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The Marlborough Arts Center, located at 236 North Main St., Marlborough, celebrated its grand opening last Saturday. The building will be used for classes and other arts-related events.

## 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](http://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."

No one would classify the journey to last Saturday's grand opening as an easy one. But as the going got tough, there were enough supporters of the project to weather the storm and press on.

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.

In its program last weekend MAC listed a total of 118 volunteers on the project, and credited each and every one of them for making the building a reality.

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*.

"I am so excited to dive in with my classes," Hamilton said. "I feel great and

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I'm so thrilled to be teaching again." For Marlborough resident Joan Bonin, the Arts Center gave her a chance to dive into something she'd always wanted to do. Bonin began painting about five years ago, when she moved from Wethersfield to Marlborough; she painted out of her basement. When she found out about the opening of the Marlborough Arts Center, Bonin gathered her courage and submitted two of her paintings for display at the new building.

"I've never had anything in a show before but when I heard about MAC I thought, 'It's now or never,'" Bonin said. "Now it feels really nice to be a part of it."

Bonin's paintings, along with many other local artists' work, is on display at the Art Center through Sunday, Oct. 21.

With construction complete, and final bills paid, the new building will now serve as a means to help MAC achieve its goals. "The center of attention will now swing from the building to the heart of the organization: promoting the arts in our community," Terezakis said.

And MAC isn't wasting a beat. The organization is currently taking registration for fall classes, which include painting, pottery, performing arts, and more. A "Demo Day" will be held at the new building this Sunday, Sept. 23, for visitors to stop by and see local artists in action. The event runs from 2-5 p.m. Also, plans are in the works for MAC to hold a wine tasting next month at Salder's Ordinary.

Information on all of these items can be found at [marlborougharts.org](http://marlborougharts.org).

## Packed Colchester Town Meeting Sends Budget Back to Voters

by Jim Salemi

A town meeting Monday to send the Board of Finance's recommended budget to referendum more resembled a pep rally than a town meeting, as hundreds of residents—including school-aged children—packed the Bacon Academy auditorium.

Residents overwhelmingly sent the \$46.9 million proposed 2007-08 budget to referendum. The referendum will be held next Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

This will be the fourth attempt to get a 2007-08 spending plan passed.

Officials had originally planned on having Monday's meeting at Town Hall, but moved it to the 600-seat Bacon auditorium after learning that a large group of seniors planned to attend to make motions in order to try and reduce their taxes. After the town underwent a revaluation, many residents saw significant increases in their property value, and by extension, their tax bills.

Some parents, in an effort to block motions that would further reduce spending, organized for the meeting. Several students and parents held a rally outside Bacon just before the meeting.

But inside the meeting, Westchester Village resident Lorraine Conderino attempted to make a motion to reduce spending.

"I'd like to make a motion to cut three percent across the board, for a mill rate reduction of one mill," she said.

Meeting moderator Nick Norton told Conderino that the question could not be moved since the town charter stipulates that the person making the motion must indicate specific line items when proposing cuts to the selectman's budget, and a flat percentage must be indicated when suggesting a cut to the Board of Education budget.

"Can you take a motion to send it back to the Board of Finance to look at it again?" another resident asked.

Resident Dan Pothier, a Colchester Com-

mons resident who was outspoken during the public hearing held last week, said he supported the budget, but criticized the result of the revaluation on seniors, as some saw their taxes more than double.

Residents from the two communities, Colchester Commons and Westchester Village, have had a strong presence throughout the budget process. A number of the residents said their homes are "double-wides," or double-wide trailers. Banks will not issue mortgages for the homes, they argued, and many said they are on fixed incomes and choose to live there because they are affordable.

Pothier proposed the town set up a special tax district for residents 55 and older, and a tax freeze for seniors over 62. He was cut off by Norton, since his request had no bearing on the proposed budget or the referendum.

First Selectman Stan Soby told those in attendance that the Board of Selectmen recently set up a tax relief task force to look into what can be done for older taxpayers.

After the meeting, Soby said that he has been made aware that a petition is circulating calling for a tax relief initiative. "We'll evaluate it when it comes in and act accordingly," he said.

After the meeting, Board of Education Chairman Bill Hettrick said, "Well it's on to the referendum. ... I think everyone realizes the school and town budget can't take any more hits. It's about tax structure. The big issue in Colchester is economic development. We can't fund the town. [The cost of running the town is] way too high for a residential tax base to support."

Soby said he felt the turnout at the meeting was a result of residents coming to realize what could be at stake if spending is reduced further.

"I think people understand the consequences of not passing the budget," he said. "I would like to see 100% participation. I know that won't happen, but as a supporter of the budget I urge people to come out. ... The people whose taxes went down need to come out."

## Marlborough Police News

## Colchester Police News

9/6—Alysa R. Langworthy, 20, of 43 Chestnut Dr., was arrested for DWI and failure to drive right, according to police.

9/9—Peter E. Kevorkian Jr., 22, of 44 Brainard Rd., was arrested for harassment, according to police.

9/9—Police report they are investigating a break-in to a car parked at the Salmon River State Forest.

9/15—Police are investigating a crime spree that reportedly took place during the overnight hours of Friday, Sept. 14. Twelve individuals reported car break-ins in the Tavern Lane and Boretz Road area. Cash and electronic devices were reported stolen from their cars. Anyone with any information is asked to call Colchester Police at 537-7270.

## Andover Police News

9/15—Kim E. Gaumont, 42, of 47 Route 87, was arrested for DWI and failure to drive right, according to police.

9/10—Victor Saiminkas, 21, of Waterbury and Pamela Driscoll, 50, of South Windsor were each arrested and charged with sixth-degree larceny after allegedly stealing a wallet from someone waiting in their waiting room of the Marlborough Clinic, according to police.

9/18—Richard Mihol, 67, of 47 Jones Hollow Rd., was arrested for DWI and failure to drive right, according to police.

## Hebron Police News

9/11—A 16-year-old "youthful offender" was arrested for assault and breach of peace after an alleged fight on a school bus, according to police.

9/14—Nicholas T. Villar, 18, of 170 South Main St., Marlborough, and Raymond Edson, 21, of 197 Wall St. were arrested for third degree criminal mischief and third degree criminal trespass after allegedly smashing the windows out of a dump truck parked in a cemetery on Route 316, according to police.



Alesha Prescher, left, and Elissa Cote opened Skintology last month. There will be a grand opening celebration next month at the spa, located at 17 Main St.

## New Skin Care Business in Hebron Offers Organic Options

by Sarah McCoy

Hebron now has a new spot for those looking for beauty, pampering and relaxing.

Skintology, located at 17 Main St., officially opened Aug. 3, but will have a grand opening celebration next Friday, Sept. 28, from 5-8 p.m. The salon offers nail treatments, massages, and waxing, but their primary focus, and passion, is for organic skin care.

Skintology is owned and operated by Elissa Cote and Alesha Prescher. The two first met prior to beginning classes at the Brio Academy of Cosmetology in East Hartford and immediately hit it off. Both were stay-at-home moms from the same area – Cote from South Windsor and Prescher from Vernon.

The two graduated last fall and now aren't about to part ways.

"We have the same philosophy" about skin care, Prescher said, adding with a smile, "and we still like each other after all these years together."

The "philosophy" Prescher referred to is a commitment to using natural, organic products that work. "We wanted to be able to have a skin care line that was easy for people to use and one that we could endorse," she said.

The two discovered the Hungary-based company Eminence, which fortunately fit that bill. Eminence uses only fruits, herbs, spices, pulps, and purees in its products. Among its hundreds of products is a Stone Crop line to treat redness, for example, as well as Linden Calendula to hydrate, Sweet Cherry to tighten pores, and Seven Herb for acne or rosacea.

"What you put on your skin is as important as what you put in it," Prescher explained. "We want to offer what's best to our clients. Elissa and I use it ourselves as do our husbands and kids."

So which one do Cote and Prescher use for clients during a facial? It all depends on the person, the season, the time and more. Each Skintology facial is customized, meaning clients will get exactly what their skin needs. In a given massage over 15 different products are used to treat the skin. That doesn't include the LED light therapy that Skintology also offers to target facial redness, fine lines, or wrinkles or the "Zit-zapper," which uses electricity to

kill zit-causing infections.

At Skintology, a facial offers more than the name suggests; Cote and Prescher don't stop at the face, they continue down relaxing shoulders and arms, and even legs and feet. They use smell, like the blueberry tea wafting through the air; they use sound, like the smooth sounds of local acoustic musicians; and they certainly use touch, massaging skin and muscles to rejuvenate the body.

Cote and Prescher are passionate about what they do and passionate about serving Hebron.

"We went online determined to find an area that didn't already have 100 spas," Cote said. "We wanted to be truly unique – an upscale spa in an area that had nothing of the sort."

When she came across the space at 17 Main St., Cote said she knew she had found the place. She quickly brought her partner to town, eager to take the next step.

"Honestly, I didn't want to like it," Prescher said of Hebron. "It's a little far for me and I didn't really know anything about the area. But, when I got here, I felt that the people we were meeting were actually listening. They understood the nature of what we wanted to do more than anywhere else. We felt welcomed from the get-go."

In May the two women, and their husbands, began turning the former physical therapy office at 17 Main St. into their own business. They added walls, took out other walls and painted the space a sage green to reflect their commitment to nature.

Meanwhile, Cote found that she liked Hebron so much that her whole family moved to town this past summer. Her daughters now attend RHAM High School and Hebron Elementary School.

Skintology's grand opening event next Friday, dubbed "The Night of Relaxation," will include live music courtesy of John Brazile, product demonstrations, free samples and a chance to meet the new business' staff.

Skintology is open Wednesdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Skintology at 228-5056.



Farmer John Shenstone offered produce from his South Glastonbury farm during a Farmers' and Crafters' Market held at the festival.



Portland Volunteer Fire Department Captain Andy Goff works on a 1992 Chevy Cavalier during a simulated vehicle extraction at Firehouse No. 1 during the Brownstone Festival held last Saturday.

## 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, put on in conjunction with the Ecumenical 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, whose stand featured fresh 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 DNA) and submit to both a still photograph and a video interview. All of this information is then provided to them in a purple sleeve, similar to a CD case.

Parents are encouraged to keep this small pack with them, particularly on trips. In the case of abduction, this information can aid the process of locating a child. Mike Moody of Cromwell, who runs the CHIP program for Middlesex County, said that if kids are "ever abducted, we tell them to spit a lot. Dogs can

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 washable tattoos. 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 Mormile, who set up his practice in Portland six years ago, was present once again, handing out bike helmets.

McGruff the crime dog was due to be at Family Day but, according to Portland Police, he was scared off by the morning's bad weather. But police Lieutenant Ron Milardo and Sergeants 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 gelato and ice cream. Portland's Connecticut Emergency Response Team (CERT) was also at Family 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 Schoell and Jo Ann Barker represented the Sojourn Bears. Schoell 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.

Schoell 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 Bransfield said. Groundbreaking on the Arch Pavilion, located at the town green, began on Monday, and Bransfield expected the structure to be finished around the end of October 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. "We've had a steady flow as usual. I've seen 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 engine for a fun round trip.

Portland Firehouse No. 1 on Middlesex Avenue had plenty to offer for the festival, including a vehicle extraction on a 1992 Chevy Cavalier donated by Skip Petras. The extraction team, led by Captain Andy Goff, used the Jaws of Life spreading tool to roll up the dashboard. Since, in many serious accidents, a dashboard can trap passengers, it needs to be forcibly lifted off of the victim.

Fire Chief Bob Shea said that newer, more sophisticated cars are "safer for the driver, but more dangerous for the responder." An example of this, he said, is airbags. He said airbags can activate for up to 10 minutes after an accident, and should it go off while a responder is right next to it, the blow would most likely be fatal.

The Fire Department Display also included

the Portland Dive Team and a smokehouse simulator, on loan from the Middletown Fire Department. In the smokehouse, kids were coached on how to respond should they be confronted with hazardous smoke. The apparatus uses "safe smoke," which Shea said is similar to the smoke that comes off of dry ice.

Also at the festival, Jeff Kelsey's fleet of tractors, manned by Jeff, his daughter Mackenzie and son Jordan, took attendees on a scenic hayride down to the Riverfront Park, where there was eating, hiking and music. Students from Dave Kuzminski's Connecticut Valley School of Music entertained the crowd and the Brownstone Quorum served up free burgers, dogs, coleslaw, and brownies, and cold drinks to all who attended. People were encouraged to walk to the various trails around the park, and quorum members Sue Fiedler and John LeShane led two different hikes.

First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield said she "thoroughly enjoyed the Brownstone Festival," adding that she "got to go to all the vendors and Family Day." Bransfield said she also enjoyed the displays at the firehouse as well as the Senior Center Art Show.

"Every year I go to the festival, I have a better time," Bransfield said.

Festival Chair Jeanne Dilworth said Wednesday she thought the festival was "terrific." She added that, "in spite of the rain, people on the green thought they did well."

Dilworth also said she was pleased with attendance. "The fire engine and hayride shuttles were packed," she said. "Down at the riverfront, it was packed."

She added that the line for food remained steady from 3-6 p.m. And though quorum members did not count how many people they served, they estimated it was more than last year, when 300 plates were dished out.

Dilworth also seemed delighted at the variety of ages that enjoyed the music at the park, and said she spotted teenagers as well as "gray, bobbing heads" moving to the music.

This Monday, Sept. 24, the Festival Committee will meet for a wrap-up meeting, reviewing what was great and what could be improved. "We'll start heavy planning [for next year's event] in March," Dilworth said.

### Accident Outside Bacon Academy in Colchester

by Jim Salemi

Police are investigating an accident that occurred at the entrance to Bacon Academy High School at 622 Norwich Ave. early Thursday morning that injured a pedestrian.

According to reports, a 14-year-old student at the school was trying to cross Norwich Avenue at 7:15 a.m. when he allegedly ran into the side of a 2001 Mercedes traveling west on Norwich Avenue.

According to *police* reports, the student,

identified as Joseph P. Stycharz, was walking to the entrance of the parking lot, and began to run as he crossed the road. He then ran into a moving car, driven by Richard Cady, 24, of 31 Caisson Rd., according to police.

Stycharz was transported to Hartford Hospital via LifeStar helicopter with unspecified injuries. According to newspaper reports, the injuries were not life threatening and the student was alert after the accident.

# New Business Offers 'Eclectic Boutique' for Main Street

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," featuring the best of locally-crafted items all in one place.

"We have a little bit of everything," she says. "I call it an eclectic boutique." Customers have told her they like the store because it's a perfect place to buy gifts. They say it's "different, unique."

Brown worked in retail before having her first child, Indigo. Like most parents, she wanted to work yet still spend time with her baby. With her own shop, she has the liberty of taking Indigo to work with her.

"She comes to work every day," she says. "She has lots of fans. People stop in regularly to see her."

Brown says she always admired the work and talent of local artists and artisans; it's a talent she admits she does not possess. So, she settled for the next best thing – a shop specializing in the crafts.

"There's so much talent out there and I try to focus on 'Made in the U.S.," she says. "It's not massed-produced stuff. It's rewarding working with things made by local artisans."

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. The rain date of the sale also 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 30 percent off your purchase, for a total of 50% 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."

The items Brown carries at her store are constantly changing, and include candles, hand-woven scarves, sheets and other fabric items, wind chimes, china and glassware, hand carved wooden bowls, figurines and more. You can also get "Bloom in a Can," cans containing herb seeds and soil that you just add water to, and "tavern puzzles," hand-wrought metal puzzles that must be disassembled and reassembled in a certain order to be successfully solved.

In the near future, Brown says she hopes to start a web site where she can take orders online and ship to people's doorsteps.

The Indigo Lily Co. is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.



Carissa Brown recently opened a new shop in town, Indigo Lily. The business, which she describes as an "eclectic boutique," is named after her daughter, Indigo.

# Portland Sea Scouts Find a Little Bit of Home in Rhode Island

by Morgan Kennedy and George Swanson

The Sea Scouts of Ship 480 Portland recently took a trip to Rhode Island, and went on a fun charter fishing expedition, led by a native son

The Sea Scouts include Skipper George Swanson, Assistant Scout Master/Eagle Scout Devin C. Schleidt, Boatswain Zack Kelsey, Crew Leader Nick Caisse, and Committee Member Morgan Kennedy.

Recently, we went on our 2007 long cruise onboard our 25' Chris Craft training vessel "Devin's Delight," traveling from Portland, CT to Block Island, RI.

Upon shore, we were walking along the pier when Devin remarked, "That charter boat captain is from Portland." We introduced ourselves to Captain Eric Gustafson, and he invited us aboard for an ocean fishing experience.

Captain Eric is the son of Charles and Jane Gustafson, and the grandson of Clifford and Helen Gustafson and the late George and Bernice Hale, both families from Portland. Eric, formerly a denizen of Main Street in Portland, has lived on Block Island since 2002.

Captain Eric has been featured on a 30-minute segment of On the Water Magazine's television program *Fishing New England* and in *Saltwater Sportsman Magazine*. While he desires every trip to be a safe trip, he professes he has been caught out in 20' seas with a 78 knot wind, and that it he is fortunate for his boat to have held out as well as it did.

When first asked about charter fishing, Captain Eric jokingly mentioned that, "Half the time we're in the entertainment business, not the fishing business." When he gets back to the dock, he wants to see the people wowed by what the boat is bringing in.

His fishing vessel, *The Rooster*, is a 36 ft Stanley/Williams Down Easter. In addition to the many reels onboard, it also sports a 'For Sale' sign. Captain Eric plans to move to a larger boat in hopes to expand the business and offer bigger game, such as tuna.

The preparations for a fishing expedition include cleaning the boat, rigging the lines, loading the necessary number of life jackets, loading the bait, as well as the fuel and other supplies. It also includes a safety briefing for the guests, as well as what they can expect to catch in the area. When he mentioned that only last week guests aboard his charter had landed not just one, but several trophy bass, weighing up to 47 pounds, everyone had a vision of doing it themselves, as out of the ordinary as those fish tend to be.

By 1 p.m. we were underway, leaving the harbor in *The Rooster*. The U.S. Coast Guard



Left, Sea Scouts from Portland recently went on a charter fishing trip in Rhode Island, in a boat piloted by a Portland native. Pictured with fish are, from left, Devin Schleidt, Morgan Kennedy, Zack Kelsey and Nick Caisse. Also shown are ship's Captain Eric Gustafson (in the Hawaiian shirt) and first mate Kevin "Bacala" Soscia. Right, Zack Kelsey reels in a fish during the Sea Scouts' recent expedition.

saw us off from a rigid inflatable boat, their dark glasses and stern faces showing a no-nonsense attitude. Moments later we cleared the breakwater, and *The Rooster* began to "bow to the sea gods" as it cleared the rolling waves.

The purr of the single B-series Cummins diesel engine became a throaty roar as we accelerated to a steady 16 knots, creating a brilliant white rooster tail wake, something uncommon in the freshwater of the Connecticut. The VHF radio was active with chatter from other charter boats talking about what was caught earlier in the day and what to expect in the afternoon. Captain Eric joked with a fellow charter boat about the catch the day before and the satellite radio played a Bob Marley tune as we passed the South East Light.

After 20 minutes, we began to throttle down as we arrived at our first fishing area. The mate, Kevin "Bacala" Soscia of Block Island, donned rubber boots and oilers, as he began to prepare the rods with lures and bait. Captain Eric kept a careful eye on the fish finder as we trolled along, and it was not long before the cry "Fish On!" was heard. After hooking the fish, the mate handed the reel to Zack, who fought and landed

a 29 1/2" striped bass, large enough to keep. It was only a minute later before "Fish on!" was heard again, and Nick was reeling in what turned out to be a 30" striper.

Between fish the mate entertained us. His jokes, stories, and occasional live bait puppet show made the time between fish seem even less. He summed himself up best, saying that he has always loved to be out on the ocean, and to fish, and "What's better than to work on a [fishing] boat and get paid for it?"

After catching a few fish in one location, we were moved to another one. During one such move, we were privileged to see a small bird land on a rod for a break, before moving on towards the island.

"Fish on!" Our attention was drawn to a heavily bent rod, and after the mate had hooked the fish, Devin was working on reeling in. After landing it, the mate immediately bled it, and the Captain informed us of his plans for shark fishing later on in the evening.

One of the tactics used by fishermen is to drift live eels to attract fish. We did so, the motors were restarted and once again we were back in action, trolling bait lines. The trick



worked, as we began to get hits on both lines, and Morgan and Zack were both reeling in fish at the same time, one which Captain Eric remarked was going to be a good sized fish. Alas, it turned out to be the big one that got away.

We began to head in, when Captain Eric noticed a particularly large school on the fish finder. We dropped the lines, and Nick landed a good-sized blue fish. Afterwards, we resumed our course to Old Harbor. As we passed the outer breakwater, *The Rooster's* engine quieted, finally settling down as we reached the inner breakwater (which coincidentally is made from brownstone cut in Portland).

Once we had returned to port, it was time for photographs with the catch. The smiles we wore as we posed with the fish were epitomized by Captain Eric's words "Success is Happiness." He went on to say that, in the charter boat business, "We might have a beautiful summer, and then blow a motor at the end." That is the pleasure and the pain of this business.

If anyone is interested in fishing with Captain Eric on *The Rooster*, he can be reached at 401-439-5386.

# 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, residents approved sending a proposed \$4.49 million park construction and renovation project to referendum. Voting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Hebron Elementary 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 athletic participants in town. Using a 171-acre parcel at 150 East Street, the plan was to develop a six-field complex along with a passive recreation trail system on Church Street, adjacent 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 Tuesday 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 current 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 \$125,000 Small Towns Economic Assistance 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 more playing surface; add an additional soccer field to Hebron Elementary 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 parking lot.

At a Town Meeting held Monday night, two of the 96 voters present offered criticisms of the project. Dave Dickman expressed concern that the proposed orientation of the Old Colchester Road field would cause noise to carry into his, and his neighbors', backyards.

After the meeting Calarco stressed that the plans for Old Colchester Road "are only conceptual." He stated that further meeting would be held before a final design was approved, that includes a meeting with the abutters to the field in question.

David Morrison also voiced his displeasure with the plan. He criticized the boards of selectmen and finance for "letting this project explode while everyone was away [for summer]."

Morrison added, "While I'm not against recreation but when we start building the Taj Mahal, then I have a problem. It is too costly for the benefit of a few. I don't see anything in here for seniors."

Calarco insists that Morrison's claims are off base; he said he considers the plans prudent.

"We trimmed the project down almost 40 percent and the park operations building, by using the existing structure, we are saving thousands," he said. The architect for the project, Mike Fortuna, was at an information session held Wednesday night. He estimated a new park operations building of similar size would cost the town, "at least \$1.5 million" instead of the projected \$732,680 to rehab the existing building.

Also, Calarco said, he sees the Church Street facility as one for the entire community. "I see it becoming the town's living museum," he said.

Plans call for town staff will clear out trails and a gravel parking lot is included in the park plans. Calarco likened it to the Airline Trail except deeper entrenched in the woods.

Calarco also said he saw adult sports leagues in Hebron's future and said that, with the additional space, he hopes to get adult soccer, softball, and more off the ground for residents.

"I had a group of young adults call me last spring interested in getting a soccer league started," he said. "Looking at the schedule I could see there was not one free hour on the field. This park project would give everyone a chance to play."

Aside from Dickman and Morrison, residents supported the plan in droves. On Monday night, with dozens of children in shin guards and stocking feet looking on, the town voted 87-9 in favor of taking the proposal to referendum.

At Wednesday night's meeting town Finance Director Mike Hillsberg estimated how the project would affect tax bills in Hebron. For a house with a market value of \$241,643 there would be an \$87 tax increase, he said; for a house valued at \$357,214 the increase would be \$127; and for a house valued at \$616,742 the increase would be \$220.

Hillsberg stressed that these estimates are a worst-case scenario for the first year only and that the amount would go down from there.

For next Tuesday's vote to count, 10 percent of the registered voters in town must cast a ballot. Residents not registered to vote can do so before Monday, Sept. 24, in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 15 Gilead St., to be eligible to vote in the referendum.



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.

## East Hampton Resident Raises Butterflies

by Michael McCoy

Tuesday Warley has raised Monarch butterflies for the past 10 years. Admitting her mild anxiety at discussing her project with the *Rivereast*, she says, appropriately enough, "I have butterflies in my stomach."

A decade ago, Warley and her husband were visiting a friend of his from 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 butterfly) in their home, which caught Warley's attention.

She's been hooked ever since.

Each year, around the first week of July, Warley, whose day job is as a dental assistant in Marlborough, will begin gathering eggs. These are deposited by the butterflies on milkweed 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 Gregory 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 larvae form for two to four weeks before attaching themselves to a leaf, the ceiling 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 a chrysalis. 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 butterflies 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 decided 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 Mexico 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. Monarch butterfly way stations (a way station simply being, according to the Oxford English dictionary, "a stopping place on a journey"). The administrators of the way stations are encouraged to tag them. Then, the university pays anyone in Mexico \$5 for every butterfly they catch. This study helps the University of Kansas es-

tablish a better idea of migration patterns and the mortality rate of the butterflies.

Specific criteria must be met to qualify as a certified way station, such as a suitable aviary that is safe from predators (which include ladybugs, earwigs, spiders, yellow jackets, and some birds) and enough milkweed on the property. Warley's way station is certified No. 746, one of 30 in the state and 1,659 across the country.

Though Warley loves caring for the Monarchs, she yearns for something even more out of the process. She keeps coming back to the question, "How the heck can all of this butterfly stuff help humans?"

But it turns out the answer might be easier than one thinks.

For the previous nine years, Tuesday had used a makeshift aviary, fashioned from an old fish tank. Last Christmas, one of her patients, Larry Jones, of East Hampton, made a proper one for her. Unfortunately, four months prior to that, the Jones' son had been in a serious car accident. Warley gave the family a number of chrysalises to be placed in his hospital room.

According to Warley the family said that "Every day a chrysalis opened and a butterfly flew out, he'd have a good day." Warley said Jones' son is now up and about.

"When you have a chrysalis like that and then watch it become a butterfly, it's so inspiring and gives you hope for a better tomorrow," Warley says.

Warley also hopes to one day start a sponsor-a-butterfly program, in which half the money would go to the University of Kansas's research and half to a cause of the sponsor's 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 percent 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 Mexico, which includes covering about 25 miles a day. Last year, she says, her last butterfly flew away Nov. 17.

Between the four caterpillars and the pupa 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 on 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 dry-erase board in front of their home. At the beginning of the interview for this story, that number was 208. An hour later it was 210.

For more information on the Monarch butterfly, visit [MonarchWatch.org](http://MonarchWatch.org).



**Lindsay Cohefski hands off a bag of food to Kelly Martin on Monday morning. Both Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School students are members of the Student Council and are assisting in collecting food for the Marlborough Food Bank. For the last two weeks the school has been running an event called Stuff-A-Bus, challenging students to fill up a school bus two times with food items, toiletries, and cleaning products.**

## Students Help Fortify Marlborough Food Bank

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 Food Bank. "It should carry us through three, four or five weeks, when we'll be back down to nothing."

Superintendent of Schools Sal Menzo and Vice Principal Mayla West came up with the idea for Stuff-A-Bus over the summer. "Stu-

dents are just getting back into their school routine and we wanted to do something that would unite the Marlborough Elementary community," said Menzo. "It's great to see students working together especially when it benefits a need in the town."

Each morning members of the Student Council wait outside the school to collect items from students. They then load all of the items onto the school bus parked in the front parking lot. Nichols Bus Service has donated the bus for the past two weeks.

The Marlborough Food Bank, located at 3 Wilhenger Dr., supports between 65 and 75 individuals a week, about 110 different people each month.

Those in need can visit the Food Bank on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-noon and then again from 3:30-5:30 p.m. During that same time, those interested in contributing can drop off their donations.

## Colchester Cougars Tangle with Tolland

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

In the "D" football team's game, the Cougar offense 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 to 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 assault 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.

With only minutes left in the game the Cougar offense took over and scored a 95-yard touchdown cutting the score in half, only to have the clock run out leaving the final score Tolland 12 and Colchester 6.

The "A" football team's game didn't start 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 return into 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 Windsor 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.

## Colchester Police News

8/30—Police say they are investigating a number of forged prescriptions reported by the CVS store on South Main Street.

8/30—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.

8/31—Shawn Gregoire, 23, of 13 Rudden Ln., was arrested for threatening and harassment, according to police.

8/31—Brian Stewart, 39, of New London, was arrested for misuse of plates, driving without minimum insurance, speeding and possession of narcotics, police say.

8/31—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; and 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, police say.

According to police, the four hid in the woods of Dutton Road and waited until five friends met there around 11 p.m., then alleg-

edly attacked the group, according to reports.

9/1—Matthew Daddario, 22, of 60 Linwood Ave., was arrested for DWI, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and speeding, according to police.

9/1—Colchester police report arresting 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.

9/4—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 Blesson, 20, also of East Hartford, was arrested for two counts of theft, according to police.

9/5—Jody Barr, 32, of 285 Chestnut Hill Rd., was arrested for assault and disorderly conduct following an alleged domestic dispute, according to police.

## Hebron Police News

9/2—Police are investigating two incidences of vandalism at RHAM High School. An exterior wall of the building was spray painted and two benches, which were built as a n Eagle Scout project, were thrown into a pond, according to reports. Anyone with any information is asked to call the Hebron Resident Troopers Office at 228-3710.

## Marlborough Police News

9/5—Troy Keogh, 23, of 26 Walnut Dr., was arrested for DWI, failure to stop at a stop sign and failure to wear a seat belt, according to police.

## East Hampton Police News

9/6 — Charlene J. Hall, 37, of 49 Old Marlborough Rd., was arrested on charges of fifth-degree larceny, and three counts of third-degree forgery, East Hampton police said.

9/8 — Gary W. Griffin, 59, of 158 Hobart St., Southington, was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and failure to drive right, police said.

9/9 — Camille J. Plourde Jr., 52, of 18 Hale Rd., was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol, failure to drive right and drinking while operating a motor vehicle, police said.

9/10 — Jeremy C. Broad, 26, of 36 White Birch Rd., was arrested on charges of violation of protective order, second-degree threatening, second-degree harassment, and first-degree failure to appear, police said.

## Portland Police News

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

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

9/16 — Scott Waterman, 23, of 76 Waterside Ln., Clinton, was charged with DUI and unsafe backing, police said.

9/12 — Phillip R. Gregory, 39, of 82 Main St., was issued a ticket for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, police said.

9/12 — Mark Slaper, 51, of 17 Christopher Rd., was arrested for two counts of sixth-degree larceny and two counts of issuing a bad check.

9/12 — Genevieve Haglund, 79, of 91 Moodus/Leesville Rd., Moodus, was issued a ticket for traveling fast, police said.

9/13 — Michael Canale, 24, of 21 Auburn Knoll Rd., was arrested for speeding, police said.

9/13 — Francis Grover, 69, of 335 Butternut St., Middletown, was arrested for risk of injury to a minor and third-degree assault, police said.

# Obituaries

## Hebron

### Maynard Melvin Sheltry

Maynard Melvin Sheltry, 83, of West Main Street, Hebron, beloved husband of Geneva (Graham) Sheltry, 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 (Dwinal) Sheltry.

Mr. Sheltry 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 over 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 Corriveau, Bill Robinson, Tom Robinson and Peter Robinson, all of Maine, and Judy Tyler of New Hampshire; and numerous extended family members and friends. He was predeceased by his daughter, Tina Boonen; his first wife, Sybil; and two sisters, Marion Ingerson and Myrtie Sylvester.

A Memorial Service will be observed 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Aurora-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 Stonecroft 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 14 years in the tree service business with Davey Tree and Lewis Tree where he earned his nickname "Bull" because of his amazing strength and his fearlessness of going into the bull briars. He loved NASCAR, the Boston Red Sox and riding his ATV.

Besides his loving parents he leaves a brother Tom and his wife Maura of Mansfield, MA, his niece Meredith of Mansfield, MA. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother Corinne Forrest of East Haddam, uncle Harry Forrest of East Haddam, Aunt Nancy Worthington and her husband Jim of Hadlyme, aunt Gail Moorhouse and her husband John of Chester, aunt Karen Schiavone and her husband Fred of East Haddam, aunt Virginia Daversa and her husband Frank of Tuscon AZ, aunt Laurie Connelly and her husband Rick of Columbia, SC, many cousins and second cousins, and his special friend Sue Wright. He was predeceased by his beloved uncle David Miller, his maternal grandfather Robert Forrest, his paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Justin J. Miller.

Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home, East Hampton, on Wednesday, Sept. 19, followed by the Funeral Liturgy in St. Patrick Church, East Hampton. Burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery, East Hampton. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Jimmy Fund c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-9924. To leave online condolences or for directions visit [spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

## 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 Girardeau 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 Aviation 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 Plantsville, Nancy Johnson and her husband Keith of Portland, Jeannette Chen and her husband Casey of Middlebury, and Mary DeCoursey and her husband Jonathan of East Hampton; his grandchildren, 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, Carly DeCoursey and Jenna DeCoursey; his great-grandchildren, Julia Parsons, Tyler Ives, Gregory Ives, and Lauren Bottino; and his sister, Rosamond Pydych of Greenfield, MA; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his infant son, John Edmond, his sister, Annette LeGeyt and his brother, Albert LeDoux.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service Sunday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m. in the First Congregational Church of Portland. The Rev. Jane 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 First Congregational Church, 554 Main St., Portland, CT 06480 or to St. Vincent DePaul Place, P.O. Box 398, Middletown, CT 06457.

## Colchester

### Carol M. Thereault

Carol M. (McDowell) Thereault, 71, of Colchester, beloved wife of Robert E. Thereault died Monday, Sept. 17, at Backus Hospital in Norwich. Born Aug. 31, 1936, in Middletown, 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. Thereault of East Haddam; her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Joseph Serra of Glastonbury; a sister Shirley Barrett 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 son, on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m. at 132 Creek Row, East Haddam. Those wishing to may make memorial contributions to the Carol Thereault Special Education Fund, c/o Liberty Bank, P.O. Box 346, Moodus, CT 06469. The Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton has care of arrangements. To leave online condolences visit [spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

## Portland

### Winifred Hand

Winifred (Werdelin) 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 Werdelin of Portland. She had a very strong and independent personality and amazingly was 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. Cadet Hand of the University of California's Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML), who passed away in November 2006. Wini and Cadet 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-new 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 of the effort which created the new public water system for the village of Salmon Creek during the 1990s. She lived a full and rewarding life and left her mark on her community. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Cadet Hand Library at Bodega Marine Laboratory, P.O. Box 247, Bodega Bay, CA 94923.

## 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 masonry contractor and a true artisan 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 were 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 (Cerasoli) 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 Daneen, of Brewster, MA. He also leaves his nieces Lindsay Gauthier, Ashley Risley, Nicole and Jordan Reynolds. He was predeceased 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 Faulhaber officiating. Burial followed in Marlborough Center Cemetery. The family received relatives and friends Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Glastonbury Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made in Ralph's name to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111.

