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Claire and Joe Howard -

"The entertainment world is my cup of tea" — Claire's response to her hobbies

Claire Howard finds entertainment of others fulfilling, after many years of working in the world of insurance. Joe Howard is the handyman around their home (also fulfilling), after years of driving a truck, and certainly Claire's biggest booster. Now both are retired, but not from life.

When you talk about "Locks People" or "Afternoon Delights," local singing and entertainment groups, Claire is always ready to perform — like the time at the Windsor Locks Senior Talent Show, staged last year. She was the mistress of ceremony for that successful evening.

The seniors in town know her well. Claire was "Ms. Senior Connecticut '93," with her and Joe traveling the Nutmeg State, promoting senior centers, as part of her ceremonial duties. She found her reign "a wonderful year."

But first, some background on Claire's "best friend," Joseph Timothy Howard, born and raised in Hartford, the son of the late Timothy and Mary

(Devlin) Howard. Timothy was a native of Norwalk and Mary came from Norwich.

Joe started working at the age of 12 on tobacco, in Windsor, Bloomfield, and Glastonbury. At the age of 16, he joined the U.S. Merchant Marines, after a short time in a trade school.

Joe indeed saw the world, ocean to ocean, with sea duty in

into service, but this time the U.S. Army needed him. He served during the Korean War in Virginia, Maryland and at Fort Dix, N.J., with a "railroad outfit," he said.

Back in civilian clothes for good, he drove a truck, but only a short time, until he joined Connecticut General in various jobs — maintenance,

administrator of the company's fleet of cars — retiring in 1988.

Claire

and Joe were from the same Hartford neighborhood, with families that knew each other. Claire (Whitehouse) Howard was the daughter of the late Samuel Whitehouse, who came from England at an early age, first to Canada, then eventually to the USA. Claire's mother, Pearl (Wood) Whitehouse, is now in her late 80s, living at Windsor's Kimberly Hall. She was originally from Portland, Maine. Claire comes from a big family, with four brothers: Joseph who is deceased, David, Oliver and Clayton, all living in Florida; and two sisters,

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t h e Mediterranean, Russia, England (A r m y T r a n s p o r t service); and further duty on a hospital ship in the Pacific, with stops in Australia, Guam, and the Philippines.

With Joe's discharge in the middle '40s, San Francisco became his start to see the USA, traveling coast to coast before coming home. He took a job driving an 18-wheeler for the next four years.

In 1950, Joe was called back



Happy Couple

Claire Howard finds entertainment of others fulfilling, while Joe Howard is the handyman around their home.

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— At Home and on Stage

Jane Morris and Sharon Giller, who both reside in Windsor.

After graduation from Hartford High School, Claire went to work at Travelers for eight years, until their first daughter was born. In later years, she worked at Connecticut General part time for six years, and then full time for two decades. She retired in 1988, joining Joe in the best years of their life.

* They were married on Oct. 28, 1950 with Claire living in Hartford, while Joe was in the Army. On his return, they remained in Hartford until 1960, when they moved to Windsor Locks. Why Windsor Locks? They said, "The taxes and the good school system."

Claire and Joe have two daughters, Leslie and Robin. Leslie is married to Michael McMurtrey. They reside in Minnesota, where Michael is employed by Northwest Airlines. Michael has traveled all over due to his job. Leslie is a WLHS grad, Class of 1972. She then attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, where she studied speech therapy. Today, she is an office administrator. Leslie and Michael have four children.

How did Claire and Joe take one cold winter on vacation in Minnesota? Joe said, "well, the wind chill factor was 50 below zero." Enough said.

Robin is married to Thomas Walker. They are residents of Windsor with their two children. Thomas works for Northeast Utilities (engineering). Robin is a grad of Mount St. Joseph Academy, Class of 1976, where she played basketball and was active in the school theater productions.

Back to their parents and various hobbies: with Joe, it's woodworking, a "Jack-of-all-trades" around the house. Probably his favorite pastime is his computer. With Claire, "The entertainment world is my cup of tea," she said with sincerity. She admits to really enjoying singing



Joe and Claire Howard

and dancing, and has performed in this area, along with Fran Cook, John Sullivan, Steve Okun, Connie Burstyn, to name a few, over the years.

Claire and Joe have seen the USA in their trailer, a home away from home. They have crossed the country eight times! When home, finding the time for TV, Claire is a big fan of "Dr. Quinn," with Joe a steady viewer of "Wheel of Fortune," "Walker" and "Jeopardy."

More on the seniors' talent show (Claire and Joe are members of the senior center), Claire as mistress of ceremony: was she nervous? "Yes, only at the opening when it was time for the tribute to our late friend, Charlie Woodhouse, who was a regular of the singing groups."

Claire was asked about the honor of being chosen "Ms. Senior Connecticut '93," — "A wonderful fulfillment and an

experience, we both will never forget."

How about the holidays? "Well, when it comes to Christmas, one year we are in Connecticut with Robin's family and the next year it's Minnesota with Leslie's family."

When asked about admiration for others, they agreed, "My father," Joe said, "he was the most honest man I ever met, a man who could do everything"; with Claire adding, "a warm and loving man." For their philosophy of life, they also agreed: "Enjoy life. If you have your health, you have everything."

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Claire and Joe Howard: they make a great team, be it travel or entertainment. Claire's "cup of tea" is her faithful entertainment of others. She will agree, "The greatest gift you can give others is the purity of your attention."

Stu and Helen Sturgis Serve

The story of Stu and Helen Sturgis is one of service, family, traveling, collecting, and just enjoying life after Helen's years at the North Street School, and Stu's two decades in the Navy and another 20 years at Monsanto.

Today, their energies follow their hopes and desires to continue traveling, and their children. Their children are residents of Florida, Maryland, Vermont and Connecticut.

The family tree has grown: six children, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

When you talk to Stu, with the full name of Talbot Etheridge Sturgis Jr., you find a merging in the family tree with the names of Sturgis, Custis, Lee and Washing, as in George Washington. Stu was quick to point out that the father of our country married Martha Dandridge Custis. When you look it up, Custis and Sturgis are closely related. The name of Lee is as in Robert E. Lee.

Talbot refers just to Stu, the son of the late Talbot Sr. from Virginia, who retired from the railroad as did his grandfather. Stu's mother, Lucille (Watson) Sturgis, is now a resident of Maryland, her native state. Stu has a brother, Robert Lee Sturgis, who makes his home in Missouri.

this day, I have a love of music," he said.

In November 1945, Stu joined the U.S. Navy. Boot camp in Memphis, Tenn. was followed by aviation school in Florida, with additional duty in Texas and then back to the volunteer state. Then his duty changed. From 1949 to 1965 (the year of his discharge) he

served in the submarine service, starting with time in New London, then to Annapolis as

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Stu grew up in Cheriton, Virginia, just across the bay from Norfolk, not

knowing he was born near the big naval base. He graduated from the Salisbury High School in Maryland, Class of 1945, where he played trumpet in the school band. "Still to

instructor.

In 1960, Stu came back to Connecticut to be part of the Nuclear Naval Facilities in Windsor, near the area where Combustion Engineering Inc. was located. After two years, he became a member of the crew of a new submarine, the U.S.S. Sam Rayburn, that fired the first missile. Stu retired with the high rank of chief petty officer, and soon would

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pursue his second career.

While Stu was an instructor in Maryland, he met his future bride, Helen Wendling, from Baltimore, the daughter of the late Peter and "Kati" (Agnes) Wendling, who were born in Hungary, married in 1906 in their native land, came to the states via Ellis Island, and settled in Baltimore.

Peter was a retired railroad employee. Helen was one of seven children. Today, her sister, Elizabeth lives in Baltimore, as does her brother George, with another brother, Nick, a resident of Mississippi. A sister, Edna, and two brothers, Steve and Peter are deceased.

Career-wise, it was the second time around for Stu, and for Helen who did service to her adopted town. Stu went from the Navy to Monsanto in Bloomfield for 20 years, from 1965 to retirement in 1985, as laboratory technician in the product development area.

Helen served as cashier at the North Street School for 27 years, 1967 to 1994. She saw changes in students, especially in the dress code. She recalled that probably the only reason she retired was that she and Stu were planning to travel cross country and she did not want to miss the opportunity.

Helen saw different generations come and go at the school, and is best known, affectionately, as the "Milk Lady," who delivered milk to the students over the years.

Now for Helen and Stu's six children. She has four children from a previous marriage: Judy, Donald, Nancy and Sharon. Judy lives in Florida, with her husband, Wayne Harmon, and their sons, Steve and Dennis. Donald McManus, and his wife, Sandra Pratt, reside in Baltimore, with their two sons, Brian and David. Nancy lives in Vermont, with her husband, Peter Schickler, and three sons, Michael, John and Thomas Brooks, all Windsor Locks High graduates. Nancy and her sister Sharon also graduated from the Raider school.



Stu and Helen Sturgis

Stu and Helen had two children, Bob Sturgis and Janice Sturgis Nebel. Janice and her husband, Kenneth, reside in Suffield. Bob and his wife, a Windsor Locks native, Donna Cleary Sturgis, live in town with their three children, Nicole, Heather and Bryan. Nicole is at the high school and is into dancing. Heather attends the middle school and likes dancing and bowling. Bryan is at the South School and is into all sports, especially ice hockey.

Stu and Helen were married April 7, 1959. They lived in Baltimore for a short time, and when Stu came to Connecticut for employment, they eventually moved to their present home here in 1960.

Stu is a member of two local veteran organizations, the V.F.W. and American Legion. He also holds memberships in the Retired Enlistedmen Association and U.S. Navy Fleet Reserves. Both he and Helen are members of the local Senior Citizens Center.

When it comes to hobbies, you might say they go their separate ways. Stu collects musical records including those of the big bands, and beer cans. Helen gardens, sews and cooks up a storm. She also does those difficult crossword

puzzles daily. However they do share the thrills of travel—two cross country trips in their motor home, Europe, Virginia, New Hampshire, and Vermont as a part of a camping group made up of retired and active military individuals.

When Stu was in the service, he met a great many people, and one man made a lasting impression: Admiral Hyman George Rickover, who was responsible for the development of the atomic submarine.

Speaking of admiration, on a more personal note, both Stu and Helen admired their parents. "For the love and for (showing me) the true values of life," said Stu. Helen said, "For their love and support (and problems) in raising seven children." They also share the same philosophy, "Do the best in all you can do."

Any favorite sayings? Stu's is, "Life can be beautiful." For Helen it is, "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today."

In trying to capture the true identity of these two busy people, I believe the following words by Will Rogers fits them: "We're just here for a spell, so get a few laughs, do the best you can."

They certainly do.

Rev. Francis P. McDonnell,

Francis Patrick McDonnell is the new associate priest to the pastor, Father William J. Hilliard, at St. Mary's Church. The Reverend McDonnell has an additional role as parochial vicar, a position he has held at various churches around the state.

The Reverend McDonnell, who came to St. Mary's on July 1, 1995, has served in Hartford, Devon, Wethersfield and New Britain parishes since his ordination on May 15, 1948 by the then Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. At the time, the cathedral had been under repair due to a fire.

The Reverend McDonnell was born in Manchester, son of the late Charles and Mary Josephine (Craig) McDonnell, who came from Portadown, the county of Armagh in Ireland. They knew each other only casually in the old country. In the States they met again and were married, settling in Manchester. Mr. McDonnell was a house painter in his native land, a profession he continued here.

We asked the Reverend McDonnell if he had nicknames growing up. "Yes," he said, with steady Irish smile, "Fran to the family. In school, Mac, and (as a priest) Father McD."

When did he know he wanted to be a priest?

Early Calling

Without any hesitation, he said, "My mind was set at the age of 3 or 4." That young? "Yes, my parents (very religious) had me say, if anyone asked, maybe a pilot, but I knew I

wanted to be a priest, even that young."

And the stage was set. At the age of 12, Francis Patrick McDonnell entered the St. Thomas Seminary in nearby Bloomfield. Four years of high school, two years of college, where he received his first degree, an associates in the arts. (A local note: He remembers Father Thomas Farrell, now pastor at St. Robert's, then one of his teachers at St. Thomas.)

The path to St. Mary's and Windsor Locks began at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, N.Y. For next six years, as candidate for the priestly robes, he studied, earning a bachelor degree in 1954.

The next four years he studied theology at St. Bernard's, leading up to his ordination.

The Reverend McDonnell's first assignment was at St. Anthony's in Hartford, followed by

six years at St. Ann's in Devon, 13 years at the Incarnation Church in Wethersfield, two years at St. Francis Assisi in New Britain, and 15 years at St. Joseph's in New Britain.

During those years the Reverend McDonnell served as assistant pastor, curate, parish administrator and parochial vicar, a role he describes as "involvement in teaching (and in his case) principal of a parochial school."

Adding to his previous two degrees, the Reverend McDonnell received a master of divinity degree in 1991 from St. Bernard's Institute.

On his arrival at St. Mary's, and now looking back, he recalled "being welcomed with open arms, and (being told) hope you stay

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Associate at St. Mary's Church



The Rev. Francis P. McDonnell

and like us." Describing the past six months, he said, "Love the people. They have a sense of history and pride in their community."

Personal Notes

Some personal notes on Father. "I love to eat in restaurants ... and my favorites are lobster and pasta," he said when asked about his hobbies. How about sports? For some time he was active in playing softball, during the summer months (while at St. Thomas) he worked at Pratt & Whitney and played with the factory team. He's also played some golf and tennis. As for vacations, he has been to Florida and Los Vegas, and a tour of Italy that was part of a 1985 pilgrimage to Rome.

When it comes to spectator sports, the Reverend McDonnell is a big New York Giants fan and cheers for the Boston Celtics, mostly when the television is on. He's not a big TV

fan.

When asked about changes in the Catholic Church, the Reverend McDonnell responded with these words, "I believe (the changes) were necessary and refreshing."

Commenting on the youth of today, he said, "Good children, family oriented, smart when it comes to sports and music. I enjoy being with the young people of St. Mary's." In addition, he makes numerous hospital visits and celebrates Mass at the local Bickford home.

As for the future, he said, "To instill a sense of humor with the parishioners and make a bad day good." This goes along with his philosophy of life: "Hope to laugh my way to heaven, and if you are interested, will help you get there."

Whom has he admired? "Two men ... for various reasons, St. Thomas Aquinas and his

"Love the people. They have a sense of history and pride in their community."

Father McDonnell's reaction of the parishioners of St. Mary's.

citizen counterpart, William F. Buckley Jr."

His favorite passage from the Bible is Luke 12:34, "Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be."

Epilog

The above has been the varied career of Father Francis Patrick McDonnell, and now associate at St. Mary's, with dignity, humor and dedication. I believe he would agree with these words: "The best preacher is the heart; the best teacher is time; the best book is the world; and the best friend is God."

Alberta Amaro Moves from

Alberta Cornell Amaro is an entertainer and mother of two active children in the world of theater, television and radio. She is a long-time resident, formerly in the cosmetic business, and very active in the Ms. Senior Connecticut Pageant.

Known to her many friends, family and fellow entertainers, as just "Berta," she was originally from New Bedford, Mass., and has never lost the fancy for being "near the water" when it comes to vacations.

Alberta grew up in the port and industrial city, graduating from New Bedford High School with the Class of 1950. She played soccer, basketball and volleyball, and said, "I was very much a tomboy" in those early years. She even took part in the girls ROTC, a military unit at the school, called "GAMS."

Did she know after leaving high school, what she wanted to do as far as a career? Yes. "To become a cosmetologist (the study of cosmetics and their use)," she said.

Her dreams of a career would have to wait a few years as she first worked as a salesperson and in various clerical positions. In 1957, on her return to this area, she joined Aetna for a year. She also worked as a bookkeeper in Hartford for the Diamond H. Hartt company.

Then, her idea for her much wanted career finally was in the works. She attended a cosmetic school in Hartford, studying cosmetics and hairdressing. But before detailing her own business ventures, here is some personal information on Alberta and her

family.

Alberta and her former husband, Gilbert R. Amaro, a native of Mexico, and veteran of the Air Force and the Air National Guard, are parents of two children — Gilbert Cornell Amaro and Marion Elizabeth Amaro, better known as "Peach."

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The younger Gilbert graduated in the Class of 1973 from Windsor Locks High School. He worked with WTIC-FM and currently has his own production company, G.A. Productions, doing commercials locally. His TV and radio name is Gil Andrews. He lives at home.

Gil's sister, also a graduate of Windsor Locks High, Class of 1977, currently lives in New York City. She is an actress and dancer, and has been in off-Broadway shows. Her stage name is Marritte Peach. Her mother said, "Peach traveled with USO shows during the Gulf War, in Turkey and other countries in that area."

Alberta's first try at her own business was here on Main Street, a hair style and cosmetic store for six years. When it was time for redevelopment, she relocated to Old Country Road for seven years, followed by a teaching assignment—hairdressing at a "created school

Cosmetics to Entertainment

in Manchester, for eight years." When the school was closed, Alberta retired in 1990, but not from one of her first loves—entertainment.

When this very expressive entertainer was asked about her hobbies, she immediately said, "Singing and dancing ... as in ball room dancing should be included."

Vacations to Alberta mean being "near the water." As a girl, she grew up in New Bedford, on the water's edge. However, she has had her share of travel across other waters—to Europe, cruises and the Caribbean Islands, with trips to sunny Mexico.

When you mention music, "it's old standards for me, like Old Black Magic and Frank Sinatra," she said, naming a few of her favorites. If television is on at her house, it's probably tuned to a comedy show.

How she deals with her birthday is an illustration of her entertainment way of life. Her birthday is Dec. 28, too near Christmas for her tastes. She now celebrates her day on Halloween, even dresses up and acts like the character she has created, all with a lot of confidence.

Alberta was very much a part of the program for the talent show of last September, staged by the local Senior Center. She did an impersonation of the great Harpo Marx with her own version of "Me and My Shadow."

Are there going to be more shows? "Yes, another one in April, a variety show, Las Vegas Review by the seniors at the Somers High School," she said.

In addition, Alberta has been involved with "Friends In Harmony," with her performance at the Red Door Theater in Feeding Hills, Mass.

According to this singer of note, if you go to a restaurant or night club that features karaoke, try it. The word is Japanese meaning "music without words." She went on to explain, "usually there is a large screen ... with the words of a song ... You just sing along with the music," she said, adding, "Try it, you'll love it."

Another part of her busy life involves her membership in the Senior American Cameo Club which has staged the Ms. Senior Connecticut Pageant. Last year, Alberta won "Best Gown Presentation."

When asked about admiration for others,



Alberta Amaro

her favorite saying and philosophy, she said, "In the field of music, I have two favorites, Frank Sinatra and Liza Minnelli, two great performers." Her favorite saying is "What goes around, comes around full circle."

Her personal philosophy is "to hold on to things dear to me ... love and respect for family and friends ... values are reflected in everyday behavior ... love, respect and response for all."

Epilog

Alberta Cornell Amaro— from cosmetics to entertainment. Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

With Alberta, she has been an entertainer for others to enjoy and wouldn't want it any other way.

Lori Bywater Chooses Her Second Career with Care

Lori Anna Bywater has always been concerned when it came to her busy life style, her son, Jeff, and her two sisters. At

holiday time, she prepared a beautiful and intricate display of

winter figures and buildings as a focal point of her home, in addition to her child care endeavors.

More on this interesting lady and single mother. Lori was born in Southington and has resided in Windsor Locks the past six years. She was educated and lived in a few area towns, before settling in Windsor and graduating from Windsor High in 1972.

She remembers the years in high school, where she said, "My sisters, Donna and Linda, and I were good students." After high school, Lori went right to work at Windsor's Combustion Engineering in accounting and secretarial positions in the company's several divisions for the next 20 years.

Looking back, she said her reason for leaving Combustion was because the section she was working in at the time

was sold and was relocating to Florida. She make a decision not to move south. Her next step was to set up a child care

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at her home. "I have always had an interest in child care," she said.

Her son, Jeffrey Scott Bywater, was 11 on Jan. 25. A fifth-grader at South Street School, he is into baseball, as a Little Leaguer since the first grade, and is a very active bowler at Bradley Bowl. The past four years, Jeff has been a member of the Junior Jets League. He sports a 110 to 130 average. However, his biggest thrill was bowling a 205 game, a feat for a young bowler that is remarkable. Jeff gives a lot of credit to his bowling coach, Rich Cutler of Windsor.

At school, Jeff's favorite subject is science. At home, the family's computer gets a workout as Jeff plays games

or writes stories, both of which he enjoys. And speaking of enjoyment, Jeff uses the family's pool. He was a past member of the town's Water Jets. Lori mentioned the town parks as a "good example" for Jeff and his friends to enjoy.

Lori and her sisters are very close. Donna and her husband, Roger Allain, live in Windsor while Linda and Chuck Capsolas reside in Vernon.

Before detailing Lori's involvement in home care, here are a few personal notes. "Just keeping up with the responsibility of the house is probably our main interest," she said. Lori and Jeff do take in camping and swimming at the Connecticut shore. Television is mostly tuned into a rental movie with comedies being their favorites.

The past three years, Lori's main interest and attention has been her day care center. After leaving Combustion, she turned to this endeavor caring for children "18 months to four years, from homes in Windsor and Windsor Locks." One of the big advantages of this arrangement is that Lori is home when Jeff returns from school. For this concerned mother, it is a big plus.

Another one of her projects around the holidays is the winter scene. As Lori puts it, "Ideas from others, it is a team effort with help from Jeff and my brother-in-law, Roger, who has the same in their home." Lori's is a collection of figures and buildings that resemble a Dickens or New England Christmas scene on a holiday card. There are houses, shops and even a North Pole setting for Santa ... all frosted with snow, like the conditions in Connecticut this year.

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Lori Anna Bywater has long ago established a new life for herself and Jeff. The Yuletide village is her holiday greetings to family, friends, day care children and parents, that completes her life style ... the business of caring.



Lori Anna Bywater and her son, Jeff, stand in front of part of their Christmas display.

Louise Marinone —

Louise Josephine Marinone has had a new role the past few years, that as grandmother to her daughter Dawn's four children up in Maine.

For many years, this native born enthusiastic lady, with a familiar local name, raised Dawn, and two sons, Derek and Dana Drezek as a single mother.

Looking back, Louise said, "The most important thing (parents) can do is to let their children know they love them."

Today, Louise has that additional caring love for the grandchildren ... a new role she relishes, saying, "I love it. The best thing is that I can visit them, especially in the summer."

Louise is the daughter of Brusie and Mabel Guy Marinone. Brusie is a native of town, while Mabel came from Millinocket, Maine, near the Canadian border. The senior Marinones spend the winters in Florida, and the remainder of the year here in Windsor Locks. Louise has a brother, Joseph F. Marinone, who resides in town.

Louise, known as "Grammie Weis" to her grandchildren, grew up on Marion, off South Center, went to St. Mary's and graduated from the high school in 1962. She remembers one activity she was involved with — the Health/Nurses Club at the Raider School.

Her years after graduation were full, raising her three children, working in Hartford for Michael Brown Company that supplied goods and merchandise to stores; over seven years at Hartford's Electrical Supplies as a secretary, and admits she was never really happy sitting at a desk all day.

The next twenty years, she

found her special talent at home, taking care of children — not a day care — just watching over other parents' children, and being at home with her own children as they were growing up.

However, five years ago, her daily routine changed. She went to work for the Roncari family, in a "position with different responsibilities," which she enjoys with this well-known local family.

Her three children are Derek, Dana and Dawn. Derek was featured in a C and K column in February of 1987 as the Holiday Inn's 1986 Employee of the Year. He was at the local hotel for eight years, with the title of Restaurant Manager, when he decided to switch jobs. The 1983 WLHS grad is now employed at The Rockbestos Company in East Granby. According to his mother, "Derek is quite happy in his new career."

Dana, a 1988 WLHS grad, was salutatorian of his class. He went on to the University of Hartford and graduated with a degree in Journalism. He has put his education to work the past five years, currently the Assistant Editor of the Catholic Transcript. His proud mother showed the latest edition of the newspaper, featuring two stories by Dana.

Dawn is married to Richard Valente, a subject of C and K in November of 1984, when he was the owner of the local Daly's Florist, "Where flowers were his oysters." Today, he and Dawn are parents of four children and reside in Maine. The Valentés now have a Christmas Shop in Wells, Maine, on Route One, in the area of Ogunquit and Kennebunkport. They have lived in Maine the past three years. They have three children: Sarah, 4; Megan, 3;

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Michael,
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Kelsey,
only
three
months.

Dawn was a 1986 WLHS grad and attended Post Junior College.

Back to their mother ... what does Louise like doing

best, in her spare time? "Just sitting, relaxing and reading a few short stories." When the kids were small, she used to take them on trips to Florida for vacations. Now she travels "mostly to Maine, to see the grandchildren, and my favorite spot is Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire," she said.

She has never been a television fan, but enjoys music, especially Polish and spiritual. Does she ever rent movies? "Oh no, only movies of the grandkids."

She has fond memories of growing up in her hometown of Windsor Locks. "I remember when I was young ... going down street to the theater on Friday nights, having an ice cream at the Donut Kettle. In those days, you knew everybody and always a friendly town. Not the same today."



as she is active in the altar societies of both St. Mary's and St. Roberts. At St. Roberts, Louise has taught CCD for the past fifteen years. "I still like the old traditions of

the church," she admits. "Today, some people only go to suit themselves. She said she hopes the church of the next century will return to its old ways.

She said she most admires her neighbor, Mary Boltz, "a woman who is always going. Can't do enough for others, a marvelous and fantastic person, very involved with people."

Louise's philosophy is "do all you can for others,

because you want to." Her favorite saying (reminded by her children): "Think positive."

EPILOG — Louise Josephine Marinone has always been a positive person. She truly enjoys being a parent and grandmother. She has always been a person who would be quick to say "Keep the Faith."



Louise Marinone is surrounded by her grandchildren Megan, Michael, Sarah and Kelsey.

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Janet Marie Orio's Life

Janet Marie Orio wanted to be a veterinarian all of her life.

Her compassionate love for animals, especially for dogs, was very evident, as we discussed her new position in town: municipal animal control officer (dog warden).

She is one busy lady, as the new dog warden, taking over the duties of animal control officer, after the passing of William Walters.

Janet also wears another uniform, that of postal worker, at the Bradley Airport Postal facilities, on her night schedule. She began part-time in 1989, going full time in 1993.

In July 1995, she became the control officer, a role she probably was thinking of, even as a young girl.

Janet tells an interesting and enlightening story. As a kindergarten student at the then Southwest School, when her teacher, Lillian Michaud, now retired, a C&K subject in September of 1975, wanted to know why she picked up stray animals, dead or alive, on her way to school or home, Janet told her, "I just love animals." And this concept and strong feelings has continued throughout her life.

Not only is Janet an avowed animal lover, but an admitted "people watcher." For 21 years, prior to being named dog warden and as postal employee, she was

associated with the National Car Rental Agency at Bradley,

said. "I know everyone and enjoy meeting people." Both positions offer her that opportunity.

She graduated from the local high school in 1972. She was a member of the art club. As mentioned, being a vet was not in her career plans, so she joined National Car Rental and was with them more than 20 years. Some trivia—when she was renting cars, she met some folks with names like Barbra Streisand, Bette Midler, Elizabeth Taylor, Sugar Ray Leonard, and even Donny Most of "Happy Days."

While at the car rental agency, Janet began working part-time at the post office. In 1993, she retired from National as distribution manager and, after some training in Hartford, started full-time at the nearby postal building.

She heard about the opening for dog warden, applied, and was interviewed by Police Chief William Gifford. (Dog Warden is under the direction of the police department.) She was accepted for her new role in life. Janet said, "I did not meet Mr. Walters, but considered an honor to try to fill his role as dog warden."

Janet is a member of two dog organizations: the German Shepherd Dog Club of American and the club in Western Massachusetts. Janet

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where she met not only business people, but several well-known celebrities.

But first, some personal information on Janet. She is the daughter of Christine (Vignone) Orio, a Hartford native, who lives with Janet in town. Mrs. Orio is retired from the Conn Water Company after 25 years of service.

Janet's father, the late James Orio, a World War veteran with Army service, was from Syracuse, NY, employed by the John Hancock Insurance Company until his death in 1966.

Janet has a brother, James Orio of Windsor Locks, a 1968 Windsor Locks High graduate, and now a special deputy sheriff in Hartford, in addition to his locksmith business in town.

Janet was born in Hartford. When she was one year old, her family moved to Windsor Locks, so she feels she is a native. "I love this town," she

Has Gone to the Dogs ... Literally

has attended dog shows over the years, staged by the two clubs.

Janet is a person who loves to travel. One trip that stands out is a cruise to the western Caribbean last year. At home, she enjoys movies and dining out. Her mother is a Yankee fan and Janet a faithful Red Sox fan, which makes for some fun during the baseball season. Music can be classified as one of her main hobbies — this talented lady plays the drums and taught classical guitar for three years.

Back to the dogs ... at home is her "baby," a 7-year-old German Shepherd named "KC." Janet loves the dog who is her constant companion.

Commenting on her role of dog warden, she said, "I have the responsibility for making sure dogs are licensed, take care of dogs on the run, injury to dogs (and other animals), responding to dog bites, and any other animal complaints of citizens, which covers any type of critter." Janet added she had some on the job training over the years with two area veterinarians.

Because of the heavy load that is necessary to fulfill the position of dog warden, Janet has selected an assistant, Gary Wilson of Windsor Locks, for additional cover when she is working nights at the post office. Her future plans include "to make the dog warden a full time position in town."

Speaking about her job at the post office, Janet said, "The



Janet Orio with her best friend, K.C.

mail comes in on aircraft, delivered to the post office (at Bradley). We sort the mail by towns in Connecticut (and Springfield, Mass.), then the mail goes by truck to the proper distribution points."

When asked if there is anyone she admires, she said, "Yes, Barbara Bush, for her integrity and strength."

Janet's personal philosophy is "do not be negative." She said she tries "to be a person of strength, perfection and conviction." Her favorite sayings are "Do not regret the chances you

didn't take" and "animals do not hurt, people do."

Epilog

Janet Marie Orio, known as "Cookie," when in high school, for obvious reasons, learned to adjust when her dreams did not work out. She now wears the uniform of dog warden, always realizing the true value of dogs and other animals. She knows all the cliches — "dog-eat-dog world," "dog days," "in the dog house," "a person's best friend." She can't help loving all dogs and animals, in her own case, her best friend, KC.

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This Music Man Has

"The best way to enjoy life is to use your talents to bring happiness to those who are in need of comfort and cheer."

Norm's philosophy of life
When Norman Bernard Renouf was in a North Korean prisoner of war camp during the Korean war, there were two things he did to pass the time waiting for repatriation: play chess and provide music to his fellow servicemen.

The Biddeford, Maine native spent 28 months of his young life as a POW after nine months on the line as an Army infantryman.

Today, chess and his music are the main hobbies for this friendly, proud and active father of two sons and four grandchildren.

He answers to Norm or Bernie. If he meets an old working buddy from Stanadyne, it's Bernie. It's Norm to his family and friends.

We'll stick to Norm... the son of the late Albert and Mabel Renouf. Norm's dad, who was from Maine, passed away when Norm was only 7. His mother, also from Maine, died five years ago.

Norm was one of seven children, surviving two sisters, Marie of Farmington, Lucille who resides on the Connecticut shoreline, a brother, Philip, of East Hartford, and three who have passed away, a sister, Nylla, and two brothers, Gerard and Jean.

Norm grew up in Biddeford, playing some baseball and basketball during his high school years. Unsure of a career path, he decided to quit school and go to work. Years later, he received his high school diploma from the Hartford Adult Night School.

His working career covered different jobs, working at Hamilton Standard, Underwood, Electric Boat, a bakery, factory, laundry, and filled vending machines. He settled for Stanadyne, finding his niche as a mechanic and retired in 1991 after 29 years.

Back to Korea... in April

of 1949, Norm went into the Army and after a time at Fort Dix and Fort Devens, he was off to the Far East and the war zone. After nine months of fighting on the line, where he earned a Bronze Service Star, he was captured and sent to a POW camp.

"The treatment was not too bad, and the food certainly not great," he said of Korea. Time

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he said, noting that he was forced to take courses on Communism.

However, Norm, always the busy one, "made a set of chessmen," teaching others to play, in addition to some sports that were allowed, even weight-lifting. This was in addition to providing entertainment for the other POWs, with music being Norm's forte. They did receive mail, but not too often.

Then the day came when

His Own Story To Tell

the men were put on trucks and brought back to the American lines and freedom. He, like the others were, "overjoyed."

On Norm's return from Korea in February 1954, he went to Hartford, as his family had moved. He was a civilian, and ready for the schooling he missed and to find a job.

He found the jobs and also met and married a Windsor Locks native, Rita Cousineau. She is the daughter of the late Fred and Katherine (Flanagan) Cousineau. Fred was a native of town, Katherine was from Suffield. Rita had two sisters who passed away: Jackie Stratton and Barbara Methot.

Rita graduated from WLHS, Class of 1952, went to work for the state Motor Vehicles Department, left there, and for the past 27 years has been connected with the North Street School, preparing meals for students.

Rita and Norm were married on June 11, 1955, lived with her parents a short time, moved to Elm Street for 13 years and then to their present home in 1968.

They have two sons Stephen and Dave, both grads

of the Raider School. Dave was featured in C&K, May of last year, and is an accountant with a local CPA firm. Stephen is employed by a local machine shop. He has a son, Matthew, and Dave has three children: Michelle, Rene and Paul.

More on Norm and his chess fascination, **Norman Renouf**

with these words, "I have been playing chess since I was 6 years old, it was the family game." On his return from Korea, and up to the present time (as a member of the U.S. Chess Club) he has entered numerous tournaments. In the '70s, he was co-champion of the Springfield Chess Club, in 1977, took second place in Bloomfield, and in 1980 was champ in Windsor Locks.

When it was time for vacations, Rita and Norm "for years and years" went up to Maine, Old Orchard Beach but also made trips to Hawaii, the Virgin Islands and the island of Barbados. No, he had no desire for a return to Korea, he said. Locally, Norm is a member of the V.F.W., and Disabled American Veterans.

As for spectator sports, Norm is a N.Y. Giants football fan, and just maybe will root for the Red Sox. His big passion are big bands of the '40s when it comes to music. Television is limited to movies. Music for Norm, when not performing, is listening to the sounds of Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra.

He himself is very versatile, playing the piano, organ, guitar, banjo, drums,



and even the accordion. Norm said he was self-taught, coming from a musical family. On the local level he has performed with the following: Locks People, Matinee Idols, and Afternoon Delights, mostly in local nursing homes. Norm was also part of the Senior Talent Show of last September.

Occasionally, Norm plays piano across the river at the Paris Brasserie, in Warehouse Point. In addition, the past two years, has played with an 18-piece band in South Windsor.

His personal philosophy: "The best way to enjoy life is to use your talents to bring happiness to those who are in need of comfort and cheer." He does have a favorite saying: "In all things worth doing, should be done with the best of your ability."

When it came to admiration, Norm said two pianists and composers come to mind ... George Shearing and Eroll Garner, who is best known for his hit, "Misty."

EPILOG

Norman Bernard Renouf ... from the cold of Korea and war, to the area he found his niche in life, he has always performed musically to the best of his ability.

Evelyn Anderson Makes Caring

'After my husband died, I did not know if I would make it.'

Evelyn's prior outlook, now an independent lady.

Evelyn May (Rechenberg) Anderson has experienced a great deal in her life. She did not know if she could go on after her husband Arthur's death. However, this friendly and outgoing lady has entertained in the role of clown, given the kindest name of "The Flying Nun," because of her constant dedication visiting convalescent homes, making others comfortable, and to let them know she cares.

The New Britain native, mother of two sons, and grandmother of four, has lived in town the past five years. She has developed and realized her potentialities with participation in this area, be it Meals on Wheels or working as a volunteer at a soup kitchen.

Next month, she will again take on the mask of a clown, actually an exercise in good health routine, at the Ms. Senior Connecticut Pageant at the Somers High School April 12.

Her very first appearance on stage as a clown was at the Windsor Locks Senior Talent Show last September. Was she nervous? "Yes, but I made it," she said with a satisfying smile.

Evelyn, also known as "Evie," by family and friends, grew up in New Britain, the daughter of the late Otto and Matilda (Gerber) Rechenberg.

Mr. Rechenberg was from Germany, Evelyn's mother was a native of New Britain.

There were six children in the family: Evelyn; Otto, now of Southington; Raymond of Naples, Fla.; Frieda of New Britain; and two girls who have passed away, Helen and Arline.

Evelyn graduated from New Britain High School, Class of 1938, where she said, "I was a shy student, but had some friends."

And she has not forgotten those days. She has attended the school's 25th and 50th reunions, and still keeping in touch and maintains a scrapbook on her classmates.

Did she know what she wanted to do?

"Not really, oh well, in the back of my mind I guess I wanted to be a hairdresser," she said.

Times were hard in the late '30s, and she gave up the idea of hairdressing, actually made a success of working in the office of several companies, and the town hall and court in Windsor.

Evelyn worked over the years at Landers, Frary and Clark (where she met Arthur), followed by positions at Union Mfg., Rackcliff Oil and New

Britain Machine.

She also was employed by Custman Industries in Hartford, then for the town clerk in Windsor, and Judge of Probate. In all her office jobs, Evelyn said, "I always had good bosses." She finally retired in 1990, saying, "I finally stopped, the going and going, had to take a rest."

Actually, she has never stopped. Now its a different type of work ... caring and

entertaining others. As mentioned, she met Arthur Anderson,

also from New Britain, at LF&C. He also worked at Skinner and Custman. Mr. Anderson was in World War II, as an army engineer, serving in Germany and the Philippines. He died on Aug. 3, 1979.

Evelyn and Arthur were married on Nov. 11, 1944, while the sergeant was on furlough. He was sent overseas, and was discharged in early 1946. They lived in New Britain and Windsor, and when Evelyn retired in 1990, she moved to her current home in Windsor Locks.

They had two sons, Darryl and Bruce, both graduates of the New Britain High. Darryl is now starting his own restaurant in New Hampshire,

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More than Clowning Around

with his mother saying, "He loves cooking, as did his dad and grandmother." Darryl gained a lot of experience working in Cape Cod as cook and chef. Before those years, he spent four years in Germany, as member of the U.S. Army. He worked at Boeing Aircraft on the west coast, and then returned to the east to pursue his new career. He has two sons, Erin and Marc.

Bruce is employed at the Prudential Insurance in Hartford, resides in Ellington with his wife, Deborah (Czarnota) Anderson, and their daughters Ingrid and Allegra.

When asked about hobbies, Evelyn listed several: sewing, drawing, painting and calligraphy. Before Arthur's passing, they both enjoyed dancing, and on Saturday nights, it meant dancing at the Sweden Club in Kensington.

Vacation time, a few years back, meant trips to Hawaii and Europe. She enjoys ice skating on TV, plus "Wheel of Fortune." In addition, lately, she has become a fan of University of Connecticut basketball.

Evelyn said, "Doing things for others, always with a happy smile, that's why, I guess I became a clown."

When it comes to helping others, she volunteers at the soup kitchen at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Warehouse Point. She has called bingo at the Hill Haven



Evelyn Anderson has many roles, including 'The Flying Nun.'

in nearby Windsor. She is a member of the Windsor Grange No. 2, a community service organization.

Last year's senior talent show, she took the part of a clown, called "Tilly the Clown," a tribute to her mother, who was "always a lady to have fun."

When asked whom she most admired, her own mother came quickly to mind. "She was great, raised a large family on her own, always one to make people laugh."

Evelyn had many fond memories of her late husband, he used to kid, and called her "The Flying Nun" for her many visits to the local convalescent homes.

Epilog

Evelyn May Anderson has carried on in a special way, by helping and assisting others to enjoy life. The following words resemble her special devotion for others, "Charity of heart is measured by the gifts we give away."

Mary and Bob Boltz Are A

"Keep your face to the sunshine..."

Mary Boltz's favorite saying

The story of Mary and Bob Boltz is one of dedication, family, hobbies, service to country and to others.

Mary said, "Bob is my mellow fellow." Bob, summing up her life as "caregiving."

It's been a "very happy" marriage for Bob, native of Allentown, Penn., while Mary was from West Hartford, with her story of growing up in a foster home (as a young girl) where she found a happy home life.

Today, she is a temporary employee at Dexter, hoping "for a career change," and Bob, a veteran machinist at Windsor Manufacturing. Mary has two grown children, Bob with three children and four grandchildren, which makes for a full family of togetherness.

Mary Boltz graduated from the Ellsworth Memorial High School, Class of 1960. She grew up on a farm with her foster parents and foster brother and sisters ... and looking back, "I always felt a part of the family, with Earl, and his sisters ... Anita, Linda, Gail, Nancy and June.

After high school, with helping others always in back of her mind, the first step was attending the nursing school at Windham Community

Hospital. She graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked at the hospital for a year, then worked in various

the Mediterranean Sea. Bob had joined the naval reserves while in high school. After his active duty, and a few jobs in

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convalescent homes in the Norwich area, in addition to raising two children.

Today, at this writing, Mary is currently employed at Dexter in the accounting department, where she says "I thoroughly enjoy the work." A person who looks ahead, "I have career changes in mind, in the field of computers." Mary recently completed a course at the Asnuntuck Community College. However, she still maintains her love for nursing, and caring for others, as a part-time worker at the Delamare Woods in Windsor (a retirement community).

Now for that "mellow fellow," Robert Leroy Boltz, who grew up in Allentown, the son of the late Bob Sr. and Bertha Boltz. Bob has a sister, Judith, who resides in Great Falls, S.C.

Bob graduated from the Allentown High School, Class of 1958, and soon joined the U.S. Navy, with boot camp in Bainbridge, Md. His first sea duty was on the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt, with two trips to

the Allentown area, he decided to go back to sea, this time on a destroyer, until 1966.

Bob's last port of call was Newport, R.I. The next year he came to Connecticut, joined Pratt & Whitney for a year, a few jobs in the area, and in 1972, went to work for the Windsor Manufacturing firm, had broken time in 1975, but returned, and is still employed in Windsor as a machinist.

Bob and Mary met when they both joined the "Parents Without Partners." After a two-year engagement they were married on July 19, 1986, and have lived in town since their wedding day. Mary said, "We live in the Marinone homestead, and feel like a part of this fine family."

The children of Bob and Mary... Bob is father to Philip, Tonya and Michele. Philip is making the Army his career, now stationed in Alaska, along with his wife Jana, and their daughter Marissa. Philip has a daughter, Chrystal, from a previous marriage.

Tonya and Michele are twins. Tonya lives in Enfield with her daughter Britney.

Most Happy, Active Couple

Michele resides in Somers with her husband, Michael Lajoie, and their son Steve.

Mary has two children, Kevin and Kim. Kevin lives in Norwich and is employed as an insurance adjuster in Hamden. He had graduated from Norwich Free Academy and attended UConn and Eastern. Kim works at Aetna, married to Michael Lewis. They reside in Windsor where he worked in the police department.

When it comes to hobbies of Bob and Mary, Bob has been an amateur radio operator, since 1979, using Morse Code, and has earned an "Extra Class License," with "communications all over the world."

Mary "loves to cook, collects cookbooks and into house plants/garden, and her two cats." They both have favorite TV programs... Mary follows "Unsolved Mysteries," while Bob enjoys the "Drew Carey Show," providing laughter.

They have made vacations special, with trips to Florida, South Carolina, New Jersey and the West Coast. A few years back, their motorcycle took them to Nashville and the Amish country in Pennsylvania.

Bob had a setback in May 1995 ... with open heart surgery (five by-pass), but



Mary and Bob Boltz

today "is going just fine" and was back to work a short time later.

When asked who they most admired, Bob said his mother, with Mary recalling her years in the foster home, which she said was "a learning experience, and admired her foster father." She said, "He believed in me, took me into his home when I was only a baby, loved me as his own, (taught) me not to give up on people and always be happy."

Mary tries to live by the "Golden Rule, and to bring

sunshine to the lives of others." Naturally, her favorite saying is "Keep your face to the sunshine..."

Mary said Bob has a favorite line when asked, "What time is it?" he always says, "It's the time of your life."

Epilogue

Mary Boltz, the "care-giving person." The following words is what this busy lady is all about, "Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."

'Mr. A' — Soon Will Be

"Life is too short ... shape up" — Mr. Anastasia's advice to students.

George Peter Anastasia, known affectionately by the students at the Windsor Locks High School, as "Mr. A."

The current Assistant Principal at the Raider School is retiring this year, after 35 years as teacher and administrator, saying, as to his future plans ... "Have not made any (plans) ... and (looking forward?) ... not really, do not look that far ahead."

One thing is sure, George, a Hartford native, will probably be playing a lot more golf, be it in Connecticut or Massachusetts, or even a return trip to Scotland's historic St. Andrews. George and his wife, Ruth, have traveled extensively, after raising their three daughters.

George's family moved to Windsor, when he was very young. He is the son of the late George C. and Daisy (Longo) Anastasia. Both were natives of the capital city. George C. operated a small construction company, that young George worked during his summer months. Mrs. Anastasia worked at Stanadyne for over 30 years. George has a sister, Elaine Cortesi, who lives in Moodus,

Conn.

As a three-sport athlete, young George left his mark at Windsor High School, Class of 1955, where he played soccer,

college, which he did, to UConn for a year, but said, "I was just a number, dropped out and even went to work in some local factories."

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baseball and basketball. He was also involved in student government, and class officer.

George recalled, as catcher on the baseball team, playing with (and against) two future major league baseball players. George called the pitches from Mo Drabowsky in American Legion ball, and playing against Joey Jay, who later went on to play for Cincinnati Reds and other teams. Mo pitched in the World Series for the Baltimore Orioles, and other teams. The late Jim Hanley was George's baseball coach at Windsor High, later years found Mr. Hanley teaching at the Windsor Locks High School.

Looking back after high school, George admitted, "No, I really had n idea what I wanted to do ... " But he figured, go to



Decided, that was not for him ... went back, this time to the University of Hartford, in 1961, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, with a major in Math. "You know, I always liked mathematics."

George, down through the years, earned additional degrees ... a Masters from the U of H, a Masters from Stanford University in California, in addition, attended classes at Yale, and the University of Wyoming, under government grants, and the family was with him when he went west, during the summer months.

He had joined WLHS in 1961, his first position in the teaching profession was as math teacher, under his first principal, "Spud" Shapiro, and Superintendent Robert Jackson. George has served under the

following principals, after Mr. Shapiro ... Henry Traverro, Jack O'Brien, Bob Santamaria, Raymond Grasso and the current principal ... Steve Cullinan.

During his early years as teacher, George served in the Connecticut National Guard, and attended Officer Candidate School. He is currently a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

When he was a student at Windsor High, met his future bride ... Ruth Rabb, the daughter of the late Walter Rabb, who died in 1990, he worked at Kaman, Stanadyne and retired from Dynamics Metals. Ruth's mother, Emily (Keinath) Rabb, resides in Windsor. Ruth has two sisters, Susan of Worcester, Vermont, and Lynda of Sandisfield, Mass., and a brother, Walter of Suffield, another brother, Erwin had passed away.

Ruth, also a 1955 WHS grad, was, as George puts it ... "Ruth was a spectator at all my sporting events," when she was not participating in her band duties.

After high school Ruth attended nursing school at the Meriden Hospital, earned her

Registered Nurse Cap. She has had a diversified career in nursing: worked at the town

hall for the Visiting Nurses Association, school nurse at
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Mr. A To Retire

George Anastasia, known as "Mr. A" by WLHS students, will retire this year after 35 years as teacher and administrator.

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the then Southwest School under Principal Ed Lanati, and currently Nurse Administrator at the VNA in Suffield.

Ruth and George were married on August 8, 1959, while he was on active duty with the guard, on leave from Fort Dix, N.J. They lived in East Granby, before moving to their current home in Suffield, in 1973. When asked about the town of Windsor Locks ... George had this to say ... "I enjoy the town and the people, which helps when you are educating their children."

They have three daughters ... Jean, Lori and Marsha. When you think of it ... one might say, George was surrounded by a bevy of beauties.

Jean lives in Philadelphia, Pa., where she is a Music Teacher/Administrator (it runs in the family) at a "Settlement School." Jean had attended the Hartt School of Music (UofH), after graduating from Suffield High School. Received her B of Arts/Music and Masters at Hartt, majored in classical guitar and flute.

Lori and Marsha also graduated from Suffield High School. Lori lives in East Hartland with her husband, Lee Tanguay, who works for

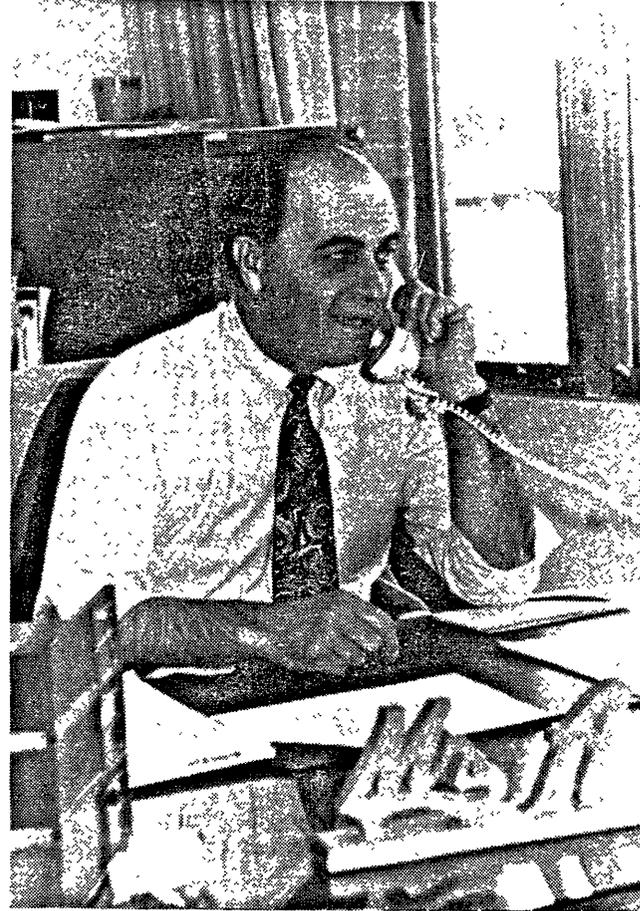
USAir, and their son, Kyle. Lori graduated from Trinity College, with a degree in Math, and is now an employee of Travelers.

Marsha went to Tufts University in Mass., received a B of S in Math/Spanish and a law degree from UConn. He is employed by Day Berry and Howard in Hartford, and currently on maternity leave with their daughter, Lauren. On her return to work, Marsha will work in the Stamford office. She, Lauren and her husband, Roger Fenningdorf live in Redding, Conn., with Roger, financial consultant at Rogers/Casey in Darien, Conn.

Back to the proud grandfather, a role ... "I love it, the joy of my life ... " he said. Another joy is the game of golf. George is a member of the Windsor Locks Men's Golf League at Edgewood in Southwick, Mass. Around the house he is Mr. Handy, and that includes the family garden. He and Ruth have been to Bermuda, Florida, Hawaii, Europe and golf trips to Ireland and Scotland; at the famous St. Andrews. He is a fan of the GHO at Cromwell. Also a big Red Sox fan since the days of Ted Williams and on TV, its "NYPD Blue." Summer vacations are at the

Connecticut shore.

His other joy, at school veteran of over thirty-five years, in his own words ... "I like what I'm doing." A review of George's years at the Raider School ... "I have always tried to be fair, sensitive to the needs of others, an open door policy, equal time to all students, a good listener, good rapport with students and parents ... but always enforcing the school rules, the majority of the students are great kids, and give respect and expect it in return."



George Anastasia

When asked about admiration, George said, "My mother, a kind and compassionate person, hard working, I learned a lot from my mother." His personal philosophy ... "Work hard, (observe) the Golden Rule." His favorite saying to the students ... "Life is too short ... shape up."

Epilog

George Peter Anastasia, probably could be called a teacher's teacher, as well as administrator.

A nice man, who would agree ... "Education is not to reform or amuse them or to make them expert technicians. It is to unsettle their minds, widen their horizons, inflame their intellects, teach them to think straight, if possible."

Edith Rockwell –

Edith (Woods) Rockwell ... local singer, area talent shows, and even in old minstrels, active in two organizations, old-time baseball fan in the days of the Hartford Chiefs and retired employee of Veeder-Root.

The Hartford (Frog Hollow) native, has been a resident of Windsor Locks since 1971, and is still going strong, be it singing, volunteering or enjoying the Connecticut shore in the summer.

The two organizations to which she has devoted her time and energy are the Order of Amaranth and Improved Order of Red Men, Degree of Pocahontas. She joined "Amaranth (Masonic)" four years ago, and is now its historian. The "Pocahontas" group has been her lifetime endeavor. She joined in 1937, was a past officer of local, state and Past National Pocahontas.

Edith is the daughter of the late Lester and Edith (Birmeli) Rockwell, who came from New Jersey. Her late sister, Florence Gudice, was a resident of Windsor Locks.

Edith grew up in Hartford, attended the Lawrence Street School, and graduated from Hartford High in 1939. Looking back, she said, "High School is high school." They were the Depression years and jobs were not that plentiful.

However, in 1940, she found that job that turned out to be her career in the working world. She joined Veeder-Root (counting/computer devices), retiring in May of 1984. She had several different positions, and continued her active life, which was her way of doing things before and after the retirement years.

In 1947, she met her future husband in New Haven, by way of introduction through friends. Rowland Churchill Rockwell grew

up in the Fair Haven section of New Haven. He had attended Hillhouse High School, entered the U.S. Army in December of 1940. He was discharged in December of 1945, after 29 months overseas, mostly in Europe and Africa. Mr. Rockwell passed away in 1980.

From 1947 to 1971, until he became ill, Mr. Rockwell worked for the Connecticut Humane Society in New Haven

and Newington. He was an "Investigating Agent" (Cruelty to Animals).

Edith and Rowland were married on Sept. 10, 1949, lived in Newington until their move to Windsor Locks in 1971. Rowland has a sister, Mae Ennever, and three brothers, George, Jack and Walter, who all live in East Haven.

Edith has been diversified in talents, hobbies and pastimes. She is into needlepoint/crafts and volunteers for the Heart Fund in her neighborhood. She recalls the days as member of the "Hartford Lady Baseball Fans," who were dedicated to the baseball team — the Hartford Chiefs who played at Bulkeley Stadium many years ago. She was also a fan of the Boston Braves and Wally Berger, also many years ago. Just to keep her active in town affairs, Edith has worked on Election Day at the polling booths.

When it was time for vacations, Edith and Rowland made trips to Florida, New York, Canada and the New England states, but closer to home it was Old Saybrook for the summertime.

Edith is a member of the choir at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Warehouse Point, the East Windsor Singing Seniors and the Windsor Locks Choraleers.

At the wedding of her godchild, Barbara McNamara Whittlesey, Edith sang "True

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Two Organizations

Love.” And speaking of songs, she sang “Almost Like Being in Love” at the senior talent show last September and will repeat the song in April when the seniors stage another show. Oh yes, Edith began her singing career way back when she was a Girl Scout.

When asked about admiration, she chose two popular singers—Kate Smith and Robert Goulet. She once saw Ms. Smith in person, and met Mr. Goulet at the Oakdale Theater as he was leaving the stage.

What about a favorite saying? “Yes, there is one, and I usually use it in publications of my organizations: ‘May the Great Spirit Watch Over You, Till We Meet Again.’”

EPILOG

Edith Woods Rockwell ... singer of songs, with fond memories of yesteryear and of her husband Rowland.

She’s an active lady in organizations, and just about everything to keep her busy.

She would probably find the following to be true: “Music is only love looking for words.”



Edith (Woods) Rockwell

It's Little League Time Again For

It's that time of the year again ... Little League in Windsor Locks.

Also time for the Motuzick family to get the bats, balls and uniforms for more softball with Elizabeth, baseball for Jeff, and their dad, Craig as coach and mom, Catherine their big fan.

Craig Stewart Motuzick has been coach and manager the past four years in the town program, and looking forward to another successful year, which begins on May 5, with the annual parade and first games of the 1996 season.

Some family statistics ... Craig, Catherine, Elizabeth and Jeffery. Craig was a Little Leaguer growing up in South Windsor, the son of Louis and Donna (Stewartson) Motuzick, who were both natives of West Hartford, now residents of South Windsor. Both are retired from the phone company. Craig has a sister, Cheryl Sullivan of East Hartford, and three brothers, Gary of South Windsor, Glen of Ellington, and Kevin of East Windsor.

Craig graduated from the South Windsor High School, Class of 1983, with fond memories of his own Little League career as a shortstop. Work was one of his other pasttimes, working on a farm from the age of 12 to 16, and employee for a lawn company.

Several months after graduation, Craig went to work for Cigna Insurance and this June will mark his 13th year in the world of insurance.

For the record, Craig and his future wife were born in the same Hartford Hospital, but five days apart, he on Valentine's Day, Catherine MacDougald soon after, they would meet much later in life, marry and raise two Little Leaguers.

Catherine, better known as Candy, is the daughter of Edward MacDougald, and Elaine, with the familiar maiden name of Ouellette, daughter of the former Windsor Locks Fire Chief, Ray Ouellette, and Anna Fitzpatrick Ouellette, featured in a C&K story in March of 1977. Edward, a Providence, R.I. native, is Deputy Fire Chief in Hartford, and Elaine, a local girl, works at the Connecticut Fire Academy.

Candy graduated from the WLHS, Class of 1983, where she was a member of the Color Guard. She has a brother Tony, and five sisters ... Lisa, Gail, Karen, Terry and Chris.

This mother of two active children, had had a diversified working career ... at Geissler's, Coach Light, at a convalescent home, Cigna, where she met Craig, and for the past six years, a "Home Day Care," at her home. She

Springtime Means Baseball

It's that time of year again ... Little League in Windsor Locks. That's a big time for the Motuzick family.

The Motuzick Family

and Craig were married on Sept. 10, 1988, and have lived in Windsor Locks since the wedding day.

The children of Candy and Craig ... Elizabeth, known to her classmates at South Street School as Beth, is in the fifth

blade racing. Jeff started in T-Ball, and now will be on the farm team this coming season.

Additional hobbies for the Motuzick family includes riding their bikes. Craig enjoys woodworking and camping with the family, and with his

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grade, enjoys math,

"Home Improvement," on TV, and after softball, her hobbies are reading and drawing, noted by

her father, as "excellent," when it comes to drawing. She, like her father, is a shortstop, as well as pitcher, with four years' experience, now going into the majors. The 11-year old is a 49ers fan when it comes to pro football.

Jeff, seven and in the second grade at North, also has math as his favorite subject, also "Home Improvement," but when it comes to hobbies, and movies ... "Godzilla," wins the Oscar race with Jeff. He also collects, what he calls, "Godzilla stuff." He's a New England Patriot fan in the pro football race, enjoys skateboard and roller



... but when it comes right down to it, he and Candy are with the kids. They have made trips to Florida, the Cape, and the Rhode Island shore.

He is a Red Sox fan, and the Oakland Raiders in pro football. TV for the parents, its "Friends," and just to complete their outside sports, they both have played softball for the Cigna teams.

Craig has had four years in making the Windsor Locks Little League program a success. When he first started, there was one individual who helped him, Little League executive Mr. Russ Gabrielson.

Craig's comments on softball ... "The girls always listen to their coaches, are very cooperative." Another season for Craig and he is looking



The Motuzicks

forward to it, as well as his own children.

When asked, who he most admired, Craig said, "My father, who has been the biggest influence in my life, a guiding hand, and always stressing to make our own decisions," Craig said. "I personally try to live each day to the fullest, and by (coaching) is helping the kids." One word to describe Craig, for Candy, it was easy ... "Caring."

Epilog

Craig and Candy Motuzick ... two concerned parents, with both a "caring" attitude, when it comes to their children's hobbies and sports activity.

The words of another coach, Notre Dame's Lou Holtz ... that fit Craig and Candy to a T ... "Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

The New Medical Director for the Schools

"Apply lessons of yesterday today ... so tomorrow will be better ..." Dr. Soroka's Philosophy of life.

- Meet Alan Soroka, M.D., the new Medical Director of the Windsor Locks Schools. A position he has held since last year.

Dr. Soroka has been practicing his chosen profession in town since 1977.

The Brooklyn-born doctor is a resident of Simsbury, father of three, a man, who even as a young boy growing up, wanted to be a doctor. Today, "My dream has come true," he proudly said, "and without a doubt, I love what I am doing."

Alan Soroka was born in a Brooklyn hospital. His family, Harry and Beth (Nissenbaum) Soroka were resident of Canarsie, a section of the famed New York City borough where the Dodgers played baseball. However, young Alan grew up a Yankee fan, as his family moved to the South Bronx, when he was only 2 years old.

Reminiscing of those years in the South Bronx, he said, "We lived in a neighborhood with different ethnic backgrounds, and in those days, everyone got along, each with their own group of friends.

Alan has a brother, Elliott

who lives in Amenia, NY, and a sister, Shelley Hoyat of Salt Lake City, Utah. Their father came from Poland, at the age of 3, their mother was a native of New York City. They now reside in New Rochelle, NY. Mr. Soroka served in World War II with the Army in the Pacific Theater, retired as a house painter.

Alan attended Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx, Class of 1963, where he excelled in cross country on the track team.

"Yes," he said, "I wanted to be a doctor, (as a young boy) went to the hospital after an accident, and decided (because of the experience and what he observed) to become a doctor."

After high school, Alan went to City College of the City of New York, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, the year of 1967. Another important decision that would change his life, medically and romantically. He decided to attend medical school in Belgium, was there seven years, six in school, and one year as an intern in several hospitals.

Francoise Deome was working as a receptionist in a girl's dormitory. Alan and the Belgium native met and after three years (actually knew each other as friends) ... decided to marry.

They came to the states to meet his family, were married on August 8, 1971, returned to Belgium to meet her family and on August 21, 1971, were married again, all with fond memories for each family.

Francoise is the daughter of the late Dr. Francois Deome,

and Evelyn (Delaborad) Deome, who is a resident of Brussels, Belgium. Francoise has twin sisters, Nicole and Colette, who live in Belgium.

In 1975, Dr. Soroka and

great experience and to appreciate everything I have, and everything my parents have given me."

Peter and Laura have not

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Francoise returned to the states (Hartford area) where he received his residency in specialized clinical training at Mt. Sinai Hospital for the next two years.



In 1977, Dr. Soroka joined the late Dr. Norman Gross in his Windsor Locks practice, and in 1983, Dr. Soroka opened his own practice in town.

While Dr. Soroka was in residency and opening his own office, he and Francoise became parents of three children ... Sandra, Peter and Laura.

Sandra, a 1993 Simsbury High School graduate, was active in her home town in Junior Achievement and various youth groups, but soon after high school joined the U.S. Navy Seebies, which has given her the opportunity to travel ... Guam, Spain, Italy and recently to the war zone of Bosnia, where her outfit installed electrical lines, readying the area for the United Nations peacekeeping troops.

In a recent story in the Hartford Courant, Sandra was quoted as saying, "It can be a lot of fun at times, I have met a lot of different people and it's a

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Loves What He's Doing

of Deputy Chief, a position once held by Dr. John Kennedy:

Dr. Soroka is involved in many organizations ... to name a few ... vice president of the Capital Area Individual Physicians Association, Board of Directors ... Constitution Health Care and Prime Health Care, state medical consultant for Medicare and physician advisor for Connecticut Peer Review Organization. In addition, Dr. Soroka is connected with Mt. Sinai and Saint Francis Hospital. In Simsbury, over the years, he has been active in youth groups.

When asked about Windsor Locks he had this to say ... "The people are great, the type of people I grew up with, very understanding, (and beside patient/doctor relationship) we share stories about our families."

Comments on being a doctor and its importance ... "Relationship with my patients are personal ... getting back to a lifetime of providing health care for my patients ... and my responsibility to my patients and being concerned about the big changes in medical expenses ... and a personal note ... without a doubt, I love what I am doing."

When he was asked who he may have admired over the years, one individual came to mind ... "My freshman gym teacher. At the time I was confused kid, he hit me on the head, so to speak, he started me on the right foot, took me aside, and showed me the right way." Dr. Soroka's personal philosophy ... "Apply lessons of yesterday today, so tomorrow will be better." Oh yes, when

his wife was asked for one word to describe Alan, she said, "Friendly."

Epilog

Dr. Alan Soroka, a former New York City boy, who went to college near home but found his two true loves ... Francoise and his vocation, medicine, in Belgium. I'm sure he will appreciate the following...

Anonymous writer, about an American tourist's visit to the 19th century Polish rabbi, Hofetz Chaim:

Astonished to see that the rabbi's home was only a simple room filled with books, plus a table and a bench, the tourist asked, "Rabbi, where is your furniture?"

"Where is yours" replied the rabbi.

"Mine?" asked the puzzled American. "But I'm a visitor here. I'm only passing through."

"So am I," said Hofetz Chaim.

experienced what their sister has; for them it's just beginning. Peter has just graduated from Simsbury High School, and this month will start training at Baron Institute as a Diesel

Machinist. Laura is a freshman at the Simsbury school, and according to her dad, "Wants to be an actress," and she has had experiences in summer theater, where she performed in "South Pacific."

Before detailing more on the doctor ... hobbies, when time permits ... at home reading mysteries, on the Farmington river it's fishing, and a few years back, camping with the family, from Maine to Virginia.

As mentioned, Alan was a Yankee fan, and today he roots for the Whalers, enjoys music of the 50s to 70s, the latest movies with Francoise ... and when it comes to food, would you believe ... Japanese is his favorite.

Locally, Dr. Soroka has been a member of the Rotary Club. In addition to his school medical direction, he was recently named Medical Director of the Windsor Locks Fire Department with the rank



Dr. Alan Soroka

'Live For Our Kids'

Russ and Pam Pacino are very involved in the activity of their two sons ... and this Little League season, (their first year) they will serve on the Board of Directors, with Russ having additional duty as coach.

When you note events in the life of Russell Patrick Pacino, you find some interesting things. He was born in Schenectady, N.Y., the son of the late Salvatore Pacino, who was from Batavia, N.Y., he passed away in 1993, after being retired from Combustion Engineering, Inc. in Windsor. Russell's mother, Mary Jane Farrell Pacino came from Olean, N.Y., now lives in Florida. Russ has a sister, Vinni of Southwick, Mass., and two brothers, Jim of Windsor and Chuck in Florida.

When Russ was only two, the family moved to Florida from New York state, and then to Windsor, Conn., where he grew up. Russ had his first taste of Little League in Windsor, and graduated from the Windsor High School, Class of 1977. He played baseball and football for the Windsor school.

For the record, Russ was told there were families that came from Italy, with the name of Pacino, some went west and others stayed on the east coast. He was also told, in all probability, he is related to the famous movie star Al Pacino.

When he left high school, where he met his future wife, Pam, he felt he wanted to enter the field of physical therapy. However, things do not always work out the way we want them. After a year at Manchester Community College, he then went to Springfield College, and in 1982, earned a degree, Bachelor of Science in "Rehabilitation Counseling."

His career paths have taken different turns. While at college, he worked part-time in retail

clothing, and after college returned to the clothing world of "Men's World" for five years. Then he entered a different field, as Sales Representative in meats for another five years. In January of 1995, he joined the famed

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Perdue Chicken company as Sales Representative in the Northeast. After chicken (Perdue), lasagna is his favorite food.

Now for the mother of their two sons ... Nicholas and Justin. Pamela Peralli Pacino, is the daughter of the late Samuel Peralli of Hartford, who served in the Teamsters, and Mary Balesano Peralli, also a native of the capital city, and now makes her home in Windsor. Pam has two sisters, Jane of Windsor and Sandy of Enfield.

Pam was active at the Windsor High School, Class of 1979, in gymnastics and the school's choral group. After high school, she worked in an office of a retail business, and attended classes at night at Asnuntuck Community College, received her certificate in Computer Programs. Today, Pam is a veteran office worker at Aetna, for the past thirteen years:

Pam and Russ were married

on October 7, 1983, lived in East Granby for two years, and then moved to their present home in Windsor Locks in 1986.

Now for their pride and joy, their sons. Nicholas, 6, is a student at the North Street School kindergarten, where gym is his favorite. When it comes to TV, his favorite is "Rug Rats." As for sports, his dad said he lives and dies for ice hockey, where he shows his skill as a right wing at the Enfield Twin Rinks. Nick is also into soccer, and when the T-Ball season starts, he will join his dad's team.

Waiting in the wings is two year old (as of May 16) Justin, and according to his mom, is already a "very active little boy."

Their first year in the town's Little League program: Nick will be in T-Ball, Russ will be coaching, and both will serve on the Board of Directors, he as publicity chairperson, Pam as auxiliary treasurer. Why did they decide to give their time and energy? ... "We wanted to be involved in the activity of our son Nick, and in addition, coach in the town soccer league," Russ said.

When asked, who they most admired, Russ said, "My parents. They raised four children and (only) in the best way possible." Pam enjoys music, with her saying, "I'd have to say, Barbra Streisand, that talented singer,

Is a Way of Life for the Pacinos

who always has it together.” especially, doing special things he’s very supportive, he’s into
Their philosophy of life ... for them.” Pam then added, his boys.”
“We live for our kids, and “...words to describe Russ ...



The Pacinos

Joan & Chris Mathiason -

"For someone who has no life I'm a very busy woman" In Joan's own words, her favorite saying.

When we found out that Joan Mathiason was a member of the high school safety committee, we did not realize, until after the interview, how active, she and her husband, Chris, were in their adopted town since 1978.

Joan was from the northwest end of Hartford, Chris from the shore town of Old Lyme, where they met one summer, and where they eventually held their their wedding on April 24, 1976.

Also known as Joanie, she moved with her family at the age of twelve to East Hartford, where she graduated from high school, class of 1972. She remembers well, as member of the set design crew for the school's annual musical, and two names known here in Windsor Locks — Dick Sterner, music teacher, and one of Joan's fellow students, John Gionfriddo, both men featured in later C&Ks.

Joan is the daughter of Joseph Toce, a East Hartford native, retired from the Hartford Post Office, now living in Florida. Joan's later mother, Marjorie Joel Toce was from Fitchburg, Mass. Joan has a brother in St. Louis, Mo., Joseph Toce, and two sisters, Sue of East Hartford and Judy, who lived in Valley, in the state of Washington.

After high school, Joan attended Eastern Connecticut State for two years, as math major. Then she entered the world of banking in 1974 with the Old Hartford Home Savings & Loan. In 1980 she joined the Bank of Hartford, and today she works for the Eagle Federal Savings Bank

Hill at the time) to seek his career in drafting. In 1977, Chris joined Combustion Engineering, Inc. (now ABB), and is currently a member of the Design Graphics Department.

Chris and Joan have two children — the young Chris and Jen. Chris is a second year student at WLHS, who played freshman football. He's a former little Leaguer, from minors to seniors. He now has turned to the role of umpire in the Little League program. When not on the baseball field, he plays the guitar.

His sister, Jen, a seventh grader at the Middle School, enjoys math, and when it comes to her main hobby and outside activity, she's into dancing, and has been ever since her days in kindergarten. For their television viewing, both Chris and Jen watch "Home Improvement."

When asked about hobbies, with Chris, it's the game of golf, be it at Airways or Millbrook and a special week in Florida for some more golf. On the local sports scene, Chris has coached midget football for the past six years, and Little League for eight, he has paid his dues and then some. He and Joan have been members of a mixed bowling league for many years. Oh yes, Joan at home, into crafts and those great "teddy bears."

When Chris spends a week of golf in Florida, Joan also goes south to visit her dad, but during the winter months. He admits to being a Yankee fan,

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in Bristol, rounding out over twenty years in banking.

The otherside of

the family ... Christian Winfield Mathiason, Jr. son of Christian Sr., now retired from the Teamsters, and Mary Monroe Mathiason, both of Old Lyme, and still reside on the Connecticut shore. Chris has four brothers, Howard, Robert, Calvin and James, and two sisters, Sue and Lisa.

Chris graduated from Old Lyme High School, Class of 1969, where he excelled in four sports — basketball, baseball, soccer and track. After high school, he attended Thames Valley Tech College in Norwich for over a year, studying the art of drafting.

His career in drafting was on hold for the next four years, as he worked in construction. But decided to attend Porter & Chester Institute (in Rocky

— Involved In Safety and In Sports



The Mathiason family

and when it comes to music, the 70s, and TV, its the old and great movies of John Wayne, and those home building shows on how to do it.

Joan and Chris lived in Rocky Hill, Middletown and Windsor before coming to Windsor Locks in 1978, and as one can see, became involved. A year ago, they joined the Lions Club, "to meet people and another great way to be involved in another area of town affairs."

Back to golf for an added note ... Chris and Joan have been volunteers at the yearly Greater Hartford Open at Cromwell, Chris for ABB on one of the holes, and Joan for Eagle, working at a refreshment stand. We listed

Chris in midget football, but must not forget to mention ... Joan is the current president of the football league.

As member of the Safety Committee, Joan said the following: "Our main function to raise funds for the graduation party of the senior class." This year's committee is headed by Ken Mattia and Nancy Lowry.

When asked who Chris most admired, he did not hesitate, saying, "One of my uncles, I looked up to him, a great influence in my life, he

was a draftsman at Electric Boat and I always wanted to be like him."

Chris has the following philosophy: "Raise our kids to know right from wrong." With Joan, she has her own favorite saying, with these words: "For someone who has no life, I'm a very busy woman."

And busy is her persona. Chris joins and supports Joan in all of their endeavors. They have gone that extra step to help others.

Netto Looking forward to

"It's fun ... I like the game ... like the kids ..."

Darren's comments on role of soccer referee

In the spring, some adults and kids, eagerly look forward to major league baseball, others to the local little league games, and others, like Darren John Netto, look forward to the game of soccer, as the Windsor Locks Soccer Club begins another season.

Darren has been involved in soccer the past three years, a resident of Windsor Locks since 1987, with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children, Jill and Alex.

His family lived in Stafford, where Darren grew up, and where he graduated from high school in 1976. He played varsity soccer and basketball, and little league, with his father as his coach.

Darren's father, John Netto, passed away last year, he was retired from the Traveler's. Today, Darren's mother, Janet Musio Netto, resides in Vernon. His sister, Debbie lives in Willington.

Did Darren know what he wanted to do after high school? "Yes," he said, "I wanted to go to college." And he did, to

UConn. He graduated in 1980, with a degree in Political Science, and he's still a big fan following the Huskies.

His first job was with the Great American Insurance Company in Hartford for two years, then he joined Oliveri Corporation (printing) for another two years, followed by a marketing job with Forcus Research, for a lengthy seven years, however, returned in 1991 to Oliveri, now as salesman.

The mother of their two children, Elizabeth Cunningham Netto, grew up in Windsor, graduating with the WHS Class of 1977. She is the daughter of Andrew and Marie Reinberg Cunningham, they reside in Windsor. Andrew was from the oldest town in Connecticut, and retired from 3M. Marie was from Farmington.

Elizabeth has a brother Mike and a sister Kathy, both of Windsor, and a sister Pat who lives in Lebanon, Penn. During Elizabeth's high school years, she was active as manager of the school's football and track teams.

She and Darren met at the

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restaurant she was working at. They were married on April 26, 1985, lived in Windsor for over a year, before moving to Windsor Locks.

Elizabeth has worked at Adams Mill Restaurant in Manchester, Dunnhill in East Hartford, and currently at Peppercorns in Hartford.

The Netto children, Jill is nine, in the fourth grade at South, and according to dad, "into everything" when it comes to sports; softball, soccer and basketball. Her favorite subjects are math and science, and when it comes to television, "Saved By The Bell," gets her attention.

Her brother, Alex, is six, a first-grader at North, plays soccer and T-Ball, and his choice for TV show for any week, "Goose Bumps."

As for hobbies, both

Another Soccer Season

Darren and Elizabeth are avid readers at home. In addition, Elizabeth has her "busy projects," around the house.

Darren still plays basketball, as a regular at Southwest park court. When it comes to vacations, it's Maine and "we love the beaches" of Nantucket and PA.

Darren follows the Yankees and Dallas Cowboys, of course UConn basketball, with its great year, and both in the final four, well almost for the boys.

The Windsor Locks Soccer Club, "Why do you do it...the soccer that is?...when asked as to his active role of referee? "It's just fun...like the game, like the kids..." His daughter is on the travel team, which plays other towns from all over the state. In the spring there



Darren Netto having fun in the surf with his daughter Jill

are about sixty kids who play, in the fall over ninety, he said, all in different age groups.

The season begins in late April and ends in June, the fall season runs early September to early November. Stephen Johnson is president of the club, and Darren's official title is Referee Coordinator (and working referee).

Darren said, "I have always admired my father, who (advised) never give up and

never quit trying," Darren's personal philosophy, "Always be there for the kids."

Darren Netto is there for his own children, and very involved in the life of other children in their adopted town.

For the Record

With this Cabbages and Kings article marks the 21st year writing for the Windsor Locks Journal about the best thing in Windsor Locks...the people!

Meet Jim Gronda

*Get up close and personal with Jim Gronda, a local man with many opinions and interests.
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Jim Gronda — A Young Man With

“Love politics...since I was in grammar school...”

Jim’s interests in politics go way back.

When James Paul Gronda was asked about his hobbies, volunteer work with the Special Olympics was mentioned first. However, his involvement in church activity and local politics were among his other activities, making for a full schedule for this young man, who grew up on Spring Street.

Jim, son of Joseph and Ethel Fadden Gronda, resides in the original family home on Spring Street, built in 1875. His dad, also a native of Windsor Locks, is retired from Pratt and Whitney after over 35 years of service with the aircraft company. In the 50s, Joseph served in the army during the Korean War. Mrs. Gronda was from Massachusetts. Jim has a brother, Steven, who lives in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

Jim has had a diversified working and pastime career, combining employment with many outside interests. His career has been with local credit unions, space program, operation of a gift shop and drug store management.

After Union School, Jim attended WLHS in his freshman year, then decided to transfer to the Hartford Christian Academy in West Hartford, graduating in 1979. He went on to Asnuntuck Community College where he took computer and art classes. After a year, he left going on to the Computer Processing Institute in East Hartford where he received a certification in computers.

Jim had worked part-time in a drug store during his college days, eventually leading to a training program. In 1983, he operated his own drug store in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. His next try at a business venture was the opening of a gift shop (with a friend) in South Windsor for a five-year period.

His credit union employment began with Combustion Engineering (C-E), followed by work at Pratt and Whitney Credit Union...then a complete switch, when he joined Hamilton, with a “big change of pace” in the space program. However, in November of 1994, Jim returned to the C-E Credit Union, now ABB, where he is employed today.

Now for Jim’s outside interests...The Special Olympics, he has participated in the Connecticut Games, and last year’s historic World Games held in New Haven. This is his way of being involved in youth projects. This type of interest includes membership in the New Life Tabernacle on Church Street, in what he calls “our growing church.” He enjoys the work with the church, which includes retreat and special youth programs.

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Interests in All Causes

Part of his personal philosophy has meant the annual (in January) bus trips to Washington, D.C. with the "Pro Life" groups, who meet with both political parties in discussions of this issue.

His political interests has taken him into local politics, as a member of the Republican Party, he was recently appointed Co-Chairman with Mike Czarnecki, working with GOP veteran

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Ruth Brunell, who is favorite line is, "I love I was in grammar

As to his thoughts young people into the new blood, people community activities

their town, and what's good for the town." Jim has already been involved as an alternate in the Zoning Board of Appeals since 1994. This year he is a delegate to the State Convention. In national politics, he "admires Senator Bob Dole and believes he can beat President Clinton in the fall."

Another of Jim's hobbies, especially when he vacations in Maine, is collecting antiques. When at home he is a TV fan of "Cross Fire" and the programs on C-Span.

When asked whom he most admired...he said, "My mother, she has helped me in my (current) health problems...and second person would be my former Union School teacher, Ms. Shirley Misuraca, who helped me with any special problems I had in growing up when it came to school work." Jim's philosophy of life..."Do the best you can...God will be there for you and protects each of us."

EPILOG

James Paul Gronda...a young man with (many) interests in causes.

The following words apply to this young advocate..."I feel very happy to see the sun come up every day. I feel happy to be around. What I hope that my life's works will do is to declare a condition of joy. I'd like to take that day...any day...and go to town with it."



Chairperson. Jim's politics, (ever) since school."

on bringing new party,..."we need who are interested in and ready to serve



Jim Gronda

Inside...

Active Senior

Harry John Seidel has been retired many years, but has filled those years with senior citizen activity in his adopted town.

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Harry Seidel Is Enjoying

Harry John Seidel has been retired many years ... but has filled those years with senior citizen activity in his adopted town. This happy-go-lucky native of Hartford (Frog Hollow) has lived in town since 1952.

The past eight years, at times, have been rather difficult, due to the passing of his wife, Margaret Mudem Seidel, in 1988. He admits it can be a "lonely time", but the dedication to the senior center has filled the void. His activities include bowling, pool and volunteer in the local Meals-On-Wheels for the past decade.

For many years, Harry (would you believe his nickname growing up was "Slim") has played golf on all the area courses.

Harry was the son of the late John and Annie Grochowski Seidel. John was from Lisbon, CT, Annie from Norwich, CT. Harry has a sister, Helen Hube, of Wethersfield.

He graduated from Hartford High School, Class of 1931, just when the depression was at its worst, for young and old in finding employment.

Earlier, Harry had shown a desire for work growing up, during the school years at Lawrence Street School and high school, by delivering the Hartford Times nights for eight years.

He did manage to find a few small jobs after high school, however, his first full-time position was with the First National Stores, that lasted about a year. That was followed by

entering the government program ... Civilian Conservation Corps, better known as the CCCs, in Voluntown, CT. where he found some hard work cutting down trees, clearing the forests. For Harry six months was enough.

He returned to Hartford, found work with Billings & Spencer, a tool making company. He still hadn't found what he wanted, in the way of employment. At Billings he lasted four years. He returned to the First National, and after some time went back to Billings.

But, like thousands of other citizens, went into defense work at Colt's. Due to defense

work, Harry was not drafted until March of 1944. He served in the Army Ordnance corps until April of 1946, with travel that

included the states of Maryland, California, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Kentucky.

Back to civilian states, Harry would find his steady career as a worker at Pratt & Whitney for twenty-eight years, with retirement in 1974.

On October 12, 1940, Harry and Margaret were married. She was also a Hartford native, who graduated from Buckley High School, Class of 1935. Harry was proud to say, "She was an honor student in high school." Margaret went on to work at Aetna, at various banks and her last position was with the Hamilton Credit Union.

Margaret and Harry lived in Hartford until

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His Retirement Years

1952, and as he remembers, "We wanted to move to the country, Windsor Locks was the place, it was certainly different, from living in the big city."

Before noting Harry's various activities that keep him on a heavy schedule these days, a few of his hobbies, played golf in the Pratt & Whitney league for twenty years ... started bowling and working as pinboy in the once popular duckpin bowling. He still follows the Red Sox, but admitted, "I don't know why." He's not much for television, maybe when a movie is on. Vacation time for Harry and Margaret meant numerous trips to Cape Cod, however, their big trip was to Europe on their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

With the seniors ... Harry continues his bowling, big pins at Bradley in their league program. He enjoys playing cards, cribbage and setback at the center. Has joined other seniors in the pool (billiards) as member of the Inter Counsel Billiards League, which includes teams from Windsor Locks, Enfield, South Hadley and Chicopee, Mass.

What's a typical week for Harry at the Senior Center? Lunch a few times a week, play some cards, shoot pool, and any activity that makes for a well organized social gathering of his peers. As mentioned, Harry has worked for the Meals-On-Wheels (once a week) for ten years.

Harry has served as Vice-President of the Seniors, and involved with the Senior Center Mailing Program. In addition, Harry has been active (for 30 years) in his church ... at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Suffield.

When asked, who he most admired ... he



Harry Seidel

promptly said, "Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor ... have always admired their conduct in government affairs." Did Harry have a personal philosophy? ... "Help the underdog."

So that's Harry John Seidel ... a man who believes in helping others and at the same time keeping busy in his retirement years.

Harry is a big man with a big heart.

Lisa Hawes — Player/Coach

“Love the game (soccer) ... teaching (the kids) the game ...” Lisa’s comments on soccer

Lisa Nolan Hawkes, active mother, soccer coach and player, has been at her game (soccer) since she was 12-years-old. She remembers her coaches contribution to her playing and coaching, on her own, as she was growing up, men who now are successful in sports and others fields, Joseph Flynn, Carl Schiessl III, Dave Johnson and Gene Chapman.

For Lisa, the game of soccer was a family affair with her brother Mark Nolan, featured in a C&K (October 1982), a star under Coach Dan Sullivan and at the University of Hartford. Today, Mark lives in Windsor, and has worked at Kaman for many years.

Edward and Beverly raised a large family, Mark, Lisa, and two other daughters, Donna Szwed of Windsor Locks, and the late Gloria Nolan. Lisa has three other brothers ... Kirk of Windsor Locks, Greg of Enfield and Ed who lives in Nova Scotia. All are grads of WLHS.

Lisa is a 1981 grad of the Raider School, where she excelled in soccer, starting in her junior year, because “that year soccer was born for girls,” she said, under Coach Dave Johnson.

After high school, Lisa’s career dreams were to “work with kids, and study child psychology,” she recalled. Today, she is the mother of three children, her own day-care at home (the past two years), fulfilling her desires, from a very particular viewpoint.

Lisa attended Curry College in Milton, Mass., for a year, played soccer, was voted “Rookie of the Year,” but due to lack of funds, decided to leave and go to work. She was employed at the airport for three years.

Saying, “We started dating when I was 16,” referring to meeting her future husband, Kevin Guy Hawes, who was also a 1981 grad of WLHS. Kevin is the son of Winston Hawes and Linda Burger.

He has a brother, Keith of Windsor Locks and two sisters, Heidi who lives in Virginia and Kaithlin of New Hampshire.

Kevin and Lisa were married on March 23, 1985, have lived in town since their wedding, and have raised three active kids ... Samantha, Rebecca and Christofer.

Their dad, after high school, worked nights at Kaman, days were full with classes at Hartford State Technical College. Today, he has reversed the routine, goes to the University of Hartford nights and works days at Hamilton. Kevin is studying electrical engineering.

Kevin is not into sports, like soccer, but is an avid hunter, fisherman and into camping. He’s a member of the Windsor Locks Gun Club and the National Rifle Association.

Now for those three cute kids ... Samantha, 10, known as Sami, in the fifth grade at South, enjoys English and writing, has played her mother’s game (naturally) for the past six seasons.

Rebecca, 7, second grade at North, better known as just “Becky” also enjoys writing, as for sports, she’s a cheerleader for the town’s Jets of the midget football league. She follows “Ocean Girl”, on the family television set.

Now for little Chris, 4, when asked about school, he proudly said, “Yes, I go to Bible school” According to his mother, “Chris is the street hockey player in the family.” His favorite television show is “Power Rangers.”

Just for the record, Lisa is a fan of “Home Improvement,” and during the pro football season, roots for the Philadelphia Eagles. When asked about

Inside ...

Meet Lisa Hawes

Lisa Hawes has an unquestionable love for soccer, but teaching children the sport is every bit as rewarding as the game itself.

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For Any Soccer Season

her children she said, "I'm lucky, I could go on and on (with praise), my (real) claim to fame."

The following soccer activities indicate Lisa's background when it comes to her game and in her own words, "I love the game and teaching the kids the game."

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It appears Lisa has either played or coached the game of soccer year round, which started when she was 12 years old. From the age of 13 to 17, she played with the "Windsor Locks Beavers," coached by Gene Chapman. As for Lisa, she has coached 11 years, as varsity soccer team coach for WLHS, three years, and eight years on the youth level.

Today, Lisa coaches the Windsor Locks/East Granby Travel Team five days a week, plays at the Northern Connecticut Soccer Center in town, which was featured in a 1994 C&K, on John Montigny and Beth Grecco, a co-ed league at night.

In addition, she said, "Someday, I may go back coaching high school soccer, when my children are all in school." When asked about the benefit of playing soccer for children or adults, she said, "It's healthy, builds up confidence and self worth as players."

Also asked who she most admired over the years, she hesitated for a moment, then said, "So many people, especially my high school teachers, they all helped, when I needed it."

On her personal philosophy of life, "The past is the past, you can't do anything about it. Learn from it and to to the future."



Lisa Hawes

Any favorite saying, sure, she said, everyone says I always say, "Don't sweat the same stuff."

Epilog

Lisa Nolan Hawes — dedicated to her family, her game of soccer most of her life. Her time and energy go into their children, the home care and teaching soccer to the local kids for health reasons, confidence and most of all that stuff called fun.

CORRECTIONS

Last week's "Cabbages & Kings" column about Lisa Hawes had two errors. Ms. Hawes's brother, Mark Nolan, lives and works in Texas as an employee of American Airlines. Also, Ms. Hawes is the daughter of the late Beverly Bevans Nolan of Vermont and Edward "Mike" Nolan, current Windsor resident and Kaman employee.

Aloisa Family — Their Story

The front page of the April 19 edition of the Windsor Locks Journal...is a picture of Toni Aloisa and her sons Robert and Steven at the local library, working on homework, under the watchful eye of their mother.

End of story and picture...no!...the old saying, "One picture is worth a thousand words," maybe true, but we wanted to learn more about Toni and her boys...the story behind the picture, maybe not a thousand words, but who is counting?

Both Toni and her husband, Joe Aloisa, are very involved in local real estate, in addition to their son's education. The way Toni tells it, the telephone is busy at their house, she wanted the boys to enjoy the quietness of our town library.

Now the story on Toni, Joe, Robert and Steven...

First, Toni Del Greco Aloisa, born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, the daughter of Tony and Dolly Stroud Del Greco, now residents of Suffield.

Toni was only a few months old when Tony, who was from Providence, R.I., and Dolly, a native of Louisiana, -cajun country, left the deep south for Providence. At four, Toni and her family moved to Enfield.

Toni has a brother, Paul, stationed in Germany with the Air Force, and a brother, Steve, Department of Defense at Pratt & Whitney. Toni has a sister, Charlene who lives in Enfield. Their father is retired from the Department of Defense.

Joseph William Aloisa, East Hartford native, the son of Bill and Elizabeth O'Neil Aloisa. Bill was from Enfield, retired from Pratt & Whitney, and Elizabeth from Maine. They now make their home in East Hartford. Joe has a sister Marlene of Windsor Locks, and two brothers, Bill of East Hartford and Sid of Windsor Locks. Joe's grandmother is Madeline O'Neil of East Hartford, known to her many friends as "Pepper."

Joe graduated from East Hartford High School, Class of 1974, went on to Manchester Community College where he earned an Associate Degree in Business. For the past twenty years, Joe has been a member of the firm Manning Realty as a broker. Locally, Joe is a member of the Lions Club.

Back to Toni, a grad of Fermi High School, Class of 1973, where she played field hockey. After high school, Toni remembers well saying, "I wanted to be a hairdresser." She did just that...to a hairdressing school in East Hartford, and

worked in the Suffield/Enfield area for many years. The past five years she has taught the art of hairdressing in Enfield/Manchester at the Creative School of Hairdressing. She is now pursuing a new career in real estate at the Manning Realty, along with Joe.

Toni and Joe were married on March 19, 1983, lived in

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Suffield for a year, then moved to their current home in Windsor Locks.

The two boys of Toni and Joe...Robert Kyle Aloisa, will be ten in July, attends South School as a fourth-grade student, enjoys science, plays Little League (in his fourth year), is into street hockey, roots for the Red Sox and New England Patriots.

Steven Joseph Aloisa, seven, in the second grade at North, favorite subject, math, into Little League, and big fan of the Houston Oilers. He and Robert are second cousins of Houston's star place kicker...Al Del Greco, who played his college football at Auburn University, with the distinction of kicking the winning field goal in the 1984 Sugar Bowl victory over Michigan. Al also played for the Packers and Cardinals.

Behind the Journal Picture

Some hobbies for the busy parents...Joe has been playing softball in the Enfield (over 35) League, when not camping with the family at the Rhode Island shore. Toni said, "A long time ago, I, too, was active in Enfield softball, "but now has different things to keep her busy. But vacation time for the family has been good, with travel to many states and Mexico.

The influence of Louisiana is reflected in the eating habits of Toni...cajun cooking, "I love it," she said.

Back to the picture in the WLJ for a moment...Toni's busy schedule with the boys came up...for several weeks the boys and Toni have been attending "play practice," three times a week, for the third and fourth grades in town doing "Snow White," that was staged this month at the high school. Robert was cast as one of the seven dwarfs. To paraphrase, as in the play..."Heigh ho, heigh ho, it's off to the play practice, we go." From all reports it was a big success.

As for admiration, Toni said, "My parents, then an aunt and uncle, Anna and Bob Bellamy, she got me started in hairdressing, and Bob for his business sense." Toni's personal philosophy..."Be optimistic, enjoy family and friends."

I'm sure Toni and Joe would agree with the following...To paraphrase..."Little Eyes Upon You,"...in locker room at the Memorial Coliseum, University of Kentucky..."They are wide-eyed little fellows, Who believes you're always right; And their ears are always open; And they watch day and night; You are setting an example, Everyday in all you do; For the little boys who are waiting...To grow up to be like you."

EPILOG

"One picture is worth a thousand words...A visual image can convey an idea or an emotion more effectively than words..."

In the case of Toni and her boys...it's nice to know the story behind the picture.

Debbie Glanz – Cheerleader

Debra Elizabeth Glanz, better known as Debbie, former cheerleader at Windsor Locks High School, class of 1992, now pursuing a career as a radiological technologist.

This month, Debbie, Windsor Locks native, will travel to Baltimore, Md., to enroll at the famous Johns Hopkins Hospital, in order to continue classes and education in her new chosen field and earn the certificate in ultrasonography, a technology using ultrasound, as for medical therapy.

But first, some information on her family, hobbies and how she has pursued the goal after leaving the Raiders school, for what she called “something I always wanted to do ... work with people.”

Debbie is the daughter of Marc and Carol-Ann Miller Glanz. Marc is a Hartford native, while Carol-Ann was from East Hartford. She has two brothers, Scott and Robert,

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who attended WLHS.

Her father is a retired Hartford fireman and retired as electrician and fire marshal at Hartford Hospital.

Debbie attended local schools, her main sports activity was as cheerleader for three sports, under the guidance of “Cookie” Jordan. She was also in the chorus of her senior class musical, No, No Nanette.”

During her high school years, Debbie worked at the First National Store and while

in college part time at JC Penney and at Wickes.

After high school, her first step toward the goal (to work with people) was to attend Central Connecticut for two years. However, her major was math.

She decided she did not want to teach, but wanted to be in the medical field.

Her next move was Capital Community Technical College, where she earned an associate degree in radiological technology. Last month, Debbie graduated with honors and was vice president of her X-ray class of 1996.

During her college years, she worked as a secretary at St. Francis Hospital and on call (24 hours a week) in the X-ray department at St. Francis.

Back to Debbie’s high school memories. In her own style and constant smile, she said, “High school was easier. You did not have to make (important) decisions. ... Math was my favorite subject, and, yes, I had a favorite teacher, ‘Mr. A’ as in Anastasia.”

Her comment on the town of Windsor Locks: “A nice small town, but I do believe people should be more

to Radiological Technologist

supportive in town affairs.”

As for hobbies: “I enjoy reading novels, socializing with my friends, ski in the winter, and bowl, been to Florida, enjoy the Cape and the Connecticut shore,” adding, “oh yes, I’m a big UConn basketball fan, like country and rock and roll music, ‘Friends’ on the television, and when it comes to food, Chinese.”

Her future plans: “To finish up my credits for a bachelor degree, work in a Connecticut hospital, but I realize (in this job market) you have to be flexible.”

Debbie will be in Maryland for the next year to earn the certificate. Her application for Johns Hopkins, she said, “Thirty people applied, only four were chosen and I was one of the lucky ones. ... My parents were happy and very proud.”

When asked who she admired, she said, “My father, has always set a good example by working hard and never lets things get him down.”

Epilogue

Debbie Glanz has been one of our neighbors for many years and now on her way to the land of the Baltimore Orioles, the Preakness, Naval Academy and crab cakes.

To us, she will always be the girl next door, little Debbie, but very grown up now.

Working with people, she may agree with the following words, “Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant with the weak and the wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these.”



Debbi Glanz

Shawn Ferrari-Valedictorian,

Shawn Edward Ferrari was recently chosen the 1996 Windsor Locks High School Valedictorian.

The young student with a ready smile and confident disposition, probably reflects the combined demeanor of his equally popular parents, Ed Ferrari and Sandy Rau Ferrari.

We all know Ed ... former town First Selectman, as for Sandy, the students from the Middle School to the current high school know Mrs. Ferrari, as their teacher, also with

1980.

Their son attended local schools and music was one of his talents ... as member of the concert band, jazz band, pit band, his specialty was the Alto Saxophone. During his years at the Raider School, a few of his additional activities ... Renaissance Team, Captain of the Math Team, founder of "Chemistry For Kids," production editor of the class yearbook, member of the National Honor Society, WLHS Computer Team and Engineering Team (in cooperation with Hamilton Standard).

Shawn has been busy the past two summers at Stop & Shop in Rhode Island and currently (after school) at Windsor's ABB, as intern, with the Fuel Systems Design Graphics.

When asked about hobbies ... his first reaction, "What free time? ... but at home, work on the family computer, do enjoy the game of tennis and skiing in Vermont." Family vacations have been to Florida ... with music department trips along the eastern seaboard.

Some of his favorite things ... "I'm a loyal fan of the New York Mets, "Seinfeld" on television, adult contemporary music, action movies, also political movies, that make you think ... for example, "A Few Good Men" and "Seven". He does have a favorite movie star ... Mr. Robert Williams. When it comes to food ... "At the beach, steak with seafood stuffing, called a Karpets Bagger."

As for Shawn's future plans ... will attend Connecticut College in New London this fall ... Liberal Arts, but has not made up his mind as to a major. However, he is leaning towards engineering, also international affairs.

"Yes," he said, "I do follow politics, worked on my father's campaigns (when he ran) ... and plan to work (at college) on President Clinton's campaign in the fall."

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a ready smile. Sandy, a 1967 grad of WLHS, was the salutatorian of her class.

Ed, the pure politician, left the role of first selectman, after four years, to return to his previous position with the state's motor vehicle department, however, he still keeps a ready eye and ear on the local political scene.

Now, more on their son ... how do we count the ways, the contributions this young man has given ... school activities, honors and awards, community activities, all mixed with employment during his high school years.

Shawn, like his dad, a native of Windsor Locks, with his mother coming from Bolton, she is a grad of Colby College in Maine. Shawn was only two years old, when Ed and Sandy were featured in C&K, September of

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Shawn Ferrari

Adding, "When my father was first selectman, he got all the phone calls, now I do." Shawn comes from a democratic family ... but said, no interest in elective office, he's more interested in international politics.

He has another office to think about right now ... he is president of the Leo Club, organized, he said, "In 1995, as a school service club, now sponsored by the local Lions Club, with a membership of twenty with faculty advisor Mrs. Karin Edwards.

Shawn's favorite in school ... chemistry. When asked for a favorite teacher ... (sounded like a politician) ... "All my teachers are great, but I will mention my English teacher, Mr. Harold Robinson."

Honors and awards ... HOBY

Ambassador, Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, Bausch & Lomb Science Award, Rensselaer Medal, Boys' State Delegate, Brown Book Award and National Merit commended Scholar (Selection Index 210-98th Percentile) In Shawn's junior year, won the "Lawrence Scholarship" grant ... which provides internship abroad or to study original research. In addition, he won the Good Citizenship Award — Daughters of the American Revolution.

Shawn's community activities ... Windsor Hall Rest Home Volunteer, Food SHARE Volunteer, Yard work for disables, Activities with the State Receiving Home and the United Way Youth Leadership Program — Board of Directors.

He was asked who he most admired ... "My parents ... then Bill Gates, computers, head of Microsoft, who built his company from the beginning when computers were hardly known."

Knowing the Ferrari family, I'm sure laughter and a few jokes are always prevalent ... when asked about his being chosen valedictorian, Shawn said ... "My father said, (with plenty of pride) ... gee, Shawn is number one in school, Sandy was number two, and I was third from the bottom."

OK, I'll get serious ... Shawn's philosophy of life and favorite saying "Do not follow where the path may lead ... go instead where there is no path ... and leave a trail."

Epilog

Good luck to Shawn, Katy Phelps (Class Salutatorian) and their classmates of 1996.

A few words that need repeating ... Senator Edward Kennedy's message to a college graduation class ... "It's the task of you young people to right the wrongs that my generation has failed to resolve ..."

Meet the Montensens

John and Phyllis Montensen are dedicated UConn Women's basketball fans, their van is called the UConn Express.

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The Montensens —

“What kind of fever?
Husky Fever ...”

From John's (own) UConn

song ...

John

and

Phyllis

—

have to

be

classified as
extraordinary UConn
women's basketball
fans and dedicated
season ticket holders.

They speak of
glowing tribute to this
year's team, with high
hopes for another successful
season with new recruits, after
the graduation of Jennifer
Rizzotti and Jamelle Elliott.

The past three years, John
and Phyllis have traveled (with
other fans) to Storrs, New
Jersey and North Carolina, in
all kinds of weather, to see
their favorite team, and of
course, in the family van,
called the “UConn Express.”

Of course their lives,
although wrapped around the
basketball season, other
enjoyable activities occupy
leisure time, and watching the
many talents of their
granddaughter, Amber
Montensen.

But first, some insight on

John Leslie Montensen, son

of the late Elmer and Dorothy

Montensen

Reardon

of

Newington; John's

uncle, William

Montensen was former mayor

of Hartford.

John grew up on the family
dairy farm in Bloomfield. He
attended Bloomfield High
School, receiving his diploma
in later years.

He had quit school at the
age of 17 to work for a year,
and entered the U.S. Army in
March of 1952, serving until
March of 1955. He had service
time in Germany and
volunteered for the infantry.

He served 13 months in Korea,
was discharged after an injury,
and returned to civilian status.

John has had a diversified
employment record: he was
with Billings/Spencer for a

few months, entered the Pratt
& Whitney machinist program
for a year, but left the aircraft
for J.M. Ney Co., for two years.
Then a big switch—to Nielsen
Dairy in Bloomfield to deliver
milk to homes, now a lost art.
John was a milkman for three
years.

He gave up the milk route
to work on power lines for the
next six years, which meant
travel to jobs in Maine,
Vermont, Massachusetts, New
York, New Jersey and
Connecticut.

Due to injuries, his next
two jobs were different, was
manager of a local housing
complex in Windsor Locks,
and as driver for Roncari
Industries for four years.
However, another injury
meant retirement for John in
the 1970s.

Now for some information
on John's basketball partner,
his wife, Phyllis Lagoy
Montensen, a local girl,
graduate of the WLHS Class
of 1966. She is the daughter of
the late Victor Lagoy, and
Edna Pikul Lagoy, who was
from Massachusetts and
currently lives in Windsor
Locks.

Phyllis and John, who met
through mutual friends, were

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(Women's, That Is) Fans

married on Aug. 19, 1967, and have lived in West Suffield, Florida for a time, and then Windsor Locks for many years. Phyllis has worked for Redington Counters for more than 20 years. She has a sister, Beverly Paracino of Windsor Locks.

John has a son, Jay Leslie Montensen, and a daughter, Jane Leslie Varner. Jay is a 1979 grad of WLHS, works at Dexter, resides in Southwick, Mass. Jay has a two-and-a-half-year-old son, Jacob Leslie Montensen, who lives in Southwick with his dad and mother, Christine Bednaz. Jay's daughter, Amber Montensen, who lives in town with her grandparents, and a very active young lady at the Raider School. This fall she enters her junior year, has taken dancing lessons for the past 12 years, ballet and jazz, has performed in the hits, "Annie" and "Peter Pan," plays tennis, been a bowler for eight years with a 158 average and a fistful of bowling trophies. He also plays the piano, is on the student council at WLHS, is a class officer and member of the well-known "Vocal Motion." Oh yes, she's also cheerleader for



John Montensen with the University of Connecticut Husky mascot.

the football and basketball teams.

Back to Jane Leslie Varner, who attended high school in Florida. She lives in Winter Haven, with her husband, Atty. Joseph Varner. Jane is a medical advisor to local attorneys.

With their granddaughter setting the pace John and Phyllis can certainly hold their own when it comes to hobbies and activities. For example, John collects elephants (small ones that is), he's a fisherman, does plenty of boating on the Connecticut shoreline, and is

a big fan of computers at home ... he follows the Buffalo Bills in the National Football League.

Now for Phyllis ... she collects bears, also the smaller ones, is John's constant companion, be it UConn or vacation time, with trips to Florida, Yellowstone Park to visit John's GI buddy, and then a very special trip to Jerusalem (this year) with their church group ... they are very active at the Poquonock Community Church.

John is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and the local VFW. He has membership in the Bloomfield Masons, Lodge Haram 98, for the past 40 years. He has attended class in local schools and colleges: New England Technical School and Asnuntuck Community College with classes in refrigeration services and contracting, to name only a few.

Now, more on UConn basketball. Who are their favorite players?

"We like them all," John said. "The girls are a great example for young people of the area and state in sportsmanship and behavior, and certainly role models."

John and Phyllis have had season tickets this past season, and attended the games, the past three years. At their home the walls are covered with pictures of the girls, UConn pennants of all kinds, and any UConn memorabilia that quickly identifies John and Phyllis as true blue fans of the women at Storrs.

There is one more activity that they are proud to talk about ... for six years they held an Easter Egg Hunt on their Back 40, so to speak, (they have a large backyard) for more than 150 local children.

Phyllis was asked for a word or two, that would best describe John.

"Honest, happy, a giving individual and yes, he has a serious side." That was very apparent, when he was asked who he most admired.

"I'm a born again Christian ... Jesus Christ I admire ... for all he suffered for me, before I was born."

His philosophy of life: "Not what you can do for me, what I can do for you."

That's the story of John and Phyllis Montensen and for a lighter touch how about his song on UConn. It goes like this:

"How do you feel? I got a fever. What kind of fever? Husky Fever. Woof! Woof!"

Peggy Eidt — Busy Mother

Margaret Martin Eidt, known to her friends and family as Peggy, has a full lifestyle as a single mother, with two growing daughters, Carolyn and Erica.

Peggy is a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital

after several years of college in Florida, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

But first, some earlier information on Peggy, who grew up on a large farm (fruits and vegetables) in upper New York state.

She is the daughter of the late Leonard Martin and Anne McCarthy Martin, who still makes her home in New York. Peggy has a brother, John, of Buffalo, and two sisters — Nancy, of Rochester, and Patty, of Toronto.

Peggy graduated from Brockport High School (in the town located near Lake Ontario). She was active on the student council and vice president of her sophomore

and junior classes.

She admitted, "I really was not sure what I wanted to do after high school ... probably go to work." The immediate future was soon

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decided for her as the family moved to Port St. Lucie, Fla. She received her first working experience, in food service at one of the local country clubs.

However, she only served the golfers, never playing the game, leaving that up to her parents, brother John, and her brothers-in-law, who were all avid golfers, according to Peggy.

She soon found out the best way to get ahead was to attend college, which she did, first at a community college in Florida, followed by the move back to New England, with classes in Massachusetts and Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, where she received an associate's degree in secretarial courses.

This was worth the time and energy, as Peggy made her second career move as secretary at Combustion Engineering Inc., (now ABB), for a seven-year period.

It was then time to raise her two daughters ... Carolyn Anne Eidt and Erica Lynn Eidt, are the daughters of Peggy and William Edit, who lives in Windsor Locks.

Carolyn, who will be 12 in July, is a seventh-grader at the middle school this fall, "loves sports," especially basketball, is a swimmer, plays the piano, and enjoys math at school and "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" on TV. She is a big fan of Syracuse and UConn basketball.

Erica will be 11 in September just as she enters the sixth grade at the middle school. She's also into swimming, arts and crafts, reading at home and science at school, and enjoys soccer and basketball. Like her sister, Erica is a fan of "The Fresh Prince."

With the girls in class, Peggy went back to school herself, attending the Greater Hartford Community College for pre-nursing courses. In

With Growing Daughters

1992, she entered the registered nurse program at St. Francis, and in June of 1994 received her white cap. She now works at St. Francis (her third career move).

And what does this busy mother and nurse do in any of her free time? "I read everything I can get my hands on ... be it mysteries, newspapers, medical journals and the National Geographic." She also enjoys water activities, camping in Massachusetts, loves music, be it jazz, rock or country. One TV program she never misses ... "Seinfeld."

Peggy has lived in town since 1981, and said, "After living in Florida and Massachusetts, Connecticut and Windsor Locks are my favorite places." In addition to her busy schedule, she has volunteered at the middle school library and has chaperoned on several class trips.

When Peggy was asked for any advantages or disadvantages of being a single mother, she said, "Working a full schedule, raising my daughters, and especially me going back to school for my nursing degree,



Peggy Eidt with daughters Carolyn and Erica.

was tough, but the closeness to my daughters was great, sharing household duties, which gave them responsibilities, but sometimes, there is a lack of time to do it all."

Peggy was also asked whom she most admired, or if she had a favorite saying or personal philosophy. First the saying, the Golden Rule ("Do unto others ..."). As for admiration — "the late and respective Ella Grasso, who was so caring as a political individual."

Her daughters also wanted

to add a few words about their mother ... the best way to describe her, they said, was "caring and loving."

Epilog

That is the story of Peggy Martin Eidt, and her two active daughters. Peggy has had really four careers, food service, secretarial, nursing and her daughters.

The saying "Necessity is the mother of invention" might just apply to Peggy. It was necessary for her, as a single mother, to carry on, not to invent, but to be closer and caring to her daughters.

Kara Brielmann —

From Kara's winning essay: "To me, patriotism is a love of your country..."

Kara Jean Brielmann, known to her family as "K.J." and to her teachers at the Middle School as an honor student, was the recent winner of an essay contest on patriotism sponsored by the Riverside Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

The family of this talented eighth-grader (in the fall)...Kara is the daughter of Peter William Brielmann and Joanne Basile Brielmann. Pete is a West Hartford native, while Joanne grew up in Enfield.

Kara was born at the UConn Medical Center, and due to her father's change of positions in the insurance world, she and her parents soon moved to Royersford, Penn., before returning to Connecticut two years later.

At this point (in Peter's career) we must elaborate. Pete's many years with the giants of the insurance world — Aetna, Phoenix and Traveler's. However, Pete did not start with insurance, that is another story that we will soon find out.

Pete's parents, Harry and Isabelle Rice Brielmann are deceased. Harry was from Meriden and retired from Emhart. Isabelle was from Hartford.

Pete graduated from Conard High School, Class of 1976, where he played

baseball and soccer. He has a sister Kathy, who lives in Pittsburgh, Penn.

He has four brothers — Kevin of Cheshire, Jim of

Enfield, Tom of West, R.I., and Harry of Ann Arbor, Michigan

was not

sure what career path to take after high school, but knew he wanted to attend UConn. He graduated in 1980 with a degree in economics.

His first job in economics at the markets of the world, as a trainee for the Arbor Acres in Glastonbury, lasted less than a year, he said, because, "It was the biggest breeder of chicken anywhere," and he decided "to go from chicken to insurance," which certainly was more fitting for Peter.

He stayed with Aetna for five years, Phoenix Mutual for little over four years, then to Traveler's since 1990. Today, Pete is part of United Health Care.

Now for Joanne, (we'll return to Kara, but her parents are also a busy twosome). She's the daughter of an old friend of mine, Tom Basile and Jeanne Cote Basile of

Enfield.

She too comes from a large family: a sister, Marilyn, of Gairhersburg, Maryland; and four brothers: Tom of Suffield,

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moves frequently) and Jim of

Palm Springs, Calif.

Joanne graduated from Fermi High School, Class of 1981, and during those years, was involved in a work-study program. After high school worked at Aetna for three years, until Kara was born, followed by her brother Alex Thomas Brielmann.

She went back to work when the children started school, as a part-time "home/work" employee of Aetna, that lasted two years.

For Joanne, it was back to school — Asnuntuck, with "straight A's, member of the honor society, with a 3.9 average," (statistics by Peter). She received an associate's degree in general studies.

She also plans to attend Smith College in Northampton, Mass., and earn her full degree, starting in the fall, with high hopes to be a teacher in elementary education, she said.

Then we have Kara's brother, Alex, who will be nine on July 7 — Happy Birthday! — and a fourth-

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was not

Talented Young Student, Essay Winner

grader at South School this fall. Alex's favorite subject is math, followed by baseball, soccer and basketball. His dad calls him a "basketball nut," which really means the whole family routes for UConn basketball. His favorite TV station is ESPN, favorite team the Yankees, but his favorite player is Cecil Fielder of the Detroit Tigers.

Now there's Kara...let us count the ways...artistic, with her works in each room; plays the piano, honors in school, is into soccer, will be an eighth-grader at the middle school this fall.

The coming fall season will be a busy one for all the family. Kara's favorite food is fettuccine alfredo. When asked who she most admired, she said Amelia Earhart. Her dad and mom agree: two words to describe Kara: "bright and creative."

Before a short comment on Kara's essay, a few hobbies and other things on Pete and Joanne. He recently joined the local Lions Club and has coached in the town league, soccer and baseball, for the past four years.

He plays golf at Airways in Suffield as member of the Windsor Locks Town League on Sunday mornings. He calls himself the "Commissioner of Golf," which really means his main job is keeping track of scorecards. The entire family follows UConn — oh yes, we already mentioned that.



Kara Brielmann

Joanne enjoys reading and volunteers at the South School when the children are in class. She and Pete's favorite TV program is "ER," and the Jersey shore is their vacation mecca.

Now for Kara's essay on "Patriotism," which begins this way: "Ever since the last signature was written on the Declaration of Independence, patriotism has been a big part of American culture...To me, patriotism is a love of your country."

And the following words conclude this young lady's personal idea of patriotism: "Maybe it is just a reminder that we are a people bound together by a love of freedom, as we are meant to remain for all time."

On this holiday week, Kara's words are truly a focus on our true values as Americans:

The class of Alice Lennon was given the assignment of

writing an essay on patriotism; Kara's was chosen.

What is her future?...she wants to be an author.

Her parents reaction?

"Kara has the gift, very creative, she does a lot of writing, an outstanding student."

As for Pete's personal philosophy, "Whatever you do, have fun...focus on family and friends."

Joanne, when asked whom Joanne admired, said, "Common people who go out of their way to help people."

Pete said, "My mother, who always had a great sense of humor."

That's the story of the Brielmann family:

Pete, Class of 76, still has the spirit.

Joanne, further education her goal.

Alex, waiting in the wings.

Kara, her touching words make all of us think, when it applies to patriotism.

Jack's GHO Walk

"Golf is a good walk spoiled ..."

Mark Twain's assessment of the game of golf, used as the title of John Feinstein's book on golf and the PGA Tour.

For D.A. Weibring (as in David Albert), it was a good walk for this Texas resident, who shot 270 to win the 1996 Canon Greater Hartford Open, over Tom Kite, Fuzzy Zoeller, Mark Calcavecchi and Dicky Pride. It was an exciting week for the more than 265,000 fans with great weather, great golf and a great walk for everyone who enjoys GHO week.

But first, a few chosen words by Mr. Feinstein, who began his most recent sports book, "Golf is addictive and aggravating. It is also energizing and enervating. I finally found a way to come off the golf course in a good mood: go out and watch great players."

This I did for a week in June.

Since 1978, I have watched Trevino, Azinger, Zoeller, Frost, Price and Mr. Greg Norman, first at Wethersfield, and now the TPC at Cromwell, and have always enjoyed myself, never regretting the time or energy, or the many walks around the course.

Now for some of the events that happened, or players or local folks I may have seen or talked to. A look back at the week it was in June with good weather and tremendous crowds.

June 24

A quiet day, early opening of the 45th Anniversary ceremonies. Small crowd on hand, more to come, as the GHO continues until Sunday. Among the guests at the ribbon cutting, Gov. John G. Rowland, Mayor Mike Peters of Hartford, Ryk Nelson, first selectman of Cromwell, Harvo Murase, president and CEO of Canon, U.S.A. Inc., and several others, chairpersons and Jaycee officials.

This was followed by a Pro-Am, not as special as the one on Wednesday. We saw Wayne Levi, 1990 GHO

winner, with four amateurs. One was former Red Sox catcher Carlton Fisk.

Something new has been added, as with other tournaments

tents set up at the ninth and 18th holes for all the kids to get those treasured autographs from the touring pros.

Oh yes, a good walk (not spoiled) from the 10th to the 18th, which figures out to be 3,306 yards or 9,918 feet — nearly two miles — but who's counting?

June 25

An afternoon affair, after 10 years of shootouts, the new Skins Game, with the teams of Fuzzy Zoeller and Greg Kraft and Steve Jones, recent U.S. Open winner and Larry Mize, and each team winning \$4,000. Not a bad nine holes' work. This was followed by the celebrity long drive contest, won by the UConn team with Bruce Berlet of the Courant having the longest drive: 310 yards.

June 26

Early to rise, at 6:45 a.m., I wanted to catch the former great catcher, Yogi Berra, who is getting old (71) and had to ride a cart. It's a long 18 holes at Cromwell. Also saw Susan Anton, popular performer of stage and screen, plus Alan Thicke, Emmy-nominated actor with the hit series "Growing Pains," and Joe Regalbuto of "Murphy Brown."

At eleven o'clock, the interview at the press building was with Greg Norman. And I was there. Here are a few of his comments, but first, in person, he proved to be most personable, cordial, polite, with a lot of smiles, and honest when it came to his game of golf. (Of course, at that time, no one knew what was in store for the tournament on Saturday morning.)

He said, "The TPC at Cromwell is much firmer this year, (asked about when to play?) "It's how you feel, (but I'm ready to go (did he know

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probably looking forward to playing with me."

Mr. Norman and Mr. Rowland would then tee off on the first with a large crowd.

June 27

The real golf tournament starts with this year's main attractions, Norman and John Daly. After the scores were in, Norman was tied at 64, with another player, Joseph Daly, not John Daly. Estimated crowd was 35,000.

Some of the locals I saw at the course: Bill Elrich, teacher at the Middle School; Steve Cullinan, now the former high school principal, with his son, Sean Patrick Cullinan, a student at Seton Hall in New Jersey, plus Bob Farmer and Len Senofonte (my golf partner), George Sandone and Larry Savoie.

June 28

I was a Windy day, with an estimated crowd of 65,000 estimated by the Cromwell police. The leaderboard read Kevin Sutherland at 132, D.A. Weibring at 133, and Daley at 134, followed by Norman, Bob Gilder and Patrick Burke at 137. Some new names there, I'm sure.

Another Windsor Locks friend, Vinny Naegel, veteran volunteer, was spotted at the 18th tee.

June 29

At 9:30 a.m. the radio was on as we entered the course: "Greg Norman has disqualified himself for using a new, unapproved, Maxfli golf ball." Disappointment will be very visible. To the fans, GHO officials, and the media, Mr. Norman is the story, but no more for this year. To paraphrase an old

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saying, "Say it isn't so, Greg!" When kids were asked who was the most popular and the man with the prized autograph, it was Greg Norman. Enough said.

On the lighter side, watch John Daly on the eighth green, but the fans were watching an eagle up top of a tree. I'm sure, at the time, another eagle (Norman) had flown away.

At the media tent was Bob Rumbold, former little-leaguer from the 1965 team, now working sports on TV with Channel 61. The Crowd for Saturday of 70,000 gathered to view the leaders at the end of play: D.A. Weibring, the leader at 203, Sutherland at 204, Robert Gamez at 205, followed by three golfers at 206, Mike Brisky, Tom Kite (that's a familiar name) and another big name, Mark Calcavecchia. Oh yes, at 207, an old friend, Fuzzy Zoeller. And rain in the forecast for Sunday.

June 30

The last day. At the end, a new GHO champion, D.A. Weibring, is named, with a tournament ending round of 67, 10 over par, (for the week)



Mark Decapur, CT MVD; Ken Crouette, CPA; Dave Solomon, New Haven Register Sports Department and Jack [unclear] take to the golf course on Media Day at the TPC in Cromwell.

with Kite, Zoeller, Calcavecchia and Dicky Pride sold on the course (cigars, that is). How things have changed.

This year GHO had everything — sun, wind, a little rain, the Governor and

Mr. Norman (for a few days), and some, Yes, some, prominent names in the final hunt.

Our new champ, Mr. Weibring, despite recent illness, showed the stuff he was made of. For D.A. and me ... a great walk, not spoiled in any way.

John McGrath -

John James McGrath Jr. has been coaching the past five seasons in the town's popular midget football league.

Today, the native of Windsor Locks is head coach/coordinator for the Jets, in the successful program with more than 90 young boys in town.

John is a father of three himself, John III, Irene and Daniel. Daniel and young John are members of the Jets.

Their dad is the son of Jack Sr. and Ruby Myers McGrath of East Windsor. John Jr.

grew up on Anthony Street in town. His dad was from Brooklyn (an old Yankee and Dodger fan), his mother grew up in Connecticut.

John has two sisters, Theresa of East Windsor, and Kathleen of Rockville. They are grads of WLHS.

John graduated from the Raider school, Class of 1980, where he played football under Coach Pat Scelza. He also has fond memories of playing midget football himself, from the age of seven until he was 13; that was the time Lou LaTorra and Joe Walsh were coaches. In addition, John played Little League in town.

After high school, John who had worked in local restaurants in this area as a young boy, decided to be a part of his family "Mom and Pop" eatery in East Hartford.

However, in February of 1984, he left the restaurant business, when he joined the U.S. Air Force for the next six years. Looking back to those years it was "a great experience," and

he only left the service because the Air Force decided to "cut back its forces."

In those years, John "traveled the world," he said, "to Korea, Spain, Germany, the Philippines and Honduras," as part of a search and rescue team, with the rank of Sgt. E-4.

Returning home, and now a civilian, went back into the food business, but this time with

Finast, in town, for the next three years, until it closed. The past year he has been with MWI Machine Shop in East Windsor, in their

shipping and receiving department.

John and his first wife, Judy Desmond, had two children, John III and Irene. John is 13, Irene 11, both attended East Windsor Schools. John is now married to Michelle Ganner McGrath, and they have a son Daniel, 9, who resides in East Windsor, with

John III, Irene and his parents. Daniel also attends school across the river. The proud father said, "They are great kids, and good students."

Michelle and John were married on July 28, 1986, first, living in Broad Brook, then to Windsor Locks, and today, have returned to East Windsor, Brood Brook part of town.

When John was in the service (New Mexico) he met Michelle, they were married in her home state in the Southwest, and came to Connecticut after John was discharged from the service. Michelle is the daughter of J.L. Ganner and Linda Ganner. They live in New Mexico, and have another daughter, Valerie.

When John is not working at MWI, busy

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- Coordinator of Midget Football

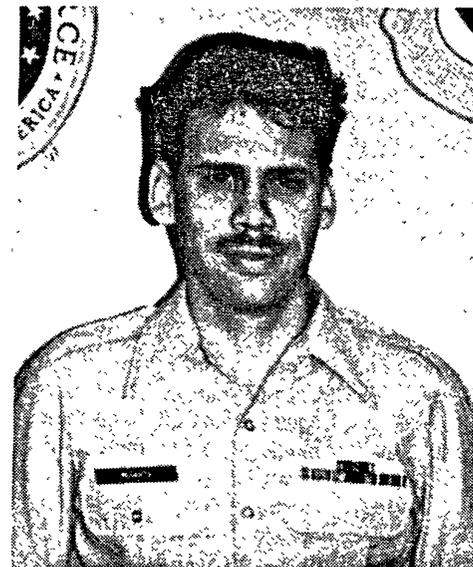
with the kids, or at his football responsibilities...guess what?...he is part of a weekly radio show in Hartford, a hobby he has pursued the past year. The way he explains the experience..."After attending broadcasting school, I decided as a part-time hobby to try radio...I soon became part of the American Radio Network that makes tapes that are distributed all over the country...with music and plain talk with another member of the station." Adding, "At times, the tapes are played on WRDM, 1550 AM, a local station."

He admits, "I'm a sports nut...follow the Yankees and the football Giants...but never watch television, too busy with the kids when I am home...as for vacations, how about our backyard?"

Midget football — John's comments: "For the kids, it makes something happen (in their young years), they have to work hard, and (hopefully) gain respect for the coaches...football is like no other sport, a team effort and must click to work." John has been active the past five seasons and said, "We start practice on August 1, the first game on September 15, at the high school." He said there are three divisions of players — The A group, ages 13-14 (145 pounds); the B group, ages 10-12 (123 pounds); and the C group, ages 7-10, (100 pounds). The team plays in the Northern Connecticut Football League, made up of six teams.

Mr. McGrath said, "We are looking for boys in the 12 to 14 age group." Those interested can call Dave Hartwig, 623-4090, for more details.

John was asked whom he most admired. "My father, who (made) sacrifices to keep



John McGrath

the family together, always worked hard, and today, still working." John's own personal philosophy (he learned from his dad) — "Work hard, things will come to you."

EPILOG

John James McGrath Jr., has never forgotten his roots growing up in Windsor Locks. Sports has been his younger career — Little League and football, at two levels — now also in radio, but most of all, a working coach.

Someone once said, "As long as you have a window, life is exciting." In John's case, he has several windows to make life exciting, I'm sure of that.

Rev. James Wiltshire -

The Reverend James Albert Wiltshire, associate pastor of the New Life Tabernacle, a United Pentecostal church that opened three years ago on Church Street

Church Street

has become a part of the local

community as one of the chaplain's group (made up of Windsor Locks clergy) in assisting the local police department in dealing with people in crisis.

The concept for a chaplain's corps came to him two years ago soon after he and his wife, Dee Charbonneau Wiltshire, moved to Windsor Locks to assist in the opening of the new church, with the pastor, Rev. Gale Scott and his wife, Debra Scott. The Scotts also reside in town.

Jim's personal story is one of growing up in nearby Manchester, after his family moved from Dorchester, Mass., when he was five years old.

Jim is the son of Robert and Carol Smith Wiltshire of Manchester. Mr. Wiltshire is a retired salesman of Rockwell Company, he came from Somerville, Mass. Carol was from Dorchester. Jim has a sister Jennifer, also

of Manchester. Jim graduated from Manchester High School, Class of 1986, where sports activity meant a year of freshman football. He then

became

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included

in several clubs and more

serious affairs.

Jim recalled, "I knew (during high school) I was going to the ministry...after some serious thinking of politics or serving people." Obviously, serving people won over politics and became his ultimate goal.

The political thinking probably began, because he said, "I came from a Democratic house, but now I'm a registered Republican," with a slight smile on his friendly face.

His next and important step was college, spending some time at the Manchester Community College, but then a bigger and more substantiate move: to Stockton, California, enrolling at the Christian Life College, graduating in 1991, with a degree (associate) in Theology.

At the California college, Jim met his future bride, Dee, who was also attending the

school, studying music. Dee is the daughter of Paul and Caroline Burgess Charbonneau, both from New Hampshire.

Paul, at the time, was Director of Food at the college, and enjoys retirement.

Dee had attended grammar school in Nashua, New Hampshire, where she was born, then high school at Stockton Christian School, graduating in 1985, after their move to the West Coast.

She comes from a large family...three brothers, Dale and Danny of Nashua, Dave in Stockton, four sisters, Dawn and Donna of Nashua, Doreen of Stockton, and Denise of Dallas, Texas; with the emphasis on the

by Dee — after meeting people in Windsor Locks, and familiarizing themselves with the town, she said, "We think it's a beautiful town, family oriented, and very community minded." Dee herself is into arts and crafts, a very active individual in their church as a Sunday School teacher and the church music department.

As for Jim, he plays golf, enjoys skiing in Vermont, and said, "We are so busy with church affairs, hobbies have to wait sometimes."

When they vacation, it's Maine or Rhode Island, and both enjoy gospel music. Dee loves to read mysteries, and for the time being, television has no place in their home or life.

Psalm 30.5... "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning..."

Reverend Wiltshire's favorite Bible passage

letter "D", as you can see.

Dee and Jim were married on June 27, 1992, moved to Windsor Locks in July of 1993, to assist in the opening of the church.

Before detailing some information on the church and "crisis" program, personal data on Jim and Dee. First, nice comments

church... Reverend Jim is associate pastor of the church, which opened three years ago on Church Street (rather appropriate) and now has 52 members.

As for the "crisis,"...the program was organized by Reverend Jim," to aid the police department by offering counseling and

— Organizer of Chaplain Program



Rev. James Wiltshire and Dee Wiltshire

comfort to those facing a loss of crisis," adding, "we have received excellent cooperation from Chief William Gifford and the Police Commission." Priests from St. Mary and St. Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic churches are represented, as well as ministers from the Windsor Locks Congregational Church and New Life Tabernacle. They would be on call to speak to victims and relatives dealing with the aftermath of accidents or crimes.

A few more comments on Jim...when asked whom he most admired, he and Dee agreed, "Pastor Gale Scott and his wife, Debra, who have shown leadership to us and also are great examples for everyone connected with the church." Dee wanted to

add a word or two on Jim..."very friendly."

Reverend Jim's personal philosophy..."Next day is always a better day, and you get out of (life) what you put back into it." Did he have a favorite Bible passage?...of course, from "Psalm 30.5...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning..."

EPILOG

Rev. Jim Wiltshire has organized a most worthy program, with the cooperation of other faiths and the police department...and Jim said it best..."It's an opportunity for every minister in town to reach out to the community...and show them why we're here, to share God with them, to share peace and strength."

Edward Coyne —

There's an old college saying (here in Connecticut) that goes like this: "For God, Country, and Yale."

With Edward Martin Coyne, one might say ... God, family, country, Yankees, Giants (football) and Notre Dame.

Ed grew up with an Irish heritage in Setauket, N.Y., on Long Island, not far from his favorite New York Yankees and Yankee Stadium. His folks, Chuck and Anne Heyward Coyne, grew up in Queens, a borough of New York City. Mr. Coyne is retired from American Airlines, now with United Van Lines.

Ed comes from a large family—five brothers and two sisters. There's Timothy, Thomas and Daniel, who reside in Arlington, Texas (also the home of their parents). There's another Connecticut resident, the younger Chuck, who lives in West Hartford. A brother, Steven, has passed away. Both girls, Susan and Eileen, live in Virginia Beach, Va.

Ed graduated in 1979 from the Ward Melville High School, where he excelled as a three-letter athlete: football as quarterback and defensive back, playing from the seventh grade to his senior year; wrestling from eighth to 12th grade; and his big specialty, lacrosse (game of American Indian origin) which he played from the seventh to the 12th year, and received a scholarship to the State University of New York College of A & T at Cobleskill, in upper New York state.

What did Ed want as to a career? "I wanted to be a history teacher (with emphasis on Ireland, no doubt) and continue

to play lacrosse." However, he only stayed a year. When his folks moved to Texas, he decided to go south. One never

settled in West Hartford, for two years, then a year in Windsor, and in June of 1993, a move to their current home in

Windsor Locks, with Ed saying, "We love the town, the people we have

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knows what's in store for them.

Ed attended the

University of Texas at Arlington for a year. Then fate stepped in. Ed met his future bride, Glenda McCracken, a student at Texas Christian University, at a party. A year or so later, they were married—on April 23, 1983, and as he recalled, with a smile. A few of the comments from the locals? "The Yankee took the homecoming queen of the local high school."

They were wed in Glenda's hometown of Red Oak, Texas, just south of Dallas. She is the daughter of Alex and Carol Lane McCracken. Glenda has a brother Alex, Jr. and two sisters, Marie and Denise, who all live in the Lone Star State.

Actually, Ed did not take the homecoming queen to Connecticut right off. He worked with a Texas glass company for a few years, then in 1987, on their visit to the nutmeg state (to see his brother), Ed remembers well, they "fell in love with Connecticut."

The young couple first lived in Glenn Heights, Texas, after their arrival in Connecticut,

met, and soon found the school system to be excellent."

Glenda worked at the Wire Mold in West Hartford for two years, until the first of their three daughters were born. Now, when the youngest starts kindergarten this fall, Glenda will begin a new position, as a school bus driver.

The three girls are Candice, 11, Megan, 6, and Alexis, 4. Candice will be a sixth-grader this fall at the middle school. She enjoys soccer and basketball, is a "great student," and plays the flute. Megan, in the second grade at North Street School, enjoys riding her bike and playing with her kitten. Alexis will be starting school at North, enjoys swimming, and is the "singer in the family."

Back to their dad, the man surrounded by four females, and loving every minute of it. Ed's first job in Connecticut was with the Capital Glass Company in West Hartford, but after a year, he "wanted to go on my own in the glass business." In December of 1988, Ed started his own home glass company, saying, "I started with nothing," but his prior experience in the glass business. Today, Ed installs "custom mirrors and shower doors," in residential homes. "Referrals are his best ads," he said. Ed does double duty; he

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- Family Man Proud of his Irish Heritage

also is employed at Bradley with Northwest Airlines.

When time is found for hobbies or leisure hours, Ed will probably pick up a book on history, preferably on Ireland. One of these years, he has high hopes of a visit to the land of his grandparents. He also has a hobby; he's in the process of learning to play the bagpipes. He had taken lessons from the late Hugh Starr. Ed said, "Mr. Starr was a great teacher, unfortunately I did not have enough time to learn (everything about the pipes), I do miss him."

Ed is a big Yankee fan, also the New York Giants, he's a season-ticket holder, goes to the games in New Jersey with his brother Chuck. Another favorite for the whole Coyne family is the Notre Dame football team. His land grandfather, Charles T. Coyne, was a big Notre Dame fan from way back.

Now for Glenda: In addition to her new job, she's a salesperson for Tupperware, and has her own hobby of cross-stitching. The girls and Ed have vacationed in Texas, and recently went to Disney World in Florida.

Ed made a recent retreat (his first) with the St. Mary's group at the Holy Family Retreat House in Farmington. He and Glenda are active at St. Mary's and are in a Bible reading group with other parishioners.

When he was asked who he



Edward and Glenda Coyne

most admired, he said, "My parent.... they raised eight children, shared a great work effort for their children to emulate."

Ed's personal philosophy ... "Good to talk and listen to older people ... also listen and watch younger people, we receive something from both."

Did he have a favorite saying ... yes, from the inaugural (1933) address of President F.D. Roosevelt ... "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Epilog

When you interview Edward Martin Coyne, his devotion to church activity, family closeness, plus his appeal for his favorite teams of sports, occupy the conversation. A most happy and friendly man.

It is only fitting to end our story on Ed and his family, with an Irish blessing.

"May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Meet Janet Paradis

Janet Lynn Paradis is an electrical engineer who volunteers her time as a computer coordinator at South Elementary School.

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Janet Lynn Paradis —

Janet Lynn Paradis, electrical engineer, is a volunteer at the South Elementary School as a member of the Technology Planning Committee. Her other activities include hobbies, family pastimes, shared with her husband, Ted Farver, and their two children, Bruce and Karen. This is in addition to their special dog, "Cookkette," a friendly member of the clan. Janet and Ted have lived in Windsor Locks the past 16 years. They come from different areas of the country: Janet from Rockville, Md., and Ted from Duluth, Minn.

So, ladies first... Janet is the daughter of Roland and Margaret Armonde Paradis, both of New Bedford, Mass., and now living in Rockville, Md. Roland is a retired engineer, the same path their daughter took at school. Janet has a brother, Allen, who lives in Florida.

Janet graduated with the Class of 1973 from Robert E. Peary High School, named after the famed arctic explorer. Her high school memories include membership in the school's

drama class. In 1979, she graduated from the U of Maryland in College Park, Md. The years in between included time out for work, plus school, where she earned her degree in Electrical Engineering.

Her working career (as an engineer) began when she moved to Connecticut to work at Hamilton-Standard in 1980. After two years, she left the aircraft company to join Emhart until 1985, when she left to raise their first child.

Now for Ted... Theodore Bruce Farver, the son of Ted and Ella Clark Farver. The older Ted is a retired electrician, who, like Ella, came from Superior, Wisc. They have two daughters: Janet, of Pennsylvania, and Nancy, of Virginia. Ted and Ella now reside in Stroudsburg, Pa.

The Farver family moved quite a bit, due to the father's jobs, with the younger Ted attending high schools in New York City and New Jersey, graduating in 1968. He went on to the New Jersey Institute of Technology in



Newark, N.J., where he graduated in 1974 with a degree in electrical engineering. It runs in the family. Imagine two engineers in one household? In 1977 he was working for the Vitro Company in Maryland, where he met Janet, who was in college at the time. Ted came to Connecticut in 1980 to work for Combustion Engineering, Inc. (now owned by European company Asea Brown Boveri) and in January of this year, "wanted to try something different," he said. Ted left ABB for a position with Colonial Data Technology in New Milford.

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Engineer, School Computer Coordinator

Janet pitching in as the coordinator of the league. Strictly another family affair.

Another family vocation is camping and canoeing. Janet likes to read in her spare time and is also into computers at their home. Ted likes to work on cars, go camping, fish, and play basketball in the "over 40 group." The winters take care of his activity, but in the summer its golf; be it at Oak Ridge, Millbrook, Edgewood or Copper Hill, he gets around.

Vacation for the family usually means Ocean City in Maryland and the Adirondack Mountains in New York State. They are not big television fans — well, maybe a science-fiction movie. Ted admits he likes to listen to sports on the radio, and they both enjoy music, from the classics to rock 'n roll.

Now for Janet's activity with the technology planning committee, which includes school personnel and community members, with its main function: prepare a state grant application for "equipment to link its computer system to the town and outside resources."

The funds "would be used for software (programs),"



Janet Lynn Paradis, and her children Karen and Bruce.

Janet said. "It's an ongoing process, and to set up a computer room in the South School."

At the school, Janet has

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— Janet Lynn Paradis

been a volunteer technology coordinator for the past two years.

"The kids do love computers, and we feel it makes them think," she said.

Janet was asked whom she most admired. "My mother, who is smart and feisty," she said. Janet herself, according

to Ted, when asked for a one-word description, is "an independent individual." Questioned on her personal philosophy, she said, "I guess you would say the Golden Rule and also, leave your place or things better than you found them."

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Janet, Ted, Bruce and Karen.... All lead diversified lifestyles, from computers to sports to camping, the new technology to the old-fashioned way of enjoyment.

However, when it came to computers, the following novice question still came up: "A couple complained that their computer was telling them to 'eject diskette and hit any key.' They could not locate the key called 'any key.'"

Lavieri

High School's

Meet Sabrina Marie Lavieri, the new Windsor Locks High School Assistant Principal. Though already on board, her new career begins officially with the school year on Sept. 3.

The Barkhamsted, Conn., native had spent 15 years at the Avon High School as enrichment teacher and coordinator of the humanities program before accepting her new role.

She is replacing George Anastasia, who retired after 35 years at the high school. Sabrina's appointment was unanimously approved by the board of education. She was selected by a committee that included students, parents, teachers and administrators.

In her new office at the high school, when asked if she was nervous about her new position, she said "no" as she was quickly acquainting herself with the new surroundings. "It's a new challenge," she said.

And what will she be doing the first day of school? "I will be just walking around the entire day," greeting students and teachers.

Her comments in July, on this time before school starts: "A nice time to begin to get to know people [connected with the school operation]...and as for my first impressions, I have found the school really active, plus the renovations of the school," all for better education of the students.

As for the town of Windsor Locks, "I have made several

trips to the town over the years, and found it to be more than just Bradley Airport. You must remember I grew up in this area."

Now for some personal information on Sabrina...

"Yes, my folks named me

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after seeing the movie — the original one, that is," she said with a smile. She grew up in Barkhamsted, graduating from the Regional High School No. 7, in Winsted, Class of 1976.

Sabrina is the daughter of John P. Lavieri and Catherine Turra Lavieri. Mr. Lavieri was a native of Barkhamsted and now a retired engineer. Mrs. Lavieri was from Winsted. Sabrina has a brother, Nicholas, who resides in Killingly.

In high school, Sabrina was into music (vocal) and drama (the technical end). She was a member of the National Honor Society.

As for her education path Sabrina knew what she wanted to do for a career.

"Yes, I wanted to go into education," she said.

After high school she attended Northwestern Community College in Winsted, where she earned a two-year Associate Degree in Art. She then went to New Haven's Albertus Magnus College, where she received her bachelor in art/education,

and to the University of Hartford for her masters in art/education. At the New Haven institution she earned her teaching certificate, working part-time for a printing company, freelancing in the graphic arts department.

Her first teaching position was a two-year stay at the Botelle Elementary School in Norfolk (1980-1982). At the Avon Middle and High Schools (1981-1985) she was the art teacher, followed by a 12-year stint (1985-1996) as enrichment teacher at Avon High School, with the curriculum and leadership responsibilities in the arts and humanities.

Sabrina Lavieri has had a long list of contributions in different areas of education, including: memberships in the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, the New England Coalition of Educational Leaders, New England League of Middle Schools, Phi Delta Kappa, and the Connecticut Association of Arts Administrators.

Her professional and community activities include: executive board member of the Avon Arts Council; membership on the board of directors at the Farmington Valley Arts Center; and regional advisory board membership of Connecticut Scholastic Arts. In addition she was an instructor at the School for International Studies, U.S./Japan Foundation at Central

New Assistant Principal

Connecticut State University, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and University of Maryland.

Sabrina married Jonathan Scull on May 1, 1982. They have lived in West Simsbury for the past four years, after having lived in Collinsville, then Avon, before moving to their current residence.

Jonathan was born in Virginia and his family moved to Connecticut. He graduated from Branford High School and followed that with his college years at Central Connecticut. For the past 17 years he has been employed by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

They have two children: Nathaniel, 8, who attends the Central Elementary School in Simsbury, is a third grader who is very much into the game of soccer. His sister, Emily, 3, waits in the wings, with Nathaniel saying, "Emily's my little sister," according to their proud mother.

When it comes to hobbies, Sabrina said, "I always try to find time for my artwork...love to walk and swim, and on a Saturday afternoon, curl up with a good book."

One memorable vacation was to Rockport, Mass. She enjoys all types of music, attends Broadway shows. She's not a television watcher, and is connected with the Hartford Stage, especially giving young students the



Sabrina Lavieri

Staff photo by Christopher DeFrancesco

opportunity to see stage actors perform.

When asked, if there was anyone special she admired, she had this to say: "My life has been influenced by a wide variety of people and ideas, I find it impossible to isolate singular influences."

She had this additional input on coming to Windsor Locks:

"The position in Windsor Locks appealed to [me] because of the system's size and its goal. They're looking toward the future." Other objectives are to advance in

her career and "to work with a larger team of teachers and administrators," than she did as a humanities coordinator.

Epilog

Sabrina Marie Lavieri is the new high school assistant principal... and we have tried to give a broad outline of her career and personal life, as she looks forward to her new role and the challenges it will provide.

A warm and hearty welcome to Windsor Locks to Sabrina, from the citizens of Windsor Locks, the students, teachers and parents.

Lou Carpentieri —

Louis Cain Carpentieri is a marketing specialist with the Re/Max Affiliates in town, but among his other specialities are a home improvement business with his son and daughter, and a long list of employment positions from recycling to printing a “Shop and Swap” a few years back.

The Windsor native has lived in town for more than 20 years, father of two WLHS grads and married to Dawn McCartney Carpentieri, who was from Madison, Wis., recently named

Dawn has three brothers — Jimmy, David and Danny — and two sisters — Nancy and Gail. Their late parents were Jake and Bonnie Gibbs McCartney of Madison, Wis.

Back to our marketing specialist: Lou graduated from the Windsor High School, Class of 1962. He played Little League as a kid and was a catcher, like one of his favorite New York Yankees, Yogi Berra.

Lou graduated on a Thursday and by the following Monday he was in Texas with the U.S. Air Force. He was discharged in June of 1966, with service in Texas and Madison, Wis. He agrees with the amenities of Dawn’s birthplace. He then went from cold to much colder in Goose Bay, Labrador, a peninsula of northeastern Canada, where he also remembers the winters were “brutal.” He served in the air traffic control.

He had met Dawn in Madison and was married on Aug. 27, 1966, soon after his discharge. They lived in Madison until 1968, when their next and final move was to Connecticut, first in Windsor, and then to their present home in Windsor Locks.

First among Lou’s different jobs was with his mother in a weekly reminder (in Windsor) called “Shop and Swap” for about a year, in the printing end. He spent the next three years with Connecticut Printers in Bloomfield.

A series of changes followed for Lou until he found his niche: a member of the union, but when a strike was called, it came at a bad time, Lou wanted to buy a home, so he did the next best thing — got a job mowing lawns. After a period of time he worked as a sheet metal employee, then joined Mark’s Auto Parts in East Granby. Another decision and another change — he opened his own recycling yard

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Lou and Dawn come from large families: Lou has three brothers, Mickey in North Carolina, Ned in North Granby and Glenn in Springfield, Mass., and two sisters, Carol who lives in Florida and Karen in Enfield.

Their parents are Angelo and Gladys Elliott Carpentieri. Angelo is a native of Hartford and is retired from the Hartford Post Office. Gladys is from Windsor and they still live in our nearby neighborhood. Oh yes, Gladys’ father was Burton Elliott, a well-known band leader in this area.

- Marketing Specialist and Much More

in Springfield in 1987. When things did not work out, he went back to Mark's until 1992. Yes, time was ripe for an office job, and Lou landed one with the Prudential Connecticut Realty in Windsor. In June of this year he began working for the Re/Max in town at the Waterside location.

This was in connection with his starting the family improvement contractors business, Carpentieri & Sons, with his son Kevin and daughter Lisa, operating from their home in town. Yes, a busy man, but a man who found his niche.

Now for the children of Lou and Dawn. Kevin is a graduate of the class of 1989, as was Lisa, born nine months later, their dad said. Lisa spent a year at Bay Path and now, along with the business, plans to return to college.

Their mother, who graduated from the Madison East High School in 1966, has been employed at the East Windsor plant of United Technologies for the past eight years.

When it came time to mention hobbies for Lou, we discovered a wide range of activities ... bowling big pins since the '70s, and "I just took up golf," he said, but admits having "not much time for either."

Lou is a big stock car fan, Winston Cup Races, which he has witnessed over the years in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Florida. One special time, in Indiana, for the famous Indy Car Race in 1978 with his good friend, Roger Baillargeon of East Granby. Lou remembers there were more than a quarter of a million racing fans that day. As for vacation, usually means a trip to the "islands." Lou has been a member of the Lions Club for the past two years.

Lou did say when it comes to business,



Lou Carpentieri

"The two biggest things in your life, your car and house, there are peaks and valleys (in his business), just like in life itself ... but my philosophy has been, to keep trying, be it life or business."

Did he admire anyone special? "Yes, actually two men," he said. Billy Martin, the old Yankee player and manager, "in the way he did things," and racing car famed Bobby Allison.

Yes, Lou had a favorite saying ... "Do the best you can, every day. Whether you had a bad day yesterday or good day yesterday, you still need to do the best you can today. And should you stumble, you must not give up."

That's Lou Carpentieri, who tried several different jobs, found his niche, and feels better for it.

TWA trip to California —

“The best-laid plans of mice and men (and women) often go awry...” Be it a day of golf and it rains ... or better yet, travel plans, such as leaving Bradley at 2:20 p.m., on to St. Louis and west to Los Angeles by 7 p.m. (their time, of course) on July 31st.

All in the midst of the Olympic Games — the bomb at Centennial Park, and the news on TWA Flight 800. An hour before leaving for Bradley, TWA (as in Trans World Airlines) called: “Flight from St. Louis to LAX (Los Angeles) has been canceled.”

However, we were offered alternate travel plans ... wait three hours (until 4:30) for a flight to JFK, then fly coast-to-coast to LAX, and get there about 10 p.m. (1 a.m. Windsor Locks time). Or we could go to St. Louis, which included a four-hour delay.

With the TWA flight 800 and the problems at the Olympics, I figured a column (instead of an interview) on security at Bradley, St. Louis and LAX would be in order.

This is a month later, and when everything (we hope) had settled down. As I said, “best-laid plans,” etc. So here goes...

Back to Bradley and JFK, no problem at our airport — bags checked, new tickets — but no plane at 4:30. At 4:35, TWA announces the plane, still at Kennedy, should be here at 5:00. (We’ll see.)

At 5:10, our plane, a TWA Express (Jet Stream) prop job, arrives. (The last time Rita and I were on a prop job was a short trip from the south island of New Zealand to the north island. We made Kennedy after a bumpy ride, with no peanuts or drinks.

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without tickets were there to see their relatives off. One scary announcement came over for a certain gate for Flight 800 to Paris!

Our TWA flight was to take off at 6:55; at 8:30 we took off — a full load of folks for La-La Land. Our flight to LAX is underway. The pilot announces: “Sorry for the delay... trip to take five hours and 28 minutes.” We arrived at 11 p.m. (2 a.m. Windsor Locks time) on Aug. 1. Just for the record: Good meal — had seen the movie so we read a lot.

Same policy at LAX (as at JFK) — visitors can welcome passengers at the gate.

Greeted by our daughter Nancy (WLHS 1965), husband Frank Deshaies (formerly of New Britain), and our granddaughter, Patricia Lynne Deshaies, our reason (among others) for traveling to see her receive a Masters in business administration-marketing from Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., over the weekend. (Same school that Maria Oliva received her law degree recently, attended by her parents, Bob and Alice Oliva of Windsor Locks. Pepperdine overlooks the Pacific Ocean, and below, the fashionable Malibu colony.

Now for the trip back to Windsor Locks...

LAX to St. Louis, Mo... Still no restriction as to visitors at the gate. We left at 3 p.m., arrived in St. Louis at 8 p.m. local

Kennedy International... where do we go? We finally saw our flight at Gate 22. JFK was a zoo, and the thing that bothered us — we just walked in, with thousands of others, trying to find our gate — there was no security to go through. People

- and different travel plans

time. It was a good trip to the land of Stan Musial and the Cardinals, where Enfield's Craig Janney played for the Blues for a time, Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" plane at one of the terminals, and where Windsor Locks' own Joseph Flynn attended the St. Louis University Law School.

We were to leave at 9:10 p.m.; however, a passenger from another plane had to make our trip, the last one for Bradley. The flight left at 10:00 p.m., remembering we were going with the flow, and a lot of reading to pass the time.

We arrived at Bradley (still no one at the gate) by 1:15 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8. Next came the wait for the baggage and a taxi — you regular travelers know the routine. And we were home by 1:55 p.m.... not bad, but very safe and sound; you can rest tomorrow, or today, it being the case.

Our trip to sunny California? Perfect weather in every way, thanks to our host and hostess. Actually, found out here in Connecticut it was in the '90s, California sunny '80s.

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If we have learned our lessons traveling, you must be flexible, go with the flow, make the best of all situations, someone else is in control, schedules and the lack of promised times are mostly in the name of safety.

As for the bomb at Centennial Park and the horrible TWA Flight 800 on July 17, the outcome is not known at this writing in early August, unfortunately, is a part of life in the '90s, and the whim of extraordinarily selfish people. We are at the mercy of some individuals.

To put it all in the proper perspective, the morning after the TWA crash, a woman had this to say: "Everything you do involves an element of risk ... but we have to move forward and live our lives." And we are...

Stan Szwed Jr.:

This is the story of Stanley Anthony Szwed Jr., who is definitely following in the family jewelry business...but first, let's go back a few years....

In September of 1984, the

We came to the store to interview Stan. we found, a busy place, in addition to Stan. Robert, Elaine and the matriarch of the family (their mother), Alice Taravella Szwed, also from a well-

known Windsor Locks family.

Speaking of families...

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Windsor Locks Journal headline read... Stan Szwed Sr., Jeweler, Golfer, Father...



Today's Journal: (His son) Stan Szwed Jr., Gemologist, Golfer, Father... the apple does not fall far from the tree.

The tree: the well-known family tree of Stan Sr. and Alice, who raised eight children.

We recently interviewed Stan Jr., in what better place than the back room of their store in Warehouse Point (since 1973), after many years on the old and nostalgic and one-sider Windsor Locks Main Street.

Stan Jr.? He's a chip off the old block, carrying on the family business with his brother Robert and their sister Elaine, who is president of the business.

Stan Jr. is the certified gemologist, and Robert is the registered jeweler who is in the process of earning the title of his brother.

there's Stan, Robert and Elaine, followed by Ali Lou of Suffield, Mary Lou of Windsor Locks, and the twins, Jean of Windsor and Judy who lives in Gates Mill, Ohio. Another sister, Elizabeth, has passed away.

She was a licensed practical nurse. Judy attended nursing school in Boston and is a registered nurse. All are graduates of WLHS.

Stan Sr. and Alice have 18 grandchildren and one great-grandson: Nicholas Brien Burke.

Back to Stan Jr., native of Windsor Locks, still lives in town, with his wife Donna Nolan Szwed and their three children: Todd, Michael and Amy.

Their father attended St. Mary's School, and the Windsor Locks High School, Class of 1971, where he played soccer (senior year State Champs) and captain of the gold team.

Stan said he wanted to be a teacher, however, during his teens.

"My dad taught me watch-making/repairs, called

Gemologist, golfer, father

'horology... art of making timepieces.'" At the time, Stan recalled, "I enjoyed what he was teaching me, but I was not sure I wanted to be a jeweler."

After high school, Stan went on to Central to study industrial arts, and stayed three years; he then took time off to work in the store, and has "been there ever since."

The store, which his dad started in 1946 and this year marks their 50th anniversary, then became "a major part of my life," he said. "I love the business, especially dealing with the people ... my dad is always looking over our shoulders; he's still a big part of the business."

Now for Stan and Donna's family... they met at a K of C dance, and were married on April 5, 1975. Donna graduated from WLHS, Class of 1970. She was the Queen of the Junior Prom and vice president of her class. She attended the Hartford School of Nursing, is a LPN, was at the Hartford Hospital

for seven years. She is the daughter of Edward Nolan of Windsor, and the late Beverly Nolan. Donna comes from a large family, with siblings Mark, Ed, Kirk, Greg, Lisa, and the late Gloria Nolan.

The three children of Donna and Stan: Todd, 20,

attended Suffield High School and played golf, soccer and ice hockey before going on to the Suffield Academy. He is now a senior at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. Todd hopes to have a teaching career. Michael 17, is a senior at WLHS, is co-captain of the soccer team, and plays golf, tennis and hockey. He has hopes to be a doctor. He attended Boys State this year. Both boys played Little League in town, just like their father. Amy, 15, a sophomore at the high school, had played soccer at the Middle School. Their proud father says they are "all good students."

When it comes to Stan's hobbies... number one would have to be golf, and he admits, "I still can't beat my dad." Stan plays in the Windsor Locks League up at Edgewood, and at time, Windsor's Millbrook. He sports a creditable five handicap for 18 holes. His teammates at Edgewood: Ellsworth Case, Paul Murdock,

Tony Ward and John Odell.

In Stan's younger days, he played a lot of hockey in Enfield, with the Travel Team, along with Kenny Colli, Ted Holmes and Richard Wills. He remembers quite well when he and his teammates faced the old-time Whalers, led by



Stan Szwed with wife Donna, daughter Amy, and sons Todd and Michael.

the great Gordie Howe, in 1984.

Vacation time for the family? The Cape, Florida and New Hampshire. Oh yes, Stan is still a Red Sox fan.

Now there's another event from his younger days Stan also remembers — attending the famous, or infamous, Woodstock Music Festival in 1969 with Richard Young, Bob Nussbaum, Steve Szykula and Tommy Hart.

Stan is a member of the American Gem Society, and the Connecticut Guild of the American Guild Society, is past president of the group.

When Stan and Robert were busy (at a break in the interview), I asked Stan's mother for a few choice words to describe her son.

"He has a sense of humor, very industrious and knowledgeable," she said (and mothers know).

When Stan was asked for a personal philosophy, he said: "You can't control things of the world, but you control or mold things the family does."

Stan has tremendous admiration for his father. "He has always been supportive and helpful (especially when we were growing up) ... then dealing in the family business, it was clear to me, an honest and fair man."

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That's an update on the Szwed family, and mostly on Stan Jr., but also the active family — parents, brother and sister, a family affair in the business of jewelry.

Stan Jr. learned a lot from his father, and the following may just apply.

"My father always told me, 'Find a job you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life.'"

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— Stanley Szwed Jr.

Meet the Williams

Scott, Robin, Ashley, Amber and Aaron Williams, a Windsor Locks family with true family values.

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The Williams —

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Scott Henry Williams has been in the business world "since I was a little kid," he said proudly, adding, "all the time with my dad."

Actually, the Williams men (in different phases of business) began with Scott's grandfather, the late Fay Williams Sr.

However, when we talked with Scott and his active family last month in their backyard, it was quite apparent that beside the business end, this was a family oriented group: Scott, Robin (the busy mother), Ashley, Amber and Aaron. We should not forget their (indeed) active dog, Molly, who, it is said, "runs the Williams show."

You have to call ahead if you plan to interview the Williams clan. It's a busy group of folks, and they would not want it any other way.

Now for some family information: Scott was born in nearby Springfield, Mass., the son of the late "Woody" and Georgian Kelly Williams. Mr. Williams was from Springfield, a Navy World War II veteran, and was active in real estate, hardware and other business ventures. Mrs. Williams was

from Amherst, Mass.

Scott has a brother, Stephen, of South Windsor, and two sisters, Susan and Sandy, of Windsor.

Scott grew up in Longmeadow, Mass. At the age of 15 the family moved to Windsor, where he graduated from high school, class of 1976. Scott excelled in baseball and ice hockey (as captain) for four years, in addition to the game of soccer for two years. He had learned the art of baseball as a little-leaguer in his native state.

Now for the mother and wife: Robin Lee Bessoni Williams, a New Britain native, is the daughter of Louis and Barbara Kaminsky Bessoni, who are both from New Britain and now live in Wethersfield. Robin has a brother, Robert, who resides in New Britain. Their dad is in the contracting business in the New Britain area.

When Robin was 9 the family moved to Newington, where she graduated from high school in 1978. The previous year, Robin was voted "Miss Newington" in a local contest. Yes, she has been kidded for years as to her (improbable) namesake, the

popular actor and comedian, Robin Williams.

Back to Scott's working career: Scott worked with his father during his youth in maintenance of rental property, "Security Building," in Springfield. When the building was sold, the family went into the "Taylor Rental" business until 1973 with their move to Windsor. For the past 15 years the Williams family has operated the True Value hardware store in the center of Windsor.

Now to Robin, who received her first taste of dealing with the public (high school years) working at G. Fox at the Westfarms Mall in West Hartford. She then took a few office jobs after school. Today, and after three children in school, Robin is part of the hardware store personnel.

The three children of Robin and Scott: Ashley Marie Williams, 13, in eighth grade at the middle school, is an honor student who enjoys art, soccer and dancing, plays the flute in the school concert band and baritone sax in the jazz band, and shows her additional talents (song and dance) with the school's "Power Company."

Amber Lee Williams, 10, in sixth grade at the middle school, enjoys science, and into three sports — soccer, softball and

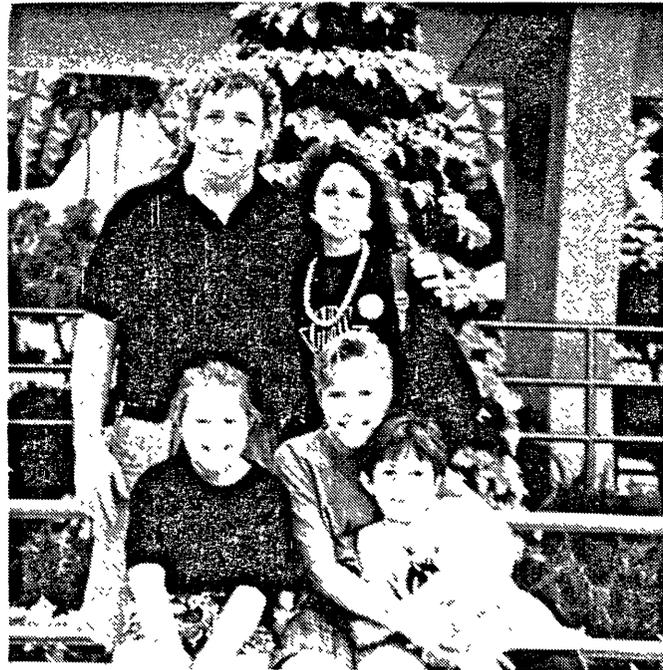
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basketball. She too plays the flute.

Then there's Aaron Joseph Williams, 9, in fourth grade at South School, also enjoys science, and hockey at the Enfield Rink, and is involved in the town's little league program.

As for hobbies of Mom and Dad, when time permits for Scott, it means off to Airways for golf — "been playing since I started with my father," he said. Over the years he has played fast-pitch softball in West Hartford, however, one of his career highlights is running and completing the New York Marathon in 1992 in the good time of 4 hours, 16 minutes. He recalled, "It's a long way and you must train for it." And he also admits being a Red Sox fan, like a lot of us.

As for Robin, for the past 10 years she has been active in aerobics at the New England Health & Racquet facilities in Enfield and as instructor the past four years. Actually, she "is with the kids a lot," along with the family garden keeping her busy. Vacations have meant camping trips to Hampton Beach, N.H., plus trips to Florida, the Cape, and the shores of Connecticut and Rhode Island. When it comes to television, they are faithful fans of "Dr. Quinn," "ER," "Chicago Hope," and "Lois &



The Williams family; Scott, Robin, Ashley, Amber and Aaron

Clark."

Robin and Scott were married on June 7, 1980, and have lived in the Bradley Apartments in town, then to Windsor, with their move back to Windsor Locks in 1986. As for organizations, Scott is past treasurer of the Windsor Kiwanis Club.

When asked who they most admired, Scott said his father, "a very kind gentleman." Robin said her parents: "hard-working, kind and loving." They both agreed in the Golden Rule, and as for a

favorite saying, Scott said, "Every action has a reaction." Robin said, when asked for a few words to describe Scott, "kind and good-hearted."

That seems to sum up this true value family: active in the right things of life, and we must not forget their dog, Molly. The following fits: "We give them the love we can spare, the time we can spare. In return, dogs have given us their absolute all. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made."

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As permittee of the Italian American club, Jim Cranfill says, 'I've never met a man I didn't like.'

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In the Jim Cranfill -- permittee of

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BY JACK REDMOND

"I never met a man I didn't like..."

Jim's philosophy is patterned after famous quote of humorist Will Rogers

For the past eight years James Eugene Cranfill has been the permittee of the local Italian American Club.

Better known as just Jim, his previous experience as permittee and restaurateur has given him the opportunity to meet, work, and determine the needs of members or customers, be it the IAC, Knights of Columbus, or A.C. Petersen and other locations around the country.

Jim's wide range of memberships in organizations is quite lengthy — Moose Club of Enfield, Mt. Carmel of Enfield and St. Casimir's in Poquonock — in addition to being a former member of the local Lions.

Jim, not from these parts, grew up in Hillsboro, Ill., located south of Springfield and north of St. Louis. He is the son of the late James F. Cranfill, who was sheriff in his hometown of Hillsboro in addition to being a welder and maintenance director. Young Jim's mother, Harriett Payne Cranfill, was also from

Hillsboro and now makes her home in Greenville, Ill. His brother, Jerry, lives in Hampton, Va., and has had a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy, retiring after more than 30 years with the rank of rear admiral, with service in the Mediterranean Sea region. They have a sister, Janet, who also resides in Greenville.

Jim graduated from Hillsboro High School, Class of 1968, where he played trumpet in the school band. When asked, "Any idea as to a future career," he said with a smile, "Sure, get out of town." He did leave, attending the University of Minnesota for two years. In addition to classes studying aviation transportation/business, he worked for Ozark Airlines.

Jim's career did take off, actually, according to him, in more than 20 states, mostly in the restaurant business, and to name a few of his stops for more than a cup of coffee: Minnesota, Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania (and finally to Connecticut).

In 1980 Jim was working for the Sambo restaurant chain in Pennsylvania and was transferred to the Avon, Conn., location for a two-year period. After that, worked for A.C. Petersen Farms in Bloomfield and did some landscaping in the area, followed by a two-year permittee job at the local Knights of Columbus. In 1989

he started his new position at the IAC.

Now for some personal information: he and his wife, Donna Dudack Cranfill, were married on June 24, 1989, and have lived in town since the wedding. Donna grew up in Simsbury, the daughter of Bernard Dudack, now retired. Her mother was the late Pauline Hoffman Dudack.

Donna graduated from Simsbury High School. She has a brother, Bernard, of Granby, and two sisters, Laurie, of Granby, and Bonnie, who lives up in Alaska. Donna and Jim visited her on their honeymoon. Donna has worked for ETP in Windsor the past 10 years.

Jim has two daughters. Alana 19, a recent grad of WLHS, works at Edwards, and next month will attend Assuntau. Kelly 14, attends school in Pennsylvania.

Jim's hobbies or previous pastimes are certainly a little different; he's been a member of the Windsor Marksmen's for the past five years, enjoys shooting pool at the IAC, especially in tournaments, and a few years back, was into stock car racing in Pennsylvania, Florida and Illinois. His midwest beginnings mean he's still a baseball fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Now for the IAC, located on South Center Street, with a past history: currently, James Bourassa is president, Jim

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Logan is vice president, Bill Eidt is treasurer, Sherry Bradley is recording secretary and Don Moselsky as sergeant-at-arms.

Jim said there are memberships of 300, men and women, who meet once a month, and are active as sponsors of a Girl's Softball team and trips to race tracks. He wanted to mention, "We are always looking for new members."

The following events are planned: Sept. 21, Steak & Lobster Dinner Dance; Adults Halloween Party on Oct. 25; Children's Halloween on Oct. 27; Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 22; member Christmas Party, date to be announced.

The dedication of the new Italian American Club building was on Oct. 20, 1963; the original building was destroyed by fire. The new building is located on the same foundation as the original, which was built in 1776.

The IAC was organized in the late 1920s by a group of Italian origin, and eventually "club memberships were opened to all with interesting results that men of Polish, Swedish and Irish origin have served as presidents of the club." (Reference "History and Origin" supplied by Jim.)

Back to some closing remarks on Jim, the dedicated permittee, who was asked, who was his most admired individual. "My father, worked

hard all of his short life, for his family," he said.

Jim is very proud of his family, with several relatives who served as ministers in the Baptist faith.

His grandfather, Guy Payne, who lives in Irving, Ill., is 102. He came to the states from England at the age of 13.

Epilog

Jim Cranfill, permittee and restaurateur extraordinaire, has served the public from the midwest to Connecticut with these words: "Purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible,



Jim Cranfill

to be compassionate."

In Jim's case, on any given day, he meets people and believes in Will Rogers' edict on meeting others.

Cabbages & Kings

Bethany Slater is the winner of the
Governor's Fitness Challenge.

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Bethany Slater:

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BY JACK REDMOND

Back in June, Bethany Sue Slater and her family were invited to the Greater Hartford Open in Cromwell, so that the Middle School student would be on hand to accept an award from Gov. John G. Rowland as one of the winners (drawing) in the Governor's Fitness Challenge.

We met Bethany 13, a seventh-grader, her parents and brothers last month to find out how the winning of a Nordic Track Pro ski exercise machine has affected her (and family), and about their recent move to Windsor Locks from East Hartland, Conn.

The big move, they all agreed, with Cheryl Slack Slater, Bethany's mother, saying, "It was a big adjustment, especially for the kids," with Bethany adding, "The change was different, (for us) Windsor Locks is a city, East Hartland the country, and there's more to do here," with her friendly smile.

Before we find out more on Bethany and her brothers, Tim and Nathaniel, some information on her parents: Cheryl is a graduate of Southwick (Mass.) High School, Class of 1976, where she grew

up. Yes, she said, they knew the Lobo family (as in Rebecca). Cheryl is the daughter of Eugene and Elsie Cushman Slack of Granville, Mass., she has two brothers, Billy and John of our neighboring state. She worked in several offices and factories and for the past six months has been at a day care center in Granby.

She met her future husband, Timothy James Slater, by way of introduction of their families. He was from East Hartland, attended Gilbert High School in Winsted, and was a member of the school wrestling team. Tim has a twin brother, Tom of East Hartland, brothers David of Vermont and Ron of Windsor Locks, and Paul, who is currently in Germany with the U.S. Army. They have a sister, Karin, of East Windsor.

Tim is a carpenter by trade, taking after his father Bill Slater and his late grandfather, Noroff Nielsen of Norway. Tim had worked for Dalene Floors in East Windsor and for Peterson Floors in East Hartford.

Now for the children of Tim and Cheryl...the oldest, Bethany Sue Slater, 13, now a seventh-grader at the Middle

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fitness winner in new town

School, is into softball and basketball, enjoys her classes in science and her favorite TV program, "Clarissa Explains It All," on Nickelodeon. She's collected dolls "since I was a little girl," she said. Her favorite food is pizza. More on Bethany a little later.

Twin brothers, Tim James and Nathaniel James, 9, are in fourth grade at South. Tim, a midget football player, reads a lot, is into art and computers, and his favorite TV program is "Rescue 911." Nathaniel's favorites are basketball, art and math, also computers, and when it comes to TV, "Baywatch," gets his attention.

When it comes to family vacations, camping is the number one activity, after Connecticut the rest of the New England states. Another activity that the older Tim was involved in — assistant scout leader for Boy Scout Troop 121 for seven years. His television preference is the world of

wrestling.

Back to Bethany, her meeting with the governor, and the award (sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Connecticut). It actually started in school, when her gym teacher, Janet Chapman, came up with the idea for the girls to enter the contest. The statewide campaign was intended for residents of all ages to promote the benefits of regular exercise.

Some comments by Bethany: "Yes, the rest of the family has use of the machine, which arrived a week after the GHO." What did Bethany do to fulfill the Fitness Challenge? Jumping jacks and lots of walking, which she does in addition to swimming. Her folks on her winning: "We were surprised, and proud," her mother said.

Some personal information on Bethany: did she have anyone special in mind as for admiration? Kristi Yamaguchi, 1992 Olympic Women's Single Figure Skating Champion.



Bethany Slater

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That's the story of the young lady, behind the picture that appeared in the Windsor Locks Journal, of Bethany Slater and

Governor Rowland. She and her family are adjusting to their new machine and new home.

Welcome to Windsor Locks.

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Everett Boyle, historian, veteran of WWII, and member of several civic organizations.

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Everett P. Boyle -

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BY JACK REDMOND

Everett Porter Boyle ... let us count the talents of this Connecticut native son: machinist, gunsmith, historian, World War II veteran, life member of several organizations, Masonic member and a very happy warrior who smokes and enjoys a good Connecticut cigar.

A resident of Windsor Locks for a half century, Boyle was a native of Scantic (part of East Windsor).

He remembers much with a great deal of enthusiasm: events; places, especially the one-room schoolhouse he attended in Scantic; graduation from the Ellsworth High School, class of 1942, which included the first machine shop (he was instrumental in starting it); traveling halfway round the world to India during World War II; and coming home and working at Bidwell and Hamilton Standard, to name only a few of his stops along the way before retirement in

1987.

Not really retired, he's a busy man enjoying meeting people, those cigars and fond memories of children, grandchildren and how to cook and savor venison steak (probably caught on a trip to Maine).

Boyle, the son of Charles and Ruth Porter Boyle, is a man of many nicknames. "I've had a whole bunch," he said, "like Trapper, Gunner [and more]." Mrs. Boyle, who is 90, resides in East Windsor. The late Charles Boyle was from Broad Brook, worked at Hamilton and saw service during the war.

Boyle has a brother, Guy Boyle, who divides his time in Florida and Maine. A sister, Maureen, who lives in East Windsor, cares for their mother and Aunt Doris. Another sister, Anna, has passed away.

Back to Ellsworth Memorial for a few notes: Boyle was a busy student. He took up woodworking,

brought a pistol to school to work on (with permission, I believe) and set up a machine shop—doing what his life would become.

He knew, once out of school, that he wanted to be a machinist, first working in Rockville. He got a job at Bradley working on metals and then his life changed. He was drafted into the Army in 1943, after unsuccessful attempts to join the Marines, Navy and Air Force.

This was due to a problem with one of his eyes.

After basic training at Fort Bragg, N.C., he was assigned limited service. Eye problem aside, Boyle qualified for expert marksman. He was an expert even as a kid growing up.

He was shipped to Arkansas (to work on the railroad) and then took a few side trips to Texas and California in late 1943. His next move was on a ship to India: first stop, the island of Tasmania, off the southeastern coast of Australia.

He left the world of "down under" for Bombay, India, to work on the Bengal Railroad—all part of what he

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called “the forgotten war,” China-Burma Theater of Operations.

After two years, continued hot weather and the end of the war, Boyle was turned into a civilian and glad to be home in Connecticut.

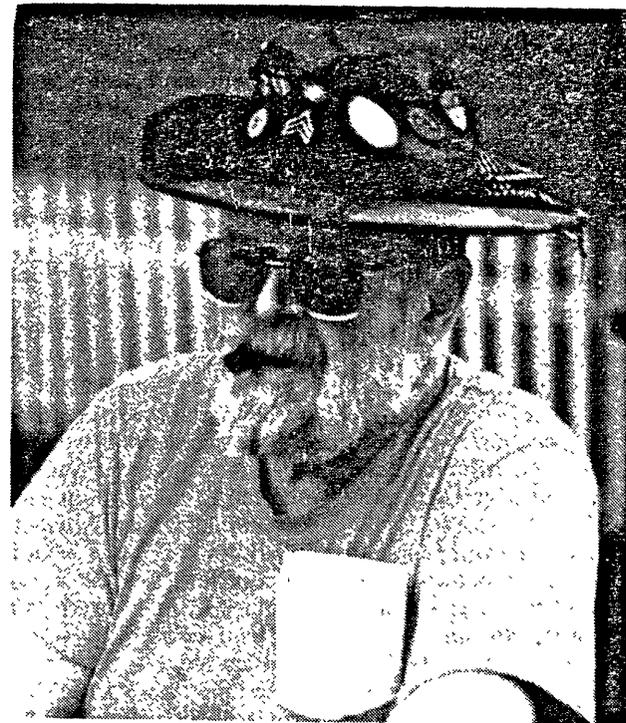
He soon returned to the working public with three local companies—Bidwell, Flight Enterprises and Hamilton—until his so-called retirement on July 31, 1987. He worked at Hamilton for a quarter of a century.

During those years, Boyle was developing his own business connections as a machinist and gunsmith.

Some family connections: Boyle has five children and five grandchildren. His first wife, Enid Brennan Boyle, is deceased. Their daughter Sharon lives in California with her three children.

His second wife, B. Jan Boyle, resides in Canterbury. They have four children: Joseph of Enfield, John of Canterbury, James of Wethersfield and Julie of Jewett City. James has a son, Julie a daughter.

James’ father-in-law is the former major league baseball player Dick McAuliffe of the



Everett p. Boyle
Detroit Tigers.

Boyle’s steady companion is his dog Shadow, a year-old pup and a good watchdog.

What keeps Boyle busy? In his free time, he enjoys fishing, camping—anything outdoors—and his favorite hobby is probably cooking and, oh yes, hunting in Maine.

He’s not a big TV fan, but admits he will miss the regular “Murder She Wrote” series with Angela Lansbury.

His memberships include: National Rifle Association; American Legion; China-Burma Veterans Association; past master of the Enfield Lodge 109; AF&AM in Windsor Locks (York Rite, chapter and council); Windsor Locks Gun Club; and East Windsor Sportsman’s Club.

Boyle says, “I’m a real history buff—any kind of history, especially of this area, where my roots are.”

And, speaking of history, when asked who he most admires, he replies, “Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who took

over our nation on its knees, put people back to work [WPA, NRA and CCCs] and then led the country during World War II.”

Comment on our interview: I had never met this versatile individual, introduced by way of a letter to an editor entitled “Vet Grateful to Class”—the class of eighth graders at the middle school for its Veterans Appreciation Day in June.

Closing his thanks, Everett said, “These young citizens will eventually be the backbone of our great nation.”

Epilogue: speaking of “backbones of our great nation,” Everett Porter Boyle has done it all, with the plain and simple philosophy of the Golden Rule.

With Boyle, they threw away the mold. He’s a man of all seasons.

Does he have a favorite saying? Yes: “Keep your powder dry.”

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Lynn Gelinas, a school volunteer and social worker is profiled this week.

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Lynn Gelinas —

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BY JACK REDMOND

Lynn Johnson Gelinas Copaco Store in Bloomfield. She agrees with the president's wife — "It takes a village to raise a child."

With this philosophy in mind, Lynn and her children, Hannah and Sean, with their loving home life plus the "village," who has provided town sports, school programs and this past summer the "outstanding activities" by the staff at Pesci Park and Pool for her kids, their daily ritual under the sun.

More on Lynn, the West Hartford native, the daughter of Philip Johnson, who was originally from Philadelphia, and the late Jacqueline Stewart Johnson. Mr. Johnson for many years, the comptroller of

Copaco Store in Bloomfield. He had met the future Mrs. Johnson, of New Hampshire, in Washington D.C., when he was in the U.S. Marines, during World War II.

Lynn graduated from Northwest Catholic High School, Class of 1974, where she was a member of the Glee Club. However, most of her time she worked after classes.

After Northwest, Lynn tried college at Southern Connecticut for a year taking classes in social work.

But looking back, she said, "I came home, went to work at CIGNA, and have been there over 20 years."

The first seven years, she worked full time in "Individual Insurance Operations." After 14 years, Lynn decided to work part-time and is now employed as "medical economist," with the CIGNA Health Care of Connecticut, on what she has

called the "Bloomfield Campus."

The two children of Lynn and Scott Gelinas

*"Thanks Mom ...
for giving me roots
and wings ..."*

—Lynn Gelinas' favorite saying

are Hannah Mae and Sean Michael. Scott's parents are Arthur and Marion Gelinas of Suffield.

Hannah, 6, a December birthday girl (Pearl Harbor Day), is in the second grade at North Street School, enjoys her Spanish classes, into gymnastics, swimming and T-Ball for the first time. As for television, her favorite is "Full House."

And speaking of birthdays ... Sean is 12 today. A sixth-grader at the middle school, Sean likes his science programs, rec soccer, and is in Little League — in the majors, as a star second baseman. Really a big sports fan, he watches ESPN on television, UConn basketball, pro skate boarding and tennis. When it comes to his favorite baseball team, it's the Houston Astros and Connecticut's own Jeff Bagwell of Killingworth.

And according to his proud mother, "Sean was in the South

— school volunteer/health care worker

School Aspiration Program.” Both Hannah and Sean are in the local scouting program; Sean in the Boy Scouts, Hannah a brownie. Their grandfather, Philip Johnson, was active in Scouts as district commissioner of Long River Council.

When it comes to the hobbies of Lynn, the busy mother, she’s into “Jazzercise” at the Knights of Columbus couple times a week. At home, she reads “anything I can get my hands on,” she said. After a good book, she might try her other talent of cross-stitching. Vacations usually mean a trip to the Cape. Lynn is a fan of “20/20” and other new programs. Oh yes, she’s also a fan of Lewis Carroll, and his famous sayings in “Jabberwocky.”

The kids were asked about their favorite food. Hannah said pizza, Sean, sticking with Italian, named spaghetti with meat sauce.

Lynn and her family have lived in Windsor Locks for nine years with the following comment: “A nice community, great school system,” plus all those other activities previously mentioned. In addition, the past two years, Lynn has been involved as a “volunteer helping teachers,” at South and North schools.

When Lynn was asked whom she most admired, she said, “my late and older brother Philip Johnson, to me a real hero, who was a Navy Seabee serving two tours of duty in Vietnam.”

That’s the interesting story of Lynn and her two children, a woman who believes in the Golden Rule and her favorite saying, plus the children’s, is “Thanks Mom ... for giving me roots and wings.”



Lynn Gelinas and her children Hannah and Sean.

James Leo Quinn:

The best place to meet James Leo Quinn was at the Knights of Columbus meeting room for an interview with the current Grand Knight. The Fall River, Mass. native has been around the block a few times, plus around the world during World War II.

Jim, or his brother Tom calls him, "Leo," (I'll stick with Jim for the story), was at one time (during his most active life) a bus driver for many charter trips traveling as far as Chicago and the Deep South.

His family: he is the son of the late Joseph L. Quinn and Mary Josephine Cruise Quinn, both who came from Fall

River. The brothers of Jim are no strangers to this column, Joe Quinn, the late politician in the family, was an early interviewee in September 1975, and then Tom in March 1978, who is still active in the Knights. They have two older brothers, Francis and John of Westfield, Mass.

Jim said, "Our father was a great cook, worked in restaurants all of his life, retiring from the famed Hartford's "Marble Pillar."

When Jim was a year old, the family moved to East Hartford, due to the lack of jobs in the Fall River area. When it was time for school, Jim went to local schools across the river, however at the age of 17 he left to join the Navy in 1943.

He served three years as a U.S. Navy gunner (armed guard) on Merchant Marine ships. This was classified as hazardous duty. Jim made five trips across the Atlantic, in addition to the continents of Africa, South

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America, plus the Suez Canal, Italy, and the other side of the world to India, by way of Cape Horn.

Did he suffer sea sickness? "No, a merchant marine veteran gave me a bag of saltines, and it sure took care of any illness."

"I'm very proud of the K of C softball National Champs in the Master's Division ..."

Jim Quinn's comments on the recent victory of the council.

(I wish I had taken them during my maiden ocean trip during World War II.)

When the war was over, Jim returned to Connecticut, but he recalled, "I really wanted to stay in the Navy, but there were family concerns."

Jim's employment record actually started before his tour of duty in the Navy. He worked for Railway Express before and after discharge, "until the company folded," he said. Driving a bus seemed to fit Jim, first school buses and then numerous charter trips for five years, followed by some factory work, and the way he told it, "almost everything until I retired 12 years ago."

His late wife, June Barrows Quinn, died in 1991. They had two sons, James Jr. and John. The younger Jim lives in Manchester, and John in Georgia, with his three daughters.

When asked about hobbies, he said, "I'm an aircraft buff, loved to take plane rides." As

a Grand Knight and active man

for sports, he's a big Detroit Tiger fan, saying, "The family were Red Sox and Yankee fans and I wanted to be different."

When it comes to television, he enjoys movies and the news programs. He has always been a fan of western books, the famous ones by Louis L'Amour, with an added comment. "When I was finished with the books, I gave them all to a library, so others could enjoy them like I have over the years."

His favorite food?
"Whatever is handy, especially when I'm hungry,

well maybe Chinese," he said. Vacations, a few years back, were usually to Vermont and Canada.

The local Knights of Columbus, Council 26 ... Jim's office as Grand Knight began July of this year and runs until next July. He has previously served as Outside and Inside Guards, Warden and Chancellor before taking over the role of Grand Knight. He's been a member of the council for five years.

His role "running the meetings, needs of the council, and when any problems arise such as sickness of members," he wanted members to notify him immediately. In addition, Jim was very proud of the K of C softball champions winning the recent "Master's Division," especially in our hometown, he said.

In addition to the Knights, Jim is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the local American Legion.



James Leo Quinn

When Jim was asked who he most admired, he said, "My father, raised five boys, worked on two jobs all of his life, mostly in the restaurant business." Jim's personal philosophy was to make sure his sons got a good education, and he, like their grandfather, worked two jobs most of his life.

Speaking of admiration, he mentioned his late and dear friend, Peter Yorio, former grand knight, "short in size, but a king in many ways, and the grandest guy I ever met ...," Jim said of Pete.

Epilogue

That is the story of James Leo Quinn, Grand Knight, ... a man who is always thinking "of the good of the order." We could not meet on Monday, because he had to buy the hot dogs for the weekly Bingo games that night ... that's Jim Quinn.

Bill Steitz: writer, U.S. Marine and

William Leslie Steitz, our latest interviewee, a local resident, a writer, who has led an interesting and full life, first as a young U.S. Marine, followed by 35 years with the Colt's Firearms in Hartford, and always with strong convictions as a published writer of note.

Better known as Bill, and a Warehouse Point native, in addition to being a history buff of our close neighbor across the river, has expressed himself with a concern and warmth, and as with a lot of writers, someday, author of a "great American novel."

He has submitted, over the years, "Letters to the Editor," expressing opinions, some fictional stories, a talent obviously inherited from his late father, J. Nelson Steitz, well-known poet of Warehouse Point.

Mr. Steitz wrote "Connecticut River Diary," poems of the seasons, his community on the river and Terry's Island.

The poet retired from Northeast Utilities, Bill's mother, the late Christine Koeber Steitz, was from Northampton, Mass. Bill has four brothers: Nelson of Los

Angeles; Ronald of Chicago; Raymond in they returned to Connecticut. Lola had lived on Baldwinsville, N.Y.; and a deceased brother,

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Charles Steitz.

Bill was educated in the grammar schools of his native town and the then Ellsworth Memorial High School. He said, "I came from a sports-minded family," with he and his brothers all participating.

At the age of 18, in 1948, Bill joined the Marine Corps, with boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., followed by three years as Radio Operator,

with service mostly in North Carolina, however, many side trips on maneuvers in Cuba, islands in the Caribbean and much more colder Labrador.

Discharged as a sergeant, Bill was ready for civilian life and his new bride of a year. Bill and Lola Daniel had been married at Camp Lejeune, N.C., on July 7, 1950. In July 1951,

the marine base for a year, recalling "I didn't

'Anthology construction is one of the pleasantest hobbies that a person who is not mad about golf and bridge ... that is to say, a thinking person ... can possibly have...'

Arnold Bennett

veteran Colt employee



Lola and Bill Seitz

like it...and I was homesick."

Lola, a native of Windsor Locks, met Bill at the age of sweet sixteen. Where? "Ice skating on Center Street," they said in unison.

Lola, who attended WLHS, is the daughter of the late Neal Daniel, who came from Italy, at the age of nine. Lola's mother, Anna Morin Daniel is 92, resides in Windsor Locks.

The Daniel family had four sons and two daughters: Neal Jr., and Harry of Windsor Locks, Tony of Broad Brook, the late John Daniel, and Louise of Virginia and Ann of Windsor Locks.

Back to Bill Steitz ... he retired from Colt's in 1985, after 35 years, in various positions in the manufacturing end of the business. As for retirement, I love it," he said. Lola had been in telephone/communications all of her working life: SNET, Hamilton and 24 years at Combustion Engineering, also retiring in 1985.

Bill was asked about hobbies. "I'd have to say writing, quite a bit of stuff, my influence, of course would be my father, and I should mention, was always a great hunter, (dabbled) in the stock market, but my main hobby is writing." Bill is a big Dallas Cowboy fan. When it comes to television, C-SPAN, the news and old movies. Vacation time usually means Cape Cod.

Oh yes! Lola's hobby? "Taking care of Bill," with a wife's loving smile. Lola's one word to describe Bill, "Everything."

Lola and Bill, after their return from the Carolinas, lived in Warehouse Point for two years, in 1952 Windsor Locks, several years in East Hartland, then in 1967 returning to Lola's home town.

Comments and views of Bill and Lola Steitz, "Our view of life is to enjoy this wonderful gift and all its rewards on a daily basis. Postponing

happiness is a course laced with diminishing returns. Our philosophy is to maintain an acute sense of humor and to share it with all the great people we have met.

"Our most admired persons are those incredible brave men and women who brought this country through the second world war. It is fastly becoming referred to as the 'Gone With the Wind' period. But the legacy they left to everyone is life its self."

Did Bill have a favorite saying? "Time is the stuff life is made of ... don't squander it."

Bill could be classified as an American history buff "Centered around the Civil War and or entry into the second world war. The serious student of today has volumes of material to research," he said.

We have come across many sage remarks on writers and the skill of writing. I'm sure Bill would appreciate the following:

- There's nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and open up a vein ...

- Have you found work yet ... or are you still writing?

- Novelist Sinclair Lewis was to lecture a group of college students who planned literary careers. Lewis opened his talk by asking: "How many of you really intend to be writers?" All hands went up. "In that case," said Lewis, returning his notes to his pocket, "my advice to you, go home and write." With that, he left the room.

- A struggling author had called on a publisher about a manuscript he had submitted. "This is quite well written, but my firm publishes works only by writers with well-known names," said the publisher. "Splendid," said the author, "My name's Smith."

Epilog

Lowell Thomas, renowned writer and explorer, once remarked, "We're on this planet, we don't know where we came from or where we're going. So why shouldn't we have a positive outlook while we're here? People should be doing something which interests them."

William Leslie Steitz is doing just that.

a note from the author

"The time has come", so the saying goes, to take off a few weeks from Cabbages & Kings due to an injury. We shall return.

Thanks,
Jack Redmond

'In time ...'

By Jack Redmond
Cabbages and Kings
Columnist

A fellow golfer, seeing my arm in a sling, said, "In time, in time ..."

Words of wisdom. Time is the healer, be it a broken arm, dislocated shoulder or just some nasty illness that will not go away.

As the saying goes ... "They say that when you suffer any sort of pain, your life may pass in front of you."

Well, let's not get too dramatic, Jack, you only fell on the golf course, and as said, in time, in time.

For me, and I guess it's just me, I thought of my column and an impending interview in a few days.

To many, no big deal ... of course not. But being human, (I believe), I did have those short moments, when I fell.

Thanks to my golf friends and fellow Knights of Columbus, I was off for X-rays, to the hospital with my wife, and now waiting for time and days to pass, with the help of therapy ... that proves to be the healer, despite the moments of pain ... and another saying, "no pain, no gain," so they say ... in time, in time.

(Editor's note: Jack Redmond's column, "Cabbages and Kings," will resume once he has completed his therapy, his arm has healed. Get well soon, Jack.)

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Jack's Back

Cabbages and Kings columnist Jack
Redmond resumes writing this week.

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Ronald Hubbs -

Ronald B. Hubbs, head librarian of our public library on Main Street, since 1979, has had previous library positions in Philadelphia, Andover and Melrose, both in Massachusetts.

The Seattle, Wash., native has also experienced other various jobs (and training) in Oregon, far off New Zealand and Korea, by way of the U.S. Army, where he was "cited for meritorious duty" after a year in the land made famous by the television show "M*A*S*H." (Yes, he had watched the show and "very factual," he said.)

Ron, the son of the late Max and Ann (Hitchcock) Hubbs, was born in Seattle, lived there only a short time, and in San Francisco, growing up in Silverton, Ore., after World War II. He graduated from the high school in 1956.

He was active in dramatics as a high school student and member of the volleyball team. He had high hopes after high school to attend college and major in history.

Back to his family ... Ron's father was an Air Force veteran of World War II, a native of Oregon and retired insurance executive. Ron's mother was from California, and he has a sister, Mary, who resides in Carmel, in the Golden State.

In 1960, Ron realized his ambition earning a history degree from the Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore.

However, any prospect of his first job had to wait for a grander opportunity, when he received a fellowship and a trip to the North Island of New Zealand, in the capital city of Wellington, for a nine-month period, studying history and international affairs.

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Looking back at that special time in his life, he recalled, "Very good people they like Americans."

He was then ready for another change ... received his draft notice (a deferment was given for his time in New Zealand), and a return trip to the States.

Ron volunteered for army service, which meant a three-year tour of duty. He began his training at Ford Ord, Calif., then across the country to Fort Devens, Mass., for a year, studying communications and radio intelligence.

Next stop, back to the West Coast and a trip to Korea for a year, with duty in radio intelligence.

On his return to the States, Ron still had a year of enlistment to meet, serving near Tucson, Ariz., at Fort Huachuca. He was discharged in December 1964, returning to Oregon.

His future was undecided ... he took a job with the Oregon Department of Employment in Salem for a year. Ron's destiny would be on the East Coast.

Next decision ... to attend Simmons College in Boston, where he received a master's degree at the "Library School."

He was now ready for the world of books, starting as a reference librarian at the Free Library of Philadelphia, followed by associate director at the Memorial Hall Library in Andover, as director of the Melrose Library.

In 1979, Ron answered an ad for head librarian at the Windsor Locks Public Library. He was accepted ...

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meet our town's head librarian

and Mr. Hubbs has seen many new programs instituted at the library.

Before detailing Ron's responsibilities at the library, and those news programs, some personal information.

Ron met his future bride, Marlene Shea, at a social in Hartford. She was employed at the time by American Airlines and now enjoys retirement at their home in Ludlow, Mass.

They were married Sept. 26, 1987. Marlene is the daughter of the late Donald Shea and Emily Shea, who makes her home in Florida. Marlene has a brother John in Rhode Island and a sister Valerie in Florida.

Marlene has two daughters, Laurie and her husband Gary and daughter Kayla who live in Massachusetts, and another daughter Holly and her husband Michael, both U.S. Air Force officers serving in Hawaii.

Back to Ron and Marlene. In their free time, they enjoy walks, and as for vacations, travel to Florida, the West Coast and the Caribbean are most special to them. The Florida trip includes visits to Marlene's mother.

Around the house, Ron and Marlene keep active, especially with her flower garden. Like Windsor Locks, their home has many oak trees, and we all know what that brings in the fall.

The walks mentioned above include hikes along the Metacomet trail in the Granby area as members of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

When Ron was asked about his favorite books, he said, "(In my case), I do, and have to keep up with books." Yes, he does have a favorite author ... Martin Gilbert, biographer of Winston Churchill. Ron's favorite reading: include books on World War II.



Head Librarian Ron Hubbs

Ron has been active as a member of the local Lions Club, former chairperson of the popular yearly pancake breakfast ... who "enjoys the membership," he said.

When asked who he most admired ... "Paul Harris, founder of Lions International, whose vision combined community service with international service," he remarked. Ron is also a member of the Connecticut Library Association.

Now the Windsor Locks Public Library, first the new board of trustees ... president, William Fargo; vice president, Douglas Hamilton; secretary, Diane Pincince; and treasurer, Barbara Manning.

Ron said, "The highlight of my career in town was the dedication of

the new building in 1990."

How Ron sees the future ... "Hope to serve the town of Windsor Locks (by) strengthening the library and see that books and the library are important to the community."

Adding, "To bring more children and adults to the library, by increasing books and services."

Biggest problem facing the library ... "The change in the economy, lately financial planning has been difficult."

Epilogue

Ron Hubbs realizes the importance and dedication required to improve the library with "books and services."

In 1996 ... the world has changed for the better ... now girls, boys and adults share the vast wonder of our libraries.

DECEMBER 20, 1996

Meet Glynn Crapo:

Glynn Averill Thomas Crapo Jr. has led a full and interesting life, with his various talents, since he left the quiet surroundings of Newfane, Vt., not far from Brattleboro.

His early years began in the Green Mountain state, however, the U.S. Army Air Corps (before World War II) provided him with duty in Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, New Mexico and Utah ... Glynn certainly traveled the states ... locations he served in from 1939 to 1945. The former staff sergeant had many experiences with time in aircraft, as mechanic and eventually, pilot of his own plane in civilian life.

Glynn, a quiet and reserved individual worked at Pratt & Whitney for 31 years, rounding out his life as an active parishioner at St. Robert's. Glynn has served God and country with faithful dedication.

Glynn is the son of the late Glynn Sr., and Frances Averill Crapo. Mr. Crapo was from Vermont, with a lifetime in the lumber business. Mrs. Crapo was from New Hampshire.

Glynn has a brother, Fayette, in Vermont, and a sister, Arlene, also in Vermont, another sister, Helen, is deceased.

Schooling for Glynn "took him all over Vermont," he said. This was due to his father's involvement in the lumber business. Glynn attended schools in Rutland, Brattleboro and graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1941.

After a year of high school baseball, he decided to work, and most of the time was at the local inn ... which he called "a high class Newfane Inn."

Young Glynn had joined the local National Guard in 1939, while in high school, with summer duty, and when the guard was nationalized in early 1941, was assigned to active duty, with maneuvers in warm which was quite different from his home state ... Louisiana. This was followed some time in Mississippi, where he attended school with hopes to become an airplane mechanic.

cabbages and kings

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He was always interested in flying, admitted he didn't want to be a foot soldier, and luckily was transferred to the air force, was made an instructor, in Illinois, with duty in Mississippi, instructing recruits, as future mechanics.

Among his other tours of duty included Salt Lake City, Colo., and New Mexico, mostly on B-24s and B-29s as mechanic until his discharge in November of 1945.

Looking back at those years, he recalled with much pleasure, receiving rides on B-24s, C-46 and C-47, and one time, took the controls on a B-29 for a short period, on the plane made famous for its raid on Japan during the Pacific campaign.

The war was over, Glynn was now a civilian, what to do? He worked with his father in the lumber business for a short time, drove a ruck, was employed by the American Optical, and using his talents as auto mechanic.

Glynn decided, why not go to school, he did, under the GI Bill, to Boston's New England Aircraft School where he received his Airplane and Engine License.

In 1950, he came to Connecticut, went to work for Pratt & Whitney as mechanic for the next six years, then joined the P&W Service Group as instructor for a quarter of a century ... (sounds better that way) ... retiring on May 29, 1981.

He met his future bride, Celia Benjamin, who was from New York State, and one of 13 children. They were married on June 28, 1947. They lived in East Windsor for a short time, came to Windsor Locks, and in 1955 moved to their current home.

Celia and Glynn have a son, Eric, a daughter, Charlotte Plummer, and son, Kevin, who died in 1970.

Eric, a WLHS grad, class of 1966, where he

he's a church and pilot activist



Glynn Crapo

played baseball, attended the Indiana Institute of Technology for two years, but decided that tennis would be his game and also his career. He trained in Florida, and today, a tennis pro, worked at Cross Court in Enfield, and currently at the Wilbraham Tennis Club. Two years ago, like his father before him, received his pilot license.

Charlotte is married to David Plummer, they reside in town, with their four children ... Heather and Heidi, Matthew and Zachary. She graduated from WLHS, Class of 1970.

Back to grandpa ... Glynn was at one time into photography, and now a fisherman, be it Vermont or New Hampshire. His true hobby is

flying, learned how to fly, he said, in 1941, back in Mississippi, soloed on Jan. 25, 1942, and in 1950, had his own "Taylor Craft," out of Northampton. The family has a camper and have, during the years, traveled to Florida in the winter and the summers in Massachusetts. He's an old Red Sox fan, all of his life. When it comes to television, Glynn is a fan of C-Span and Discovery channels.

Glynn is a member of the Aircraft Club of P&W and the Enfield Flying Club. He has been active in church at St. Robert's, as teacher 10 years in the CYO program, plus lecturer and eucharistic minister.

When asked who he most admired ... he said, "Abraham Lincoln, for his stand against great odds, he saved the nation. In addition, sticking with history, Glynn admired the late Gen. George C. Patton and president Ronald Reagan.

Epilog

Glynn Crapo, was from a small town in Vermont, traveled the country in the service, before and after World War II, retired from the aircraft company, in the industry that was his hobby and first and main enjoyment ... flying, be it during the war and then in civilian life.

Looking back, to his early years, "I have always tried to tell the truth, and let the chips fall ... (better still) ... tell is the way it is ..."

That's Mr. Crapo, a nice guy, with a full past and he would probably agree with words by Ken Burns, historian ... "Good history is a question of survival. Without any past, we will deprive ourselves of the defining impression of our being."

DECEMBER 27, 1996

A forecast for the

It's that time of the year again ... Jack's forecast

I like Christmas-time (visit by the grandchildren — a plus) and New Year's, although the New Year's Eve Business of entering the new year is a bit overdone, but it's a most happy, happy time of the year for all.

The time for gifts, parties, snow, church services, and New Year Resolutions.

And the time for a column on people in Windsor Locks, be it for gifts, hopes, resolutions or some funny jabs at a few of our local celebrities. It's the time for happy thoughts, and good reasons, not to take ourselves too serious.

Let's start with a few good gentlemen ... **Ray Roncari, Sy Preli and Mario Gatti** ... for years of dedication and concerns for their town, and years to follow.

We just had to mention the following ... A big congratulations to those faithful New York Yankee World Champs (they waited so long) ... **Dave Farr, Kenny Jeffery, Ed Brazalovich and Tommy Frechette.**

And still waiting until next season, the also faithful Red Sox fans ... **George Hall, Bill Hamel and George Anastasia.**

A warm welcome to **Father Robert A. O'Grady**, the new pastor at St. Mary's.

And speaking of new arrivals ... "Getting to know you," year for the new principal of WLHS ... **Mary Conway.**

A banner year for Grand Knight **Jim Leo Quinn**, and for one of the KofC weekly bingo volunteers ... golfer **Bob Fahey.**

Equally banner year for the UConn basketball teams for **Carl and Carol Schiessl and John and Phyllis Montenson.**

(Possible) New Year Resolutions ...

To stage another successful Senior Talent Show with the

Datebook

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new year and some holiday wishes

cabbages and kings

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"creme de la creme" men and women strutting their musical stuff for the local devotees.

For the **Donut Kettle**: To continue serving the best coffee in town, "where everyone knows your name."

For **Stan Szwed Jr.** ... more golf (beating his dad), both gems of the trade.

For **Mickey Danyluk** ... To continue two careers, for God and the history of the town.

For the **Hamilton** and **Wezowicz** brothers to continue good work as different volunteers in their town.

"Do you wanna bet?" (with apologies to Randy Smith of the Journal Inquirer)

Dan Kervick will continue to write letters, expressing his opinions.

Vinny Naegeli will work at the GHO in 1997.

Vancour Family (like so many good people in town) to continue volunteering in worthy projects.

Shirley Horan will continue to be Shirley Horan, for all the right reasons ... be it at the Senior Center or as crossing guard.

Carolyn Messier will continue to show the way for more women in leadership roles as president of their Lions Clubs.

And other wishes for the new year ...

Bob and Alice Oliva to enjoy their retirement and trips to California.

James Maitland to keep up the good work for the town.

Everett P. Boyle to continue his independent way of life.

Jim Cranfill to meet others in his line of work, keeping with the Will Rogers' tradition.

John McGrath and **Dave Hartwig** to be available for the 1997 Midget Football season.

Ed Coyne (another Yankee fan) keeping up as student of Irish history and always die-hard Notre Dame rooter.

Harry Seidel one of the many volunteers at the Senior Center ... keeping the events available for the folks who always deserve the best.

Jim Gronda to find many more interests, now that the political campaigns are over.

Millie Raggio, Carol Creech and **Betty Magnani** ... a new year for these three senior volunteers, helping at the Center for

others in the area.

Coaches **Dan Sullivan** and **Pat Scelza**, keeping spots number one in this town.

Speaking of local sports, can the KofC Softball Champs of 1996 (Masters Division), make it two in a two, in the new year?

Things that make Windsor Locks the way it is ... men and women who volunteer, be it in sports, politics, the boards and commission ... they all deserve a big thanks.

The new year ... 1997 ... the year of local elections. Some of the following ... **Vic Puia, John Lee, Paul Seaha, Dan Christian** and **Gary LaVoye** are sure to make their political ambitions known. Is **Ed Ferrari** still waiting in the wings? Anyone (new) on the local horizon? ... Don't forget, we all are on the bridge to the 21st century! Wow!

Remember ... "Kindness is more important than wisdom and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."

Have a Great Holiday Season!

Plus ... Like I always said, "There's a Santa Claus, just ask the Yankee fans!"