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Joyce Krauth with grandsons Henry (left) and Sullivan (right) at the party held in her honor following her retirement from Town Hall. "I just want to have some free time and do the things I want to do," the longtime town employee said of her retirement.

Town Hall Says Goodbye to a Longtime Friend

by Michael McCoy

Visitors to East Hampton Town Hall have missed a familiar face over the past three months—Joyce Bodozian Krauth.

Joyce recently retired from Town Hall December 29 after 31 years, over ten of them as Administrative Assistant to Town Manager Alan Bergren and the Town Council. Her last day at Town Hall was Dec. 29. "I thought the time was right," mused Krauth. "I'm 70, and I just want to have some free time and do the things I want to do."

While thousand of visitors to Town Hall came to know Joyce over the years, few of them probably know about her fascinating family background. Both of Joyce's parents were born in Sepastia, Turkey, in the village of Sevas. Her mother, Yughaper Bodozian, lost her entire family in 1914, at the age of 10 in the Armenian genocide.

Joyce's mother and father, Drtad, actually grew up next door to each other, but it was not until they arrived in the States that they were married on Sept. 2, 1922 in Hartford. They took up residence in an Armenian section of Hartford called Putnam Heights, now referred to as Frog Hollow.

The new immigrants had three children. Zabelle was born in 1923, and now lives in New Hartford. Harootune was born in 1927, and passed away in 2000. Joyce was born on June 24, 1936.

Neither of Joyce's siblings cared for their ethnic names, and instead went by the Americanized "Isabelle" and "Harry." Joyce says she would have welcomed an Armenian name, but by the time she arrived, her parents decided to go with a less ethnic name—Joyce.

While Yughaper tended to the children, Drtad worked jobs wherever they were available, including a coat factory, a fire-arms factory and a printing shop. "He believed you work hard, and you pay your bills," remembers Krauth. Their life was no frills. They never owned their own house or a car, recalls Joyce.

Joyce's parents spoke very little English, and refused to use it in the home. Indeed, her mother would not respond to Joyce, when she spoke English.

Yughaper may have been stubborn, but she could cook. "My mother's food was absolutely delicious," asserts Joyce. "She could make your foot taste good."

In 1953, at the age of 16 (she skipped 5th grade) Joyce graduated from Hartford Public High School. The next day, her 17th birthday, she got a job with Brown Thompson's Department Store. Among other skills, she recalls, "They taught me how to do billing and accounts receivable." She also learned how to add on a comptometer.

In May of 1957, one of Joyce's friends

introduced her to a young man from Middletown by the name of Bill Krauth. He and Joyce hit it off and eventually got married. Joyce left the work force after she became pregnant. The family lived in Bill's hometown of Middletown until 1969 when they built a house in East Hampton.

In 1975, Joyce received a call from Marie Durkin, asking if she would be interested in the newly vacant collector of revenue position at the Town Hall. After hesitating, she heeded her husband's advice and took the job. She was never sorry. "I had the best supervisors," she says.

Joyce held that position until the middle of 1996, when another position in the town hall opened up. "I worked for 10½ years as the Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager and Town Council, and I loved it," she said. "He was so wonderful and kind to me," said Krauth of her boss, Town Manager Alan Bergren.

Praising Bergren's knowledge of the workings of the town, Joyce says, "He knows everything about everything." And while he was a boss, he was also a colleague. "He never asked you to do anything he wouldn't do," says Joyce.

There were changes over the years—many of them for the better. "When I started, there was no computerization," remarks Joyce. "We did all the balancing

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by hand. You couldn't be off by a penny, or you had to start from the beginning. It was wonderful when that changed."

She does lament one change she did not see during her time at 20 East High Street. "I was hoping to see a new town hall," she admits.

There were more than a few late nights preparing files and drawing up meeting minutes, a task which would often keep Joyce up until the wee hours of the morning. But it seems the good times outweighed the bad.

"When we worked, we worked; but when we laughed, we laughed," she says of her busy but fondly-remembered days. "We were a wonderful family. I miss them already."

Speaking of family, a visitor might occasionally have walked into Town Hall to find Krauth and Bergren yelling through the doorway at each other, arguing about the whereabouts of a file or document. During one of these good-natured exchanges, Human Resources Administrator Lisa Seymour popped her head in and suggested, "You two should go to counseling." The duo jokingly referred to themselves as Horace and Olivia Bickerson from that day forward.

On Jan. 25, Joyce's friends and colleague's honored her with a retirement bash at The Governor's Tavern. The restaurant was filled wall-to-wall with people, including 83 of those nearest and dearest to her. Those in attendance varied from family members to Town Council members; from town officials to some of the town's most well-known citizens. Joyce's knitting club even showed up.

At one point in the evening, Bergren riffed on their "faux-marriage" and Representative Gail Hamm presented her with a citation of recognition. That month, the Town Council also honored her with a resolution.

Now retired, Joyce sits in a room painted in calming whites and blues, in the apartment that she and Bill moved into 20 years ago. "This is my beach. I love this room," she says. It does feel like a beach, down to the sand that completes one corner of the room.

Here Joyce relaxes with her hobbies, be it crocheting, reading, or doing crossword



Joyce and Town Manager Alan Bergren ("Olivia and Horace") at her retirement event at The Governor's Tavern.

puzzles. Most recently she has developed a fondness for the Picture Puzzles produced by Life Magazine.

She says she has also gotten hooked on A&E's airing of "The Sopranos," but worries that it's been censored for regular television. "I feel like I am missing all the swearing," she worries. (I told her she was.)

She also meets many of her old colleagues for lunch, which often gives her cause to visit her old digs at Town Hall. Joyce also spends a lot of time with her daughter, Jill Deane, her husband Dan, and their children.

"It's good," Krauth reflects on these first days of her retirement.

Joyce Bodozian Krauth says what many cannot. "I got up every morning, wanting to go to work. I never woke up saying, 'Ah, I don't want to go to work today.' Never, never, never, never."

Joyce took her responsibility quite seriously. She notes, "Because you work in a municipality, your job is to help people; and that's what I tried to do."

Colchester Zone Change Request Meets Strong Opposition

by Jim Salemi

An application by a local landowner seeking a zone change in the village center area of town met significant resistance at a Zoning and Planning Commission public hearing last Wednesday.

Property owner Andy Spiros filed an application with the town land use department to change five of seven acres he owns at 160 South Main Street from residential to commercial.

The change was requested so he could build an addition onto the Stop and Shop or a stand-alone building on the site, according to Spiro's engineer James Otis, who presented the plan to the Zoning and Planning Commission Wednesday.

Otis said the zone change, if granted, would conform to the town's Plan of Development because of the site's proximity to the commercial zone on Linwood Avenue and South Main Street. Water and sewer lines run through the property, and there are major state highways affording access to the area, among other reasons, he pointed out.

The hearing has been continued to Thursday, April 5 at the town hall at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held Thursday instead of the regular meeting day of Tuesday due to the Passover holiday.

"This is an opportunity for additional retail space and would allow for more commercial diversity. It would also contribute to the town's tax base. We know the [Economic Development Commission] is interested," Otis told commission members.

Residents and owners of business in the historic homes abutting the property told the commission, in no uncertain terms, they don't like the proposal.

About 25 residents of the co-op and a half-dozen or so South Main Street residents came out for the hearing, while another 12 South Main residents and business owners signed a petition opposing the zone change.

"I live in the [Breed's Tavern] co-op. People are constantly cutting through on foot as it is, at all times of the day and night. We have to worry about our kids playing outside as it is," said resident Jamie Croskey.

Other residents of the co-op said the undeveloped lot currently provides a visual buffer between the residences and the back of the Stop and Shop, which is often littered with broken shopping carts and children's toys, and graffiti.

Residents said they also put up with constant noise coming from the rear of the supermarket in the form of idling trucks and empty dumpsters being dropped on the ground during overnight hours. South Main Street resident and business owner Arthur Liverant provided the commission with photographs of the back of the supermarket, taken from his property on South Main Street.

While the testimony may sound like the usual "Not-in-My-Back-Yard rhetoric, the abutting residents have zoning regulations on their side. The area falls within the town's Historic District Overlay Zone, which provides for additional and more stringent regulations for any activity in the zone, as a means to preserve the historic character of the area, including the preservation of "vistas."

The historic town green, the old Bacon Academy, the library and the Congregational church are in the immediate area. A number of other historic structures, from the 17th-century Dr. Foote house to 18th, 19th and early 20th century homes are along South Main Street, and a number of them are on the National Registry of Historic Places, Debbie Hayn, chairman of

the town's Historic Preservation Committee, told the commission.

A number of grants had also been secured by former First Selectman Jenny Contois to spruce up the more contemporary buildings and add architectural adornments so they better fit in to the historic area.

Other residents expressed concern about impacts to wetlands, as the area around Stop and Shop had already been filled to make room for an access road to the back of the store.

According to Spiro's proposal, access to the development on his property, if granted, would be accessed by that road. Residents said the road is too narrow for an access route to another commercial area.

Representing the abutting landowners, Sharon Purtill, an attorney with Purtill, Purtill, Pfeffer and Jacoby in South Glastonbury, submitted the petition opposing the change to the commission. She reminded members that since more than 20% of abutters signed the petition, the approval would require a supermajority vote, as opposed to a simple majority.

She said that a change in zoning would be in violation of the overlay zone.

"It protects buildings and vistas. It limits development and impact to the area. Eighteenth and 19th-century buildings do not have the same impact if they are surrounded by development as they do if they are surrounded by natural landscape," she said.

Purtill said if the application is approved it may allow for an add-on to Stop and Shop, but according to the application, a stand-alone building might also be constructed. She said after a zone change, the land can be sold at any time and anything that conforms to commercial regulations can be built on the property.

Resident Arthur Liverant, who provided the photographs to the commission, said his family has always owned an antiques business in the village center, and he recently bought a home next to his shop.

"I bought a house there...I sat on the committee for the Historic Overlay Zone. We worked hard. I find it insulting that someone can come in and change zoning for their own benefit and not for the benefit of the community," he said.

Liverant said he never would have invested in the residence next to his shop if he knew the zoning could be changed to something that he said would ultimately impact his property value.

Another resident said she has been restoring an historic home, and paying for it with rental money she receives from an auxiliary building on her property. She said she has the money for the restoration because her rental property commands such a high rent because of the view. If the building overlooked a parking lot and a building, she could not charge the rents she does and would not be able to afford the restoration. She said she would have no choice but to become an absentee landlord or sell the property, she said.

In rebuttal to those speaking against the plan, Otis told the commission that just because an overlay zone exists, does not mean development ceases, nor does it mean wooded areas in the zone must remain so since a landscaped visual screen could be installed if the woods were cleared.

"The applicant will comply with any stipulations," he said.

Otis said that he has no concerns about the development negatively impacting aquifers if it is designed correctly.

Veterans Explore Possibility of Local Memorial in East Hampton

by Michael McCoy

A group of East Hampton veterans is in the preliminary stages of working to have a veterans memorial installed in town.

About four years ago, Donald Markham approached Ronald Christopher about the prospect of such a memorial. Christopher was enthusiastic, but due to responsibilities such as serving as the VFW Post Commander in town, told Markham that he just did not have the time to devote to such a project.

But early this year, Christopher asked Markham if he was still interested in getting this project off the ground, and, sure enough, he was as passionate as before. In fact, he said, "I know someone else who would be interested." So, John Hansen joined the effort as well. They also enlisted the help of Dennis Erickson and William MacDonald.

Christopher noted that a monument stands on the center green in front of the First Congregational Church in East Hampton's Village Center. That stone memorial is four-sided, each side containing a bronze plaque. One of these plaques names all the East Hampton citizens who served in the Revolutionary War, another the Civil War, another the War of 1812, and the final one World War I.

"But no place else in town, on any memorial, statue, or otherwise, does it list anybody's name," said Christopher.

The committee, who has selected Christopher as their chairman for the time being, has met twice since January. Since then, the team has been researching the town's history of military service, aided by the Historical Society and Melissa Engel, who has provided them with a number of old issues of the East Hampton News.

Christopher served in the US Army Infantry from 1951 to 1952, during the Korean War. He was stationed in Germany during this time and achieved the rank of SGT 1st Class.

So far, the committee has determined that about 600 town residents served during World II, with 12 casualties. They have counted around

130 Vietnam veterans, three of whom were killed in battle.

They plan to continue their research, which they hope will yield veterans from the Korean conflict, as well as all Middle East efforts. Eventually, they aim to post a list of all names garnered, and request anyone who knows of omissions to contact them.

Fortunately, Christopher pointed out, "We've had no one become a casualty in the Middle East, though we have many who have served."

Though still searching for the most appropriate spot for the monument, there are several possible locations, including in front of the First Congregational Church, in front of the high school, or on the old DeStefano property at the intersection of Route 66 and Main Street. Melissa Engel suggested this final prospect to Christopher, though he worries that such a location could be too costly.

Though no design has been made, Christopher estimates that the project could cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$50,000. A Portland veterans memorial, which is expected to be dedicated on Memorial Day and features the names of local veterans from World War I through the current was engraved on granite slabs, came with a price tag of just over \$50,000.

The East Hampton committee plans to fund the project through donations, fundraisers, and volunteer efforts. Despite their plan to use no town money, the project will eventually be brought before the Town Council, and Town Manager Alan Bergren told Christopher that he would assist in any way possible.

"We don't want to let it die on the vine," says Christopher.

The group will meet again on April 12, a gathering that will be attended by Rodney Spooner who was part of the Portland veterans project. The East Hampton committee hopes to benefit from the guidance and experience he may lend.



Brenden DePrest looks out into the woods of Gloria Coles' property along Skinner Lane. DePrest and Coles have been pursuing various options to sell the land while preserving it as open space.

Student & Landowner Join in Hopes of Preserving Parcel in Hebron

by Sarah McCoy

As a child Brenden DePrest loved the outdoors. He grew up playing in the woods behind his house in Hebron and only left in 2004 to pursue a degree in Environmental Science from Roger Williams University.

When DePrest returned to Hebron for summer break last year he noticed something. The woods that he grew up, near the ones he knew like the back of his hand, were for sale. "Honestly, I was terrified. You see developments going up everywhere, I didn't want to see that here," said DePrest.

So Brenden began his crusade.

He visited Town Hall and found out as much information as he could about the 79-acre parcel on Skinner Lane. Then with much thought and a lot of heart, Brenden wrote to Gloria Coles, the owner of the property. "Far too often today, precious properties with unique habitats and wetlands are being lost to the almighty dollar," he wrote asking Coles to consider selling her property for conservation.

That was June 1 of 2006.

Within days of receiving the letter Coles responded, obviously touched by Brenden's words.

Coles had originally intended to turn the property into a small horse farm and live there. But when plans fell through, the property went on the market. Developers had been in contact with her but, with a fondness for nature, Coles hoped to pursue other options.

She and Brenden began working as a team to find a suitable buyer for the property—one that would respect it as open space.

Communicating mainly from college in Rhode Island, Brenden spent much of his free time soliciting buyers for the property. He talked to representatives from the town, various land trusts, and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. All of these avenues led to dead ends.

Not deterred, Brenden continued his work.

"The property holds more than just sentimental value," he explained. "It lies at a critical point in the Salmon River watershed. What happens to Mrs. Coles' property could have a trickle-down effect to the entire watershed since everything else lies below it."

Coles' land also offers much in the way of pristine forestland, streams, wetlands, swamps and ponds.

To Brenden, the property seemed like the ideal candidate for conservation but he soon found out what stood in his way.

At the end of Skinner Lane is state-owned land recently purchased from the Campbell Family. In between this land and Coles' stands a 66-acre parcel owned by the Toomeys.

They, too, had their land for sale and had

been contacted by local developer Roderic McCarrison.

"At that point I felt my duty double," said Brenden. "The key to saving one property became saving both."

Like he had with Gloria Coles, Brenden wrote to the Toomeys. He explained how their property would, most likely, allow two to be preserved as open space.

There was communication between the two parties at first but that died down — that is, until his winter break this year.

When he came home, Brenden saw an item on the Planning and Zoning agenda that he hoped he would never see; a Special Permit Application for a Determination of Suitability for a Subdivision on the Toomey property.

His heart sank, but his urgency was renewed.

Brenden pulled out all the stops and frantically began calling all of his resources. Again, to no avail.

But, in the end, it may not matter.

The Determination of Suitability permit asked for consideration for an Open Space Subdivision. The plan, as outlined by McCarrison, calls for 53 of the 66-acres to be deeded to the town or state.

Five lots would be constructed on the property through a shared driveway while the remainder would exist as an easement or open space. "The town, myself and the owners see a big advantage to maintaining the natural corridor on the property," McCarrison said of the greenway linking Coles' land to DEP-owned land.

Additionally, the homes themselves would be given more space. The lots are slated to all be around two acres.

At last month's P&Z meeting the board unanimously approved the Determination of Suitability for the plan but that is only the beginning of other approvals the owners will have to pursue. McCarrison hopes that process can be completed in the next two months.

While he isn't jumping for joy, Brenden considers the open space subdivision a small victory. "The proposal calls for a comparatively small amount of houses, and a great deal of open space, so it seems like the lesser of evils," he said. "I guess sometimes you have to make compromises and give some to get some."

Coles, too, is pleased with the plan. "The concept sounds good and the continuation of state-owned land could be just the piece I've been missing to preserve my property," she said.

The duo will remain committed to the cause and hope a solution is forthcoming.

"With all the natural assets on the property it would be a great waste to see it as anything other than beautiful land," said Brenden.

Two Teens Nabbed for Series of Car Break-ins in Portland

by Michael McCoy

A midnight call toward the end of the weekend resulted in the arrest of two teenagers for breaking into five vehicles.

According to Sgt. James Kelly, the Portland Police Department fielded a call around midnight on March 18 from a Foley Road resident, who had observed two people rummaging through her car, which was parked in the driveway. According to the caller, she scared the two away by yelling at them.

Officer James Capello was doing a routine patrol was in the area. Within 10 minutes, he nabbed the two suspects outside of a wooded area in Crimson Heights. Police escorted the witness to the station, where she identified the two youths as those she had seen earlier. The apprehended youths were a 17-year-old from Portland and a 15-year-old from Middletown, both males.

Eventually both youths confessed to breaking into five vehicles that night. The offenders took police to each vehicle that they had pilfered, and police alerted the owners. All of the incidents occurred in the area around High Street, Foley Road and Freestone Avenue.

The two teens also led police to a bag that

they had hidden in the wooded area they were leaving when Capello picked them up. The bag contained all the night's loot, mostly electronics, such as a digital camera, an I-Pod, and a portable DVD player. There was also a cell phone and some cash, said police.

Interestingly, the suspects' clothing did not match with the description provided by the woman caller. The teens told police that they had shed some of their outer garments after the witness had scared them off in an effort to confuse police.

The two teens, who were not identified due to their age, were charged with 4th degree larceny and released to their parents on non-surety bonds. They are scheduled to appear in court at the end of the month.

Sgt. Kelly commended Capello on his swift intervention. "It's a good example of why it's necessary to have good police coverage on the roads," he remarked.

Kelly also noted, "It's important, whether it's houses or cars, to keep things locked." All five vehicles had not been left unlocked. A locked vehicle probably would have deterred the two youths, observed Kelly.

Antiques Appraisal Day This Saturday

The Chatham Historical Society will host its 12th Annual Antique Appraisal Day on Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the East Hampton Library Community Center, 105 Main St.

Verbal appraisals will be given on vintage jewelry, dolls, toys, quilts, art, American country furniture, bottles, glasswork, china and other treasures for a suggested donation of \$5 per item.

Appraisers include Ellen Raiselis of Glastonbury, Bill Barrows of Tom Barrows and Sons Auctioneers of Portland, and Robert

Baranowsky and Katheryn Dwyer of Baranowsky Antiques in Portland.

Also participating will be Roger Boober from the Penobscot Group from the Penobscot Group in Marlborough. He has been a special detective for over 30 years for Lloyds of London. He presently has clients in the United States, Belgium, the Netherlands and Paris.

The Antiques Appraisal Day is a fundraiser to help support renovation of the old museum on Bevin Boulevard. For more information, call 267-8953.

Marlborough Resident Welcomes Pledges in Race Against Leukemia

Donna Henderson is in training for a cause.

On June 24 the longtime Marlborough resident will be running in the 13.1-mile Fairfield Half Marthon to benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Henderson is training and running with a fundraising group called Team In Training (TNT). Team In Training is a program which consists of members that use long distance running, walking, cycling and swimming as a symbol of endurance and hope in raising money for all blood related cancers.

"This year I have the privilege to run not only in honor of all the blood related cancer patients in the world, but especially for Melissa Goodfellow, my honored teammate," says Henderson. Melissa has successfully battled Hodgkin's lymphoma. Diagnosed in 1992, she recently ran two marathons, "a remarkable personal achievement," says Henderson.

The mother of two children—Rae, 23, and Sean Stack, 17—Henderson works as the Director of Global Resource Management at Canberra Industries in Meriden. She is also completing her master's degree in Human Resource Management at UConn.

She has a personal reason to join the battle against cancer. "My own daughter, Rae Marie, battled childhood cancer 20 years ago," she observes. The half-marathon fundraiser now gives her a chance to give something back in return for all of the love and sharing given to

her family during that dark time, she says.

"Strangers became friends, and to this day, I really don't know how to thank them," she notes.

"Rae was diagnosed the weekend of hurricane Gloria," she recalls. "Our neighbors showed up two days later and cleared a huge tree which had fallen, as we were not capable of even thinking beyond this life changing event. It never stopped from there; strangers contributed gifts, money and time over the course of her four-year treatment. Now she is wonderful, healthy, and strong, and I am happy to be doing something in return."

Contributions to Henderson's effort are tax deductible and will further The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's lifesaving program of research and patient aid. All contributions, large or small, will be greatly appreciated, she says.

Her goal is to raise \$1500. "My target date for pledges to be returned is April 15, 2007, but I will accept donations through race day," she says.

Online donations can be made by visiting her secure web site: <http://www.active.com/donate/tntct/tntctDHender> or by mailing a check made out to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to: Donna Henderson, 149 Cheney Rd., Marlborough, CT 06447 (295-1212).

Auction Will Benefit Hebron's 300th Birthday Party

by Sarah McCoy

There are many events planned for Hebron's 300th birthday next year, but before the fun comes the work. Last year the town created a 300th Committee to spearhead the tri-centennial efforts and, since then, the group has hit the ground running.

"2007 is the year of fundraising," 300th Committee Chairman Peter Moon said.

Just weeks after their Maple Fest event, the group is rev-ed up for event number two—an auction to be held on March 31 at Easter Seals Camp Hemlocks. On the block will be hundreds of items, including a membership at Curves, front-row tickets to RHAM graduation, and even a handyman for spring-cleaning help.

A preview of the items will be held from 3-7 p.m. on March 31st with the bidding to begin at 7:30 p.m. Some items are also on display at the Hebron Town Office Building and most items are listed on the 300th Committee website: hebron300.tricountyweb.com/

Tickets for the auction are available for \$5 at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Office Building. Professional auctioneer Bruce Ingraham of Ingraham Auctions and Cathy Poulin of the Bob's Discount Furniture commercials will emcee the event. There will be a cash bar, gourmet desserts, coffee, tea, and soda available.

"It's one thing to raise money. It's another to have fun. This should be a combination of both," 300th Committee member Judy Podell said of the upcoming auction.

As Hebron moved towards its tri-centennial, town officials made it abundantly clear that the committee would have to be self-reliant in terms of funding. The group took on the challenge and has planned a number of events including a town-wide tag sale in May, and a booth at the

Hebron Harvest Fair.

The committee is comprised of seven appointed members with five others serving unofficially. With so many events planned in the next two years, the large group has helped to spread the workload. "We meet the third Monday of every month at 7:30pm in the Russell Mercier Senior Center," said Moon. "We encourage everyone to come."

Part of the reason why the 300th Committee has been so successful in their first few endeavors is because of the support of residents. When the group needed a slogan, they called for ideas and chose "Hebron Rocks." When they needed exposure, John Orzell of Tri-County Web Consulting stepped up and offered to create a website. And, when the group began its plans for an auction, they were inundated with donations from businesses, organizations and individuals.

The group kicked off their fundraising at the Maple Fest, selling Hebron afghans, tote bags and even rocks. Yes, rocks. With stone walls being such a historical attribute to the town, the 300th Committee decided to create their own made up of rocks adorned with the names of Hebron residents. The afghans, totes, and rocks can still be purchased at the Town Clerk's office.

In addition to planning fundraisers for this year, the main mission for the committee is for 2008, when the town celebrates its 300th birthday. Already in the works are plans for a Revolutionary War reenactment in September and a Proclamation Day on May 26, the date Hebron was incorporated.

"We hope to plan events for the whole year that will celebrate Hebron and be offered at low or no cost to residents," said Moon.

Volunteers Needed for Town Emergency Drill in Marlborough

by Sarah McCoy

With new guidelines and a renewed sense of urgency, Marlborough emergency personnel are planning a large-scale Point of Dispensing Drill or "POD."

The POD plan would go into effect if the community were to be attacked or if there were a need for mass inoculations or medication.

Volunteers are being sought to assist the fire and medical staffs. Potential volunteers are urged to attend upcoming informational sessions on March 29 and April 2.

EMS Chief Mark Merritt began holding information sessions on the subject last year. Now, with new direction from the state's Public Health Department, Merritt is looking to execute a full-scale drill in late spring.

Those who attended previous information sessions will be given specific job duties. Those who haven't will still have the opportunity to participate but Merritt encourages them to come to the upcoming information sessions.

"We have set the groundwork for Marlborough and are now looking to execute these plans," he said. "At this time, there is still a need for new and old volunteers to come and help out."

Merritt warned residents that they should not expect immediate federal assistance in the event of a mass emergency, but should instead pre-

pare to help one another. "Look what happened in New Orleans," he said in reference to the delay in assisting Hurricane Katrina victims. "No one is going to be rushing to little old Marlborough."

At the information sessions, representatives from the Chatham Health District, Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department, and Roy B. Pettengill Ambulance Association will be on-hand to answer questions. Volunteers with specific medical skills are urged to attend these meetings, but there will be things to do for anyone who can help.

"Our current situation relies heavily on emergency personnel," explained Merritt. "Those individuals will be busy attending to other things in the case of an emergency. We need people who can learn the system and let our EMTs, firefighters, and police do their job."

Ideally, Merritt said, volunteers could learn multiple tasks and be prepared to step in where they are needed and possibly train others.

Currently the town has about 100 volunteers slated for the POD drill but more are still needed. Those will any questions are asked to contact Mark Merritt at 295-9692

The information sessions will begin at 6:30pm on March 29 and April 2 at the Elmer Thienes- Mary Hall Elementary School.

Marlborough Police News

Colchester Police News

3/10—Yongnan Tampsett, 50, of Weatogue, was arrested for DUI and failure to stay in his lane, according to police.

3/11—Matthew Mioduszewski, 29, of Voluntown, was arrested for DWI. And making an improper turn, according to reports.

3/13—Police are investigating a burglary to a business on Norwich Avenue. Miscellaneous items were reported stolen, according to police.

3/16—Police are investigating the reported theft of \$4,500 worth of equipment from a construction site on Lebanon Avenue. Anyone with any information is asked to call Officer Edwards at 537-7270.

3/16—Police are investigating the theft of copper pipes from an unoccupied home on Westchester Road, according to reports.

3/18—Jesse Ramond, 19, of 20 Skyview Drive, was arrested for suspicion of DWI after the car he was allegedly driving rolled over on Cabin Road, police said.

3/7—Mohammed Sheikh, 23, of Orange, was arrested for reckless driving and failure to carry a driver's license, according to police.

3/8—Justin A. Street, 18, of 56 White Birch Rd., East Hampton, was arrested for assault of a police officer, interfering with police, theft, driving an unregistered all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and failure to obey an officer's signal to stop, according to reports.

3/10—A 17-year-old juvenile was arrested for DUI, speeding and following too closely, according to reports.

3/16—Dorothy Joba, 61, of Glastonbury, was arrested for DWI and making an improper turn, police said.

3/19—Neil Dagata, 36, of Middletown, was arrested on a warrant for burglary and theft for allegedly breaking into a home in Marlborough, according to reports.

Marlborough Library Expansion Project Voted Down

by Sarah McCoy

The voters of Marlborough have clearly spoken. There will be no expansion of Richmond Memorial Library in the near future.

The \$5.1 million project was voted down on Tuesday by a vote of 798 to 469.

The plan called for town contributions of \$4 million with another \$500,000 coming from a state library construction grant, and the remaining \$600,000 to be raised by the library.

The proposed expansion would have tripled Richmond Memorial Library's space.

After the tallies were in Tuesday, First Selectman Bill Black said he felt voters were concerned about the debt load. "I don't think it was so much a commentary on the project itself but, rather, voters aren't in a position to take on any more debt," he said.

Town residents are already responsible for \$50.5 million in approved projects. This translates into \$8,065 per person compared to the state average of \$1,458. The library project would have further added to that debt load.

As a result of Tuesday's referendum defeat, the Library Expansion Committee will immediately disband, said Richmond Memorial Library Director Nancy Wood. Library staff will sit down next year and discuss a long-range

plan.

In the meantime, the town will need to focus on maintaining the current library building. "Electrical, carpeting, painting, windows," Wood listed. "There are major items to be addressed that we did not include as capital items on this year's budget because of the referendum."

Selectman Sharon Reiner concurred that upkeep is critical. "We learned a \$16 million lesson at the elementary school," she said in reference to the most recent renovations. "As a town we need to protect our investments because the issues are not going to go away."

The budget recommended by the Board of Selectmen does not include funding for any capital library projects.

"I would be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed," Wood said Tuesday night. "But we are grateful to the people that came out. It is nice to see in a single-question referendum."

Of the 4,734 eligible Marlborough voters, 1,269 cast ballots on Tuesday. This represents 27% of the voting population. Town Clerk Nancy Dickson said this is an atypically high turnout. "We usually don't see half that amount at a budget referendum," she remarked.

Hebron Democrats Sign on to Dodd Campaign

The Hebron Democratic Town Committee voted Tuesday to endorse Senator Chris Dodd in his campaign to become the Democratic nominee for President of the United States.

Long-time member of the Hebron Democratic Town Committee, Aaron 'Steve' Reid, made the motion which was seconded by member Peter Moon.

Speaking enthusiastically on behalf of the motion were past local party chairperson John Quinn and current Democratic Voter Registrar John O'Sullivan.

"I have known Chris Dodd since he was a young member of Congress nearly 30 years ago," said Quinn. "For many years, Chris Dodd has served the people of Connecticut admirably. Now, it's time that we shared him with the rest of the country."

East Hampton Police News

3/9 — Marshall K. Allen, 18, of 38 Mallard Cove, East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to two warrants for criminal mischief, larceny 6th degree, burglary 3rd degree, tampering with a motor vehicle, criminal mischief 1st degree, conspiracy, and desecration of property.

3/10 — Blaire M. Ocelik, 25, of 35 North Main St., East Hampton, was arrested for larceny 6th degree.

3/10 — Dolores G. Albrecht, 71, of 15R Lake Dr., East Hampton, and Stavros G. Manolakis, 77, of 89 Abbey Rd., East Hampton, were involved in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of West High Street and Middle Haddam Road. Albrecht was issued a ticket for following too closely and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

3/11 — John R. Forbes IV, 20, of 29 Main St., East Hampton, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under suspension and failure to wear protective headgear while operating under a training permit.

3/11 — Dean Waite, 85, of 606 Lake Vista Dr., East Hampton, and Bethany Moren, 33, of 6 Skinner St., East Hampton, were involved in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Rt. 66 and Lake Vista Drive. Waite was issued a ticket for failure to obey a stop sign.

3/12 — Lisa Stankiewicz, 33, of 85 North Main St., East Hampton, was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and/or

drugs, possession of paraphernalia and speeding.

3/12 — John P. Waite, 51, of 28 Markham Rd., East Hampton, was arrested for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating without insurance and operating under suspension.

3/13 — Joseph Olbrias, 43, of 341 Boston Hill Rd., Andover, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of three counts of larceny 6th degree.

3/14 — Salvatore R. Lioitra, 42, of 157 Doyle Rd., Oakdale, was issued a ticket for using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle.

3/14 — Adam Dorflinger, 20, of 62 Abbey Rd., East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of breach of peace 2nd degree and criminal mischief 3rd degree.

3/15 — A 17-year-old female juvenile was arrested pursuant to a warrant for criminal mischief and conspiracy to commit criminal mischief.

3/15 — A 17-year-old male juvenile was arrested pursuant to a warrant for criminal mischief and conspiracy to commit criminal mischief.

3/15 — Kelly Nolan, 45, of 47 Hog Hill Rd., East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of possession of narcotics and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hebron Police News

Police are investigating several incidences of credit card fraud reported by an Amston Road resident, police said.

3/18—Police are investing the theft of a single shot, hammerless handgun from a car at a Burrows Hill Road residence. Anyone with any information is asked to call state police at 537-7500.

Obituaries

Colchester

Tanner Stone Sciremammano

Tanner Stone Sciremammano, cherished seven-week-old infant son born on Jan. 24, 2007 to John and Jan (Lovett) Sciremammano of Colchester, went home with the Angels to the loving arms of Jesus suddenly Friday, March 16.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Savanna and Sierra Sciremammano, both of Colchester, and Kara Cicchiello of Columbia; his brother, John Sciremammano of Alabama; his grandparents, Joe and Jackie Lovett of Marlborough and Paul and Doris Sciremammano of Willimantic; his great grandmother, Steffie Lovett of Manchester; aunts and uncles, Teresa Ortiz of Norwich, Theodore Reinholtz of Colchester and Jon Lovett of Marlborough; and numerous extended family members.

He was welcomed into Heaven by his sister, Maria Cicchiello; grandmother, Mary Sciremammano; aunt, Fran LaChappelle and uncle, William Reinholtz.

Care of private arrangements was entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester.

East Hampton

Evelyn R. Agnello

Evelyn R. Agnello, 98, of Middletown, a former summer resident of East Hampton, widow of the late Nunzio E. Agnello, died Thursday, March 15 at High View Health Care Center.

Born in Verona NJ, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Mary Elizabeth (Atkin) Reffelt. She had lived in New Britain and Southington before retiring to Leesburg FL. Evelyn and her husband had a summer cottage in East Hampton for many years.

She had moved to Middletown in 1991 and was a member of the First Church of Christ Congregational in Middletown. She was the Soprano Soloist at the Trinity United Methodist Church in New Britain for more than 29 years. She had attended the Julliard School of Music in New York City, was active in the Southington Women's Club, and was an officer in the Connecticut Women's Club. Evelyn had been a professional soloist and voice teacher before her retirement.

She is survived by her two daughters, Mary Anne Diamond and her husband Michael of Middletown, and Jeanette Peterson of Middletown; a sister-in-law, Yvonne Reffelt of Framingham MA; six grandchildren, Wendy, Jim, Chris, Eric, Heather, Aaron; seven great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Richard Reffelt.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 24 at 2 p.m. in the First Church of Christ Congregational in Middletown with the Rev. John Hall officiating. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family in Lakeview Cemetery in East Hampton. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to First Church of Christ Congregational Memorial Fund 190 Court St. Middletown, CT. 06457, or High View Resident Activity Fund c/o High View Health Care Center 600 Highland Ave. Middletown, CT 06457. The Spencer Funeral Home 112 main St. East Hampton has care of the arrangements.

East Hampton

Beverly J. Thibodeau

Beverly Jean (Dobson) Thibodeau, 69, of East Hampton, formerly of East Hartford, widow of Joseph V. Thibodeau, Sr., passed away Tuesday, March 13, at Hartford Hospital.

She was born in Houlton, ME October 12, 1937 the daughter of William and Mary (Dickinson) Dobson. She had been employed as a sales clerk for Ideal Drug for many years.

Beverly leaves behind a son, Joseph V. Thibodeau, Jr. and his wife, Kathleen of Bolton; a daughter, Heidi Kallinich and her husband, Douglas of East Hampton; a brother, Larry Dobson and his wife, Faye of Manchester; and two grandchildren, Crystal Thibodeau of Bolton, and Kelly Michaud of Vernon. She also leaves four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Ardith McCarty.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 16 at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hartford Hospital Cardiac ICU, 80 Seymour St., Hartford, CT 06115.

Hebron

Mary Louise Porter

Mary Louise (Chalifoux) Porter, "May," 67, of the Amston section of Hebron, widow of the late Gerold "Jerry" Porter, passed away Friday, March 16, at the Windham Hospital in Willimantic.

Born Aug. 11, 1939 in Lebanon, she was a daughter of the late Wilfred and Emma (Kollar) Chalifoux.

On March 23, 1973, she and Jerry were married in Milo, ME. Together, they shared nearly 30 years of marriage before he predeceased her on Jan. 26, 2003.

Mrs. Porter was a former employee of Brand-Rex, Horace Porter School and retired Restaurant Manager of Tallwood Country Club. She was also self-employed while she and Jerry ran the Hebron Horse Auction for 20 years.

In her spare time, she was a great cook and will be remembered for her creativity, especially through crafting with a local rehabilitation group.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda (Clark) Banker of East Haddam and Bambi-Lynn Porter and her husband, Brian Shipley of Willington; a grandson, Jesse Clark of West Haven; four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Emma, Corey and Caleb; three sisters, Nancy Godere and Evelyn Dzialo of Lebanon and Ethel Fontaine of Taftville; two brothers, Richard and Robert Chalifoux, both of Lebanon; and numerous extended family members and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her son, Jeffrey R. Clark; her sister, Rose Marie Clarke; and two brothers, Wilfred and Francis Chalifoux.

Calling hours were Tuesday evening at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester.

The Funeral Liturgy was celebrated Wednesday morning at the Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St. (Rte. 85), Hebron, with Fr. Michael Smith, officiating.

Spring burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery, Hebron.

Donations in her memory may be made to the American Lung Association, 45 Ash St., East Hartford 06108-3272.

Portland

Janet Ann Carlson Landry

Janet Ann Carlson Landry, 76, of Main St., Portland, died Saturday, March 17, in her home. She was the beloved wife of Rudolph P. Landry, to whom she was married to for 55 years.

Born in Middletown, Feb. 15, 1931, a daughter of the late Albin and Dorothy Meehan Carlson, she was a lifelong Portland resident. She was a veteran of the Korean War having served as Sgt. 1st Class in the U.S. Air Force as a career guidance counselor.

Janet was the family "Rock," she loved her family and was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an avid reader, a nature lover, loved doing crossword puzzles, and especially enjoyed traveling and Sunday morning family visits.

Besides her beloved husband Rudolph, Janet is survived by her son James Landry and his wife Gail of Portland; her daughter Jacalyn Shefcyk and her husband Charles; her son-in-law Henri Barillaro of Portland; her grandchildren Allison Kercher and her husband Tim, Stacey Gibson and her husband Eric, Patrick Landry, Kayla Landry, Dana Barillaro, Daniel Barillaro, William Shefcyk and Traci-Lynn Shefcyk; her great-grandchildren Noah and Samuel Gibson who called her "Great;" her sister Jane Glinski and her husband Edmund of North Carolina. She was predeceased by her daughter Joy Barillaro who passed away June 15, 2006.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday in the Church of Saint Mary. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. There were no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts in her memory be sent to the Portland Veterans Memorial Fund, c/o Reg Farrington, P.O. Box 161, Portland, CT 06480 or to the Church of Saint Mary, 51 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT 06480. www.portlandmemorialfh.com

Colchester

Clyde Norman Bedell

Clyde Norman Bedell, 91, of Colchester, beloved husband of Edith (Steere) Bedell, passed away peacefully Friday, March 16, at the Liberty Specialty Care Center in Colchester.

Born April 5, 1915 in Wells, ME, he was the last surviving son of the late Frank and Nellie (Wakeley) Bedell.

On Oct. 23, 1937, he and Edith were married in Oqunquit, ME.

During World War II, Clyde was a shipyard volunteer with the US Coast Guard in Maine.

Early on, Mr. Bedell was a truck mechanic for the former Schuster's Express in Colchester for 14 years. He went on to work in highway construction for BALF in Hartford for 22 years before his retirement. After, he continued to work part-time for Sunrise Resort in Moodus. In his spare time, he was an avid fisherman and enjoyed reading.

In addition to his loving wife of 69 years, he is survived by three children, Gloria Fillion and her husband, Gerard of Killingworth, Joyce E. Wilson of Colchester and Richard Bedell and his wife, Eleanor of Colchester; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family members and friends.

Calling hours were Monday evening at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A Chapel Service followed. Committal will be private in the Linwood Cemetery, Colchester.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Colchester-Hayward Vol. Fire Dept., 18-54 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester 06415.

Portland

Anthony C. Bonewicz

Anthony C. Bonewicz, 90, died Sunday, March 18, in the Portland Care and Rehabilitation Centre.

Born in Middletown, Oct. 15, 1916, he was a son of the late Antoni and Francesca Stuczenska Bonewicz, and had been a Bristol resident for many years. He had worked for the New Departure Plant in Bristol until his retirement. He later moved Middletown and has lived in Portland for the past 19 years.

Funeral services and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland.

Salem

Daniel J. O'Connor, Jr.

Daniel J. O'Connor, Jr. (Dirt Farmer), 31, beloved husband of Jennifer Angell O'Connor of 51 Harris Rd., Salem, passed away on Tuesday, March 13 due to an automobile accident in the Oakdale section of Montville.

He was born on Feb. 22, 1976 in Manchester, son of Daniel J. O'Connor, Sr. of Salem and Claudia Guest O'Connor of Norwich.

He was a backhoe operator and owner of Dirt Farmer Specialties of Salem. He enjoyed quad riding with his daughters and friends and loved hunting.

Surviving besides his wife Jennifer, are two daughters, Shawna and Mikaya; his father, Daniel and mother Claudia. He was predeceased by a brother, Donald O'Connor and a sister, Deborah O'Connor DeMarco.

Visitation was held Sunday afternoon at the Belmont Funeral Home, 144 South Main St., Colchester. A Memorial Mass was held Monday morning at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Route 82, Oakdale.

Donations to Jennifer O'Connor c/o Chelsea Gorton Savings Bank, Route 85, Salem, CT 06420.

Portland

John B. Newman

John B. (Break) Newman, resident of the Arbors in Manchester, formerly of Portland, died on March 19.

Born in New York City, NY on July 27, 1916, he was the son of the late John C. and Erma (Breakell) Newman and moved to Middletown as a child. He graduated from Wesleyan University in 1938, married Norma Rose Morris in 1948 and they resided in Portland.

Mr. Newman was president and treasurer of Hazen's Office Interiors of Middletown; was active in civic affairs, was vice chairman of the Board of Directors of Middlesex Memorial Hospital, served on its Development Council, and was chairman of the council from 1970-1983. He was named Philanthropist of The Year by the New England Association for Hospital Development in 1988.

He served as chairman of the board of directors of Liberty Bank for Savings in Middletown, was former president of Middletown Chamber of Commerce, president of the United Way, charter member of the Middletown Jaycees, advisory board member of the Connecticut National Bank, past president of the Middletown Rotary Club, trustee of the First Congregational Church and past chairman of the Portland Library Building Project.

He was named Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club in 1984, and received Middletown citizen of the year award in 1988.

He and his wife retired to Madison in 1983, where they lived for ten years; they were married for 56 years. Mrs. Newman passed away on Jan. 31, 2005.

He is survived by his sister, Patricia Lee of Glastonbury and his niece Dr. Susan Judson Jordan of Northampton, MA. A joint service for Mr. and Mrs. Newman will be held at the Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church St., Middletown, on Wednesday, March 28 at 11 am. Interment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Middletown. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in their memory to the First Congregational Church, 26 Meetinghouse Lane, Madison, CT, 06443. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at the website of www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.