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**The Garden Girls...**Members of Portland Girl Scout Troop 62893 weeded and added compost to an existing garden at the Zion Lutheran Church. Pictured from left are Haley Turecek, Jillian Crawford, Kelsey Harmon and Dawn Schmidt. The girls have been working on a vermiculture (worm composting) project since the beginning of March for their Bronze Award, the highest award for Junior Girl Scouts. The troop built individual composting bins, added the worms and fed them vegetable and kitchen scraps. They taught people in the community about vermiculture at the Connecticut Audubon Earth Day Fair. Now that the compost is ready to use they are completing the circle by returning the composted material – as fertilizer – to the earth.

## Hebron Lions Halt Fireworks Show

by Lindsay Fetzner

The Hebron Lions have decided to suspend their annual picnic and fireworks show that has been a tradition in town for more than 10 years.

Weather-related issues and the economy were the major drivers of the cancellation, said Robert Lee, past Lions Club president and a current member of its Board of Directors. The Hebron Harvest Fair, Lee said, is the major fundraising event for the Lions and “allows us to do everything in the community.”

During the past couple of years, it has rained during the fair and consequently, revenues have suffered. John Johnson, last year’s Fireworks Committee chairman, said, “if we had good weather, we would have been fine.” The Lions were faced with making cuts and chose to “temporarily suspend” the annual event, Lee said.

In 2005, Johnson said the Lions had to suspend the fireworks and picnic because the grounds “were in a state of disarray” due to recent vandalism. When the event was brought back the following year, in 2006, Johnson said the Lions were able to “break even for the first time.” In the past, he said, the Lions have “taken a hit.”

The picnic and fireworks generally take place the weekend before the July 4 holiday. “It has been a nice local event for people over the years,” Lee said. “It is something that the Lions put a lot of time and effort into.”

Over the years, Lee said the event has

evolved to include not only fireworks, but also music and the opportunity for people to “come down and picnic during the day.” Food vendors and inflatables for the children to play on were also some highlights that drew many to the event.

Johnson said he has heard disappointment from residents in town, but said they understand the circumstances the Lions have been faced with. “It is kinda sad we have to [stop the event] at least for this year,” he said.

Although the Lions have broken even with the event in the past, Lee said for several years, they have supplemented any losses that incurred. The Lions reach out to local businesses for donations and support to help raise funds, he said, but have been harder to come by during the past couple of years. The drop in donations has been largely due to the state of the economy, Lee said.

Rather than asking business owners for donations again this year when the Lions did not have the money to incur another loss, “we felt it might be best to cancel it for this year and hope we have a good fair,” Lee said.

After the Harvest Fest takes place, the Lions will evaluate finances and determine when the event will take place again in the future, according to Lee. “We will reconsider,” Johnson said. “We’d love to bring it back. It is a great

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## Area Residents Facing Off in Probate Primary

by Claire Michalewicz

One boasts a long career in law, while the other prides himself in his diverse resume. But both Stephen Kinsella and Kenneth Barber want to be the area’s next probate judge.

Kinsella, the incumbent probate judge in Portland and Marlborough, and Barber, an East Hampton attorney, will face off in the Democratic primary on Aug. 10. The winner will go on to challenge the Republican candidate, East Hampton attorney Jennifer Berkenstock, in the November election.

Connecticut’s probate court system is changing next year, and the courts in Portland, East Hampton, Marlborough and East Haddam will be consolidated into one, with a full-time judge. (The court was originally planned to be located in East Hampton, but the town is losing its Town Hall annex later this year. At least temporarily, the court will be housed in Marlborough, but the four towns are looking at other options.)

For Kinsella, a Portland resident, politics and public service were the family business. He was born into a political family, he said, with his father, uncle and great-grandfather all serving as Democratic mayors of Hartford. Kinsella followed in their footsteps and registered as a Democrat at a young age, and began working as a justice of the peace.

Shortly after finishing law school at Western New England College, Kinsella became an

attorney for the city of Hartford, where he worked until 2006. After leaving his job, he ran for probate judge of Portland, where he’s been serving since 2007.

Despite his strong political background, Kinsella said he doesn’t view the judgeship as a political position. For him, it’s more about serving the community. Kinsella said he enjoys his job because he gets to help people in their times of need. “I’ve always been a helper, a giver,” he said. “I’ve been lucky to be able to help people.”

Kinsella said he’s the most qualified candidate for the job because he’s the incumbent judge in two of the towns in the district – in addition to Portland, he’s also been serving as the probate judge of Marlborough since March.

But Barber said he has many clients from each of the four towns in the district, and he’s



**Kenneth Barber**

familiar with the goings-on in each of the communities. His biggest concern about the consolidation, he said, is that the court will become less efficient. He said the new court would be the smallest in the state, and he’s hoping it doesn’t change from its community-based approach.

“We’ve got a very unique opportunity to keep that personal touch,” he said. The most important thing, Barber said, is to keep the court accessible to the public.

Kinsella is also concerned about keeping the court personalized. When the state was drawing up the new districts, he explained, he and Portland officials campaigned for their court to stay on the east side of the river, so it would be more accessible and less intimidating.

“We thought we’d lose that small-town ambience,” Kinsella said, “but we’re not gonna lose that.”

That small-town character is important to both Kinsella and Barber. Kinsella moved to Portland nearly 20 years ago, because he said he always liked that area of the state. He enjoys camping on his rural lot with his two teenage sons. Barber likes the rural character of East Hampton, and said he likes having cows living on his street because they remind him of the dairy farm he grew up on in Rhode Island.

Kinsella said he’s up for the challenges of

changing the system, since he already has experience turning a probate court around. When he took control of the Portland court in 2007, he explained, all the paperwork was out of order, and he and his clerk managed to turn it around.

“It was a challenge,” he said, recalling the weeks he spent sorting files. “And the new court is going to be a challenge.”

Barber said that he’s also up to the challenge, and said he’s ready to take on the task of organizing the court and reaching out to the public in the four towns. “We just hope that the dignity of the system and the office is preserved,” he said of the transition.

What sets him apart from Kinsella or Berkenstock, Barber said, is his variety of experiences in other fields. “Their experience is singular in nature,” he said, “and my experi-

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**Stephen Kinsella**

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ence is all over the place.”

Before opening his law practice seven years ago, Barber served in the Army National Guard and worked as a police officer for 17 years, including five years in East Hampton. He was also an adjunct professor of political science at the University of Hartford. In addition, Barber said, he used to run the largest bagpipe band in the country. He still plays, though he said he has less time for it because his two daughters, age 12 and 14, have been keeping him busy lately.

Barber said that while he’s only been a lawyer for a few years, he’s handled a large number of cases, and he has a good understanding of the legal system.

“I’ve been in court an awful lot,” Barber said. “I know the inside of a courtroom.”

If elected, Barber wants to keep his law practice, though he said it won’t take up too much of his time. He’d hire more attorneys and work as a manager and supervisor in his office. In addition, he said his caseload would be substantially smaller, since as a judge Barber would

be forbidden from continuing the probate cases that he’s currently working on.

Barber said he was drawn to law because he wanted to help people, and that’s why he’s decided to run for probate judge.

“It allows a lot of my life experience to focus on one area – what makes people happy?” he said.

This is Barber’s first time running for office, and he said that it’s been “an interesting ride” so far. He said he originally made his decision to run when someone approached him and told him he would be make a good judge, and so far, he said he’s been humbled by the amount of support he’s been getting from the people running his campaign. He said he’s glad the position is an elected one, because it holds the judge more accountable to the public.

Kinsella, too, is looking forward to the campaign. “Let’s let the Democrats, and ultimately the voters of all four towns, decide,” Kinsella said. “It’s up to the voters. They’ll make the right choice.”

# Budget Dates, Selectmen Terms Brought Up at Andover Hearing

by Lindsay Fetzner

Residents touched on several concerns, ranging from the date of the town budget meeting to terms for members of the Board of Selectmen, during a public hearing Monday of the Charter Revision Commission (CRC).

The hearing was the first one for the seven-member CRC, which was formed earlier this month and charged with devising revisions to the Town Charter, which has not been updated since 2002. The commission has 16 months from its creation to complete a draft report of changes, at which point another public hearing would be held. The CRC could then make additional changes, and then submit its report to the town clerk, who would transmit it to the Board of Selectmen (BOS). The selectmen are to hold a public hearing no later than 45 days after the report is submitted to the clerk. The selectmen would then decide whether to approve the changes, and in that case it would go before voters for approval.

At Monday’s hearing, resident Wallace Barton expressed concerns about the date for the annual town budget meeting. He recommended the town change the date of the meeting, which would allow for a single referendum that included both the town and RHAM budgets. “It would improve voter turnout and save the cost of having two referendums,” he said. “It is a tremendous waste of time.”

This year, Andover voted on the RHAM budget on May 4. The annual town meeting was held on May 6 and the town budget referendum was held May 18.

Board of Selectmen member and Board of Education Chairman Jay Linddy said, “I agree that we have to look at getting the RHAM vote [on the ballot] when we vote on our budget. It would save us a lot of money.”

Cathy Palazzi, who also serves as the town municipal agent, was also in favor of either moving the referendum to November or combining both RHAM and the town budgets in an effort to save money.

The topic of moving town elections from May to November was also addressed. Leigh Ann Hutchinson said although she likes the elections in May, “the turnout would probably be greater in November.”

Changing the terms of Board of Selectmen (BOS) members was a “main point” for Hutchinson too.

“I think it’s appropriate to go back to two-year terms for the BOS, using the example for state senate and state representatives,” Hutchinson, a former selectwoman, said. “It is presumptuous for us to have a term set this long and would much more feasible to go back to two-year terms.” Joan Foran, who said she was speaking on behalf of several residents who met and came up with a list of recommendations, also agreed. (The group included Foran, Wallace, Dianne Grenier and Georgette Conrad, among others, and considered comments from other residents as well.)

Foran also said the commission should “consider the municipal agent... and please give her

a salary.” The number of hours that Palazzi spends “in service to the town is unbelievable,” Foran said. Linddy said the fact that the agent “gets zero” is “just not right” and should be looked into.

The town clerk position was also up for discussion. Linddy suggested that the town clerk should not be an elected official, but should be appointed. “The office could go backward if [the town] gets someone in there who doesn’t know what they’re doing,” he said.

Palazzi, however, said the position should remain an electoral vote. “If appointed, anyone without knowledge or experience could be appointed,” she said. “It is too valuable of a job to be appointed to a person who may not meet the requirements. It would be a disaster to the town.” Hutchinson sided with Palazzi and agreed that the town clerk should be elected. “It is a better idea,” she said.

In regards to appointed boards, Wallace also said he would like to “see an ethics commission as a town board.” “Most towns have their own sets of ethics and an ethics commission that deals with complaints,” he said, which is not currently addressed in the charter. Resident Jeanne Person agreed and said, “Something of this nature should be in the charter.”

Another recommendation from Wallace dealt with how often the town charter should be re-examined. “The charter should be reviewed every five years,” he said. “The date on the current charter is 2002...it should have been reviewed in 2007 and it wasn’t.”

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event for the community to get out and see each other.”

Johnson said the picnic and fireworks were also an opportunity for the public to visit the fairground while the Harvest Fair is not taking place, and enjoy what they have to offer.

This year, the Harvest Fair is slated for Sept. 9-12 at the Hebron Lions Fairgrounds, located on Route 85 at 347 Gilead St.

# Portland PZC Postpones Vote on Home Office Regulations

by Claire Michalewicz

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) delayed voting on a change in regulations about home offices occupations at its meeting last Thursday, May 20.

Of the four PZC members at the meeting, two supported a motion to withdraw the changes so the language could be made easier to understand, while two others wanted to pass the motion. Both motions failed because they lacked a majority.

PZC members Mike Woronoff and Pedar Samuelson felt that the language in the proposed changes was too vague, since it removed a list of allowed occupations, but included more regulations concerning parking, storage, lighting and other things that are not typical of a residential area. Bette Jenak and Bruce Tyler both supported the changes, while Carl Fitzgibbons recused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

The current regulations outline specific types of occupations that residents can run out of their homes, and require a special permit for businesses that receive more than five visits each week. The proposed changes do not specify what types of occupations are permitted, but include a list of standards that prevent the business from disrupting the residential quality of the neighborhood.

Before the meeting, Planning and Land Use Administrator Deanna Rhodes said the proposed changes made the regulations easier for people to use.

“It’s not that we’re doing anything different,” Rhodes said. “We’re changing the way it’s looked at, and it’s much more permissive.”

Rhodes explained that it’s difficult for the town to monitor how many people go to a place of business each week. “It doesn’t really make sense to have it based on visits,” she said.

At present, if a person is caught operating a business out of their home without a permit, Rhodes explained, the town sends them a letter asking them to register their business. The permits cost \$10 for the Portland authorization and \$60 for a permit for the state. (Residents registering for the town are also required to register with the state.) None of this will change, Rhodes said.

Woronoff said he wanted to withdraw the permit change until the commission could review it and make more changes.

“Everything’s left to interpretation,” he said. “You could make the argument that you can’t do anything, and you can make the argument that you can do everything.”

“You can’t think of everything,” countered Tyler, saying that the stripped-down language of the changed regulation was easier for people

to follow.

Woronoff also objected to the new regulations’ explanation that a garage did not count as part of the dwelling. He said that since many people who work from home use their garages for storage, the change that prohibits them from storing materials outside would prevent them from running their business.

“There’s so much gray area here,” Woronoff said, “and we wasted a lot of time talking about Tupperware.”

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The public had been invited to comment at a public hearing earlier in the month. The next PZC meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m., though Woronoff said it was unlikely that they would revisit the regulation changes for several months, if at all.

# BOS Discuss Police Resignations, Right-of-Way Dispute in Colchester

by Katy Nally

First Selectman Gregg Schuster announced at the May 20 meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) that a Colchester police officer had resigned last week and will join the Middletown force.

Selectmen also heard from town engineer Sal Tassone about a right-of-way dispute on Caverly Mill Road.

This is the second officer who resigned this month. On May 7, another officer left the Colchester force to join the State Police, Police Commission Chairman Glenn Morron said this week.

"They were great officers," Morron said. "They served the town of Colchester very well."

In addition to these two policemen, a third officer is expected to resign soon – within the next few weeks, Schuster said.

With last week's resignation, the town's force includes seven officers and one school resource officer. Schuster said he did not want to remove the resource officer to supplement town coverage.

Morron said losing two officers, and maybe a third in a few weeks, over the span of two months is not a usual occurrence for the

Colchester Police Department. "Some people are content with being a patrol officer in Colchester, and some people want more variety," he said.

"We're a small agency," he added. "The ability to further your career here can be limited."

Colchester uses both the resident state trooper program and its own police force. State Police barracks are also located in town, but Troop K covers a total of 14 towns including Colchester.

The \$47.62 million 2010-11 town budget, which passed Tuesday, May 11, also included cutting one of the two resident state troopers. This will take effect July 1, when the fiscal year begins.

However, Morron said the second trooper would be brought back on a temporary basis "for as long as we need" coverage, "to help with a shortcoming in patrol." The trooper would act as a patrol officer and would be funded through the salaries slated for the officers who have resigned.

Since the two resignations, Morron said Colchester Police have held a physical agility test for prospective officers May 7, and will hold oral interviews soon. "We're being proactive

about it," he said.

Morron said the town is looking for both uncertified applicants who go through the police academy, and certified officers. The hiring process for uncertified applicants includes between four and five months of police academy training and about 14 weeks of field training, Morron said. At the BOS meeting, Schuster said it can be a year-long process to get some officers on the force.

Also during Thursday's meeting, selectmen heard from the town engineer who relayed a request from resident Gary Sousa.

Sousa, who was not present Thursday, requested to use town land to access land he owns on the abandoned portion of Caverly Mill Road, where he plans to build a house.

Caverly Mill Road is a 0.36-mile gravel road, where the last 0.08 mile portion is abandoned and not maintained by the town.

Tassone said Sousa's request was not unusual and called it "a procedural thing" to get the selectmen's approval. Based on state statute 13a-55, Tassone said the town could not deny Sousa access to the abandoned portion of the town's right-of-way.

However, before the selectmen made a decision on the matter, they heard from John Stawicki and his wife Jean, who also live on Caverly Mill Road. The couple claimed Sousa considered their driveway part of the town's right-of-way. "I don't want them utilizing our driveway," John Stawicki said to the BOS.

After hearing from both Tassone and the Stawickis, the BOS decided to take no action on Sousa's request until the Planning and Zoning Commission concludes all land surveys and reviews. Although this is not the same procedure as carried out for past, similar situations, board members said they were not ready to vote on the request until all the issues were cleared.

"I'm uncomfortable voting on this," selectwoman Rosemary Coyle said. Schuster said this was "probably the first time anyone has raised an objection to this kind of request."

Schuster asked Tassone to tell Sousa, "The board will be happy to re-hear the request once it goes through Planning and Zoning."

The next regularly scheduled BOS meeting will be Thursday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

## Longtime Hebron Registrar Retiring After More Than 40 Years

by Lindsay Fetzner

At the end of June, the town will say goodbye to an elected official who has served the town for over 45 years in many capacities.

Jim Derby, a 52-year resident of town, will retire from his post as Deputy Republican Registrar of voters at the end of June. Derby served as the Republican Registrar of Voters from 1969-2009, and started in the deputy position this past January. Jim served as the town tax collector as well, from 1991-97.

"Jim has always been a gentleman," Board of Selectmen Chairman Jeff Watt said. "He is a person with a smiling face who will always help you out." Throughout his contact with Jim over the years in town, Watt said, it was clear that "he loves the town" and "always had a good feeling about what's been happening in Hebron."

The father of three was honored by the Junior Women's Club in 1975 as the "Citizen of the Year," an honor that his wife Jean received a year later. At the time, Jim and Jean said, the bylaws prohibited the two of them being honored as a couple, which was later changed.

Jim said his wife of over 50 years has been "very supportive of me" over the years and noted that she too has been heavily involved in the local community, especially with the Girl Scouts.

Jean recalled her years in Hebron alongside her husband and children. "We have a very nice

family," she said. "We've been very fortunate." Jean said that while her three children were growing up, Jim was very involved in their activities, especially music. "There were lots of activities," Jim said. When one of their children was in high school, Jean said the Music Boosters Club was formed, and the Derby's worked to raise funds for the students to travel to England on a field trip.

Jim's dedication to the town could be seen over the years through his involvement in the AHM Youth and Family Services' Lanterns Program, where he was a mentor, and at the Gilead Congregation Church, as a 40-year-member of the choir.

He said he also enjoys spending time at the Russell Mercier Senior Center. "We have a wonderful senior center," Jim said. "They have a lot of activities. The pool table, Jim said, has always been a favorite of his.

Two years after moving to Hebron, Jim said he joined the Republican Town Committee. "Initially, [I joined] to try to find out what was going on in town," he said. "We joined the Gilead Church as a family too," at about the same time.

Republican Registrar of Voters Jack Richmond described Jim as "Mr. Republican of Hebron," and very dedicated to the town. "He is extremely conscientious and extremely ethi-

cal," Richmond said.

Before Jim became deputy registrar, Richmond held the position. Richmond has also been the treasurer of the Republican Town Committee for over 20 years, a committee that Jim spent countless years on.

Come June 30, when Jim retires, he said one of the things he wants to devote time to is gardening, something he has done for many years. "I used to plant 200 strawberry plants," he said, on the property of his old farmhouse that was purchased in 1958.

A medical diagnosis last August has forced Jim to stop many of the activities in town he once was involved in. It took almost two years to diagnose Jim with "a cousin" of Parkinson's disease, Jean said, which is a disorder that affects the nervous system. At first, the doctors thought Jim had suffered a stroke, but after getting a second opinion, it was determined to be Parkinson's.

Jean said Jim went through many MRIs and the doctors "were not putting their finger on it," due to the fact that his symptoms of losing balance and falling are not typical of the regular Parkinson's disease. However, she said, "we were glad in a way to be diagnosed."

"It has slowed him down quite a bit, but we are making adjustments," she said. "Between our family and our friends in Hebron, we hope

to stay in Hebron as long as we can."

"This disease that I have is all-encompassing," Jim said, and has been the underlying reason for stopping many of the activities he was once involved with.

One example is being a mentor for the AHM Lanterns program. Jim said one of the things he misses most is spending time with the kids once a week, where he would often play basketball with them. "I can't do it now because the coordination wouldn't be there," he said. Volunteers in the program meet with students once a week for an hour at schools in Andover, Marlborough and Hebron and engage in activities such as lunch, crafts, games and many others, according to AHM.

In light of the many years that Jim has been involved in the community, a luncheon will be held in Jim's honor in late June. It will take place at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, in the grand ballroom at A Villa Louisa, 60 Birch Mountain Rd., Bolton.

To purchase tickets, which are \$30 and include dinner, gratuities and a gift, call Donna or Karleen at 860-228-5971 x120 or e-mail [dlanza@hebronct.com](mailto:dlanza@hebronct.com). Dinner options include London broil, grilled Atlantic salmon or stuffed chicken parmigiana. The deadline is June 4 and payment by cash or check is accepted.

## Assistant Coach at Bacon in Colchester Arrested

by Katy Nally

Two high school softball players and Bacon Academy's assistant coach for the softball team were arrested after a game Monday night at Montville High School after allegedly fighting, Montville Police said.

Mark Correia, 49, of 54 Heatherwood Dr., and a player from each team were arrested when an altercation followed the softball game where Bacon won 7-6, Montville police said. All three were charged with breach of peace, and no injuries were reported.

Names of the girls were not released because they are youthful offenders. Montville Police said both girls were 17 years old.

The Colchester team played an away game against Montville Monday, May 24. According to Lieutenant Leonard Bunnell of the Montville Police Department, police were called to the field at 5:54 p.m. He said the school officials at the game had the situation "pretty well in hand" as police arrived.

While Bunnell said he was unsure what exactly fueled the altercation, he said Facebook

might have "prompted the ill feelings" between the two teams.

Superintendent of Schools Karen Loiselle was unavailable to comment Wednesday, but a secretary from her office said Loiselle would not comment on the altercation because of the ongoing police and internal investigations.

Monville High School Principal Thomas Amanti and Montville Superintendent of Schools Pamela Aubin did not return calls for comment.

According to the Montville student handbook, fighting is listed as a "major violation" and carries a four-day suspension for first offenders.

The Colchester district policy handbook states students can face expulsion or suspension "for conduct off school grounds if such conduct is disruptive of the educational process" and violates a Board of Education policy. "Striking or assaulting" students, staff or other people is grounds for "disciplinary action," the handbook states.

## Barn in Andover Catches Fire

by Lindsay Fetzner

Lightning caused a Wheeling Road barn to catch fire early Thursday morning, according to fire officials.

Four stations responded to the fire, which was at a 30' x 30' stand-alone barn at 20 Wheeling Rd., Fire Marshal John Roache said. Roache said the fire, which was called in at 12:59 a.m., was due to lightning that accompanied the storms that swept through the state Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.

Crews from Andover, Columbia, North Coventry and Willimantic provided aid. No injuries were reported, Roache said.

Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) reported that, out of the 1,391 customers served in town, 402, or 28.9 percent, were affected by outages as of 9 a.m. Thursday.

First Selectman Bob Burbank said the town representative from CL&P reported that over 60 percent of people in town were out of power at one point due to the storms. It is anticipated that the power will be "completely restored" to all residents sometime Thursday afternoon, Burbank said.

Burbank said the town has a "high percentage" of losing power when storms hit. He attributed one of the major reasons to "the tree trimmings that used to be done on a regular basis by CL&P," which he said have become "lax." In speaking with the representative from the power provider, Burbank said they discussed contacting someone who could trim the trees that needed attention and offered that he could assist the company with a list of trees that posed a threat.

# Holy Family Church in Hebron Raises \$15,000 for African Wells

by Lindsay Fetzner

Unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation kills more people per year than all forms of violence, including war, according to the New York City nonprofit organization charity: water. Last weekend, the Church of the Holy Family donated \$15,000 to this organization, which will fund the drilling and installation of three water wells in Africa.

Members of the parish, wanting to fulfill a dream to help others, challenged themselves to bring water to a village in Africa that does not have access to safe or clean water. Dottie Moon, organizer of the "Bring Water to a Village" team, said the group took its inspiration from a quote church pastor Father Michael Smith has often said over the past several years. The quote, from late Belgian priest Edward Schillebeeckx, says, "What you dream alone remains a dream, but what you dream with others can become a reality."

"Many times, people are afraid to voice or articulate a dream," Smith said. "When we do it as a community and realize that others have the same dream, it happens and becomes real for people." Smith said the synergy of working together with others is a component to making that dream a reality. He credited the passion of the parishioners in rising to the challenge they proposed.

Moon, an Amston resident, said the church does a lot locally, but wanted to reach out beyond the immediate community in a charitable way. "It was a desire that was met and shared by many," Moon said.

The church's original goal was to raise enough money to drill and install one well, which costs \$5,000. But, through several fundraising efforts during the Lenten and Easter season, the church was able to reach the amount needed for three wells.

As a result of the challenge, Smith said, many people came forth with donations for the wells. The church made the decision to have donors come forward and put the money into a wooden bucket, which represented the wells that would be installed with the money, he said.

"I was overwhelmed," Smith said. "I didn't realize that many people would come forward. It's pretty spectacular."

In addition to these donations, the parish took part in daily Lenten challenges and a "Rock for Water" concert to raise additional money, Moon said.

"We offered [the challenge] to all families in the parish," she said. "We encouraged them to offer whatever they could."

Donations were collected over a three-month period, starting Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout the Lenten season. The weekend after Easter, Moon said, the money was collected. "It was amazing," Moon said of the amount of donations. "It blew us away."

Lane Wood, development officer of major donors from charity: water, was present at the church on Saturday evening to receive the donation. "I was so impressed," Wood said. "...the fundraising campaign truly was a community effort that they were proud of." Wood said the church did not communicate with charity: water before raising money, and all of the research and fundraising was done on their own.

The Church of the Holy Family considered more than 40 different organizations to donate money to, but in the end, chose charity: water. The organization met the goals of the parish and also confirmed that all of the proceeds would go toward constructing the wells in the African village. The operating costs associated with the project are provided by a group of private donors. Moon said many of the other organizations the church considered put donations toward a general fund as opposed to a specific project. "charity: water really looked to try and tie the donor together with the recipients," Moon said.

According to Wood, the organization has raised over \$19 million over the course of 3 and a half years. The money raised has "given over one million people clean and safe water to drink," he said.

The installation of the three wells will be



Father Michael Smith, right, pastor of the Church of the Holy Family, presented a check for \$15,000 to charity: water Development Officer Lane Wood on Saturday, May 22. The money will be used to install three wells in a village in Africa.

completed in approximately 12-18 months. Moon said within six months, the church will know exactly where the wells will be built and the work on the drilling will begin. The organization also provides a webpage that shows all of the wells that have been installed, Moon said.

Members of the village will be trained on how to use the well in addition to receiving instruction on sanitation and hygiene. "They want to make sure that before the well is handed over to the village, they understand how to maintain it," Moon said.

These efforts are done to help extricate problems associated with unclean water. According to charity: water, unsafe water and the lack

of basic sanitation is responsible for 80 percent of diseases. Due to the fact that children's bodies are not strong enough to fight illnesses like diarrhea, they are particularly vulnerable. In fact, out of the 42,000 deaths each week that result from unsafe water and unhygienic living conditions, 90 percent involve children under the age of five, according to charity: water.

Moon said throughout the course of the project, the church will receive status reports in an effort to keep the parish tied to the project as much as possible. They will also receive the GPS coordinates for the wells that will be installed and photographs, so they can see the wells on Google Earth.

## Hebron Selectmen Approve Budget Trims

by Lindsay Fetzner

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) approved a list of cuts to the general government budget last Thursday, May 20, to bring the proposed 2010-11 spending plan to the \$8.83 million figure the Board of Finance had mandated two nights before.

The cuts totaled \$19,546, and bring the budget to a zero percent increase from the current year. The Board of Finance (BOF) on May 18, immediately after the town budget failed at referendum for the second time, ordered the general government and Board of Education budgets cut to keep increases in both flat from the current year.

At last Thursday's meeting, Town Manager Bonnie Therrien presented a prioritized list of 14 reductions to the selectmen, which they reviewed before unanimously agreeing on five.

BOS member Dan Larson said the board needed to make cuts "that have the least adverse impact on our citizens."

"[We need to] show as much compassion to our population as we can," he added.

The areas that were affected by the cuts included health insurance (\$9,742), Hebron Fair police services (\$8,000), fire marshal vehicle maintenance (\$300), cell phones (\$1,500) and tax assessor supplies (\$4).

Therrien said cuts to health insurance could be made due to reduced rates from the insurance provider. The Lions plan on hiring their own private security for this year's fair, which would lower costs, Therrien said, prompting the reduction in police services. Constables will provide assistance with traffic. Due to the fire marshal's vehicle being under warranty, Therrien said a reduction in funds for maintenance could be made.

In terms of the cell phones, Therrien recommended giving officials and employees who

have cell phones with the town \$40-45 per month to cover the base charges. Those affected would have to purchase their own phones and pay for any additional features. Therrien said the number of phones the town pays for is "not a lot, but we do have them out there." Public safety officials, the fire marshal and van drivers are among some of those with phones provided by the town.

Possible cuts to the tax assessor totaled \$300 on the list of recommendations, and \$4 out of this amount was cut, in the form of supplies and forms, to bring the total to \$19,546.

Other budget cuts Therrien presented to the BOS included Parks and Recreation utilities and telephones, state police uniforms, the insurance consultant and closing the transfer station on Sundays, among several others. Public works was also an option presented, but with the snowfall and number of residents needing hazardous waste removal over the next year, Therrien called it "a gamble."

BOS member Gayle Mulligan was not in favor of closing the transfer station on the weekend. She said at the onset, the goal was to "keep everyone employed and not impact services." With the closure, Therrien said a part-time worker would be affected and some electricity would be conserved. If the station were to be closed any other day, a full-time employee would have to pick up additional duties lost due to the reduction in hours, and a layoff could occur.

BOS member Brian O'Connell thanked Therrien for her work in preparing the list of cuts, which made the decision "really easy."

The \$33.66 million budget, which calls for a 1.52 percent increase, will go to referendum next Tuesday, June 1. It calls for a .77 mill in-

crease, which is a 2.72 percent increase over last year, with one mill representing 28.94.

Voting will take place from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. at Hebron Elementary School, 92 Church St.

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Also at last Thursday's meeting, the selectmen voted 3-1, with Larson opposed (BOS Chair Jeff Watt was absent), to table the formation of the Charter Revision Commission until the 2010-11 budget had been passed. However, the board agreed to begin soliciting interest. Although resident Harvey Desruisseaux supported the commission during public comment, and urged the board to "act quickly," several board members were not in favor of taking the next steps.

"I think it's a good idea that we reconvene the commission, but I don't feel that we should rush into anything and force this for the November election," Mulligan said. She said it "wouldn't hurt to put it out there" and discuss the number of members needed, in addition to considering residents who have previously served on the commission.

BOS member Mark Stuart also voiced concern in starting the process before the budget passed, with O'Connell agreeing that the board did not need to "rush at this point." O'Connell described Hebron as a "polarized community" right now in light issues surrounding the budget.

Larson, however, was in support of moving forward before the budget passed at referendum. "We need to get this thing rolling as soon as possible to meet the November election period," he said. "[They are] going to need every day they've got."

The BOS did not take action on the acceptance of a \$200,000 state grant for renovations

to the Peters House. O'Connell voiced that he wanted to "see where we end up with the budget" before he approved it.

However, Larson didn't want to put off accepting the grant, which had been awarded last September. "If Hebron doesn't take it, some other town will," said Larson. "We've had a great opportunity given to use to repair and get this structure up." Larson was not in favor of waiting any longer to begin renovations, due to the possibility of the property entering a worse state.

Stuart, though, said he did not support using public money to restore old properties. "This is not mystery money," he said. "This is your income tax and taxpayer dollars."

Stuart instead thought any work on the house should be done privately.

"We as a town should do the exact same thing as the Old Town Hall ... lease it to the Historical Society for \$1 a year for 99 years," he said.

Ultimately, though, the selectmen authorized Therrien to look into the grant award further, to find out the deadline for when the town would have to take action on it.

Authorization to sign the contract between the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism and the town for work on the Horton House was approved. The match grant is for \$32,000, which is already in the CIP budget. Money will be put toward the roof, gutter and exterior work on the house, Therrien said.

The board also approved sharing a social worker position with Hebron Interfaith Human Services and the Russell Mercier Senior Center. The cost of the full-time position will be split between the two organizations. Therrien said combining the position would benefit the town and is a "win-win opportunity."

# No Action Yet on Noise Ordinance in East Hampton

by Claire Michalewicz

Residents and Town Council members Tuesday continued a debate about a town-wide noise ordinance, but any action will be on hold until at least next month.

Also Tuesday, the council voted to appoint an attorney to present findings of an investigation against a town employee.

In April, the Town Council formed a task force – consisting of council members Sue Weintraub and Chris Goff, Building Planning and Zoning Administrator Jim Carey, Police Chief Matt Reimondo and resident Fran Klein – to come up with noise control solutions. On Tuesday, Town Council Chairwoman Melissa Engel asked that the task force be disbanded, due to what she said were conflicts of interest involving three of its five members.

Klein has filed a complaint to the Zoning Board of Appeals, saying that outdoor entertainment at Angelico's Lake House violated the town's zoning regulations. Since Carey is responsible for enforcing zoning regulations, Klein's complaint creates a conflict of interest for Carey, Engel said. Further complicating the matter, Klein's lawyer, Eric Rothausser, works at the same firm as Weintraub's brother, which Engel said created a conflict of interest for Weintraub. Weintraub disagreed, explaining that she didn't see how Klein's complaint created a conflict of interest for her.

A fourth member, Goff, asked Engel at Tuesday's meeting if he could leave the task force, since he disagreed with its decision to implement a noise ordinance.

"Knowing that it was specifically against Angelico's, I am against a town-wide ordinance," Goff said. He added that he had hoped that the task force would consider other options.

Engel said she also wanted to avoid a noise ordinance. "It's spot legislation against Angelico's, and I can't go there," she said. "I was hoping the Noise Control Task Force would be a little more creative."

The noise task force will be holding a public hearing to solicit suggestions for noise control on June 17, and Carey is expected to submit a report to the Town Council at their June 22 meeting.

"You're sort of null and void right now," said Engel, who suggested that the task force disband until their hearing. Weintraub protested, saying that the town needed noise solutions immediately.

"I don't think one month is going to change this," said Thom Cordeiro, pointing out that residents had been complaining about noise from Angelico's for years.

Many residents came to the meeting to urge the council to reduce the noise at Angelico's, which they said is significantly affecting their quality of life.

Angelo Tammaro said he repeatedly called the police department, who he said told him to complain to the Town Council, as there is no noise ordinance that the police can enforce.

"If I cannot sell my house because of this, I'm going to hold you personally responsible," Tammaro said. "Mark my words."

"We just want peace and quiet," said Susan Wielgosh, asking the council why it was taking so long to reduce the noise. "We've had it. Do you hear me? We've had it."

In another major agenda item, Town Manager Jeff O'Keefe updated the council about the search for a new location for the Town Hall annex. The town found out earlier this month that Connecticut Light and Power, which owns the building, will not be renewing the lease. This means that several town departments, including Parks and Recreation, the food bank and the new probate court, will all have to find new homes.

O'Keefe said the probate court, which was originally supposed to be housed in the Town Hall annex, would be temporarily moved to Marlborough, where the current court is unable to break its lease. He said it was unfortunate that East Hampton would be losing the court, since the town is the geographic center of the judicial district, which also includes Portland and East Haddam. Since the move to Marlborough was temporary, O'Keefe added, there was still a possibility that the court would end up in East Hampton.

At the next Town Council meeting, O'Keefe said, the Middle Haddam Association and the Goff House would both be making presentations to offer the town their space. He said he had about eight or 10 other options in town, and residents were contacting him to suggest other buildings.

"The word is out on the street that we're looking for space," said O'Keefe, explaining that he has been receiving suggestions almost every day.

The Town Council also voted to accept the

Charter Revision Commission's final report for changes to the Town Charter, and to set the referendum date for Nov. 2, the same day as the general election.

Council members debated whether residents should answer one referendum question to accept or decline the charter changes, or whether each individual change should have its own question. They agreed to revisit the issue at their next meeting, after Town Clerk Sandra Wieleba rewrote the questions.

The council's major concern about having multiple questions was that the questions would be too long and difficult to understand, but Wieleba explained that there were no legal restrictions on how she could write them. She agreed to rewrite them in clear, easy-to-understand language, so the council could make a decision.

Before Wieleba agreed to rewrite them, council members worried that residents would not want to read a series of long questions, so they should vote on the charter changes as a whole. Council members Barbara Moore and John Tuttle both recommended working to educate the public about the charter changes, so they could make an informed decision on Election Day. But Engel said she worried that residents may not be interested in learning about the charter, noting that few had attended the charter revision commission's public hearings.

Weintraub insisted that residents vote on each item individually. "If it's voted down, with all the work you put into it," said Weintraub, "I'd like to know what they didn't like."

In other business, Weintraub announced that the town will have new wayfinding signs by June 30. The signs will be placed throughout the village center to point out schools, museums and other local attractions.

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In a special meeting before the regular meeting, the council discussed harassment allegations against a town employee. The investigation has been underway since April, but no information about the nature of the allegations or the identity of the employee has been released.

The council voted to appoint attorney Mark Sommaruga to present the findings of his investigation at an executive session. Council member Sue Weintraub objected to Sommaruga's appointment, saying that he might be biased because he had worked with the town

before.

Weintraub said she had consulted with several labor and human resources organizations, who advised her that the town should hire someone who had never done business with the town before. In addition, she said, the accused employee should have been given a leave of absence while the investigation was underway, and all town employees should have been interviewed, to see if anyone else had a harassment complaint.

Weintraub also said that the council had not reached a unanimous consensus during an executive session on April 30, which meant that the issue should be taken to a vote, in an open meeting.

But Tuttle said that Weintraub was "hung up on technicalities," and that the town had responded quickly and responsibly.

"People in the community will feel that we did the appropriate thing," he said. He added that Sommaruga was experienced with harassment complaints, and was qualified to lead the investigation. Engel added that she knew Sommaruga did not personally know any of the town employees involved in the complaint, so she did not feel that he was biased.

Engel explained that she had initially consulted with town attorney Jean D'Aquila, who could not investigate the allegations because she knew the parties involved.

During her years with the town, Engel said, "We've never had a complaint of this nature before. We've had complaints, but not like this."

The council convened for a one-hour executive session, during which Sommaruga presented his report on the investigation. After the investigation, the council announced that they had accepted his report, and would not be taking any action. Weintraub continued to object, saying that the report should not be the end of the investigation.

Council members said they were not able to speak about the investigation. Thom Cordeiro explained that the town would be releasing more information in the coming days, to explain what had happened during the investigation, and to dispel the rumors that he said were spreading around the town.

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The next Town Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m., at Town Hall, 20 East High St.

# Wind Power Coming to East Hampton Memorial School?

by Claire Michalewicz

Memorial School could soon be powered by wind.

The Board of Education (BOE) voted on Monday to accept a grant that would study the feasibility of installing a wind turbine on the school grounds.

Clean Energy Task Force Chairman John Tuttle said Memorial School is in one of the windiest areas in the town, and he wanted to use the state grant to study the strength of the wind at the school site.

"We're trying to find ways to reduce energy consumption," Tuttle said. "A wind turbine could save us a lot of money."

The \$50,000 grant, from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, would be used to set up a device on the grounds of the school that would use sound to measure the strength of the wind. The device would study the wind for three months, after which the state Clean Energy Fund would study the data to see if a wind turbine in the area would be practical.

Tuttle said he hoped the device would be installed in July, and the study completed in the fall. Ideally, Tuttle said, the turbine could produce enough wind to power Memorial School. The newer turbines, which are just under 200 feet tall, have six separate fans which operate independently, and are quieter than tra-

ditional windmills, he said.

Also at the BOE meeting, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Judith Golden presented Don Gates, the interim vice principal of the middle school, with a Good Apple Award in recognition of his two years of service at the school. Golden said that Gates, who is retiring, had served at the school with "the wisdom that can only be had from many years of experience."

Gates, Golden said, was always willing to fill any role that was required of him, counseling students, expanding the intramural sports program, revising the school's mission statement, and serving as the unofficial school photographer at many events.

"He's been a wonderful friend and mentor," Golden said. "Don is truly a good apple."

"I've really enjoyed being here," Gates said, explaining that he had always felt connected to East Hampton, though he started his career in Portland. He said the middle school students were reluctant to see him retire, often coming up to him in the halls and urging him not to leave. "Thank you for having me," he added.

In her superintendent's report, Golden clarified to the BOE that Portland was reconsidering an earlier proposal to allow high school students from East Hampton to take classes at their high school, and let Portland students attend

classes at EHHS. Golden stressed that there was no formal agreement yet, but that the two towns had agreed to investigate the possibility. They had discussed an exchange program in 2008, but the talks fell through because of a lack of student interest and difficulty in coordinating schedules.

"We're trying to be a little more proactive," Golden said. "We still have a lot to do," she added, adding that the two schools' schedules were "very different."

She also added that she was working to hire a new director of support services, to replace Brian Reas, who announced his resignation two weeks ago. Candidates had already submitted applications, Golden said, and they would begin the interview process in the coming weeks.

Two teachers gave the BOE a demonstration of a SMART Board, an interactive white board that all East Hampton schools are using. High school English teacher Joe Holloway used the board to present a poetry lesson, with integrated sound, video, and websites. Middle school teacher Kelly LaFaille demonstrated a vocabulary lesson, showing how students could move elements around the page and write on top of slides. LaFaille told the BOE that putting a lesson

together was similar to creating a PowerPoint presentation, but the biggest challenge was creating a lesson that was interactive.

At present, East Hampton has seven SMART Boards at the high school, two at the middle school, and one each at Center and Memorial schools. Golden explained that the town may consider purchasing more, since they were allowed to use American Resource and Recovery Act (ARRA) funding to do so.

In other business, BOE member Don Coolican announced that he and the personnel committee had been working to develop new contracts for non-union BOE employees, and would be bringing those contracts to the school board for approval on June 28. BOE Chairman Michael Vasquez said that he had attended a Freedom of Information Act workshop at Town Hall last week, to review the requirements for the town's boards and committees.

"We do a pretty good job of being cognizant of and following the basic rules," Vasquez said, though he added that there was still more to learn.

The next BOE meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m., in the library at the high school, located at 15 North Maple St.

# Hebron Church Offers Interpreted Mass for Deaf

by Lindsay Fetzner

Growing up alongside four deaf siblings, American Sign Language (ASL) has always been a “natural part of communication” for MarySue Owens, and a language she has built her career around.

On the third Sunday of every month, the Church of the Holy Family offers an ASL-interpreted Sunday Mass, led by Owens, a church parishioner and resident of Colchester. She has facilitated this special Mass since the fall of 2006.

In October 2006, Owens’ family accompanied her to church while they were in town. Owens interpreted the Mass for her deaf brothers and sisters. Shortly after the service, Rev. Michael Smith of the church approached Owens and asked if she would be interested in interpreting the Mass on a regular basis. “I thought it would be a great thing to offer to the community,” she said. “I was very happy that he was interested.”

Although there has not been an identified group of parishioners who come to Mass specifically for the interpreted services, Smith said, “we just like the fact that we can offer it.” With such a large community and a “variety of people” that come to the church, Smith said he enjoys “having the opportunity” to offer it.

Owens said despite the presence of regulars, she wants to get the word out that the church provides the service. “I’m not giving up,” she said. The goal, Owens said, is to spark interest

in the community and “make it part of the regular Sunday service.”

“Regardless of whether deaf people show up, there is a value in making it assessable and educating other people that there is a need,” Owens said. Referring to the late 1980s film *Field of Dreams*, Owens said, “if you provide it, they will come...and we believe that.”

Several other interpreters have also expressed interest in assisting her if the interest should increase, Owens said.

Four of Owens’ five siblings are deaf, so, as a child in Kentucky, Owens said she “grew up signing.” Although she did not consider a career in the ASL field at first, Owens said she discovered her “real love was teaching.” She went to McDaniel College in Maryland, where she decided to major in American Sign Language/Deaf Studies, and to later pursue a career in teaching deaf children. As an undergraduate, Owens was a student teacher at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, a school she said is commonly referred to as “the mother school” in the deaf community.

“It was the first school for the deaf in the Western Hemisphere,” Owens said. “It has a huge history.” When Owens graduated, she was offered a position at the school, which she accepted, and remained at for four years.

Upon her departure from the school, Owens continued to interpret, an activity she described as “the perfect side job.” In 1987, Owens be-

gan to work for the State of Connecticut’s Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, where she educates and provides services to the deaf community.

“I love it...I love interpreting,” Owens said. “I love working with deaf people and I still love teaching.” Occasionally, Owens teaches classes at Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted.

One of the best aspects of interpreting the Mass, Owens said, is knowing that the church sees that “there is an importance in being open and welcoming to everyone.” She commended Smith for trying to bring people to the church that otherwise might have been left out due to disabilities they are facing. “He is so open to being very inclusive,” she said. “He’s so interested in that.”

Owens said that often while she is interpreting, she sees children trying to copy her signs. “They’ll be looking at me and be mesmerized,” she said. “That’s education and that’s worth everything.” Owens said she hopes these children will grow up and be “that much more aware” and hopefully will in turn want to help educate other people. “Even though they might not know sign language, they have been exposed and will be much more receptive,” she said.

The church also offers portable hearing aid devices for the deaf and hard of hearing, Smith said. The device works off of the church’s sound system and amplifies the services offered to the



MarySue Owens

public, Smith said.

“We try to make everything we do at the Church of the Holy Family assessable to everyone,” Owens said. Having a wheelchair-accessible ramp, the aforementioned auditory equipment and the ASL Mass are all “extensions of that” idea, Owens said. “This is not just something we say, but something we believe,” she said.

The next ASL interpreted Mass is slated for Sunday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St.

## East Hampton Woman Threatened at Knifepoint Over Missing Cello

by Claire Michalewicz

A missing cello led to a home invasion Tuesday, East Hampton Police said, when a woman was threatened at knifepoint by a classmate trying to hide the fact that he had lost her instrument.

The suspect, identified as Christopher Gagne, 19, of Wallingford, a music student at Central Connecticut State University, was arrested, police said, after he fled the scene in his car, crashed it in Portland, and continued fleeing on foot.

Gagne later admitted to police that the woman had lent him her cello, which was later lost or stolen. Rather than admit that the \$10,000 instrument was gone, police said, he decided that he could either kill the woman, or kill himself. Upon arriving in East Hampton on Tuesday morning, Gagne decided that he would try to threaten the victim so that she wouldn’t tell anyone about the cello, police said.

Police said Gagne entered the 34-year-old woman’s home in the western part of the town around 9:30 a.m. Gagne arrived at the home under the pretext of returning the cello, but after entering her house, he grabbed her and threatened her with a knife, police said. Gagne tried to bind the woman with duct tape, and made her delete all her Facebook and e-mail messages about the cello, police said.

After the woman questioned Gagne, he admitted that he was trying to cover up the fact that her cello was missing, police said. The woman told police Gagne was visibly upset, repeating “I don’t wanna hurt anybody, I don’t wanna hurt anybody.” At one point, police said, the suspect turned the knife on himself. After Gagne left, police said, the woman called a friend, and after telling him what hap-

pened, she called police.

After driving into Portland at a high speed, Gagne drove off a curve on Stephen Tom Road. Police said he later told them that he crashed deliberately, in an attempt to kill himself. When his car came to a stop, he continued fleeing on foot, police said. Portland, East Hampton and state police tracked him from the scene of the accident and arrested him almost a mile from the crash scene, police said. They also said he decided to surrender because he was tired of running.

“This appears to be a unique situation,” said East Hampton Police Chief Matt Reimondo. He said that home invasions in the area were extremely rare, and stressed that this was not a random attack.

“I think it’s an unfortunate situation,” Reimondo said. “I think the young man made a bad decision, and it didn’t have to go that way.” He said Gagne should have told someone that the cello was missing, rather than commit a crime to cover it up.

“Obviously, he didn’t handle it properly, and that’s why he’s in the situation he’s in now,” Reimondo said.

Gagne was charged with second-degree threatening, first-degree reckless endangerment, second-degree kidnapping, first-degree unlawful restraint, home invasion, and first-degree burglary, police said. Portland Police also charged him with evading responsibility and traveling too fast for conditions.

Gagne was held on \$250,000 bond, and was later transferred to the Middletown police department, where he remains in custody. He was arraigned at Middletown Superior Court on Wednesday, and is due back in court on June 8.

## High-Speed Chase Ends in Arrest in Marlborough

by Katy Nally

A 23-year-old Marlborough man was arrested after disobeying an officer and eluding arrest last Saturday, May 22.

At about 11:50 a.m., State Police said, Andrew Schultz, of 7 Alden Cir., went through a stop sign at the intersection of North Main Street and West Road, and a trooper attempted to conduct a routine traffic stop.

However, Schultz sped up to avoid being stopped and led officers “at a high rate of speed through residential streets,” State Police said.

The trooper then obtained Schultz’ license

plate, found his residence and located the accused “minutes later,” State Police said. Schultz was taken into custody without incident.

Schultz told police he evaded arrest because “he was scared,” State Police said.

Schultz was charged with disobeying the signal of an officer, disobeying an officer/eluding, failure to register his motor vehicle, improper passing, having improper registration, operating a motor vehicle when license is suspended, reckless driving and stop sign violation.

## Man Dies After Being Pulled from Water at Gay City in Hebron

by Lindsay Fetzner

A New Britain man who was pulled from the water at Gay City State Park Sunday evening was pronounced dead early Monday morning.

Nathaniel Rodriguez, 19, was transported to Manchester Memorial Hospital around 9 p.m. Sunday, May 23, when he was found in the pond at the park, according to a press release put out on Monday by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Hebron Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) Lieutenant Kevin McDonnell said the call came in at 5:51 p.m. on Sunday, a dispatch from State Police Troop K in Colchester. At approximately 6 p.m., officials from Hebron informed the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Environmental Conservation Police that “a man was seen struggling in the pond and was under water” at the state park, according to the DEP.

Within three hours of the call coming in, McDonnell said, Rodriguez was taken out of the water and taken to the local hospital. Rodriguez was in critical condition. He was pronounced dead at 12:30 a.m. Monday, the DEP said.

Rodriguez’ family accompanied him at the

park, DEP spokesman Dennis Schain said, although he did not know how many people were with him.

McDonnell said the HVFD aided in the rescue, in addition to providing manpower and lighting on the scene. He said there were “easily 75 people from different fire departments” at the park that evening.

In addition to the HVFD, McDonnell said Andover, Bolton, Coventry, Ellington, Crystal Lake (Ellington), Mansfield, Somers, Stafford, Vernon, and Warehouse Point (East Windsor) were present. The Tolland county dive team was also on the scene. The Columbia Volunteer Fire Department provided station coverage for the town while they were at the park, McDonnell said.

The DEP also said in addition to the aforementioned fire departments and the Environmental Conservation Police, State Police and the State Police Dive Team responded to the search for Rodriguez.

Schain said the case is still under investigation by the DEP Environmental Conservation Police.

The park, located on Route 85, has no lifeguards on duty. It opened on April 17 this year, and is open from 8 a.m. to sunset, according to the DEP.

## Fire Strikes Hebron Elementary

by Lindsay Fetzner

The cupola of Hebron Elementary School caught fire shortly before 1 a.m. Thursday morning, but school was still scheduled to take place, according to town officials.

The dome structure caught fire around 12:45 a.m. May 27 after being struck by lightning. Crews from both Hebron and Colchester responded to the call. Firefighter Dave Thurz said the blaze on Church Street was put out in about 20 minutes.

There was “significant water damage,” Thurz said, in the area of the gym and cafeteria. Hebron Elementary School Principal Kevin Hanlon said the cupola has been temporarily covered to prevent further damage from any impending rain. The ceiling was affected inside the school in the

multi-purpose room due to water from extinguishing the fire.

The multi-purpose room is used for the cafeteria and recreational purposes. Students were due to eat lunch in their respective classrooms Thursday, Hanlon said. The school also has a separate gym that students used Thursday.

Hanlon said the fire also affected the dismissal procedure, as some of the students would typically gather in the multi-purpose room to wait for the school bus; instead, they were to wait in their individual classrooms. “We are otherwise on schedule,” he said.

Officials were on site Thursday to assess the structure and the damage from the fire, Hanlon said.

## East Hampton Police News

5/4: Denise Malaro, 47, of 121 Cedar Ridge Dr., Glastonbury, was arrested for driving under the influence, East Hampton Police said.

5/10: Arsenio J. Sanchez, 20, of 72 Barton Hill Rd., was arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said.

5/14: Leonard Bazar, 52, of 31 Rock Landing Rd., Haddam Neck, was arrested for failure to appear, police said.

5/14: Anita Ackerman, 20, of 80A Middletown Ave., was arrested for illegal possession and storage of narcotics, police said.

5/15: Leonard Bazar, 52, of 31 Rock Landing Rd., Haddam Neck, was arrested for driv-

ing while under the influence of alcohol, driving a motor vehicle while under suspension, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and driving without insurance, police said.

5/15: Joseph Rawlinitis, 21, of 620 Weir St., Glastonbury, was arrested for larceny and conspiracy to commit larceny, police said.

5/15: Todd M. Vanblaricom, 23, of 87 Abbey Rd., was arrested for driving under the influence, police said.

5/18: Christopher K. Cherry, 23, of 159 Main St., was arrested on four counts of failure to appear, police said.

5/18: James Brown, 50, of 159 Main St., was arrested for violation of probation and failure to appear, police said.

## Portland Police News

5/19: Nicole Mangiagli, 27, of 540 Main St., was charged with second-degree failure to appear, Portland Police said.

5/22: Robin Thomas, 44, of 1503 Portland Cobalt Rd., was charged with three counts criminal violation of protective order, police said.

Ter., was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, having improper registration/license, having insurance coverage that fails to meet the minimum requirements, operating a motor vehicle when license is suspended, DUI and failure to drive right, State Police said.

5/19: Nathan Price, 22, of 209 Bunkerhill Rd., Andover, turned himself in on a charge of failure to appear, State Police said.

## Colchester Police News

5/24: David Baranauskas, 50, of 92 Mark Dr., South Windsor, was charged with DUI, and failure to maintain lane, State Police said.

5/20: At 10:12 a.m., a homeowner on Cabin Road reported that his home was broken into, State Police said. The front door was forced open and numerous items were stolen including a collection of silver coins, jewelry and a laptop, State Police said. The case is still under investigation.

5/20: Robert Kempesta, 49, of 264 Westerly

*From the Editor's Desk*

# Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

Some of you may remember a column I wrote last month, after I got back from my vacation, about a vote they were having in the town I was visiting regarding whether or not to keep the town “dry,” meaning no alcohol could be sold (though it be consumed in your own home if you happened to have some) or to make it “wet,” meaning alcohol could be legally sold.

Well, the vote was held a couple of weeks ago, and the results are in. Actually, the voting was conducted in two towns, as they were right next door to each other (close enough to already share some facilities anyway, like a library). One of the towns opted to go wet by a 435-331 vote, while the other just barely opted to stay dry, by a 405-400 vote.

For those keeping track of voter turnout in referendums held in states nowhere near here (hey, everyone needs a hobby), the town that went wet had a 42 percent turnout rate, while the one that stayed dry was a little better, at about 47 percent. Not bad rates, and significantly higher than, say, the turnout at the budget votes held recently in the *Rivereast* towns. (Yup, still on that soapbox. Become more interested in your town spending, people.)

As you may recall, I was in favor of going wet, so I'm glad at least one of the towns opted to do so. And speaking of dry towns, I was thinking recently about the word “teetotaler,” which refers to somebody who doesn't drink any alcohol, at all. Specifically, I was wondering where it came from. Yep, it's etymology time once again.

According to Webster's, the word “teetotaler” (note: it is not spelled “tea-totaler,” which is how I thought it was spelled right up until about the time I began researching it for this column) dates back to 1834, and simply means one who practices teetotalism. Okay then, you ask, where does “teetotalism” come from? (Good follow-up question.) Well, apparently the word dates back to England, and there are two possible explanations as to how it got its start. The first one traces it to a meeting of the Preston Temperance Society, a society whose members had pledged to abstain from all alcohol. One of the members, Dicky Turner, had a stammer, and is said to have stated during a speech that nothing would do except “tee-tee-total abstinence.”

Another explanation also dates back to around that same time. According to this one, the word might have just been a way to stress you were totally abstaining from alcohol. Not just totally, but totally totally. Apparently, since saying “totally totally” just sounds stupid, the first “totally” was abbreviated to “tee,” and you still got your point across. You were really, really, really opposed to drinking alcohol.

No matter which origin you choose to believe, the word teetotalism goes back a long ways. And it has nothing to do with drinking tea.

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I appreciate a healthy fear of germs as much as the next person, but I think we may have gone a little too far. First, there was that instant hand sanitizer that quickly became pretty

ubiquitous. While I'm not a huge fan of it (it tends to leave my hands feeling either sticky or kinda raw, and the smell of the stuff – which is usually like 90 percent rubbing alcohol – tends to be a little strong for me), I'll admit it can be convenient. I'm not quite sure a dispenser of it needs to be present in every single business you walk into, but I'll deal with it.

However, two recent products for the bathroom had me shaking my head a little. A lot of us have probably used in public restrooms those soap dispensers that are operated by sensor. You put your hand under the sensor, and it spits out a perfect little dollop of soap, right into the palm of your hand. It's a rather cool piece of technology.

Well, Lysol is now selling one of those sensor-activated soap dispensers for your home bathroom. And a commercial I heard recently for the product made it sound, well, necessary for your survival. Apparently, if you use liquid soap in the bathroom, the pump you have to press to squeeze out the soap can be germ, since it's consistently being touched by hands that need washing. With the new sensor dispenser, voila, no need to touch that grimy pump and germ up your hands.

Lysol's reasoning might be all well and good if not for this point: why else would you be touching that pump on the soap unless you were going to wash your hands? And if you're washing your hands, then aren't you eliminating those very germs that are threatening your existence?

But last weekend I heard a more disturbing commercial, this one from the good people at Kleenex. The hand towel in your bathroom, the commercial says, is only as clean as the last person who used it. So why have a hand towel at all? Instead, Kleenex is now selling boxes of hand towels. According to the Kleenex website, the product is “an innovative solution that delivers one clean, fresh, dry towel every time you wash your hands.” Seems like a fancy paper towel to me.

This “innovative solution” sounds like a money-maker for Kleenex, since you'll eventually run out of the towels and thus need to buy more, and pretty lousy for the environment (yay, more paper waste!), but it seems altogether unnecessary. The “well, it's the way we've always done it” is generally a stupid way to justify anything, but, really, people have gotten by with hand towels in their bathroom for generations. This isn't a public restroom in, say, a gas station. This is your own bathroom, in your own home. I'm sure you'll be okay.

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Finally, here's some local baseball trivia for you, courtesy of *The Boston Globe*. Both the tallest and the shortest players in professional baseball play right here in Connecticut, on the New Britain Rock Cats. Relief pitcher Loek Van Mil checks in at 7 feet, 1 inch, while shortstop Chris Cates is nearly two feet shorter, standing at 5'3”.

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See you next week.

# Obituaries

## East Hampton

### Helen Condon

Helen Condon, 90, of East Hampton, widow of Charles L. Condon, died peacefully at her home on Wednesday, May 19. Born Feb. 1, 1920 in Hartford, she had lived in East Hampton for most of her life.

Helen was the daughter of the late John and Hazel (Markham) Coe. She was a member of the East Hampton Congregational Church, the East Hampton Senior Citizens and the East Hampton Garden Club.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Charles Richard and Barbara Condon of Colorado; a sister, Marion C. Roberts of Farmington; five grandchildren, Matthew Condon, Dane Condon, Sean Condon, Seth Condon, and Charlie Condon; two great-grandchildren, Mark Condon and Madalynn Condon.

She was predeceased by a son, Mark L. Condon and a sister, Dorothy C. Peterman.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 25 in the East Hampton Congregational Church with the Rev. Thomas Kennedy officiating. Burial followed in the family plot in Lakeview Cemetery in East Hampton.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the East Hampton Congregational Church, P.O. Box 237, East Hampton, CT 06424.

To leave online condolences visit [www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com). The Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, has care of the arrangements.

## Marlborough

### William F. Burke

William F. Burke, 41, of Marlborough, died Monday, May 24 at Middlesex Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. Born July 31, 1968 in Middletown, he was the son of the late William H. and Elaine G. Burke.

He was a graduate of RHAM High School and attended Manchester Community College. He had been employed as a security guard at Connecticut Yankee Power Plant in Haddam Neck.

He is survived by his stepmother, Betty Ann Burke of Marlborough, and his uncle, Charles E. Burke.

A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family in Marlboro Cemetery. The Spencer Funeral Home has care of the arrangements.

## Colchester

### Roger Corriveau

Roger Corriveau, 81, of Colchester and formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side Tuesday, May 25, at the Harrington Court GHC Center in Colchester. He was the beloved husband of Marie (Pelletier) Corriveau.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1928, in Van Buren, ME to the late Magliore "Mac" Corriveau and Laura (Madore) Corriveau Theriault. He proudly served our country as an Army veteran during the Korean War. Mr. Corriveau was a machinist for the Fafnir Bearing Co. for many years before his retirement. He had been very active in the Boy Scouts of America Troop 66 in Plainville as a troopmaster. He loved the outdoors, camping, gardening and traveling.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by five children; James and Gary of Spring Hill, FL, Dennis and his wife, Roxanne of Colchester, Karon Boulter of Presque Isle, ME, and John and his wife, Micheline of Plainville; 11 grandchildren Shelly, Donald, Nicole, LeeAnn, Wayne, Jessica, Michael, Christine, Randy, Joshua, and Cass; eight great grandchildren, including his "special little girl," Emma; two sisters, Gladys Roy and Aldine Lemereux; a brother, Leo; along with numerous extended family and friends.

He was predeceased by a son, Ray; a sister, Hazel Labbe, and two brothers, Gilbert and Clifford Corriveau.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 7 p.m. today, Friday, May 28, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 31 Main St., East Haddam. Burial with military honors will be private in St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Harrington Court GHC Recreation Dept., 59 Harrington Court, Colchester, CT 06415 or to BSA Troop 66, c/o Scoutmaster Jeremy Walker, 16 Cassidy Dr., Plainville, CT 06062.

Care of arrangements has been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester. For online condolences, visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

## Colchester

### Josephine Schools

Josephine "Josie" Schools, 70, wife of the late Philip Schools of Colchester passed away Monday, May 24, at Middlesex Hospital.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1939, in Hartford to John Carli and Carmela Mary Filipeli Carli.

Josie and her late husband ran the Schools Construction Company in Colchester where she was the secretary of the firm. She was a graduate of Bacon Academy Class of 1957 and a member of St. Andrew's Church.

Surviving are two grandsons, four brothers: Gino, Victor, David and Richard Carli, and a sister-in-law Louise and her special niece Darla Piader. She will be missed by many dear friends and family members.

She was predeceased by her beloved son James, who passed away in 1978.

Visitation was held Wednesday, May 26, at the Belmont/Sabrowski Funeral Home, 144 South Main St., Colchester, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment followed at New St. Andrew Cemetery.

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## Hebron

### Juliet Guimond

Juliet (Demanche) Guimond, 83, of Manchester, formerly of Hebron, beloved wife of 42 years to the late Gerald Guimond, passed away Sunday, May 23, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Juliet was born Nov. 14, 1926 in Pawtucket, RI daughter of the late George and Virginia (LePage) Demanche and had resided in Hebron for over 46 years until moving to Manchester in 2003.

After raising her family, she was employed for over 20 years with the former Iona Manufacturing and the Brand Rex Company until her retirement in 1988. Juliet was a Communicant of St. Maurice Church in Bolton, a member of the Russell Mercier Senior Center in Hebron and a member of the former Bolton Grange.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Rebecca Guimond of Atlanta, GA; her two daughters, Jayne Canterbury and her husband, Michael Baird of Girdletree, MD, and Donna Aitken and her fiancée William Gleckler of Manchester; eight grandchildren, Adria, Chris, Jean Marie, Sheenia, Jason, Alexandria, Terence and Julian; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and her longtime companion, Donald E.E. Anderson of Columbia.

In addition to her husband and parents Juliet was predeceased by her sister, Yvonne Dube.

Funeral services will be today, Friday, May 28, at 9 a.m., at Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Maurice Church, 32 Hebron Rd., Bolton. Burial will follow in St. James Cemetery, Manchester. Family and friends called Thursday, May 27, at the funeral home.

To sign the online guestbook or for directions to the funeral home, visit [www.holmes-watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.holmes-watkinsfuneralhomes.com).

## Marlborough

### Patricia Gove Williams

Patricia Gove Williams of Marlborough passed away Thursday, May 20, from ovarian cancer. The cancer was identified as Stage 3 in June 2006 and she has been a patient at Hartford Hospital's Harry Gray Center since then. Their skill added these almost four years used for travel, good times and personal work in the organizations that she loved. She took a trip to St. Croix in March this year, and had a love of swimming and the Caribbean waters.

Always one to lead by example she played an important part in her church, frequently citing one of her favorite scripture verses: "James 2.18: But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I, by my works, will show you my faith." While never brandishing her faith, she set a standard for others by simply leading by example. Her infectious laugh, quick sense of humor and upbeat personality will be missed. Her organizational skills and devotion to detail made her projects run smoothly and working with her a pleasure.

At the Congregational Church in Marlborough she served as church moderator, chair of the deacons, chair of the Missions Committee, president of the Dorcas Society, member of the State Board of UCC Women and nearly continuous work on various committees. She was a skilled seamstress and designed, assembled and sewed the Dove banners that adorn the front of the sanctuary. Patricia worked for several years as a volunteer in the Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall School Library, receiving a Connecticut Association of Elementary School Principals' Volunteer Recognition Award. She also served on the Lake Advisory Committee in Marlborough.

Prior to moving to Marlborough in 1991, she was similarly active at the UCC Federated Church in Chagrin Falls, OH (Member of the Board of Trustees Chair of the Personnel Committee, and President of the Women's Fellowship). At Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Syracuse and East Aurora, NY she served as church school superintendent, Vacation Bible School chair and a host of other leadership roles. She was also very concerned about literacy and served on the Buffalo, NY, Board of Literacy Volunteers while teaching English to several students. She taught at several nursery schools at her various locations and managed her own school in East Aurora (Buffalo), NY. She loved 3- and 4-year-olds and spent many hours developing curriculum for her students.

She was (in)famous for her recruiting ability and it was known that if you did not want to participate it would be smart not to answer the phone. Literally hundreds of volunteer jobs were filled thanks to her canny selection and persuasion. Since the 1980s, she was a member of PEO, an organization that supports educational opportunities for women. She was twice president of chapters and was a part of establishing new chapters in Connecticut and Ohio. Almost always on the program committee she brought energy and ideas to the groups.

Patricia had many interests that were enhanced by her reading. She enjoyed history, travel, biographies and food. Obituaries that really told something about the person's life were daily fare. Her memory was outstanding and she could recount what she had read in great detail for family and friends. With her husband, Craig, she traveled broadly using trip plans that she had made based on her research and reading. While some trips included professional tours, the travel that she designed was the best with unusual stops and interesting accommodations. Again, her memory would amaze as she described the drapes and colors in a room seen in some remote castle years before.

Patricia was a 1953 Skidmore graduate with a B.S. in home economics and from this became a gourmet chef who seldom repeated a "fancy" meal and kept friends and family well fed. Swimming was always important and her home on Lake Terramuggus gave her great summertime pleasure. She enjoyed the changing of the seasons and would not have considered a winter home elsewhere. Being a contributing member of the community was a year-round job for her that also held her to full-year residency in Marlborough. She enjoyed entertaining family and friends and always made the most of holiday events. She took enormous pleasure from her chance to care for her granddaughter, Jessica, through her baby years and to have her visit at least once a week during her school years that now extend through the eighth grade. It has also been of great comfort to have daughter Amy nearby here in Marlborough.

Married in 1952 to Craig Williams, she willingly followed him during his career through the Rust Belt from Pittsburgh to Cleveland to Syracuse to Buffalo to Cleveland and, finally on retirement, to Connecticut. Feb. 20th this year marked the 60th year since they met. She was born to Winfield and Frances Gove on June 4, 1931 in Detroit, MI. Her father moved "back east" to take a position at Pratt and Whitney and she attended schools in West Hartford and Manchester.

Along with her husband, Craig, she leaves her daughter Amy Harrington, Amy's husband Frank, and granddaughter Jessica Gilbert. Patricia was an only child but leaves her cousin (but really sister) Gail Crawford Yother of Bloomfield and cousin Janet Nichols of East Hampton. Her extended family includes Birgit Gross, exchange daughter from 1976 who, with her family, has been very close over the years.

She was predeceased by a son, James Craig Williams in 1998.

A memorial service was held at the Marlborough Congregational Church Thursday, May 27. A reception followed the service. There were no calling hours.

Memorial gifts should be addressed to the Marlborough Congregational Church at P.O. Box 59, Marlborough, CT 06447, noted for the Patricia Williams Memorial Fund.

## Colchester

### Kathleen Ann Barry-Piper

Kathleen Ann Barry-Piper, 47, Colchester native and Manchester resident, died Thursday, May 20, with her devoted husband Russ by her side.

A 1981 graduate of Bacon Academy and a 1985 ECSU graduate, Kathy worked as head teller at the Colchester office of the Norwich Savings Society for several years before leaving the workforce to raise her family. She enjoyed cooking, spending time with family and friends, visiting her beloved Deer Isle, Maine, and rooting for the Red Sox.

Kathy waged a valiant, nearly 20-year battle against the degenerative muscle disorder that eventually involved her heart and led to her premature passing. Despite more numerous hospitalizations and increasing disability in recent years, Kathy remained able to live at home, due in part to the help of her many wonderful friends, to whom the family extends their deepest gratitude. We also thank the St. Francis doctors, nurses, and staff involved in Kathy's care over the years, and express our most profound appreciation for the wonderful care afforded Kathy in the cardiac ICU at YNHH in her final days.

A wonderful wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend, she will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched.

In addition to her husband, Russell Piper, Kathy is survived by her cherished children Zachary and Sam; her parents, Francis and Barbara Barry of Colchester; her brothers Tim, of Manchester; Chris and wife Susan, of Durham; and Shawn, his wife Justine, and their son Jack, of Stafford Springs.

Calling hours were on Wednesday, May 26, at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester, followed by a memorial service celebrating Kathy's life, also at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Kathy's memory to The Brainard Fund, care of The Hartford Foundation for Giving, 10 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06106, which helps families faced with economic hardship as the result of mounting medical care costs.

To leave online condolences, visit [tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://tierneyfuneralhome.com).