A Decade in the Making, New Marlborough Arts Center Opens

by Sarah McCoy

“This building,” Marlborough Arts Center President Ann Terezakis said, looking at the walls around her, “represents a decade of vision and hard work.”

The building Terezakis speaks of is the new Marlborough Arts Center, which celebrated its grand opening last weekend. The blue building at 236 North Main St., known as the Charles W. Hall Building, will now operate as Marlborough’s hub for visual and performing arts.

Marlborough Arts Center is not just a physical building but is also an organization, a nonprofit that offers, according to its website (marlborougharts.org), “a broad range of cultural and historic programs for the public.” Classes at the center start Oct. 1.

This past Saturday, Sept. 15, was an emotional time for some of the dozens of volunteers who brought the Arts Center into existence. For 20 years people pleaded, planned, built, and begged for funding. But now, Marlborough has its own Arts Center, a place for creativity to thrive and friendships to blossom.

Back in the early 1900s, 236 North Main St. was a community center where residents would gather for dances and other similar events. It then became a package store run by Charles Hall. After he stepped away from the business, the building lay dormant until 1999. The Hall family then sold it to the Marlborough Arts Center (MAC) for $35,000. Since then the building has been moved from the rear of the property to the front and given a face lift in virtually every area.

After construction work and other renovations, the total cost of the building is estimated to be around $300,000 (as well as sweat equity put in by MAC volunteers). About 60 percent of this was covered by grants, including a $100,000 grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development, secured by State Representative Pam Sawyer, and a $50,000 grant from the Hartford Foundation of Giving.

Sawyer cut the ribbon at last Saturday’s grand opening celebration.

“This building holds such a unique function,” she said. “It gives Marlborough a distinct flavor as an art community. At the same time, if you look around, you can see the state of the art track lighting, community artwork, and classic floor, with traces back to the original building. It is truly one of a kind, a telling bit of history with evidence of the current volunteers.”

As the years pressed on the number of volunteers grew. Among them was former MAC president Ethel Fowler, who spearheaded the initial idea and got the ball rolling.

Bill Harvey is another volunteer. Affectionately known as the keeper of the building, the 83-year-old spent countless days laying thresholds, stairways, and other building projects. He was the only original member of the building crew who saw the project through to completion.

One of the teachers who will be leading classes at the new Arts Center is Cassandra Hamilton. Having been diagnosed last year with Multiple Sclerosis, Hamilton was forced to reevaluate her life. The former theater director said she struggled with coming to terms with her illness. “I didn’t know how to address my art, other people, and especially myself,” she recalled.

That all changed when she read in the newspaper about the Marlborough Arts Center’s need for volunteers. Hamilton will teach two classes this fall, Map Your Life and Creative Life Workshop.

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Portland’s Brownstone Festival Proves ‘Terrific’ Time

by Michael McCoy

The weather did not look promising this past Saturday morning, Sept. 15, as the third annual Brownstone Festival got underway. The morning saw dark clouds and showers, but by 1 p.m., the gray gave way to blue skies, and this helped lead to another successful festival.

Fortunately, the day’s first event was held indoors anyway. The Senior Center on Waverly Avenue kicked things off with a pancake breakfast, and on in conjunction with the Eocene- nality Youth Group. The center also began selling stuffed baked potatoes, which proved to be such a hit they were sold out by 12:30 p.m.

The morning also saw a Farmers’ and Crafters’ Market, which opened at 9 a.m. in the town green parking lot. The market featured a collective of artists and artisans selling their goods. Among them was John Shenstone, who stand fresh washed, assorted peppers, as well as tomatoes, eggplant, broccoli, and plenty of other produce.

Shenstone’s father William had started the 6-acre Shenstone Farm in South Glastonbury, but it had not functioned commercially for years. But Shenstone, who worked on the farm as a kid, said he “missed doing it,” so this year he started up the farm again, full-time, with the help of his wife Suzanne and son Ian. They operate a farm stand on Ferry Lane in South Glastonbury seven days a week, but last weekend took their wares to Portland.

“I’m very pleased with today,” Shenstone said. “People are definitely supportive of the farmers.”

Another part of the Brownstone Festival was Mason Lodge No. 51’s Connecticut Child Identification Program (CHIP), which took place at the senior center. Kids participating in the program get fingerprinted, receive a mouth swab and a tooth imprint (both of which provide information), and a video interview. All of this information is then collected on a magnetic get fingerprinted, receive a mouth swab and a tooth imprint (both of which provide information, and a video interview. All of this information is then collected on a magnetic

pick up a scent 10 times faster from DNA than from clothes.”

Masons from across the state administer the program, and so far they’ve processed 38,000 children statewide.

The Senior Center basement, newly finished, held this year’s Arts on the Green. The gallery is put on by Brownstone Arts, a group of 25 artists from towns like Portland, Cromwell, and Middletown. The group formed in February, and their work was exhibited all summer in the Portland Town Hall. Also, since July the artists have had works on display at the Quarry Ridge Golf Course and Restaurant.

Once again, Family Day took place on the green. Parents could purchase tickets, which ran $25 cents a piece, enabling kids to play games, access the inflatable jump and slide, and even get washed cottons. Various organizations such as Friends of the Portland Library and the Portland MOMS Club joined in, and even Curious George made an appearance.

Chiropractor Dr. John Mornule, who set up his practice in Portland six years ago, was present once again, handing out bike helmets.

McGuffre’s the crime dog was due to be at Fam-

ily Day but, according to Portland Police, he was scared off by the morning’s bad weather. But police Lieutenant Ron Milardo and Sergeant Scott Cunningham and James Kelly, raffled off two bicycles. The bikes were donated by the police union.

While the weather didn’t warm up until the afternoon when the sun came out. 80 Licks was present at Family Day all day, offering popsicle and ice cream. Portland’s Connecticut Emer- gency Response Team (CERT) was also at Fam-

ily Day, giving out information and promoting the upcoming Flu Pandemic Drill on Nov. 3 (which volunteers are wanted for; see separate story on Section II, Page 1).

Fran Scholl and Jo Ann Barker represented the Sojourn Bears. Scholl and her daughter Cheryl Tuttle started the program 8 years ago, and the group now has 14 members. They make fleece teddy bears for cancer patients at Hartford Hospital, and so far have delivered over 400 this year.

Scholl said the idea behind the Sojourn Bears was to give patients something to hold during chemotherapy treatments, easing the loneliness. And, she said, while some might think only women and children would benefit from the gifts, “men like the bears.”

In the police station parking lot, the Clean Energy Task Force displayed two hybrid cars – a Toyota Camry and a Toyota Prius, which get 34 and 51 miles per gallon of gas, respectively, on the highway.

And, since it was the Brownstone Festival, the Brownstone Quorum had an informational table and were collecting donations to put the finishing touches on the Arch Pavilion. “We’ve had really good fundraisers,” quorum member Tom Brandfald said. Groundbreaking on the Arch Pavilion, located at the town green, be-

gan on Monday, and Brandfald expected the structure to be finished around the end of Oc-

tober or beginning of November.

By mid-afternoon, the weather had vastly improved and skies were gorgeous. “It’s been a fabulous, fabulous day,” Youth Services Director Mary Pont said. “It’s been a lot of happy faces. That’s what it’s about: parents having fun with their kids.”

All day, the Cellar Savers transported people from the Family Day activities up and down Main Street on two antique fire engines, to catch the activities at places like the Trinity Church and the Callander and Cellar Savers museums. Festivalgoers could also just hop on a fire en-

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by Jim Salemi

Most people who furnish their home with or collect wares made by local craftsmen will tell you their pieces were acquired over years of visiting countless craft fairs.

The owner of a new shop on Main Street hopes to cut down on those travel times.

Carissa Brown opened Indigo Lily at 48 Main St. in July. She calls it an “eclectic boutique.”

“I’m a local artist who enjoys working with things made by local artists and artisans,” she said.

“It’s not mass-produced stuff. It’s reward-worth to see her.”

“She has lots of fans. People stop in regularly to see her.”

“I call it an eclectic boutique.” Custom-made items all in one place.

On Sunday, Oct. 7, from noon to 5 p.m., she will host a 20 percent off sale on all items in her store, except photography, paintings and some furniture. The sale will coincide with the Pumpkins and Pooches Festival on the town green, which coincides with the rain date of the festival, which will be the following Sunday, Oct. 14.

At the sale, if you can correctly guess Indigo’s birthday, Brown will give you an additional 10 percent off, for a total of 50 percent off.

Brown and her daughter live in Enfield with Brown’s husband Lee. The family will be moving to the area in the near future; their decision to move was driven by Brown’s impression of the people in town, which she describes as “nice” and “friendly.”

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Vote on Hebron Park Project
Coming Next Tuesday

by Sarah McCoy

And now, it’s up to the voters.

At a town meeting this past Monday, resi-
dents approved sending a proposed $4.49 mil-
lion Hebron Park project to referendum. Voting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Hebron El-
ementary School.

The proposal began life three years ago, as Parks and Recreation Director Rich Calarco and the Park Development Committee worked to accommodate the large number of youth ath-
etic participants in town. Using a 171-acre parcel at 150 East Street, the plan was to de-
velop a six-field complex along with a passive recreation trail system on Church Street, adja-
cent to the Church of the Holy Family.

This initial plan came back with a price tag of just over $7 million.

From there the town and its engineers, Jacobson and Associates, pared the project down. What will go before the voters next Tues-
day is a five-field complex at East Street, a trail system and parking on Church Street, and a series of renovations to existing fields across the
town.

“We are trying to meet the needs of our cur-
rent youth associations as well as be able to offer our facilities to adults and teens in the future,” Calarco said. “These parks will aid in safety and increase opportunities for everyone.”

The $4.49 million cost includes the $281,000 already expended by the town for design fees and the $132,000 Small Towns Economic As-
sistance Program grant the town received.

The bulk of the money, about $3.4 million, would go towards work on East Street. Plans include adding two baseball/softball fields, a full-size soccer field, a football/lacrosse field, a multi-purpose field, a pavilion, bathroom, and park operations headquarters.

The proposal also includes conceptual plans to: relocate fields at Gilead Hill Elementary School to provide improved playing conditions for an additional soccer field to Hebron Ele-
mentary School; reorient the baseball field at Old Colchester Road and realign the parking lot; and turn the 65-acre parcel of land on Church Street into a trail network with a gravel park-
ning lot.

At a Town Meeting held Monday night, two of the 96 votes presented offered criticisms of the project. Dave Dickman expressed concern that the proposed orientation of the Old Colchester Road field would cause noise to that the proposed orientation of the Old Col-
chester Road field would cause noise to the west. Calarco said that the amount would go down from there. "The worst-case scenario for the first year only and the increase would be $220. For a house valued at $357,214 the increase would be an $87 tax increase, he said; for a house with a market value of $241,643 there would be an $87 tax increase," he said.

In favor of taking the proposal to referendum. Voting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Hebron Ele-
ementary School.

Tuesday Warley holds two of the butterflies she’s raised in her own backyard. She’s raised, and set free, more than 200 butterflies already this year.

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by Michael McCoy

Tuesday Warley has raised Monarch butter-
flies for the past 10 years. Admitting her mild anxiety at discussing her project with the Riverreport, she says, appropriately enough, “I have butterflies in my stomach.”

“A decade ago, Warley and her husband were visiting a friend from his work. The friend’s wife, who worked for famed naturalist Roger Tory Peterson, had some chrysalises (the pupa the caterpillar forms to transform into a butter-
fly) in their home, which caught Warley’s at-
tention. She’s been hooked ever since.

Each year, around the first week of July, Warley, whose day job is as a dental assistant in Mattituck, will begin gathering eggs. These are deposited by the butterflies on milk-
weed leaves, the caterpillars’ only source of food. The idea is that one leaf of milkweed is enough to last the larvae until it is ready to move about.

“I run up and down Route 66, collecting milkweed before the state of Connecticut mows it down,” says Warley. Her friend Walter Greg-
ory also allows her to scour his field on North Main Street in Marlborough for eggs, she said.

Warley places the eggs in a small aviary in her backyard. Once the caterpillars hatch, they will stay in the larval form for two to four weeks before attaching themselves to a leaf, the ceil-
ing of the aviary, or some other place where they can hang. They will bend themselves into a ‘J’ shape, and, within 20-40 minutes, they will become chrysalids. This chrysalis is a light green pupa form, or a sort of cocoon. About a third of the way from the top of the chrysalis forms a ring of gold, jewel-like specks. The butterfly emerges 10-14 days later.

This year, Warley began tagging her butter-
flies before releasing them into the wild. “In years past,” she says, “I did not want to tag the butterflies because I thought it would hamper their flight.”

However, when she found out that the tag had become smaller and less intrusive, she de-
cided to start. The tag is a small sticker, which is supplied to the discal cell, the top part of the wing.

The tagging is linked to a study with the University of Kansas. Butterflies migrate to Mexi-
co in the early fall, but, after several years of unusual deep wintertime freezes in Mexico, their population started to drop.

So, the university’s Entomology Department decided to distribute tags to certified U.S. Mon-
arch butterfly way stations (a way station sim-
ply being, according to the Oxford English dic-
tionary, “a stopping place for the use of travelers”) and gives you hope for a better tomorrow,” Warley says.

She also hopes to one day start a spon-
or-a-butterfly program, in which half the money would go to the University of Kansas and half to a sponsor of the choice. Butterflies live for about eight months, and the female emerges from the pupa with about 400 eggs already formed. Warley says that a Monarch raised at a way station has a 50 per-
cent better chance of making it to its adult form. About one to three hours after coming out of the chrysalis the butterfly starts its journey to Mexi-
co, which includes covering about 25 miles a day. Last year, she says, her last butter-
fly flew away Nov. 17.

Butterflies still hanging from the aviary, Warley estimates she still has about 40 butterflies to release this year. “So far, this has been our greatest year yet,” she says. Last year, her last butterfly flew away Nov. 17.

Warley laughs that her neighbors are always asking how many Monarchs she has set free for the year. She keeps the number updated on a chart in her backyard. After the interview for this story, that number was 208. An hour later it was 210. More information on the Monarch But-
terfly, visit MonarchWatch.org.
by Sarah McCoy

Thanks to a recent effort by Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School students, the Marlborough Food Bank has never looked so good.

For the past two weeks, members of the Student Council have been collecting food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies to restock the Food Bank. The event, called Stuff-A-Bus, challenged students, and their families, to fill a school bus with these items not once, but twice.

At press time students were three quarters of the way to their goal. But, even if they failed to collect another item, Food Bank Director Linda Cherry said she still considers the project a great success. “We’re in the best shape we’ve been in six months,” she said of the stock at the Marlborough Food Bank.

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Students Help Fortify Marlborough Food Bank

Lindsay Cochefski hands off a bag of food to Kelly Martin on Monday morning. Both Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School students are members of the Students Help Fortify Marlborough Food Bank.

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Colchester Cougars Tangle with Tolland

The Tolland Eagles came to visit the Colchester Cougars youth football teams in the Cougars’ home opener last Sunday afternoon, Sept. 16.

In the “D” football team’s game, the Cougar defense made some good plays while moving the ball down the field. The Cougar defense proved a challenge to their opponents. Since D-squad football is instructional, no official score was kept.

The “C” football team played last year’s undefeated champions, and suffered a tough 6-0 loss. The Cougars came out and moved the ball. However, costly penalties and mistakes kept them out of the end zone. The Cougar defense held Tolland in three first downs for the entire game, but Tolland capitalized on a Cougar turnover and scored on a broken play.

In the “B” football team’s game, the Cougars scored the only touchdown of the first half, only to have it called back due to an offensive penalty, leaving the score 0-0 at the break. The Eagles continued their air attack in the second half, reaching the end zone twice. The Cougar defense did not allow either of the extra points, but still the score was 12-0 in favor of Tolland.

In the “A” football team’s game didn’t start out well for the Cougars, who won the opening coin toss only to fumble the ball on the first offensive play. Tolland forced Colchester to punt on the next series only to run the Cougars end zone for another touchdown, extending the lead to 16-0.

In the second quarter Colchester scored to make it 16-6. But the Eagles came back in the third quarter and scored again, sealing the victory. The final score was Tolland 22 and Colchester 6.

The Cougars next game will be played away this Sunday, Sept. 23, against the Windham Locks Jets. D-squad plays at 9 a.m., C-squad at 11 a.m., A squad at 1 p.m., and B squad at 3 p.m. Players and cheerleaders are reminded to be at the field one hour before kickoff.

9/30 — Police say they are investigating a number of forged prescriptions reported by the CVS store on South Main Street.

9/30 — Police report they are investigating an incident of vandalism where two dumpsters owned by the town were set on fire, causing an estimated $633 in damages, according to police. Anyone with any information is asked to call Colchester Police at 537-7270.

9/31 — Shawna Greobert, 23, of 13 Ruddin Ln., was arrested for threatening and harassment, according to police.

9/21 — Brian Stewart, 39, of New London, was arrested for misuse of plates, driving without minimum insurance, speeding and possession of narcotics, police say.

9/21 — Police arrested four individuals in connection with a robbery on Dutton Road, John Bailey, 19, of 34 Lakeshore Dr.; Timothy Evans, 21, of 64 Main St., East Hampton; Sean Jeffers, 21, of 6 Mott Hill Rd., East Hampton; a 17-year-old minor were each charged with second degree robbery, first degree assault, criminal mischief and conspiracy to commit assault, according to police. The minor was also charged with interfering with a 911 call, according to police.

According to police, the four hid in the woods of Dutton Road and waited until five friends met there around 11 p.m., then allegedly attacked the group, according to reports.

9/21 — Matthew Daddario, 22, of 60 Linwood Ave., was arrested for DWI, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and speeding, according to police.

9/21 — Colchester police reported arrest three individuals after they allegedly broke into a car parked at the Salmon River State Forest parking lot. Police say they arrested Erik Lafontaine, 25, of East Haddam, Amanda Poland, 21, of East Haddam and a juvenile and charged them each with burglary and theft. Lafontaine was also charged criminal mischief, according to reports.

9/24 — Three people were arrested after several thefts were reported from the Stop and Shop and Brooks Pharmacy, according to police.

Police report arresting William Viera, 39, of East Hartford, and charged him with criminal impersonation, interfering with police, conspiracy to commit theft. Lisa Jacobs, 46, also of East Hartford, was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit theft and two counts of theft, police say. Michael Blotton, 20, also of East Hartford, was arrested for two counts of theft, according to police.

9/25 — Jody Brian, 32, of 285 Chestnut Hill Rd., was arrested for assault and disorderly conduct following an alleged domestic dispute, according to police.

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9/14 — Emma Gibbs, 28, of 204 Main St., was charged with misuse of plates and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. Portland police said.

9/14 — Debra Allocco, 49, of 127 Grand St., Middletown, was charged with sixth-degree larceny, police said.

9/15 — Scott Waterman, 23, of 76 Water- side Ln., Clinton, was charged with DUI and unsafe backing, police said.

9/9 — Camille J. Plourde Jr., 52, of 18 Hale Ln., Middletown, was arrested for risk of injury to a child.

9/13 — Francis Grover, 69, of 335 Butter- nut St., Portland, was arrested for threatening and harassment and possession of narcotics, police say.

9/12 — Genevieve Haglund, 79, of 91 Moodus/Leeville Rd., Moodus, was issued a ticket for a speeding violation.

9/12 — Michael Canale, 24, of 21 Auburn Knoll Rd., was arrested for speeding.

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Obituaries

Hebron
Maynard Melvin Shelty
Maynard Melvin Shelty, 83, of West Main Street, Hebron, beloved husband of Geneva (Graham) Shelty, passed away Tuesday evening, Sept. 11, at the St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford after a courageous battle with cancer. Born July 21, 1924, in Groveton, NH, he was the son of the late Melvin and Nettie (Dwight) Shelty.

Mr. Shelty was a Supervisor for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford for over 30 years before his retirement. In later years, he enjoyed being active with the Russell Mercier Senior Center in Hebron.

In addition to his loving wife of 50 years, he is survived by two grandsons, Chance Boonen of Kevar Falls, ME, and Kyle Boonen of Poughkeepsie, NY, a sister, Charlotte Blodgett of No. Stratford, NH; six nieces and nephews, John Harding of Maryland, Beverly Constantine, Bill Robinson, Tom Robinson and Peter Robinson, all of Maine, and Judy Tyler of New Hampshire; and several extended family members and friends.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Tina Boonen, his first wife, Sybil, and two sisters, Marion Ingsen and Mytie Sylvester.

A Memorial Service will be observed 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Aaroe-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester. Burial in Maine will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Russell Mercier Senior Center, 14 Stonestreet Dr., Hebron, 06248.

Colchester
Derrick Matthew Miller
Derrick Matthew “Rick” Miller, 36, of Colchester, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Sept. 13. Born March 6, 1971, in New London, the son of Justin “Jerry” and Donna (Forrest) Miller of Colchester, Rick graduated from Haddam-Killingworth High School in 1989. His passion of the great outdoors brought him into contact with the United States Air Force where he was a machinist for 11 years. He left his family on April 19, 2004, at the age of 33. He is survived by his loving wife of 12 years, Geneva (Graff) Miller of Colchester, the son of Justin “Jerry” and Donna Forrest of Colchester, and his maternal grandfather Robert Forrest, of East Haddam. In addition to his loving wife, he leaves a brother, Albert LeDoux.

Derrick was predeceased by his infant son, John, who passed away in 2000. In lieu of flowers, memorial service will be observed 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 1411 Main St., East Hampton, CT 06424. In lieu of flowers, memorial service Sunday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 554 Main St., Hartford.

Portland
Edmond LeDoux
Edmond E. LeDoux, 93, of Portland, died Thursday, Sept. 13, in the Portland Care and Rehabilitation Center. He was the husband of Harriet Knutson LeDoux, to whom he was married for 61 years. Born in West Springfield, MA, Oct. 10, 1913, a son of the late Arthur and Alice Giradreau LeDoux, he had been a Portland resident since 1955. He had been employed as a machinist for the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co. for 32 years until his retirement in 1978. He was a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. He was a veteran of World War II proudly serving his country in the U.S. Navy as an Avionics Machinist First Class. He had a love of sports, particularly the Boston Red Sox and UConn Women’s Basketball. He had attended the First Congregational Church of Portland.

Besides his wife Harriet, Mr. LeDoux is survived by his daughters, Susan Parsons and her husband John of Plantville, Nancy Johnson and her husband Keith of Portland, Jeanette Chen and her husband Casey of Middlebury, and Mary DeCourcy and her husband Jonathan of East Hampton; his grandsons, Timothy Parsons and his wife Stephanie of RI, Rebecca Bottino and her husband Christopher of Bristol, Kevin Johnson, Tracy Ives and her husband Andy of Portland, Jeffrey Chen, Kelly Higley, and Jennifer DeCourcy; and his great-grandchildren, Julia Parsons, Tyler Ives, Gregory Ives, and Lauren Bottino; and his sister, Rosamund Pychly of Greenfield, MA, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his infant son, John Edmond, his sister, Annette LeGeyt and his brothers, Albert and Albert LeDoux.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service Sunday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 554 Main St., Hartford. The Rev. James Hawken, Pastor, will officiate. Interment with military honors will be private in the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts in his memory be sent to the Russell Mercier Senior Center, 14 Stonestreet Dr., Hebron, 06248.

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Carol M. (McDowell) Therearrell, 71, of Colchester, beloved wife of Robert E. Therearrell died Monday, Sept. 17, at Backus Hospital in Norwich. Born Aug. 31, 1936, in Middlebury, the daughter of the late Thomas and Gladys (Trishman) McDowell, she had lived in East Haddam before moving to Colchester in 2004. Carol had retired from the East Haddam School System where she had worked as a paraprofessional. Besides her husband, she is survived by her son, Edward M. Therearrell of East Haddam, her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Joseph Senta of Glastonbury; a sister Shirley Barret of Portland; two grandchildren, Coleman and Amelia Kate; two nieces and a nephew.

Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Service at the home of her friend, on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m. at 132 Creek Row, East Haddam. Those wishing to may make memorial contributions to the Carol Therarrell Special Education Fund, c/o Liberty Bank, PO. Box 346, Moodus, CT 06469. The Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton has care of arrangements.

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Portland
Winifred Hand
Winifred (Werdelen) Hand passed away at her home in Salmon Creek, CA, on Friday, Aug. 31, at the age of 86. She was born in New Britain, and grew up nearby in Portland. She is survived by her two sons, Skip Hand and Gary Hand, both of Sebastopol, CA, and her sister Norma Werdelen of Portland. She had a very strong and independent personality and amazzingly able to live on her own at home until very near the end of her life.

Wini met her husband in college and they married in Connecticut in 1942. She was a loyal partner to her husband. Dr. Cudahy Hand of the University of California’s Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML), who passed away in November 2006. Wini and Cudahy moved to California in 1946, and by the late 1960s they had become full-time residents of Salmon Creek in order to be near BML. Their self-designed house had extra bedrooms to accommodate their numerous visiting friends and academic associates.

Wini excelled as a chef and for years hosted many a guest. She had an artistic bent and used her skills in drawing and silk screen printing. For years she designed and printed all their many Christmas and note cards. She also enjoyed painting and ceramics. Wini was an expert seamstress, sewing and knitting clothes for herself and her family. She had a pronounced public spirit. She was one of the first volunteers at the then-sweat, Kaiser Hospital in Santa Rosa.

Wini was actively involved in community affairs and regularly attended public meetings of various county boards and commissions such as those of the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District. She was known as a great supporter of the firefighters. She was deservedly proud of her leadership and a very good public speaker. She was a past president of the local Belles of BML, who passed away in November 2006. Wini lived a full and rewarding life.

Memorial contributions can be made in Wini’s name to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111.

Marlborough
Ralph Allen Savy Jr.
Ralph Allen Savy Jr., 53, of Marlborough, died when his vehicle went off the road while on his way to visit his beloved fiancée, Pamela Campbell, on Friday, Sept. 14. His cherished dog “Cleo” passed on with him. Ralph was born Feb. 20, 1954, in Westerly, RI. He was a self-employed mauneyy contractor and a true at- tisian of his trade. He will be remembered as a loving fiancée, dedicated father, caring son and a best friend to anyone in need. His true passions was fishing in the Florida Keys and riding quads with his sons. He was an active member of the Marlborough Congregational Church where he selflessly volunteered his time with the Youth Group.

Ralph is survived by his parents, Ralph and Ileana (Cirasoli) Savy, of Hebron, his two sons, Ralph Allen Savy, III and Travis Michael Savy, both of Marlborough; his fiancée, Pamela Campbell, of Marlborough, his sisters, Gina Austyn, and her husband David, of Vernon and Lisa Reynolds, of Marlborough, his best friend, Jim Law and his wife Danean, of Brewster, MA. He also leaves his niece Lindsay Gauthier, Ashley Rosley, Nicole and Jordan Reynolds. He was pre- deceased by his sister, Karen Lee Savy. A service to celebrate Ralph’s life was held Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Marlborough Congregational Church, with Rev. Robert Fauthuber officiating.

Burial followed in Marlborough Center Cemetery. The family received relatives and friends Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Marlborough Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made in Ralph’s name to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111.