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Jordyn Wall, left, Dereck Rivera, back, and Nick Bishop, students at Bacon Academy in Colchester, are all smiles as they work together to prepare appetizers for the reception they are planning on April 6.

Colchester Students Discover Joy of Food

by Kristina Histen

A love of food has brought together a diverse group of 13 to the Academy Café at Bacon Academy.

The culinary food service class instructed by Donna Kaik at Bacon Academy isn't your usual cup of tea. It features an eclectic group of kids from all different programs, such as alternate education, English Language Learners, special needs and regular education students, who all come together everyday to cook. Most in the group see food in their future, but a few take the class for the fun of it.

This is only the second year the class has been offered, and already it has grown from just five students last year to 13 this year; the students can take it as many times as they like. Kaik, who the students refer to as 'Chef,' gives the kids the platform they need to sharpen their skills in order to make it in the food industry.

Students scurry through the kitchen, finding the supplies they need to perfect their recipes, as the chef monitors the room, searching for the spice that seemed to be missing or retrieving the mango hidden deep inside the refrigerator. The kids then break off into smaller groups to work more independently without realizing the team bond they have already formed.

School accreditation, which happens every 10 years, is coming up on April 6, to ensure that the education at Bacon Academy meets acceptable levels of quality. To impress the committee, students are planning a reception using their cooking and catering skills. There will be stations throughout the cafeteria, offering a variety of foods that have been chosen and refined by the students.

This won't be the first time the students have catered events; in fact, they already have plenty of experience. They operate a restaurant every Wednesday, where they create menus and cook for the faculty and staff not only at Bacon Academy, but also for patrons of the other schools and the central office. The students surveyed what the staff would like, and every week a different menu is created to serve those wants.

The options offered on the menu include a choice between soup, salad, sandwich and/or dessert that can be ordered a la carte. The students also work the front of the house, turning their classroom into the "Academy Café," where they wait on the 80 people that rotate through in that hour-and-15-minute period. E-mails requesting to join the lunch notification list are increasing everyday.

The class has opened a lot of doors for senior Julie Winch, who will be attending Clemens College in the fall. She is the party planner for the reception, working directly beside Kaik to organize the front of the house.

"My dream is to eventually run my own hotel and do banquet events," Winch said. "This class has really prepared me for what I want to do."

Kaik is also giving guidance to senior Stephanie Lanzo, who wants to become a pastry chef.

"I've learned a lot," Lanzo said. "It's hard work, but a good experience. I'm gaining the skills that I need."

Lanzo, with the help of Kaik, hopes to attend The Culinary Institute of America in New York, which some refer to as "the Harvard of all culinary schools."

The class has gained huge support from the administration, the school, and the entire district. Whenever Superintendent of Schools Karen Loiselle is around, she makes sure to grab lunch at the Academy Café, Kaik said, and she usually brings someone with her to show off the students' capabilities.

"I don't think these kids realize the impact they have on this town," Kaik said. "I am so proud of them."

Throng of Residents Attend Peters House Info Session

by Sarah McCoy

A night of recapping and rehashing drew about 100 residents to the Douglas Library this week, as the saga of the Peters House continues to unfold.

The Board of Selectmen held an Information Session Tuesday, to inform people, and acquire any new information, about the much-talked about house at 150 East Street.

The town acquired the Peters House in 2004 when it purchased the surrounding 112 acres of land to be used for the forthcoming athletic complex. Since that time the property has been embroiled in controversy as residents and town officials decide its future. Tuesday's information session was an attempt to clear up any confusion surrounding the property and to better prepare residents in case the home's future is put in the hands of the Hebron voters.

"We're here to get information and to get info across," Board of Selectmen Chairman David Schoolcraft said at Tuesday's session. "We're certainly not looking for arguments."

The evening began with Schoolcraft presenting a timeline of events that have occurred on the property since the town took it over.

In 2005 Robert Hurd, an architect and expert in the field of historical houses, conducted the first study on the home. Hurd put forth three potential uses for the structure in his report; sell the home as a private residence, using it for town meeting space or as a community room, or as a museum. Prices for these ranged from \$78,300 to convert the structure to a residential dwelling to \$364,100 for the Peters House to become a museum.

The following year a pair of additional studies were completed, examining both the architectural and historical significance of the property. John Obed Curtis, an expert in the field of historical architecture, dated the main portion of the house to the late 1700s. However, the ell, thought to be the oldest part of the home, predates the home by approximately 20 years. Curtis, therefore, concluded that the home could not have been that of Reverend Samuel Peters since the ell would have been too humble of a dwelling for him, and the main house was built after he fled back to England in the mid-1700s. Curtis did, however, indicate that the ell could have been the home of Cesar and Lowis Peters who, in 1774, were almost sold as slaves before residents of Hebron saved them.

Curtis' findings were supported by the research of Connecticut historian Bruce Clouette, who examined the title records on the property. Clouette found that the property was once owned by Jonathan Peters, the brother to Samuel, and that it was "highly likely" that the abduction of Cesar and Lowis took place on that property.

Since then, the house has been included on

the Connecticut Freedom Trail. At its Jan. 8 meeting the Amistad Society voted unanimously to include 150 East St. in the Freedom Trail making Hebron the 41st town to be represented on the historical tour.

Still, the Board of Selectmen have remained steadfast in their support to sell the property. BOS members in the past have argued that the costs outweighed the benefits and that the house would be better served with an owner who would maintain it. Last summer, after a period of soliciting proposals from prospective buyers, the Board of Selectmen voted for Town Manager Jared Clark to begin negotiations with Jeff Farber, a Hebron resident and construction worker, who submitted a proposal to buy the property.

By the fall negotiations were complete, with the town agreeing to sell the home for \$110,000 and Farber agreeing to a number of historical restorations to preserve the property.

Farber, who spoke on Tuesday night, reported that he plans on making the Peters House a home for him, his wife, and their four children. "I can appreciate all the studies and all the effort put forth to give info to me," he said. "To me it is a beautiful house appreciated, by me, as a carpenter."

Farber also spoke of his intentions to fully comply with the terms of sale document to ensure the house is restored in the best way possible. His plans include restoring all of the fireplaces, siding, crown molding, and ballroom of the home. Having grown up in New York City by a softball field, Farber also insisted that the home's location relative to the future park do not bother him at all. "It gives [my children] a place to get out of the house and have fun," he said.

Farber plans to work in partnership with Gregory Farmer of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to ensure that any restorations are done using historically accurate materials and with methods consistent with the time the home was originally built.

Both the Hebron Historical Properties Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission have criticized the protections set in place by the terms of sale document. Both commissions have stated that they do not believe the specifications listed provide for adequate protection of the 200-year-old home.

For the past three years, the town has been trying to answer two questions. First, should the house be publicly or privately owned? Second, if the answer to the first question is privately, are there adequate protections on the house to ensure its architectural features are preserved?

On Tuesday night it was more than apparent that there is anything but consensus when it

comes to answering the first question.

As it stands, the town has completed negotiations with Farber as to the terms of sale of the house. The Board of Selectmen is now expected to set a public hearing on the matter to gauge whether or not the actual sale of the home should be brought forth to town meeting or referendum. While the matter is far from finished, the process has begun for the town to dispense this property. However, everyone who spoke on Tuesday night, sans Farber, expressed a desire for the town to retain the home.

Speaking for the Hebron Historical Properties Commission (HHPC), Vice Chairman Lynn Schroeder stated that the group "stands by its original recommendation for the town to retain ownership."

Donna McCalla, President of the Hebron Historical Society, stated the same, as did half-dozen residents who spoke on Tuesday night.

The most critical bit of new information came from Mary Dunne of the Connecticut Commission on Cultural and Tourism.

Dunne presented two funding options that would be available to the town if Hebron ultimately decides to retain ownership of the property. First, the town is eligible for a Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant. This grant, which can be awarded up to \$30,000, is for preservation planning for a property. The second grant, The Historic Restoration Grant, can award towns up to \$200,000 for the actual construction restoration of a historic property. Both grants require the town to provide matching funds.

While technically not a public hearing, residents did have an opportunity to share their feelings on the matter at the conclusion of Tuesday night's meeting. Lifelong Hebron resident and history buff John Barron kicked things off in a most controversial way. Barron criticized the town for its handling of the Peters House saying that the information presented included "glaring inaccuracies," and that his level of participation in the matter was severely limited by the town.

"If town government truly is for involving the entire community, then it would be nice to involve the entire community," he said.

Barron had also submitted a proposal presenting options for the Peters House, before the selectmen ultimately went with Farber's plan. He contends that the house is much older than the studies indicate and that, during its history, there was a significant renovation done to the property.

One of the most frequently-voiced concerns over the Peters House was the terms of sale document. Both Laura Bordick, a member of the HHPC, and her husband, Andy Bordick, expressed a desire to see more prescriptive lan-

guage used to outline the protections. "It seems the town is working in good faith to get preservation built in to this agreement and sometimes I'm just not sure what's meant," Laura Bordick stated.

Farmer, who Monday spoke at an all-day workshop on preservation easements, called the terms of sale document "amateurish," stating, "this agreement doesn't come anywhere close to the standards of easement wordings."

Another concern brought forth Tuesday night was whether the town had reviewed Farber's portfolio of work to ensure that he is able to handle the massive workload demanded by the Peters House. Town Manager Jared Clark reported that he had not seen examples of Farber's work but has spoken to references. He stated that most references have given positive reviews of Farber but there have been negative ones, too.

"Anyone can swing a brush but there is a difference between a Rembrandt and a house painter," Barron said Tuesday night, to which Schoolcraft responded, "In all fairness, we can't sell this house expecting a Rembrandt."

When the town purchased this property in 2004 it did so using, primarily, Open Space Land Acquisition funds as the land had been earmarked for recreation. Including a residential home on this property, some feel, is against the policies of Open Space.

"Taxpayers voted to purchase the land for three reasons," resident David Morrison stated. "For recreation, for open space, and for historical preservation." If the town were to sell the Peters House as a residential home, Morrison believes, the town misled residents as to the real intentions of the property.

"We saw one vision in 2004 and we'd like to keep one vision," McCalla said of the partnership of the Peters House to the upcoming athletic field complex.

The Board of Selectmen meet Thursday, Jan. 24. Schoolcraft reported that he expects the board to set a date for a public hearing on the Peters House at that meeting.

Before adjourning for the night Schoolcraft cautioned residents not to think that town government would have the final say in the future of the home. "Whether or not the property is sold is entirely up to voters," he said. "Whether it goes forth to town meeting or referendum is up to this board."

The proposal that would be presented at town meeting or referendum would be the sale agreement made with Farber. While the town cannot change the essence of the terms of sale document at this point, Clark did encourage residents to reach out to him if they have specific concerns that they feel should be included in the purchase agreement.

Hebron School Board Looks Again at Full-Time Kindergarten

by Sarah McCoy

The Hebron Board of Education deliberated on full-day kindergarten options to a packed room last Thursday, Jan. 10.

Listing time as the main reason, the Full-Day Kindergarten Task Force recommended that the BOE fund two sections of the program beginning this coming fall.

"It's about having a 'choice of options' for kindergarten students and parents," current kindergarten teacher and Task Force member Eileen Baukus said.

The Task Force was comprised of two teachers, two parents, AHM Family Resource Center Coordinator Becky Murray, former Board of Education member Lorraine Davey, Director of Special Education Nancy Johnston and Gilead Hill School principal Kathryn Veronesi.

For the past two years this group has been conducting research and gathering information to formulate their recommendation. It is the third such Task Force in the last 10 years in Hebron. In 1997, the first Full-Day Kindergarten Task Force recommended implementing an extended-day kindergarten and in 2003 they recommended a full-day program. The programs were funded neither time.

This time, the group recommended wholeheartedly that the district begin the transition to full-day kindergarten, starting with two classes. This year Gilead Hill Elementary School offers nine sections of kindergarten, split between five different teachers. Currently, the 2008-09 budget includes seven half-day kindergarten classes split between four teachers and two full-day classes each taught by a full-time teacher. This increases the kindergarten staff by one teacher, leading to a \$71,000 budgetary increase between salary and benefits.

The two full-day kindergarten classes have been in Superintendent of Schools' Ellie Cruz's budget since preparation on the budget began last fall.

Students would be chosen for the two full-day classes based on an equal-opportunity lottery system, a method that was questioned by both parents and board members.

"I pay the same taxes as everybody else, therefore everybody's child should have the opportunity," Hebron resident Kim Cain said at Thursday night's meeting, displaying her disapproval with the currently proposed system.

Veronesi responded to Cain's concern later on in the meeting, stating, "As a part of being fiscally responsible, having full-day kindergarten in every class was not something we could recommend," she said. "Our charge was to be accountable to the town and to the Board [of Education]."

BOE Chairman Jane Dube also questioned the lottery system, wondering if there was a way to ensure that the students who are in most need of the extra time are placed in the full-day classes. Johnston responded by saying, "The district cannot always predict what students will benefit most in a 10-minute assessment." She added that classes benefit from a heterogeneous group where some students are looked upon as models for their peers to follow.

Additionally, the district makes itself open to claims of discrimination if the selection process for any program isn't random. "There is no question that some parents will feel it's unfair," Superintendent of Schools Ellie Cruz said of the lottery system. "But, as a school district, we are required to provide equal access and the lottery system achieves that."

East Hampton Resident Arrested Again by Portland Police

by Michael McCoy

An East Hampton resident was arrested for the third time in a month Friday, Jan. 4 – this time on a fairly lengthy list of charges.

Heath Galvin, 18, of 61 North Main St., East Hampton, was arrested by Portland Police and charged with two counts of reckless endangerment, two counts of second-degree criminal mischief, two counts of throwing objects at a motor vehicle, second-degree threatening, second-degree reckless endangerment, passing in a no-passing zone, following too close and following too close with intent to intimidate.

The arrest was Galvin's third in a month. On Dec. 5, he was arrested and charged with second-degree harassment and violation of a protective order. The following day, he was arrested for second-degree harassment, breach of peace, threatening and criminal mischief. Then came the litany of charges filed against him last Friday.

"Over the last few months, we have gotten several complaints filed against Mr. Galvin," Portland Police Lieutenant Ron Milardo said.

According to Milardo, Galvin, 18, had been "dating a girl" and "a new guy came into the picture." The other two parties were Portland residents.

The "new guy" filed several complaints, beginning Oct. 18. "He was afraid he was going to be beat up," Milardo said.

"It's been an ongoing problem for the last few months," Milardo added. According to him, Galvin would repeatedly do things such as follow the other parties, "try to run them off of the road" and "cut them off and jump out of the vehicle."

"Why people do things like this, I have no clue," Milardo said.

Galvin most recently appeared in court in Middletown on Jan. 7.

Currently, the first wave of kindergarten students arrives at Gilead Hill School at 8:30 a.m. and is dismissed at 11:20 a.m. The afternoon classes arrive at 12:20 p.m. and end their day at 3:10 p.m. Four of the five current kindergarten teachers were on-hand Thursday night and expressed their desire for more time with their students.

"The purpose of full-day kindergarten is not to expand the curriculum. It is to allow more time to cover the existing material," kindergarten teacher Diane Rees said. "There are all sorts of opportunities that are not taken advantage of in three hours that can be in seven."

Rees took board members through a typical kindergarten day, and stressed that every second of every day is planned, and students only receive a maximum of five minutes of outside time. Full-day kindergarten would enable teachers to spend time on reading and math every day and students would have their own time for exploration and independent playtime.

Board of Education member Brian O'Riley questioned whether this time was necessarily beneficial to students. "It is a long day for five-year-olds," he said before asking the Task Force members if they had considered building up to full-day options after a period of four or five hour days.

Johnston responded to O'Reilly's concerns by reporting that many of the school districts Hebron has been in contact with initially started with three-quarters of a day kindergarten. However, those schools, Johnston said, all went to full-day options by the second year of the program. She said that, to her knowledge, both students and teachers seem to adapt to the new

schedule with ease.

Dube wondered if, with some students spending a full day in kindergarten and others spending a half-day, this would lead to problems when the students arrived in first grade. Veronesi responded, "A smoother transition to the schedule, that's what difference I anticipate more than academic."

The curriculum will not change for students who will spend an entire day in kindergarten. Instead, those students will have more time to go over the material.

A major factor in whether the full-day kindergarten program is implemented in Hebron will be money. Seventy-one thousand dollars represents .6 percent of the superintendent's overall budget, a number that will surely be scrutinized by the boards of education, selectmen, and finance before it even has the chance to be presented to voters. However, with the proposed budget currently standing at its lowest increase in over 10 years, 4.98 percent, Cruz is confident in the timing of the program.

"The stars aligned this year to give us this opportunity," she said. "If we don't move forward this year I think the door closes for quite some time."

The Board of Education met last night, in a meeting that was too late for publication in this week's *Rivereast*. If final budget deliberations were not completed then, the BOE will meet again this coming Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Media Center at Hebron Elementary School.

The Board of Education must recommend a budget before Feb. 1 and, therefore, must decide their level of support on the full-day kindergarten program before then.

Marlborough School Board Passes \$7.28 Million Budget

by Kristina Histen

The Board of Education unanimously approved a \$7.28 million budget for the 2008-09 school year at its meeting last Thursday, Jan. 10.

The spending plan represents a \$406,213, or 5.91 percent, increase over the current year's budget.

"To be honest, this budget kind of scares me," Superintendent of Schools Sal Menzo said. "But in order to be creative and innovative we need support personally and financially to move forward and have the best education available."

The budget proposes the additional staffing of a 1.0 FTE math/science specialist and a financial assistant clerk. Menzo said the math/science specialist will address mathematics/science instruction for grades pre-K-3 and 4-6, dividing intervention and supporting responsibilities. The two-day a week financial clerk is needed, Menzo said, due to the increased invoicing of outside user groups of the building, as well as the increased federal and state accounting requirements.

The proposed budget will reduce a school-wide enrichment paraprofessional to a .5 FTE based on an analysis of services and a reduced kindergarten paraprofessional to a .5 FTE based on five sections being offered. This adds an increase of \$188,367 for the certified and non-certified salaries.

Other increases in the proposed budget include: \$174,491 for benefits; \$9,137 for purchased professional services including professional development, outside consultants, and board services; \$50,484 for other purchased services that include student transportation, special education, and telephones; \$6,943 for supplies and materials which include heating oil, diesel, gasoline, instructional supplies, li-

brary, and textbooks; \$1,137 for dues, fees, and conferences; and \$415 for Marlborough Elementary Childcare Association (MECCA), due to the annual three percent increase.

The proposed spending plan features decreases of: \$2,301 from the purchased property services of building maintenance materials and services, electricity, computer support services, and software support. The budget also features a \$22,460 reduction in the capital outlay account, due to one-time purchases and organizations like the PTO picking up the cost of other items. Electricity cost has decreased based on year-to-date performance as part of the energy consortium that saved \$10,000.

"We have to prepare for the worst-case scenarios and additional unseen circumstances in the future," Menzo said. "I think this is the best budget for our district."

At last week's meeting, Menzo actually presented two proposed spending plans – a \$7.28 million increased services budget, and a \$7.20 million "sustained services" budget, which would be a \$329,796, or 4.80 percent increase, over current spending. This budget did not reflect the increased staffing Menzo proposed in the other budget. School board members didn't strongly consider the "sustained services" budget, focusing their attention more on the \$7.28 million spending plan.

The proposed 2008-09 budget is based on five kindergarten classes; kindergarten registration will take place Feb. 6-8. If an additional kindergarten class is needed, the school board would call a special meeting to address the issue and its potential budget impact.

The Board of Education will meet with the Board of Finance next month to discuss the budget.

Marlborough Teen Gets Seven Years in Jail

by Sarah McCoy

A Marlborough teen was sentenced to seven years in jail last week in connection with a series of area robberies and the burning of a truck last January.

Kelly Robbins, 18, of Marlborough, was sentenced last Friday, Jan. 11, at Rockville Superior Court after pleading guilty to five separate charges stemming from last year's crime spree. According to the court clerk's office, Robbins pled guilty to one count of first-degree larceny, one count of first-degree robbery, two counts of second-degree robbery, and one count of reckless burning. Judge Terence A. Sullivan gave the Marlborough teen a 20-year prison sentence, suspended after seven years, followed by three years of probation.

Also part of her sentence, Robbins is prohibited from having contact with Brittany Delaware, 17, of Andover, the co-defendant in the case. The case is still pending on Delaware.

Court affidavits indicate that it was a year

ago that Robbins and Delaware were identified as the two suspects who stole \$240 at gunpoint from the cash register at the Blimpie's in Colchester. According to police, the pair then attempted to rob a Dunkin' Donuts in Columbia before fleeing when an employee ran into the back room for help.

Police said the girls later robbed a Glastonbury Subway for \$250 at knifepoint before stealing a pick-up truck left idling outside a Hebron package store. Robbins pled guilty to burning the \$40,000 truck after getting it stuck in the woods in Coventry.

According to a letter from Robbins to her special public defender Larry Bates, the crimes were fueled by a drug addiction. "I spent all my time getting high or trying to get high," she wrote.

Four of the five charges Robbins pled guilty to carry a penalty of five years in prison. They will run concurrent to her 20-year sentence for first-degree robbery.

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1/10-Two juveniles were charged with second-degree criminal mischief, State Police said.

Portland School Board Passes Budget

by Michael McCoy

The Portland Board of Education has wasted no time this year in getting its 2008-09 budget out to the public.

Superintendent Sally Doyen presented her budget on Jan. 2, the first working day of the year. Then, this past Tuesday evening, less than two weeks later, the Board of Education (BOE) passed Doyen's budget without changing a thing.

The decision, which happened without an iota of controversy during the school board's regular meeting, came after a couple of budget workshops last week. The approved budget came to about \$17.8 million, a 4.86 percent increase over current year spending.

The budget calls for the elimination of a reading teacher position that has been vacant for a year at Valley View. However, it adds a part-time math professional in the high school and a full-time math/science teacher at the middle school, the latter of which is the result of an anticipated 27-student jump in seventh-graders next year.

The budget also includes three new courses, including Computer Integrated Manufacturing Systems, as well as Advanced Placement courses in Chemistry and Statistics. This will raise the potential amount of college credits offered at Portland High School to 15.

The most notable increase in the budget was employee insurance, which jumped 13.34 percent to \$347,924. This was due to a considerable amount of illnesses during the past year. Another added expense is \$20,000 set aside for magnet school tuition. For the coming school year, the state has mandated that school districts pay this cost, which comes to about \$3,600 per student. Doyen anticipated having six magnet school students next year.

Another \$40,000 was included in the budget to pay for a long-term social studies substitute teacher. Full-time teacher Jim Stotler was called to active military duty in November. While the district continues to pay his salary, they must also pay for a replacement for the interim. Doyen expects Stotler to return to his classroom in February or March of 2009.

Despite these expenditures, there is good

news. The district received \$150,000 from the state for after school programs two weeks ago. "We work hard for whatever grants we can get," Doyen said. One of the new programs this money will help make possible begins this spring at Chatham Court for students in first through sixth grades. It will primarily be a homework club and will be staffed by certified professionals.

"Considering that health insurance costs are up 22 percent this year, I think it's a pretty frugal budget," BOE chairman Chris Hettrick said Wednesday. "There's nothing really extravagant. There's not a lot of frills."

Hettrick said Tuesday at the meeting that during the school board's budget workshops, the board heard no negative feedback, saying the consensus seemed to be, "This is common sense. There is nothing controversial."

In addition to approving the budget, the school board Tuesday also heard from Doyen as to what she plans to request for capital expenses. Doyen told the BOE what she would request as far as capital expenses go. Doyen said that last year, she asked for \$185,000 last year and received \$42,500, which went to paving at Brownstone School and asbestos removal at Valley View.

This year the schools superintendent is asking for \$91,500 for capital expenses. Some of the key components to this request are \$12,000 to repair the front addition at Gildersleeve and \$25,000 for van and bus replacements. Doyen is also asking for \$10,000 to be placed into the playscape fund. However, the number one priority identified is the repair of the Brownstone Intermediate School roof. Doyen has asked for \$20,000 for that effort.

The Board of Education will formally request the capital funds at the Long Range Capital Improvement Commission meeting, which starts at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Town Hall.

Hettrick said the BOE's budget would be formally submitted to First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield today, Jan. 18. The next step in the budget cycle would be a public hearing on March 11. The budget referendum is set for May 12.

Portland Ethics Ordinance Heads to Town Meeting

by Michael McCoy

Three years after it was assembled, the Ethics Commission Wednesday presented its proposed Ethics Ordinance.

The presentation came at a public hearing that preceded the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Three years ago, the commission was assembled to compose the ordinance, which would outline what constitutes as improper behavior on the part of a town employee or elected official, as well as put in place a process by which to deal with such breaches in conduct.

Commission chairman Jeanne Dilworth said Wednesday that during the composing of the ordinance, the commission combed through news stories dealing with breaches in ethics, and discussed how to properly handle them should they occur in Portland.

An overview of the ordinance was passed out Wednesday night, and it read, "The Ethics Ordinance is composed of eight parts, each of them relating in some way to potential or actual conflicts of interest between municipal affairs and the personal lives of Town representatives."

In addition to laying out the policy, how it would affect different people, and how the commission will operate going forward, the document also includes a seven-page list of definitions to make the ordinance more immediately understandable.

Town Attorney Jean D'Aquila was also present Wednesday evening, as she counseled the commission during the process.

Attendance at the hearing was minimal, but the few that were there seemed impressed with the work of the commission. This included Conservation Commission member Mike Kirchberger who said, "I've read all 25 or 26 pages of the ordinance. I think it's a very concise and precise document."

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting later that night, First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield said, "I think the commission has done a fine job in addressing our concerns. I think that this should go to a town meeting." Selectman Mark Finkelstein seemed to agree, saying "It's really tremendous."

Bransfield also said people should view the document in a positive light, as opposed to viewing it as an encumbering list of rules and regulations. "The whole idea is not to punish people," she said, "but to give assurance to people at large that we are operating as ethically as we can."

The selectmen voted 6-0 to send the ordinance to a town meeting, which was set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave. A simple majority

vote is needed for approval.

Copies of the ordinance are available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office or the web site, www.portlandct.org.

Since the Ethics Commission plans to compose a more concise users' manual, as well as hold some educational seminars, the ordinance, should it pass, will not become effective until Jan. 1, 2009.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the Board of Selectmen set a meeting to discuss the Charter Revision Commission's (CRC) final report.

After a proposed document was rejected by the Board of Selectmen in August 2006, the CRC was reestablished the following October.

On Dec. 11, the Board of Selectmen gave official feedback to the CRC on its proposed charter changes, and said that "with the exception of the revisions required by the statute, the Board of Selectmen do not endorse any of the other recommended changes submitted by the Charter Revision Commission." The board did, however, feel that the proposed charter was "more user-friendly."

The BOS also suggested that budget referenda be limited to three, as opposed to the CRC's recommendations of unlimited. Currently, the BOS sets the budget after it fails at two referenda.

The selectmen have also been concerned with a proposed change in the charter that would allow the public to overrule all BOS resolutions. The selectmen had also concerned with the elimination of centralized purchasing. Centralized purchasing requires the Board of Education to report its financial activity to the town's finance director.

On Jan. 10, the CRC voted 5-0 to submit their final report. The only substantial changes from the last incarnation were the reinstatement of the aforementioned centralized purchasing, and the elimination of the proposed creation of a Public Safety Commission.

At the Jan. 10 CRC meeting, commission chairman Richard P. Murphy said, "I'm very happy with the charter. There are substantive things I don't agree with as an individual. As a chairman, I think it's a much more readable document." Murphy submitted the document to town hall the following day.

The Board of Selectmen must accept or reject the charter in part or in whole by a week from today at the latest. The selectmen will meet next Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the library to discuss the matter.

Reward Increased for Unsolved East Hampton Murder

The reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons responsible for the 1998 murder of a local woman has been increased to \$50,000, the Office of the State's Attorney announced last week.

Gertrude Ochankowski, a longtime resident of East Hampton, was last seen alive on Jan. 11, 1998. Her motor vehicle was found running in front of 82 Main St., where she had patronized a laundromat. Her body was found the next day, Jan. 12, in a stream off Tartia Road, according to the state's attorney's office.

An autopsy determined that the cause of death was strangulation, the state's attorney's

office said. Ochankowski is survived by two daughters.

An investigation by East Hampton Police, with the assistance of the Connecticut State Police Eastern District Major Crime Squad and the Department of Public Safety Forensic Science Laboratory, was conducted, the state's attorney's office said. However, no arrests were made.

In December 2000, a \$30,000 reward was authorized in connection with the case. Last week, Gov. M. Jodi Rell authorized increasing it to \$50,000.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the East Hampton Police Department, 20 East High St., at 267-9922 or 267-9544.

Colchester Police News

1/9- Thomas John Bothur, 38, of 14 Lower Skilman St., Hampton, NJ, turned himself in to State Police on charges of criminal violence of protective order and second-degree harassment. State Police said.

1/10-State Police reported they are investigating larceny/shoplifting of goods at Stop and Shop.

1/10-A juvenile was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia, State Police said.

1/11-Richard Grandfield, 24, of 14 Baril Ln., Chicopee, MA, was charged with operating under the influence, driving the wrong way/divided highway, and reckless driving, State Police said.

1/11-Julian Ortiz, 21, of 17 South A St., Taftville, was charged with failure to remain in

established lane, DUI, operating with suspended license, failure to have motor vehicle insurance, and failure to carry registration/insurance, State Police said.

1/12-William Pollock, 34, of 983 Rattling Valley, Deep River, was charged with third-degree assault, third-degree criminal trespassing, failure to respond to infraction, and failure to appear, State Police said.

1/13-Matthew Gillis, 24, of 353 McDonald Rd., was charged with second-degree failure to appear, State Police said.

1/14-Sheri Olsen, 44, of 253 Waterman Rd., Lebanon, was charged with DUI, State Police said.

1/16-A juvenile was charged with larceny by possession, State Police said.

Portland Police News

1/7 — Casimiro Castro, 43, of 1264 N. Broad St., Meriden, was charged with sixth-degree larceny, Portland Police say.

1/8 — Brandon Blackwell, 18, of 1221 Washington St. No. 4, Middletown, was charged with third-degree assault, police say.

1/8 — Nelson M. Roman, 41, of 70 Home Ave, Middletown, was charged with DUI, operating motor vehicle under license suspension, disobeying officer's signal, possession of less than 4 oz. marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

1/11 — Sharon Ingalis, 42, of 694 Glastonbury Tpke., was charged with operating motor vehicle under license suspension, police say.

1/11 — Andrea R. Scala, 31, of 1083 Chamberlain Hill Rd., Middletown, was charged with first-degree failure to appear, police say.

1/13 — Chester Ives, 20, of 108 Newfield St, Middletown, was charged with third-degree burglary and sixth-degree larceny, police report.

Cody Camp Finally Gets His Ballfield in Colchester

by Kristina Histen

The Board of Education last week took the first step in creating two baseball fields to honor a Colchester child who died two years ago.

Bob McGovern, a representative for the Cody Camp Foundation, provided information to the school board at its Jan. 8 meeting regarding the foundation's proposal to build two full-size fenced in little league baseball fields on an identified school property parcel near the Jack Jackter Intermediate and William J. Johnston Middle schools.

Friends and family of Cody Robert Camp created the foundation to honor his memory and the memory of all the children of Colchester who have passed before their time. Cody Camp was born April 11, 2000, and diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma in August of 2006, just after the end of his tee-ball season. He died on Oct. 13, 2006. According to the foundation's web site, in his final resting place, Cody is wearing his Boston Red Sox uniform and cap. "The Cody Camp Memorial Field Foundation's mission is to establish an active memorial to Cody and all other Colchester children who are no longer with us," the web site said. "This memorial will be a place to play baseball, spend time with friends, and just be a kid."

"There is a growing number of children in Colchester and we need more field space," Superintendent of Schools Karen Loisselle said at the school board meeting.

The foundation hired the engineering firm of M.R. Roming and Associates of West Hartford to develop the design based on a survey of the land provided by the town. Essentially, the land the fields are intended to be built on was purchased by the Board of Education in conjunction with the building of Colchester Elementary School. Part of the board's objective, in the purchase of the land behind JJIS, was to replace the athletic fields lost by the construction of CES. However, due to budget constraints, the lost athletic fields have not been able to be replaced.

The two Little League-regulation fields will be constructed on approximately 3.5 acres of the 16 acres purchased by the board. This would allow for future school expansion if necessary. The two little league fields will be adjacent to the existing multi-use soccer field located at JJIS, creating what essentially will be an athletic field complex.

Last July, the town's Athletic Field Task Force engaged a consultant and found that Colchester was short five athletic fields, due to its rapid growth. Budget constraints have restricted the Parks and Recreation Department from addressing the shortfall. While this will not entirely erase the deficit it will make a significant dent, according to McGovern.

"The Foundation is very excited about [last week's] developments," McGovern said. "We are one step closer to delivering on our mission which is to memorialize the young children of Colchester who have passed before their time, while delivering a much needed resource back to the community."

The next step in the process is to sit down



Cody Robert Camp died Oct. 13, 2006, when he was just six years old.

with First Selectwoman Linda Hodge and form a building committee that has the "leadership and structure to utilize the limited resources in a manner that facilitates an outcome we can all be proud of," McGovern said. The objective is to have shovels in the ground by spring with the goal of completing the project in a year and donating the completed facility back to the town's Parks and Recreation Department for long-term maintenance, he said.

The foundation has requested that the fields be named The Cody Camp Memorial Field, A Memorial for all the Children of Colchester who have Passed before their Time, with a stone monument at the entrance. Foundation members have agreed to participate in a building committee that will approve the field design as well as vendor selection and will retain final say over the distribution of its resources. The foundation, with the building committee, will negotiate with vendors who wish to donate their services, and/or material in the development of the fields and during construction allowed access to the field site to oversee field construction.

The foundation is relying on the "continued goodwill and support of the community" in its efforts to construct the fields, according to the foundation's web site. It is asked that the building of the fields be publicly put forward as an effort by the Foundation in partnership with the Town of Colchester.

In the meantime, the foundation is seeking additional volunteers and resources in the areas of tree removal, excavation and irrigation material and installation. The foundation has already raised close to \$100,000 in cash towards its goal of \$250,000, as well as volunteer service commitments from surveyors, field designers and sand/gravel firms. Among the donors is the Boston Red Sox; the amount the team has donated is not being disclosed, as the amount people donate is never disclosed, McGovern said.

The foundation was granted 501c(3) status by the IRS last year, making all donations fully tax-deductible.



Ellen Weinick, left, and Wendy Pizzoferrato have started up House Calls Unlimited, a home care referral business. Computer altered photo.

New Home Care Business Has Something for Everyone

by Kristina Histen

Whether you need a private nurse, your driveway shoveled, or anything in between, one call really can do it all.

House Calls Unlimited is a home care referral registry that unites community members. It was created by Wendy Pizzoferrato, Registered Nurse, and Ellen Weinick, Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The mission of these two health care professionals is to provide services that enable people to live independently in their own homes. They are tapping into a unique pool of caring service providers, such as seniors helping seniors or disabled, and teens helping seniors or disabled. This philosophy is a win/win situation, the women said, providing care at a lower cost and employment for individuals of all ages. The emotional benefit of pairing age groups is priceless, they said.

House Calls Unlimited differs from other similar services because it is client-directed. This unique concept allows the client to be in charge of his/her own life, making decisions that help one to remain independent at home.

"We are a home care registry that started as the result of a meeting at Colchester Town Hall with the First Selectwoman, Social Services, Housing Authority, and the Senior Center," Pizzoferrato said. "We asked what the seniors and disabled clients needed, and were told they received phone calls daily for all types of chores at home. Hence our motto, 'One call does it all' because we arrange an array of services. So, instead of calling Town Hall, they can call us, and if we don't have the service provided, we'll find it."

Services provided range from private nursing, physical therapy, social services, transportation, snow shoveling, hole digging, home maker, light cleaning, rides to doctors and grocery shopping, to art or cooking lessons, pet care, a traveling hairdresser, a companion to play cards with, or having someone move cars before and after snow storms.

If the service you need or want isn't provided, Pizzoferrato and Weinick will find it. These services are not just limited to seniors. People who live at home alone, someone post-operation that needs extra help, a mother or father with their hands full, can take advantage of what this registry has to offer.

"People are hesitant," Weinick said. "They say they want it, but think everyone is out to get them. We just want them to know we will get these services going for them at an affordable price."

House Calls Unlimited is branching out into pill medication boxes. If a loved one becomes forgetful and begins taking pills too often, House Calls can offer a medication dispenser locked box, either teaching the family how to fill it, or having a nurse come do it.

The women are also looking into arranging Med-Alert for those who qualify but may not even realize it. Med-Alert is a less-costly substitute for Life Alert, which not only can protect a life, but gives seniors the confidence they need to continue living in their own homes, the women said.

House Calls Unlimited fosters independence by providing quality, client-directed, and affordable in-home support services. The business is registered with both the Department of Labor and the Department of Consumer Protection and are bonded and insured.

When they receive a call, Pizzoferrato and Weinick will come to the home of the client and perform a comprehensive needs assessment. They will then locate the perfect in-home support team, no matter what the needs may be. Background and security checks on each caregiver and service provider are performed and prescreening is done to ensure that qualifications and experience meet their high standards. After this, candidates are sent to the home for the client to interview and evaluate before a decision is made to utilize their services.

Many teenagers are hired to cut costs for the clients, but there are caregivers with very high degrees who also contribute. The caregivers are paid higher than other typical homemaker companion agencies, Pizzoferrato said, although House Calls charges their clients a lower fee than similar agencies.

Registries are sometimes looked down upon, the women said, because big companies do not want them to offer quality care at a lesser cost. Becoming a caregiver is appealing, Pizzoferrato and Weinick said, because they are offered autonomy, flexibility and more money, with the ability to make their own schedule. Caregivers must be trustworthy and compassionate with a big heart, they said.

It took a year for House Calls Unlimited to officially receive its Connecticut license. The women finally got it, and the business opened its doors, last June. A slow start gave Pizzoferrato and Weinick time to work out the kinks, and catch a lot of things that needed to be changed.

Although the initial need was to give back to the people of Colchester, *House Calls Unlimited* has expanded to include the towns of Bozrah, East Hampton, Marlborough, Glastonbury, Manchester, Wethersfield, Portland and Rocky Hill.

"We've walked into a chaotic situation, and can literally feel the weight lifted when we tell them, 'There's Help,'" Pizzoferrato said. "There is no limit to us, we will try to meet everybody's needs."

As House Calls Unlimited continues to grow, so do Pizzoferrato's and Weinick's future goals. They eventually want to offer 24-hour service, as well as permanent schedules for the senior residences, offering consistency.

"If you don't go into homes and tell people, they don't know these programs exist," Weinick said. "The biggest thing is, we love the idea of generations helping each other, because really, that is community helping community."

So, who you gonna call? Whether interested in the variety of services offered, or becoming a caregiver, House Calls Unlimited can match your needs.

House Calls Unlimited can be reached at 537-6232, or online at www.housecallsunltd.com.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Peter Francis Berwick

Peter Francis Berwick, long-time resident of East Hampton and Portland, died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Jan. 14. Peter was born in Providence, RI, in 1910, to Petronella Martish Borowik and Martin Borowik, who immigrated from Lithuania. The family lived in Seekonk, MA, where he grew up on a farm.

Peter graduated from East Providence High School and worked as Chief Laboratory Technician for the Rhode Island State Department of Agriculture. He took a two-year course in Medical Bacteriology at Brown University. He came to Hartford in 1934 to set up and become the director of the first milk testing laboratory for the CMPA. In this position he started a new program of check testing and troubleshooting for the membership. He supervised quality work on farm milk to insure proper safeguards for the market. This was also the start of the CMPA field service. He worked for CMPA (later known as Yankee Milk Incorporated) for 41 years.

Peter married Ruth Sherman Dow on August 4, 1936. They met on a beach at Arnold's Neck in Apponaug, RI, and were married for 71 years. He was an active member of the East Hampton Congregational Church and active in various youth activities in East Hampton, where his children grew up.

Peter is survived by his wife Ruth; his brother Alfred and sister-in-law Jacqueline of Bedford, MA; two sons and their spouses: Glen and Joan Berwick and Stephen and Karen Berwick; two daughters and their spouses: Helen and David Curylo and Beth and Douglas Sargent. Peter, known as Boomp, also leaves behind loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren of whom he was very proud and numerous nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by three sisters and two brothers.

Peter will always be remembered for his upbeat nature, big heart, and straight forwardness. He was a kind and generous man, loving father and husband, and has left his family with many memories of happy times. He was a great person in all the little ways that make life rich. To quote Dr. Seuss, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." We are smiling because he was part of our lives.

The family is grateful to the staff of Harrington Court in Colchester who worked with Peter on a daily basis to make his time there warm and loving. A private memorial for the family will be held at East Hampton Congregational Church. Memorial donations in Peter's memory may be made to: East Hampton Congregational Church, P.O. Box 237, East Hampton, CT 06424. Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, has care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Portland

Glenda L. Gagnon

Glenda L. (Eddy) Gagnon, 74, of Portland, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 10, in Cromwell. Glenda was born in Middletown on Oct. 9, 1933. She was the daughter of the late Reed and Helen (Caplitcka) Eddy and had lived in Portland for seven years. A UConn alumni, Glenda worked in nursing when she was young and then raised her family in Higganum during which time she was a florist.

She loved the beach and enjoyed going to Hammonasset State Park and sitting in her sand chair at the edge of the water while reading a book or just relaxing. She was a woman who sacrificed a lot for the ones she loved and her only regret was not being able to do more. Glenda loved listening to Italian opera singer Andrea Bocelli even though it made her cry and also enjoyed going out to eat, especially to a place where they make a fine sombrero drink.

She is survived by her husband, Donald R. Gagnon of Guilford; two sons, David Gagnon and his lifetime partner Dianna of Guilford; Daniel Gagnon and his fiancée June of Killingworth; two daughters, Julie Gagnon of Branford, Aimee Gagnon and her fiancée John of Rocky Hill; one grandson, Xavier Gagnon of Florida; four sisters, Carole Brault and her husband Larry of Higganum, Joan Strom and her husband Paul of Higganum, Sandra Eddy and her partner Ernest of Ledyard, Fern Skoog and her husband Ron of Barefoot Bay, FL; one brother, Reed Eddy II of Barefoot Bay, FL, and many nieces and nephews, who will miss her dearly. She also leaves behind friend and neighbor, Terence (Irish) Herbert of Portland, who will miss bringing her the newspaper every day.

Memorial services and interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at the website of www.doolittlefuneralservice.com. Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church St., Middletown, is in charge of arrangements.

Colchester

Thomas A. Miele Sr.

Thomas A. Miele, Sr., 93, of Colchester, formerly of Niantic, Newington, Hartford and Hoboken, NJ, husband of the late Jennie (Tommasino) Miele died Tuesday, Jan. 15, at a local convalescent home. Born in Sessa Aurunca, province of Caserta, Italy, he was the son of the late Gennaro and Rosa (Forte) Miele and lived in the Greater Hartford area for most of his life. He retired in 1979 from the City of Hartford Parks and Recreation Dept. after 22 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Moose Club, South End Seniors, the South End Club, the Italian American Home, the Barry Square Seniors and the International Longshoremen's Association.

He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas A. Miele, Jr. and Denise Miele of Newington, Gennaro and Donna Miele of Niantic, and Anthony and Susan Miele of Greensburg, PA; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rose Tine of East Hartford and Jeanne and Roger Fugate of Berlin; a stepdaughter, Nina Emden of Wilmington, NC, and a stepson Peter and his wife Joanne DiResta of Niantic; 18 grandchildren: Jason, Jennifer, Michael, Justin, Anthony, Jr., Jordan and Brandon Miele, Letitia Hedstrom, Jaime Willey, Joseph Tine, Lorraine Thompson, Jodie Koch, Christie Tine, Christine Duffy, Donald Emden, Karen Niemczyk, Kristie Leff and Peter DiResta, Jr.; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Anna and Jennie Miele of Hartford, and a brother and sister-in-law, Anthony and Josephine Miele of Wethersfield. He was predeceased by a son-in-law, Donald Emden and a grandson, William Emden.

The funeral is Saturday, Jan. 19, at 9:15 a.m. from the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Augustine's Church, Hartford. Burial with full military honors will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. The family will receive relatives and friends today, Friday, Jan. 18, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. For online expressions of sympathy visit www.desopo.com.

Colchester

Milton Pember

Milton Pember, 86, of Colchester and formerly of Lebanon, beloved husband of Irene (Pain) Pember, passed away Wednesday morning, Jan. 16, at the Wm. W. Backus Hospital in Norwich.

Born March 10, 1921 in Plainfield, he was a son of the late Andrew and Marion (Weeks) Pember. In August of 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps as an Aircraft Mechanic, and proudly served for 25 years before his retirement from the Air Force as Master Sergeant in 1967. His decorated service spanned World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

In addition to his loving wife of 64 years, he is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Marie of Willimantic and Glenn and Donna of Bowie, MD; four grandchildren, Seth, Michael, Michelle and Irene; two great grandsons; a sister, Ruth Lowe of Peterborough, NH; and numerous extended family members and friends. He was predeceased by a son, Mark.

Friends may call today, Friday, Jan. 18, from 6-8 p.m., at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. Burial in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown, will be private.



East Hampton Police News

12/28 — Nicholas J. Danbury, 28, of 3 Valli Dr., was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and failure to obey a stop sign, East Hampton Police say.

1/2 — Walter G. Johnson Jr., 58, of 315 Sir Walter Dr., Cheshire, was issued a ticket for using a hand-held cell phone while operating a vehicle, police say.

1/2 — Joseph Epstein, 18, of 802 Lake Vista Dr., was arrested for traveling too fast and having no insurance, police say.

1/2 — Robert T. Rudnick, 52, of 10 Forest St., was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol, failure to drive right, turns restricted and operating without a license, police say.

1/4 — William M. Depietro, 44, of 26 Colchester Ave., was arrested for disorderly conduct and interfering with an officer, police say.

1/5 — Joseph Stankiewicz, 38, of 240 Lebanon Ave., Colchester, was arrested pursuant to a warrant for the charge of second-degree larceny, police report.

1/6 — John D. Howard, 44, of 40 Stevenson Rd., was arrested for operating under suspension and failure to drive right, police say.

1/6 — Jacqueline A. Maynard, 43, of 66½ Line St., Manchester, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of issuing a bad check and sixth-degree larceny, police say.

1/6 — Kahreen Jeremy Gumbs, 23, of 14 Brookhill Dr., was arrested pursuant to three warrants on the following charges: Possession of marijuana, four charges of second-degree failure to appear, unreasonable speed, two charges of operating under suspension, and not wearing a seatbelt, police say.

1/7 — Kimberly A. Szpiruk, 22, of 75 Oak St., Manchester, was arrested pursuant to a warrant for third-degree burglary, third-degree conspiracy to commit burglary, third-degree

larceny and third-degree conspiracy to commit larceny, police report.

1/7 — Kathleen M. McGuigan, 27, of 82 Main St., was issued a ticket for failure to obey a stop sign, police say.

1/8 — Richard Larson, 42, of 25 North Main St., was issued a ticket for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, police say.

1/8 — Peter F. Davila, 22, of 18 Woodland St., Manchester, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on the following charges: third-degree burglary, third-degree conspiracy to commit burglary, second-degree larceny, second-degree conspiracy to commit larceny, credit card theft and receipt of money, goods or services obtained by illegal use of a credit card, police say.

1/8 — Michelle L. Rose, 37, of 67 Flanders Rd., was arrested pursuant to a court-ordered warrant on charges of operating/towing an unregistered motor vehicle, no reflective plate, operating under suspension and second-degree failure to appear, police say.

1/8 — Rosette Sankner, 57, of 29 Crest Dr., Cromwell, was arrested pursuant to two warrants on the following charges: Sixteen counts of second-degree forgery, first-degree larceny, second-degree larceny and second-degree forgery, police say.

1/10 — Leon Naud, 43, of 13 Long Crossing Rd., was arrested pursuant to a warrant for failure to appear and operating of a motor vehicle under suspension, police say.

1/10 — A 17-year-old female juvenile was arrested pursuant to a warrant for first-degree criminal mischief, police report.

1/11 — James E. Eckstein, 44, of 167 South Main St., Middletown, was arrested for failure to drive right and operating under the influence of alcohol, police say.

1/13 — Samuel R. Flora Jr., 72, of 4A Sunrise Rd., Westport, was issued a ticket for improper passing, police say.