, Andover. Family and friends may call at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester from noon-1:30 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to memorial funds established in Rose's name to Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, Andover, CT 06232 or the Andover Volunteer Fire Department, 11 School Rd, Andover, CT 06232.

### Marlborough

#### Elwood L. McKinney

Elwood "Bill" L. McKinney, 95, of Marlborough, widower of the late Gertrude (Jones) McKinney, died Saturday, Sept. 19, at his home. Born Sept. 12, 1920, in Middletown he was the son of the late Charles and Lillian (Metcalf) McKinney.

Bill served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a P.O.W. He retired from Fenn Manufacturing in Newington where he worked as a machinist.

He is survived by his son, Elwood McKinney of East Hartford; two daughters, Shirley and Leland Tinney of Hebron, Kathleen and Timothy Shanks of Colchester; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son Michael; three brothers, Harry, Bud, Charles; and a sister, Emily.

A memorial service will be held today, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m., in the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton. Burial with military honors will follow in Lake View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Middlesex Hospital Hospice Home Care, c/o Middlesex Hospital Department of Philanthropy, 55 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457.

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

### East Hampton

#### Jessie Nye Hazen

Jessie Nye Hazen, wife of the late Reginald L. Hazen, died in her 90th year at her home in East Hampton.

Jessie was the daughter of Hiram Hale Nye and Margaret Bruce Nye, and spent her youth on the family farm in Vermont. She attended high school at Lyndon Institute in Lyndon, Vt., and always spoke warmly of her time there and the friends she met, many of who remained as lifelong friends. She was an active 4-H member since a very early age and was crowned Vermont State Canning Champion in 1943, canning 698 jars of food in one summer.

Jessie was a graduate of the class of 1946 from Iowa State College majoring in nutrition. Upon returning to Vermont, her first job was as a 4-H agent with the UVM Extension Service in Grand Isle Country. It is there that she met her husband, Reg, and was married Dec. 23, 1947. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Connecticut and took up residence in East Hampton. She returned to work in 1956, working for the UConn Extension Service in New London County as a 4-H agent until 1962. She had fond memories of the 4-H program, her 4-Hers and their families.

In 1966, she was hired as an extension home economist, also in New London County. She was responsible for conducting nutritional education programs, supervising and training nutritional aides in the EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Educational Programs) program to help low and moderate income families. She was chairman of the UConn Extension Home Food Task force from 1974-76. She coordinated the efforts of extension educators to meet the growing need for information and assistance on home food production, food preservation, food safety and raising livestock.

In 1977, she was awarded a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension Home Economists. She was cited for her "outstanding program management and leadership to the total home economics program in New London County." It was also noted that, "She brings to each educational program a special warmth and concern for people. She combines the practical, low-key approach with a ready ability to communicate with people." She served as president of the Connecticut Extension Home Economist Association, president of Alpha Chi (CT) chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honorary Extension Service fraternity. She was also administrator of the New London Country Extension Service.

In her spare time, she enjoyed traveling, spending time with her family especially her grandchildren, creating wonderful meals from the bountiful garden of her husband and hosting family meals for the holidays. She co-owned Hazen Tree Farm in East Hampton since 1964. She was a season ticket holder and supporter of UConn athletics for many years. She was a leader of the 4-H Crickets for 10 years and served on the New London County Extension Service Advisory Board after retiring.

She performed many weddings as a justice of the peace. She was an avid bridge player, playing with her neighborhood group for over 50 years, being survived only by her neighbor and friend, Jessie Sjoblad.

She is survived by her three children, Linn Hazen of North Hero, Vt., Kristine Haswell of Cromwell and Kathy Downey of Lowell, Mass.; her grandchildren, Jessie Hazen, Lyndsay Hazen, Martha Bonaiuto, Kristine Haswell, Ashton Haswell, Susan Haswell, Hannah Hazelwood, Peter Downey and Tyler Downey.

She was predeceased by her grandson, Matthew Hazen; her son-in-law, James Downey; and brother, Eric Nye. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Iva, Connor, Jax and Trigg; and her sister, Mary and husband, Ernie Sunega; her sisters-in-law, Pauline Nye, Nancy Hazen and Hazel Hazen; several nieces and nephews and extended family members Kathleen Hazen and Robert Haswell.

A special thanks goes to the nurses and aides of Middlesex Hospital Hospice, Dr. Montano and his staff, and Gail Labbadia for their special care. Linn, Kris and Kathy will be forever grateful to Gloria Nicholas and Lynda Banning for their dedication to the care of their mother for several years.



Funeral services will be today, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m., at the East Hampton Congregational Church, with the Rev. Thomas Kennedy officiating. Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, Thursday, Sept. 24. Burial services will be Saturday, Sept. 26, at Jerusalem Cemetery, North Hero, Vt.

Contributions can be made to the Reg Hazen Scholarship Fund (c/o Liberty Bank, 2 West High St., East Hampton, CT 06424) to be known as the Reg and Jessie Memorial Fund, for agricultural and education youth activities.

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

### Colchester

#### Willibald Sedlmeier

Willibald Sedlmeier, "Willi," 78, of Colchester, passed away at home early Thursday morning, Sept. 17. He was born in Bad-Abbach, Germany, June 26, 1937, a son of the late George and Matilda (Kurtz) Sedlmeier.

Willi emigrated to America in 1956. He lived across the street from his future bride, Patricia Krukus, whom he married on July 21, 1957.

He retired several years ago as a Carpenter General Foreman, after having worked 38 years in Local 43, Carpenter's Union.

Willi loved playing hockey and he played right up to the age of 71. He was also a coach for Colchester youth hockey when his son was young. Willi enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, motorcycling and his 1978 classic Corvette. Most importantly, he will be remembered by his family as a hardworking, devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather.

He will be sadly missed but always remembered by his beloved wife of 56 years, Patty, his son, Martin, to whom he was mentor and teacher, daughter in law, Lisa, proud grampie of William Karl and Kathleen Grace Sedlmeier, all of Lebanon. He also leaves a sister, Trudi Schumann of Germany, and numerous extended relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held privately, following his wishes.

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with arrangements.

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

### Portland

#### Gary S. Long

Gary S. Long, born Sept. 19, 1956, in Middletown, raised in Portland, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 16, surrounded by his family.

Gary's family would like to thank the staff at Speare Memorial Hospital and the visiting nurses of Pemi-Baker Community Health in Plymouth, N.H., who helped care for and keep Gary comfortable in his final days.

Gary was a self-taught artist; he illustrated several advertisements and published his own children's book. He was a man who enjoyed simple things like hard work, music, spending time with friends, a good cheeseburger, and making his family and friends laugh. Gary will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by Elaine, his wife of 33 years; his nine children, Justin, Rachel, Erin, Heather, Shaylyn, Zachary, Seth, Kristen, and Bridget; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the needs of Gary's family. Any donations can be sent to P.O. Box 114, Wentworth, NH.

A memorial service was held at St. Matthews Church in Plymouth, N.H., Saturday, Sept. 19. A burial service at St Mary's Cemetery in Portland was held Monday, Sept. 21.

### Portland

#### Herbert Duey Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Herbert Duey Saturday, Oct. 3, at 11 a.m., at First Congregational Church, 554 Main St., Portland.

Herb, formerly of Portland, died of pancreatic cancer in Colorado in June. His many friends are invited to join the family for this celebration of his life.

Donations in his memory may be made to the church's Music Fund at the address above, or to Friends of Dinosaur Park and Arboretum, Inc., in Rocky Hill where he served as a guide.

### Portland

#### John E. Nadeau Sr.

John E. Nadeau Sr., 74, formerly of Portland, husband of Linda (Jones) Nadeau, passed into his eternal life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Tuesday, Sept. 22. He was the son of the late George and Vera (Leavitt) Nadeau.



Born on December 16, 1940 in Rumford, Maine, he lived in Portland for most of his life. He was general manager of Concord Steel in Middletown for 26 years until his retirement. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. in Conway, S.C. He was also a Red Sox and Patriots fan.

Besides his wife, he leaves his sons, John Nadeau Jr. of Portland, and Stephen Nadeau and wife, Amy of Conway, S.C.; a daughter, Donna Armannsson and husband, Armann of Meriden; a brother, George Nadeau of Las Vegas, Nev.; two grandchildren, Amanda and Morgan; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Corliss Wescott.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation ([cff.org](http://cff.org)) or to Portland Fire Company 2, P.O. Box 132, Portland, CT 06480.

To send an online expression of sympathy, visit [portlandmemorialfh.net](http://portlandmemorialfh.net).

### Colchester

#### Walter W. Norris III

Mr. Walter W. Norris III, born Nov. 18, 1927, in Eupora, Miss., passed away at Hartford Hospital Thursday, Sept. 17, surrounded by his family.

He leaves behind his wife Norma; son, Walter W. Norris IV, his wife Deborah, daughter Rica, her husband Roger Ringwalt; and granddaughter Melissa.

Services will be private, for immediate family only.

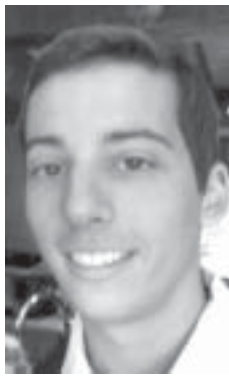


## Obituaries continued

### Marlborough

#### Kyle Houle

Kyle Houle, 19, of Marlborough, formerly of Ludlow, Mass., passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 17, at home after a year and a half-long battle with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare bone cancer. His strong will to live, unwavering courage, and prayers of family, friends, and many supporters carried him through 10 months of intensive chemotherapy. Kyle was not a believer in quitting, remaining defiant to the very end.



Born Dec. 16, 1995, Kyle spent most of his early childhood and formative years in Ludlow, Mass., attending St. John the Baptist School and Ludlow High School. The child of Mary Wojcik of Marlborough and David Houle of Ludlow, Mass., he is survived by his brothers Andrew and Aaron Houle of Ludlow, Mass.; his grandfather, Edward Houle of Indian Orchard, Mass.; his grandmother, Grace McAllister of Meriden, Ct., stepfather, Ted Wojcik of Marlborough; and step siblings Teddy Wojcik of Marlborough and Alicia Wojcik of Gaithersburg, Md.; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and classmates in Ludlow too numerous to list, but that will all miss him dearly.

Kyle was a typical teenager and sadly wasn't given the chance to grow into his full potential. Kyle was in love with the outdoors, often fishing with his father, whom he adored, and salt-water fishing with Captain Wayne. He was an avid snow boarder, skate boarder, and mountain biker as well as a successful competitive archer. He loved rock music, everything from the classics to modern metal bands, even learning guitar before he became ill. On most days, Kyle could be found walking his dog, Otto, around the pond. Although Otto will miss him dearly and his walks, he will be rejoining his beloved dog Griffin that predeceased him.

Kyle was not very religious, but had a spiritual nature about him and proud of his part Native American heritage. Not a fan of school, Kyle was intelligent and possessed a quick acerbic wit and poet's heart. Kyle loved everything Ford, especially Mustangs and he aspired to become a mechanic like his father.

We would like to thank the people of Ludlow, Mass., for the amazing outpouring of love and support through his entire illness. We were truly touched and amazed, especially Kyle.

Thank you to the nurses and doctors at Smilow Cancer Hospital in New Haven and Vitas Hospice, particularly Denise and Jeremy for their amazing care.

Following Kyle's wishes, he will be cremated and memorial services will be held at Brooklawn Funeral Home Inc., 511 Brook St. in Rocky Hill Saturday, Sept. 26.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in the memory of Kyle Houle to The Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven.