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Choice Car... On Sunday, Aug. 12, Marlborough Moose Lodge 1631 held its annual Auto Show. Originally scheduled for Aug. 11, the event was rained out and held the following day. Over 30 cars participated. "We were hoping for more cars, but the rain really hurt us," said the Lodge's Governor, Fred Palmer. "When we had to reschedule to Sunday, we ran into competition from a car show being held in Putnam, which many of our entrants were committed to." The Moose Club Choice Award went to Rob Kenyon, with his 1967 Ford Thunderbird. Kenyon is shown here receiving his trophy from Moose member Erik Borenko. The first-place trophy went to Joe Christian, with his 1965 Ford Mustang Shelby GT 350. Proceeds from the event benefited local charities.

Osten Tops Reynolds in State Senate Primary

by Katelyn Kelleher

Sprague First Selectwoman Cathy Osten edged out Ledyard state Rep. Tom Reynolds in the 19th State Senatorial District Democratic primary Tuesday, allowing her to move forward with her campaign.

Osten collected 58 percent of the votes in the district, receiving 2,272 votes to Reynolds' 1,666. The 11-town 19th District includes Hebron and Marlborough, as well as Columbia, Franklin, Bozrah, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Norwich, Sprague and a portion of Montville.

Osten won in all but two of those towns. She lost Montville by a slim margin, only eight votes, and, as she expected, she also lost Ledyard, by a 345-80 tally. "Ledyard being Tom's hometown I knew that we probably would not fare well, but we did fare okay," she said.

Locally, Reynolds was beaten by only one vote in Hebron, receiving 192 votes to Osten's 193. In Marlborough, Reynolds received 128 votes and Osten 148.

Reynolds entered the primary with the endorsement of the 19th District's Democratic convention, five of the seven Democratic town committees in the district, about a dozen local legislatures and several labor unions.

Osten also had the endorsement of several

labor unions and the Columbia and Sprague Democratic town committees, and, in what she called "the best endorsement anybody can get," she had the backing of state Sen. Edith Prague, who has held the seat in the 19th District since 1994.

"Well I'm delighted about the numbers," Osten said. "I was confident about the win; that was my assessment from going door-to-door."

Osten will now face Norwich Republican Chris Coutu, who won against Osten in 2010 for the 47th Assembly District seat.

Her plan is to continue to move forward as she has been. "I'm going to do the same thing by getting back to the core of my campaign, by going door-to-door and seeing people in my communities," she said. "This is just a continuation of the same campaign and I'm absolutely thrilled for the support."

Last month, Osten called for a debate challenge against both Reynolds and Coutu. Reynolds' campaign would not commit to a date

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Cathy Osten

Crawford Edges Klinck in Primary, Will Face Linares

by Joshua Anusewicz

In the Democratic primary for the soon-to-be vacant state senate seat in the 33rd District, state Rep. Jim Crawford of Westbrook nudged by former state Commissioner on Aging Mary Ellen Klinck by a 2,504-2,007 vote.

Crawford will now go on to face Republican Art Linares, of Westbrook, in the November election. The seat is currently held by Eileen Daily, who is retiring at the end of her term.

The 12-town 33rd district includes Colchester, East Hampton and Portland, as well as Chester, Clinton, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

Crawford, 63, who is currently the state representative for the 35th Assembly District, which covers Clinton, Killingworth and Westbrook, was able to collect 56 percent of the votes, garnering considerable support in most of the shoreline communities. Crawford easily carried his hometown of Westbrook, 233-40, as well as Clinton, 441-97. He also bested Klinck by over 100 votes in Essex.

Klinck also received considerable support



Jim Crawford

from her hometown of East Haddam, blowing out Crawford 438-86.

In the three *RiverEast* communities in the district, Klinck actually received more support. In East Hampton, Klinck won 270-243; in Colchester, Klinck won 282-248. In Portland, however, Crawford gathered the support of voters, winning 186-160.

Crawford was a gracious victor this week and thanked those who voted for him on his Facebook page.

"Thank you so much to everyone for your support!" he posted. "It means so much to me and I am happy to have you all behind me as I accept this challenge and look forward to November."

Thursday, Crawford said he was happy to win many of the shoreline towns he "hoped to do well in," but added that he was pleased to see he fared well in some of the northern towns in the district.

"I was virtually unknown in some of the towns up until a few months ago," he said. "The fact that I came close is gratifying, and I think it was the turning point of the race, being able to compete in those towns. I think the primary was good for the party, because it got my name out there much earlier than it normally would."

Klinck said Thursday that she was "proud" of her campaign, which she said she ran cleanly so the winner of the primary would stand a better chance in November. She has already thrown her support behind Crawford.

"I enjoyed the campaign, and certainly would have liked to win," Klinck said Thursday. "But we had a good voter turnout. I wish I had the support of a few more towns that I thought I might have had, but that's how elections go. Now it's time to relax and accept the defeat graciously."

Klinck said she will continue to be involved in public service, including continued activism in the local Council on Aging and the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce.

Awaiting Crawford now is Linares, an up-and-comer in state politics. Linares, 23, is a graduate of the University of Tampa in Florida and one of the founders of Greenskies, a solar commercial installation company in Middletown that Linares began in his basement when he was just 17.

Linares said he was inspired to start his own business by his father, a Cuban defector who started several of his own businesses after coming to the United States. Greenskies has since grown from a company supplying alternative energy to residential properties to supplying equipment for commercial properties, such as Wal-Mart and Target. Linares said the idea of solar appealed to him as a way to "supplement American dependence on foreign oil," as well as save companies money on energy costs and protect the environment.

His first foray in politics, however, came when he was still in college. Linares served as an intern in Washington, D.C. for U.S. Sen.

Marco Rubio of Florida. Using his experience in the Capitol, his passion for entrepreneurship, and particularly his family's hardscrabble past, Linares decided to get involved in state politics.

"I've watched my family succeed, believing in the American dream," Linares said. "If you have an idea and you work hard enough, you should be able to achieve any level of success." To do that, Linares said the state needs to "get people working again" by encouraging small businesses and keeping taxes at a low rate.

In watching state politics, Linares said he's seen a lot of "backroom deals" and collusion, citing issues like the Haddam land swap and the controversial New Britain-Hartford Busway as projects he didn't support and, speaking with voters, most Connecticut residents don't support.

Linares said he's spent a considerable amount of time pounding the pavement in recent months, knocking on as many doors as possible. He said his biggest concern is hearing residents say they want to leave the state because they simply can't afford to live here anymore, whether it be because of high taxes or lack of jobs.

"When people tell me they want to leave, I tell them that I want them to stay," he said confidently. "As a state senator, I need to understand what the people want. So far, they've been receptive of sending a fresh face to Hartford."

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and the debate never happened. Coutu told the *Rivereast* he was willing and even looked forward to a debate, adding he was “open to anything that gives the public more information about the race.”

However, Osten said she was not able to get in contact with Coutu to set up a debate before the primary.

Osten said she will be calling for another debate against Coutu before the election. “He refused to debate me in 2010 when I ran against him and I’m publicly calling him out for a debate,” she said, adding the people of the district need to know each candidate’s take on the issues.

Coutu issued a press release this week challenging Osten to a series of debates.

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And the early 20s Linares is definitely that. But he said that his youth has worked in his favor. “I tell the people I speak with that I’m getting older everyday,” he joked. “I hope I can encourage young people to get involved.”

In Crawford, someone he is familiar with from his time in Westbrook, Linares said he sees “a nice guy who can’t say ‘no’ to government.” He said that “bureaucrats” in Hartford, like Crawford, have “lost touch with what they’re supposed to be doing” and serving themselves instead of the people they represent.

“The residents of the district need someone who will stand up for them,” Linares said. “That’s what I plan to do.”

The dynamic of this November’s race will be unique, as the familiarity goes beyond a shared hometown – growing up, Crawford, an educator for over 30 years, was one of Linares’ teachers.

“I’m pleased he’s running, and I’m proud to see he’s taken an active role in politics,”

“The people of this district deserve to hear our plans for the direction of the state,” Coutu said in the release.

“Anytime, anywhere I’m always up to debate anybody on the issues,” he added Thursday, and said he encourages anything to educate the public on the issues.

“It’s silly to say there was no debate in the last election,” he said, adding there at least six debates between Osten and himself during their 2010 run for the 47th Assembly District seat. The press release listed six debates and forums in which Coutu participated.

Coutu said he publicly accepted Osten’s debate challenge in July and “never heard from her,” so the debate never came to fruition.

Crawford said.

Crawford added, however, that being more seasoned of a politician will work in his favor. “I have experience to bring to the table and that’s essentially what I hope to emphasize during the campaign as we work to improve our economy,” he said.

If Democrats and Republicans aren’t your thing, there will be another choice in November’s election. Running as a representative of the Green Party, Higganum’s Melissa Schlag will be listed as a third party candidate on this year’s ballot. Schlag is the former executive director of Citizens for Protection of Public Lands (CPPL), a group that was formed in opposition of the Haddam land swap. Schlag has also served on other town committees in Haddam and been involved with other volunteer efforts in the area.

Voting in the state senate race will take place Tuesday, Nov. 6, the same day as the presidential election.

From the Editor’s Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

I haven’t written too much about my beloved Mets lately – to be honest, it’s been too depressing a subject to write about. The optimism of the first half came crashing to earth with a thud as soon as the All-Star break ended, losing 11 of their first 12 games in the second half. They’ve fared a teensy bit better since then, but entering Tuesday’s action they were 8-21 since the break, and have been all but officially eliminated from playoff contention.

The foibles of the boys from Flushing are nothing new to me, of course. I first began developing into a Mets die-hard around 1990, just after their ‘80s success. It was also not long before the team, responding to the departure of Darryl Strawberry and other key members of those ‘80s Mets, spent lavishly on the likes of Bobby Bonilla and Eddie Murray for a 1992 squad that went on to lose 90 games – and follow it up with 103 losses the following year.

I didn’t let it faze me, though, and continued to proudly wear Mets T-shirts to middle school – where I was routinely reminded “the Mets suck.” I didn’t care; I continued to support my guys, would listen to games on the radio or watch them on TV most every night, trying to will them to a victory that, more often than not, just wasn’t in the cards.

Adolescent masochism? Perhaps. But I like to think being a Mets fan made me a tougher person. There’s something about sticking by a squad as they pile up loss after loss after loss that builds character, and perhaps helps one develop an ability to put things in perspective. (“Yeah, they lost 9-1, but Hundley looked great at the plate!”)

In short, us Mets fans are a hardy bunch – and tend to have somewhat twisted senses of humor too. (I mean, how could you willfully sign up for this season after season and not be just a little twisted?) Case in point: the late Marylou Cunningham Belles.

Belles, a Bethel resident, passed away July 13. Her obituary, which ran in the *Bantam News-Times*, noted she was “a lifelong New York Mets fan, though surprisingly, that

wasn’t what killed her.”

Cracking jokes about your baseball team’s lousiness even after you’re gone? Yeah, that’s a Mets fan.

By the way, Belles died of cancer – or as the first line of her obituary read, she died “after giving cancer the finger for 27 years.” The obituary also said that since the day she died was a Friday the 13th, “it was a perfect day for the Stephen King fan that she was.”

All in all, a fun, albeit slightly strange, obituary – and perfectly fitting for a woman who always stayed true to the orange and blue.

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Speaking of the Mets, I made a trip down to Citi Field last Saturday to catch a Braves-Mets matchup. It turned out to be quite the drubbing – by the wrong team. Yes, the Mets were down 9-0 by the time they came to the plate in the bottom of the second. The humiliating score gave me time, though, to pause and reflect on a most astounding sandwich I’d just eaten, from a new stand that set up shop last week in the outfield food court at the ballpark.

The sandwich featured three small pieces of filet mignon – super tender and exquisitely seasoned. On top of that were two slices of Monterey jack cheese, caramelized onions and a special au jus that was just amazing. And it came on a fresh, delicious bakery-style baguette.

The place just opened four days earlier, and yet the line was very, very long; clearly word of mouth has quickly set in. Which is not a shock – it was quite the sandwich.

The price tag, by the way, was \$15. Steep? Sure. But considering that, at the ballpark, you can drop \$6.50 for some cheese fries or \$8 for a can of Bud Light, it wasn’t shocking. It was delicious and pretty filling – and if you ever summon up the strength to head down to Citi Field (they do win sometimes; I’ve seen it happen), I highly recommend it. Just budget accordingly.

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See you next week.

Sequestration Plan Postponed, Pesticide Workshop Held in Hebron

by Geeta Schrayter

Superintendent of Schools Ellie Cruz told the Board of Education last week about a recent trip she’d taken to Washington, D.C., where she helped represent Connecticut at a national conference on education – a trip that brought some good news.

Cruz was chosen for the July conference along with Mark D. Benigni and Joseph V. Erardi Jr., the schools superintendents in Meriden and Southington, respectively. At the conference, which was held in July, superintendents and members of Congress discussed various education issues.

Cruz said this week that during the two-day conference she, Benigni and Erardi met with members of Congress who represented Connecticut “on both sides of the aisle.”

Cruz said the group went with the primary goal of talking to members of Congress about issues such as funding and unfunded mandates but while they were there, the issue of sequestration was brought to their attention.

Fortunately for the superintendents, however, the concept was delayed for the time being.

Since the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction was unable to produce a bill that would highlight ways to reduce the federal deficit at least \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years, an automatic spending reduction process was “triggered,” according to the National Education Association. Included in that process was sequestration, which is the cancellation of budgetary resources.

Sequestration, which was scheduled to go into effect in January 2013, would mean “automatic, across-the-board cuts will be applied to most programs, including all discretionary education programs, except Federal Pell Grants,” the NEA said.

For Hebron, that would mean “maybe only \$20,000,” Cruz told the Board of Education at its meeting last Thursday, “but to Hebron that’s

a lot.”

“The difficulty was we had no preparation for this,” Cruz said Wednesday. “We did not know about this until our budgets had already passed, so come January, if sequestration went into effect, it would have seriously impacted the programs we run that are so important to the students in our district and the children who are more at risk.”

Cruz explained the federal funding the district receives is for special education and free or reduced lunches.

But, Cruz told the school board, after the superintendents’ concerns were voiced at the conference, in conjunction with feedback from principals nationwide, other lobbyists and the community, Congress has “decided to move it off for a year” which will give municipalities a chance to adjust to the changes.

“It’s a pretty serious problem,” she continued, “but we were able to put it off for a year so it was time well spent.”

Cruz said the change was “an opportunity to plan forward.”

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Cruz also told the school board a workshop regarding the management of school grounds was on tap for this week at Gilead Hill School. She explained the schools are challenged with keeping school landscaping under control.

“We don’t have a budget for it – we just work collaboratively with the town,” she said, noting at times there were “huge expanses” of poison ivy at the schools but they couldn’t be treated with pesticides due to environmental protection laws.

Under Connecticut’s Lawn Care Pesticide Ban, legislation which passed in 2007, pesticides can’t be used on the grounds of daycare centers, elementary or middle schools, due to “residents’ concerns about children’s health and

the environment,” according to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The ban includes fungicides, herbicides and insecticides, as well as organic pesticides.

At the workshop, which took place Wednesday, members of the University of Connecticut Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture was set to discuss the problems facing public schools using Hebron Elementary and Gilead Hill schools as an example “and how we manage without being able to use products that aren’t green” as well as “what that imposes because the products cost more” said Cruz. She explained green products are usually more expensive and less effective than their chemical counterparts.

“I’m not against green products,” she added, “but we’re going to meet and discuss the challenges” of using them.

On Wednesday, Cruz added she felt legislators had “gone overboard” with the legislation “to the point where we can’t use diluted bleach on weeds and things like that so it’s become problematic” for maintenance and appearance upkeep as well as teaching – she said the district doesn’t have the staff or resources to adequately maintain the trails and courtyards.

“I’m all for being ‘green,’” Cruz reiterated. “We have solar panels and LED lighting – but we also have poison ivy growing out of control near the playground at Gilead Hill School and unless people come pull it out we can’t contain it.”

Around 60 municipal and school employees from towns all over the state were expected to attend the workshop

Cruz explained participants in the workshop were to study the issue in small focus groups, and then share what they learned along with the various challenges for schools “with diminishing resources and no staff or finances to

[maintain] the grounds and meet the more strict and stringent guidelines” of the state.

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Also at last Thursday’s meeting, Cruz updated the board on various capitol projects that had been taking place over the summer. She explained replacement of the portion of the Hebron Elementary School roof from 1963 was 90 percent complete.

“All that needs to be completed is the drainage portion,” she said. “We’re very pleased that’s been completed.”

In addition, Cruz said the demolition of the fourth-grade portable classrooms, which haven’t been used since October 2011 when mold was discovered in them, was scheduled to begin on Monday. On Wednesday, Cruz said the demolition had been finished.

“Today it’s just topsoil,” she said, adding the demolition took just two days with 20 dumpsters.

Cruz stated she was “grateful” staff from various town departments were able to work together to complete the project.

“I’m just so grateful we made this happen,” she said.

The replacement of a manhole in the parking lot at Gilead Hill School is also in progress, Cruz continued, and the replacement of the garage roof and painting of the garage door trim has been completed.

Lots of painting also took place this summer, Cruz shared. The fascia on the 1957 wing of Hebron Elementary, the ceiling of the walkway between the main building and the fifth-grade portables and the painting of three exterior doors has also been completed.

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The next Hebron Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Gilead Hill School music room.

Portland Vet Takes Trip to Remember

by Joshua Anusewicz

On Aug. 29, 1944, the U.S. Air Force deployed almost 500 aircrafts on a mission to bomb various oil and rail targets throughout central Europe. During that mission, the 20th Squadron of the 2nd Bombardment Group took its assignment: attack the Privoser Oil Refinery and railroad yards in the area of Moravska Ostrava, Czechoslovakia. The mission, carried out by a group of B-17 "Flying Fortresses" was considered to be fairly easy.

What transpired, however, was a tragedy: not a single aircraft from the mission returned. Some 40 airmen were killed, over 40 others were kept as POWs for the remainder of World War II, and only a handful survived and escaped capture.

"They just got hammered," said Howard Helveston, a former East Hampton and Portland resident. Howard, 88, is a World War II veteran, but was not a part of the failed mission. At the time, he was serving in England, serving in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. He had entered the service at age 19 and would spend three years serving in World War II, wanting to fly but unable to do so, because of his poor vision.

It was during his time in England when he found out about the failed mission. A telegram from his parents back home broke the news: his brother, 2nd Lt. Harold W. Helveston, copilot of plane No. 473 "My Baby," just 21 years old, had been killed in the mission.

Nowadays, Howard is averse to talking about the death of his brother, his only sibling. The memories of him are around his home, including a small photo of his brother in uniform. Howard took time to grieve after his brother's death, but then set to begin his life after he returned from the war. The two brothers had grown up together in the Philadelphia area, but Howard branched out: going to college to become a teacher, moving to Maine, then to Stonington and then settling in East Hampton and Portland, where he lived and raised a family for over 30 years. For most of those years, Howard was happily employed as an industrial arts teacher at Rocky Hill High School.

Howard has been retired from teaching for many years. His wife passed away a few years back. While he can still drive and get around pretty well, health issues have forced Howard into an assisted living home in Middletown.

So how is this related, his brother's death decades ago and Howard's life today? Well, much like he hasn't forgotten his brother, Howard has not forgotten to stay active. And in

June, active meant a trip called "The Great Rivers of Europe," a 17-day boat trip through the major rivers of eastern and central Europe, beginning in Amsterdam and ending in Vienna.

With considerable planning, a special extension was added to the trip, as well. Howard then traveled to Prague, where he met his daughter Gail and a Czech guide named Roman. From there, the group traveled through the Czech countryside to the city of Brno, the area where his brother's plane had gone down.

In the area where the plane went down, Howard was able to visit the exact site of the crash, a remote wooded area, and visit a museum where pieces of his brother's plane were on display. There were also two separate monuments in the town that bore his brother's name, as well as the names of other soldiers who died in the crash.

The experience, Howard said, was not just surreal, but a little humbling.

"It was a little hard for me to believe at first," Howard said of seeing his brother's name on a monument in the middle of Europe. "The attitude there is just so different. The people are so appreciative of everything that was done for them [during the war]."

Traveling around the small villages, Howard said he was "treated like a celebrity" by the locals, who came out in droves to meet him and take pictures. He even got to meet the mayor of one of the towns, he said. "The Czech Republic is just a beautiful country and the people are really top-shelf," he added.

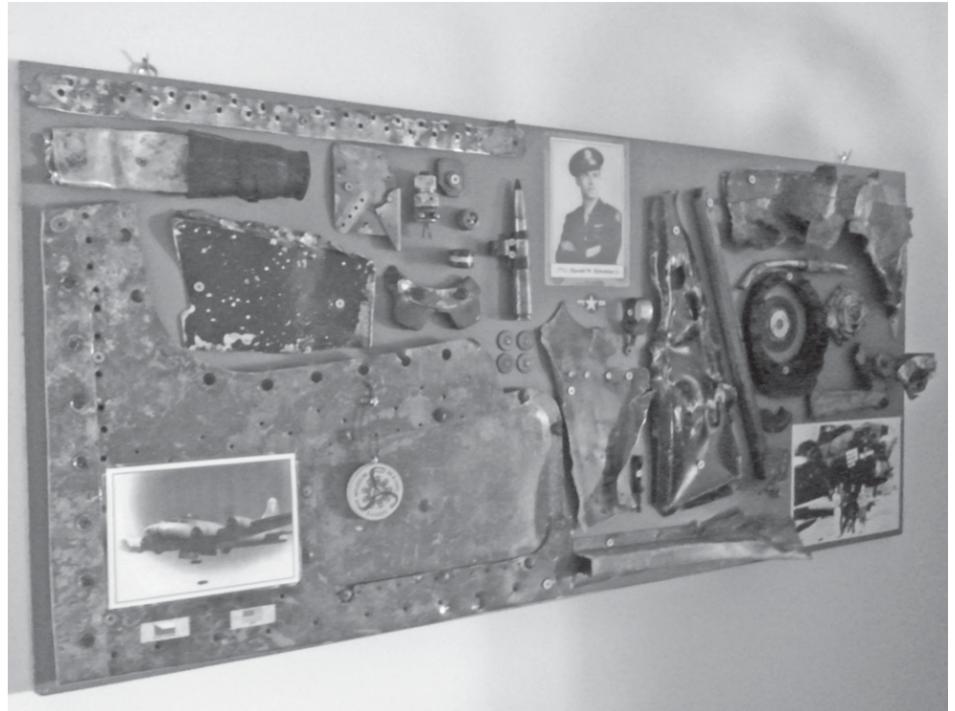
Being able to see the touching tributes to his brother and the other soldiers who lost their lives, Howard admitted, was something he never expected. But being able to see the respect and admiration complete strangers held for his brother...well, that was even less expected.

"I never knew anything like that existed," Howard admitted. "When the war ended here, we all just went back to whatever we were doing in the first place. Seeing this made me feel good; it made me feel like it wasn't all a waste."

As a more personal surprise, the Czech people sent Howard home with a particularly special tribute to his brother. Using recovered pieces of the plane, the local museum created a collage using different pieces of metal and weaponry from the aircraft, as well as a photo of Harold in uniform, to give to Howard. The collage now hangs proudly in Howard's bedroom, staring at you as you walk in and out, promising there won't be a day that goes by where his brother will be forgotten.



Former East Hampton and Portland resident Howard Helveston recently completed a memorable trip across the rivers of Europe, which culminated in a stop in the Czech Republic to visit the site where his brother was killed in World War II. Along the way, him and his daughter Gail, left, took a chance to sample the local culture with a cold beer.



After visiting a museum that preserved many artifacts from his brother's tragic death, Howard was given a collage that contained a photo of his brother, Harold, in uniform, surrounded by various pieces of the wreckage. The collage is now proudly hung in Howard's bedroom.

McMahon, Murphy, Formica Win Big in Primaries

by Joshua Anusewicz

The votes are in, the primaries have been decided and the races are set for November's state elections.

Now, the real fun begins.

For the U.S. Senate seat, which will be vacated after the retirement of Sen. Joe Lieberman in November, both Democrats and Republicans held a primary. On the Republican side, Linda McMahon, former president and CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), bested former Congressman Chris Shays by a wide margin, 83,684-31,407. For the Democrats, current Congressman Chris Murphy soundly defeated former Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz, 93,506-45,098.

In another state primary to be the Republican candidate for Connecticut's 2nd Congressional District – a 65-town district that includes *Rivereast* towns Andover, Colchester, East Hampton, Marlborough and Hebron – East Lyme First Selectman Paul M. Formica easily beat former U.S. State Department employee Daria Novak, 14,440-7,042.

McMahon, 63, a Greenwich resident, re-

ceived the Republican endorsement at May's convention and was considered the favorite going into the primary. Running with a focus on the economy and job creation, she received 73 percent of the vote on Tuesday.

"Last night's win was a victory for middle-class families and small businesses across Connecticut," McMahon wrote Wednesday on her Facebook page. "I couldn't have done this without your support and I thank you so much for your hard work to make yesterday's victory a possibility."

That support was seen in all of the *Rivereast* towns, where McMahon scored a clean sweep. According to the secretary of state's office, McMahon won Andover, 127-35; Colchester, 366-113; East Hampton, 405-71; Hebron, 338-71; Marlborough, 217-55; and Portland 252-56.

Murphy, 39, of Cheshire, also had an easy time with his opponent and received the full support of *Rivereast* towns: in Andover, Murphy won 111-84; in Colchester, 352-200; in East Hampton, 326-196; in Hebron, 268-126; in

Marlborough, 168-110; and in Portland, 229-141.

On his Facebook page, Murphy thanked his "Team Murphy" supporters and offered a challenge. "Are you ready to stand with me this November and build the largest grassroots campaign Connecticut has ever seen?" he wrote. Prior to the primary, Murphy received the endorsement of state Democrats and was also supported by Gov. Dannel Malloy and Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman.

In the Republican primary for the 2nd Congressional District, Formica received 67 percent of the votes, double the amount that the challenger Novak received. Formica, who is also the owner of a seafood market in East Lyme, received the Republican nomination in May. He has run his campaign promising to "bring common sense and Main Street values to Congress" and, after the results were announced Tuesday, thanked his supporters for their confidence in that goal.

"This is truly the American dream, that a guy like me can start a small business, get involved

in his community, serve on local boards and commissions, be elected first selectman and now ... be the Republican candidate for the United States Congress," Formica stated on Facebook.

Novak, of Madison, had billed herself as the "only conservative candidate in the race" and stated on Wednesday that, though defeated, she would continue to make a push for office.

"We may have lost a battle, but we will stay in the war and regroup," Novak posted on Facebook. "We will have a conservative choice in Connecticut even if it takes a little longer."

In the *Rivereast* communities in the district, voters sided with Formica. In Andover, Formica won 105-44; in Colchester, 326-132; in East Hampton, 295-157; in Hebron, 261-119; and in Marlborough, 197-56. Formica will now go on to face incumbent Democrat Joe Courtney, who has held the seat since 2007.

All elections will now take place Tuesday, Nov. 6, the same day as the presidential election.

Magaldi-Lewis Tops Burbank in Andover Registrar Primary

by Geeta Schrayter

The results are in, and by a vote of 137-57, Catherine Magaldi-Lewis beat out Marie Burbank to win at Tuesday's primary for the Democratic Registrar of Voters.

But, despite the win, Magaldi-Lewis is far from guaranteed the position, as Burbank intends to run for the seat in November as a petitioned candidate.

"I'm really happy," Magaldi-Lewis said Wednesday, calling herself "very, very lucky" to have the support of so many residents.

"That helps a lot, and they will continue to be my support team going into November," she said.

And as the remainder of summer fades into fall, and the November elections draw ever closer, Magaldi-Lewis said she plans to continue to prepare for the position.

"I still have a lot of reading and a lot of things to catch up on," she said, explaining while she had already read the moderator's guide, she planned to go through it again and "just put together as much information as I can about the position."

Magaldi-Lewis said if she's elected she wants to go in "with a clear understanding of what I want to accomplish and how I want to accomplish it."

Endorsed by the Democratic Town Committee at its May caucus, Magaldi-Lewis has experience with management and development and said she has skills as a facilitator and pre-

sender. As an employee of the Hertz car rental company, she developed its first training manual, and in addition, she assisted with the implementation of and training for new reservation software at Sheraton Hotels and Resorts. She is also enrolled in moderator school, with classes beginning in September.

Magaldi-Lewis said she was asked to run for the position by members of the DTC; also, she added, she likes being involved in the community and knowing what's going on around town. She said she wants to be the sort of registrar people find approachable and helpful.

On Wednesday, DTC Chairwoman Linda Knowlton said that, as the endorsed candidate, it was good Magaldi-Lewis won.

"I think it's great," she said, mentioning Magaldi-Lewis' corporate experience as beneficial and calling her a "quick learner."

"So when it comes to learning anything that she needs to, she'll pick up pretty quick on that," she said.

But it looks like Magaldi-Lewis, despite Tuesday's victory, will face Burbank again come November. Last week, Burbank submitted a nominating petition to the town clerk's office that would allow her to run against Magaldi-Lewis for the position in November despite yesterday's loss. (The Republican registrar of voters, Cathy Palazzi, is running for re-election unopposed.)

On Wednesday, Burbank said the results of

Tuesday's vote came as no surprise, and added that, at this point, she plans to move forward with the campaign.

"I didn't expect to win," she said. "I think I made that clear [to the *Rivereast*] last week. I didn't campaign, I didn't even call people."

And since her campaign was practically non-existent, Burbank said she was especially thankful for the individuals who voted for her.

"I appreciate the 57 people who voted for me," she said. "No one even called them, they just showed up, and my opponent - she spent a lot of money on signs and she had a lot of people calling which I couldn't do. I just couldn't do it with Bob in the hospital."

Burbank's husband, First Selectman Bob Burbank, recently underwent heart surgery to replace an aortic valve and unclog an artery. He returned home last Friday, Aug. 10.

Burbank said a lot has been going on between her husband's condition, the primary and her daughter's upcoming wedding this Saturday, but after that settles down — "when life is calmer"

— she'll "review" the situation.

"At this point I'm still moving forward but we have to focus on our daughter's wedding," she said.

The race between Burbank and Magaldi-Lewis has put a focus on the registrar of voter's office that hasn't always been there, and that, Burbank said, is a good thing.

"I am pleased in a way that the registrar of voters position is getting the attention, because it's important," she said, "and in the past it hasn't."

And Magaldi-Lewis furthered her belief it was important for people in the community to become involved.

"You don't even have to be political," she said. "You just have to care enough to say 'I want the best for my town and I want to know things are running correctly.'"

If the numbers are in her favor in November like they were yesterday, Magaldi-Lewis will have the opportunity to do just that soon enough.

Burbank Returns Home from Hospital

by Geeta Schrayter

First Selectman Bob Burbank is finally back at home, after a three-week stint in the hospital due to a heart procedure.

Burbank was released last Friday, Aug. 10, from Hartford Hospital, where he had been recovering since his July 25 surgery to replace an aortic valve and unclog an artery. Burbank began experiencing acute shortness of breath the weekend of July 14. Initially, Burbank tried to remedy his symptoms, which made it difficult for him to walk across the room, via at-home treatment with medication, under the direction of his physician.

But when the symptoms didn't improve after two days, Burbank was sent to Middlesex Hospital, then transferred to Hartford Hospital, where it was determined he had atrial fibrillation, a type of arrhythmia where the electrical signals in the atria fire in a rapid, uncontrolled way. To correct the situation, it was determined he would need to undergo surgery.

On Wednesday, Burbank's wife Marie said he was doing well.

"Every day is moving forward," she said. Burbank added he was feeling "pretty

good," and said doctors were waiting for his heart to get a little stronger before determining what, if anything, would need to be done moving forward.

And while he won't yet be found at Town Hall, Burbank has taken to fulfilling as much of his role as first selectman as he can from home.

"I've been in contact on a daily basis with [selectman Jay Linddy]" he said, adding Linddy had even been bringing certain materials to the house for him to work on.

"There's always things to do and Jay and I have worked on a daily basis to keep things going as best we can," Burbank continued.

He added it was fortunate it was summer, since things in Town Hall are slower "then they would normally be in other times of the year."

Burbank said "hopefully," he'll be back at the town hall the week after next. But until that time, he'll continue to recover and do what he can from home.

"It's rest a little, then work a little bit, then rest a little bit," he said.

Traffic Delays on Arrigoni This Weekend

by Joshua Anusewicz

Motorists can expect delays on the Arrigoni Bridge this weekend, as preparatory work will be taking place in advance of paving on the final phase of the bridge restoration project, the state Department of Transportation announced Tuesday.

According to a release from Terri Thompson, transportation supervising engineer for the DOT, the delays are expected to begin Saturday, Aug. 18, at 8 p.m., weather permitting, and will continue until Monday, Aug. 20, at 6 a.m.

Thompson states that Route 66 will be restricted to "alternating one-way traffic," as the work will include "the removal of the temporary concrete barrier and crash system, eradication of the temporary pavement markings and

placement of temporary marking tape to delineate travel areas and the work zone." During this time, paving of the northernmost lanes of the bridge will take place.

At the conclusion of this weekend's work, Thompson said traffic will be returned to its current pattern of one lane in each direction with the north sidewalk remaining closed.

Thompson stated several more traffic shifts are expected around Labor Day, as final paving will be done on the other sections of the bridge. There will also be milling and paving done on the bridge approaches on both sides, as well as sidewalk repairs. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in November.

Hotel Hearing in Portland Postponed

by Joshua Anusewicz

The Planning and Zoning Commission's meeting planned for Thursday night was canceled earlier this week, pushing the public hearing and possible approval of a new hotel at St. Clements Castle back to the commission's next meeting.

According to an email from Deanna Rhodes, the town's planning and land use administrator, the postponement of the hearing was requested by George Fellner of Fellner Associates Architects, the firm that has designed the plans for the new hotel. Per state statute, Fellner was able to ask for a 14-day

extension to keep the public hearing open.

The hearing is to discuss the proposal to build a freestanding three-story hotel on the St. Clements property. The hotel would include guest rooms and suites, multi-purpose rooms, a patio, a kitchen/dining area and spa facility with massage therapy rooms, sauna, lounge and a hair/nail salon.

The hearing has been tabled and moved to the commission's next meeting, which will be held Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m., at Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave.

Two Charged with Stealing Purse

by Joshua Anusewicz

Two men were arrested last month after stealing a woman's purse from her vehicle and using her credit cards at a Colchester grocery store, East Hampton Police Sgt. Garritt Kelly said Wednesday.

According to police, Jose Figueroa, 42, of 100 Maple St., East Hartford, and Joshua Thomas Bucchere, 19, of 678 Beaumont Highway, Lebanon, were arrested Monday, July 30, and charged with third-degree burglary, third-degree conspiracy to commit burglary, fourth-degree larceny, unlawful possession of a personal identifying information access device, credit card theft, illegal use of credit card and receipt of money, goods or services obtained by illegal use of a credit card.

The state's judicial website states that both were released on \$5,000 bond after being arraigned at Middletown Superior Court.

The incident occurred, Kelly said, on July

30, when Figueroa and Bucchere stole a woman's purse and laptop from her unlocked vehicle, located at a daycare facility at the corner of Smith Street and Route 16, then used her credit cards and identification to purchase items at the Stop & Shop in Colchester. Later that day, East Hampton Officer John Wilson, working on a witness account, alerted area police of the theft, Kelly said, which tipped Colchester Police to the two men.

Kelly said that Colchester officers located and stopped the men and were able to recover most of the stolen property. "It actually came together pretty nicely all in that afternoon," Kelly said of the case.

Both men are now scheduled to enter their pleas at Middletown Superior Court: Bucchere on Tuesday, Aug. 21, and Figueroa on Thursday, Aug. 30, both at 10 a.m.

Missing EH Person Investigation Continues With No Leads

by Joshua Anusewicz

The search continues for an East Hampton woman who has been missing for over two weeks, a case that has spurred a criminal investigation by East Hampton Police.

"We're still going through exhausting search efforts right now, but we have no leads on her whereabouts," said Sgt. Garritt Kelly on Wednesday. Jini Barnum, 30, was reported missing on Sunday, July 29, after having a disagreement with her boyfriend. Barnum left her home shortly after the argument and has not been seen since.

Kelly said that the case has evolved into a criminal investigation because of the length of time Barnum has been missing.

"She's not the type of person who would up and vanish," Kelly said. "She has a lot of close friends and family, and we've seen no cell activity from her."

Barnum is also the mother of a 2-month-old infant, who is currently in the care of other family members.

Though there are no leads on where Barnum might be, Kelly did confirm that

Barnum's boyfriend, Anthony Garofalo, who reported Barnum missing, is part of the investigation for his potential involvement. "He certainly hasn't been ruled out," he added.

Garofalo, 38, is a convicted felon and a registered sex offender, stemming from a crime he committed in November 2001. According to a 2002 report from *The Hartford Courant*, Garofalo pled guilty to first-degree kidnapping, first-degree sexual assault, third-degree sexual assault and third-degree assault on a disabled person after he attacked and raped a deaf woman he met at a bar. In 2002, he was sentenced to eight years in prison for the crime, according to the report.

Police are still asking local residents for any information related to the case or on Barnum's whereabouts. Barnum is 5-foot-2, 160 pounds, with reddish-blond hair. She has numerous tattoos and piercings and was last seen wearing a dark colored T-shirt and jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police department at 860-267-9922.

Marlborough Dentist Retires After 40 Years in Town

by **Katelyn Kelleher**

If you're good, you only have to visit the dentist twice a year. If you're lucky, you have a dentist who provides the most up-to-date personalized care, treats you like family, and has a sense of humor.

Dr. Joseph Prignano, who may very well be Marlborough's first dentist, not only has demonstrated those qualities in his practice over the past 40 years, but has brought in a successor who he assures will exhibit the same after his retirement. And, those who have had a cleaning, filling or a root canal in the last few months may have already had the opportunity to meet Dr. Douglas K. Doran.

Prignano decided it was time to "hand over the reins" to a younger dentist looking to set up practice. "I still love doing dentistry; it's just time," he said. "It's wearing thin and I noticed health changes going on, arthritis here and there."

Prignano Dental opened in the Marlborough Commons July 1, 1972. Prignano, fresh off an internship at the state hospital in Norwich, was looking for a place to set up practice. Manchester was a consideration for Prignano, whose father was a physician in the town for 35 years and whose brother is an attorney.

"It would've been a quick opening, but I wanted to kind of do it on my own, so I liked Marlborough," he said.

With over \$40,000 in equipment crammed into a tiny office, which Prignano estimated was about 675 square feet, he was taking a gamble in a town of about 4,000. "My heart was in my mouth," he said. "It took time. I'll be honest, it was pretty lean months there at the beginning for the first year or two, just making enough to pay the loans."

At the time, there were two part-time dentists in East Hampton and one that had opened three months prior in Hebron, but none in Marlborough.

"I don't know if any previous dentist was ever in Marlborough," he said. "I rather doubt it because there just wasn't enough people to warrant a dentist."

Business picked up and Prignano drew pa-

tients from both Marlborough and surrounding towns. At the end of 1979, Prignano moved his practice across the street to 14 East Hampton Rd., its current location. "It's been going ever since," he said.

Some of his patients have been with him for nearly his entire 40 years in Marlborough. "I'm on third generations," he said. "I took care of the parents and they had children, [and] now I'm taking care of their children."

That has given him a lot of time to get to know his patients, which is where the personalized care, and his sense of humor, comes through.

"The patients really enjoy having somebody who is empathetic and compassionate for them because everyone is different. Some people just open their mouth and say 'just do whatever you want I don't want to feel anything' and others, you have to meet them at the door with gas," he joked. "You get just a big cross-section of various types of people."

Some patients are former area residents who have since moved away but still insist on keeping Prignano as their dentist. He mentioned a family traveling from Mystic, and one even from New Hampshire.

"I said, 'Oh my God, are you guys sure you want to come all the way down here?'" Prignano recalled. "They said 'Oh yeah, we like to make the trip. We make a day of it.' I said, 'I'll be glad to help.'"

Prignano, who lived in town when he first opened his practice, cleaned up Marlborough's teeth outside of the office, too. As a member of the Hartford Dental Society, he brought the Smile Mobile to the elementary school. "They go to schools with a hygienist and teach third-graders...brushing, flossing and nutrition," he said. That and the "Swish and Spit" program, where parents could sign their kids up to rinse with fluoride once weekly, went on for about five years.

Now he lives in Manchester and plans to spend his retirement half the year in Connecticut and half at a second home in, coincidentally, Marlboro, Vt.

While looking for a successor, an agent put



Dr. Joseph Prignano, right, will have an easier transition into retirement knowing his successor, Dr. Douglas K. Doran, will continue to treat patients at Marlborough's first dental office like family.

Prignano in contact with Doran, who had been working in the area and was looking for a permanent office to work out of. "Things just fell into place; it was a great mix," Prignano said. "My biggest concern was making sure my patients were well taken care of. Doug's going to fit the bill right there."

The small-town, relaxed atmosphere appealed to Doran. "It's a big opportunity and a big privilege," he said. "I'm happy to be able to offer the same kind of service to the community that's been here all along."

Doran said he was pleasantly surprised with the upgraded technology of the office, which has all the latest digital x-ray machines, lasers and cancer detection equipment, but was even happier with the family atmosphere "because

it doesn't matter how high-tech you are if you lose that."

To the relief of many patients, all the rest of the staff will remain the same. "They're so familiar with my staff and they're so friendly and I think it's going to make it a much easier success for Doug to do well," Prignano said.

While Doran has been busy taking care of patients for the last few months, Prignano has still been around the office. A closing was set for this week, after press time, when Doran would officially take over the office and Prignano would begin his retirement.

"I feel very satisfied that things are going to be well taken care of," he said, and added, "I'll be sneaking in. We get along well so I'll stop in and terrorize him."

Selectmen, EDC Discuss Marlborough Business Park's Future

by **Katelyn Kelleher**

The Economic Development Commission and Board of Selectmen met together Wednesday to discuss the next steps in developing the town's business park, which appear to be generating deed restrictions and road right-of-ways.

The 138-acre business park near Route 66 and Jones Hollow Road has been, and will continue to be, a long-term project for the town. A 43-acre Marlborough Commons portion of the park, the southeast quadrant, is owned by Churchill & Banks while the remaining area is owned by the town. The entire park is zoned designed business industrial.

Developing a business park has been a more than decade-long process already, but First Selectwoman Catherine Gaudinski said the project "was always meant to be around 20 years."

However, selectmen and Economic Development Commission members, in line with the recommendation of Town Planner Peter Hughes, came to an informal agreement that the first steps, possibly to be taken this year, in developing or selling the properties is to put

deed restrictions on the town-owned properties and develop road right-of-ways.

Deed restrictions allow the town to dictate how a building looks and the types of materials that can be used. The restrictions carry over with the sale of a property, but can also be modified by the first selectman at the time of a sale. Hughes said the deed restrictions would help properties maintain value because they ensure buildings are held up to a certain appearance.

Selectman Dick Shea asked for more clarification on the differences between deed restrictions and zoning regulations, and said he has "seen zoning regulations spell out everything."

Hughes said deed restrictions can prohibit things that zoning regulations cannot. He added deed restrictions do not have to be placed on the entire town portion of the business park at once and the cost is relatively low.

The town will have to work with Churchill & Banks to have the road right-of-ways laid out, with access drives on Jones Hollow Road and Route 66. Hughes said it would entail some surveying expenses and estimated the cost be-

tween \$10,000 and \$12,000.

Having the road right-of-ways laid out would strengthen the town's ability to attain any kind of grant for road construction, since the area would already be reserved for road use.

Gaudinski said taking these steps with the business park shows a commitment to property owners. "Right now there might be a concern with people thinking we'd spend money and nothing will happen," she said.

Maintaining contact with Churchill & Banks is the key for anything to happen in the short-term, he said.

Economic Development Commission alternate Joe Asklar asked if, when the time comes to market the properties, the town would offer tax incentives to buyers, like other towns he has seen. He also expressed concern about the appeal of the properties, citing other towns, such as South Windsor, offering commercial properties for "cents on the dollar."

Hughes said when the Economic Development Commission originally started planning the business park, tax incentives "were not on

the table." However, he added, "as a town you can do what you want; you can give land away, you say 'pay me over 10 years,' you can finance it."

As far as the appeal of Marlborough to commercial developers, Hughes said the business park would appeal to people just like Asklar, who owns a business in town; "people here who want to work close to home," he said.

Hughes said in the future, road improvements would need to be made to Route 66 and Jones Hollow Road near the access drives to the business park. He estimated the improvements to Route 66 were around \$700,000, but Jones Hollow Road only needs a small amount of drainage work for its access drive.

Economic Development Commission Chairwoman Jane Boston asked if the commission should schedule additional meetings to discuss the deed restrictions. Ultimately, though, no additional meetings were scheduled and members were encouraged to communicate through email with Hughes.

Hebron Police News

8/6: A Slocum Road resident reported at 7:15 p.m. that their home had been burglarized and several items were taken, State Police said. Anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper Daniel Greenwood at 860-537-7555 ext. 4022 or dgreenwood@hebronct.com.

8/8: State Police said Cody Gagnon, 23, of 109 Wellswood Rd., Amston, lost control of his vehicle while traveling west on Niles Road around 5:30 p.m. Gagnon struck a tree and utility pole off the right shoulder of the road, then evaded the scene in the vehicle, police said. Police located the vehicle in the area of 760 Route 85; however, Gagnon was not with the vehicle. The case is open and under investiga-

tion, and no charges have been filed at this time.

8/10: Between the mornings of Aug. 10 and Aug. 12, a house on Slocum Road was burglarized and electronics and cash were taken. Anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper Joshua McElroy at 860-537-7500 ext. 4066.

8/11: Geoffery Asselin, 23, of 280 Parum Rd., was charged with first-degree criminal mischief after throwing his landlord's belongings in the driveway and smashing them to pieces using the landlord's golf clubs, State Police said.

8/12: Lori Lanagan, 36, of 26 Hall Rd., was charged with DUI, interfering with an officer and making an improper turn, State Police said.

Portland Police News

7/27: A 16-year-old juvenile male was arrested for possession of less than four ounces of marijuana and possession of tobacco by a minor, Portland Police said.

8/8: Larry Floyd, 30, of 54 Marlborough St., was charged with violation of protection order, disorderly conduct and criminal mischief, police said.

8/9: George Piel, 38, of 55 South Rd., Marlborough, was charged with DUI and failure to drive in established lane, police said.

Andover Police News

8/11: Hector Lizardi, 42, of 24 Gem Dr., Willimantic, was charged with DUI, reckless driving and failure to carry a license, State Police said.

Camp Staffing Concerns Topic at Colchester Parks and Rec. Meeting

by **Katelyn Kelleher**

Addressing concerns from staff and parents about counselor cuts at Colchester Camp Aboyer, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted Thursday, Aug. 9, to ensure this year's final week of camp would maintain a ratio of 5.6 campers to each staff member, and will revisit the issue for the 2013 season later this year.

Camp co-directors Shannon and Kyle Tamosaitis submitted a letter to the commission explaining on the second day of camp, June 26, Recreation Manager Cheryl Hancin gave instruction to cut seven of 17 employees, excluding camp directors, for a week with 87 campers "out of concern for budget numbers."

The cuts wound up occurring each week, with the number of employees fluctuating based on the number of campers enrolled for that particular week.

The letter acknowledged budget concerns, but stated the program is self-funding and turns a profit each year. The fee for one week of camp for one child is \$149.

The co-directors expressed concern over these cuts not just on behalf of the employees, some of whom had just been hired and trained, but for the campers. The cuts bring the child-to-adult ratio of the camp to a "bare minimum" of 1:10. Because directors and specialists (activity leaders for archery, sports, nature, etc.) were included in the 1:10 ratio, they "would then have to supervise groups instead of executing their own duties in their specialty areas as management staff," the letter explained.

First Selectman Gregg Schuster, who was

unable to attend the meeting, submitted a letter saying he regrets that any employee would have a reduction of work hours or elimination of their position, but "this is a sign of the times" and several positions in town have been impacted over the last several years.

Schuster's letter rejected the co-directors' claim that each camp employee receives a signed contract securing their seasonal employment. "The town does not have a contract with any employee and certainly would not have one that secures their future employment," he said.

The letter went on to say he has received information from the Parks and Recreation Department showing a ratio of one counselor for every five or six campers.

"I received no information that makes me believe that there is an issue," he stated. "If the ratio was unsafe then I would have serious concerns about having the program at all."

Several parents had doubts about that ratio. "It was made clear to me by my son's counselor his ratio for third grade was 10 or 11 to one," Regina Anselmo said, adding she was concerned that counselor morale would drop to where there wouldn't be enough counselors for next year.

Casey Little said keeping the bare minimum staff on makes him nervous. "When I pick my daughter up it's not one to five or six, it's 15 or 20 to one," he said.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Lynne Stephenson, who has a child attending Camp Aboyer, said she was not aware there was

a problem with camp staff before it was brought to the commission, but said the children are likely in groups of 15 to 20 with one counselor just when they're getting picked up, not all day long.

Kyle Tamosaitis said the 1:5 ratio has been the standard ratio for the past six years he has been with the camp, but has not been the case this year, calling the number of children per employee "absolutely overwhelming."

Shannon Tamosaitis said comparable camps in Coventry, East Haddam and Pomfret each uphold a lower child-to-counselor ratio, and the camp needs extra staff to handle emergency situations.

"Of particular concern is having the staff necessary as we supervise children over 52 acres of grounds [at the Colchester Recreation Complex], which we also share with the general public," she said.

Kidercamp Director Deana Stella said it is critical with the age of children the counselors work with to have extra staff. "When I started working at this camp [13 years ago] we didn't have specialists or as many counselors. It's unbelievable how much this camp has grown," she said. "I had two [counselors in training] this year that I had at Kidercamp, so we're obviously doing something right."

Hancin addressed the issue, saying before the camp began, Recreation Supervisor Anita Pizzutiello projected enrollment of 120 campers each week and recommended 27 staff. "As training happened, the numbers from camp

changed. We don't know when we hire people what the numbers are going to be in the summer," she said.

Each Thursday, Pizzutiello prepares a document for the following week to address staff needs, Hancin said, and the camp has fluctuated from week to week. Enrollment for weeks one through five was 87, 75, 112, 99 and 78, respectively, she said. "When camp has 125 we're going to approve more staff. When camp has 75 it's fiscally responsible to approve less staff."

The only remaining week of camp for the year was this week, ending Aug. 17. Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair Chris Ferrante said the board needed to make a short-term recommendation for the final week of camp, in which 125 campers were enrolled as of Aug. 9. The commission voted in favor of Pizzutiello's proposed 22 total staff, a ratio of 1:5.6 employees-to-campers. Commission members then amended the motion to maintain that ratio in case more campers enrolled between Aug. 9 and Aug. 13.

The commission also voted to add a fifth staff member to Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the final week of the Kidercamp. Tuesday and Thursday will maintain a staff of three.

Ferrante said the commission will revisit the camp staffing issue later this year for the 2013 season and will include Hancin, Pizzutiello and Shannon and Kyle Tamosaitis in the conversation.

Over-55 Housing Project in Colchester Passed – Again

by **Katelyn Kelleher**

An adult housing development first passed seven years ago was re-approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission at its July 18 meeting.

Also at the meeting, the commission began discussion on an apartment complex proposed for Amston Road.

The 30-unit adult housing community, to be located at 349 Lebanon Ave., was given the go-ahead by the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2005. However, builder Donald Guire said his wife became ill after the plan was approved, and the proposal had expired.

The development will be called Autumn Ridge and will feature 30 freestanding single-family homes for adults 55 and older. Previously, Guire had developed Par 3 in Colchester, a 55-plus community of 21 single-family detached units abutting the Chanticleir Golf Course, which he said sold out. In addition, Guire said he has built 500-600 regular homes.

Currently, Colchester has at least three other adult housing communities.

Guire has been busy with a 55-plus community in Middletown, which he expects will be completed by the spring. "We're selling right now pretty well," he said.

The Autumn Ridge project had "been on the backburner for a while," Guire said, but construction will likely begin on the project next fall, possibly even as early as spring. "When I get to the point where I'm comfortable splitting myself in two," he said.

Guire said he builds homes to suit the desires of the buyer, offering high-quality hardwood floors, granite countertops and crown molding standard and for less money. Typically the homes are around 1,600 square feet. The homes in his Middletown development typically have ranged between \$248,900 and \$268,900,

but one home recently closed between \$185-190,000.

At the request of the Planning and Zoning Commission, several changes were made to the Autumn Ridge proposal before it was approved. The number of parking spaces was reduced from 77 to 60, as they were deemed unnecessary. Several landscape plantings were removed from around the detention basin and relocated to the center of the easement. Zoning Enforcement Officer Craig Grimord said under new laws the plantings had to be removed because the roots could penetrate the detention basin.

The project's engineer, John Martucci of Dutton and Associates, said the project has all state Department of Transportation permits required.

Another applicant at the July 18 meeting brought a proposal for a 13-unit apartment complex before the board.

Steve Fedus, who owns the property at 203 Amston Rd., said the proposed "village-style" apartment complex would consist of three buildings, one with two units, one with five and another with six.

Fedus outlined his original design plan with two access drives on the property, which has two existing cuts, for better traffic flow and emergency access – "because if you go in one driveway and there was a medical emergency because the first building was ADA, the road would be blocked and that would give another exit for people to come and go," he said.

However, the commission came to an informal consensus that it was not in favor of allowing two access drives.

"The zoning board, especially the chairman, said several times 'I don't see it, I don't see it,'" Fedus said. "He felt it wasn't necessary; they said they didn't see what hazard it was protecting against."



This wild grass in this lot on Lebanon Avenue will soon be the manicured grounds of the Autumn Ridge adult housing community, approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission last month.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Joe Mathieu could not be reached for this story.

Zoning rules and regulations limit a lot to one-access drive, but Fedus said there is a subsection that another could be allowed if it is in the best interest of traffic flow or hazard prevention.

"I intend to go forward with my design and simply cut one of the entrances from the design and make it an emergency exit," he said.

The commission took no action on the apartment complex.

Fedus said there is a possibility of zoning

changes expanding the density of a lot in the next several years, so he has intentions of eventually expanding the complex, adding two more buildings of three units and another with two, which would have to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission as well when he is ready to execute the plan.

The Planning and Zoning Commission scheduled for this past Wednesday, Aug. 15, was canceled; the commission will hold its next meeting Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

East Hampton Council Supports STEAP Grant for Epoch Arts

by Joshua Anusewicz

The Town Council at its meeting Tuesday unanimously approved a letter of support for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant application that was submitted to the state by Epoch Arts. The grant would go toward a new roof at its facility.

The approval came with some trepidation, however – which was a holdover from the last meeting of the council in July, where support was shown for Epoch Arts but the process of how the organization was chosen to apply for the grant was questioned.

The application itself, applied for directly by Epoch Arts, a non-profit arts program for at-risk youth, was for \$223,988 for the installation of a new roof for its 42,000-square foot facility on Skinner Street. According to Epoch Arts, the roof repairs would allow for more youth programming; currently, Epoch Arts serves roughly 500 children and 3,000 families.

Epoch Arts was able to apply for the grant on its own but, according to Town Manager Michael Maniscalco, the town generally provides a “letter of support” along with the application, to better the organizations chances of receiving the funding. The town does not need to provide any matching funds, he added, and the projects would require “no work from the side of the town.”

Epoch Arts was chosen as the organization that would apply for the grant by a committee consisting of Parks and Recreation Director Ruth Plummer, Finance Director Jeff Jylkka, and other department heads that reviewed various project proposals around the town to determine which entity was most in need of the funding. Plummer said at the council’s July 24 meeting that Epoch Arts was chosen because of the

amount of people the organization serves and the dire need of the repairs to the facility.

At that meeting, however, councilor Ted Hintz Jr. questioned why Epoch Arts, a private entity, was chosen over municipal properties, and why the council was just hearing of the application a week before the Aug. 1 deadline for the application to be submitted.

After a lengthy discussion at the July meeting, the matter was tabled. (Councilors Kyle Dostaler, Barbara Moore, and George Pfaffenbach were also not present at the July 24 meeting.)

Having heard the concerns of the grant applications, over a dozen members and supporters of Epoch Arts were on hand at this week’s council meeting, making their presence known during the opening public comment section. Several of the speakers, including John Schroth, one of the founders of the organization, related how important Epoch Arts was to the community.

“I wish we had a program like this in East Hampton when I was growing up,” said Schroth, who teaches film at Epoch Arts.

Brent White, a member of Epoch’s board of directors, said it also keeps the youth of the town safe. “It gives the kids in our community something to do, with supervision,” he said.

Resident Steven Lockwood agreed. “It could only be beneficial to keep this place for our kids to spend their time,” he said. “I think we as a town should stand behind them.”

Kim Page, owner of Higher Grounds at 70 Main in the Village Center, looked at Epoch Arts as an asset for the businesses in the area, which the town has been attempting to develop in recent years. “I’ve seen the great work they do there, and I see these people come into our

coffee shop,” she said.

The benefit of Epoch Arts was not the issue for some council members, however.

“[My concern] has nothing to do with Epoch Arts; my concern is how this process happened,” Hintz said. “It is a private business, even though it’s a nonprofit. [Epoch] was chosen in a very selective manner. This is a business that is established and is thriving.”

Hintz added that he had spoken to members of the Economic Development Commission to see if other businesses had inquired about the STEAP grant, and found the commission was unaware of the grant altogether. He added that he “took exception” to the fact that Epoch had gone ahead and applied for the grant, meaning the council would basically have to support it, but did say that he “hope[s] they do receive the funding.”

Moore, who said she felt conflicted because of past work she had done in providing a youth center for the community, agreed with Hintz, adding that other issues in town could have been addressed with STEAP grant funding, including needed repairs to the firehouses on Barton Hill Road and Route 66 in Cobalt.

The four majority members of the council disagreed with Hintz’s assessment. Dostaler stated that although the process was a concern, delaying the letter of support could ultimately decrease the organization’s chances of receiving the funding.

“I understand the issue with the process, but it didn’t change anything,” he said. “We could have hurt the application because we didn’t send the letter with the application.”

Councilor Derek Johnson, who strongly supported Epoch Arts during the July meeting, agreed.

“What you’re suggesting is penalizing a non-profit that has provided support in the town, because you’ve taken exception to the process,” Johnson said to Hintz. He continued, “I ask those who feel the application process has been poisoned by the process to reconsider.”

Chairwoman Sue Weintraub supported the application, as well. “There’s a proven need, proven leadership, and it’s a proven program. What Epoch Arts has done is fantastic for this community,” she said.

Ultimately, the council voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the state Office of Policy and Management (OPM), which handles the STEAP grant applications.

In an attempt to resolve future “process” issues, Maniscalco also touched upon the possibility of creating “procedural resolution” that would outline how the council would review new items at its meetings.

Maniscalco explained that the resolution would give the council the chance to review an item, but not give it the chance to vote on the matter until it was properly reviewed or unless it was an emergency. This would mean, Maniscalco said, that time-sensitive items – such as a grant being applied for by a deadline – would need to be brought to the council’s attention earlier to allow for sufficient review.

The idea drew a positive response from the council and will be discussed at a future meeting.

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The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at East Hampton High School, 15 N. Maple St. There will be no second Town Council meeting this month.

No Discipline Planned for Reimondo, Kelly in East Hampton

by Joshua Anusewicz

After reviewing a report from a third-party investigator into possible misconduct by Police Chief Matthew Reimondo and Sgt. Garritt Kelly, Town Manager Michael Maniscalco has opted not to discipline either officer for their involvement in an investigation of alleged mishandling of applications for absentee ballots.

Maniscalco’s response stems from an investigation performed by attorney Michael Harrington of the firm Murtha Cullina in Hartford. Then-Interim Town Manager John Weichsel authorized the investigation in April, following a formal request from Melissa Engel, the former chairwoman of the East Hampton Town Council. Engel’s request came after charges that she “impermissibly handled absentee ballot applications” prior to a town-wide referendum in November 2010 to reinstate Reimondo as chief were dropped by the State Election Enforcement Commission (SEEC) in

March.

The matter surfaced in October 2010 after Kelly, at Reimondo’s order, submitted the complaint to the SEEC after he had performed a preliminary investigation when a citizen had filed a complaint to East Hampton Police. That complaint claimed that Engel had obtained an excessive amount of applications for absentee ballots and distributed them to other individuals prior to the referendum.

Kelly and Reimondo were cleared by Harrington’s investigation, which found that Engel’s “rights were not violated” and there was no evidence of a violation of police department’s Code of Ethics. Harrington’s report did, however, outline inadequacies in the investigation by both Kelly and Reimondo, including Kelly not obtaining a sworn written complaint and Reimondo not providing adequate supervision.

When making his decision on the matter, Maniscalco states in a letter to the Town Council that he took “three key findings” into consideration: that Engel’s rights were not violated; that Reimondo and Kelly did not violate the town’s Code of Ethics; and that neither was found to conduct themselves in a manner unbecoming of an officer.

“These three facts alone clarify that both Chief Reimondo and Sergeant Kelly have done nothing but acted according to the protocol provided,” the letter stated.

Though Maniscalco announced there would be no discipline for the two officers, he did outline Harrington’s concerns in his letter to the council. Maniscalco grouped Harrington’s concerns into two categories, he stated: updating standard operating procedures and maintaining continual professional development.

In the letter, Maniscalco outlines measures

that have been taken and will be taken to rectify the concerns. Currently, Reimondo is working with an independent attorney, Eric Daigle, to draft an updated list of standard operating procedures for the police department, which Maniscalco said should be completed by the end of the year. Maniscalco also stated that Reimondo will attend additional training on management and supervision, while Kelly will attend training on “advanced investigative techniques.”

“The requirement of each officer to be sent to training should not be construed as a lack of skills but an opportunity for East Hampton to have even better officers on the force,” Maniscalco stated. “With the corrective actions already underway and those soon to be implemented, we are working to ensure the continued professionalism of our town government.”

On Wednesday, Reimondo declined to comment on the matter.

East Hampton Police News

7/19: Jay Kluntz, 50, of 178 Rising Trail Dr., Middletown, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and for failing to comply with Connecticut emissions, East Hampton Police said.

7/26: Michael Loffredo, 18, of 2 Namonee Tr., was issued a ticket for failure to drive right, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than half an ounce of marijuana, police said.

7/27: William Shane Landry, 36, of no certain address, was arrested for third-degree burglary and third-degree criminal mischief, police said.

7/26: Ronald Way, 42, of 100 Young St., was involved in a car vs. utility pole motor vehicle accident in the area of 4 N. Main St. Way was issued a summons for failure to drive right, evading responsibility and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, East Hampton Police said.

7/26: Laura L. Hindle, 45, of 250 Haywardville Rd., East Haddam, was issued a

summons for misuse of plates, and operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle, police said.

7/28: Michael T. Stadlander, 25, of 17 Anderson Way, was arrested for DUI, failure to drive right and failure to obey a stop sign, police said.

7/28: Lisa Ann Lorenzetti, 49, of 13 Fairlawn Ave., was arrested for DUI and failure to drive right, police said.

7/31: Nancy M. Jordan, 58, of 29 Mullen Ave., Wanaque, N.J., was arrested for DUI and failure to drive right, police said.

8/2: Thomas J. Planeta, 26, of 50 Midwood Farm Rd., was issued a summons for third-degree criminal mischief, police said.

8/5: Elizabeth Maerz, 46, of 467 Overlook Rd., Glastonbury, and Cynthia Reep, 52, of 14 Railroad Ave., Madison, were involved in a two-car motor vehicle accident at the intersections of routes 196 and 16. Reep was issued a summons for following too close, evading responsibility and operating an uninsured motor vehicle, police said.

Marlborough Police News

8/8: Shelby Pinckney, 38, of 26 Blish Rd., turned herself in on active arrest warrant for second-degree failure to appear in court, State Police said.

8/9: Troopers recovered a yellow and black mountain bike behind the Marlborough Moose Lodge on South Main Street. If anyone believes it’s theirs, call Troop K at 860-537-7500.

8/9: Joshua Cuevas, 18, of 38 Deer Run, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for liquor sales to a minor/intoxicated person and risk of injury to a child, State Police said.

Colchester Police News

8/6: Colchester Police Department is investigating tire slashing on four vehicles between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the commuter lot near Route 2 on Route 149. Anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Adam Regnere at 860-537-7270.

8/8: Martin Winiarski, 48, of 63 Reservoir Rd., was charged with evading responsibility and failure to drive right after a two-vehicle accident on Route 16, west of Victoria Drive, in which one vehicle drove off the roadway into a ditch, Colchester Police said. Two passengers in the second vehicle, Catrina Tavalossi, 27, of 142 Thomas St., Middletown, and a 3-year-old

child were transported to Marlborough Medical Center for evaluation but were listed as not injured, police said.

8/8: Richard Jutras, 55, of 99 Gill St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant for violation of probation, State Police said.

8/11: Todd Pugh, 44, of 147 S. Main St., was charged with criminal violation of a protective order, criminal violation of a restraining order and disorderly conduct, State Police said.

8/12: Joseph Mellino, 29, of 129 Cormorant Rd., Groton, was charged with DUI and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, State Police said.

Obituaries

Portland

Jarvis Stewart Barton

"And now, the end is here
And so I face the final curtain
My friend, I'll say it clear
I'll state my case, of which I'm certain.
I've lived a life that's full
I traveled each and every highway,
And more, much more than this, I did it my way."

— *Composer: Paul Anka*

Jarvis Stewart Barton, 91, died at his very favorite place on earth, Portland Boat Works, on Thursday, Aug. 9. He was born June 10, 1921, the son of James Casper Barton and Nellie Belle Avery Barton of East Hampton, and brother of Edwin Dwight, and James Casper, Jr. (Jarvis's twin), all deceased.

He leaves his wife of 67 years, Doris Ostergren Barton and three children, Gregory (Virginia), Paul (Sharon), and Jean (Carl) Meloney, as well as 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Jarvis attended East Hampton schools and served the U.S. Navy aboard the submarine, U.S.S. Runner. He was in Tokyo Bay at the signing of the Peace Treaty on September 2, 1945. Upon his return, he was able to purchase the Holter's Boat Yard on the Connecticut River in Portland, which then became the Portland Boat Works, Inc. Over the years, not only boats demanded his attention, but also restoration of antique cars, vintage boats and carousel horses and band organs. Unlike most people, Jarv enjoyed the journey – not so much the destination.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Haddam Neck Covenant Church-Elevator Fund, 17 Haddam Neck Rd., East Hampton, CT 06424, or the Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation, 282 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106.

A memorial gathering and celebration for friends and family will be held at Portland Boat Works today, Aug. 17, from 2-4 p.m. Join the family from the shore at 2 p.m., as we bid farewell to the "Captain of the Ship," and enjoy light refreshments and conversation following.

Colchester

Jordan Henry Deschene

Jordan Henry Deschene, 30, of Colchester, beloved son of Ronald and Catherine (Ernster) Deschene of Bonita Springs, Fla., and brother of Jason J. Deschene of Williamantic, born Aug. 16, 1981, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Rockville General Hospital.



Jordan was a graduate of Lyman Memorial High School and recipient of "Who's Who" 1998-99. A talented and passionate artist influenced by, among others, Shel Silverstein and Dr. Seuss, he earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Illustration and Ceramics from the University of Hartford, graduating *cum laude*.

Jordan served a residency with the Art League of Farmington and was Artist in Residence at the Farmington Valley Art Center during the summer of 2011. Jordan's art work has been featured at numerous art shows in Connecticut and he also shared his knowledge and talent for teaching at Manchester High School for one year. He was general manager, instructor and resident artist at the Paris in Plantsville Gallery in Plantsville. Jordan was dedicated to community service and served one year with City Year/Boston/Americorps.

He was also an avid reader and history buff, with a great art for conversation and good natured debate on any number of subjects as his many beloved friends and family will attest. He had a great love of learning as well as a love of the outdoors. He was happiest, when not painting, to hike and kayak and truly enjoyed his work at Eastern Mountain Sports, where he was able to share his passion with others.

In addition to his parents and brother, he is survived by nephews, Ethan, Jason and Evan Deschene; numerous cousins, aunts and uncles in and many very close friends from the University of Hartford, Paris in Plantsville Gallery co-workers at Eastern Mountain Sports and childhood friends from Andover, where he grew up and loved his life on Andover Lake.

Friends called Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, before a vigil service later that afternoon. A celebration of his life and work followed at the Country Place Community Center in Colchester.

As Jordan's final act of kindness to the world, he was able to give life through organ donation.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made in his name to art programs for youth.

For online condolences, visit auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Portland

William Edward Krauth

William Edward Krauth, of Portland, my dad and best friend, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Middlesex Hospital, with his family by his side, at the age of 77.

Born Nov. 15, 1934, to Arthur and Viola (Chadsey) Krauth in Middletown, he graduated from Middletown High School in 1953 and entered the U.S. Army Sept. 14, 1953, stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., in the Airborne Division. He was honorably discharged in 1955.

He married Joyce Bodozian Krauth on May 11, 1957, and remained married until her passing in 2008.

He was a master plumber for 35 years, owning his own business, until he switched careers in 1987. This is when he became an executive chef, doing what came to him naturally and what he loved. He cared for my children, Catherine, Christie, Spencer, Sullivan and Henry Deane, from babies until they were in school. After he retired, he would spend every day at my house, cooking dinner for the seven of us and was always by our side. This continued until his death. He will be deeply missed by them and my husband, Daniel Deane, who was a son to him.

His favorite place to be was at the Connecticut shore, where we vacationed every summer together. He loved deep sea fishing on the Dottie Dee, traveling to Fort Lauderdale in the spring, listening to Barbra Streisand and playing the lottery. 012 and 639, straight for a dollar, is embedded in my brain. He enjoyed smoking his cigars and he drank Pepsi like it was water.

He was thrilled to have a great-granddaughter, Avery Catrone, the daughter of his grandson, William Catrone and Mallory Thomas, and appreciated their visits. He was famous for his cooking, which was his passion and he was a superb chef. My husband always said that he could make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich taste delicious. I always said that my husband only married me for my dad's cooking.

He was predeceased by his brother, Fredrick Krauth, of Portland and he leaves behind his sister, Joan Krauth Barry, of East Haddam, who he called "Sis" and when they would be together, they would tell stories of their childhood and they would laugh. He loved her very much. Also, he leaves behind his brother-in-law Edward Barry and their five children; his loving niece, JoAnn Sherestanian; his sister-in-law Joyce Krauth of Portland; and her three children and his many friends at Quarry Heights, where he loved sitting outside with them and having his weekly cookouts.

I would like to thank his doctor, Emmanuel Kenta-Bibi, M.D. for his kindness and compassion; the staff at Water's Edge Center for Health and Rehabilitation in Middletown; his visiting nurse, Colleen Hetrick; and the nurses at Middlesex Hospital ER, ICU and hospice.

Lastly, he leaves me, his daughter, Jill Krauth Deane. I will miss being with him each and every day, I will miss the laughter and I will miss having a dad. He always told me that he wasn't afraid to die and that everything would be okay, and I believe that it will.

Per his wish, there will be no calling hours or services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Portland Food Bank, 7 Waverly Ave., Portland, CT 06480.

Colchester

Julia Petrone

Julia (Lizzio) Petrone, 91, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Harrington Court in Colchester. Born in Lisbon on Sept. 23, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Giovanni and Maria (Fichera) Lizzio. Prior to her retirement she was employed as a clerk at the former King Seely Thermos in Norwich.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Nelson M. and Charlene Petrone III of Columbia; two grandchildren, Ross and Leah Petrone; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one sister, Teresina Gainley, and two brothers, Rosario and Alfredo Lizzio.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place Saturday, Aug. 18, at 9 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Broadway, Norwich, meeting directly at the church. There are no calling hours. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations are asked to be made in her memory to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangement by Labenski Funeral Home.



East Hampton

Richard J. Lake

Richard J. Lake, 84, of East Hampton, formerly of Hamilton, Ohio, passed away peacefully at his home Sunday, Aug. 12. Born in Hamilton, Ohio, he was the son of the late Harry Lake and Kathryn (Curran) Lake.

On Feb. 23, 1952, he married the late Lois J. Lake and together they shared 55 wonderful years of marriage.

Richard retired from Champion International Paper where he worked for 42 years. After retirement in 1990, he and Lois made their way to East Hampton to be with their only daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Mark Cunningham.

Richard loved the beauty of living and exploring New England. He was an avid gardener, loved tending to the birds and was the ultimate armchair sports fan, following his love of college basketball, especially March Madness and those Lady Huskies. He enjoyed spending days at the Chestelm Adult Day Center where made new friends young and old. Richard met his young friend, Antonio Dadario through the intergenerational program. Their friendship developed outside of the program where they enjoyed spending time playing checkers, frequent family visits and of course talking sports.

Deb and Mark would like to especially thank his caregiver, Ann Prater, for the superb care, comfort and laughter that she brought each day. The compassion and medical care he received from Dr. Gregory Shields and Betty Donnelly. And to the entire staff at Chestelm Adult Day Center. But more importantly, to all of our friends who over the years adopted dad and made him a part of your family, thank you for your love, kindness and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Agency on Aging South Central Connecticut, Client Fund – Attention Kathy Upham, 1 Long Wharf Dr., New Haven, CT 06511 or the East Hampton Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 144, East Hampton, CT 06424.

The Spencer Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Marlborough

Timothy C. Brundage

Timothy C. Brundage, 69, of Waterford, formerly of Marlborough and Bantam, husband of Jayne Brundage, passed away suddenly Sunday morning, Aug. 12, at Middlesex Hospital. Born in Torrington, son of Leman and Catherine Brundage, he attended Litchfield High School, RPI, and University of Hartford.

Tim served proudly in the U.S. Air Force, and spent his professional career as a guidance counselor at RHAM Middle School in Hebron where he mentored many students for 29 years. Tim truly cared for all of his students and would routinely sacrifice personal time to assist students and their families.

Tim held many offices in Smith Cove Yacht Club, including commodore. He loved boating, especially going to Payne's Dock, Block Island. Tim enjoyed visiting and socializing with his friends at Three Belles Marina in Niantic (formerly Bayreuther Boat Yard) where he could be found on his boat, restoring it to "Bristol" condition. He was a huge fan of UConn basketball (especially women's) and the Red Sox, but his original love of sport came from following the Giants even after they moved to San Francisco.

Tim loved putting around the house, working on a wide variety of projects from gardening to roofing, he did it all!

Besides his wife, Tim is survived by his brother Walter G. Brundage of Winsted, son Jonathan Brundage of Charleston, R.I., daughter-in-law Laura Iverson, son Michael Brundage; grandchildren Eli, Maija and Charlotte.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Tim's memory be made to Hospice Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360 or to Mystic Seaport Museum Youth Sail Education Programs, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT 06355.

A life celebration ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

The Thomas L. Neilan & Sons East Lyme Funeral Home, 48 Grand Street, Niantic is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at neilanfuneralhome.com.

Marlborough

Willard N. Plummer

Willard N. Plummer, 94, of Rockville, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Marlborough Health Care Center, with his family by his side. He was born in Rockville on May 31, 1918, to the late Walter and Florence (Nutland) Plummer.

Willard served in the United States Army during World War II and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. Before his retirement he was a carpenter by trade.

He is survived by his son David and his wife Sandra Fox-Plummer of Bolton; his granddaughter Robin and her husband Nick Argiriou of Darien; and his great-grandchildren, Grace, Alaina and Madeleine.

He was predeceased by his wife Mildred (Mattis) in 1981 and seven siblings.

Relatives and friends joined the family Sunday, Aug. 12, at The Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect St. Rockville. A funeral home service took place Monday, Aug. 13, at the Burke-Fortin Funeral Home. Burial followed at St. Bernard's Cemetery, Rockville.

The family would like to thank the staff at Marlborough Health Care Center for their compassionate care for Willard.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be sent in Willard's name to the Marlborough Health Care Center, 85 Stage Harbor Rd., Marlborough, CT 06447.

For online condolences, visit pietrasfuneralhome.com.

Portland

Anthony P. Salustro

Anthony P. "Tony" Salustro, 68, husband of Elizabeth "Betty" (Siena) Salustro of 49 years of Middletown, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 8, after a long courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born Dec. 18, 1943, in Portland, son of the late Anthony and Mary (Serra) Salustro.

He was a member of St. Sebastian Church, Life member of the Middletown Elks Lodge 771 and former member of the loyal Order of Moose and Eagles Club. He graduated from Vinal Tech in 1961 and prior to his retirement in 1999 was employed at Pratt Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford as a Machinist, gauge maker and tool designer. Tony loved computer repair, gardening, animals and the Boston Red Sox and bowling in league tournaments for many years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and David LaPlante of Wallingford; a brother-in-law, Michael Siena and his wife Jo-Ann of Durham; his beloved grandchildren, Ashley, Sarah and David LaPlante.

He was predeceased by a sister, Marylou Paine.

Tony's family would like to thank Dr. Fogaras who went above and beyond the call of duty, Dr. Gogan and Dr. Brad Wilkinson and the staff of Middlesex Hospital Hospice for their kindness and compassion it is greatly appreciated.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 13, at St. Sebastian Church, 155 Washington St. Burial will be in the family plot in St. Sebastian cemetery. Relatives and friends called at the D'Angelo Funeral Home, 22 South Main St., Sunday, Aug. 12.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Middlesex Hospice and Palliative Care, 28 Crescent St., or the charity of the donor's choice.

Colchester

Elizabeth Ann Kowalsky

Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Kowalsky, 81, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Hartford Hospital. She was born Dec. 17, 1930, to Cyril Dolph Roy and Elizabeth Ann (Christie) Roy in Montpelier, Vt., where she lived as a child with many brothers and sisters. During World War II, she and her family moved to Connecticut and lived in Coventry, Colchester and Hartford.

For almost 50 years, she lived in Manchester in deep devotion to her beloved daughter, Elizabeth Ann "Liz" (French) Hall who resides in Stonington; and beloved son, Ralph L. French IV who resides in Manchester. She is survived by her two beloved grandchildren who knew her as "Grammy," her 16-year-old granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Hall and 14-year-old grandson, Jack Avery Hall and their father, her beloved son-in-law, Daniel Andrew Hall; a beloved daughter-in-law Sue Reed (French); and two beloved step-grandsons, Derik and Richard. She is also survived by a younger brother, John, and her closest brother and best friend, Robert "Bob" Roy, 78, who resides in Manchester with his son Robert and his family.

Throughout her life, she always kept her faith and compassion for those in the U.S. Military, all veterans and the less fortunate. Her kind heart, sense of humor, life experiences and independent spirit will be missed.

Services will be private.

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Colchester

Francis Varnish

Francis Varnish, 92, wife of the late Michael Varnish of Colchester, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 14, in Colchester. She was born in Hartford April 3, 1920.

Frances worked for over 40 years for S&S Leather Worldwide of Colchester and she was a member of Saint Mary's Ukrainian Church.

Surviving her son, Alan, and wife Carol Varnish of Colchester; two daughters, Xenia and her husband Ken Bujnowski of Colchester, Carol and husband Rick Stanski of Ohio; a brother, Walter and his wife Beverly Popowich of Colchester; son-in-law Robert Mardin; sister-in-law Doris Popowich; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Patricia Mardin, and her brother, Raymond Popowich.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, Aug. 18, at 9:30 a.m., from the Belmont/Sabrowski Funeral Home, 144 South Main St., Colchester, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Service of Devine Liturgy at St. Mary's Ukrainian Church on Linwood Avenue. Colchester interment will follow in Old St. Mary's Cemetery, Colchester. Visitation will be held today, Aug. 17, from 5-7 p.m., at the funeral home, with a 6 p.m. Panahyda Prayer Service.

Those who wish may make donations to the Connecticut Humane Society, Old Colchester Road, Quaker Hill, CT 06375 in her memory.

East Hampton

Norman Ingraham Sr.

Norman Ingraham Sr., 81, of Spring Street, Middletown, husband of the late Joyann (Shackett) Ingraham died Sunday, Aug. 12. He was born in East Hampton, the son of the late Harold and Annie Ingraham.

A veteran of the Korean War, Norm served with the U.S. Army, military police. Prior to his retirement, he was employed with the maintenance department at Vinal Technical School, Middletown.

He is survived by two sons, Harry Ingraham of Meriden and Ron Ingraham and his wife, Lauri, of Broad Brook; a stepson, Eric Guay of Middletown; two sisters, Jeanette Shelton and Marion Schmidl, both of Portland; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and also several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, Norman Ingraham Jr., and a sister, Marge Ous.

Funeral services will be held today, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m., at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Middletown. Friends may call at Biega Funeral Home Friday from 10-11 a.m., prior to the service.

Those who wish may send memorial contributions to Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111.

To share memories or express condolences online, visit biegafuneralhome.com.