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Clowns "Itsy Bitsy," left, and "Nic-Nac," right, paid a visit to St. Joseph Living Center in Windham earlier this week. The two are part of the Caring Clown Ministry at Church of the Holy Family in Hebron. The clowns are shown with St. Joseph resident Leslie Macdonald.

Hebron Clowns Help Area Elderly

by Lindsay Fetzner

Residents of St. Joseph Living Center in Windham had two special guests return this past Monday. Adorned in red noses and painted faces, Nic-Nac and Itsy Bitsy were warmly welcomed.

The Church of the Holy Family is home to the Caring Clown Ministry. The clowns regularly visit nursing homes around the state, providing entertainment for everyone.

Nicole Bernier, who goes by "Nic-Nac" when dressed up, initiated the ministry at the church. Last August, the church had its first gathering to bless the ministry, Pastor Michael Smith said.

Bernier started making regular visits to St. Joseph Living Center and Windham Hospital in January 2008. Her inspiration for the ministry was her father, who spent several months at St. Joseph's for rehabilitation.

"They were so good to him," Bernier said. "It is my way to give back and I've always wanted to do it."

Bernier, a resident of Columbia, is the music director at the Church of the Holy Family and is also in charge of training the other clown volunteers. Currently, there are six clowns, including Bernier, who cover nursing homes, visiting approximately once a month. As people are becoming more aware of the ministry, more

are showing interest in becoming involved, Smith said.

"I've seen Nicole in action," he said. "People laugh and enjoy the colors and atmosphere created by the clowns."

Laughter, Smith said, is one of the best ways to heal. Bernier's approach is another way for "human touch and communication," Smith said.

This week, "Nic-Nac" was accompanied by "Itsy Bitsy," otherwise known as Linda Boothroyd, a resident of Bolton and also a member of the Church of the Holy Family. Boothroyd retired six months ago and wanted to do something unique with her time. After reading a description of the ministry in the church bulletin, she decided to begin training. Monday was the second training session for "Itsy Bitsy," whom Bernier called "a natural."

"The people just love the clowns," she said. "And laughter is so good for the body and soul."

As was the case with Bernier, Boothroyd's father was also placed in a nursing home. The nursing home had nothing like this, she said, and knows how long the days can be. Carole Larned, daughter of resident Anna Olson, from Mansfield, said her mother appreciates anything that breaks up the monotony. Regina Szczurek,

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Colchester PZC Eyeing Big-Box Proposal

by Katy Nally

With the public hearing on the project closed, the Colchester Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) is expected to begin deliberations next week on a proposed big-box development in town.

The proposal calls for a 253,000-sq. ft. development that includes an anchor big-box store, six satellite shops, a proposed bank and 1,021 parking spaces, Zoning Enforcement Officer Craig Grimord said. The applicant, Colchester Realty LLC, would construct the buildings on about 72 acres of commercially-zoned land in between Parum Road and Chestnut Hill Road, next to Route 2 eastbound. The wetlands near Chestnut Hill Road will not be developed as of now, Grimord said Monday.

Tenants for the buildings have not yet been decided, Grimord said.

The public hearing on the project was closed last Wednesday, Jan. 6, and the PZC will enter its deliberation phase at its Jan. 20 meeting. PZC members did not know if a vote on the project would be held that night or at a later date.

If the description of this project sounds familiar to some residents, that's because PZC first approved them back in 2002. Several months after it was approved, resident John Fedus and his family sued the PZC, claiming the commission acted illegally by going against its own regulations. Fedus lives across the street from the proposed site on Fedus Road and his

family has operated a hay farm on the property for over 100 years.

In 2002, the case went to the Norwich Superior Court, and Fedus lost. He later appealed the decision at the Appellate Court in 2004, and the case was picked up by the state Supreme Court. In 2006, the Supreme Court published its decision to reverse the Superior Court's ruling.

However, when the case was sent back to Norwich Superior Court in 2007, Fedus lost his case. He appealed again and, according to published decision, the Appellate Court sided with Fedus on several aspects regarding the regulations.

To accommodate the latest Appellate Court decision, the town amended its planning and zoning regulations in July of 2009.

Grimord explained there was a "catch 22" when it came to getting approval for development plans from state, federal and town agencies. With the original regulations, the applicant needed approval from some state and federal agencies before plans could be approved by the town. However, some of those state and federal agencies couldn't endorse the plans without the town's approval, Grimord said.

The regulations were changed so that state and federal approval wouldn't stonewall development, but the agencies' endorsement is required before building can start.

The second change was made to the approval

of drainage pipes. Grimord said the old regulations required a reinforced concrete pipe for drainage, but in practice, substitutions were allowed with approval of the town engineer. With the Appellate Court's decision, the regulations were changed to allow these substitutions at the town engineer's discretion.

Referring to the drainage pipe issue, Fedus said Tuesday that just because something is common practice, doesn't make it legally acceptable. "All these years they were not following their own regulations," he added.

Grimord said, "We feel we've addressed the questions the courts have raised."

The Appellate Court published its latest decision on the case in March 2009. Since then, the PZC has essentially picked up where it left off with the big-box plans.

Lewis Wise, attorney for Colchester Realty LLC, said Tuesday, "the site plan is virtually identical to the 2002 site plan."

Although the regulations have since been amended and plans are pretty much the same, Fedus still raised concerns at the Dec. 16 PZC meeting. He spoke for over half an hour about how the plans violated the town's regulations.

"He's not in favor of the application no matter what," Grimord said of Fedus. "He's kind of rehashing some old concerns."

On Monday, Fedus listed some of his claims including how the traffic study on the proposed site did not include Fedus Road. He said Fedus

Road would be an area of concern because it would be a major right-turn lane into the plaza.

"There is a problem with Fedus Road, so what do you do? Leave it out," Fedus said Monday. "Just leave it out and there's no problem."

However, Grimord and Wise both said Fedus Road had not been left out of the traffic study. Grimord said there was a state traffic study that looked at Fedus Road and will examine the traffic during construction and after the development is complete.

When asked if he thought there would be any future traffic problems on Fedus Road, Wise replied, "none whatsoever."

Secondly, Fedus had concerns about the potential runoff from the new structure. He said "everything that drains will end up on our property." He added the runoff would ultimately end up in Cabin Brook, which feeds Colchester wells. The brook begins on the Ruby Cohen property, crosses Fedus' farm then moves to the intersection of Route 85 and Lake Hayward Road.

Fedus said Tuesday he is concerned with erosion, the cleanliness of the runoff and whether the brook can handle more flow.

But, when asked about the runoff issue, Grimord said there would be no significant increase or decrease in the amount of water leaving the site. He said when there is a storm the development would control, detain then release

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“Itsy Bitsy” and “Nic-Nac” also visited with St. Joseph resident Anna Olson and, in rear, Mansfield resident Carole Larned, Olson’s daughter.

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a resident of St. Joseph, said she too looks forward to the clowns visiting because they have a knack for cheering her up.

Bernier has been a clown for 20 years on and off, where she provided entertainment at various functions including birthday parties. Her two daughters also accompanied her when they were young to the events and came up with the name “Nic-Nac” as children.

Diane Cordes, therapeutic recreation supervisor at St. Joseph Living Center, described Bernier as a “gentle, tenderhearted woman.” She commended Bernier for having the instinctive quality of sensing what people need at the moment.

“The whole reason she does what she does is because she loves people,” Cordes said. “We all love her. She is such a blessing.”

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the water from the site. Grimord stressed Fedus’ claim about runoff was already thrown out in the original appeal.

“Those concerns are completely without merit,” Wise said Tuesday.

After years of court battles, Fedus said he just wishes the project would abide by the town’s regulations. “Just follow the regulations

as written,” he said. “That’s all anyone in town can ask for.”

Aside from Fedus and his family, Wise said the project has encountered “very little opposition.” Instead, he said “the community is anxious to see this development built.”

The Jan. 20 PZC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

Colchester BOS Hear Updates from Various Directors

by Katy Nally

At a meeting last Thursday, Jan. 7, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) agreed to move forward with the concept of joining a library consortium, listened to new ideas on how to advertise for local businesses and approved two part-time grant-funded positions for Youth Services.

The meeting was also the last BOS meeting for Mike Caplet, the executive assistant to the first selectman. Sylvia Miller, Pam Scheibein’s replacement, also made her debut appearance at the BOS meeting.

Before town employees began their presentations, the BOS unanimously agreed to appoint former first selectman Linda Hodge to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC). Hodge said Wednesday she chose the PZC because “it’s a commission where their decisions play a large part in the Colchester future. I joined because I live in Colchester and I want to be involved.”

After appointments, the Cragin Memorial Library Director Kate Byroade kicked off the presentations from town employees by telling selectmen how Cragin was poised to enter into a library consortium, a nonprofit organization that provides a shared library network.

Byroade said Colchester was in a prime spot in Connecticut because three of its neighboring towns are linked to three different consortia: Bibliomation, Library Connection and Libraries Online, Inc. (LION). All three consortia are networks that provide members with interlibrary loan services, technology support and new software.

Normally, joining a consortium would cost about \$30,000, but Byroade said Cragin was offered membership at a discounted rate of \$10,000. After the meeting, Byroade was hesitant to share details because the reduced offer is still in its contract phase. However, the director did tell selectmen the \$10,000 could be found in the library’s existing budget.

Byroade said the library’s current system is

failing on a monthly basis. She said her staff spends about 15 to 26 hours per month fixing Cragin’s system, which adds up to five to nine lost work weeks per year. Furthermore, when the system fails, Byroade said new items cannot be scanned right away so the staff wastes time manually recording bar code numbers from each item. “It’s a very clunky situation we’re in,” Byroade said.

With the new system, these problems would be avoided and staff time would not be consumed with fixing the network. Byroade called the consortium a “time-tested module for sharing library system services,” and said the Library Board of Trustees was already on board.

Mary Ellen Mahoney, director of the Library Board of Trustees, said at the meeting, “I’m really thrilled [Byroade] came up with a cost-effective solution.”

“I think it makes all the sense in the world to go forward,” selectman Stan Soby said.

After Byroade, Jay Cohen, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, spoke to selectmen about a new advertising technique. He said local businesses that already advertise in the quarterly Parks and Recreation brochure will now have the option to attach a logo to e-mails sent out by the department. Cohen said Monday these logos would reach over 2,000 people who have signed up for the e-mail listings. He said the notices go out about three times per week and inform subscribers about anything from program cancellations to new classes.

“I think people will be interested in reaching this audience,” Cohen said Monday. Cohen said Colchester was the only town he knew of that offered this type of advertising through a Parks and Recreation Department.

The BOS certainly seemed on board with Cohen’s proposal at last Thursday’s meeting. Several selectmen said anything that would increase the town’s revenue was a welcome

option.

According to Cohen, revenue collected through the e-mail advertisements will go to the Parks and Recreation Department program fund. This account supplies all the department’s classes and provides financial aid for kids in summer camp. “It’s a win-win,” Cohen said Monday.

After Cohen, another director, Val Geato of Youth Services, spoke to the BOS about two part-time grant-funded positions. She explained Monday both employees would work at the youth center on Friday nights, but one would also work for the C4 program.

Geato said the C4 program links students from grades six through 12 with police officers from the Colchester Police Department. Together, the crew gives back to Colchester through providing social services like its recent holiday party at the homeless shelter.

“The goal is to increase the opportunity of youth and police to build relationships through a variety of community services activities,” Geato said Monday.

After Geato’s presentation, the BOS unanimously approved the two positions.

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The BOS agreed to send a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the stream flow regulations, which were discussed at the last board meeting by Mark Decker, director of Public Works.

At the Dec. 17 meeting, Decker urged town officials to provide testimony for a DEP public hearing to be held on Jan. 21. He stressed the economic impact the new regulations could have on Colchester.

In the letter to the DEP, First Selectman Gregg Schuster recommended the department “take the time to meet with other state agencies, the business community and municipalities to fully assess the impact of the regulations on our public water supplies and on the state’s

economic recovery.”

The letter said the regulations as drafted do not strike a balance between protecting the environment and providing for the economic development needs of Colchester. Schuster went on to write, bringing in new business, which is already challenging, could be made worse with regulations that “bring into question whether the town will have sufficient water supplies to support business growth.”

After the BOS agreed to endorse the letter, Schuster mentioned in his first selectman report anonymous mailings regarding the DEP stream flow regulations had been sent to several town officials. The *Rivereast* also received the package, which was signed by a “Tim Healy.” Schuster said other similar letters have been signed as “Carl Hammer.” Phone records indicate there are no Colchester residents with these names and Decker said last Wednesday they are probably pseudonyms.

Included in the mailings were photos of cars supposedly from a local auto body shop and the mailer wrote, “every time it rains, the oils, contaminants and toxic waste flow to the nearest catch basin.” However, Decker said he spoke with the auto body shop which said the undated photos were taken in 2001. According to Decker, the shop also said it has its necessary permits from the DEP to operate as an auto body shop.

Schuster said Monday the mailer’s claim is being investigated by the town’s Zoning Enforcement Officer Craig Grimord, which is standard procedure with any claim of violation.

Decker and Schuster said these mailings were similar to some they received several years ago. They were all non-threatening but were still reported to Resident Trooper Supervisor Sgt. John Thompson. “It’s a little interesting, to say the least,” Schuster said about the packets.

The next BOS meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 21, at Town Hall.

Hundreds Turn Out at RHAM to Honor Late Band Director

by Lindsay Fetzner

The halls of RHAM High School were flooded last Sunday, Jan. 10, as hundreds came out to honor Timothy Ketterer Sr., the school's late high school band director.

Jim Mirakian, vocal director at RHAM, provided the introduction, referring to Ketterer as a teacher, colleague, friend and father. The program included music from the brass quintet and RHAM drum cadence as well as pictures, videos and personal eulogies. Each attendee was given a yellow ribbon to wear to the left of their heart to pay tribute to Ketterer, who passed away at age 55 on Nov. 20, 2009.

Several people spoke of their memories of Ketterer and how he impacted their lives. Among those was Joseph Fleming, who was responsible for hiring Ketterer at Bolton High School in 1982, when he served as principal.

When a position in the school's music department opened, the superintendent asked Fleming to present three candidates for consideration, Fleming said. Despite the request, Fleming presented only one. Fleming had already interviewed Ketterer for the position and said, "He had 'it,' that special something."

Fleming said Ketterer had the ability to motivate young people and to move them forward. He described Ketterer as a tireless worker, who always put his students first. In light of the success that Ketterer brought to the high school, an addition to the building was put on to allow for all of the students involved in the music department.

"Students attended Bolton High School because of the program," Fleming said.

Ketterer's legacy, Fleming said, was his ability to develop a love for music in so many students, many of which went on to pursue it after high school.

Bacon Academy band director Tom Kessler

also spoke at Sunday's service, and called Ketterer the "emperor of a kingdom" in Bolton.

"Music and band chose him and he embraced it," Kessler said.

Ketterer was a member of the Bolton High School faculty until 2002, when he was started at RHAM High School.

Both of Ketterer's children, Timothy Jr. and Sarah, attend Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), and several students at the university came to the memorial to pay their respects.

"Tim Jr. is one of the strongest kids I know," Cory Labreck, a member of the drumline at CCSU with Ketterer's son, said before the service. "They (Timothy Jr. and Sarah) are two of the best kids you would ever meet."

Derik Muller, a resident of Tolland and 1997 graduate of Bolton High School, was a student of Ketterer's for four years while in the band. Before the ceremony, Muller said his fondest memory of Ketterer was when he accidentally broke Ketterer's prized baton in half. When Ketterer eventually found the broken baton, he asked for the student who had broken it to come forward. Eventually, Muller confessed and met with Ketterer in his office.

"I thought he was going to throw the book at me, but he didn't," Muller said. "Instead, he told me he was glad I had the courage to come forward."

Muller said he will always remember the way Ketterer reacted to his mistake, reflecting Ketterer's true colors and kind heart.

Mirakian said he was extremely pleased with the turnout for the ceremony and the speakers who shared their memories of Ketterer, proving that he was far from "just a music teacher."

RHAM High School Principal Scott Leslie said the service was "spectacular" and he was happy to see the significant amount of people who attended from all aspects of Ketterer's life



Hundreds showed up at RHAM last Sunday for a memorial honoring late band director Timothy Ketterer Sr. Displays were set up outside the auditorium at RHAM, showing pictures of Ketterer as well as various awards and plaques the band received during his time at both RHAM and at Bolton High School.

— friends, family, former students, residents of Bolton, and students at CCSU and RHAM High School, to name a few. Despite it being a memorial, there were flashes of humor during the service, which, Leslie said, were very reflective of Ketterer's own sense of humor.

Zach Bray, a 2006 graduate of RHAM High School, was part of the school band for three

years, and Ketterer served as his teacher. Bray said Ketterer pushed him to do things he wouldn't have otherwise done and wanted the best for all of his students. He also felt that Ketterer's sense of humor was one of his notable characteristics.

"If he were in the audience, he would have been very touched," Leslie said.

Marlborough Selectmen Approve Background Checks

by Katy Nally

At an unusually short Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting on Tuesday, officials spent most of the time discussing background checks, which will be issued through the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Charter Revision Commission and the resignation of a RHAM Board of Education member were also addressed.

The meeting began with a presentation on background checks from Parks and Recreation Director Rick Audet. He stressed that the checks were not prompted by any incident or individual, but that it was recommended by the National Recreation and Parks Association. "It's an accepted industry standard," he said.

These background checks would only be given to independent contractors and volunteers, many of whom are program instructors. Audet said Wednesday his department runs about 30 programs per season and instructors lead between one and five courses per year.

During his presentation, Audet said many of

the Parks and Recreation programs have participants who are seniors or children. "We want to know who we're bringing on board to work with these populations," he said.

The group of independent contractors includes a subset of seasonal employees. Audet told selectmen the Parks and Recreation general fund would finance the background checks for seasonal employees and volunteers, but all other independent contractors would have to pay for their check. In total, the town would pay for about 26 background checks, at approximately \$20 to \$34 a piece.

"Seasonal employees" includes people like lifeguards and camp counselors, Audet said. However, junior counselors would not be evaluated because they are supervised by senior staff.

In the background check, Audet said a person's national and state criminal history is reviewed, their identity is verified and the sex offender registry is checked. The evaluations would occur every other year.

After Audet's presentation the BOS approved the new process for these background checks.

"I think we have to move forward with it," Selectman Joe La Bella said. "It's just the reality." He later added these types of evaluations are becoming a common trend throughout the country.

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Selectmen also discussed the Charter Review Commission (CRC). First Selectman Bill Black said Tuesday no new candidates have come forward but he anticipates the Democratic Town Committee chair, Shawn Fisher, will recommend one or two more people soon.

At the Nov. 17 BOS meeting, selectmen discussed the nominations of three democrats and four republicans. The Democrats were Board of Education (BOE) Chairwoman Betty O'Brien, Maria Grove, former chair of the school board, and Dennis Hawrylko, a former selectman and former first selectman. The Republicans were tax collector Barbara Murray, Board of Finance alternate Pasquale Amodeo, Midge Denno from the Commission on Aging and resident David Durel, who is not affiliated with a town board or commission.

The CRC must be established by the end of February for a reform question to appear on the November 2011 ballot. The commission will have 18 months to review the charter and propose changes.

Lastly, the BOS talked about a potential replacement for Joe Farrell, who is moving to California and recently stepped down from the RHAM BOE. Black thanked Farrell, who was not present, "for being with us for many years." Farrell was on the board from 2001 to 2007.

Then, selectmen approved the nomination of Dieter Zimmer to fill the vacancy. Zimmer had been on the RHAM BOE for 20 years but his last term ended just over one month ago, on Dec. 1. He said Wednesday he is happy to re-join the board.

The selectmen appeared excited to have an experienced member fill the vacancy. "He'll hit the ground running," Black said.

The next BOS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 26 North Main St.

Hebron Selectmen Continuing Search for Town Manager

by Lindsay Fetzner

At a meeting last week, Board of Selectmen (BOS) Chairman Jeff Watt said a "considerable" amount of applicants have expressed interest in the vacant town manager position.

The vacancy was one of several items the board discussed at its Jan. 7 meeting.

Watt told his fellow selectmen there have been a total of 67 candidates for the position. He said telephone interviews have been completed and the last of the resumes have come in. By the end of the month, three candidates will be selected to go through the second round of interviews, Watt said.

"We are feeling very comfortable to go into the next step of selecting three people," Watt said.

Also at the meeting, an executive session was held to discuss the possible land acquisition of property at the intersection of Kinney Road and Church Street. Watt said the board directed Andrew Tierney, interim town manager, and Michael O'Leary, town planner, to begin negotiations.

"We have felt based upon what the Open Space/Land Acquisition had indicated to us that it was a very important piece of the puzzle for

open space for the town," Watt said Monday.

According to Watt, the ultimate goal was to see if both O'Leary and Tierney could come to an agreement on price for the piece of property.

Also at the BOS meeting, Tierney offered an update on the Chatham Health District septic system inspection. This matter will continue to be on future BOS meeting agendas, Tierney said, as it is an ongoing process. A recently-received press release from the Chatham Health District will be available to the public on the town website (www.hebronct.com) for further information on the matter, in hopes of keeping residents informed. Included will be the specifics — the reason for the inspections and where the collected money will be directed. Tierney said if residents have had their septic systems pumped already but the town does not have documentation, they should bring proof to the town.

Building Official Joe Summers provided the board with an update of the municipal facilities study. A draft was completed by Summers and Randy Blais, outlining the facilities that are in need of improvements. Summers said the Public Works facility is rundown and the struc-

tures are nearing the end of their life. Special attention was paid to the Public Works garage, cold storage facility and dog kennel.

"With more snowplows, more vehicles and more equipment, it (the garage) is a little inefficient with the size of the department," Summer said.

The garage is used for all repairs and maintenance for town vehicles, according to the study draft, and only has one maintenance bay, which does not have a lift. The dog kennel, attached to the cold storage building, currently has a rotting roof that is in need of repair. Currently, the kennel does not meet size requirements mandated by the state, Summers said, but, due to the age of the kennel, the facility is grandfathered. However, if any changes are made to the kennel, Summers said, compliance with the requirements would have to be met, which might force the construction of a new kennel. Summers said one of the next steps is to get a consultant to look at the buildings discussed on the draft to get a better handle of the amount of money that will be necessary for the improvements and how it could be worked into the budget.

Five appointments were approved at last week's meeting as well. Randy Pickford, serving as WPCA representative, and Fred Speno, serving as fire department representative, will serve a two-year term on the CIP committee. The Open Space/Land Acquisition Committee has two new additions with Claudia Natorski serving on the Parks and Recreation and Mal Leichter on the Board of Finance. Lynn Guerriero was appointed to the Board of Finance (BOF) and will be replacing Dan Larson, now a member of the Board of Selectmen.

A resident of Hebron for 22 years, Guerriero has a background in finance and education. She said it will be "tough to fill Larson's shoes," but feels that she is qualified to undertake the responsibilities as a member of the BOF.

"I have the skill set that is necessary," Guerriero said. "And it's a good time to step up to the plate," alluding to the economically challenging past three years the town has experienced.

The next meeting of the BOS will be on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office building, 15 Gilead St.

Troy Returns Home in Hebron to Shoot Another Film

by Lindsay Fetzner

Matthew Troy has again chosen his hometown for the set of a short film he's making, titled *Frequent Flyers*.

Troy has been a volunteer firefighter in town for two years and an EMT for four years, recalling on his personal experiences as the inspiration for the short film. *Frequent Flyers* is a collection of emergency scenes based on actual events that portray the trials and tribulations of a paramedic and EMT student.

Troy, a senior at New York University (NYU), is both the writer and director of *Frequent Flyers*. His sister, Jessica Troy, assisted with the script, a collaboration Troy called "fun and exciting." While studying abroad in Prague in 2007, Troy came up with the early ideas for the film. During the summer of 2008, he completed his first draft of the script.

Filming for *Frequent Flyers* took place in town this week, and will wrap up Sunday, Jan. 17. Caitlyn Coady, a student at NYU and producer of the film, is optimistic the filming will be very successful.

"Matt has been trying to tell this story for two years now," she said. "And everything is coming together, as it always does."

Coady is volunteering her time to help with Troy's senior thesis film and said the NYU community is very helpful when it comes to assisting each other in the filming and production of the student films. Members of the Hebron volunteer fire department were also on set to film the various emergency scenes and offer their assistance.

"Matt is a great EMT and loves to volunteer," said Bill Schappert, a Hebron volunteer firefighter and EMT. "He's got the volunteer bug."

Troy was able to receive grants and donated film from Kodak to help with filming costs. Donations from personal fundraisers and loans

from friends and family were also sources. Troy plans on teaching CPR in exchange for donations to pay off the loans.

"It is nice to give back to the community and raise money for the film at the same time," Troy said.

The first film Troy completed as a student at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts was *The Siren Song Volunteer*, finished in 2006, which was largely based around fire fighting. He has written and directed a total of three films, averaging one per year, Troy said. In November, he put the final touches on *Testimonies of a Quiet New England Town: The Film*, which was positively received by the Hebron community.

The Hebron Historical Society (HHS) received a grant to produce *Testimonies*, according to HHS President and film producer Donna McCalla, and was a process that took her roughly three years to complete. The film portrayed the real-life story of the rescue and return of a local slave family, performed by the town of Hebron, Troy said. The curriculum materials associated with the story of the 1787 seizure of Cesar and Louis Peters have been received by over 700 local teachers, McCalla said. The materials emphasize strong writing, listening, debate and math skills, McCalla said, and added the materials "have had a massive effect" on students.

"It was a great project," McCalla said of the film.

A screening of *Testimonies* was held at RHAM High School last September. Troy said the turnout was "remarkable" and exceeded all of his expectations, with approximately 500 to 700 attendees.

"It was a really major event knowing he was a former student," RHAM High School Principal Scott Leslie said of last September's premiere. He added, "It's great that he is back film-



Hebron resident Matt Troy is shooting a short movie, *Frequent Flyers*, in town this week. On Monday, Troy was at John Horton Boulevard, filming a scene featuring Hebron volunteer firefighters and EMTs as extras. Here, preparing for a scene, are firefighter and EMT Bill Schappert and, wearing a neck brace, NYU Bailey Carr, an actress in the film.

ing and we are so proud he has gone on to do this."

McCalla said Troy is a very talented, energetic man with a bright future ahead of him. She has no doubt his new film will be as successful as the last.

"I am sure he will do a great job," McCalla said.

Troy credits the town of Hebron as a significant source of support. He hopes his films will

open people's eyes to the potential that Connecticut has for film production, an industry he thinks is worth pursuing for economic development. Troy expressed interest in staying on the East Coast, saying it has the "potential to become a big filmmaker."

As for the future, Troy's dream is to become a motion picture filmmaker. He credits his parents "follow the dream attitude" and constant encouragement for his successes.

East Hampton to Dust Off Charter

by Michael McCoy

This week, the Town Council voted to update the Town Charter for the first time in 22 years.

Through two resolutions, the council voted to move forward with the charter revision process, which is fairly rigidly prescribed by the state.

The first resolution was effectively to begin the process, as well as declare that the Charter Revision Commission (CRC) be composed of five members. The last point sparked debate.

"It seems that this is signed, sealed, delivered, and this is the first time I'm seeing this," said Sue Weintraub. Weintraub said she felt seven was a more appropriate number for the commission's capacity, as did fellow councilman Barbara Moore.

"I think we're shortchanging what this community can give to us," she said.

But Bill Devine said, "I think too many cooks spoil the broth," and said seven people can get confusing.

Referring to the council, Weintraub asked, "Is this seven here confusing?"

"Yes, sometimes it is," Devine responded.

Council member John Tuttle said, "We're not talking about going from a town council to a mayor," suggesting that the commission's charge would not include sweeping changes, a sentiment Town Council Chairwoman Melissa Engel concurred with. "We're not looking at changing the world here," she said.

But Weintraub held, "This is the constitution of our town."

The council voted for the resolution 4-2;

Moore and Weintraub dissented.

Next the council voted 6-0, adopting a resolution giving the commission nine recommendations of focus and naming the members. The members are Engel, Tuttle, Republican Town Committee Chairman David Balthazar, former Economic Development Commission Chairman Julie Ciucias and former state representative Terry Concannon.

"They're all thoughtful people who are interested in town government," Engel said.

The recommendations of focus areas include, most notably, considering staggering Town Council terms, as well as expanding them from two to four years. Also included was possibly mandating that not only the town manager (as it stands now) but also the public works director, the chief of police and the town emergency management director live in town or "within some acceptable radius" of the town.

Perhaps the second biggest recommendation was considering changing procedure so that the Town Council adopts a budget after it has failed at two referenda. In 2006, the budget notoriously took five referenda to pass.

The recommendations also addressed the post-election Town Council organizational meeting, more clearly defining the process of petitioning the town, clarifying the process by which the Board of Finance reviews requests for additional appropriations, and vacancy appointments to elected board.

The CRC must submit a draft report by April 30. During a preliminary meeting on Feb. 10, the commission will set the first public hearing date.

Portland Resident On Bus for Fatal Crash

by Michael McCoy

Last weekend's bus accident on Interstate 84 in Hartford, which resulted in the death of a Rocky Hill resident, also left a Portland boy injured, according to state police.

According to a press release from state police, the accident happened around 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9. Students from the Greater Hartford Academy of Math and Science were en route to a robotics competition at Farmington High School. The bus was heading west on Interstate 84 when it collided with another vehicle near exit 46. The bus penetrated a guardrail and landed at the bottom

of an embankment.

Vikas Parikh, 16, of Rocky Hill was killed in the accident, police said, and at least four students were injured.

The lone Portland passenger was Russell Weeks, 14, whose injuries were listed by police as "non-incapacitating." He was taken to the UConn Medical Center by ambulance, police said.

Though the Weeks family said it was not prepared to speak to the press this week, Russell's mother Cynthia said he had returned to school.

Police Investigating Theft from Hebron Church

by Lindsay Fetzner

A surveillance camera, multiple bags of food and a donation box located near an entryway were among the items taken from the Church of the Holy Family last week, according to State Police.

Another video surveillance camera recording revealed a woman, approximately 5'10" and weighing 300 pounds, was seen taking the items from the church, State Police said. The woman was described as wearing a hooded sweatshirt of blue/green color, a white shirt with colored spots and pink pants, State Police reported. She also had a cane in hand and no vehicle at the time the items were taken. State Police reported the incident to have occurred between Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 10:30 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 7, at 1:30 a.m.

The church has not had many problems like this in the past, Pastor Michael Smith said, but it has experienced some things out of place or going missing. Nicole Bernier, the church's music director, has seen a lot of candy disappear that she regularly distributes to members of the youth choir. Other items such as a decorative Kleenex box given as a gift and baskets have been taken. Ironically, Bernier made a sign reading "don't take what doesn't belong to you." That too went missing.

"It's just not right," Bernier said. "And it's weird when you know people are going

through your stuff."

Every holiday season, the church puts up a giving tree. Tags are hung on the branches listing items that members in the community are in need of. Wrapped and unwrapped gifts people donated were placed under the tree. Bernier said these gifts were also taken as well.

The surveillance camera is estimated to be worth \$100, Bernier said. The value of the donations and giving tree gifts are unknown, as many of them were wrapped, but Bernier believes it was a "decent amount" that the church lost.

The main concern is that the person came to the church during off-hours, Smith said. After entering the church, the individual was seen on the surveillance video turning on the lights, shortly before the items were taken.

"We hope to have a chance to find out who it is," Smith said. "We know of an individual and are trying to figure out who did it."

Bernier said she is taking precautions in case an incident similar to last week's occurs again. She is making it a point not to leave things out that could be easily taken.

State Police said Wednesday the case is currently open and still under investigation. Anyone with information should contact Hebron Resident State Trooper James Nolting at 860-228-3710.

Colchester Police News

1/6: Shaun Parmelee, 18, of 71 Van Cedarfield Rd., was charged with reckless driving, DUI, traffic violation and public possession of alcohol by a minor, State Police said.

1/7: John Dube, 43, of 634 Hopeville Rd., Lot 21, Jewett City, was charged with DWI and failure to drive in proper lane, State Police said.

1/7: A youth offender was charged with possession of less than four ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, State Police said.

1/7: Michael Tomminello, 49, of 99 Clark Ln., was charged with failure to appear, State Police said.

1/9: Paul Sousa, 42, pf 342 Jones Hollow Rd., Marlborough, was charged with fourth-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor, State Police said.

1/10: At about 3 p.m. there was a three-car

Hebron Police News

1/11: Leah Liebeskind, 22, of 290 Jagger Ln., was charged with DUI, State Police said.

Marlborough Police News

1/9: At 4:22 p.m., there was a two-car accident at the intersection of South Main Street and Route 66 eastbound, State Police said. A 17-year-old from Marlborough was attempting to turn left onto Route 66 when he failed to yield to Kenneth Leslie, of Marlborough, who was traveling northbound on South Main Street, State Police said. Both men were taken to the Marlborough Clinic for minor injuries, according to State Police.

East Hampton Police News

12/31 — Bruce J. Agli Jr., 45, of 34 Terp Rd., was issued a ticket for traveling too fast for conditions, East Hampton Police said.

1/1 — Christopher J. Laurito Jr., 19, of 85 North Main St., was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of breach of peace, third-degree assault, sixth-degree larceny and third-degree robbery, police said.

1/2 — Scott Svalestad, 47, of 24 Mott Hill Rd. and Dean Michelson, 56, of 127 Tartia Rd., were involved in a two-vehicle accident at the intersectin of Lake Drive and Mott Hill Road,

accident at the intersection of Tavern Lane and South Main Street that sent three people to the hospital, State Police said. Dawn Hussey of Colchester was attempting to make a left onto Tavern Lane. Karen McGraw of Lebanon, traveling northbound on South Main Street, stopped behind Hussey, State Police said. The third driver, Marilyn Saltus of Lebanon, was also traveling northbound on South Main Street, when she slammed into McGraw’s 1994 Chevrolet GMT, which hit Hussey’s 2001 Ford Explorer, State Police said. Hussey and McGraw were taken to the Marlborough Clinic via Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department ambulance and Saltus was taken to Backus Hospital. All three were transported for “complaints of pain,” according to State Police. Saltus was issued an infraction for following too close.

Portland Police News

1/5 — Steven Elam, 19, of 126 Middlesex Ave. Ext., was charged with third-degree assault, disorderly conduct and possession of alcohol by a minor, Portland Police said.

1/7 — A 12-year-old male was arrested for breach of peace and criminal attempt to commit third-degree criminal mischief, police said.

1/8 — Nino Simoni, 22, of 8 Coughlin Rd., East Hampton, was charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree robbery, conspiracy to commit sixth-degree larceny and second-degree breach of peace, police said.

1/8 — Jacob Dorflinger, 21, of 62 Abbey Rd., East Hampton, was charged with criminal attempt to commit first-degree robbery, criminal attempt to commit sixth-degree larceny, and second-degree breach of peace, police said.

police said. Svalestad was issued a ticket for traveling too fast for conditions, police added.

1/3 — John Mancino, 61, of 225 Berlin Ave., Stonington, was involved in a one-vehicle accident on Rt. 16, two-tenths of a mile east of Harlan Place, police said. Mancino was issued a ticket for having unsafe tires and failure to drive right, police added.

1/5 — Samuel B. Pach, 20, of 59 Middle Haddam Rd., was issued a ticket for traveling too fast for conditions, police said.

From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

A little more than a year ago in this space, I wrote about NBC’s plan to give Jay Leno a 10 p.m., five-nights-a-week talk show in the fall of 2009, after handing over the reins of *The Tonight Show* to Conan O’Brien. I wasn’t happy with the move.

As things turned out, neither were viewers.

In case you somehow missed the news – and it’s been heavily reported over the past week, so you probably haven’t – NBC has decided to scrap the five-month-old *Jay Leno Show*. In March, after the Olympics are over, the network plans to move Leno back to his old 11:35 p.m. stumping grounds, the caveat being his show will only be half an hour long.

What happens to *The Tonight Show*? NBC would move it to 12:05 a.m. (where of course it will no longer be “tonight”), and shift *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* to 1:05 a.m. (No mention has been made of what would happen to Carson Daly’s show, which currently airs at 1:35 a.m. Maybe it would just quietly fade away...)

Why the big switch, just barely a year after NBC execs proudly touted the prime time Leno show? To put it simply: the ratings stunk. At the time the Leno-to-10 p.m. scenario was announced, the thinking was that NBC didn’t really expect Leno to win his timeslot; rather, he’d perhaps finish as high as second on occasion (ABC, CBS and NBC being the only broadcast networks that air shows at 10), and then when the scripted fare on the other networks went into repeats, Leno may even prevail. Neither of these things happened. Leno consistently finished dead last in the ratings (most nights, it wasn’t even close), and rerun season came without providing any real boost to his ratings.

Still, NBC said it was making money on the deal. A talk show is significantly cheaper to produce than, say, a scripted drama. So, even if Leno’s ratings were lower than the dramas it replaced (and advertisers were paying less per commercial spot than they had been paying for those dramas), the network was coming out ahead, at least at 10 p.m.

Ah, but the world of TV does not begin and end at 10 p.m. Leno’s low ratings meant a poor lead-in for the 11 p.m. local newscasts that followed, and as a result their ratings suffered too. Affiliates across the country were pretty upset, and there was a rumor some might have just bailed on the 10 p.m. Leno show altogether in the springtime if things continued this way. The ratings for NBC’s late-night lineup, including *The Tonight Show*, began to suffer too (although to be fair, the ratings for *The Tonight Show* had been gradually slipping since Conan took over last June; I chalk this up to Conan simply playing to a younger, less-mainstream crowd than David Letterman does).

In short, *The Jay Leno Show* was really having a negative effect on NBC. The network needed to make a change, and it did. Viewers of prime-time television win, as probably more conventional fare will return to the

timeslot (Leno’s show, which was basically *The Tonight Show* but earlier in the night, never really fit in there). Leno wins too, in a way; yes, his 10 p.m. show bombed, but keep in mind he never really wanted to leave his 11:35 p.m. home to begin with. In an effort to keep Conan from jumping to another, NBC in 2004 told him he could have *The Tonight Show* in 2009. So Leno kind of got his show pulled out from under him. It wasn’t the same thing as Johnny Carson announcing his retirement. Yes, Leno’s show may now be only half an hour long, but I’m sure he’s happy to be going back home.

The biggest loser in all this is Conan. Yes, his ratings aren’t as good as Letterman’s (and as I said earlier, I don’t think you can blame that all on Leno’s lead-in). But Leno was regularly beaten in the ratings by Letterman for two years after Letterman switched to CBS. Leno’s ratings turned the corner after he fortuitously happened to have Hugh Grant guest on his show just a day or two after he made national headlines when he was caught with a prostitute. (I remember watching Leno’s show that night, in fact.)

So Leno was given two years to turn things around, and with a better prime-time lineup in front of him too. Conan was given seven months, and while Leno had *Seinfeld* and *ER*, Conan’s had.....well, Leno.

Not surprisingly, Conan’s not happy with NBC moving him to 12:05 a.m., and on Tuesday, he released a statement basically telling the network to stick it. He said he felt moving *The Tonight Show* to 12:05 a.m. “will seriously damage what I consider to be the greatest franchise in the history of broadcasting” (yes, folks, even greater than the *Law & Order* franchise) and said he “cannot participate in what I honestly believe to be its destruction.” He made it clear he has no other offer from another network (although there have been rumors the past few days that Fox might want him for a new 11 p.m. show), and said he hopes he and NBC can resolve the situation.

I hope they can too. It’s tough not to feel bad for Conan. Even before the events of the last week, you felt for the guy. As I wrote a year ago, Conan, since 2004, was gearing up to be the crown jewel of NBC’s late night lineup. He’d inherit *The Tonight Show*, which has been around nearly as long as television itself. Then, all of a sudden, the prime time Leno deal was announced, and Conan was playing second fiddle to Leno once again. With the exception of the three months last summer before *The Jay Leno Show* began, Conan has continued to follow Leno each night (albeit with a half hour break for the local news), which has been the same arrangement he’s had since 1993.

Surely, this isn’t what Conan signed up for back in ’04.

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See you next week.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Mary Bohan

Mary (Reilly) Bohan, 77, of Plantsville and formerly of East Hampton, widow of Joseph A. Bohan, died Sunday, Jan. 10, at The Hospital of Central Connecticut New Britain Campus. Born Sept. 12, 1932, in Waterbury, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Irene (Kane) Reilly. She was a communicant of St. Patrick Church in East Hampton.

Mary was a devoted, caring wife and mother whose love was a constant guide. She loved writing poetry, sharing life stories, crafting needlework and, a few years ago, discovered a gift for painting. Her love of life and unflinching spirituality truly brought joy and comfort to those who knew her. She was a beloved and compassionate friend with a great heart for those in need.

She is survived by her son, Michael Bohan and his wife Karen of Plantsville; two daughters, Kathleen Bohan of East Hampton, Marielizabeth Rouleau and her husband Robert of Colchester; and two grandchildren, Shawn and Christopher Bohan.

She was predeceased by a brother, Joseph Reilly and a sister, Patricia Brennen.

Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Thursday, Jan. 14. A funeral procession will leave the Spencer Funeral Home today, Friday, at 10:15 a.m., followed by the Funeral Liturgy at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick Burch. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Middlesex Hospital Hospice Program, 55 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457.

To leave online condolences, visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

East Hampton

Dorothy Horton

Dorothy Kelly (Barnett) Horton, 91, wife of the late Norman Horton of East Haddam, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Cobalt Lodge Nursing Home in East Hampton.

She was born April 5, 1918 in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of Louis and Edna May (Brown) Barnett. She had a love for animals and ran for many years a kennel in East Haddam.

Surviving is a daughter, Janice Horton of North Windham; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral and burial will be private; there are no calling hours.

Belmont/Sabrowski Funeral Home of Colchester is in care of arrangements.

Colchester

Constance Bergeron

Constance Rucci Bergeron, beloved wife of Roger Bergeron of Colchester, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 9. Connie was born in Sepino, Italy, daughter of John and Anela Maria Vallera Rucci. She was a resident of East Hartford for many years.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed by G. Fox and Company and subsequently by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. She was an excellent seamstress and cook and known for her quick wit. She loved baking cookies and sweets for her family, friends and neighbors. Connie also always enjoyed a friendly game of cards.

Survivors include her husband of 32 years, Roger Bergeron; her son, Nicholas DeRoma and his wife Sandra DeRoma; her daughter, Rosemary Karp and her husband Daniel Karp; her granddaughters, Laura Moore and Debra LaBelle; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for extended family and friends will be held in the spring at the Belmont/Sabrowski Funeral Home in Colchester.

East Hampton

Brant Alan Porter

Brant Alan Porter, 38, of Meriden and formerly of East Hampton, died Monday, Jan. 11, at his home after an extended illness. Born May 28, 1971, in Middletown, he was the son of Gloria (Spencer) Kaltenborn and the late George Porter.

He had lived in East Hampton for most of his life before moving to Meriden in September of last year. He had worked as a warehouse manager for Davidson Company in Wallingford. Brant had been a member of the East Hampton Fire Department and had served as a captain as well as deputy chief.

Besides his mother, Gloria Kaltenborn of East Hampton, he is survived by his former wife, Jennie Porter of East Hampton; his two children, Tyler Porter and Ashley Porter, both of East Hampton; and two sisters, Kelly Poe of East Hampton and Tracey Porter of Westbrook.

Friends called at Spencer Funeral Home Wednesday, Jan. 13. Funeral and burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 2139 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 208, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-2339, or www.kidneyct.org.

To leave online condolences, visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Colchester

John Churney

John "Binky" Churney, 66, of Colchester and Uncasville, beloved husband of Carole Vance Churney, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, Jan. 9, at the St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford. Born Feb. 1, 1943, in Norwich, he was the eldest son of the late John and Theresa (Dzagan) Churney.

He was a 1961 graduate of Bacon Academy in Colchester and went on to serve proudly with the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. Over the years, Mr. Churney worked in electronics and fine carpentry and was a millwright for the past 10 years with Griswold Rubber Corp.

In addition to his beloved wife of 10 years, he is survived by three brothers and their spouses, Ronald and Joan of Andover, Robert and Charlene of Plainfield and Colchester and Thomas and Arlette of Colchester; and numerous extended family members and friends.

Friends called Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. A chapel service with military honors was observed. Burial will be private.

As John was an avid animal lover, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 169 Old Colchester Rd., Waterford, CT 06385.

For online condolences, visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Portland

Raymond A. Bankoski Sr.

Raymond A. Bankoski Sr., 71, of Spring Street, Portland, beloved husband of 46 years to Donna (Smith) Bankoski, died Monday, Jan. 11, at Middlesex Hospital. He was born in Middletown, the son of the late Stanley and Stella (Bish) Bankoski.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served with the U.S. Army. Prior to his retirement, he worked for the State of Connecticut, Department of Children and Families. Ray was the former president of St. Mary's Portland Parish Council where he also served as a Eucharistic Minister. He was a Boy Scout Pack Leader, Pack 49, and the secretary for the Catholic Council of Boy Scouting. Ray was a member of AARP. He was an avid sports fan who shared his love for the Yankees with everyone he met.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his five children, Sandy Franco and her husband Dr. Wayne Franco of Portland, Raymond Bankoski Jr. and his wife Cynthia of Higganum, Kenneth Bankoski and his wife Holly of Moodus, Brian Bankoski and his wife Tonianne of Portland and Russell Bankoski of Middletown; and his son-in-law, Rob Wojciechowski. Ray will be dearly missed by his eight grandchildren, who brightened his days with joy and laughter, Robby and Allison Wojciechowski, Ethan and Sarah Bankoski, Julie Bankoski, and Ava, Ella and Clare Bankoski.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Sheryl Bankoski; and a brother, Stanley Bankowski.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, at 10:15 a.m. from Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown, followed by an 11 a.m. funeral liturgy in St. Mary's Church, Portland. Burial with military honors will be in the State Veterans Cemetery. Friends may call at Biega Funeral Home today, Friday, Jan. 15, from 5-7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church, 51 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT 06480.

Portland

Barbara Carpenter Ives

Barbara Carpenter Ives, 99, formerly of Spring Street, Portland, died Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Portland Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was the wife of the late George E. Ives. Born in Portland Dec. 14, 1910, a daughter of the late Charles C. and Geneva Hick Carpenter, she was a lifelong resident.

She had been employed by Middlesex Hospital for 19 years until her retirement and was a member of Eastern Star for over 70 years. She was a member of the Portland United Methodist Church and had been a member of the Church Choir.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Harrington of Old Saybrook; her son, David Ives and his wife Susan of Essex; her 10 grandchildren and her 17 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her son, George F. Ives; her sister, Ruth Carpenter; her half-sister, Janet Palmer; her brother, Phillip Carpenter; and her half-brother, James Palmer.

Her family received relatives and friends in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home 231 Main St., Portland, Thursday, Jan. 14. Funeral services were held that afternoon with the Rev. Al Grimm, pastor of the Portland United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in the spring at Trinity Cemetery in Portland.

For directions, or to leave an online expression of sympathy, visit www.portlandmemorialfh.net.