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On Tuesday, May 24, Marie Bohman celebrated her 106th birthday at Harrington Court in Colchester. She was thrilled with the event – although in disbelief over her age – and looked on happily when her son Don presented her with the birthday cake.

Colchester Woman Celebrates 106 Years!

by Geeta S. Sandberg

She arrived with a smile in a white silk blouse covered in pink flowers that matched her burgundy slacks. She blew kisses and exclaimed, “Hi lovey!” to family members that had gathered at Harrington Court, the healthcare facility where she lives, to see her Tuesday.

“Are those my flowers?” she inquired unabashedly as she was wheeled into the room, fresh from the hair salon. “It’s my birthday!”

They were, and it was – but not just any birthday; Marie Bohman was turning 106.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., May 24, 1910, Marie was the only daughter of Eugene and Gertrude Kayser. She had three brothers – Jean, Sam and Howard – and “I had a lot of fun with them,” she said. “They were always good to me.”

Growing up in an era before cars and television, her family got around using a pony and trap, and Marie shared Tuesday she liked to play tag for fun as a child, and performed ballet and acted in plays.

“I was very popular in high school,” she said with a twinkle in her eyes. “I was always in plays – I loved drama. If there was anything to do in school, I was in it!”

She paused then, looking around at the family there to celebrate with her: her son Don and

his wife Judith of Marlborough; son Brad of Westerly R.I.; daughter Lynn and her husband Edward Schwartz of San Jose, Calif.; granddaughter Kathy Bromzi and her husband Dan of Hebron, and two of their children – Marie’s great-grandchildren – Evelyn and Morgan.

“This is all very nice!” she said of the group.

Also present was a longtime friend, Diane Taylor, and various individuals who stopped in to offer well wishes, including one of her nurses, David, who she greeted with a “Hi baby!” Harrington Court assistant recreation director Deb Gideon was there, too, along with hairstylist Barbara Rosario, who has been responsible for Marie’s perfect coiffure for the last six years – three of which she was awarded ‘best hair’ during the annual Harrington Highlight Awards – and Sue Wojcik, one of Harrington Court’s administrators.

“Who’s that?” Marie asked of Wojcik. “She’s administration,” her daughter explained. “She handles all your money.”

“Oh, you mean my dime?” Marie replied cheekily.

“She’s really witty,” said Rosario. “She knows what you’re talking about and can tell you everything about her past. She’s the sanest

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Portland Group Says No to Fracking Waste

by Elizabeth Regan

Pointing to a lack of federal and state regulation surrounding fracking waste, Portland’s Clean Energy Task Force is hoping to enact a local ordinance banning the chemically-contaminated material.

The proposed ordinance will be the subject of a public hearing next Wednesday, June 1. The measure would prevent the use of any materials containing natural gas waste or oil waste on town-owned roads or property.

The use of oil or natural gas is not addressed in the Clean Energy Task Force’s proposed ordinance.

According to Clean Energy Task Force Chairman Andy Bauer, Portland would join Washington, Coventry and Mansfield as the only towns to add such protections to their legal codes.

Bauer explained to the Board of Selectmen last week that fracking refers to hydraulic fracturing, the process through which natural gas is extracted from deep underground by pumping millions of gallons of highly-pressurized, chemically-laden water and sand into a well. The fluid “fractures” the rock formations and releases natural gas.

The nearest fracking operations are along the Marcellus Shale region in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The fluid that comes back up along with the gas is stored in holding ponds or tanks with the potential to contaminate surface water and groundwater and to pollute the air. Bauer cited

a 2011 minority staff report from the U.S House Energy and Commerce Committee that identified 29 known or suspected carcinogens among the 750 additives used in the fracking process, including lead, diesel, benzene, ethylene glycol, methanol, hydrochloric acid and formaldehyde.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said on its website that some concerns associated with fracking are already “well known.” They include contamination of both surface water and underground water sources, as well as air pollution from the release of “volatile organic compounds, hazardous air pollutants and greenhouse gases.”

A study in the journal of the Endocrine Society found an increased risk of health concerns like cancer, birth defects and infertility among those living near fracking sites.

Various studies show the waste can endanger humans and the environment if not recycled, properly disposed or treated.

Yet in 2005, Congress modified the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt hydraulic fracturing operations from its regulations, except when diesel fuels are used. According to the Congressional report, the exemption was nicknamed the “Halliburton Loophole” because of the connection between Halliburton, one of the world’s largest energy companies, and then-Vice President Dick Cheney. Cheney had served as the company’s chief executive officer before becoming second-in-command to President

George W. Bush.

The EPA acknowledged on its website that the exemption caused regulators and the wider community to raise questions about how to ensure hydraulic fracturing is properly permitted.

The EPA pointed to its regulations surrounding hydraulic fracturing using diesel fuel, and said those recommended practices apply to fracking in general. The agency suggested states might use those guidelines to improve “the protection of underground sources of drinking water and public health wherever hydraulic fracturing occurs.”

Fracking waste is also exempted from consideration as a hazardous waste under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, according to the state Office of Legislative Research.

The proposed Portland ordinance, which is based on local laws passed in New York, would prohibit the use of fracking waste in the sewer treatment plant and transfer station and as a road de-icer. It also means fracking waste can’t be handled, treated, stored or processed in Portland.

According to Bauer, the ordinance does not address the transportation of fracking waste because such language could conflict with the federal government’s power to regulate interstate commerce.

Penalties in the proposed ordinance include the power to issue a cease and desist order and to require remediation damage done to prop-

erty - public or private - within the town’s borders.

Connecticut Department of Transportation spokesman Kevin Nursick said the state has never used fracking waste to de-ice state roads and he is not aware of any municipalities that are using the treatment.

“DOT has never considered it and we have no desire to go down that road,” Nursick said.

But a three-year moratorium on the use of any fracking waste products means the department couldn’t use fracking waste as a de-icer even if it wanted to. The law, which went into effect in 2014, specifically precludes the sale, manufacture, and distribution of de-icing and dust suppression products containing fracking waste. The moratorium is in effect while the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection comes up with its own regulations to control the substance as a hazardous waste.

Connecticut Petroleum Council executive director Steven Guveyan said in an email that much of the state’s natural gas supply comes from Pennsylvania, where hydraulic fracturing wastes are recycled on-site.

“There is no hydraulic fracturing in Connecticut or anywhere in New England, so it is extremely unlikely that HF wastes would ever be shipped from Pennsylvania to be processed in Connecticut,” he said.

Guveyan pointed to a 2013 energy plan by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy that he said relies heavily

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Marie celebrated her big day surrounded by family. She is shown below as a young woman (although she says she still feels 16), and above next to her great-grandchildren Evelyn and Morgan on Tuesday. Behind her stand, from left, her son Brad Bohman, daughter-in-law Judith and her husband Don Bohman, granddaughter Kathy Bromzi and her husband Dan, and daughter Lynn Schwartz and her husband Edward.

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person I ever met here!"

Similar sentiments were shared by others present.

"She's a very special lady," said Taylor. "She's sharp as a tac."

Meanwhile, Lynn Schwartz added of her mom, "She's been my best friend ever since I grew up. We used to go on trips together. ... I live in California now and she's been guilting me to come home twice a year since she was 74 – now I'll be 74 in a couple of years!"

Marie moved to Connecticut in 1934 after wedding her husband Donald; they were married for 60 years before he passed away in 1994. After her children were grown, Marie worked as a secretary for the gold leaf company M. Swift & Sons in Hartford. She also worked part-time with an environmental company, as well as working for a number of years with a regional farmers market in Hartford, where she was also active with Center Church for more than 60 years. In addition, she spent a number of years as an election official in Wethersfield.

She's lived, by her own account, a "normal life." But it's one filled with plenty of memories, including the numerous trips she went on with her daughter to places such as Cape Cod, and Hawaii, where she went swimming in Maui and had a luau instead of Thanksgiving dinner.

Even now, while the traveling has ebbed, Marie still finds plenty to enjoy, including daily visits from her son Don and going for breakfast each Wednesday.

She also enjoys sunshine.

Gideon shared, "If there's sun out, Marie is just in the sun enjoying it. I actually sing John Denver to her: 'Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy,' and she just smiles, has her head back, and is like 'leave me alone' ... she just loves being out there."

Gideon added Marie is also a fan of massages.

"If you touch her shoulders or massage her head she just melts."

Gideon proved her point Tuesday, when she placed her hands on Marie's shoulders, which immediately caused her to close her eyes and lean back. "That's lovely!" she said.

Marie loves hot chocolate "and all food" and has a contagious vivacity and sense of humor. As pizza was served Tuesday and those present chatted with one another, Marie quietly began humming "Happy Birthday" to herself.

"Happy Birthday to me!" she finished in a sing-song voice, her love for theatrics showing



through (at another point, she broke into a perfect British accent; and when she was shown her birthday cake and the cameras came out, she struck a pose and held the position like a pro for a few seconds to ensure everyone had a chance to get the shot).

Marie happily accepted all the well-wishes that came her way this week, but she was a little less thrilled when references were made to her age.

"How, am I 106?!" she asked incredulously. "I don't think I'm old."

"How old do you feel?" she was asked at one point.

"Sixteen!"

And, in response to a question about the secret to living such a long life she said, feigning shock, "Why? Is it over?!" But all joking aside she added, "Having a normal life I guess; eating, exercising – that sort of thing."

Her son Brad added a bit of luck might be involved as well, plus "she has no bad habits, so that helps."

Other family members said it surely had something to do with her positivity.

"She's had excellent care at Harrington Court," said Don, "But if she was in a trailer she'd still be happy. It doesn't matter where she is."

"I have nothing to be unhappy for," Marie explained. "Oh, no – no regrets."

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on natural gas.

Malloy has touted his natural gas expansion plan as a way to drive down energy costs for consumers while promoting a cleaner-burning fuel.

"A greater percentage of homes and businesses in neighboring states benefit from the use of natural gas than do people in Connecticut. This has put us at a competitive disadvantage – but with this plan in place we will now move forward to change that," Malloy said in a 2013 news release.

According to Guveyan, about 50 percent of the electricity produced in New England comes from natural gas. He said the number is increasing as power plants – including a facility in Bridgeport – switch from coal to natural gas.

"Any rule banning HF wastes is a symbolic attempt to slow down the use of natural gas at a time when the trend line is going the other way," he said.

During discussion on the issue at last week's selectmen's meeting, Democrat Fred Knous expressed concern that the ordinance could "dampen" the town's business-friendly image. He also questioned the need to embed specific contract language for town construction projects into the ordinance.

The proposed bidding language reads, in part: "We hereby certify under penalty of perjury that no natural gas waste or oil waste will be used by the undersigned bidder or any contractor, sub-contractor, agent or vendor agent in connection with the bid."

But Bauer responded that the town's business-friendly outlook should focus on renewable energy.

"In terms of supporting businesses, if you want to invest and get returns on your money, you want to invest in renewables," he said. "That's where the money is. That's where you're saving lots of money."

Bauer pointed to collective savings in excess of one million dollars that the Clean Energy Task Force has helped secure for residents since it began in 2005. The citizen-led effort to promote renewable energy in town has focused on solar energy as well as the steps residents can take to reduce emissions, like carbon dioxide, in their homes. In 2012, the town was one of four towns in the state to pilot the SolarizeCT initiative to promote the residential use of solar panels.

Deputy First Selectman Brian Flood said he is more worried about public health than whether or not the town is perceived as a business-friendly environment.

"I have no trouble sending a message that the town of Portland is not interested in storing or having any of this material here if it's going to cause harm to its citizens," he said. "I don't know if it's ever going to be an issue or not. I don't think it hurts to pass this ordinance."

Selectmen voted unanimously to hold a public hearing on the proposal. It will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday at Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave.

From the Editor's Desk

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

President Trump. President Trump.

It's painful to type it. Even more painful to think it. But after months and months of saying "no, never," I'm starting to believe it may just happen.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. When Trump announced his candidacy last summer, it was basically a joke – almost like a special farewell gift designed to give Jon Stewart some great material in his final weeks hosting *The Daily Show*. "No way," I thought, "will Trump stick around."

"No way," I said to myself when Trump started leading the polls, "does this keep up. People will have a good laugh and move on."

"No way," I felt when the debates started and Trump started squaring off against opponents who had legitimate political experience, "does Trump last more than a couple of debates before he realizes he's in over his head and moves on. He won't even sniff the nomination."

"No way," I proclaimed after Trump began vanquishing his GOP foes with a potent blend of middle school name-calling and horrible, half-baked ideas, "does he win the presidency. It's just not gonna happen."

Except that it may. Trump's proven me wrong every step of the way. Why stop now?

Yes, it's only May, but if the polls are any indication, Trump may very well find himself in the White House. And I'm not just talking about Trump vs. Clinton polls – although in those he certainly seems to be gaining. (The billionaire had been down considerably to Clinton, but several recent polls have the two almost neck-and-neck.) No, Clinton's having trouble with the Bernie Sanders supporters.

Sanders is still running, fighting the good fight, though he's down in both the popular vote and in delegates and momentum for him seems to have really dropped off lately. I've accepted Clinton is likely to win the nomination in July, and I won't mind at all voting for her – Clinton over Trump is a no-brainer, in my opinion – but the polls are clear not all the Sanders supporters feel the same way.

And in fact, they appear less enamored of Clinton as time goes on.

In a *Washington Post*/ABC News poll conducted last month, 77 percent of Sanders supporters said they'd vote for Clinton over Trump in a general election. That was down

to 71 percent in another poll conducted this month. Things were even worse for Clinton in a *New York Times*/CBS News poll. In that poll, 82 percent of Sanders supporters said in April they'd support Clinton over Trump. This month it's down to 72 percent.

Perhaps the most troubling poll is by the internet-based market research firm YouGov. Last month, YouGov had 71 percent of Sanders supporters saying they'd go for Clinton in November. This month, it's just 55 percent.

Sure, Clinton supporters can – and indeed already have – point to the fact she still has a majority of Sanders supporters in her corner. But that majority is trending down. This is not a good thing.

In 2008, when Clinton ran against Obama, her supporters wound up backing Obama after he secured the nomination. And maybe that's what she assumed will happen here. If so, then she greatly underestimated Sanders supporters – and indeed, Sanders himself.

To a lot of people, Sanders, like Obama eight years ago, is an electrifying force. He's a new voice, a different voice, a voice many like and want to hear more of. He stirs up excitement, particularly among younger people, in a way Clinton frankly does not. To assume that, once he's gone, people will just transfer all these feelings over to Clinton is a grave miscalculation.

Clinton has said she's focusing her attention on Trump right now – which is part of the reason why she's bailed on a previously-agreed-upon fourth debate with Sanders. But she also needs to look at how to win over Sanders supporters, and then make some serious inroads in doing so. If she doesn't, an awful lot of them could stay home in November, or vote for the Green Party candidate.

Either of those outcomes, I fear, is a recipe for.....President Trump.

Yikes.

On another note, Memorial Day is, as we know, Monday. The *Rivereast* will be closed that day. But, our deadline is remaining the same. All copy – letters to the editor, press releases, church listings, etc. – **must** be submitted by noon Tuesday, May 31. No exceptions can be made.

See you next week.

WWII Cannon Coming to Andover

by Geeta S. Sandberg

The idea took root when the sign for Veterans Memorial Park in Andover was unveiled in 2011. Resident Gerry Wright, a retired Army First Sergeant who was part of the proceedings, said he looked around the .6-acre parcel at the corner of routes 316 and 6 and felt something was missing.

"I said, 'It's a monument park, but I don't really see any monuments.'" And, "being a military guy," he exclaimed, "We need a gun."

And so, the idea to have a cannon at the park was born, and Wright starting working to locate, and bring one to town. Fast forward to this year, and Wright shared he was driving through Manchester one day when he passed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2046 building on East Center Street, which was shuttering due to, according to the *Hartford Courant*, declining VFW membership and mounting bills on the 63-year-old building.

"I just drove by one day and saw it there and I said, '[The post] is closing... so what are they going to do with the cannon?'"

Wright made inquiries about the Japanese 37mm anti-tank gun that had resided on the post's lawn since 1945, and was put in contact with the United States Department of Defense Army Donations Program office to work out the logistics of acquiring the cannon for Andover.

That work led to the cannon's relocation from Manchester to Wright's house May 19, but the job's not over yet; the cannon needs some specialized restoration work before it can be put on display at the park. And that, of course, requires money.

"We've got to raise the money" for the work, Wright explained. "It's going to cost over \$3,000 to rebuild the spokes and pour the slab" that the cannon will sit on at the park. "If everybody in the town chips in a dollar we'd have enough money."

Although the cannon's new home is in town, Wright added it still belongs to the government.

"We [become] the caretakers of it but it's still owned by the government; we need to send a picture every year [and] maintain it" he said, adding once it's restored a dedication will take place, likely in September or October.

"It's a war trophy," he said of the cannon.

According to published reports shared with Wright by the Army Donations Program office, the cannon was taken during World War II by Tech. Sgt. "Duke" Baldwin of the 169th Regiment, 43rd Division during one of the campaigns against the Japanese; he dismantled it, packed it in a crate and had the Navy ship it to the United States, where it ended up at the home of George Elliot in Manchester; Elliot was company commander of Baldwin's regiment. It was then donated to the Manchester VFW and re-assembled.

Wright added it was "great" that the park would now have a monument in place at the park. "I hope some World War II guys in town appreciate it," he concluded.

Donations to help pay for the restoration work and construction of the concrete slab can be sent to Town of Andover – Veterans Memorial Park Cannon, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232.



The Japanese World War II cannon that sat on the lawn in front of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2046 in Manchester since 1945 is getting a new home; after restoration work is completed, the cannon will be on display at Veterans Memorial Park in town. Photo by Dianne Grenier.

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Green, Crouch Receive Unanimous Nominations

by Geeta S. Sandberg

Marlborough resident and local business owner Robin Green received unanimous endorsement last week to run for state representative for the 55th District, which covers Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Bolton.

The seat is currently held by Republican Gayle Mulligan, who announced in April she would not be seeking re-election to a second term, due to her family's impending move out of district.

Green, a Republican who has owned the child care/learning facility Discovery Zone Learning Center for the last 15 years, announced her intention to run earlier this month, and has received the support of not just Mulligan but also of Pam Sawyer, who held the seat for 22 years before opting in 2014 not to seek re-election.

According to Sawyer, "Hartford needs some-

one like Robin Green who has the financial background to dig into where we can make the changes to help turn the state around."

Mulligan shared similar sentiments, expressing her support in a statement May 13.

"It has become crystal clear that the democratic majority in Hartford has lost touch with small businesses and our communities," she wrote. "While I will continue to fight to my last moment in office for common sense and a better Connecticut, the residents of Andover, Bolton, Hebron and Marlborough can be assured that Robin Green's business experience, education in the social sciences, and her love and passion of our communities will serve them well."

Mulligan added, "I've talked to many people about seeking this position and I wholeheartedly support Robin both today during her cam-

paign and as she begins serving as a CT Representative."

Robin, who cited the state's fiscal climate as the top issue, received the nomination by unanimous vote by delegates from all four towns in the district.

Also receiving unanimous endorsement this month was Sprague Republican Barbara Crouch, who is running against Democrat Cathy Osten for the 19th District state Senate seat representing Columbia, Franklin, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, Norwich, Sprague and the *Rivereast* towns of Hebron and Marlborough.

Crouch was born in Illinois, spent time in Mississippi, and has lived in Connecticut for 10 years. She currently serves on the Sprague

Republican Town Committee and as Registrar of Voters.

If elected, Crouch said on her website crouch2016.com, she'll work on the state's spending priorities, health care, criminal justice reform, and loosening regulations on small business.

"This is the most important race in Connecticut history," Crouch told delegates present at the convention held in Franklin May 11. "We need to capture this seat to begin the process of giving a voice to the hardworking families in Connecticut."

Osten, who is also the first selectwoman from Sprague, is seeking election to her third term in office.

Election Day this year is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Portland Selectmen Seek to Pave Main Street Spaces

by Elizabeth Regan

Amid continuing disagreement about whose responsibility it is to pave the perpendicular parking spaces on a portion of Main Street, the Board of Selectmen is looking for \$50,000 to take care of the issue once and for all.

Selectmen at last week's regular meeting directed First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield to work with finance director Tom Robinson to identify funding sources from within the current budget. Bransfield was hopeful the mild winter might yield road maintenance savings that could be applied to the project.

The money would go toward repaving the parking cutouts on Route 17A between the intersection of Route 66 and Fairview Avenue. Bransfield said Connecticut Natural Gas would contribute an additional \$25,000 to compensate for recent patching on Main Street not done to state-permitted specifications.

The parking areas on both sides of Main Street were installed by the town in the early 1980s with grant money, according to Bransfield. The spaces line the road in front of a mix of businesses, private residences and town property.

But it is abutting property owners – not the town public works department – who currently take care of snow removal and de-icing needs in the parking areas, Bransfield said.

The move to repave the deteriorating parking areas comes as the state Department of

Transportation is set to begin an \$800,000 milling and resurfacing project in town on May 31, according to the department. The work will occur on a 3.86-mile segment of Route 17A from the Arrigoni Bridge to the junction of Route 17.

An agreement with the state would allow Portland to use state contractors to repave the parking cutouts at a more advantageous rate than the town would be likely to get on its own, according to Public Works Director Richard Kelsey.

However, some selectmen maintain repaving the parking areas is not the town's responsibility.

"This is property that's owned by the state; they should take care of it. We pay taxes to the state to take care of state roads," Deputy First Selectman Brian Flood said at Wednesday's meeting. "Whether it's in Portland, Waterbury, Hartford, we're all contributing to it and it should be taken care of by the state and it should not be town tax money paying for state roads. You're being double-taxed."

Selectman Ben Srb described the ownership of the parking spaces as a gray area in a previous meeting, and has been hesitant to move forward.

According to state DOT spokesman Kevin Nursick, the answer is clear. He said the state is responsible for the travel and shoulder por-

tions of the road, but not for the parking areas added in the early 1980s.

"We are not going to be paving those, now or ever. And we never did in the first place," Nursick said.

A letter from DOT Deputy Commissioner Anna M. Barry to state Rep. Christie Carpino said the department last paved the road in 1997, "at which time resurfacing only consisted of the travel and shoulder portions of the roadway and did not include the parking areas."

Barry said responsibility for the parking areas belongs to the town or adjacent property owners.

Nursick acknowledged the DOT does plan to pave parallel parking spaces on the west side of the road despite the fact that it, too, has been altered – and not by the state.

"Somebody moved the roadway out. Years ago. Decades ago," Nursick said, pointing to original catch basins that now sit in the road several feet from the curb. The department will be paving all the way to the curb on that side of the road to ensure proper drainage.

Local organizations like the Economic Development Commission and the Complete Streets Group have written letters of support to encourage selectmen to approve the repaving of the parking areas.

Kathy Herron of the Complete Streets Group said the group strongly recommends repaving

as a way to improve "the functionality and aesthetics of Main Street."

EDC Chairman Elwin Guild urged selectmen to take immediate action.

"Resurfacing will better ensure the safety of customers patronizing Portland businesses and enhance the economic development potential of the Town Center," Guild wrote.

According to Kelsey, it's no longer possible to pave the parking areas before the state begins milling its portion of the road at the end of the month. Instead, the town project would occur in October if approved by selectmen.

Bransfield said Tuesday she's optimistic the Board of Selectmen will give the go-ahead to resurface the parking areas.

"The Town of Portland already paved the areas in the 1980s," she said. "The town made that decision already. I believe in being consistent in the town's approaches to public property. Since we made it a point to provide additional public parking in the early 1980s, I think we should continue to make that commitment."

Bransfield cited cooperation between representatives from the town, the DOT and Connecticut Natural Gas as the driving force behind the current proposal to help make the town center safer and more inviting. She credited Carpino with working as a liaison between the town and the state.

EHHS Seniors Unveil Capstone Projects

by Elizabeth Regan

Introducing the idea of a “capstone” project to the senior class at East Hampton High School was a learning experience for everyone involved.

Zach Warner found out what it takes to transform a potted plant into a cooling unit for a computer.

Katie Williams discovered she could galvanize the community to donate and package over 23,000 meals to alleviate hunger in the United States.

Rachel Pawloski and Marlena Martin realized they could work together to bring awareness to the issue of bullying, which they both felt has been glossed over for too long.

Dalton Wall figured out how to turn two lawnmowers into a go-kart.

And English teachers Cristin Flannery and Trish Seeley learned how to pull off a pilot program to guide those five students – and about 96 other seniors – through the rigorous process of devising, researching, documenting and presenting their projects.

East Hampton’s inaugural senior capstone program was designed to meet a state statute, set to go into effect in 2020, that requires all high school students to complete a one-credit senior demonstration project or its equivalent before they can graduate.

“We decided to try a few years in advance – before it’s law – and figure out what works for our culture here and our students,” Flannery said.

This year’s pilot program included more than two-thirds of the 140-member graduating class. Any student in English class with Flannery or Seely was expected to participate. The program culminated with a Senior Capstone Expo last Tuesday.

Williams, whose EHHS Hunger Project raised \$6,000 in donations, said she wasn’t daunted by the scope of the comprehensive, year-long project.

“I thought the school needed something to push students to think outside the box and be creative,” she said. “I think all these projects really speak to individuality.”

Money raised by Williams turned into tens of thousands of meals after volunteers joined together in the high school cafeteria as part of an assembly line to put together complete, nutritious meals made of dry ingredients including lentils, rice and pink Himalayan salt.

Williams said she asked for the meals to remain in the United States where they could have a more local impact. Beyond that, she wasn’t sure where the meals would end up.

“Wherever there’s a natural disaster or big demand for food, that’s where they’ll go,” she said.

Warner, who will be attending the University of New Haven in the fall, hopes to bring his Green Machine with him so he can work with professors to build on his high school success.

His project involved using copper heat pipes set inside a potted plant so that the water in the soil could cool the pipes and the attached computer.

“You water it once in the morning, once in the night, and you’re good to go,” he said. “You can use the computer all day.”

While stock Central Processing Unit (CPU) coolers typically keep computers at a temperature of about 120-140 degrees Fahrenheit, Warner’s Green Machine yielded temperatures of about 102 degrees.

“It’s a huge decrease in temperature but a huge increase in efficiency, considering there’s no external source of power powering the cooling unit of the CPU,” he said.

Pawloski and Martin used the capstone project as an opportunity to continue a collaborative approach that began in class last year when they worked together on a music video. This time around, they created a documentary about bullying and self-harm after collecting information through a survey and personal interviews with students and staff.

“We seem to talk about bullying, but we never seem to actually talk about it, where we get into nitty gritty details about the issues that are actually happening,” Pawloski said. “We have these assemblies on bullying, but it never really seems to get home to the kids. So we wanted to create something where we didn’t spare any details. What we need is for people to actually hear what’s going on.”

For Martin, the project showed her bullying had a bigger impact on people she knew personally than she first thought.

“I never knew how much bullying affected them until they spoke about it, or how many people were hurting or self-harming in our school,” she said.

Wall was one student who admitted he wasn’t thrilled with the idea of a capstone project when he first heard about it. In fact, he thought the



Dalton Wall, a senior at East Hampton High School, shows off his automotive efforts to East Hampton residents Kevin and Karine Wielock at last week’s Senior Capstone Expo. Wall fabricated his own go-kart using a lawnmower engine and newfound welding skills honed through the months-long project.

idea was “a little silly.”

But acknowledging that he didn’t have any say in the matter, he decided to put two junk lawnmowers to work as the basis for his original go-kart.

“I had a lawnmower without an engine and I had a lawnmower with an engine and nothing else,” he said. “So I took pieces from each one and I made this machine using pulleys and belts, because that was the cheapest way to do it.”

His research was geared toward the topics of pulleys and belts, which he said he didn’t know anything about before he started the project. On the practical level, he gained a lot of experience with another new skill: welding.

Wall counted \$40 already put toward the project. But one of the pulleys is too big for the belt and the go-kart won’t run.

Asked if he was going to continue to work on it even though the capstone project had been completed, he said he probably wouldn’t.

“The correct pulley would be about \$40 and I don’t want to spend too much on it,” he explained.

Kevin and Karine Wielock, whose son is a senior at the high school, spent Tuesday evening weaving through the exhibits. They stopped to speak with many of the students amid the din of about a hundred other seniors explaining their process and results.

The Wielocks described the expo as an opportunity to look at the different manifestations of commitment, creativity and enterprise in the student work.

It was also a time to marvel at how the kids have changed from that day they first stepped into a classroom as small children, and how much they’ve learned in the 13 years since.

“We’ve seen a lot of those kids since they were in kindergarten,” Karine Wielock said. “Now they are 6 feet 2 inches, 6 feet 3 inches, and they are grown up. They’re adults.”

East Hampton Council Sends \$42.79 Million Budget to Town Meeting

by Elizabeth Regan

The latest in a series of four revisions to East Hampton’s 2016-17 spending plan has resulted in a \$42.79 million proposal that restores part-time positions at the senior center and library.

The package will now go to town meeting June 6, with a referendum tentatively slated for the following week.

The Town Council voted 5-2 (with Ted Hintz Jr. and Mark Philhower opposed) to approve the finance board’s revised proposal with a \$21,000 tweak. Councilors took money from the Board of Education budget to save the two part-time positions, applying \$15,000 to the senior center and \$6,000 to the library.

Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith said he was okay with the reduction to the Board of Education budget because of expected savings from union negotiations on a new dental plan.

The bottom line for the combined budget proposal remains the same as that of the revised Board of Finance proposal approved last week, resulting in an increase of 4.25 percent over the current year’s budget.

The mill rate will rise to 29.44 if the latest spending plan is approved. That’s an increase of 1.66 mills over the current year.

The debt for the \$52 million high school renovation project alone accounts for 1.44 mills of

the 1.66 mill increase. A drop in the Grand List due to the revaluation accounts for .41 mills of the mill rate increase.

A mill is \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Under the proposed mill rate, a taxpayer with a house assessed at \$200,000 would owe \$5,888 in property taxes on the home. That’s \$332 more than such a homeowner pays now, though the recently completed town-wide revaluation has changed the assessed value of homes since last year.

The Board of Education budget comes in at \$29.06 million, or .98 percent higher than the current budget. The town operating budget is \$10.27 million, an increase of 2.94 percent.

A motion by Republican council member Ted Hintz Jr. to cut the finance board’s proposal by about \$191,000, which would have brought the proposed mill rate increase to 1.49 mills, was rejected by the council.

His proposal would have restored the part-time positions at the senior center and library and provided for the purchase of a dump truck for the public works department instead of financing it over several years. To make up for the additional spending, Hintz suggested cuts to several town departments, the Board of Edu-

cation and the capital reserve fund.

Several councilors objected to the cuts to capital reserve accounts set up for road maintenance, sidewalk maintenance and school safety projects.

Republican Town Council Chairwoman Patience Anderson said buying the public works truck contradicts recommendations from the finance director and finance board to lease the item instead.

The council already ignored those recommendations when they decided late last year to buy a ladder truck for the fire department rather than finance it.

“I’m certainly not in favor of raiding the road funds just for the sake of avoiding what I think is a very prudent thing to do, and that is to finance the public works truck,” Anderson said. She described the condition of town roads as an issue “that is widely felt by every single member of this community.”

Ultimately, the Town Council moved to let voters decide if the kind of cuts Hintz was suggesting will be necessary.

Councilors and finance board members alike have cited the voting history of East Hampton voters to suggest it’s unlikely the proposed bud-

get will pass in the first referendum – especially with the high school renovation coming due.

Since 2010, the proposed budget has passed in one referendum on two occasions.

Hintz said sending a budget to referendum under the assumption it will fail is a waste of money.

It costs about \$3,000 to hold a referendum.

According to Democratic Councilor James “Pete” Brown, that’s “the price you pay for democracy.”

“I don’t see it as a waste,” he said. “I see it as taxpayers making a statement. I think at this point they should get the budget as the finance board put out, and let them decide.”

Republican council member Melissa Engel concurred.

If the budget fails, she said, “we have cuts that will have to be made.”

The annual town budget meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 6, at Town Hall.

The first town budget meeting failed on a technicality last week, sending the proposed budget back to the finance board and the council for the most recent set of revisions.

A referendum is tentatively set for Tuesday, June 14.

Colchester Referendum Set for \$39.71M Schools Budget

by Mike Thompson

Voters at a Wednesday night town meeting voted to send the latest iteration of the Colchester schools budget to referendum next week.

The referendum on the proposed \$39.71 million 2016-17 budget will take place Thursday, June 2. The package is a .23 percent decrease from current year spending.

A \$39.90 million school budget proposal got shot down at referendum May 10, by a 1,408-1,270 tally. Following the defeat, the Board of Finance tasked the school board to cut \$176,000 from the budget. The Board of Education wound up actually cutting \$190,000, the bulk of it coming via a restructuring of the middle school day that eliminates three certified English teaching positions, as well as three paraprofessionals (two full-time and one part-time), at the school.

While the paraprofessionals are losing their jobs, Superintendent of Schools Jeff Mathieu has pointed out the certified teachers are not; they're simply being transferred to other open teaching positions in the school district. Although, as a result of moving around the English teachers, one English teacher at Bacon Academy will be cut, due to seniority issues.

If the budget passes next week, the overall mill rate increase (including the \$14.39 million town operations budget, which passed at that May 10 referendum) will be .15 mills.

For a house valued at \$243,000, Board of Finance Chairman Rob Tarlov has said, this translates to an extra \$25.50 per year in taxes. He added if that hypothetical homeowner also has two cars assessed at a total of \$20,000, that will bring that person's overall increase in taxes to \$28.50.

And town officials said Thursday they certainly hope the school spending package will pass this time around.

While First Selectman Art Shilosky noted "you never know what the public's going to do," he said "I honestly believe" the budget will pass – perhaps not by a great margin, but it will pass.

Shilosky added if the budget doesn't pass, he doesn't know what the next move will be

for the Board of Education – but suspected sports might be on the chopping block.

Board of Education Chairman Ron Goldstein indicated Thursday those indeed may be looked at if the budget fails to fly with voters next week.

"We've looked at all areas, and while it's a difficult discussion, I think we'd have to move to a discussion of co-curriculars and sports programs ... which are areas we've deliberately avoided," Goldstein said.

The school board has made a lot of adjustments to the budget already, Goldstein added, and "there's only so many places left" to cut.

But Goldstein is obviously hopeful it doesn't get to that point.

"I do hope [voters] realize the responsiveness of this budget," Goldstein said. "We've been responsive to the community's needs; we've been responsive to the declining enrollment."

"The Colchester community always supports education, and we appreciate that support," he continued. "Hopefully it happens this time."

Like Shilosky, Board of Finance member Andreas Bisbikos said he believes the budget will pass at referendum – and pointed to the reductions the Board of Education made last week as a big reason why.

"The \$190,000 the Board of Education came back with ... I think the people are going to respond to that as the cuts that they're looking for," he said.

Bisbikos added he's heard "from a variety of citizens" in regard to the budget – some who feel too much has been cut already, and some who think even more needs to be reduced.

"We live in a tough economic climate," he said. "There needs to be a balance between the ability to live in a town and the town's sustainability moving forward."

He said he feels the school budget "provides good faith to strike that balance."

Voting on the budget will take place Thursday, June 3, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

Threat Results in Heightened Security at RHAM Schools

by Geeta S. Sandberg

Security was heightened at the RHAM middle and high schools Monday following a threat found in a middle school bathroom last week.

Schools Superintendent Bob Siminski explained he was informed Friday afternoon, after school had let out for the day, that a note was found written on the wall in one of the bathrooms that threatened "destruction" of the school.

In response, Siminski said state police were notified, who directed the administration as to how to proceed.

"In these incidents the state police are in control; they'll do the searches, tell us what we should be doing next and how we should be safeguarding life and limb," Siminski explained.

Following the discovery, "We secured the middle school with the thought that if there was a device there, it was contained," and in order to determine whether or not to open school Monday, bomb-sniffing dogs went through the building.

"After the sweep, the decision was made that the schools could open," Siminski stated – but not without heightened security.

"There was an increased police presence at the school all day and for the extracurricular

activities in the afternoon," said Siminski.

Security measures returned to normal the following day, but Siminski said, "The school is actively pursuing any and all information they have so that they might confront the culprit."

The superintendent said "there's always a concern [for safety] with open buildings, given the times that we live in."

He added, "I think the thing I'm most pleased about is that kids felt comfortable talking with administration [Monday] about how uncomfortable they were, and how disappointed they were that it happened. I think that speaks volumes about the way kids feel about their school. ... Several of the students were upset that one of their own would do something like that."

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Security was also increased at Hebron's two elementary schools. Schools Superintendent Tim Van Tasel said Siminski informed him about the message.

In response, "We did end up taking precautionary measures, as well and did station an additional police officer at each school" Monday, Van Tasel explained.

However, he said Wednesday, things are now "back to the status quo."

Portland Man Strikes Out at Yard Goats Stadium

by Elizabeth Regan

A construction worker from Portland was arrested and charged with criminal trespass Saturday after he and three other men were found playing baseball at the under-construction Dunkin' Donuts Park.

A Hartford Police officer was on private duty at the future home of the Hartford Yard Goats around 8:30 p.m. when the sound of cheering drew him to the field, according to the police report. That's where he found Austin Kelly, 25, of Portland, and Kelly's three friends engaged in an illicit game of baseball.

Police said there was one man on the pitcher's mound, one man at bat, and two in the outfield. When the officer broke up the game, Kelly identified himself as a construction worker on the project who had decided to bring his friends to the stadium after hours to "play some baseball."

Kelly acknowledged he didn't have permission to be playing baseball in the stadium, according to police. When asked for a boss's name and contact information, Kelly put the

officer on the phone with Jason Rudnick, a principal with DoNo Construction, the project developer. Police said Rudnick denied being Kelly's boss but confirmed nobody had a right to be playing in the stadium after hours.

Kelly was later determined to be an employee of Center Earth Construction, police said, which is doing construction on the stadium.

Kelly was arrested for second-degree criminal trespass along with his friends Michael Cowee, 24, of Hartford, Theodore Swanson, 25, of Glastonbury, and Brandon Herrick, 29, of Old Saybrook.

The makeshift team was described by the officer as "polite, respectful and professional," according to police. The officer said Kelly apologized multiple times and said he should have known better than to take his friends to the stadium.

Kelly is due to appear in Hartford Municipal Court on June 3.

East Hampton Police News

5/8: Drew Michael McKosky, 18, of 87 Depot Hill Rd., Portland, was arrested and charged with illegal use of a facsimile firearm, second-degree breach of peace, second-degree threatening and possession of marijuana, East Hampton Police said.

5/11: Lia Siebel Guerin, 21, of 17 Huckleberry Acres, turned herself in pursuant to an outstanding active warrant for her arrest and was charged with second-degree failure to appear, police said.

5/11: Gregory Stanley Dixon, 68, of 20 Colchester Ave., was arrested and charged with

failure to drive right and driving under the influence, police said.

5/16: Zayne Edinger, 23, of 10 Fernwood Dr., was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and traveling too fast, police said.

5/17: Rachael Barrett, 45, of 118 Main St., East Hampton was issued a summons for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating without insurance, failure to renew operator's license and failure to renew emissions, police said.

Colchester Police News

5/8: Police said Imran Akbar, 28, of 853 Palisado Ave., Windsor, was arrested and charged with DUI.

5/10: Police said Nicole M. Klusek, 25, of 67 Park Ave., Colchester, was arrested and charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, improper use of plates, failing to meet minimum insurance requirements and disobeying the signal of an officer.

5/15: Police said Penni Madley, 49, of Cutlery Ave., Meriden, was arrested and charged with DUI.

5/16: Police said Theresa M. Asikainen, 51, of 405 Penfield Hill Rd., Portland, was arrested and charged with DUI, failure to carry certifi-

cate of insurance and failure to drive in the proper lane.

5/17: Police said Matthew Dodge, 19, of 100 Pinebrook Rd., Colchester, was arrested and charged with unsafe movement of a stopped motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia and sixth-degree larceny.

5/18: Police said John R.R. Walge, 19, of 12 Coin St., Warwick, RI, was arrested and charged with third-degree criminal mischief.

5/19: Police said Thomas Rizza, 60, of 15 Park Rd., Colchester, was arrested and charged with breach of peace and interfering with a police officer.

Marlborough Police News

5/12: State police said Jeremy Coelho, 28, of 385 Cabin Rd., Colchester, was arrested and charged with sixth-degree larceny, second-degree forgery and interfering with an officer.

5/17: State Police said Anthony Abrahams, 30, of 117 Clinton St., Waterbury, was arrested and charged with DUI, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and improper parking.

Andover Police News

5/13: State police said Philip Saunders, 49, of 154 Wales Rd., Andover, was arrested and charged with DUI and illegally operating a motor vehicle without an ignition device.

Portland Police News

5/11: Nathaniel Gauthier, 20, of 374 Main St., was charged with insufficient insurance, operating under suspension, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and failure to wear face protection, Portland Police said.

5/14: John Forline, 31, of 400 Washington St., Middletown, was charged with fourth-degree larceny, police said.

5/20: Kyle Bucheri, 29, of 93 Rose Hill Rd., was charged with driving under the influence and failure to drive right, police said.

Three East Hampton Stores Charged With Selling Liquor to Minor

Three town liquor stores were charged by East Hampton Police with allegedly selling alcohol to a minor last week.

The East Hampton Police Department partnered with the Department of Consumer Protection Liquor Control Division for town-wide liquor law compliance checks last Friday, May 20 – which happened to be "Prom Night" for East Hampton High School.

During the late afternoon and evening hours, police said, state liquor control agents and East Hampton police officers conducted compliance checks at six local package stores. A trained minor volunteer provided assistance.

Of those six stores, police said, three allegedly sold beverages containing alcohol to a minor. The stores were: Center Package Store, 93 Main St.; Route 66 Package Store, 193 East High St.; and Chatham Wine Thieve, 42 East High St.

According to police, routine compliance checks help the department identify businesses that knowingly or unknowingly sell alcohol to minors, and bring them into compliance with state law. Police said these checks

are not intended to hurt local businesses.

"We were not trying to trick or entice establishments to sell alcoholic beverages to a youth," Police Chief Sean Cox said. "If asked for proof of age before making a liquor purchase, the volunteer youth will hand over his or her actual photo ID, which clearly indicated that they were underage."

Cox added, "Today's youth are faced with so many temptations, being that it is prom and graduation season; we thought it would be prudent to conduct such a joint operation. It is our hope that operations such as this will promote responsible beverage sales and reduce the potential for tragedy on our roadways in the future."

East Hampton Police said they would like to thank the Department of Consumer Protection Liquor Control Division for its assistance in the operation.

As for those three package stores that allegedly sold to a minor, they'll appear before the Liquor Control Commission for an administrative hearing, at which time they'll have an opportunity to address the charges.

Obituaries

Portland

Scott Andrew Currier

Scott Andrew Currier, 52, of Portland, husband of Alicia (Valk) Currier passed away Sunday, May 15. He was the son of Robert and the late Priscilla (Henry) Currier.

Born Sept. 19, 1963, he lived in Portland for all of his life. He was a member of the Portland Volunteer Fire Department for 36 years and past fire chief for the town. He was a member of the Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Association, Connecticut Firefighters Association and the Connecticut State Fire Chiefs Association.

Besides his father and wife, he leaves three daughters, Bree, Brenna and Tess Currier, and a son, Thomas Currier, all of Portland; sisters, Beth Currier and her spouse Kathy Dougherty of Salem, Mass., and Judy Turgeon and her husband David of Hebron; his nieces and nephews, Daniel, James, Julia, Emma and Kelsey.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 28, at 11 a.m., at the First Congregational Church 554 Main St, Portland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Currier Children's Education fund at any Liberty Bank location.

Cobalt

Michael Szewczuk

Michael Szewczuk, 91, of Rocky Hill, formerly of Wethersfield, beloved and loving husband of Lesia (Wasylikiw) Szewczuk, went into the loving arms of our Lord Tuesday, May 17. Michael was born Sept. 25, 1924, in Skomorochy, Ukraine; he was the son of the late Ivan and Anna (Ciomyk) Szewczuk.

During the Second World War, he enlisted in the Ukrainian National Army. After the war, he studied at universities in Austria where he obtained a master's degree in psychology and theology. He immigrated to the United States and settled in Hartford in March 1952. He became a parishioner of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church. He worked for 20 years at Hartford National Bank as an administrative support specialist.

Michael was a proud co-founder and former president of the Ukrainian-American Veterans Association of Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport. He was also a co-founder and lifelong member of the Ukrainian National Home of Hartford, Ukrainian Patriarchal Society USA and the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Hartford Federal Credit Union. He was an avid singer in the Dibrova Choir at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church. He served for 15 years as cantor/choir director at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, New Britain. Michael was also a teacher (nine years) in the Michael Ukrainian Parish School in Hartford.

Michael enjoyed the arts, especially painting portraits, landscapes and writing poems; sports, especially the former Hartford Whalers, animals (his many cats over the years); and just loving life one day at a time. He brought laughter and joy to his family gatherings and always offered strength and support to his family and friends. His logo: "FAITH, HOPE, LOVE!"

Besides his devoted loving wife of 40 years, Michael is survived by his daughter Anya and her husband Greg Majeski and lovely granddaughters, Sophia and Caroline; sister-in-law Irene and her husband Richard Gancarz; brother-in-law Roman Wasylikiw; and many relatives and friends in Ukraine, USA and Canada.

Special thanks to St. Francis Hospital, Masonicare Hospice, Chestelm Rehab, Cobalt Healthcare and Salmon Brook Care for helping Michael through his last few months of life.

Though Michael may be gone, he will never be forgotten. In his words, "This is for only the time being; hurry up, but take your time!"

Calling hours were Sunday, May 22, with a Panakhyda service that evening, in the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd., Wethersfield. A Liturgy of Christian Burial was held Monday, May 23, in St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, 135 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, followed by burial in St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, New London Tpke., Glastonbury.

To extend online condolences and/or share a memory, or for information, visit farleysullivan.com.

Colchester

Paul Melton Swett

Paul Melton Swett, 65, of Colchester, passed away at St. Francis Hospital May 24, 2016.

Born in Hartford Jan. 30, 1951, he was the son of the late Dale and Linda (Kennedy) Swett.

He will be sadly missed but always remembered by his best friend, Dina Anselmo, and numerous other friends.

Funeral services will be held privately according to his wishes.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Colchester Food Bank, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415.

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, visit auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

Portland

Rosa Boscarino

Rosa Boscarino, 92, wife of the late Salvatore Boscarino, of Portland, passed away Wednesday, May 18, at Apple Rehabilitation Center, Colchester. She was born Nov. 24, 1923, in Melilli, Sicily, daughter of the late Sebastiano and Sebastiana (Giardina) Ruffino.

She was a member of St. Sebastian Church. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Russell Mfg. She is survived by two sons, Sebastiano Boscarino of Middletown and Giuseppe Boscarino of Cromwell; three daughters, Sebastiana Bartolotta of Portland, Lucia Martucci of Colchester and Maria Passacantando of Rocky Hill; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, May 20, from the D'Angelo Funeral Home, 22 South Main St., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial that morning at St. Sebastian Church. Burial will follow in the family plot in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Middlefield. Relatives and friends called at the funeral home Saturday morning.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489.

The family would like to thank the administration and staff of Apple Rehabilitation Center of Colchester, for the loving care that was shown them during her stay. It was greatly appreciated.

Portland

Jean Sandell Johnson

Jean Sandell Johnson passed away peacefully in Las Vegas, Nev., Saturday, May 7, at the age of 86. Jean is survived by her loving husband, Herbert C. Johnson, of 59 years. They were married in Colchester March 20, 1957. They raised their family in Portland, and lived there until they retired and headed west.

Jean is lovingly remembered by her children: Beverlee Johnson, of Columbia; Barbara (Sean) Speck of Carlsbad, Calif.; Peter (Kendra) Johnson of Anchorage, Alaska; Alan (Tamara) Johnson of Oceanside, Calif.; and Paul (Kristine) Johnson of Ogdan, Utah. Jean loved spending time with all of her 14 grandchildren who will miss her dearly: Lindsay London, Taylor Palmer, Elizabeth Temple, Colin Speck, Katie Speck, Victoria Speck, Justin Johnson, Alex Johnson, Nick Johnson, Carson Johnson, Anastasia Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Patrick Johnson, and Ashlynn Johnson. Jean also loved her four great-grandchildren: McKenna Palmer, Julia London, Matthew and Henry Temple.

Jean was born in Plainville April 8, 1930. She graduated from New Milford High School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Western Connecticut State University. She worked as a fifth-grade teacher at Gildersleeve School in Portland for 25 years.

Jean enjoyed helping others; not only in her teaching career, but also in her church community. Before retirement, she attended the Haddam Neck Covenant Church and was an active member of the choir. After retiring to Las Vegas, she was very involved in the Shadows Hills Baptist Church. She made and delivered quilts to the homeless as well as knitting caps for premature babies in the local hospitals.

The memorial service was held in Las Vegas Saturday, May 14.

East Hampton

Jose Rosado Jordán

Jose Rosado Jordán, 87, husband of Josefa (Blas) Rosado, of East Hampton, passed away Monday, May 9, at the Middlesex Medical Center in Marlborough.

Jose was born in Puerto Rico March 30, 1929, the son of Pascacio and Valentina Jordán Rosado. He served 21 years in the United States Army.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Samuel Rosado of New York; daughters, Linda Rosado and Ivelisse Rosado, both of East Hampton, Melanie Roman of Meriden; grandsons, Christopher Vera Rosado, Jose Luis Aguila, Johnny Deppiny; granddaughters, Krystal Rosado, Rosa Aguila, Ashley Cousins, Yaasmeen Roman, Dalyla Roman, Jillian Algarin; and two great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Enid Rosado and his sisters, Ana, Pasita, Lucia and Laura Rosdao.

The funeral liturgy will be held today, May 27, at 10 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 10 Elm St., Middletown, followed by burial at the State Veterans Cemetery, Bow Lane, Middletown. Friends called at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown, Thursday, May 26.

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

Hebron

Elsie Reta Dumond

Elsie Reta (Romanowski) Dumond, born Sept. 1, 1933, the youngest daughter of the late John and Julia Romanowski, completed a long and beautiful life Friday, May 20, when she was reunited with the love of her life, her husband John of Eagle Lake, Maine.

Elsie was predeceased by her brothers John and Eddie and sisters, Lena, Julia, Helen, Victoria and Florence.

Elsie grew up in Hartford and was a graduate of Hartford Public High School in 1951. From 1952-57, she worked at Royal Typewriter in Hartford. Elsie then went to work for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford, where she stayed until her retirement in 1993.

In 1957, Elsie wed John "Jack" Alphonse Dumond, who predeceased her June 21, 1991. Elsie and Jack lived in Hartford until April 1, 1965, when they bought their home in Hebron.

Elsie leaves behind their three sons, Ronald and wife Sylvia-Ann of Lebanon, Robert and partner Lisa of Newington, and Steven and wife Mara of Columbia. Elsie was extremely proud of her gardens, her home and especially her three grandchildren Michael, Chelsey and Jonathan Dumond of Lebanon. She also leaves many loving nieces and nephews.

A lifetime member of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Hartford, Elsie leaves behind friends and family from Maine to Florida. She will be greatly missed by everyone who's life she had the opportunity to touch.

Along with gardening, Elsie loved to read, swim and go to the beach. Elsie and Jack loved spending time on their boat in Niantic. She loved to fish and spend time with the "boat people." Elsie was an avid sports fan, she loved the Celtics and the Yankees and especially the UConn basketball teams. Elsie was a great cook and she loved to knit and crochet. She did her best to teach her talents to the rest of us, but Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and Easter morning breakfasts will never be the same. Above all else, Elsie loved her family. The world's loss is truly heavens gain.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, May 26, in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Hartford. Burial followed in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Friends called at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, on Wednesday, May 25.

For online condolences, visit mulryanfh.com.

Marlborough

Cedric S. Allen

Cedric S. Allen, 89, formerly of Windsor Locks, widower of Jean (Harlow) Allen, entered into eternal peace Saturday, May 21, at Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation, with family by his side.

A son of the late John and Lina (Record) Allen, he was born and raised in Rockingham, Vt. He had lived in Windsor Locks for over 50 years retiring from the former Dexter Corp. after close to 30 years with the company. A World War II veteran, he served honorably in the U.S. Navy. Cedric was an avid outdoorsman and loved spending time in his home state of Vermont.

Cedric is survived by his three children, Wendy Lescell of St. Paul, Minn., Katherine Ayoub of Suffield, and Wayne Allen and his wife Cynthia of Somers. Cedric is also survived by his seven loving grandchildren, Christopher and Brian Hansen, John Damonte Jr. and his wife Jaclyn, Garrett and Kiersten Ayoub, Heather and Kristina Allen; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Searle Allen and his wife Elaine of Shaftsbury, Vt., and Samuel Record of Randolph, Vt.; a sister, Dorothy Searles of Minoa, N.Y.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Lina Marie Allen; and two brothers, Floyd Record and Clinton Allen.

Cedric's family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation Center and Masonicare Hospice Program for their loving care and support.

A funeral service will be celebrated Saturday, May 28, at 11 a.m. at Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St., Windsor Locks, with visiting hours beginning at 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial with military honors will follow at Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Cedric's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489, or Masonicare Partners Home Health and Hospice Program, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd Floor, East Hartford, CT 06108.

For online expressions of sympathy or directions, visit windsorlocksfuneralhome.com.

Portland

Ann Gilbert

Ann (Shorey) Gilbert, 84, of Portland, passed away Monday, May 23, at Middlesex Hospital. She was the wife of John L. Gilbert, her loving husband of 65 years. Born July 1, 1931, in Randolph, Vt., she was the daughter of the late Harold and Carrie (Cameron) Shorey.

A longtime resident of Portland, Ann was a graduate of Portland High School and a member of the Portland Methodist Church. She was a manager for Standard Knapp Federal Credit Union from where she retired after 22 years of service. Ann was active in scouting and served on the board of directors for the Portland District Nurses and Middletown Home Health Care. She did volunteer work for the Middlesex Hospital Auxiliary.

Ann liked skiing and gardening, she was a former member of the Brownstone Garden Club. She will be missed very much by all who knew her and loved her.

Mrs. Gilbert is survived by her sons Robert of Bethel, Vt., Thomas and wife Leslee of Portland; six grandchildren, Kenny, Keri, Ryan, David, Leah, Jessica; two great-grandchildren, Aaron and Claire; her sisters, Joan and Nancy; and many nieces and nephews.

Ann was predeceased by her beloved son, David Daniel Gilbert; a brother, Harry; and three sisters, Sylvia, Jane and Priscilla.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 26, in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland. Burial followed in the Swedish Cemetery, Portland. Relatives and friends called Wednesday evening, May 25, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ann Gilbert may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777.

To send an online expression of sympathy, visit portlandmemorialfh.net.