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Change came to Marlborough Tuesday, when 30 percent of voters headed to the polls and elected Democrat Amy Traversa as their new first selectwoman, edging out incumbent Cathi Gaudinski by a vote of 816-647. The Board of Selectmen also changed to a Democratic majority.

GOP Cleans Up In East Hampton

by Mike Thompson

Change was in the air in East Hampton on Tuesday, as Republicans gained control of the Town Council and Board of Finance.

The Chatham Party, meanwhile, was shut out, as none of its candidates – incumbents included – were elected.

On the Town Council, Democrat incumbents Philip Visintainer, George Pfaffenbach and Barbara Moore were all ousted. Kevin Reich was the lone Democrat incumbent re-elected, and was joined by James “Pete” Brown. On the Republican side, incumbents Patience Anderson, Ted Hintz Jr. and Mark Philhower were re-elected, and Josh Piteo and former Town Council chairwoman Melissa Engel were also elected.

The GOP victories gave Republicans a 5-2 majority on the council – a stark change from the three-member minority they had experienced the past two years.

“I was surprised we took so many seats; I was not surprised we took the majority of seats,” Engel said Wednesday. “5-2 is always the dream. I was expecting 4-3; 5-2 is a nice bonus.”

Engel said Tuesday night was “certainly a great night to be a Republican in East Hampton, and that doesn’t happen very often.”

Engel suspected the multiple budget refer-

endums earlier this year had a lot to do with why the Democrats lost. It took four separate referendums in the spring to get a 2015-16 budget passed – and after the second failed referendum, the Democrat-led Town Council opted not to make any budget reductions. Perhaps as a result, the budget failed by significantly more votes the third time than it did the second time.

The Democrats “weren’t listening,” Engel said. “When people vote ‘no’ on a budget, you’ve got to cut the damn budget.”

As for the Chatham Party’s failure at the polls Tuesday, Engel chalked it up to one word – negativity.

“Nobody likes negative campaigning,” she said. “Nobody wants to hear it anymore. This town is so done with negativity.”

Philhower, who won re-election Tuesday, was the focus of what he felt was some negative campaigning against him last week, when the Board of Education passed a motion barring the school system from hiring town elected officials to do work – a motion some felt was aimed squarely at Philhower, whose Tech Unlimited did HVAC work for East Hampton schools in 2014.

“I almost think [the school board motion] might have given me votes,” Philhower said, as

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Democrats Win Over Marlborough

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

Marlborough had a shift in leadership Tuesday after the Democrats took control of the first selectwoman seat and the Board of Selectmen majority.

Democrat Amy Traversa defeated incumbent Republican Cathi Gaudinski by a vote of 816-647 for first selectwoman, with Gaudinski not earning a seat on the board. Instead, Democrat Evelyn Godbout and Republican Dick Shea join Traversa; Godbout received 788 votes while Shea received 668 votes.

The new elected officials take office on Monday.

The seasonally warm weather brought out 37 percent of voters (1,480 out of 4,008 registered voters) this year. In the last selectmen race in 2011, 36 percent of registered votes turned out.

“I’m exhausted, but a good exhausted. I didn’t expect to win. I’m pleased, but I did not expect it,” Traversa said this week, explaining she didn’t expect it because the Republican party had a very organized campaign while the Democrats are regrouping. “It really came down to issues and the economic environment.”

Traversa said the election was a clear message from town that people haven’t been happy with the way things have been going.

“It has reenergized people in town that haven’t been involved before,” she said. “That was the best thing about this campaign no matter how it turned out.”

Traversa said she is now looking to “get her feet under her” before setting priorities.

“I have received a number of calls from town employees making me comfortable and saying they are here to help me,” she said. “I will rely on that and it’s a real blessing to have that kind of attitude and commitment when a change is taking place.”

On Thursday Gaudinski said she was disappointed with the outcome, but the voters have spoken.

“I am proud of the work and projects my administration has accomplished over the last four years and the incoming administration will benefit from that work,” Gaudinski said. “I have always had the best in mind for Marlborough and wish everyone luck.”

Although she isn’t ruling out ever coming back to politics, Gaudinski said it’s time for her to step back and let the new administration get a feel for what’s ahead of them.

“I will miss the [town] employees. They work hard for the residents and I appreciate all of their assistance,” Gaudinski said.

Also speaking on the election this week was Godbout, who previously served on the finance board as chairwoman.

“We are very excited about the election results and are very happy to get going and do the work we were elected to do,” Godbout said. “We appreciate and were impressed with how many people came out to vote.”

Meanwhile, Shea said he was disappointed and a bit surprised with the results.

“There was a couple of things that struck me and one is the apparent feeling among people in town that there is no way for people to get their arms around what’s happening in town,” Shea said, referring to the way people receive their news about the election. He explained younger generations in town go to electronic news and that there wasn’t much online about the election and the party’s views online.

“There were points raised by our opponents and I think we did a good job addressing them, but I don’t think that message got out,” Shea said.

He said he is also disappointed because he knows how hard Gaudinski works, both in the public eye and behind the scenes.

Some of the things she’s worked on “are complex and difficult to explain, but demand immediate attention and don’t tolerate mistakes,” Shea said.

Going forward, Shea added he’s concerned because there is “bound to be some disruption.” “I’m somewhat concerned because I don’t know what the Democrats will plan on doing going forward,” he said. “They didn’t put forth much except generalities.”

Also speaking to Gaudinski’s departure was Republican Town Committee chair Ken Hjulstrom, who said her accomplishments will

not soon be forgotten.

“The work that Cathi accomplished during her short four years in office is not readily apparent to most, but the groundwork that was laid in the Town Center for water, sewers and sidewalks will serve Marlborough well for decades to come,” Hjulstrom said.

In the other contested races, Republicans Carole Shea and Sue Rapelye defeated Democrat Lestie Gonzalez for seats on the RHAM Board of Education. Shea received 890 votes and Rapelye received 927 votes while Gonzalez garnered 643 votes.

In the Zoning Board of Appeals race, Republicans Alan Miller and Robert Jackson won seats with 826 and 846 votes, respectively. Democrat Matthew Wilson lost with 710 votes.

The remaining races were uncontested.

For the Board of Finance, incumbent Democrat Erik Young and incumbent Republicans Ken Hjulstrom and Doug Knowlton all received new terms.

(Due to Godbout’s election to the Board of Selectmen, another Democratic seat on the finance board sits vacant, and will be filled later by appointment.)

For the local Board of Education, Democrats Betty O’Brien and Judith Kaplan received new terms along with Republicans Louise Concodello, Ruth Kelly and Patrick Pabouet. Pabouet is the only newcomer to the board.

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“pretty much everyone” he encountered was “really upset” by the school board’s action.

“It’s refreshing to see that sometimes negative campaigning isn’t the best way to go,” Philhower said.

Philhower also agreed with Engel as to why the Democrats lost Tuesday.

“I’m 100 percent confident that’s what hurt the Democrats most,” Philhower said of the multiple budget votes. “Their refusal to listen to [the Republicans on the Town Council], their refusal to listen to the people.... People’s memories aren’t that short.”

While he won another term on the Town Council, Reich now finds himself going from part of a four-person majority to part of a two-person minority.

“It’s going to be a little bit of a different experience, but I’m looking forward to it,” Reich said. “We have a lot to do, and I’m hopeful that together we can move things along.”

Reich said he’s hopeful that, despite Republicans now having the majority, he and fellow Democrat Brown will still have a voice.

“I’m a pretty compromising kind of guy, but you just can’t have it one way,” he said. “I’m hopeful they’ll be receptive to our thoughts. There’s a lot of things that need to be done.”

When the votes were counted up Tuesday night, longtime councilwoman Moore, a Democrat, found herself on the outside looking in.

“I was surprised, and disappointed,” Moore said. “I thought that people had confidence in me ... but I think they were looking for a change.”

Moore said she’s not going away, however. “I’m certainly interested in a lot of things,” she said. “I certainly plan to serve in a lot of ways.”

Sue Weintraub, who had previously served on the council, was running on the Chatham Party ticket for a seat on the council. And while she – like the other three Chatham Party nominees running for council – was unsuccessful, she cautioned the Republicans not to get overly excited by Tuesday’s results.

“It’s important to realize nearly 60 percent of the voters voted against the Republican Town Council candidates,” she said. “There is no mandate.”

Weintraub added. “What I advise our citizens is to attend council meetings, be vocal, watch your wallets.

“God bless East Hampton,” she said.

Over on the Board of Finance, the Republicans also gained control, picking up all three available seats and going from having two members on the seven-person board to having five.

Steve Ritchie, Janine Jiantonio and Alison Tokarz all won; incumbents Ted Turner, a Democrat, and Mary Ann Dostaler, a Chatham Party member, both lost, as did Democrats Linda May and Adam Dawidowicz and Chatham Party members Scott Sanicki and Paul Hoffman.

On the Board of Education, board chair Ken Barber, a Democrat, was re-elected; he actually collected the most votes of any political candidate Tuesday, at 1,432. The school board, for the moment, has a 4-4 split of Democrats and Republicans. Barber is joined by fellow Democrat Joanne Barmasse, who also won re-election Tuesday, and current Democrat board members Chris Goff and Deb Devin. Republicans Erika Bonaccorso and Jarod Bushey were elected to the board Tuesday, joining current GOP members Tania Sones and Carol Williams.

The school board is a nine-person board, but with Piteo’s election to council Tuesday, there now sits a vacancy, as Piteo was in the middle of his first term on the school board. Barber said Wednesday the seat doesn’t necessarily have to be filled by a Republican.

Along with Piteo’s departure, the school board is also losing Chatham Party member Scott Minnick, who lost a re-election bid Tuesday, and Jeffrey Carlson, who did not seek re-election. On Wednesday, Barber lamented this loss of experience.

“Between the new appointments and the people that are being replaced, a lot of experience is walking,” he said. “But we have hope; the new people on board seem very interested.”

Barber was hesitant to jump up and down over his victory, as he said he has friends in all three parties.

“When the music stops, there’s not enough seats for everyone to sit in,” he said. “I’m a pleaser; I don’t like to see people get hurt.”

Also elected Tuesday, to a term on the Zoning Board of Appeals starting in 2015, was Republican Vinnie Jacobsen. Democrat Matthew Walton won a Zoning Board of Appeals term that will start in 2016.

While surprised and disappointed by the results Tuesday, Chatham Party Chairman Kyle Dostaler, who also ran for a seat on the Town Council, encouraged his party’s supporters to keep paying attention – for they might not like what they see.

“I would say to the supporters to start attending Town Council meetings and listening to them,” he said. “It’s going to be very revealing. History is going to repeat itself in a very bad way.”

“I am extremely proud of our candidates and the manner in which they conducted themselves, displaying both professionalism and the utmost integrity,” Hjulstrom added.

He concluded, “Those who were elected must continue to strive to provide services in a manner beneficial to the residents and businesses of our community. They will also need to maintain a delicate balance between continued economic growth, while maintaining that small town feel that most residents desire.”

Observations & Ruminations

by **Mike Thompson**

“That’s Life. That’s what all the people say. You’re riding high in April, shot down in May.”

I thought about those words from that Frank Sinatra classic following last Saturday night’s sucker-punch of a loss by the Mets in Game 4 of the World Series.

The Mets were ahead by a run in the eighth inning, five outs away from making it “a brand new shiny one,” as Mets radio broadcaster Howie Rose would say – in other words, five outs away from evening the World Series at two games apiece; no small feat considering the Mets were down 2-0 in the best of seven series before winning Friday’s game in dominating fashion.

But, with runners on first and second, Kansas City’s Eric Hosmer hit a grounder to Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy. Murphy charged it and it scooted right under his glove in a Bill Buckner-esque fashion. As the ball trickled into the outfield, the Kansas City runner on second came home to score the tying run.

The Royals went on to quickly score two more runs in the eighth, the Mets went down quietly in their half of the eighth, and again in their half of the ninth, and just like that, the “new shiny one” was a very grim 3-1 series hole.

Even if you’re not a Mets fan – you mean I haven’t convinced you yet? – you may be familiar with the name Daniel Murphy, if you’d paid any attention to the baseball postseason this year. Murph was simply on another planet during the Division Series against the Dodgers and League Championship, crushing a baseball record seven – seven! – home runs during that time.

His bat had gone cold during the World Series, which probably had something to do with a combination of a near week-long lay-off for the Mets between the LCS and the World Series, and the fact that slugger Yeonis Cespedes, who hit behind Murphy in the lineup, had also seen his offensive production fall off.

But Mets fans still seemed to love the guy – perhaps recognizing, and rightfully so, that the Mets aren’t in the World Series to begin with if not for Daniel Murphy. (And that’s not hyperbole; Murph either drove in or scored each of the three runs in the decisive Game 5 against the Dodgers – a game the Mets won by a single run.)

Mets fans are also aware, though, that Murphy is not a Gold Glove winner. They’ve known this for years. He can make some absolutely fantastic plays, but he can also flub what feel like routine balls. It doesn’t happen all the time – I feel Murph’s defense has really improved over the years since he’s moved to second base, which is not his natural position – and hadn’t happened at all this postseason, but regular Mets watchers know it’s a possibility.

And when that possibility became a reality Saturday night.....well, some of the fans were just really brutal. I was at the game, and when Murph booted that ball I heard several variations of “You suck, Murphy!” I mean, really? I understand being disappointed, but, like I said, Murphy’s basically the one that brought the Mets to that point. Without Murphy, there’s no Eric Hosmer ground ball to boot. Eric Hosmer’s hitting that ground ball to some other team’s second baseman, in another World Series Mets players get to watch from their couches.

It was a real shame fans reacted as strongly to Murphy as they did, but not altogether surprising. As many have written since that fateful game last Saturday, baseball’s a cruel sport. You can go from being a hero to a goat in the blink of an eye. Just ask Buckner himself. There’s far more to him than that error in the bottom of the 10th inning. He was a terrific hitter, with a batting title under his belt, and, despite the error, a fine defender. But Red Sox fans still made him the scapegoat of the 1986 World Series, and the man was basically run out of town.

And, I hate to say it, but Murphy’s error was actually worse than Buckner’s. Buckner’s error may have allowed the winning run to score, but the game was already tied at that point. The Mets were down 5-3 with two outs, and nobody on base, in the bottom of the 10th. It was a remarkable failure by the Red Sox

bullpen coupled with remarkable resiliency by the Mets hitters that led to the historic comeback. Not Buckner’s error.

But on Saturday, the Mets had the lead when the ball went through Murphy’s legs. Had he fielded the ball cleanly and gotten the out at first – it wouldn’t have been a double play; it looked like the error happened by Murphy charging the ball to try to make it a double play, even though he had no shot at the guy going to second – there still would have been runners on second and third, but at least there would’ve been two out.

Again, baseball is often a “what have you done for me lately?” sport. All would have likely been forgiven if the Mets had come back to win that game. But they didn’t, so after it was over, the error was the main focus of the media. While Murph, being the standup guy that he is, took full responsibility for what happened and offered no excuses, his teammates rushed to his defense.

“Daniel Murphy didn’t lose us this game,” team captain and third baseman David Wright said, multiple times. “This was a collective team loss. There were dozens of things we could have done better to win this game.”

Fellow teammate Michael Cuddyer also stood up for Murph, and had strong words for the critics.

“I think anybody that’s been following us knows how huge he’s been for us,” he said. “And obviously, the country knows how huge he’s been for us. So if you have selective memory on Daniel Murphy, shame on you.”

Well put. And I have no doubt that memory of the error would be erased from Met fans’ memory banks the world over had the team staged an improbable comeback and won the World Series.

Of course, that wasn’t meant to be.

Mystic’s own Matt Harvey pitched absolutely brilliantly for eight innings, and came out to start the ninth, with the Mets up 2-0. It was a controversial decision, but one I thought at the time, and still think, was the right move. Harvey was up over 100 pitches, true, but he was dominating the Royals. He’d shown no signs of tiring. True, the Mets have a fantastic closer in Jeury’s Familia, but the Royals had quizzically seemed to have his number in the World Series, so why not see if Harvey can finish it?

I did feel, though, manager Terry Collins should have lifted Harvey after he gave up a leadoff walk to Lorenzo Cain. He didn’t, Cain stole second, and then scored on an Eric Hosmer double (there’s that Hosmer again). It was only then that Collins pulled Harvey. He brought in Familia, with the tying run on second and nobody out. Familia actually got three consecutive outs – unfortunately for him and the Mets, though, they were all groundouts. On the first, Hosmer went to third base, and on the second one...

Well, Wright fielded that ball, glanced at Hosmer, who held his ground, and then threw the ball to first to get the batter. Only thing is, as soon as Wright unleashed the ball, Hosmer broke for home. First baseman Lucas Duda quickly threw the ball home, but it was a bad throw, sailing very wide of the plate. A good throw would’ve had Hosmer; indeed, it wouldn’t have even been close. But the defense, again, let the team down, and Hosmer scored the game-tying run.

And just like that, Harvey’s outing, which for eight innings had looked like a dream, the kind of thing that would’ve vaulted to legendary New York sports hero status, became a nightmare. The Mets held on until the 12th inning, when the Royals broke the tie big time, scoring five runs, and the Mets season came to a disappointing close.

So there was no World Series redemption for Murphy; no chance to erase that error. I still hope, though, fans don’t dwell on it. Murphy’s contract with the team is up, and most baseball analysts expect him to sign elsewhere. It’ll be up to Mets fans to decide if Murphy’s legacy is that of a man who carried the team into the World Series, or that of a man who made a brutal error once he got the team there. I agree with Cuddyer; shame on fans if it’s the former.

Murphy deserves better.

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See you next week.

Democrats Win cont. from Front Page

Town Clerk Nancy Dickson, Town Treasurer Mike O’Neil and Tax Collector Barbara Murray all ran unopposed. Board of Assessment Appeals member Ned Hickey ran unopposed as well along with Eric Kelly and Mark Stankiewicz for the Planning Commission and Laurence Pryor for the Planning Commission alternate. For the Zoning Commission, incumbents Kevin Asklar and Richard Banbury received new terms along with alternate Eric Colantonio.

‘School Within a School’ Coming to RHAM

by Geeta Schrayter

The RHAM Board of Education last week learned about plans to create a “school within a school” for seventh- and eighth-graders that will provide a non-traditional approach to learning focused on student interests and individualized learning.

Called the RHAM Inquiry Academy, the program will be offered to current sixth-graders, and will start with the 2016-17 school year. The program will take between 40 and 50 students in the first year, with the potential for that number to double during the 2017-18 school year.

RHAM Middle School Principal Mike Seroussi explained the program will have a non-traditional format including block scheduling and said, “I think the students would love the idea that they could come in on their own time, pick a time they could work on their classes, take a course online as well as in a regular classroom setting...”

He shared the definition of the academy, which is that it was designed “to provide students with a more individualized education that allows them the opportunity to focus and explore their areas of interest using an integrated multi-disciplinary approach that emphasizes communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation through inquiry, research and problem-based learning.”

“Students will engage in learning activities that encourage them to explore their interests

while meeting the competencies required for promotion to high school.”

Seroussi added the academy would integrate subject areas that allow students to explore topics of interest such as dance, music, art, and history. They would take part in project-based classes and related activities, but would be measured on the same standards as all of the students at the school.

Lauren Fierman, the school’s director of curriculum, instruction and assessment added, “The curriculum stays exactly the same because the curriculum talks about the big ideas. ... Our curriculum doesn’t talk about what has to be taken on what day, or what chapter in what book you need to read; our curriculum talks about what the kids are expected to know.”

She furthered the same rubrics and assessments used in the traditional classroom will be used for the academy students to determine whether or not they’ve met all the required standards.

The academy, she explained, is a way “of letting a student basically create their own magnet school, and if we’re using the same standards and same curriculum, we’re just getting multiple pathways to success... the objective stays the same, the measure of success in terms of the rubric stays the same, but the particular project can be different based on student’s interests.”

According to a brochure on the academy, the kind of student who will thrive in the program is “a self-directed learner, a self-advocate, individually-motivated, curious, inquisitive, and loves learning.”

The introduction of the academy, pending sufficient interest from students, would reduce the number of “teams” at the school from six to five, with four remaining as they are, and one being a non-traditional model with volunteer teachers and volunteer students. (The academy would replace the sixth team.)

An information session for parents on the Inquiry Academy is scheduled for Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the middle school library.

Applications for the academy are due by Dec. 15.

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Prior to the meeting, the board also held a district meeting to approve moving \$70,343.53 in surplus funds from the 2014-15 budget into a reserve fund.

The money is expected to be used to help repair the school’s sidewalks and parking lot, although no work will be done until the school maintenance review being conducted by engineering firm BSC Group is completed and reviewed (a special meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9 for discussion and possible action on the master plan from BSC).

Voters approved the transfer 13-2.

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Also related to the RHAM board, two days following the meeting Board Chairman Danny Holtsclaw resigned as chairperson, effective immediately.

In a letter he sent to the board Oct. 28 he explained, “Over the last two months, my professional responsibilities have increased dramatically along with my travel schedule, all of which is expected to increase in the near and long terms.”

He added, “There are a number of items that have long-term implications for the district that will be addressed in the upcoming meetings. It is important that the leadership of the board have the availability to manage the upcoming agendas, and to guide the business” of the board.

Holtsclaw will remain on the board as a regular member, representing Andover.

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The next regular RHAM Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school music room.

New Salon Aims to Add Some Trend to Marlborough

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

After Reale Hair’s Kim Reale decided to move to Georgia, the space at 31B North Main St. was left empty, awaiting another hairdresser to come in and pick up where Reale left off.

Building owner Steven Roy found that fit in Lorena Basile of Rocky Hill. Basile had been working out of her home for the last five years, specializing in the trendiest of styles. Basile began working in Marlborough mid-October.

“I love making people feel amazing about themselves,” Basile said. “I love catering to and relaxing the client.”

Basile likened the pampering of having a haircut to getting a massage, where clients can relax and enjoy themselves.

“It’s all about beautifying them and getting them dolled up,” she said.

Named Studio 31B for its address, the salon received a new look under Basile’s hand with an edgy but comfortable style. The studio features a warm beige wall, soft accents, and plush white chairs for customers to sit on while they wait. And since Basile is the only hairdresser at the location currently, clients receive a one-on-one experience.

A graduate of the New England School of Hair in 2005, Basile found working at chain haircutting places horrible. She said she was “very unhappy” at a salon that didn’t do work in the latest fashions and styles of the day.

She said she went into the hairdressing industry because she loves the way people take care of themselves along with enjoying the latest fashions.

As a mother of four children, Basile found the flexible schedule of working from home

ideal. However, after a fellow hairdresser friend mentioned the opening in Marlborough, Basile jumped at the chance. Basile said she has some family who live in town and knew the town has potential.

“I want to get more trendiness into the town,” Basile said.

She offers the typical hair salon menu including women’s cuts, color, perms, waxing, children’s haircuts, extensions and straightening treatments. One part of the business she would love to grow is her men’s haircuts.

“I love to do guys’ haircuts, but I don’t get many in,” Basile said. “It’s not just your typical buzz cut.”

Roy, who goes to a salon rather than a men’s barber shop, said the advantages of the salon are worth it.

“For the salon, you get more expertise and one-on-one time,” Roy said. “You feel special versus [the experience at] a men’s barber shop.”

Basile prides herself in her relaxed approach to hairdressing. She stressed she never will rush a client to get another in the chair.

“I give them their time,” she said.

Also, she said, she is continually educating herself.

“I’m always looking for the next trend and educating myself, whether it be YouTube videos or classes,” Basile said.

Roy is especially excited for potential clients to meet Basile.

“With Lorena, the possibilities are endless,” Roy said of growing the business. “She’s got a trendy style and is outgoing. Once we bring people in to meet her, they won’t want to go anywhere else.”



Lorena Basile of Rocky Hill took over the salon space at 31 North Main St. and has goals of making the new Studio 31B a trendy place.

Although Roy is technically the owner for now, Basile said she hopes to “see how it goes” and eventually take on the lease herself. There is also additional space for another hairdresser in a separate room off the main salon.

To schedule an appointment, people can call 860-365-5463. Studio 31B is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursdays, 1-7 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Three WJJMS Students Have Hoop Dreams

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

Three eighth-graders are fed up with sitting on the sidelines after middle school basketball for girls and boys was cut during the 2015-16 budget deliberations last spring.

Luke LaSaracina, Nick Sedor and Nick Tiziani, all 13 years old, are trying for a slam dunk after they were approved to begin raising funds for the program. The school district already has transferred \$1,900 to the boys' cause, so they need to raise an additional \$3,500 to bring back boys' and girls' varsity basketball. If they want to bring back junior varsity as well, they will need to raise an additional \$5,000.

The boys have until Nov. 15 to raise the funds in time to get the program reinstated for this year. If they're successful, tryouts would begin the very next day.

"We are missing the opportunity to be leaders for the younger kids," LaSaracina said. "We got leadership skills from the older kids and the coaches."

"We were missing the opportunity to represent the town and our school," Tiziani added.

With no WJJMS basketball, playing in a recreation league is the only alternative – but Sedor said the competition factor isn't the same. The school team plays against other towns, and gets in nearly twice the amount of practice as is the case for the recreation league. The recreation leagues are separated only by age, and the boys explained they usually know all of the other players.

As there are more practices at the school level, the boys said, they have to learn how to better balance school time and sports time – thus improving their time-management skills.

The three boys first came to a Board of Education meeting in September to ask for permission to raise funds and also to put the money allotted in the budget for freshman girls' soccer toward middle school basketball, since there

were not enough enrollments to field a freshman girls' soccer team. The boys again came to the October education board meeting to ask again.

The boys received approval to begin fundraising two weeks ago from Superintendent of Schools Jeff Mathieu and Board of Education Chairman Ron Goldstein.

"They are articulate, mature and have a good vision of what they want," Mathieu said of the trio. "They are remarkable for their age. For them to take this initiative shows leadership to the highest degree."

Mathieu said the district agreed to transfer over the \$1,900 from the freshmen girls' soccer program to middle school sports – but that it was all the school system could afford to do.

By Tuesday, the boys had already raised \$1,700 – and that was without the school dance they are planning for next Friday, Nov. 13, at WJJMS. The dance, called "The Basket Ball," is \$8 per ticket and will be from 7-9 p.m. for seventh and eighth grade and 7-8:30 p.m. for sixth grade. Glow sticks will be sold at a cost of one for \$1 or four for \$3, along with pizza slices for \$1.

The whole endeavor is teaching the boys some valuable life lessons.

Even if they're ultimately unsuccessful, Sedor said the boys' campaign "shows if there's something really important you want, you keep fighting, no matter the circumstance," Sedor said.

"We put forth the effort," Tiziani added. "We learned to keep the positive mentality and we can accomplish anything."

"It's important they realize their voice does matter no matter how old you are," Valerie Sedor, Sedor's mother, said. "I'm very proud of their hard work."

Also, she added, perhaps the effort will drive more people to the polls next budget season.



Nick Tiziani, left, Nick Sedor and Luke LaSaracina, are all eighth-graders at William J. Johnston Middle School. The three boys were upset after the basketball program was cut at the middle school and are now raising funds for its return.

"Hopefully it will show the town how important it is to vote and get a larger turnout [during the budget referendum]," she said.

Mathieu said he hopes the program will not have to be cut from the budget again. But, he added, no promises can be made.

"When Chris [Bennett, WJJMS principal] reestablishes the budget, it would be back in the initial proposal," Mathieu said.

The boys hoped so too, saying they want the program to continue for all of the younger

grades.

Overall, the experience has left the superintendent very impressed with the 13-year-olds.

"I just want to say how impressed I am with their character," Mathieu said, "and hope they are successful."

Residents can donate to the boys' efforts by sending a check made out to William J. Johnston Middle School Activity Fund to William J. Johnston Middle School, 306 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415.

Shilosky Elected First Selectman in Colchester

by Kaitlyn Schroyer

The first selectman will remain a Republican, as Board of Finance member Art Shilosky bested Democrat selectmen Kurt Frantzen in the race for the seat Tuesday.

Shilosky collected 1,686 votes to Frantzen's 1,422.

The nice weather brought 30 percent of registered voters out to the polls (3,017 out of a total of 10,065 voters). This was slightly less than the 2013 election, where 34 percent of voters came out.

The newly-elected officials will take their seats in two weeks on Nov. 16.

"I had a good feeling that I could win, but you never know with politics," Shilosky said. "I had a lot of good people supporting me and people I didn't expect to support me so I thought I had a good chance."

Shilosky also credited his family with supporting him by picking him up after every bump in the road in the campaign.

"It was quite the experience," Shilosky said of the campaign. "I have a great deal of respect for Kurt and their team. We did a very non-negative campaign and said what we wanted to say without tearing someone down."

Shilosky said keeping the campaign positive was something he and Frantzen committed to from day one.

"We kept to that commitment," Shilosky said, "and I'm very proud of that."

He said he is already beginning to attend some meetings with current First Selectman Stan Soby and is preparing for when he takes over officially.

Frantzen said he appreciated the experience as well.

"I thought [the campaign] was a great deal of fun, a good discussion as I had intended, and an opportunity to give the citizens of Colchester a good choice for first selectman," Frantzen said. "I of course would have preferred that I would have gotten the job, but Art got the job and that's the way democracy works."

Frantzen reminded the elected officials that the decisions they make have real impacts on individuals in town.

"The focus is always in helping the town be the best it can be now and going into the future," Frantzen said.

He said he has learned saying 'no' or 'never' is not a good idea and there is certainly a possibility that he could be politically involved again in the future.

"I enjoyed the experience and I greatly appreciate the time and patience of the town and its citizens to listen to the campaign and make a consideration," he said. "Now it's time to get up and move on into the future."

While he's stepping down as first selectman, Soby – who took over the role upon Gregg Schuster's move out of state last year – is remaining on the Board of Selectmen, as he collected 1,958 votes. He is joined by two fellow incumbents, Republican Denise Mizla (who collected 1,445 votes), Democrat incumbent Rosemary Coyle (1,580), as well as a newcomer, Democrat John Jones (1,557). Colchester Independent Party's Tearice Peters was the only selectmen candidate who lost, collecting 1,019 votes.

Peters congratulated those that were elected and thanked everyone for giving the voters a choice.

"It takes a big commitment to run and even a bigger one to serve," Peters said.

Peters said that, while she wants to focus on being just a resident for a while, if she's asked to run again, she would.

"Whether you win or not, [running for office] is one of the best things you can do for the town, giving the people choice, brings issues to the forefront and builds on your support," she said.

On the Board of Finance side, Republican board chair Rob Tarlov won another term. Initial results showed Republican Andreas Bisbikos edging out Democrat by a mere three votes, 1,688 to 1,685. This prompted a recount, as per the town charter; the recount was done Thursday afternoon, after press time.

Town Clerk Gayle Furman, a Democrat, won re-election with 1,341 votes, topping Republican Tricia Dean and CIP's Linda Akerman.

Tax Collector Michele Wyatt also won re-election, besting her Republican opponent Ron Niemczyk. Democrat John Ringo topped Republican Steven Schuster in the race for treasurer.

On the Board of Education, Republican Brad Bernier and Democrat Mary Tomasi won re-



Republican Art Shilosky was elected the new first selectman with 30 percent of registered voters coming out on Tuesday to vote.

election, while Republican newcomer Renie Besaw also gained a seat. Democrat Vincent Rose and CIP's Carl Swanback and Stefani Lowe all lost their bids for school board seats.

Board of Assessment Appeals incumbent Democrat Denise Turner won another term, and will be joined by fellow Democrat Andrew Cournoyer and Republican Rick Konon. They defeated Republican Karen Godbout and CIP's Joyce Maine and Brian Currie.

"We are very excited we won back majorities on the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education," Republican Town Committee chair Brenden Healy said. "Overall it was a great night for Republicans in Colchester."

Healy said the party is proud of the campaign it ran and for staying positive.

Democratic Town Committee chair Don Kennedy said although the party is disappointed by Frantzen's loss, it is proud of its campaign.

"What is best for Colchester is what everyone was running on and now it's time to get to work and get going," Kennedy said. "We con-

gratulate Art and look forward to working with him and everyone elected last night."

Colchester Independent Party chair Deanna Bouchard said the party congratulates Shilosky and all of the candidates who won their races.

"I would also to thank those candidates who did not win, but who ran for public office because they too want to contribute to our wonderful community," Bouchard said. "While the CIP candidates may have not won any races in [Tuesday's] elections, we are encouraged by our supporters; we have received an outpouring of messages from many in the community thanking CIP for being 'their voice' and offering them a 'choice' at the polls."

She said the party is committed to increasing voter participation and will continue to be a voice in town.

"Just because the election has ended does not mean that elected officials can forget the promises they have made," Bouchard said.

"All around, the party stuff ends and the working for Colchester starts and off we go," Kennedy said.

Quiet Election Day in Hebron

by Geeta Schrayter

There were slightly fewer voters showing up at the polls Tuesday than Election Day 2013 – 1,387 to that year’s 1,427, for a turnout rate of 21.8 percent.

But of those who cast a ballot, the majority chose to reelect the two incumbents to the Board of Selectmen – Democrat Brian O’Connell and Republican Gail Richmond – as well as Republican Clara O’Brien, who will serve her first term on the board but is already active in town, currently serving as chair of both the Water Pollution Control Authority and the Board of Assessment Appeals.

“I’m excited to start something new,” O’Brien said Wednesday. “I’m looking forward to it. I’ll put my best foot forward and, as always, be hardworking, listen to the people and see what they’re looking for.”

O’Brien said an area of focus for her would be the town’s taxes.

“When listening to citizens before election time, one of the big concerns they have is the high taxes, so I’m sure we’ll be looking at ways to try to reduce those,” she explained.

O’Brien added she was grateful for all the support she’d received.

“I’d like to thank everybody for their support; the letters everyone wrote, allowing me to put signs on their lawns, and most impor-

tantly, their vote,” she said.

Meanwhile, O’Connell said of the elections, “I think it was a good day and it was an ok turnout as far as compared to other elections that aren’t state or presidential.”

He added, “I’m very happy to be re-elected and to be able to serve for the people of Hebron for another four years.”

“I’m looking forward to it,” he said, adding now that the elections were over he was going to stay focused on economic development.

On Wednesday, Richmond said she was “delighted” to be elected for a full term. Richmond joined the board in January after then-chairwoman Gayle Mulligan resigned following her election to the state legislature.

“I have found this past year that I was on very informative and very interesting,” Richmond said. “I feel that I was doing some good and so to get a four-year term now, I’m very, very pleased. I campaigned hard.”

Like O’Connell, Richmond said the end of the elections meant a return to focusing on areas such as economic development and trying to keep the mill rate down.

“We need to get a cap on this mill rate,” she explained. “We have to balance out the needs of the education system with the needs of seniors, because they’re growing in number. And

economic development is imperative.”

In addition Tuesday, Republican Tom Tremont and Democrat Amy D’Amaddio were elected for another term on the RHAM Board of Education, edging out Republican candidate William Malitsky by votes of 769 and 758, respectively, to Malitsky’s 663.

In the only other contested race this year, Republican Mark Falade joined the Board of Assessment Appeals with 705 votes, beating Democrat Peter Byram, who garnered 581 votes.

Meanwhile, elected to the Hebron Board of Education Tuesday was incumbent Democrat Maryanne Leichter with 771 votes, incumbent Democrat Geoffrey Davis with 738 votes, and newcomers Kathy and Kevin Williams, both Republicans, who collected 955 and 978 votes, respectively.

Along with the above, Democrat Ramon Bieri and Republican David Veschi joined the Board of Finance with 724 and 1,019 votes; Republican Lewis Hinman III and Democrat Frank Zitkus joined the Planning and Zoning Commission with 778 votes and 951 votes; Republican June Danaher and Democrat Gilbert Salk joined the Zoning Board of Appeals with 988 and 732 votes; and Republican Marilyn Alden was named Zoning Board of

Appeals Alternate. She received 1,000 votes.

Democratic Town Committee Chairman Bill Rudis thanked the Democratic candidates for their efforts this week, sharing, “Both our incumbents and those individuals who agreed to commit additional time and energy toward serving our community in various boards and commissions [are] an ongoing and outstanding example of the quality and caliber by which these citizen volunteers conduct themselves within their families, with their friends and within our town.”

He added, “To all who were elected or re-elected we extend our best considerations, as the town’s welfare and prosperity are vested in their elected responsibilities.”

Meanwhile, Republican Town Committee Chairwoman Catherine Marx added, “I’m thrilled that the Republicans were the top vote getters in every single race, and it shows that the voters endorsed our strong ticket; it’s obvious that the experience that Gail Richmond and Clara O’Brien had was recognized.”

“Most importantly,” she concluded, “I believe that all of the Republicans that were elected will now put the people of Hebron first and will be the best stewards of our town going forward.”

A Ghostly Night at Something Simple in Hebron

by Geeta Schrayter

Last weekend, chances are a number of “ghosts” could be found roving about, as people donned costumes for Halloween. But over at Something Simple Café Friday night, the possibility of something a bit more authentic was being discussed.

Over two dozen people filled the café after normal business hours Oct. 30 for a Paranormal Night that brought the Ghost Hunters of Connecticut to share some of their findings from around the state – and from an investigation conducted at Something Simple Oct. 24.

Ghost Hunters of Connecticut share on their website that they’ve been “helping people since 1989” investigating “all paranormal claims.” They made their way to Hebron at the suggestion of a customer who is friends with the group. Owner Jess Dapsis explained she started talking with the customer about the history of the building, “and he said, ‘Why don’t you do an investigation?’”

At that point, Dapsis added, employees had a feeling there was something mysterious about the café, which is located in a building from 1750, due to some personal experiences.

“We’ve had objects come off of shelves – things that really shouldn’t be falling down,” Dapsis explained. “One employee said they felt someone touch them on the arm, and another felt like they’d been pushed down two small stairs – they thought it was another employee”

but no one was there when they turned around.

Dapsis also shared she was there one day and heard a deep male’s voice, but it was only her and another female employee. On another night, Dapsis and three other employees went through the usual closing routine: shutting off all the lights, setting the alarm and locking up. But when they went to leave, getting to the bottom of the café stairs, “the lights inside the front part of the building just went back on.”

“So there’s been a couple of things” Dapsis shared, adding the woman who used to own an art/frame shop in the building also had some experiences with the place.

As for the Ghost Hunters of Connecticut, they spent three hours in the café and member Chris Baricko said “the findings here – I don’t think any of us were really expecting them for the three hours here.”

The ghost hunters set up video cameras throughout the café and used voice recorders to attempt to capture sounds. They also utilized equipment such as a light grid containing closely placed dots of green light that will show if anything passes through it.

The group wasn’t able to analyze all of the captured recordings prior to Friday’s presentation, which they said included almost 20 hours of audio and video and over 300 photos. Even so, the group ended up with some findings from what they *did* have time to analyze.

(Baricko explained he always uses the word “findings” over “evidence” because evidence, he said, “is concrete, but no one can say if ghosts are real or not real.”)

Findings the group had after their investigation included the sound of footsteps, an image where it appears someone is looking in through the window, the sound of a chair being moved in the empty eating area, and more personal experiences including one of the women on the team feeling their hair pulled, and someone feeling their jacket tugged.

In addition, after being in the basement for some time and having nothing happen, Deanna Leone Rhodes, one of the members of the group, asked anyone that was there that could hear her to flash the light grid.

“And in seconds the whole grid went totally dark and then flashed really quickly,” she said. She then asked them to do it again to confirm, “and the light got really, really dim, it stayed there, and then it sucked all the energy out of the battery.”

She mentioned the batteries had just been changed.

Baricko said the group was “not here to convince anyone yes [there are ghosts] or no,” but only to present what they’d found – and they expected to find more once they analyzed the rest of the data, as well as when they return:

the group plans to conduct another investigation this weekend, and Baricko said they planned to “cover every inch of this building” and use some more equipment including a voice box, which is said to allow spirits to more easily communicate.

At the end of the presentation, attendees said they found the event intriguing.

Andover residents Roger and Emilie Hall shared, “We thought it was quite interesting. We don’t necessarily believe or disbelieve. It’s just a matter of accepting what you’re seeing.”

As for Dapsis, she shared this week, “I thought it was interesting. I definitely want to hear more.”

And whether or not there’s a spirit lurking at the café, Something Simple doesn’t feel scary or fearful. On the contrary, it’s a warm, inviting place where patrons sit, visit and enjoy delicious drinks and tasty food – it just so happens that panini might come with a free side of ghost.

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Ghost Hunters of Connecticut will return to Something Simple for another presentation Friday, Nov. 13. To sign up, call the café at 860-228-2266. For more information go to [facebook.com/Something-Simple-Cafe-445541855485061/](https://www.facebook.com/Something-Simple-Cafe-445541855485061/). Something Simple is located at 12 Main St.

EHHS Evacuated

East Hampton High School was briefly evacuated Monday morning after school officials found a threatening message on a bathroom wall.

Police said that shortly after 10 a.m. they received a report from EHHS school officials, that an anonymous handwritten message, threatening the facility, had been located on a bathroom wall.

Students were temporarily relocated while a search of the building was conducted, police said. Police requested assistance from the Connecticut State Police Emergency Services Unit to aid in the search. A thorough search of the entire schools grounds was conducted. Students returned to school a short time after.

Police are investigating the incident.

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According to an East Hampton Public Schools’ press release, East Hampton Police Chief Sean Cox and two officers responded “immediately.”

Local police and high school staff worked cooperatively to conduct an initial search of the building, the press release said. The state police was contacted and arrived shortly thereafter with K-9 units, and searched the building as well.

In the meantime, students were escorted by faculty, staff and administration to St. Patrick’s Church to wait for the search of the building to be completed, the press release

said.

Shortly before noon, the state police deemed that the building was safe. Students were then escorted back to the high school where they resumed their day with lunch and afternoon classes. Dismissal was at the normal time.

The press release stated parents/guardians of EHHS students were made aware through the district’s “robo call” system twice, first after the school was evacuated and again when the building was deemed safe.

Administrators at East Hampton Middle, Center and Memorial schools also sent out emails to their parents to inform them of the evacuation. There was no threat made at any of the other schools.

“East Hampton High School students, faculty, staff and administration are to be commended for the manner in which they conducted themselves,” interim schools superintendent Mark Wenzler said in the release.

Police are investigating the incident.

Bransfield Elected for Seventh Term in Portland

by Geeta Schrayter

Following Tuesday's election, the status quo will remain the same in Portland – at least on the first selectman front – as Democrat Susan Bransfield was elected for her seventh term.

Around 42 percent of the town's 5,293 voters took to the poles Tuesday and of those, 1,369 voted for Bransfield, while 686 voted for Republican Dan Colby and 144 voted for Independent Lambros Lambrinides.

Bransfield said of her re-election Wednesday, "I'm certainly very honored and very happy that so many people turned out to vote in Portland, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to serve as first selectman for the next two years."

Bransfield added she was looking forward to working with the selectmen who were elected.

"We're a very collaborative group and I certainly look forward to hearing from each selectman and look forward to that opportunity to work collaboratively with everyone."

Now that the elections are over, Bransfield said "we're going to be continuing many of the projects the current board has established and initiated. There are a lot of economic development plans that we'll be pursuing along with a careful review of all of the town's infrastructure and utilities as part of our update of the Plan of Conservation and Development for 2016."

She furthered, "We will also be working on a plan for capital improvements and other

needed updates to the town."

Bransfield concluded, "Congratulations to all the candidates as well as all those who were successfully elected yesterday. Everybody wins when everybody participates in the process and I'm glad so many turned out to vote."

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The face in the first selectman's office may remain the same, but the individual found in the town clerk's office will change. Bernie Dillon, who served as town clerk for 37 years, stepped down at the beginning of the year; since then, Mary Dickerson has been acting as interim town clerk. Taking over the town clerk role will be Republican Ryan Curley, who is wrapping up a term on the Board of Selectmen. He garnered 1,313 votes Tuesday to Democrat Kayleigh Kinsella's 848.

Speaking to the results Thursday, Kinsella said "I am happy that being openly transgender that I did win the primary which I believe is a first for the state of Connecticut. And I had some support – nearly 40 percent – and I think that's good in the small town of Portland. People are overcoming the stigma associated with people like me... seeing that is a big deal to me. I feel great about that, to see 40 percent of the folks come out and support me knowing I'm transgender."

She furthered, "It was a clean vote. I congratulate my opponent – I enjoy races like this. There shouldn't be garbage involved in elections. It should be about the candidates, what

they can do and what they've done."

Commenting on his election, Curley said Wednesday, "I'm feeling thrilled that the town supported me and came out to support me, and I would like to thank Kayleigh for running a good campaign and a clean campaign."

He added, "I'm looking forward to the future and I will be working very hard in order to fill the role and do my very best as Portland's town clerk."

Curley will step into his new role Jan. 4 and said when that happens, "I'm going to be ready."

"Until then I'll be preparing for the role and training" with Dickerson and Assistant Town Clerk Paula Slym, "In order to make sure the transition goes as smoothly as possible."

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Also elected Tuesday were six of the seven candidates running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen, including Democrat incumbent Brian Flood who received 1,393 votes, Democrat Benjamin Srb with 1,200 votes, incumbent Democrat Kathleen Richards with 1,316 votes, Republican incumbent Carl Chudzick with 1,082 votes, Republican Mike Pelton with 1,014 votes, and Democrat Fred Knous with 984 votes. (The remaining candidate, Republican Robert Taylor, garnered 845 votes.)

In addition, Democrat incumbent MaryAnne Rode was elected for another term on the Board of Education, garnering 1,226 votes. Jim Tripp, a Democrat, will also be joining the board for

his first term, receiving 1,272 votes. Meanwhile, Republican Gisela Rice ran unopposed to fill a two-year vacancy on the school board; she received 1,549 votes.

Along with the above, Democrat John Dillon and Republican Peter Castelli were elected to the Board of Assessment appeals with 1,294 and 1,021 votes, respectively, and Democrat Michael Lastrina was elected to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term starting in 2016 with 1,318 votes, edging out Republican Kevin Anderson who received 795 votes. Finally, Republican Robert Casati ran unopposed for a for a five-year term on the ZBA that will start this year: he received 1,541 votes.

Speaking on this year's election, Richards, who is also Democratic Town Committee chairwoman, said Wednesday, "We're very happy that we have won back the seats on the Board of Selectmen. We're looking forward to having them serve with us."

Taylor, who is also Republican Town Committee chairman, said, "We're ecstatic that Ryan [Curley] won. He put in a ton of effort this year... he's been going nonstop at it."

He continued, "We're disappointed that Dan [Colby] didn't win, but he put in just as much effort as Ryan did and we're very happy with his efforts and the effort of all of the other candidates – they all did a phenomenal job."

Taylor concluded, "I think both parties ran a really good race – and we'll be back in 2017!"

Selectmen Establish Cemetery Committee in Andover

by Geeta Schrayter

At the Andover Board of Selectmen's meeting Wednesday night, the board voted to establish a cemetery committee to care for the historic cemetery in town at the corner of Cider Mill and Hebron roads.

The board unanimously established the committee, named the Olde Andover Burying Ground Committee, which will have seven members and two alternates. The purpose of the group will be "to promote, restore, and sustain" the historic cemetery "so that the memories, stories, and lives of people buried there are honored."

Goals of the committee include promoting ongoing community interest, involvement and care through education and walk-through programs; comprehensive preservation efforts to do things such as identify and research marked and unmarked graves, identify veteran graves, and repair and restore the markers; promoting continued research to further uncover the history of the cemetery and those buried there; the design and placement of a permanent cemetery marker; and seeking grants to provide funds to accomplish the committee's goals.

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In addition Wednesday, the board continued to express issue with the easement over town property voters granted to two property owners in town at a July referendum.

The right-of-way at the end of Riverside Drive was granted to Joshua Clark and Christopher Wierzbicki, owners of a 60-acre piece of property at 64 Long Hill Rd., by a vote of 211-133.

The owners explained at a selectmen's meet-

ing July 1 that they needed better access to their land, which they hoped to gain through the town easement. The owners plan to build two houses on the property.

The easement however, has yet to be approved by the selectmen.

At both regular and special meetings following the July approval, various issues have been raised by the selectmen. On Wednesday those issues continued.

Vice First Selectman Jeff Maguire expressed concern, as he has previously, that the town wasn't adequately protected. He also said, "I for one am not for granting an easement to any one applicant."

Maguire worried about the town's long-term liability, and asked what might happen if the road the property owners built wasn't engineered properly and a vehicle such as a fire truck from another town were to drive on it and end up going over the side and into the culvert.

He stated, "We're being naive if we think we're being protected" from everything that might happen with the easement, and said "The town lacks any control over this."

Selectman Jay Linddy added, "It's almost to the point now where the town should put in the road."

Similarly, selectwoman Cathy Desrosiers inquired, "What if we extended Riverside Drive as a town to the culvert?" and then the property owners could take it from there.

Meanwhile, First Selectman Bob Burbank expressed concern with the wording of the types of vehicles that were allowed on the property. In the agreement it states no vehicles over

10,000 pounds are allowed, but he said he wanted it to read "no commercial vehicles."

Burbank then said the applicants are running a business from their home that isn't properly registered in the town, meaning by going forward with the easement they were "sanctioning an illegal business."

The attorney for Clark and Wierzbicki was present at the meeting to answer any questions, and said, "Whether or not they're operating a business has nothing to do with" the easement. "It's the town's prerogative to enforce their regulations," he added, but, he said, the two issues were "mutually exclusive."

"We're talking about something off-topic – you're digging through files trying to find dirt," the attorney said.

Selectwoman Julia Haverl added, "This was voted on fair and square and legal. I feel responsible to move this forward and get this off the board's agenda and let them move forward."

Linddy added, "I'm fed up of hearing about it. Let's get this thing done."

But in the end, that didn't end up happening, as the board voted to have the town engineer look at putting in a road on Riverside Drive and what the cost might be for the town to put it in.

During public comment resident Cathy Palazzi spoke regarding the easement, saying "I do not understand this thing regarding the easement."

While she said she understands Maguire's concerns, she added, "Josh has lived in town all his life – I can't put it together in my brain. I can't believe he's going to do anything to harm

this town."

Wierzbicki also spoke regarding the easement and the endless delays and issues.

"We were told this would be a 'yea' or 'nay' vote and reasons keep coming up with that we've already been over" he stated, adding "the town is never going to afford to build the road" which he said would cost a minimum \$75,000.

"How do I know? What do you think I've been doing since February?" when the request for an easement first came forward, he asked.

"Every month it's something different. We've done everything we've been asked to do."

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Also at the meeting, Maguire stepped down from his role as vice first selectman, explaining "I think it's in the best interest of the town if I remain in the role of treasurer."

Maguire explained there were still some things he was working on, explaining the town doesn't currently do a good job understanding what money is coming in and when money should be going out. He also said he wanted to work through some issues with insurance in town, as well as with the town auditor.

Maguire said he'd continue to serve as treasurer until he felt everything was in line. To help with that, he added the town needed to hire a new bookkeeper; the board voted to advertise for one who will be hired to work 20 hours per week for \$17-\$20 per hour.

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The next Andover Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Andover Town Hall Community Room.

Colchester Police News

10/30: Colchester Police said they are investigating after an unknown person entered an unlocked vehicle on Cemetery Road and stole a woman's purse sometime between 9 p.m. Oct. 29 and 6 a.m. Oct. 30. Anyone with information can call Officer Brown at 860-537-7270.

10/31: Colchester Police said Yolanda Wilson, 47, of 147 Norwich Ave., was arrested and charged with two counts of third-degree assault, fourth-degree criminal mischief, interfering with an officer and breach of peace.

11/2: Colchester Police said Christopher Putty, 29, of 240 Lebanon Ave., was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

Marlborough Police News

10/28: State Police said Dora Avila, 28, of 1270 Stanley St., New Britain, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

10/29: State Police said Kevin Comeau, 27, of 89 Roberts Rd., was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

East Hampton Police News

10/21: Jesse P. Pare, 38, of 23 Clinton St., Manchester, was issued a summons for speeding and operating a motor vehicle while under suspension, East Hampton Police said.

10/21: At about 5:30 p.m., the EHPD was dispatched to a shoplifting complaint at Stop & Shop located at 11 East High St. The suspects were located in a vehicle in the store parking lot. The stolen items were located in the vehicle, along with heroin and drug paraphernalia, police said. As a result Ashley Hauser, 32, of 106 Dowd St., Newtown, and Lauren Ayers, 24, of 263 Grandview Terrace, Hartford, were both arrested and charged with possession of heroin, possession of drug parapherna-

lia and sixth-degree larceny, police said.

10/23: After an investigation into a one-car motor vehicle accident on Clark Hill Road at the intersection of Champion Hill Road, Keith D. Cummings, 25, of 24 Barton Hill Rd., was arrested for driving under the influence and failure to drive right, police said.

10/23: Brian Palmerick, 33, of 76 Haddam Neck Rd., was charged with second-degree failure to appear, police said.

10/24: Kimberly Rodrigue, 27, of 56 South Rd., Marlborough, was issued a summons for operating under suspension, failure to carry a license and operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle, police said.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Marjorie L. Newcombe

Marjorie L. Newcombe, 93, of Belleair, Fla., formerly of East Hampton, died Wednesday, Oct. 28, in Florida. She was the daughter of the late Susan and Maurice Bransfield and was the last surviving member of the family of nine children. She lived in East Hampton until the early 1980s when she and her husband Edward moved to Florida.

She is survived by niece Elaine Smith of North Carolina and nephews James Bransfield of Middletown, Paul "Cam" Bransfield of Torrington and Douglas Bransfield of Cromwell. She is also survived by grandnephews Michael, Stephen, Peter and Geoffrey Smith, Christopher Bransfield, Edward Dickau and Brian Bransfield, and grandnieces Margaret Smith and Cheryl Little. She was preceded in death by her husband, her sisters Mary Ellen Bransfield and Marion Mellen, and her brothers Harold, John, M. Joseph, William, Edward and Paul, and niece Marie Dickau. She is also survived by many great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

Marge attended Middletown High School, then was transferred to East Hampton High when that community opened its own high school. She was elected class president and organized many class reunions through the years, including the class's 60th.

She grew up a baseball fan, attending countless Middlesex County League games as her brothers for many years formed the entire infield for the East Hampton team. She was also a Boston Red Sox fan, but abandoned the Sox when they did not re-sign Roger Clemens, her favorite player. When Clemens joined the Yankees, she became a Yankee fan for the rest of her life. She was a season ticket holder for the Philadelphia Phillies spring training games for many years with seats adjacent to the visiting dugout at Bright House Field.

She amassed a collection of well over 400 autographed baseballs, including virtually all the stars, both past and present. Her walls of her home were adorned with racks of the baseballs, plus autographed photos of many Major League Baseball players. The *Tampa Bay Times* did a photo story on Marge, her sister Marion and former Tampa Bay manager Joe Madden, with whom she became friendly.

Marge was an accomplished bowler and won many trophies for her achievements in Connecticut Leagues. She also golfed and the foursome of Marge and her husband Ed, plus her sister Marion and her husband Bud, were common sights on Clearwater area courses.

She began working as an associate in the former Connecticut Bank and Trust Co. branch in East Hampton after high school, and worked her way up and was one of the first women to achieve the office of vice-president in the history of CBT. Along with her husband, she was also co-owner of the Lake Shore Package Store in East Hampton until she retired and moved to Florida.

Friends may call at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, today, Nov. 6, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick Church in East Hampton. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, visit spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Marlborough

Robert David Tourtillotte

Robert David Tourtillotte, 53, of Orlando, Fla., died at home Sunday, Oct. 25, after a long illness. He was born to the late Shirley and Patricia Tourtillotte and grew up in Marlborough.

Bob was a graduate of RHAM High School and Pickens Technical College, Aurora, Colo., where he studied diesel mechanics. Bob was an amazing mechanic. He was smart, handsome, funny, the life of the party and would give you the shirt off his back. His passion was fishing trout streams of the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

Bob is survived by his siblings, Lynn Williamson, Steven Tourtillotte, James Tourtillotte and their families. He is also survived and will be missed by his friend of 25 years, Faith Cirsone.

The family would like to thank Vitas-Hospice, Orlando for their care and support. There are no calling hours. Burial will be at Marlboro Cemetery at the convenience of the family.



Marlborough

Pauline A. Dubois

Pauline A. (Stiff) Dubois, 78, of Marlborough, formerly of East Hartford, peacefully journeyed home to be with Our Lord Thursday, Oct. 29, with her beloved caring family by her side.

Pauline was the loving wife of 58 years of Henry N. Dubois. Born in Presque Isle, Maine, Aug. 30, 1937, she was a resident of East Hartford for over 33 years prior to moving to Marlborough 22 years ago. She was a graduate of East Hartford High School, Class of 1955.

A devout Catholic, Pauline was an active former communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church, East Hartford, where she was a member of the Ladies Guild and taught CCD classes for many years. She also attended Mass at St. John Fisher Church in Marlborough. Pauline was a "Nanny" for three families for many years and reached out to many others who all loved her. She was an avid reader and talented drawer who also liked playing cards and board games, and traveling with her husband to Europe, Acapulco, and other islands and countries. She was a fan of the Boston Red Sox, UConn, Minnesota Vikings and the New England Patriots.

Along with her devoted husband, Henry, Pauline is survived by three daughters, Valerie Henley and her husband, Gordon, of Marlborough, Heidis Andrelunas and her husband, Gregory, of Marlborough with whom she made her home, Wendie Dubois of Manchester; a son, Jeffrey N. Dubois and his fiancée, Bridget Renstrom, of East Hartford; two "adopted daughters," Patricia Drum and her husband, Dale, of Marlborough, Pamela Hall of West Gardiner, Maine; 13 cherished grandchildren; and six adored great-grandchildren. She also leaves three sisters, Phyllis Shvonski and her husband, Ronald, of East Hartford, Jean Prescott of East Hartford, Marilyn Fabian and her husband, Roy, of Manchester; many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Funeral service were Wednesday, Nov. 4, from the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St., East Hartford, with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated that morning at Blessed Sacrament Church, Cambridge Drive, East Hartford. Burial followed at Silver Lane Cemetery, Section F, East Hartford. Relatives and friends called at the funeral home chapel Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 4-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Pauline's name may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society - Connecticut Chapter, 659 Tower Ave., 1st Floor, Hartford, CT 06112.

For online expressions of sympathy to the family, visit desopo.com.

East Hampton

Barbara A. Jordan

Barbara A. Jordan of East Hampton died Sunday, Nov. 1, at Connecticut Hospice in Branford. Born Sept. 6, 1952, she lived most of her life at her family homestead in East Hampton.

She worked for many years at United Technologies, Pratt & Whitney Division, in East Hartford. Barbara returned to school and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Hartford. She then worked for many years at Aetna in Hartford. Barbara enjoyed the outdoors and spent many happy hours feeding the birds and deer in her backyard. She was an active member of St. Patrick Church in East Hampton.

She leaves her mom, Elizabeth Jordan of East Hampton. She was predeceased by her father, Raymond G. Jordan. Additionally, she leaves two brothers and their spouses, Gregory and Terry Jordan of East Hampton, and Christopher and Pam Jordan of East Hampton. She is survived by her sister and her husband, Jean and Richard Lapiene of East Hampton and her nephew Patrick Lapiene of Enfield.

Family and friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, Thursday, Nov. 5. A funeral liturgy followed in St. Patrick Church. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery, East Hampton.

To leave online condolences, visit spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.



Colchester

Marie Jeanette LaBrecque

Marie Jeanette LaBrecque, 61, of Colchester, passed away early Sunday morning, Nov. 1, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford after a lifelong battle with diabetes.

Born in Hartford May 12, 1954, she was a daughter of the late Alfred and Beryl (Heming) Grenier. Soon after Marie's youngest sister was born, their mother, Beryl, passed away suddenly. With Alfred serving active duty in the military, Marie and her sisters were raised by their grandmother, the late Nellie Heming, and their aunt, Margaret Heming Hughes. Margaret raised the girls as her own children, with sincere and loving appreciation from them.

Marie married Ronald Joseph LaBrecque June 8, 1979. The couple moved to Colchester soon after. Marie worked for many years as a unit secretary at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. She later worked as the office manager for Dr. John Mara in Hartford. She and her husband had a great desire to have a child; they chose to adopt. Marie became a full-time mother when they adopted Marisa Nell LaBrecque from Bolivia. The happiest time of her life, and her greatest passion, was being a mother and homemaker. She loved to cook and care for her family. She was also a communicant of St. Andrew Church in Colchester.

She will be sadly missed but always remembered by her beloved husband of 36 years, Ronald of Colchester; her daughter, Marisa, also of Colchester; aunt and mother, Margaret Heming Hughes of Unionville; three sisters, Jacqueline Ann Cyr and Margaret Patricia Newman, both of Unionville, Jennifer Lynn Conway of Bristol; mother-in-law, Yvonne LaBreck of East Hartford; two sisters-in-law, Jacqueline Albert and Patricia LaBreck, both of East Hartford; a brother-in-law, Ronnie and wife Carol LaBreck of Colchester and numerous extended family and friends.

Friends and family attended calling hours Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. Funeral services began at the funeral home Thursday morning, Nov. 5, followed by celebration of the funeral liturgy at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave. Burial was private.

Donations in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 306 Industrial Park Rd., Ste. 105, Middletown, CT 06457.

For online condolences, visit auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Colchester

Helen K. Jakubiak

Helen K. Jakubiak, 86, of Colchester, passed away early Monday morning, Nov. 2, at home. She leaves her daughter and son-in-law, Roxanne and David Hoffman, with whom she made her home since 1987.

She also leaves three sons, Frank Jakubiak Jr. of New Britain, Stephen and wife, Kathy Jakubiak of Boca Raton, Fla., and Richard and wife, Maggie Jakubiak of Avon; a brother, Stanley Kerry of West Hartford; a sister, Sophie Glenn of Newington; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She also leaves her dear friend and "sister," June Hoffman of Plantsville and numerous extended family and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank, in 1987 after 38 years of marriage; her mother, Anna Skorupski; and her brother, Richard Kerry.

Helen was a communicant of St. Andrew Church in Colchester. She will be remembered as a loving woman who gave affectionately of herself to anyone who she met.

In keeping with her wishes, funeral services will be held privately.

Donations in her memory may be made to Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360.

Care of arrangements has been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester. For online condolences, visit auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.



East Hampton

Dorcas Mary Campbell

Dorcas Mary (Sperry) Campbell, 86, of East Hampton, died Monday, Nov. 2, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. Born Nov. 27, 1928, in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Dorkas (Wisner) Sperry.

Dorcas was a graduate of Hartford Public High School. She had lived in Hartford, New Britain and Newington before moving to East Hampton several years ago. Dorcas had proudly served her country in the U.S. Army shortly after World War II. She became a licensed practical nurse and had worked at Monsignor Bojnowski Manor in New Britain and then at Newington Children's Hospital.

She was predeceased by her husband, Henry Richard Campbell.

She is survived by her seven children and their spouses, Henry and Saraya Campbell of Georgia, Michael and Mary Campbell of Texas, Paul and Janice Campbell of Burlington, Thomas and Cindy Campbell of North Carolina, Ann Marie and Raymond Pont of Portland, Elaine Doherty of Florida, Mary and Timothy Denier of East Hampton; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today, Nov. 6, from 6-8 p.m., at the Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main St. East Hampton. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated Saturday, Nov. 7, at noon, in St. Patrick Church, East Hampton. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Family Services, 896 Asylum Ave., Hartford, CT 06105.

To leave online condolences, visit spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

courant

Andover

Jack Edward Rice

Jack Edward Rice, 84, of Bolton, husband of Rita (King) Rice, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 27, after a long illness. He was born April 4, 1931, and resided in Andover for many years. Jack enjoyed fishing and metal detecting in his retired years.

Besides his wife, Jack is survived by a daughter, Carla Barton and her husband Kenny of Bolton, son Richard Rice of Bolton and daughter Linda Capodicasa and her husband Sebastian of Glastonbury; and four grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Carol Lindsay.

There are no calling hours. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

For an online memorial guestbook, visit potterfuneralhome.com.

Courant

Hebron

Beverly J. Forand

Beverly J. (Schofield) Forand, 82, of Hebron, beloved wife of 66 years to Oscar J. Forand, passed away Friday, Oct. 30, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was born on May 15, 1933, in Hartford, daughter of the late Wilfred and Mary (Milton) Schofield.

Beverly had been a resident of Hebron for over 55 years. She was a gifted cook and she enjoyed music, dancing and spending time with her family.

In addition to her husband, Beverly is survived by her son, Steven Forand; her four loving granddaughters, Sarah Forand, Danielle Forand, Michelle Miner, and Tammy (Miner) Neely. She also leaves her brother and sister-in-law, Leslie and Clare Schofield; and several nieces, nephews and their families. In addition to her parents, Beverly was predeceased by her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Thomas Miner; and their three daughters, Gina, Angie and Hope Miner; her two sisters, Ethel Therrien and Phillis McLette; and a brother, Philip Schofield.

Calling hours were held Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. Funeral services were celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the funeral home, followed by burial in Bolton Center Cemetery, Bolton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd., Southington, CT 06489.

For online condolences, visit holmes-watkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Obituaries continued

Courant
Colchester

Maria P. Colacicco

Mrs. Maria P. (Elacqua) Colacicco, 58, was reunited with those who have gone before her as she passed away Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Marlborough Health Care Center, with her devoted family by her side. Her passing occurred after a courageous battle with a glioblastoma multiforme (GBM), a form of brain cancer.

Born in Utica, N.Y., Dec. 7, 1956, Maria was the daughter of the late James F. and Mary (Chiarello) Elacqua. She graduated from T.R. Proctor High School in 1974 and subsequently attended Mohawk Valley Community College, where she received an associate's degree in sociology. On June 7, 1980, she married Patrick J. "Pat" Colacicco, with whom she shared 35 years in a very social and fun-filled loving, and compatible relationship. When Maria became ill, Pat did all he could to be the best advocate for his beloved wife.

As they began their married life, they relocated to Connecticut where Maria embarked upon a 20-year career at HSBC Bank in the Equator Division, a position she truly loved and valued because it introduced her to so many wonderful co-workers. Maria also worked in her profession as a licensed Realtor for 10 years with Century 21 and the William Raveis Real Estate Company. She was the recipient of numerous awards for customer service and quality which was a reflection of the personal touch she brought to real estate sales. Maria served as president of the Eastern Center Board of Realtors in Connecticut and was a member of the Colchester Business and Industry Association.

Maria loved life and worked so hard to please others, an endeavor that endeared her to everyone. She was a kind-hearted person who sported a warm smile, a keen mind, and an irresistible laugh that will be heard forever by those who loved her. Maria embraced the guiding principles of honesty, integrity, and passion in all her pursuits. As a mom, she catered to her children with an open heart, always ready to listen and make things right! She adored them and supported their life choices, never criticizing their ideas and intentions. She was grateful that God graced her life with two terrific children and a partner who was her best friend. A connoisseur of Italian cooking, her recipes and ingredients were a true reflection of her mom's old-world cooking style and the meals she presented were savored by family and friends.

Maria enjoyed hobbies, especially arts and crafts. She was a collector of Precious Moments figurines and Christmas artifacts and heirlooms that tastefully decked her home during the holidays. She tended to her floral gardens and outdoor plants with pride, and, along with her husband, she maintained and beautified their home and yard which was a gathering place for neighbors and friends. She supported the activities of her children when they were in school and was a member of the Bacon Academy Friends of Football booster club and showing her social flare, she gathered the neighbors of Apple Lane and established a social club that created lasting memories for all. She was a communicant of St. John Fisher Parish in Marlborough. May we all learn that Maria lived every day as a gift and did it with purpose and passion.

Maria passed after spending a well-lived life on this earth because of the relationships she shared with her husband, Pat; her daughter and son-in-law, Danielle M. and Matthew "Matt" Organek of Portland; and her son, Paul A. Colacicco of Chapel Hill, N.C. She also leaves her aunts and uncles, Anthony Elacqua, Congetta Elacqua, Augustine DeCarlis and Claude Rauhaier, and Joanne and Joseph Barbero; and several generations of cousins. Maria was blessed with the love of a second family: her father-in-law, Erminio Colacicco; in-laws, Dominick P. and Carole Colacicco of Cicero, N.Y., Nancy A. and Matthew Stellato of Los Angeles, Calif., Patricia "Tricia" and David Caruso of Utica, N.Y.; her nieces and nephews, Nicholas and Sarah Colacicco, Ashley and David Cocquyt, twins Alex Stellato, and Geena Stellato; great-nephews Dominick and Robert; and aunt Tillie (Vizzacaro) Ruben. She will be greeted by her mother-in-law, Nancy Colacicco, who preceded her in death in March of 2015.

She was also blessed with many longtime and loyal friends with special mention of Lorraine Legnani, Nancy Jacobs, and the ladies of Apple Lane, Betty, Marie, Laura, Jocelyn, and Gen. She will be missed by her terrier, Bella, who was always by her side awaiting a treat. She was predeceased by her aunts and uncles.

The family extends sincere thanks to Maria's physicians, Dr. Inam Kureshi, Dr. Alexandra Flowers, Dr. Michael Lawlor, Dr. Mandeep Kumar, Dr. Patrick Troy, and Dr. Meghan Train for their outstanding personal concern for Maria and their professional advice; the nurses and aides of the 8th, 9th and 11th floors at Hartford Hospital for their compassionate care; the nursing staff, Emeka, Patty, Britani, Alicia, Leslie, Chris, Jessica, Jesse, Sunhee, Karen and aides, Maxine, Laurie, Kathy, Samantha, Rachel, Jessie, Yannie, Erika and Rose of the Marlborough Health Care Center who were so wonderful and comforting to her loved ones; they were like extended family in their devotion and constant care for Maria; and special friends, Anita, Jen, Tracy, and Lance for their frequent visits that lifted Maria's spirits.

Visitation was held Friday, Oct. 30, at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc, 932 South St., Utica, NY 13501. Maria's funeral service and Celebration of Life were held Saturday, Oct. 31, at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, where her Mass of Christian Burial was offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment took place privately in Calvary Cemetery.

A local memorial service will be held in Marlborough at a date and time to be announced.

Expressions of sympathy in the form of memorial donations may be made to the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center, Hartford Hospital, Attn: Fund Development, 80 Seymour Street, Hartford, CT 06102 or online at <http://giving.harthosp.org>.

Online tributes can be made at EannaceFuneralHome.com.

Courant
Hebron

Michael Canavan

Michael Canavan, 86, of Hebron, the husband of Agnes (Conneely) Canavan, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, at his home. Born in Camus, County Galway, Ireland, he came to the United States in 1970, and moved to Hebron in 1972, where he has made his home ever since. He was a life member of the Irish American Home Society and Northern Aid.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his siblings: Padriac Welby and his wife Joan, Eileen O'Donnell and her husband Tom and Barbara Naughton, all of County Galway, Ireland, and Mary Richards and Bridie Harris, both of England. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St., Hebron, followed by burial in St. James Cemetery, Manchester. Family and friends called at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St. Manchester on Friday, Oct. 30.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

For online condolences, visit tierneyfuneralhome.com.

Courant
Marlborough

Mark A. Algier

Mark A. Algier, 66, of Marlborough, loving father of Emily and Sarah Algier of Wethersfield, was relieved of his pain Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27. He was born May 8, 1949, in New Britain, and was the son of the late Albert and Helen (Januskiewicz) Algier.

Besides his daughters, he leaves his former spouse and close friend, Patty Algier; cousin, Louise Garewski; mother-in-law, Linette Ohanian; brothers-in-law, Jimmy Ohanian and Dale Haslam; sisters-in-law, Betty Rogers, Sue-Anne McCue, Jo-Anne Haslam and Diane Ohanian; as well as 16 nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Karen Algier.

You could have found Mark fishing, cooking, on the golf course or spending time at the dog park with his cherished Doberman, Otto. He formed many friendships during his 28 years as an engineer at the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, as well as during his service overseas in Vietnam as a sniper for the U.S. Army.

Special thanks go out to Brock Hallenbeck of Marlborough for giving Otto the best home possible, as well as the unbelievable amount of care and compassion Middlesex Hospital Hospice provided for Mark the last week of his life.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m., at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. Burial with military honors will follow in the State Veterans' Cemetery, Middletown. Family and friends may call today, Nov. 6, from 5-7 p.m., at the funeral chapel.

To share a memory of Mark with his family, visit desopo.com.

Courant
Colchester

Harold J. DeGraw

Harold J. DeGraw, 73, of Colchester, died Sunday, Nov. 1. He was born in Bronx, N.Y., September 16, 1942 to parents Martha and Lawrence DeGraw.

Harold graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1961, and attended Paier School of Art for two years. He served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1963-66.

Harold is survived by his son, Robert Isleib and daughter in law Maureen of Durham; daughter Kelly Pannofino and son in law Franco of Watertown; grandchildren Jenna and Thomas Isleib of Durham, Franco and Nicholas Pannofino of Watertown. He is also survived by his brother, Martin DeGraw of Columbia.

Service is private with no calling hours.

Memorial donations can be made to Protectors of Animals, P.O. Box 24, South Glastonbury, CT 06073.

To sign the online memorial book, visit potterfuneralhome.com.

Courant
Colchester

Walter E. Mikulski

Walter E. Mikulski, 94, of Glastonbury, beloved husband of the late Elena Mikulski, passed away peacefully Thursday, Oct. 29. Walter was born in Colchester Jan. 17, 1921, son of the late Edward and Mary (Piekarz) Mikulski.

He graduated high school from Bacon Academy and then from Middletown State Trade School. In 1946, he married Elena (Denaro) and together they lived for 65 years in the house they built in Glastonbury. He was employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 30 years as an industrial engineer, retiring in 1976. In his retirement he enjoyed traveling, boating, fishing, woodworking and spending summers at his cottage on Cedar Island in Clinton with friends and family.

Walter had a wonderful sense of humor and will always be remembered for his kind and gentle nature and willingness to help others.

He is survived by two children, Kenneth Mikulski and his wife Joyce of Old Saybrook, a daughter Kathleen Mikulski and her husband Robert Schug of Wethersfield; two grandchildren and their spouses, Ted and Monica Mikulski and Laura and Steven Gaber; two great-grandsons, Wynn and Everett Gaber; as well as many nephews and nieces.

In addition to his wife Elena, Walter was predeceased by four brothers, Alexander, Henry, Stanley and Anthony Mikulski, and four sisters, Charlotte Morrow, Stella Herczeg, Amelia Lukas and Wanda Nigosanti.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brookdale Buckingham in Glastonbury, a memory care community and The HomeAids LLC of Windsor, for the exceptional care and compassion that Walter received while he resided there.

Calling hours will be held today, Nov. 6, at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, from 9-10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in St. Paul's Church, Glastonbury. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Colchester.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the CT Alzheimer's Association at alz.org/ct.

For online condolences, visit mulryanfuneralhome.com.