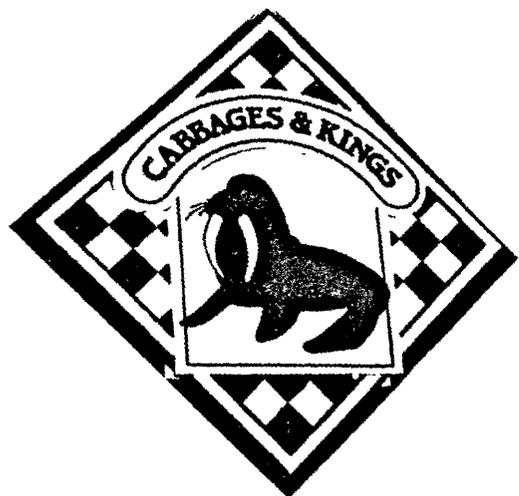


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Meet Joey Kokofsky

Joey Kokofsky, eighth grader at the middle school, at an early age, a veteran performer (singer) in several local musicals... "Castaways," "Oliver," "Peter Pan" and recently "Secret Garden."

These days, Joey is busy with rehearsals for the popular musical "Oklahoma," to be staged by the eighth grade on Jan. 16 and 17. The Windsor Locks native will take the part of Curly.

Joey, Joseph Edward Kokofsky Jr., is the son of Joe Sr. and Debbie Iacino Kokofsky. Joe is a native of Windsor Locks, graduate of the class of 1971, while Debbie grew up in Simsbury, a high school grad back in 1970.

On Joey's family, his dad is the son of the late Edward and Margaret Kokofsky. Mr. Kokofsky was a Suffield native, Margaret grew up in Poquonock.

Joe Kokofsky played baseball under coach Dan Sullivan after a career in Little League, Senior League and American Legion baseball.

He attended the Greater Hartford Community College for two years, then went to work for Edwards Warehouse until it closed. A year ago, Joe took over the Elm Street Package Store.

When it comes to hobbies, over the years, for Joe, he enjoys fishing, bowling and horse shoes.

Debbie's folks are Frank and Alice Iacino. Frank came from Winsted, Alice is a West Hartford native. Today they spend the winters in Florida, the summers in Southwick, Mass.

Debbie, also a bowler, after high school

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worked at Connecticut General for 10 years, now at the Burlington Air Express, the past three years.

They were married on Aug. 18, 1979, and have lived in town since the wedding.

Joey has a sister, Lori Patricia Kokosky, also one with talent as a sophomore at the Raider School. She plays the clarinet in the school band, is a member of the popular group Vocal Motion, has taken dance lessons, is an honor student like Joey, and active in sports, basketball, track and a member of the school's swim team.

Back to Joey. They said his singing talent comes from his mother, who sang in her school chorus, and when she was young, played the piano.

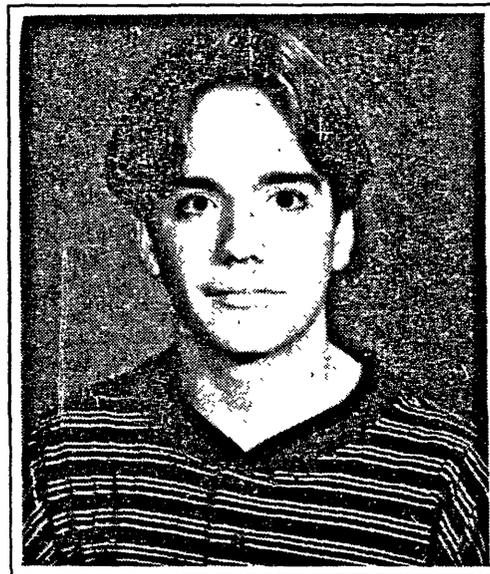
Joey's singing endeavors blossomed as a sixth grader and gives his middle school chorus director, Cindy Latournes, a lot of credit. "She got me started singing," he said.

He became an active member of the school's Power Company (equivalent of the high school's Vocal Motion).

Joey's first solo with the Power group was a song from "The Lion King," "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?"

His first musical was "Castaways." He has received awards for his many performances as "Best Singer." Joey, as a young boy, sang

- town's young musical talent



Joey Kokofsky

soprano, now a tenor.

Joey's next singing advantage was the lead role in the middle school show "Oliver," followed by the East Granby Youth Services production of "Peter Pan."

This past November, Joe and his real-life cousin, Laura Normand of Enfield, portrayed cousins in the St. Martha show "The Secret Garden."

Joey said, "The Garden was my favorite

show (so far)."

With Joey, "Acting and singing is what I like to do," in addition to "meeting and working with other performers."

Comments of his parents ... "We are proud of Joey and Lori ... both honor students, active and they enjoy what they do."

With Debbie adding, "We intend to have Joey take singing lessons at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford."

Joey summed it all up by saying, "I want to be in the theater (as his future ambition)."

Besides performing in musicals, he does keep up with the current Broadway shows, such as "Tommy" and "Rent." He does enjoy rock and roll. Yes, he said, "I do get nervous before a show, but once it begins I'm OK."

At school, his favorite subject is algebra. At home, the computer is used quite a bit, and when it comes to eating, it's pizza.

A few years back, vacations meant going to Old Orchard, Maine, and visits to the children's grandparents in Florida.

During the Christmas holidays, Joey sang at the family church, Poquonock Community Church.

Epilogue

Bushnell, Oakdale and Broadway, here comes Joey Kokofsky, a young man with talent, desire and dedication to his art.

First, it was Thomas O'Leary, another local singer, now it's Joey's turn. As the show business saying goes, "Break a leg."

A Local Poet

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at a local poet and volunteer.

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Joan Slomcinsky:

When Joan Howard was a young girl of 12, she wrote a poem called "Dear Mother." Many years later, this original was published in "Recollections of Yesterday," a book compiled by the National Library of Poetry.

Over the years, Joan has been inspired by writing additional poems, usually for her family.

Joan was from a small town in New Hampshire, called Newport, near Lake Sunapee, where the winters meant "Lots of snow, but, great skiing and ice-skating, and walking to school (a mile or so) ..." she remembers well.

In high school, she played field hockey, however, (even at an early age) she "loved to do things for older people ..." This meant running errands for neighbors, and just talking to them, she recalled.

Joan was the daughter of the late Ralph and Ora Sylvester Howard. Ralph, an actor in his own right, came from Vermont; Ora was from Canada. They had five children ... Joan, two other daughters, June and Jean, who now live in New Hampshire, and two sons, who passed away ... Robert and Richard.

Besides poetry, Joan's other interests include playing pinochle at the senior center, a few years back, involved in ceramics and of course, "being busy at the center," she added. Oh yes, she's a member of the St. Mary's Choir and the Windsor Locks Choraleers.

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Vacations, a few years ago, meant trips to back home in New Hampshire and maybe even to Maine. Joan does follow the Yankees, "win or lose," she said. When it comes to music, it's the oldies and television, it's the reruns of "The Waltons", "Highway to Heaven" and the current run of "The Price is Right", "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy." Joan said the last two mentioned shows were Peter's favorites.

When asked, who she most admired ... hesitated for a few moments ... and then said, with a big smile ... "Van Johnson, the movie actor." Seniors would certainly remember him in those '40 and '50s movies, and even later.

Well, here is the rest of her story ... Joan knows Van Johnson ... met him at the Enfield Mountain Laurel Restaurant (now closed). He, according to Joan, was as gracious as he was on the scene. He even took down her address, sent an autographed picture and they exchanged Christmas cards for years. Joan's favorite Van Johnson movies "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" "The Last Time I Saw Paris" (I have a favorite of his ... a great war movie "Battleground.")

After graduation from high school in 1947, Joan went to the University of New Hampshire, where she earned a bachelor's degree in special education.

local poet and senior volunteer

She came to Connecticut for work in 1954. Her first position was at the Anna Fisher School in Hartford, staying for five years.

With "helping others," always her first call, she was then employed by Kimberly Hall, when it first opened for four years. The next 14 years, she was at Bickford's ... followed by other employment, plus a year of substitute work for a year at the high school and South School in special education.

Looking back, she said, "I really enjoyed every minute, it gives me great pleasure in helping others, like her mother told her, "Helping others gives one great pleasure and that will be your reward." Joan retired in 1992, but never retired from helping others.

Today, Joan Slomcinsky, a widow, keeps up an active lifestyle as one of the many volunteers at the Senior Club and Center.

We actually met over 10 years ago, when I interviewed her late husband, Peter Slomcinsky, bowler and baseball umpire.

Peter was from Tariffville, raised in the north end of Hartford. He worked at Pratt & Whitney and Fenn locally. He and Joan met in Hartford, doing what they both like, bowling.

They were married on April 7, 1958,



The late Peter Slomcinsky, a young Jayne Schnackenberg and Joan Slomcinsky

lived in Hartford until 1969, when they decided to move to Windsor Locks. They have a daughter, Deborah, married to Paul Schnackenberg. They lived in Colchester, with their son, Jayme. Joan and Peter's son, Robert, resides in Poquonock. Deborah and Robert are both grads of WLHS.

As mentioned, Joan's philosophy has always been "do for others." This personal way of life is reflected in her poem to her mother ... It's only fitting

to end the story of Joan Slomcinsky, the most happy and interesting lady with her own words ... (From "Dear Mother") ... "Always doing for others instead of yourself. You taught us so well and, we had so much fun Doing for others instead of ourselves. So remember Dear Mother, I love you so much. I'm so glad God chose me to be one of your kids. You're not only my Mother, but always my best friend."

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Bill Naughton:

William Bernard Naughton Jr., veteran Delta Airlines employee, has to his credit, many years in the Connecticut National Guard and Army Reserves.

Bill grew up in East Windsor, graduate of the high school, class of 1966, played baseball as a freshman, after a career in that town's Little League, which carried over to Windsor Locks as a coach for seven years.

Bill and his wife Jean have been residents of town since 1972 with their son Mark and daughters Kimberly and Amy.

Bill is the son of Bill Sr. and Lenora Levensaler Naughton. Bill Sr. was from North Adams, Mass., and Lenora was from Stafford Springs. He spent over three years overseas during World War II in the Army Air Corps, then retiring from Hamilton Standard as manufacturing engineer.

Bill has three sisters: Claudia of Windsor Locks, Karen of Enfield and Heidi, who makes her home in Massachusetts.



Bill Naughton

After high school, Bill attended Manchester Community College for two years, studying business administration. He said, "I always wanted to work for an airline, interested in aviation, actually in helicopters."

In 1969, Bill had enlisted in the Connecticut National Guard and served six years, then went into Army Reserves for another seven years.

Part of the time he was stationed at the Nike Site in East Windsor. He received his second lieutenant bars and left

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the service with the rank of captain. Another part of his time was spent as recruiting officer in Hartford. He became a full-time civilian in 1982.

He had started work with Delta Airlines in 1976, starting as a loader (of airplanes) for a year or so, rose to the next level at the ticket counter, was then transferred to the marketing section of Delta in Hartford for the next three years.

However, when the airline went into automation, the section Bill was working with was sold and he was back at Bradley.

During his career at Bradley, he has, in addition to the positions mentioned, served as passenger service agent and customer service agent. Currently, Bill is supervisor of airport services for Delta at Bradley.

Looking back, "Marketing was great, but due to the change, I went back to Bradley." Will return to some

he's a Delta and Army reserves veteran

of the celebrities Bill has seen or talked to over the years.

But now the family of Bill Naughton ... his dad was an engineer, and Jean's dad was also in the same career ... that's how they met, through their fathers.

Bill and Jean Burnham were married Jan. 10, 1970. She is the daughter of the late Kenneth Burnham and Loretta Burnham, who resides in Broad Brook.

Like Bill, Jean has three sisters ... Joyce of Cromwell, Joanne of East Windsor and Jamie of Torrington. For the past 10 years, Jean has been employed at the Enfield Post Office.

Jean and Bill lived in East Windsor after the wedding, moving to Windsor Locks in 1971.

They have a son Mark, WLHS 1989, who played Little League and now is employed at the Signature Flight Support at Bradley.

Kimberly, WLHS 1991, is a senior at Central Connecticut, studying communications. Like Mark, was a band member at the Raider School. She plays the clarinet and saxophone ... Mark the saxophone.

Amy Naughton, WLHS 1993, is the athlete of the family, playing softball and basketball for the varsity, in addition to the chorus. Today, she's a junior at Central Connecticut with marketing her number one subject.

If Bill Naughton has one hobby, outside of his work at Delta, it would be golf. "Since I was a kid," he said, and "I play everywhere in this area."

What does he shoot? "In the mid 40s," he said, and you know Bill is a gentleman in a gentleman's sport.

The family has made numerous trips that include the Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Mexico, Florida, California and Arizona, and, oh yes, Colorado.

Bill is an Atlanta Braves baseball fan (that's where the Delta hub is located) and maybe at one time a fan of Boston. He and Mark have made trips to

Atlanta to see the Braves.

Jean has been active at St. Mary's Church, as member of the church council and as eucharistic minister. Speaking of Jean, when Bill was asked who he most admired, he said, "Two people, my dad and Jean ... both encouraged me in my career and Jean was always behind me all the time."

Celebrities at Bradley ... Bill, over the years, has seen and met them coming and going ... Chris Berman of ESPN, Bill Cosby, Joe Namath, Art Carney and he couldn't say enough of Muhammad Ali, truly a fine gentleman .. to name only a few.

That's the story and career of Bill Naughton and his family ... a nice guy to know and meet at Bradley, just doing his job ... with assistance. We actually met there, me as a volunteer, when he accompanied (famous Broadway actor) George Gizzard to the gate to meet his 94-year-old mother.

That's customer service, what Bill is all about, as he has said ... "nothing ventured, nothing gained."

JANUARY 24, 1997

Julie Stratton —

Julie Lynn Stratton comes from a well-known local family ... and represents the 1997 Senior Class of the Windsor Locks High School as president.

The versatile friendly honor student is also involved in the school's sports program, soccer, tennis and as manager of the varsity soccer team (senior year) and manager of the school's hockey team since her sophomore year.

Julie was indeed ... "proud of being named president of my class, my biggest achievement."

She is the daughter of William Asa Stratton Jr. and Luann Dallapegorara Stratton. Julie has a sister, Stephanie and a brother, William III.

Julie was born in Hartford, lived in Suffield for her first six years, then the family moved to her dad's home town, where she started her education at the North Street School.

Julie's grandparents are William "Bud" Stratton, and the late Jackie Cousineau Stratton, both featured in C&K in June 1979.

Actually, Julie began her sports activity at the Middle School, playing soccer and member of the town's Water Jets.

Her sister Stephanie, 15, sophomore at the Raider School is into basketball and track, and enjoys art. William III, better known as Billy, is 11, in the fifth grade at South, the "outdoor kid," Julie said, who enjoys fishing with his

father.

Julie, showing her lighter side, when asked about any free time or her hobbies, she said, "At this point sleeping ... I do baby-sit a lot, but find time to run for exercise, a couple of miles, it clears your mind."

Admits not watching television too much,

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well maybe "Party of Five" and "X-Files." Enjoys drama movies, listing "Romeo and Juliet," her favorite movie. Her weakness when it come to food (of course) Oreo cookies.

When she was a little younger, the family took more vacations, she said, usually to Lake George and a trip to Disney World in Florida.

How about the town of Windsor Locks? "Nice to grow up in, small, friendly and safe, probably the disadvantages, a small town, but since starting school, the same kids, and I enjoy meeting new people."

More on being class president, other class officers: Vice President Allyson Ruckdeschel; Secretary Jennifer Hamilton and Treasurer Kate Miffitt.

Julie, who was also class president in her

meet the '97 WLHS class president



Julie Stratton

junior year, remarked, "Each year has been different, as president, I represent the class and try to find what opinions the students have, what they want, the kids are easy to talk to, but you must be diplomatic and also compromising." The class magazine drive was

a big success, the class raised over \$20,000 one of the highest in the state. The funds go for the senior outing and senior ball.

Comment by her mother, Julie said, "My mother was happy I became involved in school activities in my junior year." As for her future plans, she has made applications to three schools: UConn, Boston University and Amherst and admits seeking two different careers, undecided as to English or medicine.

When asked who she most admired, she said, "My parents, for the way they raised me and most important, their influence as to the person you will be in in later life."

This young and talented girl has already developed a philosophy "This that everything happens for a reason, be the reasons be good or bad, you will learn from it."

Julie has two favorite saying, "The heart holds on to the things the mind forgets" and one by Albert Einstein, "God does not play dice."

Julie Lynn Stratton, with her ready smile, combines sports with honors in the classroom. Acknowledges the responsibility for representing her class, looking forward to college. Julie follows these words of wisdom, "To live only for some future goal is shallow. It's the sides of the mountain that sustains life, not the top."

JANUARY 31, 1997

Meet Elemuel Lattibeaudier:

Elemuel Simon Lattibeaudier is a native of Jamaica, an island in the Caribbean, south of Cuba. He left there in 1951, at the age of 25.

His first trip to the States was to Maryland, where he was to be sponsored by a friend he had met in Jamaica. He decided, after a time, he did not care for the cold weather and went south to Florida. Another move came, back north, but this time to Connecticut, where he settled down, met his future bride and went to work at Stanadyne and Allen, until his retirement.

More on Elemuel, better known as Latti, and his large family. He is the son of the late Simon and Nellie Lattibeaudier, parents of 13 children. Both lived to their mid-90s.

Latti said five children died very young, and today, has two brothers, Anthony, who lives in New Jersey and Glacie, still in Jamaica. Their five sisters live in various locations: Bera in Florida, Alzie in Canada, Eleanor in Jamaica, with Espey and Icilia in England.

The family lived on a large farm, where they raised their own food, plus cows, pigs, chickens and goats.

Latti attended local schools and played the island's two main sports soccer and cricket. He graduated from high school in 1943, saying, "I always wanted to learn a trade," with mechanical engineering, hopefully as his career path.

He attended the Seventh-Day Adventist College for the next three years, studying engineering and plumbing.

However, his career path changed and he went to work at a

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hotel in the capital city of Kingston, several miles from where he grew up in St. Mary's Jamaica.

As stated, a friend (Jim Baker) sponsored Latti for traveling to the States, where a job would be waiting for him in Maryland. Latti went to work for the Penn Railroad, but after a few months decided it was not for him, and that's when he went south until 1953, returning north, but this time to Connecticut.

He went to work for Stanadyne in Windsor for 10 years, and his last stop was Allen Mfg. in Bloomfield, where he retired in 1986.

While working at Allen, he met Ida Aquala, who had come to America at the age of 2, from her native Italy. She and her family, as many before them, saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time, and the immigration procedures at Ellis Island in upper New York Bay.

Ida first lived in New London, then moved to Hartford where she attended school, went to work and met Elemuel, years later. They were married on May 29, 1964 at St. Michael's Church in Hartford. Ida had two sons, a boy who died, named "Sonny", and Frank, who lives in South Windsor with his wife, Shirley.

Latti and Ida lived in Hartford several years, then moved to their present home in town in 1976.

Probably once a farmer, always a farmer, with Latti tending to the family garden as his main hobby. As for sports, he was a champion big pin bowler as a member of the St. Michael's Church in Hartford. In the States, he has never played his favorite game of cricket, but is a fan of the popular sport, played in Hartford's Keney Park.

This most happy couple, described (in this way) by Latti, "We both love each other." She calls him a "very caring person."

They have traveled extensively, with visits to Ida's hometown in northern Italy, and of course back to Jamaica, and additional trips to England, Canada and Florida.

Remembering his roots, Latti enjoys calypso music, and also waltzes. They both have a daily watch ... they are big soap opera fans.

Both are active in St. Mary's Church, with a group of fellow parishioners, in "a small Christian group." Latti has attended



Elemuel and Ida Lattibeaudier

retreat weekends at the Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford, with St. Mary's men.

Five years ago, he joined the Knights of Columbus, and has participated as Inside Guard, Warden and currently the Chancellor, a role he calls "keeping members aware of any sick member or when a member dies." He has been involved in the club's Valentine Dance and Tootsie Roll Drive. The benefits to Latti has been the "fellowship" of the members.

When asked who he most admired he said, "My parents, in the way they showed us respect for others, and yes, the Golden Rule." Looking back, he recalled "the growing up days, they were great ... " This philosophy is shared by Ida.

Epilog

Elemuel Simon Lattibeaudier came to a new world, has been successful, combines his retirement years with church and KofC activities.

He may find the following words by Anne Morrow Lindbergh true, as to him coming to this new world ... "Marriage should, I think, always be a little hard and new and strange. It should be breaking your shell and going into another world, and a bigger one."

FEBRUARY 7, 1997

Dan Carstens

Daniel Joseph Carstens was described as an individual who "clearly knows the warehouse business ... he's the guy that's been there, done it, and know how to do it."

Dan is the man behind the reviving town's foreign trade zone.

This ringing endorsement of Dan, who until he was 12 lived in Windsor Locks, and now is one busy man, be it at Bradley or at his office on Ella Grasso Turnpike.

He has several balls in the air, so to speak, that also includes "The Airport News" as publisher that serves the Bradley International Airport community and other locations in the state and, on occasion, overseas.

But first, some personal information on Dan or, as they may say, Danny ... is the son of the late Jack Carstens, who was well-known in this area, came from Brooklyn, N. Y., was a World War II navy veteran, member of the local American Legion, was active in Boy Scouts, Troop 263, drove a tractor trailer, and organized his own business called Jack in the Box Trucks.

Dan had these kind words to say about his dad: "He was also my best friend." Dan has two brothers, Michael in Unity, Maine, and John in Scotia, N.Y.

Dan attended Southwest School and the middle school here in town, however, graduated from Suffield Academy, class of 1980. Dan had played hockey (when the sport was just starting in Windsor Locks), then in Suffield, plus skiing cross-country.

Dan admits he worked most of the time while in school, usually on a dairy farm and produce, which was his baptism into a steady working career as he grew older.

He did make an earnest attempt at college for a year, attending North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C., with a major in agriculture. But returned to Connecticut and soon found work with the John Deere dealership in East Windsor for two years.

His father had begun a courier service at Bradley and when his dad decided to move to California, Dan took over the service. He spent

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the next six years or so in light trucking and delivery of small packages, etc. His next move was to the Pace Motor Lines for three years.

Finding his niche was not easy for Dan. He tried sales with Sweeney Trucking for a year and recalled he always wanted to start a newspaper. With Tim Johnson, it was mostly in the talking stage. But, in the spring of 1994, he purchased the Airport News ... and that's a story in itself.

According to Dan, The Airport News, that serves Bradley and many other locations, has approximately 20,000 copies issued monthly to Bradley. Dan can be seen going through the airport delivering copies with the speed of light ... to surrounding towns, greater Hartford and Springfield and, yes, even to Logan, JFK and Newark airports.

Dan said copies are mailed all over the country and, "in the past," copies were sent to Japan, Mexico and Indonesia, in addition to travel agents in Connecticut and western Massachusetts.

Dan also publishes the Airport Cargo Guide that lists a complete breakdown of air cargo terminals, government agencies, warehouses, couriers and truckers. The booklet comes out every six months.

He is a member of the Windsor Locks Chamber of Commerce and the Connecticut International Trade Association as its vice president.

This is a man who admits work keeps him on the move, probably puts in a 14- to 18-hour day, and any free time is spent at his home in Old Saybrook where he does find a relaxing atmosphere.

It's been a few years since he had a real vacation, but there were trips to Florida and to visit his dad in California. He has a favorite holiday — Thanksgiving, not as hectic as Christmas, he said.

As for spectator sports, he's been a Boston

- the man behind the foreign trade zone



Dan Carstens behind the wheel of a forklift.

Photo by C. John Zurulli

Bruin fan in the National Hockey League for years.

What does the town's foreign trade zone offer? Dan explained it this way, "An environment where local companies can compete with those companies out off the country on a

more level playing field ... it is achieved by allowing domestic companies to store and process or manufacture under optimum conditions as far as custom traffics are involved."

More on the trade zone: CargoZone/BDL, Dan's own firm, is administrator and operator of the zone. He said a contract was signed last month with the town of Windsor Locks' Economic and Industrial Development Commission.

To elaborate, Dan's life has been working with international transportation and warehouse experience all of his adult career and these contacts will help make the trade zone function (in a professional manner).

When asked who he most admired, Dan said, "My father, a very responsible person, wholly involved, he spent every available moment of his time with his kids."

With Dan adding, "He and I have the same philosophy ... "Work, effort and your health ... other things incidental."

Epilog

Daniel Joseph Carstens, one of the young lions with his own work effort and knows good health routines keep him vibrant with several ventures during his working day.

The great Boston athlete, Larry Bird, said, "A winner is someone who recognizes his God-given talents, works his tail off to develop them into skills, and uses those skills to accomplish his goals."

Dan can envisage those goals along the way should benefit his native town.

Brian and Maria Michaud:

For Brian the exterior; for Maria the interior. For Brian Michaud, its landscaping and snow plowing, for Maria Michaud, interior decorating.

The fine mix for these newlyweds: Brian in his own business, Michaud's Landscaping; Maria as part of her father's (Mike) business, Camilleri Bros. Inc.

Both these young, eager and busy people are natives of Windsor Locks and grads of WLHS, Brian in 1991, Maria in 1993.

They were married Sept. 8, 1996, and although their separate work locations are in town and Windsor, they are currently living in Enfield. However, their ties are local, with Brian on the board of directors of the Windsor Locks Chamber of Commerce.

First, some family information. Brian Peter Michaud is the son of Peter and Kathy Barnes Michaud. Peter was from Maine, Kathy a native of Hartford, both are grads of WLHS, class of 1965.

Brian has two sisters, Debbie who resides in Massachusetts with her husband Brian Gorczycki; and Kristin who lives in Ellington. Another family note, Brian's grandparents are Harold and Blanche Michaud. She is a retired school teacher of the local system.

Brian had no time for sports. Out of the classrooms, he worked with high hopes of a career as civil engineer. He attended the University of Rhode Island for a year, then left and went to work for an engineering firm in Hartford, but admits, "It was not what I thought it would be."

In addition, he was always interested in landscaping, and in 1993, started his own business at his dad's home, and a year later opened his present location on North Street.

The other half of this busy twosome is Maria Louise Camilleri Michaud, "Mare" for short. She is the daughter of Mike and Laurel DePaolis Camilleri, who were featured in C&K back in September 1990. (Another family note: the Camilleri Bros. is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, a family affair.)

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Maria has a brother Mike Jr., who has completed four years with the U.S. Marines. She has two sisters: Christine married to Paul Sciarretta who reside in town with their two children, Raymond and Kimberly; and Laurel and her husband, John Hoynoski, and their two children, Emily and Briana, who live in town.

Maria played four years of varsity field hockey at the Raider school (as goalie) under the coaching of Mary Jane Hussey.

After high school, she attended Post Junior College for a year, then transferred to Bay Path College earning an associate degree in interior decorating, and this May will receive her bachelor in business. She was elected to the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.

The past three years, Maria has divided her time between college and the family business in sales, office work and as it was mentioned, "runs the show."

Maria and Brian were "high school sweethearts," and it's very appropriate that their C&K story comes out on St. Valentine's Day.

They honeymooned in Maine and just recently returned from a vacation in the Grand Bahama Islands.

These young folks are on the right path, when asked (actually separately) their main hobby or any free time, they both said, "Spending time together." They both enjoy pizza, "X-Files" on television and as for sports, when World Series time rolls around.

When Maria and Brian were asked who they most admired, another agreement, "Our parents." With Maria saying, "I always looked to them for advice." Brian's words were, "They were very supportive at college and my work. My dad opened many doors for me."



Brian and Maria Michaud

This young couple's philosophy: Brian "Love my job, live for the moment." They balanced out, with Maria saying, "Plan for the future."

We believe the words seem to fit - the closing of Mike and Laurel's own story - "Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future. We make discoveries about ourselves."

The fire department

The Dufresne family has combined membership in the Windsor Locks Fire Department, with local sports and special education.

Charles, former United States Marine, is a local volunteer fireman. Linda is current president of the Windsor Locks Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Daughter Nicole is a firefighter, and was instrumental in persuading her father to join the department. (Their son, Daniel, right now is interested in sports as a freshman at WLHS.)

Some background on this concerned local family. Charles L. Dufresne Jr., known better as Chuck, is a native son, whose parents were the late Charles Sr. and Gloria Papaneau Dufresne, who were both from Hartford. Charles has a brother Chester, who lives in East Granby and four sisters: Joanne of Windsor, Grace of Enfield, Betty of South Windsor and Dianne of East Hartford.

Linda Mainville Dufresne grew up in Windsor, the daughter of the late Valere Mainville and Mafalda Mainville, who lives in West Hartford. Linda is a Windsor High School grad, class of 1971, and like her husband comes from a large family: five brothers, Joe and Tom of Hartford, Ron and Mike of Newington and Robert who lives in Colorado.

Back to Chuck. After

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leaving school, he joined the U.S. Marines in September 1966, serving until September 1970. He took training at Parris Island, South Carolina, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Camp Pendleton, Calif. Chuck saw service in Vietnam for more than 20 months, distinguished himself as infantry member, earning a Bronze Star in action. He recalled the rugged training at Parris and of course, time in Nam, growing up fast as a young man.

Returning to civilian life: Chuck, who had "played around (the maintenance) of cars," as a youth, figured he wanted to make auto mechanics his career. The following years, after leaving the service, he took many jobs learning his trade, with years at Ossie's Auto and Enfield's Troianos. In 1989, he opened his own shop in town. After it closed, he went looking. The night we interviewed Chuck, Linda and Daniel, he had just taken a new position in Greenfield, Mass., as service manager with that town's Nissan and Mazda dealers.

More on Linda: she attended Manchester Community College for a year, worked in insurance for five years, drove a school bus two years (handicapped students)

and now is a paraprofessional in special education with the Windsor Locks Board of Education, the past 10 years.

Chuck and Linda had met in 1973, at a dance, where her brother Robert had a band. They were married on June 14, 1975, and lived in Hartford and Windsor until moving to their present home in town in 1986.

The children of Chuck and Linda are Nicole Christa Dufresne and Daniel Charles Dufresne. Nicole is currently a second-year student at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic with a major in physical education. She had

is a family affair for the Dufresnes



Above, Chuck Dufresne joined the local fire department after his daughter Nicole, in photo at right, was already a junior firefighter. Linda Dufresne is president of the department's auxiliary.

graduated from WLHS, Class of 1994, was always active in gymnastics, co-captain of the team (WL-Suffield), a sport she worked at since the age of 3.

Daniel, freshman at the Raider school, played Little League in town, on its JV football as quarterback and also baseball and hockey, at Enfield Rinks the past several years. Daniel has a favorite pro football team, the New England Patriots, and when it comes to baseball, he and his mother are Yankee fans, with Chuck and Nicole still fans of the Red Sox.

The family has enjoyed Vermont and Virginia Beach as vacation trips. At home, Chuck enjoys working around the yard, and any time the television is on, its probably the "learning channels," he said, adding, "Most of all we are involved in our kids' activities."

When Daniel was younger, both of his parents were involved in the town's Cub Scout program. Speaking of

activity, Chuck has been a member for the local Lions since 1989.

The involvement with the volunteer fire department began when Nicole was a junior firefighter, became a regular, and convinced her father to join, which he did. Linda has become an important part as president of the Auxiliary, that meets once a month. The following women assist Linda in her duties: Vice president, Denise Leach; treasurer, Lorraine Netcoh; secretary, Karen Kupernik and cheer, Jenny Valuzzi.

When Chuck was asked who he most admired over the years, he said, "The late Robert Stevens of New York, a man who put me on the straight and narrow road, after being a wild sort of kid." Linda said, "My brother Robert, who always showed leadership in the family especially with me and his other brothers."

Linda and Chuck agreed as for philosophy, "To raise our children and teach them values

and morals, to respect their parents, God and country."

Epilog

The Dufresne family is another local example of volunteers with time and energy an important part of their daily routine, be it sports, fire department duties or family togetherness.

Michael Ladny:

Talk about involvement ... young Michael, 10, fifth-grader at South School, Little Leaguer, into soccer, race car drive (with trophy to show), basketball, big Chicago Bulls and UConn fan, that rounds out a full school schedule, plus Altar Server at St. Mary's Church.

Better known as Mike, sometimes Whitey, the son of equally busy mom and dad ... Elaine Bigof Ladny and Anthony James Ladny, also known as "E" and Tony.

Their daughter, waiting in the wings, Nicole Anne Ladny, kindergarten student at North Street School, her teacher Kathy Pleva. Nicole enjoys school, especially art. In addition, there are two occasions Nicole thoroughly looks forward to: playing games with her brother and playing with her best friend, Colleen Hussey.

Just for the record, Mike's teacher at South ... Bob Morell.

Before detailing more on Mike ... his parents: Tony, native of Windsor Locks, son of the late Geneieve Anuszewski Ladny, and Stanley Ladny, veteran of 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, World War II, and 20 years with the Windsor Locks Post Office. He currently resides in Suffield.

Tony has two brothers ... William in Tolland, and Tom in Portland.

Tony graduated from WLHS, Class of 1975; was always involved with race cars, even as a young man, at Riverside Park. In addition, boating was another one of his hobbies.

After high school, he attended New England Technical Institute, studying heat/air-conditioning. However, that career path was not for Tony. He had worked at the Mellen Marine (boat dealership) in South Windsor during the summer months of school, which eventually led to his now full-time career ... 19 years with Mellen, specializing in marine

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repairs.

Tony had met Elaine at a Windsor Locks football game, and they were married on April 25, 1981. They lived in East Windsor and Windsor before returning to Windsor Locks in 1989, to the home where Tony grew up in, his folks' home.

Elaine, also a native of town, is the daughter of Edward and Cecile Morin Bigof, of Suffield. Mr. Bigof was a member of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean war. She has two sisters, Diane married to Jeff Rink, they live in West Suffield. A sister Gail and her husband, Ken Messina, reside in town.

Elaine is a grad of WLHS, Class of 1976. She received an associate degree from Bay Path in merchandising. She then went to work for Sage-Allen as a buyer for four years, followed by four more years with Jason Soda Systems in South Windsor.

Around the Ladny home, Tony is called "Mr. Fix-It," and his handiwork is every way. He has shown additional talents over the years, as a member of a crew (race cars) which he toured with at several race tracks. He has his own snowmobile for the winter months, boating and racing during the summers.

The entire family is UConn basketball fans, plus the Red Sox. When it comes to family vacations, it's Lake George, Old Orchard Beach and Florida, where Tony took in the famed Daytona 500 (three times). Elaine is into the family computer, and stays active as a member of the Windsor Locks Women's Club, and as a volunteer at the North and South Schools.

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future pilot emulates his grandfathers

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The Ladny family

Now, more on Mike ... the ultimate Michael Jordan fan, enjoys "Funniest Home Videos" on television, plus hot dogs anytime. He's not all play ... since November, has been at St. Mary's



Church as an altar server, the church where his parents were wed.

He admits, even at his young stage in life, someday "I would like to be a Navy pilot," greatly influenced by his grandfathers, who both served in the Air Force, in two different wars. Mike's favorite subject in school ... science. Mike won two car races during the summer months at the Thompson track, another example of his versatility.

"In Your Face," a Courant feature on school kids around the state, caught my eye recently with Mike's picture and story, hobbies, plus his best friend, Freddie Zorick, another local student, and why? ... "Because I've known him since preschool."

His mother was asked for words to describe Mike ... "Considerate and enthusiastic." To be with Mike only a short time, you certainly agree.

When Mike was asked, who he admired?... he said, "My parents, my grandfathers, and Uncle Kevin Messina, when it comes to sports."

Epilogue

That's the story of Michael Anthony Ladny, who knows what he wants and enjoys his life. Games with his sister is his No. 1 daily activity after school..

Mike and Nicole's parents combine their own enjoyment and busy lifestyles, knowing the following to be true...

"The best inheritance a parent can give to their children is a few minutes of their time each day."

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TownsPeople - Leonard family involved in all aspects

"Never say I can't, say I'll try ...Windsor Locks Women's Club Motto

The story of Eleanor Hunt Leonard and Thomas Joseph Leonard Jr. is one of politics, town affairs, running, raising five children and a most happy couple who have given of themselves to this town and West Hartford, with Tom as mailman for more than 40 years.

Back in April of 1978, Tom was featured in C&K as patriarch of this running family of Leonards. As mentioned, there's Tom the father, Tom the Third, Kathy, Missy, Ann and Nancy ... all runners. Eleanor, the mother of the clan, who drives the kids to practice, plays bridge, member of the Democratic Town Committee ... but she's no runner.

However, Eleanor, also known as Ellie, certainly has represented the family in other endeavors, and today, the president of the Windsor Locks Women's Club. Eleanor has been the epitome of the club's motto ... "Never say I can't, say I'll try."

Speaking of trying and total achievement ... Tom Jr. finished the New York City Marathon (1978), Tom the Third, both the Los Angeles and New York City, with Missy finishing the

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NYC event.

First an update of the five Leonard children ; all grown, and some with children of their own.

Tom the Third, 1974 graduate of Suffield Academy, where he was on the wrestling, track/cross-country and basketball teams. He and his wife, Martha McGann Leonard and their two children, Alison and Thomas, reside in North Granby. Tom is a grad of Bates College in Maine,

now is back at the academy as an employee.

The four sisters of Tom are all grads of WLHS, with athletic ability in high school/college in cross-country and track. Kathy, as with Missy and Ann are also grads of Bates, with Nancy graduating from Wheelock College in Boston.

Kathy, who works for Pilot, is married to Ryan Williams, and they live in town with their three children, Christopher, Robby and Mark.

Missy lives in Queens, borough of New York City, is an employe of Health Management Systems in Manhattan and her parents say, "She loves the city." Ann and her husband, Keith Berwood, reside in Unionville with their son Keith. Ann works

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of Windsor Locks life



Eleanor Leonard - president of Windsor Locks Women's Club.

at Aetna. Nancy and her husband, Toby Chenette, live in Manchester. Nancy is a first-grade teacher in the Manchester school system.

Back to Tom Jr., father of the clan, now that his running days are over, and after a knee operation, a few facts on Tom, years ago and today ... he is the son of the late Tom Sr. and Glenna Shelton Leonard. Mr. Leonard was from Hartford, Glenna a Pittsfield, Mass., native. Tom Jr. has two sisters, Dana and Ganci of Hartford.

He's a 1950 graduate of Bulkeley High School, met his future bride in his hometown of Hartford, their wedding day was Oct. 3, 1955, lived in Hartford before moving to Windsor Locks in 1960.

Tom spent two years in the army during the Korean War, returned to civilian life, worked one job and then settled down at the post office in West Hartford, retiring in 1995, with 41 years of service, 20 of those years delivering mail in the Westmont section. At his retirement party he was given a bound book of pictures and letters from his many satisfied customers along his route ... a very popular man for sure.

Since the operation, Tom had to admit, these days are mostly ... "taking life a lot easier." That does not stop the family from vacations, at the Connecticut shore, or up to Vermont and a future trip to Ireland is planned.

They are both Red Sox and UConn (girls) basketball fans. When it comes to music, Tom is a rock and roll fan, Eleanor is more for the quiet type. As for television, Tom said, "You name it, we watch it." As for Tom's favorite food, it's pizza.

Some background on Eleanor. She is the daughter of the late Albert and Mildred Watson Hunt. Mr. Hunt was from Lowell, Mass., and Mrs. Hunt, a Hartford native. Eleanor has two brothers, Bill in Coventry and bob in Florida.

She is a graduate of Bulkeley, class of 1953, also attended Asnuntuck Community College. She enjoys reading, being at the beach, travel, bridge, baking and genealogy.

Oh yes, Eleanor is still a working girl ... as secretary at Hamilton-Standard the past 19 years. Her biggest claim to fame, and rightfully so, is her outside activities: Secretary of the Democratic Town Committee, Conservation Commission, Deputy Registrar of Voters, member of the Windsor Locks Historical Society and Connecticut Genealogy Society. Tom has been a member of the local K of C for the past 30 years, and both are members of the Irish Club in Glastonbury.

Now for the Windsor Locks Women's Club. Assisting Eleanor is vice president, Bev Church; secretary, Joan Ploszay, and treasurer, Elaine Brickman. Eleanor said, "We are always looking for new members." Among their many projects; Christmas Carols at Bickford, Scholarships at the high school, in music, art and homemaking, supportive of the graduation party, collect clothing for the homeless men in Hartford, members volunteer at the local schools, to name only a few of their many contributions to the town. They meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Windsor Locks Congregational Church, Dexter Hall, on Main Street.

Eleanor added the following: The Women's Cub was formed in 1955. It grew from a group of women who had the desire to do volunteer work and help the community and became part of the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut. Today are are 38 members and saying, besides our motto: We are family!

Eleanor was asked who she most admired, and she went back to her days as a Girl Scout. "My leader Rita Arnone of Hartford. She was my role Model." Tom and Eleanor agreed, as to their philosophy: "Keep busy!" With Tom adding, a big ... "She does." Tom was asked for a few chosen words to describe Eleanor ... that was easy, he said, "She's one in a million."

Epilog

That's the great story of Eleanor and Tom Leonard, who have combined work, family and outside interests. The following words by Leo Rosten ring true for them. "I cannot believe that the purpose of life is to be happy. I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be compassionate. It is, above all, to matter to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all."

They are all those things plus being a most happy couple to complete their picture of life.

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The John Michalewicz family -

Last month, Senior Night was held at one of the Windsor Locks basketball games. Among the honorees were Steven Michalewicz. The program listed the following words on the hockey player: "Steven Michalewicz: a determined and hard working athlete, Steve was a tough positive force: the embodiment of a team player."

Steve is the son of John and Suzanne Michalewicz.

More on the family of John, Suzanne, Steven and Jessica, a family where sports is number one, be it hockey, basketball, football, baseball or tennis.

John and Suzanne are their kids biggest fans. Steven, the senior at the WLHS, varsity baseball, football and hockey, Jessica, sophomore at the Raider School, basketball and tennis.

Their parents are members of the Windsor Locks Booster Club where "watching our kids," perform is their highest priority.

For the record ... In June, John will have completed 20 years with the United States Coast Guard. Suzanne is the nurse in the family. C&K has featured their families: John's folks, Henry and Eileen Brown Michalewicz in August of 1976. A few months earlier (May) Suzanne's parents, Paul and Rita Perron Roy were subjects and recently Suzanne's grandfather, Leo Perron in July of 1993. All residents of Windsor Locks.

John comes from a large family, with four brothers: Mark, Brian, Steven and Paul and two sisters: Joanne and Catherine. Football being

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one of the family traditions, Steven, after high school, played at UConn and had a try-out with the pros: Seattle Seahawks. As for their dad, he is retired from the world of insurance, and a former volunteer at the yearly GHO, a few years back.

Now for Suzanne, she has a brother, Dennis married to Colleen Ploszay Roy, and they reside in town. Suzanne's dad is retired and now spends his time (during the season) playing golf with the K of C League at Airways.

John was born in Holyoke, came here at an early age, graduated from WLHS, Class of 1975, where he played football, plus track and basketball for four years.

He went on to Southern Connecticut in New Haven for a year, then made a big change in careers ... joined the Coast Guard in June of 1976. During the years has been stationed in New London, a period up in Maine, on board ship for three years, and currently as Chief Warren Officer at the academy in New London as personnel officer/cadets.

Suzanne was born in Maine, she too came here at an early age, a grad of the high school, class of 1974. John had his football, but he had a lot of help, as Suzanne was a member of the cheerleading team.

Suzanne and John were high

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school sweethearts. They were married on Nov. 25, 1977 and have lived in various places due to his service time. Their first year proved to be a different experience living off the base in New London. When John was assigned to Maine, Suzanne went with him, back to her native state. John's next duty was out to sea, with Suzanne staying in New London. Back to shore duty for four years, followed by two years on Governor's Island in New York Bay, living at the Coast Guard facilities. Then to Windsor Locks in 1991 to settle down, so to speak. John still is stationed in New London.

As for Suzanne, she spent three years at the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston, and currently an employee of the Suffield House. And speaking of hospitals ... Steven was born in Groton, Jessica in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Steven has been active in sports, as quarterback on the football team/plus defensive safety, catcher on the baseball team, and forward on the Suffield hockey team (which is co-op team with Windsor Locks and Granby).

As for Steven's future plans: his parents proudly said, "He has a conditional appointment to the Coast Guard." He hopes to play football and baseball while in school.

Jessica, in her second year, when it comes to basketball, it was noted in the WLJournal "Jess, who is close to six feet tall, could figure prominently as center of next year's team."

And how about this, she is



The John Michalewicz family

manager of the varsity football team, plus on the staff of the high school newspaper (that is new) ... "The Gist." When they are not in sports action or school, both Jessica and Steven enjoy skiing with their dad.

Speaking of hobbies, John is Mr. Handy Man around the house, around the cars and the yard. With Suzanne sticking to her needle work, plus watching the kids, a family activity for sure. Oh yes, they are all Red Sox and UConn fans, and when it comes to food — Steven its pizza, for Jessica its only steak. Added note by a proud mom "Hard working kids, in school and sports, all dedication."

When asked who they most admired, Suzanne has this to say,

"My grandmother Noella, always there for the family, her arms were always open." John said, "My in-laws, and my parents, very supportive, were role models." For both John and Suzanne "Family is important and one must be supportive."

By now, you know John, Suzanne, Steven and Jessica are ... sports are us. The kids have followed in their dad's path of sports, while their mom is their best cheerleader. The great Grantland Rice once said "When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name He marks not that you won or lost but how you played the game."

MARCH 21, 1997

The DeLuco Family -

When you contact an individual for an interview, it's usually because they are involved in some community activity.

As in the case of Barbara DeLuco, Vocal Motion, our town's musical group, with her son, Steven DeLuco, a member.

Then you meet Barbara, her husband John, Steven and Kristy. Their story does not end with "Vocal," far from it.

Steven, senior at the high school, into sports, has the lead in "George M," the yearly musical play, on the high school stage tonight (and Saturday), with both he and Kristy (also in sports) with black belts and Tae Kwon-Do. The entire family are volunteers for Special Olympics events.

Let's get to the nitty-gritty, or better said, what makes this family tick! John Peter DeLuco Jr., an East Hartford native, came to Windsor Locks at 13, the son of the late John Sr. and June DeLuco. Mr. DeLuco was a well-known barber for years on Spring Street. Both of John Jr.'s parents came from Hartford. He has a sister, Lorie, who resides in New York State, and two brothers, Rich and Ralph DeLuco, both residents of town.

John was involved in his young days with Boy Scouts, his dad being the scoutmaster, and with Little League. He graduated from WLHS, Class of 1972, worked at the airport during his high school years. He then attended Springfield Technical Community College, earning an Associate degree in Business Management.

John was not sure of his future or career; however, he found it when he joined Kennametals Inc. in Windsor, the year following his high school graduation. Today, he is still there, as Regional Operations Manager.

Barbara Barry DeLuco was born in Rockville, lived in East Hartford a short time, then her family moved to Windsor Locks when she was 6 years old. Barbara is the daughter of John Barry of East Hartford, and Anna Lefemine Barry of Windsor Locks. Barbara has a brother, John of town, and two sisters, Cathy who lives in Feeding Hills, Mass., and Ann Marie in California.

Added note: Barbara's late grandfather, Ralphaele Lefemine, had a package store on Main Street. And speaking of Main Street, Barbara remembers well working on the one-sided Main Street, at a pizza shop and the local theater, plus on the local tobacco fields as a young girl.

As for her employment... she's been in the same building for nearly 30 years... in South Windsor, joined Pratt & Whitney, now International Fuel Cells.

John and Barbara, also known as Babs, met through her brother John. They were married on May 5, 1973 and have lived in Windsor Locks ever since the wedding day.

The children of John and Barbara... Steven Jon DeLuco is the oldest, followed by Kristy Lynn DeLuco. Steve is a senior at the Raider School, was into Little League, like his dad, plays basketball and soccer, and as a sixth-grader was a member of the group of basketball players that played in Maryland (with his folks)... today, still a popular event, with Mark Senofonte and Bill LaTorra, this year's coaches.

Besides their sports activity, Steve and his sister have worked on tobacco, and he has worked as a dishwasher at a local restaurant.

Steve was a member of the Hartford County Honor Choir, and has put his singing talents to good use, last summer at Riverside Park, in their musical review, six days a week, and hopes to continue this summer at the park. He is currently the lead actor in the play "George M," the senior musical, and said "No, I'm not nervous on the stage, not after Riverside."

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He and Kristy are members in martial arts, with black belts, were both state champs in their age group. Steve, who started at the age of 7, said what got him into this sport was the movie "Karate Kid." Kristy was about 7 when she began her martial practices.

Kristy, a second year student at WLHS, enjoys English, plays varsity soccer, basketball and softball, plus Little League a few years back. When she was 11, came in second in the state, at a KofC event in basketball's "Free Throw" contest. Kristy hopes for a college specializing in "gym teaching and high school coaching." As a sixth-grader, was in a pre-teen beauty pageant, in the top 10. She has attended modeling school and has had several modeling jobs.

Back to young Steve, a favorite subject has to be art. With his obvious talent in this endeavor, he has anticipated future moves ... intends to enroll at the Hartford Art School (University of Hartford) with a major in art, minor in musical theater. He also has high hopes in applying for a position (after graduation from college) as "animator" (an artist or technician who prepares or produces an animated cartoon) at Florida's MGM Studios.

As for musical theater, his second career as a tenor, he will also pursue this as he enjoys singing. During his years at the Middle School, he was part of musical shows in the sixth/seventh/eighth grades. He has taken voice lessons since last October.

As for the Vocal Motion ... Barbara has added this to her busy schedule as ticket/publicity coordinator. She and John are great followers of the group's singing performances.

How about more interests? ... John enjoys working with the family computer ... both he and Barbara watch those news programs ... "48 Hours," "Dateline," etc. As for vacations, they have seen the beauty of Hawaii, Florida, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and the islands. They are big San Francisco 49er football fans ... why? ... because Barbara works with Bill Romanowski's father ... he being the well-known player, who is from Connecticut.

The family has volunteered for Special Olympics events the



The DeLuco family

past three years ... which included the highly watched World Games in New Haven. John said, "We have found this experience humbling."

When Barbara was asked who she most admired ... her third-grade teacher, the late and revered Eunice McGann, "a most caring person." We had the pleasure of meeting Ms. McGann in an interview (February 1980).

John is no stranger to newspapers... his grandfather, Dick DeLuco, worked for The Hartford Times and, according to John, "was considered a sports authority, providing the newspaper with many of their facts for stories."

As for the family's philosophy of life... "never compromise your principles and always believe in yourself."

And we believe (after interviewing this most happy and busy family) ... their favorite saying ... "Be a leader, not a follower."

The activities and interests listed above best emphasize what makes the DeLuco family tick. Isn't this a great time for them ... or what?

MARCH 27, 1997

Mary Conway —

It's been well over eight months since Mary Conway replaced Stephen Cullinan, as principal at the Windsor Locks High School.

Mrs. Conway, a native of Middletown, is certainly well acclimated in her new position, saying "I have found the parents supportive, interested in their children's education, music and sports. I like the size of the town, and yes, the kids are the same everywhere, want to grow up and learn." Adding, "I am very pleased on what I have found (here) and what we have done."

These glowing endorsements highlighted our interview this month at the high school.

Let's now explore a few facts and personal history of this young lady. After she left Mercy High School, she remembered well when she said, "I wanted to be a teacher."

Mary is the daughter of Gerald Boucher and Jane Coogan Boucher, who came from Attleboro, Mass., both now retired. Mr. Boucher from Skinner Precision Industry, while Mrs. Boucher set the stage for her daughter as a math

*"Kids are the same
everywhere ... want to
grow up and learn ..."*

Mary Conway,
WLHS principal

teacher at Mercy High School. Mary has a brother Vincent of East Hartford and a sister Ann in Woodbridge.

While in high school, Mary played basketball for two years, and soccer at the intramural level. Another one of her contributions in school, as her participation in the school's Broadway shows, staged annually.

Her higher education included the following:
An associate's degree from Manchester

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Community College in liberal arts; bachelor's degree in math from Trinity College; master's degree in computer science at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic and her sixth year degree from University of Connecticut in educational leadership.

Mary's first teaching position was at Windsor High School in 1988, as math teacher. Her next assignment was assistant principal at Wheeler Middle and High School in North Stonington from August 1994 to June of 1995 before her last employment at RHAM in Hebron, and the new position at the Raider School.

Among her many teacher organizations are the National Council of Teachers of Math, Association of Teachers of Math in Connecticut, to name only a few.

More on the personal side ... Mary is married to William Conway, who is a Seymour native. They actually met at a Little League game, he was the All-Star Coach, in addition, was coaching at Vernon, while Mary was president of the Rockville Little League. William is a former baseball player in his high school years, and has been active in the Men's Softball League in Vernon and Manchester.

They were married on June 22, 1996, and currently live in Vernon. He is retired from SNET, after 31 years of service, and today, operates his own communication company.

They have six children and would you believe they were all Little League players. There's Richard, Jenny, David Jonathan, Michael and Brian from Boston to New York state. Richard and his wife, Diane, live in Southington, with their two children, Brendan and Sean Richard is a disc jockey in Brookfield with station WIOF.

Jenny was into sports, now into sales, lives

- well acclimated as new WLHS principal



Mary Conway, principal of Windsor Locks High School.

with her husband, Sam Ward in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. David resides in Boston, a computer science programmer.

Jonathan and Michael live in Vernon and students at Manchester Community College. Brian is a senior at Rockville High School, lives in Vernon.

How about hobbies of our new principal? "Read a lot, mostly mysteries. Little League involvement has been one of my hobbies for years, today, school work takes up a lot of my time." Adding, "I also watch the students (WLHS) perform at the soccer and basketball games." As for vacations, Mary and William are planning a trip to Alaska.

As for other spectator sports, she's a Red Sox fan, (sorry about that Mr. Dave Farr), along with Jenny and Richard. The others, are yes, Yankees rooters. Of course, the family are all followers of the UConn basketball teams.

Mary enjoys all kinds of music: jazz to the

old band sounds. They also rent movies and probably her biggest hobby at home, "I love to cook and have guests over to the house."

Back to school, the important areas for Mary Conway: "Emphasizing the importance of parent's involvement in education and plans to establish consistent communication between parents and the school ... working with the community and continuing block scheduling, which allows students to take fewer course in longer class periods, school and community are a big time (with Mrs. Conway) love to have people feel the true feeling of ownership of the schools."

When asked who she most admired or who were role models for her growing up, after a short pause, "Probably Eleanor Roosevelt who lead the nation (in her times) in a quiet way." As for Mary's philosophy of life, "Do you best, we all have gifts, (our) responsibility is to give back to the world those gifts."

To paraphrase CBS on television "Welcome Mary Conway to your new home, the high school called "The Raiders."

The speaking of gifts to the work: "Education" would be much more effective if its purpose was to ensure that by the time they leave school every boy and girl should know how much they do not know, and be imbued with a lifelong desire to know it."

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Mark Roger –

We were recently advised that Mark Roger would make a fine interview because of his involvement with the local Cub Scouts.

Very true, and it did not take long to find out that Mark is also involved in the world of scuba diving, an activity that most people would not undertake under ideal conditions. Mark has ventured into the deep six in the Caribbean and even a few miles off Block Island.

But first, let's explore Mark's background that includes activities on terra firma.

Mark is a native of Windsor Locks, the son of the late Everett "Lefty" Roger and Eunice Stokes Roger, who now makes her home in Florida. Mr. Roger came from Watertown, Mrs. Roger is a native of Waterbury. Mark has two brothers James of San Diego, Calif., and John of Simsbury; three sisters, Judy of Windsor, Diane of Terryville and Christine of Suffield.

In 1968, the family moved to Windsor, with Mark eventually attending Goodwin Tech in New Britain to study the mechanics of air conditioning and refrigeration, with graduation in 1976.

Any sports were confined to track during his middle school years.

Did Mark have any idea as to a career ... air conditioning, etc. "Yes," he said, "but most of all to get a job."

Which he did. In 1978 he joined Hamilton-Standard, and he's still with the local aircraft company as machinist, working, he said, "on propellers for (C-130 cargo planes)." Mark's comment on Hamilton ... "A super place to work."

Mark's wife, Nancy Fisher Roger, also a native of town, is the daughter of the late Samuel Fisher, who was

from Vermont, worked on the well-known Viets Farm in East Granby. Nancy's mother, Betty Duncan Fisher came from Simsbury, and now resides in Windsor.

Nancy also comes from a large family: a brother Wayne in Texas, her twin, Jana of Windsor and three other sisters, all living out of state: Patricia in South Carolina, Beverly in Colorado and Jeane in Maine.

Nancy is a 1976 grad of East Granby High School and her sports activity was as assistant manager of the boy's basketball team. Her career path (as with Mark) has been with one stop: joined the McLean Home in Simsbury after high school as nurse's aid, enjoys helping the elderly she said, and in August makes for her 21st year.

She and Mark met on a blind date, were married on May 10, 1980, lived in East Granby for six year, before moving to their current home, the house where Mark's parents lived for many years.

They have a son David, 8, in the third grade at South, enjoys computer class at school, and also at home, with his father. Nancy's main hobby at home was craft work, but now admits, "not much time for it."

The family are all Red Sox fans, take in a few games each year at Fenway and said, "Everyone around here are UConn basketball fans." Mark and Nancy enjoy modern music, do rent movies with Mark and David big "Star Wars" fans, from way back.

When it comes to vacation, the

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islands of the Caribbean offers Mark the opportunity to pursue his main hobby of scuba diving. To explain further he is a member of two diving clubs, Gillmen (the past four years) of Hartford and Interspace in Manchester (just joined). He's on the Board of Governors at Gillmen. He's been diving since he was a boy of 14.

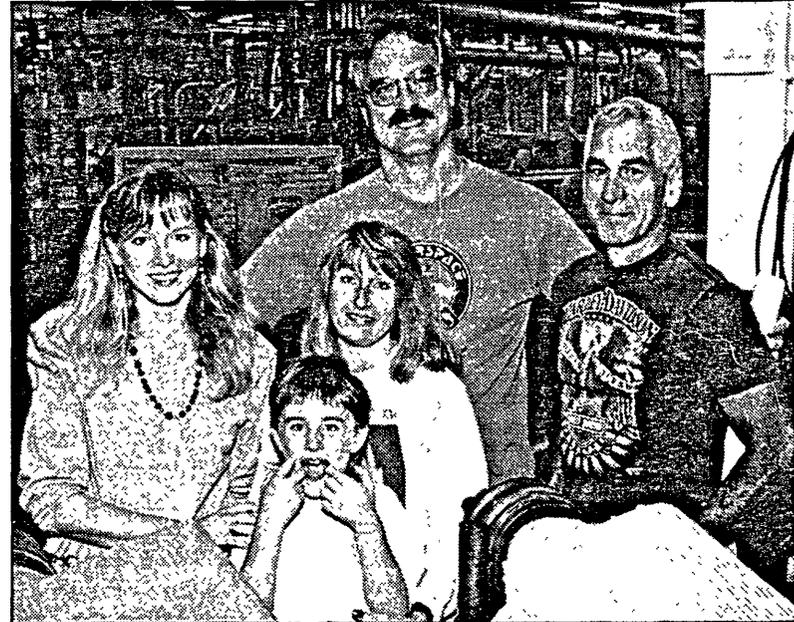
What kind of diving? "Wreck diving," he said, and I said, "Wreck?" "Yes, I scuba dive to explore wrecks on the bottom of the ocean. "How far down?" "I have dived to 150 feet." Mark dives in the Caribbean, Florida and off the North Carolina coast.

What about Block Island? "I knew the history of a German U boat sunk six miles each of Block Island, one of the last ships sunk at the end of World War II." Like the person was asked, why he climbs the mountain, because it's there, same for Mark, mention a wreck, and Mark will make an effort to dive and do what he likes best.

Oh yes, Mark has a 19 foot Bay Liner boat and the Connecticut River and Block Island are two of the family vacation stops near home.

The Cub Scouts, but before we dive into his other activity with Nancy and David, Mark is also a member of the Civilian Defense of Windsor and East Granby over the years.

From September to May, the Rogers are into Cub Scouts, Mark the Den Leader, Nancy the Assistant Den Leader and David the Cub Scout, since he was 6 year old. Pack 261, Den 1, meets once a week. With Mark saying, "I just knew David would be



Christine Roger, Dave Roger, Nancy Roger, Mark Roger, and Ed Walker, Mark's diving instructor.

a Cut Scout, I was in the Scouts and my Scout master was the former resident of town, Mr. Tex Gill." Why Mark is so involved, "We see the kids develop and grow up during their years in the Scouts."

Ran across the following, "Cub Scouts, for boys in second through fifth grades, work with their families and meet weekly, specific activities in small groups."

When Mark was asked who he

most admired, he said, "My parents, they showed great patience with the six of us." Adding, "Also my father-in-law had a great outlook of life, another father to me." And he said, "I must add Tex Gill."

The motto of the Cub Scouts is "Do Your Best." Certainly Mark, Nancy and David do their best, be it Scouts or watching Mark dive for lost treasures in the deep sea.

Gary Mattesen: still active on

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Gary Michael Mattesen is a member of one of the premier Little League families in town with his father Russ Mattesen perennial coach and manager ("he coached all of us") counseling his sons, Gary, Rusty and Tom.

Gary is still active with the K of C team, last year's masters division champs, the Enfield Sunday Morning League, and very locally the Men's Softball League of Windsor Locks, Windsor, Suffield and Enfield. He holds the title of vice president of the league, along side the president Dennis Gragnolati, principal and commissioner of note.

Gary is the son of Russ and Eleanor Gilman Mattesen of Windsor. Both of his parents were from Stafford Springs, "high-school sweethearts," and one of my earliest C&K interviewees, way back in February 1976.

Rusty Mattesen lives in Stafford Springs, Tom in town, and their two sisters, Maureen of North Granby and Sharon of Windsor.

The Mattesen family moved to Windsor Locks from Stafford Springs when Gary was 3. He graduated from WLHS in 1975, after two years of track, a year of basketball and four years of soccer, under Coach Dan Sullivan. Gary did not play baseball at the Raider

school, although he was into all Little League action in the major and senior division. He played under Coach Tom Frechette. Ironically, this past season the young Tom Frechette and Gary were the sharp combination for the K of C at shortstop and second baseman, and respectfully, were a big part in the team's success.

More on Gary, he took two courses at Asnuntuck Community College, went to work for Hartford Insurance for two years, and today, a very steady employee of Dexter (18 years) as quality technician.

It was at Dexter where Gary met June Magnani. They were married on Dec. 4, 1994, and have resided in town since the wedding day. June is the daughter of the late Joseph Magnani and Alice Magnani, who lives in town. Joe was a native of town and worked at Montgomery. Alice was from the Boston area. June has a brother Albert who lives in Coventry.

June is a 1981 WLHS grad, member of the National Honor Society, and was the Senior Class Secretary. (Note: Gary

said, "I was the jock, June was the brain!")

She put her talents to work at her first employment as secretary to the president of the Windsor Marketing Group for over a year. She then worked at Dexter for three years and is currently with the John C. Otto (Commercial Printers) in East Longmeadow, Mass.

June earned an associate degree from Manchester Community College (executive secretary) and has been attending night school at Bay Path for her B.S. degree in business administration.

Gary has a son, David Michael Mattesen, 13, who attends McAlister Middle School in Suffield as a seventh grader. Taking after his dad and grandfather, David has played Little League in Suffield, where his dad is also a coach the past two seasons. David will enter the Senior Division this coming season.

David is an honor student (plus being a jock), enjoys skiing and soccer and when it comes to his favorite class in school ... science.

three softball teams



David, June and Gary Mattesen

How about hobbies of Gary? Golf and more golf, at Edgewood, Cedar Knob and Oak Ridge. He shoots in the 70s and 80s. June is also into the sport, however, no scores were given. At home, she enjoys adventure books. Vacations have been to Florida, Maine and the Cape. Gary admits he follows the Red Sox and Yankees (that's what he said.) As for music, the young couple are divided. June likes country, while Gary would rather listen to the sounds of the 70s. When the television is on, its mostly sports or movies. And when its time to eat, Gary's favorite is

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swordfish. As for memberships, Gary has been a member of the local K of C for six years.

Speaking of the Knights,

their championship softball team, Master's Division for 1996, with the added thrill of winning right here at Southwest Park.

Other years the men have traveled to Iowa, Virginia, Texas and Mississippi. This year on

Labor Day weekend the men of summer will be in sunny Alabama, defending their title.

Probably the title of World Champs of Little League will be always remembered by the Mattesens, plus the hundreds of local and loyal fans back in 1965.

As for the much younger Gary that year, his memories: "Yes, I went to Williamsport, Pa., when the team won, but you know what I was doing during some of the games? I was selling soda to the people in the stands." Adding, "On our return to

Windsor Locks, and all the celebrations, I figured my dad was a hero, and was famous, now I know, but at the time, I was only 8."

The team, fans and the town have had more of their 15 minutes of fame: 30 years and

growing.

Gary was asked who he admired? "My dad, especially helping to raise five children, as coach and father to all of us," at home and on the field.

Three high school students

Never underestimate the desire or the youthful dedication of today's students (case in point) why three sophomores, at the Windsor Locks High School, organized the "Animals R US," their animal rights club.

Their first public expression was evident at the time of the "Great American Meat-Out, a nationwide celebration of meatless eating on March 20, 1996."

We met last month with Felicia Marotta, president of the club, at the high school.

Before we detail the reasons for the club's existence, some personal notes on Felicia Angelica Marotta, as spokesman, a native of Windsor Locks, the daughter of Frank and Debbie Pearlone Marotta. They are natives and town residents. Mr. Marotta is a local real estate salesman.

Felicia has two brothers: Francis (WLHS 1994) attends Emerson College in Boston, studying public relations and Anthony an eighth grader at the middle school, active in the town's Little League program.

Felicia, class of 1999, has plans for college, but it's rather indefinite at this time. As for outside activity from school, she belongs to a bowling league at Bradley, and after classes, has worked at the Skyline Restaurant the past three months. At home, she enjoys reading mysteries, and outdoors running for exercise and fun, she said. The family have made trips to

"It's not right to abuse animals, and we wanted to make people aware."

Felicia Marotta
on why the club was organized

Maine, enjoying the beach and viewing historic homes. Felicia listens to the oldies, when it comes to music, on television, it's "The Nanny," and the Miami pro football team in season. Oh yes, her favorite food, Italian, no meat please.

During our interview, we found Felicia to be a very concerned young student, who along

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with her friends (fellow club members) and class advisor, Jane Carroll, teacher of typing and business courses at the school, expressed definite goals promoting meatless meals in order "to show the health, environmental and ethical benefits of kicking the meat habit."

Other members of the club, Kate Marinone and Christina Klundt. Last year, Felicia and Christina ("best friends since the first grade") decided to organize the club with their own concept, was then joined by Kate, with the support of Ms. Carroll and the girl's parents.

Kate Marinone is the daughter of Bill and Lynn Marinone, the family was featured in C&K, back in August of 1990. Speaking of C&K, Felicia's grandfather, "Duke" Marotta was interviewed in June of 1990. He of the golf fraternity.

Christina Klundt is the daughter of Joseph and Regina Klundt. The Marinone and Klundt families all reside in our town.

Back to "Animals R US," with comments by Felicia, "Animals, when used for food and fur is wrong (also) we do not approve that animals are used for different tests in labs, etc."

Adding, "As for my personal preferences (eating habits) I do eat salads, fish, but no chicken ... my parents are very supportive, Christina and I started the club, and probably

who are 'Animals R US'

our main reason, we felt it was not right to abuse animals and we wanted to make people aware." How did you go about the learning process? "e put posters around the school. Mrs. Carroll keeps us well informed with the latest information from national organizations. Our meetings may vary, but we try to meet at least once a week, "after school."

Felicia said, "My brother Francis really was the one who got me started I guess you would say. I admire him for his independence, he's self assured, knows what he wants out of life. He's a leader." (The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.)

Felicia, a serious student, went on to say, "I know we are young, and (someday) might change our mind and views or ideas, as we become older, due to health or diets, etc."

Felicia was shown an article that appeared in the "USA Today," March 20, 1997, entitled "Cultivating Vegetarianism", a questions and answer piece by TV personality Casey Kasem. Felicia emphasized "We are not vegetarians." Some of her comments on the questions "What spurred you to become a vegetarian?" Felicia, "I saw pictures of animals being slaughtered." "You did it cold turkey?" Felicia, "No, it took me a while to stop eating meat totally."

"Your advice for those who might follow your route?" Felicia, "I agree with his answer, not to suggest that everybody just start not eating meat, fish or poultry. Educate yourself, that's the purpose of the Meat-Out."

Another timely article, "Letters to the Editor," in the Hartford Courant, written by Felicia, Kate and Christina, lists in great detail their main concern and reasons for "Animals R Us." We have noted some of their feelings on this serious subject. The letter concluded with the following: "Students at Windsor Locks High School are fortunate to be able to select a



Felicia Marotta, Christina Klundt and Kate Marinone.

vegetarian lunch each day. A variety of meatless meals is offered by the cafeteria director and her concerned staff. Salads, veggie burgers and a variety of healthy choices are on the menu for students following a vegetarian diet.

"Animals R Us asks that everyone concerned with health, the environment and animals take the Meat-Out pledge: 'I pledge to kick the meat habit, at least for a day, and explore a more wholesome, less violent diet.'"

Epilog

Meat or not meat — the major concern of three young students, who feel strong as to this movement. The interview had its lighter moments. Two come to mind Felicia said, when asked for her favorite saying "Life is just a bowl of cherries." (Obviously her life does not include meat.) When we met at the school office, I of course, did not know Felicia, being the oldest sitting on the bench, but I certainly received a compliment (at least I felt I had) ... "Are you the newspaper guy?"

Felicia will never say, "Where's the beef?"

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The DesRocher family -

We recently interviewed Raymond Francis DesRocher III, and family, a young boy with the desire to play with the New England Patriots, regardless of where they are located.

Of course, he's only 10, but with high hopes, learning the finer points of the game of football as member of the Windsor Locks Jets ... the town midget team.

Raymond III was featured in one of the Courant's "In Your Face" short articles that usually only scratch the surface of any young (as in his case) fifth grader, with likes and future ambitions. We found young Raymond very involved in football, as his mother said, "We are a football family." Before detailing young Raymond, some personal notes on this most happy and cooperative family, that makes their world go round.

Raymond Jr., better known as Butch, at the age of 3 moved with his family from Enfield to East Windsor, where he and his 10 brothers and sisters grew up. Butch and the clan are the children of Ray Sr. and Margaret Reynolds DesRocher. Ray came from Maine, Margaret a native of Hartford.

Butch graduated from East Windsor High School, Class of 1985, where he excelled on the wrestling team, as captain, placed second in state competition. In his earlier years, he was active in the town's Little League.

Butch and his future bride, Laura Pitney, were "high school sweethearts." She was a 1987 grad of EWHS, in addition to playing the trumpet in the school band, Laura was manager of the school wrestling team, she knew how good Butch was in competition.

Laura also comes from a large family, one of six children of Kenneth and Connie Reid Pitney. Their parents live in East Windsor, their native town, in the home where Laura and her family grew up.

Mr. Pitney was Town Treasurer of the Town of East Windsor for 10 years, retired from the J.M. Ney Co., as electrical contact engineer, now is a consultant. Oh yes, he's a distant relative of the popular singer Gene Pitney.

Laura and Butch were married on Feb. 14, 1986, and lived in East Windsor until 1990, when they moved to their current home in Windsor Locks.

When Butch was asked, "Did he know what he wanted as to a

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career? “Yes, I always wanted to be an iron worker, since I was only 5 or 6, used to go to work (once in a while) with my father, who was in the business.” Mr. DesRocher was involved in many of the Hartford projects: bridges, hotels, etc. according to his proud son. After high school, Butch became that iron worker, now into what he calls, “reinforcement on all sorts of construction.” He had attended welding school and became “state certified welder” and currently works on the family business called “C&L Steel Erectors.”

With Laura, she went on after high school to Asnuntuck and received her associate’s degree in general studies, and today, secretary at the Grace Episcopal Church in Broad Brook. In addition, is very active in their church, as director of Christian education.

When it comes to hobbies, Laura is into sewing and crafts, loves to read, especially books by Tom Clancy and on religion. As for Butch, he’s the outdoors type, has his own motorcycle, and admits, he enjoys working, just for pleasure you may find him cutting down trees for family and friends. The night we interviewed the family, he was working on a relative’s car, strictly a handy man to have around.

Laura has three boys (only kidding Butch), Chris, the youngest, according to Laura, “Little Wild, Ray III, Serious and Butch, Hard working.”

Christopher is 7, first grade at North, likes apples, gym in school, and this fall will start his midget football career, with, none other than the Jets.

Raymond No. 3, 10, will be 11 in June, fifth grade at South, his teacher Bob Morrell. He too enjoys gym in school, favorite TV program “Party of Five,” loves to eat pizza, and his sport is football, where he won (1996) “Most Improved Player”, he’s the team co-captain and an offensive linesman.

Yes, he would like to play for the Patriots, and when it comes to basketball, he’s a North Carolina fan, the men’s team, but for the girls, Connecticut’s own, the UConn girls. When asked about Little League, he said, matter-of-fact, “I played when I was little!”



The DesRocher family

He wanted to mention his three best friends, Robert Aloisa, since the first grade, and Jesse LaFerriere and Martin Nicolai. Can’t forget the two family dogs, Duke the Fawn Boxer and Buddy the Brindle Boxer.

Butch was asked who he most admired? “My father who taught me hard work, good work habits, you might say tough love and my Uncle Mike in Georgia, who got me through my dad’s tough love.”

I asked for the family favorite saying, with many laughs around, “If mama ain’t happy, ain’t nobody happy.”

That’s the story of a most happy family and it appeared mama is one happy mother and her two boys and their dad, Butch DesRocher.

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Father Robert O'Grady,

Father Robert Alan O'Grady has been Pastor at St. Mary's Church since September of last year.

We had the pleasure of his company at a meeting held at the rectory, to discuss his reactions concerning the new assignment, the people of Windsor Locks, the town, the volunteers at St. Mary's and the years at St. Thomas Seminary.

Next month, Father O'Grady will celebrate his 25th anniversary in the priesthood.

Father O'Grady is a native of Manchester, Conn., the son of the late Edward O'Grady, a printer by trade, who was from Willimantic, and Helen McVeigh O'Grady, who was from Manchester, and still makes her home there. Father has a brother, Richard O'Grady of Torrington.

The younger Robert attended St. James School in Manchester, and knew at an early age what he wanted as to a career... "I was greatly influenced (in general) by priests of the parish."

Not one for organized sports growing up, however, in his later years, into skiing and racquetball. He was active in the drama club at St. Thomas Seminary, where he graduated in 1966.

His first steps toward the priesthood began at St. Thomas, then at Mount St. Mary College Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. He was ordained by the late Hartford Archbishop John F. Whealon at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on May 27, 1972.

"Down-to-earth, family oriented ... appreciate their history..."

Father O'Grady
on the people of Windsor Locks

Father O'Grady's first assignment was his appointment as parochial vicar at St. Matthew Parish in Forestville, in 1972. He then served as temporary parochial vicar at St. Anthony Parish in Bristol, and later as temporary parochial vicar at St. Patrick Parish in Enfield.

Next role, his assignment as co-pastor at St. James Parish in Manchester on Feb. 13, 1981 ... for a brief period, and later the same year, on Aug. 17, as faculty member of St. Thomas Seminary. In June 1991, Father O'Grady was appointed rector of the seminary. From 1981 to 1991 he also served as the vicar for permanent deacons.

Now for some insight what makes this friendly and congenial man of the cloth tick ... he admits to be an outdoors individual, with hiking and especially garden of flowers his forte. Music is another of his interests ... contemporary church music, some country and of course, Irish music and Irish wit ... Hal Roach, to name only one.

He's been a Red Sox fan since the days of Ted Williams and Carl Yastremski. Also quite a television fan ... viewer of the following hit series "Touched By An Angel" ... "Seinfeld" ... "Frasier" ... and "Home Improvement." As for food, "I enjoy Italian, I have an Irish name, but an Italian stomach."

When asked for his thought about the town of Windsor Locks and its citizens ... he said, "Down-to-earth, family oriented, appreciate their history, their families, and proud to be from Windsor Locks." He went on to say, "The volunteers at St. Mary's, proud to serve the church and (equally) proud of St. Mary's."

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As for the changes in the church, since his ordainment: "I had my foot (so-to-speak) in both worlds (the church) the changes are for the good." Adding, "I try to put myself in the pews before me, when on the altar, and make my words meaningful for the people and touch the lives of the people before me."

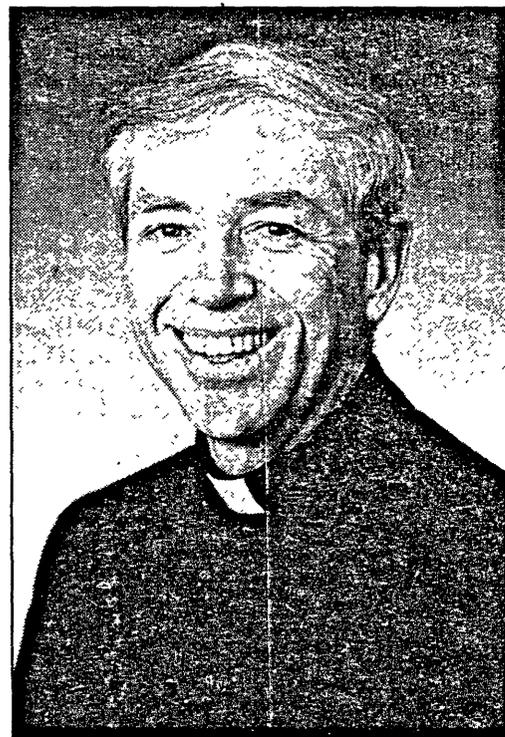
Praise for Father O'Grady, from a visitor at St. Mary's: "He puts so much life and feelings into the church, such a warm feeling, and the music..."

Did Father O'Grady have a role model?... "Yes, Monsignor Joseph Farrell of the Assumption Church in Manchester, for his kindness and appeal to the people, and (such) a gentle man."

Father O'Grady's philosophy of life... "Life is short. Love, forgive, celebrate and respect life." His favorite passage from the Bible... "Matthew, Chapter 9, 12-13: "People who are in good health do not need a doctor; sick people do. Go and learn the meaning of the words... It is mercy I desire and not sacrifice... I have come to call not the self-righteous but sinners."

Another of Father's favorite sayings... "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

More on a personal note... as for vacations, FATHER said, "For one hiking in Vermont, and about five years ago I traveled to the Holy Land, this experience convinced me of the fact that Holy Week is real and very much about life and reflects what all of us go through throughout the



Father Robert O'Grady

year..."

To close our story on father Robert O'Grady ... another quote will be in order, for he appreciates flowers and work in the garden... "Gardens let people interact with nature and create small oases of order, refuge for themselves..."

(Editor's Note: This column marks the 22nd year of "Cabbages & Kings," a wonderful ride since the first column on May 1, 1975 that featured the late and respected Windsor Locks Fire Chief, Bill Reilly.)

The Stangers:

Last month Charles Joseph Stanger and Constance Wagner Stanger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at St. Mary's Church, where they were married on April 12, 1946.

This friendly and congenial twosome have lived in town since their wedding. It is Charles native town, while Constance came from Bennington, Vt.

Their friends and neighbors knew them better as just Stutz and Connie Stanger, who are at home, be it ballroom dancing, travels to Hawaii and Europe or just watching their favorite girl's basketball team UConn. They are a couple who enjoy "spreading love and laughter around."

If one had to define what makes Charlie Stanger tick, he would probably fit into roughly three categories, a man greatly influenced by his wife Connie, World War II and his time in Europe, and lastly his 42 years and five months at Dexter.

But first, some facts before describing those three parts of his life. Charlie grew up on Center Street, the son of the late Frank and Annie Southner Stanger. His parents came to America in 1912 from their native land of Austria/Germany. Charlie had a sister Annie, and two brothers, Frankie and Fred, all deceased.

Charlie graduated from WLHS, Class of 1936, with Joe McKenna and Richard Blackburn, the class president. Charlie has a great picture of the school's 1936 baseball team, with some familiar names, John Sasali, Vic Malec, Ray Merlo and Charlie's brother Fred. The coach was Bob Jackson, who was also the math teacher, Charlie said.

After the war, most of this team played semi-pro baseball in the Farmington Valley League. Charlie was a pitcher and left-fielder for the Kettlebrook nine.

As for employment, Charlie said in the middle '30s, "Jobs were tough to find," but he managed to join Dexter for his first mentor/teaching career in 1938, in the rewinding room.

Then, with the war in Europe almost a certainty, he was drafted into the U.S. Army (August of 1941) receiving his basic training at Camp Croft, S.C.

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After leaving the south, Charlie came near home at Camp Edwards, Mass., followed by a year in Florida (East Coast Defense), applied for the Air Corps, accepted and sent to Colorado, next stop the infantry and Fort Dix, the infantry was needed, at the time, for the war in Europe.

Charlie's outfit (Yankee Division) was assigned to the Pacific (early after Pearl harbor), but he was not part of the men who went to the Pacific and Guadalcanal.

He was destined to serve in Europe, which he did rather heroically, with Company F, 393rd Infantry Regiment, also known as the "Battle Babies." He earned a Purple Heart and was a survivor of the famed "Battle of the Bulge", during the height of the December 1944 battle.

Looking back at his time in Europe, he said, "We were on the front lines all the time, from 10 to 12 months, and (after being shot) I spent time in a Paris hospital, and had the pleasure of meeting Francis Draghi of Windsor Locks who took me on a tour of Paris night life ..." With the war over, Charlie was sent home and discharged at Fort Devens, Mass. on Oct. 5, 1945.

The former staff sergeant was now a civilian and a week after being home went back to Dexter. In discussion of his years at Dexter, he had high praise for the chemists he worked with, in the laboratory, and as inspector in Research and Product Development. With these words "I received a college degree just by learning from them, Dexter was my whole life." He retired from Dexter (not from life) in December of 1980.

Charlie's war time experiences and the years at Dexter were certainly important in his life, but meeting Constance Wagner (on a double date) was equally important and soon they were married. It's been 50 years and still counting.

Connie is the daughter of the late Max and Anna Godbout Wagner. Max was from Adams,

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Mass., Anna a native of Bennington. Connie graduated from WLHS, Class of 1945, her family had moved to Connecticut in November of 1941 for employment of Mr. Wagner.

Connie remembers the war as airplane spotter and a telephone operator for the war effort during her high school years.

The telephone experiences came in handy, as Connie went to work for SNET, 30 years in town, and the last three in Hartford, was an assistant manager in the Service Department, retiring in December of 1977.

Connie and Charlie have a daughter, Carol, married to Arthur Wadsworth. They reside in Windsor Locks. They have a daughter, Jennifer, a Bryant College grad, who works in a Wethersfield accounting office as a CPA. Carol, a 1969 WLHS grad, works for SNET.

What hobbies or interests keeps Connie and Charlie so happy-go-lucky? That's easy, "For me," Charlie said, "working in my garden, hunting/fishing and for Connie and me its ballroom dancing." For Connie, its knitting, sewing and crocheting. They both enjoy watching the UConn girls basketball games. With Charlie adding, "My favorite baseball team, the Red Sox, the bums, but I do watch them, they're not like the Yankees."

They have enjoyed trips to Hawaii and all of Europe, with these words, "Since the war things have changed, especially in Germany (for Charlie) and always found the people so nice."

Charlie is a life member of the Knights of Columbus, the Purple Heart Association and the Elks in Chicopee. Both are active in AARP in both Windsor Locks and Enfield. Connie is also a member of the Telephone Pioneers. As for the town of Windsor Locks, Connie said, "We love the town, wouldn't live anywhere else."

When it came to admiration for others, Connie said, "My parents, they loved me and always thought of me first." Adding, "You want words to describe my husband, he's my best friend."

As for Charles Joseph Stanger, or better



Connie and Stutz Stanger

known as Stutz, he said, "My wife, she worries for both of us, what would I do without here?" They both agreed, "Love everyone, spread love and laughter around."

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My impressions ... Stutz is truly a man for all seasons, as mentioned, his life has been greatly influenced by Connie, World War II and his life as a former loyal employee of Dexter.

Back on May 29, 1995, he gave a Memorial Day speech to pay a special tribute to the men and women of Windsor Locks, who served their country in all the wars. This was from a dedicated man who served his country and town. He ended his talk saying it was an honor to speak to them. Yes, a gentleman for all seasons.

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Gary Chant - Sox, food, Harleys

Gary Michael Chant ... "frustrated" Red Sox fan, loyal Whaler fan, plus airline catering service over 24 years and "there's only one motorcycle - Harley Davidson."

That about sums up Gary's main hobby, spectator sports and employment. He admits there's not much to do about the Whalers leaving (at this point), or the situation with the Sox, but he continues to provide food service for five of the airlines at Bradley, first with Air La Carte and now with Dobbs Catering, and goes "everywhere on his Harley-Davidson."

Gary is a native of Windsor Locks, the son of Frank K. Chant Jr. and Josephene Austin Chant, both retired from Hartford Hospital and still enjoying seeing America in their travels as residents of Windsor Locks.

Gary, known as "Uncle B" by his nieces and nephews, has two brothers, Kenneth of Bethlehem and Brian of East Windsor.

Gary, a 1975 WLHS grad, admitted, "I just went to school, actually most of the time working part-time at the airport, since I was 16."

He had plans (after high school) to "be an auto mechanic." Attended Springfield Trade School for over a year, took some time off, went to work for Ardery-Chevrolet in

Windsor for a year as a mechanic, then found his niche.

Worked at Air La Carte for 12 years, followed by his present job with Dobbs House Airline Catering Kitchen as supervisor of food/beverages for five airlines at Bradley the past 12 years.

He has lived in town most of his life, but there was a period of five years, was a resident of Broad Brook. However, moved back to his present home in town, saying, "I wanted to be closer to my parents (with a slight laugh) to keep an eye on them."

Gary has a son, Michael Chant, who will graduate from E Fermi Enrico High School next month where he excelled on the cross-country, track and wrestling teams.

In July, Michael will join the U.S. Marines and, according to his proud father, "He can't wait, looking forward to the Marines."

Gary, at the age of 17, owned his first Harley-Davidson, and says, going everywhere, it's his main hobby. But, at home, he also keeps busy working around the house.

He's been to Florida's Key West, but when it comes to vacations, he best remembers the great trips with

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his folks camping during the summer months across country.

When it came to spectator sports, he's a "frustrated" Red Sox fan, a trait, he said, came from his grandfather, Frank Sr., a big Sox fan, who was from South Windsor/Hartford.

How about interests in television? One show he mentioned, even if it is shown late Sunday evening, "Baloylon 5."

Now for ... oh those Whalers! ... Gary has followed their games since they played in Springfield (after the roof collapse), then back to Hartford, attending several times a year.

However, when he took his son, the parking, meals, cost of the seats was a very expensive experience. Looking back, he figured when they traded Ron Francis (his favorite Whaler) to Pittsburgh, it was the end for the Whalers and their play-off chances over the years.

Gary had written a letter to one of the area's newspapers, giving all the wrong reasons for the Whalers to leave Hartford. But, in addition, said, "The saddest loss is that which will be suffered by the civic organizations supported by the team and its players.

and those Whalers

"Kudos to the players and their wives for the self-less support of so many worthy causes ... you will be missed. Whatever exit fee the Whale ends up paying should be at least partly going to helping out those kids."

When asked who he most admired, Gary said, "My parents. They made it all work (for their three sons) and will always remember those camping trips during the summer months."

His philosophy of life ... "Survive ... says it all." And any Harley-Davidson fan (worth his or her salt) ... "Live to ride ... ride to live."

That tells it all for Gary Michael Chant.



Gary Chant

Ric Brown Jr. and family —

It's probably not strange for neighbors to see Ric, Debbie and Tyler Brown riding around on their 1924 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, with side car.

This young couple are an active threesome, with Ric, an executive in the printing business, Debbie an office worker at ABB, and Tyler, who was six in March, at the North Street School in Kindergarten.

Now for a formal introduction, Richard Pettis Brown Jr., was born in Willoughby, Ohio, the son of Richard Sr. and Theresa Baca Brown. Mr. Brown came from Warren, Ohio, Theresa from Denver. They met when Mr. Brown was in the Air Force.

They and Ric, he was 12 at the time, came from the Buckeye State to Suffield, when Mr. Brown was transferred from the Cleveland offices of Combustion Engineering, Inc. to Windsor. He retired in 1985 from C-E, they continued to make their home in Suffield.

Ric graduated from Suffield High School in 1982, same year as Deborah Renna, his future bride. They were "high school sweethearts," and admitted, "just" went to school in Suffield. They had other fields to conquer.

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They were married on May 31, 1986, lived in Enfield and Hartford, moving to their present home three years ago, with these comments on Windsor Locks, "Love it here, the taxes are low, and the school system great."

Did Ric have any idea what he wanted (after high school), as to a career? "No, probably still do not know," with a smile that showed his character as a happy-go-lucky individual.

He did manage to start his working career at C-E, in the print shop for three years, followed, he said, "by a lot of little jobs in printing."

Four years ago this month he joined the Chatham Printing Company in Newington. They are commercial printers, where he now holds the title of Vice-President, Sales and Marketing.

As for Debbie, she is the daughter of the late Carmine Renna and Marianne March Renna, who makes her home in Enfield. Mr. Renna worked at Pratt & Whitney for more than 30 years.

Debbie grew up in Suffield, after high school, went to work

for the National Labor Relations Board in Hartford until 1985. She then came closer to home when she joined C-E Resource Recovery, now ABB, in Windsor.

If Ric has one main hobby, it's antique motorcycles, and the latest in Harley-Davidson. He became interested about six years ago, because of friends who had cycles. He then attended a show at Springfield's Indian Motorcycle Museum. He has been collecting (everything he can get his hands on) motorcycle memorabilia.

In the last year and a half, we have had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing four individuals with an interest in motorcycles, all local residents, Glen Boglisch, Cliff Gerbe, Gary Chant and Ric Brown. Motorcycles, a popular past-time.

Debbie, on the other hand, is more into cooking, and shopping for antiques of another nature, especially at the well-known (on Route 20) antique fair in Brimfield, Mass.

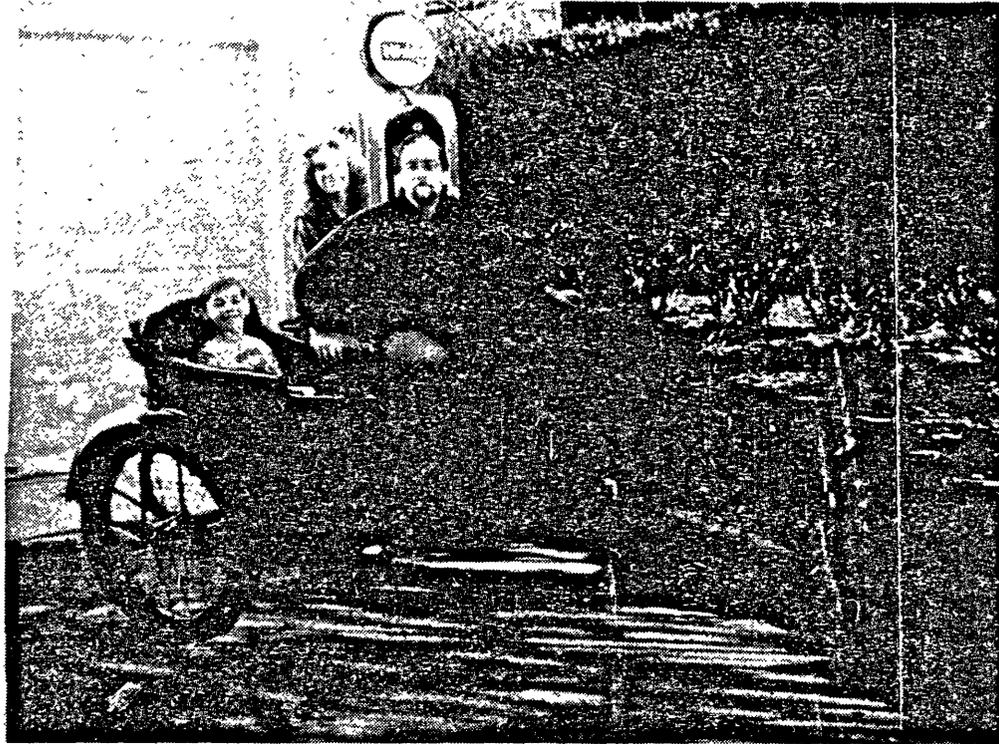
The family enjoys the Connecticut shore and have been to Florida. Disney World? "No," said Tyler, "Sea World and the Universal Studios." They also took in Daytona Bike Week.

As for spectator sports, Ric is an old Washington Redskins football fan, remembering the play of John Riggins. There is one show on television, Ric wouldn't miss, "X-Files." He has one movie as his favorite, the 1953 Marlon Brando "The Wild One," naturally about motorcycles.

Oh yes, Tyler, six, North Street School, enjoys gym/library in school, and follows the Dallas Cowboys and "Rugrats," on the home television set.

Another hobby of Debbie, collecting cast iron Amish people. When she was asked for a few choice words to describe Ric, "Very ambitious, extremely outgoing and a

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The Browns on their favorite 1924 Harley Davidson.

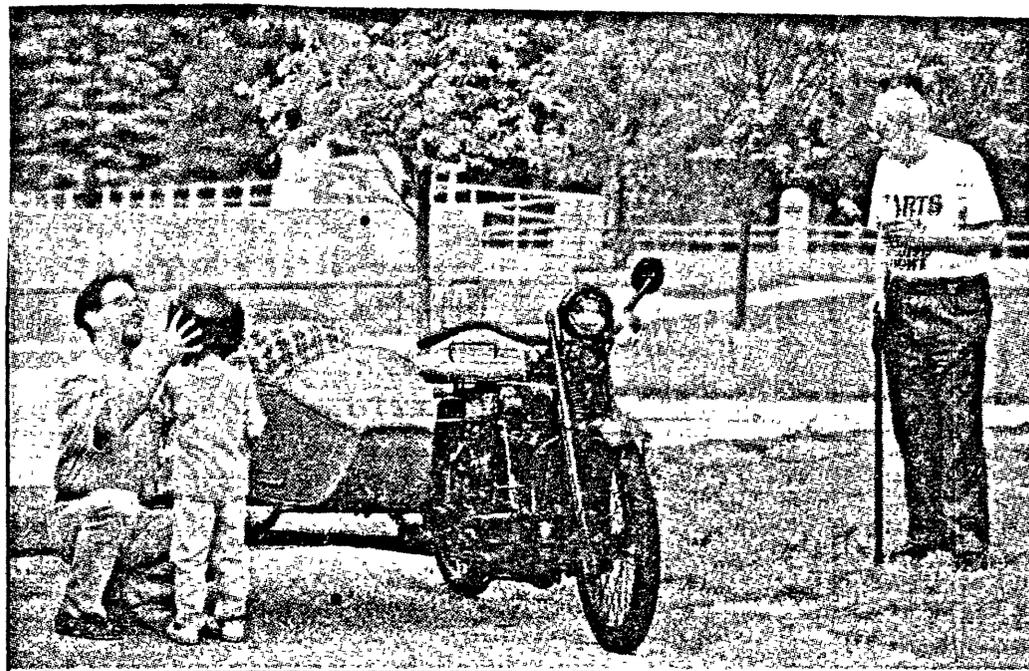
wonderful father.”

Ric was asked, who he most admired. “My parents, in August they will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary, the

way they raised me, taught me well.” Ric’s personal philosophy of live, “Enjoy every minute to the fullest.”

In Ric’s case, he does, with

continued help from Debbie and Tyler. They know when its time for the next ride, they go as a family, and when its time to smell the roses.



▲ Leaving Bart’s, Rick Brown puts a helmet on his son Tyler, 5, before heading home to Windsor Locks on a 1924 Harley Davidson motorcycle. Watching at right is Clayton Van Gasbeck of Windsor.

The Charrette family

The family of Bob and Nancy Charrette are what makes families and the world go round.

Bob was from Hartford, Nancy grew up in Meriden, their two sons, Andrew and Eric are growing up in Windsor Locks, and all are active in different ways.

Actually, the family is very diversified, but more on that later.

First, some background on Robert Paul Charrette, the son of the late Catherine Strickland Charrette and Albert Charrette, both natives of Maine. Albert now lives in Enfield, retired from the trucking business. Bob has a sister Marie, who resides in Enfield.

The Charrette family moved to Enfield from Hartford when Bob was in the fifth grade. He went on to Prince Tech in Hartford, graduating in 1975 (electronics). He was not sure what he wanted to do ... had spent summers in Maine, and after Prince, worked at Wells Beach in southern Maine.

Had a few off jobs, one at Montgomery and Milton Bradley, before joining Edwards Warehouse, where he served for 18 years. Left Edwards just before the facility closed. Today, like his father before him, is self-employed in the trucking business.

Bob and Nancy Tarca met at a 1980 New Year's Eve party in Windsor, by way of introduction by friends. They were married on Oct. 22, 1983, lived in Enfield for a year, then moved to their current home in town. A town, they said, "Enjoy living in, it's small, taxes are low and the school system is good."

Nancy is the daughter of Lawrence Tarca and Jean Milvae Tarca ... he was from Hartford, she from Bloomfield. Lawrence is retired from Unimax Switch and resides in Meriden, where Nancy grew up. Nancy has a brother Tom in Wallingford and two sisters, Laurie in New Hampshire and Susan in Meriden.

Nancy graduated from Maloney High School, class of 1975, where she was active in a singing group, plus the Civic Club for Girls. She remembers well, "I wanted to be a social worker," she said. Nancy received her bachelor of science degree (1979) from

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Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven (social work).

She is currently working on her master's at Springfield College in social work. Will finish her courses in May of 1998.

Her employment (in her field) began at a rest home in Bloomfield over a two-year period. This was followed by seven years at an Enfield facility, and now with Connecticut Community Care in Bristol for the past seven years. Her main function is visiting elderly as part of home care service.

As part of her master's degree, Nancy is giving group work experience in a local support group ... held at the Windsor Locks Senior Center once a month, providing "caregiving support ... family relationships, wife/husband/daughter/mother, etc."

In addition, Nancy is a member of the National Association of Social Workers. As for Bob, he has been a volunteer fireman in a few surrounding towns.

The two sons of Bob and Nancy ... Andrew Robert Charrette, 9, in the fourth grade at South, his favorite subject is math, has been bowling since he was only 6, a Cub Scout and a faithful Red Sox fan.

His younger brother, Eric John Charrette, who will be 5 in August, has attended the Congregational Church of Windsor Locks Nursery School ... and ready for school in the fall. Loves to play outdoors, enjoys reading and, for the record, the family are all New York Giant football fans and the Red Sox.

As for Mom and Pop ... Bob is a collector of sports cards for the past nine years. Once a month, Bob is in charge of a Baseball Card Show across the river at an East Windsor hotel. He's been at it for five years. At home, he's into the family computer.

As for Nancy, she's also an outdoor fan, with her flower and food garden. Also keeps up with all the latest Danielle Steel books. They do rent movies and never miss "Seinfeld" on television.

The family has traveled to sunny Florida, the White Mountains, outer banks of North Carolina, and visits to Bob's relatives in Maine.

Bob was asked who he most admired ... he responded quickly, "John F. Kennedy" ... for all he did in the space program, civil rights and "standing up to the Russians in the Cuba affair."

Bob's personal philosophy ... "Take one day at a time." With Nancy adding a few words on Bob ... "He is outgoing, definitely an extrovert."

Nancy admired her late Aunt Jessie Hyatt of East Hartford. "She always remembered birthdays, the holidays, and spending (quality) time with me."

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That's the story of Bob, Nancy, Andrew and Eric Charrette,



The Charrette family

all going their own way, maybe with a different outlook, making for a well-balanced family.

Nancy, the social worker, would probably agree with these words, "The greatest gift you can give anyone is the purity of your attention."

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Jean Stoecker -

Jean Aloisi Stoecker was recently elected to the St. Mary's Parish Council.

She brings a wealth of experience to this church group of six parishioners. Jean is a former nurse, a mother of five, a grandmother of five, a student attending Bible school, with a personal philosophy of knowing the benefits of hard work.

Jean was born in a small Massachusetts town called Housatonic in the western part of the Bay State. She grew up on a farm, the daughter of the late William and Ann Razwodskas Aloisi. Her father came from Rome, Italy, as a baby, from a large family.

Years later, he met his future bride in Florence, Mass., her hometown. After their wedding, they settled down in Housatonic, also raising two sons, Bill, of Putney, Vt., and Dick, of Great Barrington, Mass., and another daughter, Cathy of Northboro, Mass.

Jean recalled the "rough winters and no school snow days." During her high school years, she played field hockey, softball and basketball, before sports for girls (in this area) was popular.

In addition, she was a member of the school chorus, dance committee and yearbook staff at the Great Barrington High School, class of 1951.

She knew exactly what she wanted to do for a career. "I wanted to be a nurse," she said. Jean went into training at a hospital in Pittsfield, Mass., for three years.

Her career of nursing was over a period of 28 years, retiring in 1994, but not from life. She served at McCook Hospital and the Connecticut Health Center, in addition to having five children.

Jean met her future husband, the late Emil Stoecker by way of a friend's introduction. Emily was from Canaan, Conn., they were married on July 16, 1955, and lived in Windsor Locks since their wedding day. Mr. Stoecker passed away in 1986.

Emil had come to Connecticut with Jean to work at Hamilton-Standard, where he worked for 38 years, mostly on the "moon project," according to Jean.

He had a great baseball career in the minor leagues, playing for a Boston Braves (at the time) farm team in Kansas, Virginia and Rhode Island. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, with Jean saying, "He played baseball while in Japan" for the army service team.

Jean and Emil were parents of five children ... Mark Paul, Gregory Ron, Christopher Michael, Eric John and Suzanna. All

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were graduates of WLHS, except Eric who attended Loomis in Windsor. All the boys played Little League in town.

Mark is married to Cindy Condon Stoecker. They live in Broad Brook, according to Jean, and a very active couple in their town. They have three children, Eric, Kerry and Patrick, a bit of Irish for sure.

Gregory lives in town, played golf and basketball at the Raider School. Christopher also lives in town and has a daughter Samantha. He played soccer and basketball for the high school.

Eric resides in West Hartford, played tennis at Loomis and attended Syracuse University. Suzanna lives in town, has a daughter Heather, and is a grad of Asnuntuck Community College.

Back to their busy mother ... Jean enjoys reading mysteries and admits she's not a television fan, but goes to a movie once in a while. "Loves music," classical and gospel.

As for vacations, when the children were younger, the family went on camping trips to New York state. In addition, Jean and Emil traveled to Florida, Hawaii and France. Emil held membership in the local VFW.

The past year, Jean has been attending Bible school in Newington, sponsored by the Hartford diocese. She goes to class once a week; it's a four-year course.

Jean, naturally, was asked about her election to the St. Mary's Council ... "I'm retired, I have time for the community and to serve the church."

Jean was active as a volunteer when the St. Mary's School was operating. The parish meets once a month, starting in September. She and the following members of the parish will serve for a three-year period: Patty Dufour, William Naughton, Steve Okon, Deborah Roncari and John Sullivan.

As for admiration, Jean said, "My parents, they were married for 60 years, both worked hard, my mother had hopes to be a nurse, it did not happen, I became the nurse in the family, because of her."

In addition, Jean related that her mother was one who had good sayings. One she remembers, "Hard work never killed a man or woman."



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As mentioned, Jean is now retired, she was "sports-minded" at an early age, had a full career as a nurse, a mother and grandmother, now with Bible school and the council ... to round out her life activities.

I'm sure she will agree with the following words ... by John Prussing: "Retirement should be dropped from general usage. Rather, we need to describe this stage of life for what it is: a time we can pick our own challenges, arrange the level of stress to that which we can handle and do mainly those things that are truly rewarding."

Jean is doing just that.

John McMullen,

John David McMullen, known to his many friends and relatives as "Mugsy," is a native of Windsor Locks and long-time employee of the postal system, currently a letter carrier at the northern section of town.

His working career has covered several jobs, at times working two positions, indeed an important part of his lifestyle. However, spending an hour with John, you soon find a very personable well-traveled young man who has seen the world from Germany to Hawaii to Australia and New Zealand and back again.

Included in his journeys is Ireland, with John, never forgetting his Irish roots. But more background in the article on the man everyone calls "Mugsy," a nickname given to him one summer working on tobacco.

John is the son of John William McMullen and Mary Donovan McMullen, both natives of Hartford and residents of Windsor Locks. William is retired from the Town Highway Department and Mary from SNET. They raised six children, have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

As a young boy growing up John went to work early on tobacco, delivering the Hartford Courant and Times, with his high school years filled with jobs like car-wash, plus time for equipment manager of the Raider football team. John had played Little League, Midget Football, member of a state championship team, and a player of "floor hockey," plus some intramural sports. John always found the time for work and play.

As mentioned, John "loved to travel," took some time off after high school, but soon realized he had to get a steady job, which he did, for the next eight years at the Finast Warehouse in town. He remembered, at this stage of his working life, "What the real world was all about." Add to his list of employment ... a

worker at the Bradley Airport parking lot.

John had taken several tests for the post office ... after passing, was hired on June 21, 1986, as mail handler, calling it "heavy work," at the Springfield post office.

On June 3, 1987, was transferred to the Windsor Locks Post Office as letter carrier. Over the years, has worked "all over the town."

During John's early time at the post office, also worked nights for United Airlines (four years), saying, "I was young. The benefits of flying were great," to say the least.

Now for some background on John's brothers and sisters: Michael, William, Dr. David, Jane and Mary Ann.

Michael, lieutenant of the Enfield Police Department for 23 years, he and his wife, Debi live in East Hampton, Mass. They have three children, Michael, Tracy and Stacy, who attends Quinnipiac College in Hamden. The younger Michael has a baby son, called Michael.

William is in the trucking business, lives in Stafford Springs with his wife Lisa. Dr. David and his wife Kristine live in Middletown. The doctor, a chiropractor, recently opened an office on Main Street, Windsor Locks.

John's sisters: Jane Van Allen, SNET employee, lives in town, with two children, Heather and Joseph. Mary Ann McMullen also resides in town with her two sons, Patrick and Kelly. She works for the St. Mary's Credit Union.

Before detailing John's

hobbies/travels, have to mention his dog, who plays a big part of his life, "Murphy," by name, with the following lineage, "Rottweiler/Neopolitan Mastiff." (a large dog of an ancient breed). Yes, I'm told Murphy is big, over 100 pounds ... pictured with John as a pup.

John's hobbies: golf ("I'm a hacker"), pool and of course, travel. Let's see — Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Germany, Greece, Hawaii, Ireland, California to visit brother David, when he was studying for his doctor degree. Must add, all over the USA, namely Florida, Arizona, Denver and New Orleans.

John is an all-round fan of pro football, has traveled to cities where they have played. Basically, he's a West Coast fan: LA Dodgers, Lakers and Oakland Raiders. His favorite music, the blues, but wait, when it comes to TV how about "The Simpsons." His favorite food, when his mother is cooking: Italian, especially on his birthday. He himself enjoys cooking.

John McMullen is a joiner: Polish Club, Italian Progressivi Club, Moose Club of Enfield past member of the John Boyle O'Reilly Irish Club of Springfield. John is very active in union affairs, as Union Steward of the NALC, Branch 86, and delegate on the Greater Hartford Labor Council. John

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marches every year, the day of the Hartford St. Patrick Day's parade, with his fellow letter carriers.

He "loves" being Irish. As for Windsor Locks, "Enjoys living in a small town, lots of character," where everyone knows his name, sort of like "Cheers."

When asked who he most admired, "My parents, bringing up their sons and daughters, with certain work ethics, and important values in life, do not think of yourself, but for others, be patient, good things will come for those who wait." His personal philosophy, "Work hard, play hard and love people."

How about an Irish saying "Sure, how about "Slaintel" (Gaelic) which means "good health."

The Emerald Isle has a special affection for John David McMullen and traveling the world. May we conclude the story of this traveling man with this Irish blessing. "May the road rise to meet you. May the



John 'Mugsy' McMullen with 'Murphy' as a puppy.

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

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Marc Eames: WLHS 1997

Marc Gilbert Eames is one student you would properly call a history buff. History being his favorite subject at the Windsor Locks High School, where he was named valedictorian for the class of 1997.

Marc grew up in town, the son of John and Guylene Vaughn Eames, residents of Windsor Locks. John is also a native, while Guylene came from Enfield.

To complete the family picture, there's Daniel, Matthew and Katie.

Before listing the credentials and accomplishments of Marc who is now a part of the history of his class, some background on his parents, brothers and sister.

John Eames is a three-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving near the end of the Vietnam War. As a young athlete in town, played Little League, member of the 1966 State Champs. He was a WLHS grad, back in the '70s. John has been employed by Kaman the past 18 years. Still having athletic skills, active playing softball in a men's league.

Guylene and John were married in August 1977, lived in Ellington before moving to Windsor Locks. She is an employee of Geissler's Supermarket in Warehouse Point.

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The oldest of the Eames children, after Marc, is Katie, 16, a junior at WLHS. Daniel, 13, 8th grade at the middle school, and plays in the town midget football league. Matthew, 10, is in the 5th grade at South School. (They are entering these new grades this fall.)

Marc's middle name of Gilbert was taken from the first name of his great-grandfather, Gilbert Endicott, and according to Marc, "Endicott is a famous name in the history of Connecticut and Massachusetts."

Marc played Little League in town, also baseball, basketball and football in the town leagues. When it comes to current hobbies, history aside, he reads a lot, but admitted, "I will pick up history stuff, to some, dry, but interesting to me." He also uses the computer at home.

Oh yes, he's a Red Sox fan, remembers when his favorite player, now retired Marty Barrett, played second base at Fenway. Marc is not much of a television fan, however, has a favorite movie, "Star Wars." Does he

valedictorian and history buff

have a favorite food? You bet — fettucine alfredo.

Family vacations meant camping at Cape Cod. On a more personal exercise, Marc likes to hike, and considers himself “an outdoors person.”

Some of Marc’s accomplishments/activities: Member of the Math Team since his sophomore year, manager of the boy’s football team his sophomore year, boy’s basketball in his junior year, and the girl’s softball junior year ... he did not play favorites. How about the girl’s softball coach? “Coach Pat Scelza, a great coach, knows the game of softball, knows the rules, and every year (his) teams do well in their league.”

Marc is vice president of the National Honor Society (junior and senior years), and active in the society’s activities. In addition, member of Boy’s State, and for the record, honor student for four years at the Raider School. Has been involved in the “Peer Tutoring Program.” Of course, Marc is interested in colonial history, and involved in an “Independent study project on history,

with the teacher he calls, “his mentor,” Mr. Leonard Stine, American History Teacher.

As for his future plans, will attend UConn in the fall, with history his major, adding, “Teaching history at the college level, after getting my Ph.D. at UConn.”

Reactions of his parents, as to his being honored as class valedictorian “Surprise, and that included me, I was usually second in my class.” The salutatorian of this year’s class is Jeremy Draghi.

Did Marc have a favorite teacher? “Yes, in elementary school Mrs. Muska, in middle school, Mr. Flanders and in high school Mr. Stine.

Marc was also busy on weekends working at the town’s Homewood Suites. His personal philosophy, “Never give up.” This may seem minor to some, but it certainly runs true for the individual he most admired, from the history books of World War II, Sir Winston Churchill “for his leadership skills during the war, he had confidence in himself and England.”

There are two quotes of Sir Winston that bear repeating, “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.” And concerning



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the British airmen who fought in the Battle of Britain, when he became prime minister “I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.”

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Marc Gilbert Eames, Valedictorian for 1997 ... the study of history being his forte. Much success to Marc, Jeremy and their classmates, who have made their own history as members of the Class of 1997.

The Frank family

When we talked to Denise Frank, the busy mom, it was mostly about her family, baseball, Little League baseball, for they are "all into baseball and cars," one cannot forget their enthusiasm for cars and baseball.

The family, there's Edward, the dad, the ultimate auto mechanic, plus airline employee ... there's Keith, Christopher, Jacqueline and taking up the rear, feisty Kurt. It makes for a well-rounded clan.

Both Denise and Edward come from a large family - Denise one of seven, Edward one of six.

This Little League season will be the first for Denise, as volunteer. At the opening of the Little League ... Len Liss, president of the kids of summer, Little League, that is, kindly suggested I contact Denise ... and here is her story of baseball and cars.

Denise Marie (Wells) Frank, known growing up as "Denbop," was born in Hartford, went to school in Enfield, Windsor and graduated from Suffield High School, class of 1978. Looking back to those days, she was always interested in art, painting and drawing.

She is the daughter of the late Carol Gay Wells, and Keith Wells, who makes his home in Windsor. Both Carol and Keith were from New York state. He is employed by M. Swift & Sons in Hartford.

Denise's brothers and sisters ... David of Southwick, Darren of Windsor, Debbie of Huntington, Mass., Donna of Ansonia, Dara of East Hartford and Dawn of Germanville, Pa. ... as you can see the letter "D" runs in the family.

Now for dad of the Frank family ... Edward John Frank, who grew up in Granby, the son of the late Joseph Frank and Marilyn Frank, who makes her home in Granby. Edward is also a grad of Suffield High School, class of 1976.

As mentioned, Ed is one of six ... Paula of Southwick, Mass., Raymond of Granby, Frank of Granby, Mass. (yes, Mr. Frank Frank) ... with Jay and Michael both residing in East Hartland.

According to Denise, "Ed always worked two jobs all of his life." Ed, of the auto mechanic trade, in Windsor at Jack's, in Enfield at the Mobil Station.

In addition, started as a skycap at Bradley Airport, then joined in 1979, the United Air Lines, and today, as a customer service representative.

Denise and Ed met in school, she was 14 and said, matter-of-fact, "At 16, I knew I wanted to marry Ed." They were married June 20, 1981, lived in Feeding Hills, Mass., for a year, then to Windsor Locks. Ed was transferred to the Tampa Airport for two

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years, and after enjoying the sun of Florida, they returned to Windsor Locks to their present home in 1984.

Denise was also into two jobs ... at the Airport Valet Parking and at Hertz Rent A Car ... that lasted 12 years.

Now for the four children of Denise and Ed ... but first, a special note from their mother ... "All the kids into baseball, and they love cars ...," no doubt, greatly influenced by their parents.

Keith, 14, begins his high school years this fall, plays Little League, senior division; Christopher, 11, 7th grade at the middle school, LL Majors; Jacqueline, 7, third grade at South, softball; and then there is Kurt, 4, starts kindergarten at North, and follows his sister and brothers in the game of baseball.

Denise also added, "They are all artistically inclined," just like her and Ed. Plus, Ed loves to draw cartoons.

In addition to Ed's talents, he works on cars, builds and restores, has race cars a few years back, and both he and Denise attend car shows.

Denise is into music, movies on TV, plus "Home Improvement" and "20/20." Must add, they are all Yankee fans.

When it comes to travel ... they have been to Hawaii, Texas, Florida, the Carolinas, California and Colorado. Would you believe when they rented a cottage in Bermuda ... their next door neighbor ... Mr. Ross Perot. Denise said Ed won a trip to Switzerland before they were married.

As for Little League ... Denise said, "I wanted to be a volunteer, in any way I could, with four children I had to start somewhere." She immediately got involved in the LL auxiliary dance, which she said was a big success.

She has worked the concession stand and any fund raiser that comes along.

When asked who she most admired ... "My late grandmother, Dorothy Wells, of New York state. She taught me a great deal."

With Denise adding: Shirley Temple and the Three Stooges, as her all-time favorites in the movies.

As for a philosophy of life, "Be the best you can. Life is too short to waste time, and laugh a lot."

Her favorite saying, "Get up off of that thing. Uhh." She had two choice words to describe Ed ... "Energetic and workaholic."

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That's the story of the Frank family ... active in many ways



Chris, Jacqueline, Kurt and Keith: the Baseball Frank Family.

with varied interest, and intent to be active for years to come ... they indeed smell the roses along the way.

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Terry Duwell has

Therese Mador Duwell, known to her family, friends and neighbors as just Terry.

The life of Terry Duwell is one of family, church and people. She was greatly influenced by her mother who raised nine children. Terry and her late husband, Ronald August Duwell, raised six children. Terry, today, has 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The story of the Duwell family was originally featured back in August of 1981, now the time to update this active family and their mother, who is a lector at St. Mary's and former eucharistic minister ... and where the rest of her family now resides.

But first, some important points on Ron, he was a former Naval Chief Petty Officer with 21 years of service. It meant years of travel, with Terry at his side, from Rhode Island to the Hawaiian Islands, in addition to raising five girls and one son, during his career on land and sea.

After leaving the service, Ron worked at Hamilton for a year, then joined Combustion Engineering Inc. for 12 years in the purchasing department. Ron passed away in 1983.

Terry and Ron, who came from Racine, Wis., were married on April 14, 1952, living in various parts of the country, Texas, Hawaii, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, New Jersey and in 1947 to Windsor Locks.

Before detailing Terry's active life, some background and update on their six children.

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They are all grads of the Windsor Locks High School. Louis Duwell, lives in Wallingford, is a grad of Smith College and received a master's degree from Wesleyan University. Louise has three children, and four grandchildren. She was born in Texas.

Lorraine, also a Texas native, now lives in Florida with her husband, David Holt, they have two children. Lorraine went to Asnuntuck Community College.

Marie claims Hawaii as her birthplace, now lives in Illinois, with her husband, Stephen Diffley, and their three children. Marie went to Springfield College.

Caroline was born in Rhode Island, went to St. Joseph College, lives in Suffield with her husband, Michael Alexopoulos, and their two children.

Yvonne, first female from Connecticut to be appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Yvonne was born in Massachusetts, now lives in New York State with her husband, Jeffrey Johnston and their two children.

The youngest of the clan, Ron II, born in Virginia, went to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, served in the submarine service (U.S. Navy) for over eight years, with the rank of lieutenant. Ron and his wife, Ramona, live in Georgia, with their two children.

Going back to Terry's younger years, she grew up in North Grosvenordale and Thompson, Connecticut. She was the daughter of the late Ernest and Corinne Mador. Mr. Mador was from Taunton, Mass., Mrs. Mador a native of Canada.

Terry began school in Thompson, and after the eighth grade, the family moved to Taunton, where she graduated from the high school, Class of 1947. She was an active student, out of school, during the seasons, she recalls roller skating, the numerous walks, and ice skating. We did everything, she said, "Played in a big yard, did everything you could imagine as a kid, and we shared everything."

Her working career, after high school, was a clerk for Western Auto, in addition to attending night school at a local business school for three years. After marrying Ron, and traveling extensively, she returned to a working career in 1984, joining the office staff at the Enfield Town Hall, as receptionist and clerk in the purchasing department, where she is still employed.

Over the years, she still enjoyed traveling and at home, reading, that includes all kinds of books, saying, Danielle Steele is one of her favorite authors. Now, she does have one special hobby, (almost forgot to tell me, but I had observed the magnets on her

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Terry Duwell

refrigerator) magnets that cover the states and countries, she and Ron have visited or lived.

Since 1983, Terry has attended aerobic classes five days a week at the New England Health & Racquet at Enfield, with the following words, "Keeping me in good health."

She might be called a golf advocate. She and Ron took in the Greater Hartford Opens for years, and today, Terry is a fan of the game on television, plus old movies (on AMC), and game shows "Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune." She enjoys all types of music, and years ago, she and Ron loved dancing.

As much as Terry is involved with

her family, the church receives her loving attention, it "gives me a good feeling, for God and for the church, always feel wonderful (in the things) I can offer," she said.

Terry is a member of St. Mary's "small Christian community," made up of St. Mary's parishioners in church teachings. Terry said it all, "I'm a people person, like being with people." She has been a lector for the past 16 years, as Ron was at St. Mary's. Terry also served as eucharistic minister for eight years.

When asked who she most admired, "My mother, a big influence in my life, she raised a large family, where there was family unity, based my life on hers, she had a great outlook on life." Terry believes in "church, work and exercise."

Terry and Ron Duwell were "very close, we traveled, did everything together, with a lot of time for the kids," in looking back at her life. Adding, "Of course it has been very hard since Ron passed away."

However, Terry has managed to fill her life with activity and fond memories, and, not to end Terry's story, she has work and family to fill her life, but just to add words that were said on Ron's story a few years back, "It is said that God gave us memory so we could have roses in the winter. But it is also true that without memory we could not have a self in any season. The more memories you have, the more 'you' you have ... " Terry has those fond memories.

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Scott Crittenden

Scott Allen Crittenden has always had a busy work schedule, with this year's Windsor Locks Fire Department Carnival and Parade (July 10-12) at the Veterans Memorial Park on Southwest Avenue, Scott will be on extra call, as will his fellow volunteers, at the annual local affair.

But first, some background on this South Windsor native and local fireman, the son of Allan and Mary Chambers Crittenden. Allan was from Ohio, Mary from Missouri. They had met at Purdue University in Indiana. Scott has a sister, Janet Daigle, who resides in Manchester with her husband Brian.

Scott graduated from South Windsor High

School, class of 1986, where he was active in the school's plays and musical productions, as actor and backstage assistant, member of the school's drama club.

After high school, Scott was not certain of his future or career plans, but he did know he "always wanted to be a fireman" since he was a young kid.

He took that important step by joining the South Windsor Fire Department in April 1985,

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and after moving to Windsor Locks (1992), he became a part of the local volunteers in January 1993.

Admitting, "I'm still trying to figure out my future plans," had worked a time after school, even tried college (Manchester Community College), but "it was not for me," he said.

He went to work at his current position with Buckland Mobil in 1989, with steady early hours, making it convenient for Scott to work part-time at the firehouse.

This responsibility is making sure all trucks and equipment are in top shape whenever the bell rings.

When asked about hobbies, Scott gave this answer, "I keep busy down here," meaning the fire department. But, when it came time to do any relaxing, he may catch football games on television and the "Winston Cup" races in season, in both cases.

Being busy for Scott also means his position as vice president of the department's social organization. The organization chart is as follows: president, Jeff Green; treasurer, Andy Kulas; and secretary, Heidi Yount.

Scott said his main functions as officer are assisting other committees, helping organize the annual banquet, the clambake in the fall, the 25th year dinner, honoring firefighters with 25 years of service.

As mentioned, the carnival and parade (July 10-12) also means a busy three days for firefighters ... for Scott, it's making certain the fire apparatus is in top shape (cleaning, etc.) for the parade ... for him, includes being a part of the marching unit and, before the carnival, setting up various booths.

Back to Scott's personal interests ... enjoys food, especially seafood, and when it came time for vacations, it usually meant a trip to visit his grandmother, Doris Chambers, a hearty 87, in Warren, Ind. Scott's late grandfather, William Chambers, was a minister.

Scott was asked who he most admired. ... "Former Capt. Jack Bond of the South Windsor Fire Department ... when I began with the Explorer group (junior fireman), he taught me self-confidence, be tough, but fair."

As for a personal philosophy, Scott takes "things as they come or go."

Scott Crittenden is another example of the



Scott Crittenden

town's young lions in the fire department...where one volunteers for the good of the town.

See you at the Parade!

Jeremy Draghi: honored

Jeremy Alexander Draghi, recent graduate of the Windsor Locks High School, where he excelled as an honored student, salutarian of the 1997 class, in addition to scholar-athlete award in May, with classmate Kethia Ly.

Jeremy, who grew up in Bloomington, Ind., (came here at 10) is the son of Dr. Paul Draghi, Ph.D., and Patty Otte Draghi. Dr. Draghi is a native of Windsor Locks and Patty is from North Guilford.

Some family background: Jeremy's great-grandfather was the late Alexander "Sam" Draghi, and Jeremy's great-uncle was the late and former Police Chief, James Whitten. Mr. Draghi was featured at age 98 in C&K, April 1984, and Chief Whitten in June, 1981.

Jeremy was asked about what he remembered about Indiana, as it compares with Windsor Locks, saying, "Bloomington (60,000) was a good town, small, relaxing, with Indiana University and its

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atmosphere, and cultural benefits. It was an unique experience, with our town (12,000) friendly, a close-knit community and (somewhat) different then Bloomington."

Jeremy's parents are both graduates of UConn. His father received his master's and Ph.D. from Indiana University, in philosophy. Dr. Draghi is on the faculty of Yale University.

When Jeremy was asked about his time away from classes (while in high school) and the game of tennis, he said, "My father is a freelance writer for NASDAQ Stocks and I work with him."

Other interests and hobbies of Jeremy: computer stuff, a lot of reading, science fiction, mostly. When it comes to music, most kinds of rock, "Seinfeld" on television and



Jeremy Draghi

when it comes to food, Italian.

Jeremy, an active student at the Raider School, in the following: National Honor Society as treasurer, honors for four years, math team for four years, two years in jazz band, plays the trombone, was on the first robotic team, in national competition with other



Salutarian Jeremy Draghi

WLHS student and college bound

engineering companies. Jeremy worked with Hamilton-Standard on science and technology projects.

Jeremy was on the school tennis team for four years, under Coach Randy Widmer. Yes, Jeremy has a favorite pro tennis player, Pete Sampras.

Jeremy received the following honors: Robert Jackson Scholarship, National Merit Scholar, UConn Presidential Award, Salutatorian's Achievement Award.

Reactions of Jeremy's parents. "When he was named salutatorian we were thrilled. He has worked very hard and we were also pleased when Jeremy was named Scholar-Athlete," his mother said. Adding, "We attended the (May) banquet for the scholars and athletes along with his tennis coach Randy Widmer."

Jeremy is "looking forward to college" at UConn this fall. His goals being psychology, teaching/research, which also

includes computer sciences/biology, at UConn.

He was asked for individuals who may have had an influence on his career during the years at WLHS. He named three teachers: Mrs. Sandy Ferrari, computers; Miss Dina Wright, psychology and Mr. Widmer, biology and chemistry.

Jeremy's personal philosophy: "Never stop learning," which may relate to the following, "The process of learning requires not only hearing and applying but also forgetting and then remembering again."

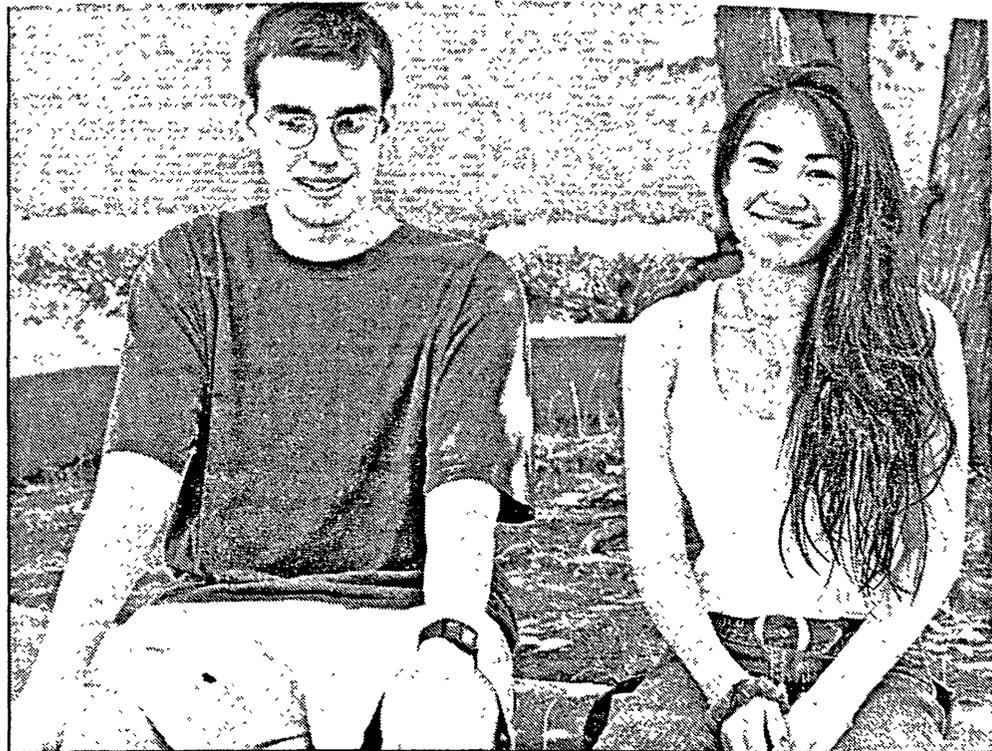
With a historical reminder on his favorite sport of tennis, "The name of our popular game of the courts is said to be derived from the warning cry of the server: 'tenetz!' This old English word, as nearly as may be determined meant "ready" or "prepare to receive the service," probably from French "tenez," or "take." Philip Hitti, in his history "The Arabs,"

suggests that tennis is from Tinnis, an Egyptian city noted in the middle ages for its linen, from which the best tennis balls were made."

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Jeremy Alexander Draghi is carrying on the family tradition with high hopes in the field of psychology at UConn and beyond.

For Jeremy, what's that old saying, "Tennis anyone?"



'Class' of '97

Windsor Locks' CAS/CIAC Scholar-Athletes for the 1996-97 school year are Jeremy Draghi and Kethia Ly. Two eligible students from every CAS/CIAC member school are chosen for the honor each school year based on grade-point average, participation in a varsity sport for at least two years, and outstanding school and community citizenship.

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Meet the Saez Family:

When we interviewed Abby Saez, another active former South School fifth grader, featured in the Courant's "In Your Face," we also had the pleasure of seeing the new addition to the Saez family.

Little Andrew Joel Saez, only a week old (born on June 24), resting comfortably at his new home. He weighed in at 9.1 pounds and 22 inches.

Besides Andrew and Abby, there's mom Myrna, dad Abraham, and another daughter, Abmari. With baby, Andrew makes five for this family who have been residents of Windsor Locks the past five years.

First, some background on Myrna and Abraham Saez. She grew up in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico, he in New York City, of Puerto Rican parents.

Abraham, an electrician by trade, traveled to Puerto Rico to see his grandmother, which he did, and also met his future bride, Myrna Millet.

They were married on Aug. 31, 1984, living in her native country for six years, came to New York City for a short time, moving to Hartford, as Abraham started a new job. They were residents of the capital city for two years, and in 1992, moved to their current home in town.

In addition to some college classes in the big city, Abraham learned his trade and for the past five years has worked for Able Electric Co. in Bloomfield.

He is a U.S. Marine veteran of over two years in the service during the period of the Vietnam War.

Myrna graduated from the Puerto Rico World University,

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where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in social work. She has attended graduate school in her home country, also at UConn, towards her master's degree. Currently she works for the UConn Health Center at the Connecticut Medical Center in her field.

Now for Andrew's sisters: Abmari is eight, born in Puerto Rico, was one year old when the family moved to the States. She is now a fourth grader at South, her favorite subject in school in spelling, and when it comes to sports, soccer and basketball.

Abby is 11, also born in Puerto Rico, came here at the age of 2-1/2, started school in Hartford, when the family moved to Windsor Locks she was a second grader at North, then at South School, and this fall, begins the sixth grade at the middle school. Her favorite subject is science, enjoys all kinds of music, mysteries in the movies, and her favorite food, lobster, no less. As with her younger sister, Abby into soccer and basketball. Someday, she hopes to be a teacher.

Abby has a favorite pet, Max, police dog, saying, "He is fun to play with." The family has another dog, by the name of Brownie, a chihuahua. Abby's favorite TV program, ABC's "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch." The family (girls like swimming) enjoy the Connecticut shore, plus trips back to Puerto Rico.

Abby Saez is the fourth student (at the time in the fifth grade at South) we had the pleasure to interview, Abby, Michael Ladny, Graham Kerick and Steven Fay.

Back to Abby, her mother, who greatly influenced Abby, said, "Abby is kind and somewhat shy." Abby returned the



Abby Saez and her dog 'Max'

compliment by saying, "She is my role model."

That's the story of Abby, her family, and little Andrew makes five, all with their own professions and the younger ones just growing up and enjoying life.

Jack's week at the GHO:

The 1997 Canon Greater Hartford Open is now history ... with Stewart Cink, making the history, a three-time All-American from Georgia Tech and 1996 Nike Tour Player of the Year, the fourth first-time winner on the PGA Tour.

Cink wins the \$270,000 first prize, before a crowd estimated to be 100,000, making it 290,000 fans for the week.

To paraphrase ... There's plenty of golf played each year before July, but the week of the Greater Hartford Open is when the cream of the pro golfing world come to Cromwell. It's the start of the season for all of us in this part of the country.

Of course, some other pros are still at the British Open at the Royal Troon, in Scotland, looking back on how they could not play the back nine. Plus the ones who missed the plane to Cromwell.

Sure, Messrs. Couples, Norman, Watson, Lehman et. al. will not be here, but Paul Azinger to Fuzzy Zoeller will be, and so will Jacobson, Pavin, Faxon and Mr. D.A. Weibring, 1996 GHO winner, and even John Daly will be at Cromwell.

For those who were not there behind the scenes at the GHO interviews, observations and closing thoughts, after a week at Cromwell, Tournament Players Club at River Highlands.

Monday, July 21

Quiet day, rained later in the afternoon, but good weather, compared to the 90 degree weather, we have been having. The day of the opening ceremonies, to begin at nine, other years, a noon opening, but due to the large group playing the 1997 GHO Tournament Players Pro Am ... reason for early start.

The ceremonies got underway at 9:08, over by 9:20, with scene looking like a Democratic convention ... U.S. Senators Chris Dodd and Joe Lieberman, U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly, and Hartford's mayor Mike Peters, all there in the spotlight. Oh yes, Lt. Gov. Jodi Rell was the lone GOP show. Gov. John Rowland was on vacation, but is scheduled to play on Wednesday.

Various grants were awarded to local groups by the Greater Hartford Jaycees Foundation.

Now, looking over the first day something new, 18th fairway, scoreboard, said to be the "largest in the world at 32 feet by 24 feet with 17-inch letters, nine inches taller than the one used at the U.S. Open."

Also new, spectator bleachers at the first tee and ninth hole and other congested areas. Another feature this year, "The 19th Hole" for all spectators, 60 by 120 foot building, for food and drink,



Stewart Cink waves to the gallery after a notching a birdie 3 at the first hole.

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closed-circuit television.

Incidentally, I walked to the 19th Hole, at the 4, 5 and 6 hole but old early bird me told the place will open on Wednesday. One more short note: not a big crowd, but old faithful fan and golfer Vinny Naegel was there, working the gates.

Tuesday, July 22

"Family Day" Dennis Walters, trick-shot artists, always showed good golf and most of all big courage, as paraplegic from a specially made golf cart with questions and answers for the young and old in the crowd surrounding the practice area. Questions such as what clubs and type of golf balls, plus his fancy clubs. He was in an accident 23 years ago, which left him with no feelings in his legs. I spoke to his assistant after they were off to Ohio, and certainly to please another golf crowd.

Bruce Berlet was again the long-drive champ with a 325 yard drive. but the UConn team won the match with former basketball star Jen Rizzotti showing the way from a good drive, as she did on the UConn court, and now with the New England Blizzard with her Coach, K.C. Jones, former star of the Boston Celtics.

Those two events were followed by the 1996 GHO winner D.A. Weibring and Chuck Hitter for a youth golf clinic.

The annual Canon-Jaycee Skins Game was won by Fuzzy Zoeller and John Daly before an estimated crowd of 2,000 to complete the Family Day.

Wednesday, July 23

Another fun day for the fans, the annual Celebrity Pro-Am with pros, some celebrities plus sponsors of this great Connecticut tournament.

Got there at 6:45, yes, that early, well that way you catch some of the celebrities. I caught New York Yankee great Yogi Berra, Jen Rizzotti put in another day of golf, and U.S. Senator Chris Dodd, who is quite a golfer, and all three signed autographs just like the pro golfers.

Back to Yogi, wore a white hat, guess what it said? "It ain't over til it's over." Ran into Bob Maxon of the Channel 30 Weather, rain for sure on Thursday and Friday, no, the storm is not going out to sea.

The afternoon started off with 1996 winner of the GHO, D.A. Weibring on the first tee, with our Gov. John Rowland. Both hit good shots off the tee.

Local note: have not seen many Windsor Locks folks at the GHO, it's a big place, but did see Paul Rucci on the 18th fairway, with a good group of other locals.

Must not forget, other celebrities on Wednesday, Ray Allen, former UConn star and his former coach Jim Calhoun, Brian Leetch, of Cheshire, New York Rangers, K.C. Jones, Gov. John Rowland and country singer Vince Gill, who sports a creditable two handicap on the golf links. Oh yes, if you were wondering, attendance was estimated by the Cromwell police at 30,000. Rain tomorrow, that's what the man said!

Looking at (other) woods

Thursday, July 24

Early start for me ... first day of competition, with an easy rain most of the time, but after arriving back home in the later afternoon, no rain in our town, but the TV showed some rain drops, but not enough to stop any play. Attendance down from yesterday, 15,000, as the saying goes "rain, rain, go away, come back another day."

After the 8:09 start of Billy Ray Brown, Craig Stadler and John Daly (from the 10th tee), caught the eye of two from Windsor Locks (on the 11th tee) Rich Labbe (C&K '79) and his daughter Nicole Marie Labbe (C&K '92). Oh yes, just an observation, the three above golfers, quite a contrast in personalities.

After all the shots were tabulated, an old favorite, the winner of the 1990 GHO, Wayne Levi (20 year veteran) was tied with rookie Eric Johnson, 6-under-par 64s, one better than Steve Pate. Brad Faxon, Mark Calcavecchia and last year's winner, D.A.



John Daly

Weibring are close behind. Friday will decide who plays the weekend or goes home, or onto the next tournament.

Friday, July 25

Wayne Levi of New Hartford, N.Y., stayed on top of the leader board with a 65, and a three-shot lead this Friday evening, with Brandel Chamblee, Jeff Maggert and Steve Pate his nearest competitors.

Some light rain fall in the morning, plus windy conditions, but it did not deter the crowd, estimated to be 55,000.

Some of the names of players who did not make the cut: Billy Ray Brown, Jay Haas, Ken Green and Paul Azinger. Now for the weekend and good weather is predicted.

Saturday, July 26

Before going to the golf for this Saturday, would you believe, estimates of 90,000 at Cromwell which include my old friend, Windsor Locks teacher, Bill Elrick, it would not be the GHO for me, if I did not see Bill there watching the action.

Now to the golf: As one writer put it "Red numbers filled the scoreboard at the TPC," led by Jeff Maggert with a bogey-free 6-under par 64, a two-shot lead over Tom Byrum and the second-round leader Wayne Levi, entering the final round on Sunday. Byrum shot 65 as did Stewart Cink as examples of red numbers.

Sunday, July 27

First leader was Wayne Levi, then Jeff Maggert, but on Sunday evening, Stewart Cink, 24 years old, was the 1997 winner, by one stroke over Maggert, Tom Byrum and Brandel Chamblee.

Cink, who made his professional debut in the '95 GHO, came from four strokes back for the win.

One thing for sure, John Daly and Fuzzy Zoeller are still the most popular players by the Connecticut fans.

A great week for Mr. Cink, the thousands who came, and guess what? They probably did not miss Tiger Woods!

Closing Thoughts On Another Great Canon Greater Hartford Open:

This has been my 19th GHO, writing a column on the week's activity for the Windsor Locks Journal. It's been my pleasure and a good lesson in Journalism 101, meeting other members of the area media, several of the players, the great Jaycees, and of course, watching the greatest players in the world.

The last week or so, newspapers in this vicinity have taken shots (sorry for the pun) at the GHO, however, there were good comments.

Question: How come Nick Price, David Frost and Greg Norman, GHO winners from 1993 to 1995 did not come to River Highlands for this year's event? Of the top 20 money-winners on tour this year, just three, Brad Faxon, Mark O'Meara and Scott Hoch signed up. Let us clarify, O'Meara shot a 79 on Thursday, withdrew, and Hoch did not show up.

On the good side ... In 1996, the Canon GHO raised over 1.68 million dollars to fund projects of the Greater Hartford Jaycees that benefit the young, elderly, disadvantaged and disabled.

That is the real test of a golf tournament, not that Norman and other golfers do not come. We never have the strongest field on the tour, but the players who come are great and the crowds come, hope it continues. As Yogi says, it's now over for another year.

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Little League volunteer

The Schneeberger family: Linda, Tom and their two daughters, Courtney and Roberta, and we cannot forget the family pets, Tabitha, the cat, and Ariel, the dog.

Linda is involved with the local Little League program, with the daughters involved in sports, which includes girl's softball.

Tom, on the other hand, is still a big football fan (Giants/Lions), after four years of high school football (a few years back), with hopes of a pro career, curtailed by "bad knees," according to Linda.

Some background on Linda DePoutot Schneeberger, grew up in South Windsor, daughter of the late Joseph Schneeberger, and Marjorie Malo Schneeberger, who makes her home in town. Linda has two brothers, Robert of Windsor Locks, Kenny of Enfield and a sister, Laurie, who lives in town.

Linda's family came to Windsor Locks when she was a fifth grader, went on to graduate from the WLHS, Class of 1977, where she was a member of the school chorus, and locally with the Pine Meadow Players.

Currently, Linda is with the Webster Bank on Ella Grasso Turnpike, for over a year.

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Now for Thomas Brian Schneeberger, born in New Jersey, growing up in Birmingham, Ala., where he starred as a football player for Huffman High School, Class of 1982.

Tom was in the U.S. Navy for four years (1986-1990), after boot camp at Great Lakes, Ill., was assigned to a ship at Norfolk, Va., his home port, with several trips to the Mediterranean Sea area.

Tom is the son of Robert Schneeberger of Michigan and Barbara Schneeberger of New Jersey. He wanted to mention his stepmother Esther, who lives in Michigan.

Before the service Tom worked for the J&N Steel Co. in Birmingham and today employed by the Rockbestos Wire & Cable Co. in East Granby, with six years of service.

Tom and Linda had met in 1987, while she was on vacation at Virginia Beach, Va. They were married on Nov. 10, 1987, lived at Virginia Beach for a year or so, moved to Michigan, then to Windsor Locks in 1991.

Linda Schneeberger and her family

The daughters of Tom and Linda, both girls born in Virginia Beach. The oldest, Courtney Rose is 8, fourth grade at South in the fall, enjoys reading, plays softball, soccer and basketball. She is also a cheerleader. Roberta Jean is 7, second grade at North, enjoys "everything," and also plays three sports, like her sister. Both girls are into Brownies and dance lessons, and their favorite TV network is "Nickelodeon."

Hobbies of the girls' parents: Linda is into photography, and admits "my kids are my real hobby," and when it comes to television, "Dateline NBC," is her favorite.

Tom is the fisherman in the family, and has his own motorcycle. The family, when it comes to vacations, it could be Canada, Michigan and/or Niagara Falls, with Linda adding, "Different places every year." Do not forget camping, the two girls reminded their parents.

When it comes to involvement of Linda in Little League, for the past three years, "Because of our girls playing softball I just try to help (the program) in just about everything, (last year) I was Fund Chairperson."

When Linda was asked who she most admired, she promptly said, "My



The Schneeberger family at Niagara Falls

late grandmother, Georgiana DePoutot. We were very close." Linda's personal philosophy said simply, "Day by day," which of course involves her family and as volunteer mother in Little League.

Bill Veeck (baseball's

entrepreneur) had this to say, and we paraphrase... That's the true harbinger of spring (or summer), not crocuses or swallows returning to Capistrano, but the sound of Little League bats on the ball at Pesci Park.

Correction

In last week's "Cabbages and Kings" it was incorrectly written that Linda Schneeberger was fund chairperson for the local Little League when in fact she was not. Also, her parents' names are the late Joseph DePoutot and Marjorie Malo DePoutout. Her sister Lori's name was also spelled incorrectly. The Journal apologizes for the errors.

The Bucchieri boys are active on the sports scene

Ryan and Paul Bucchieri are certainly active on the local sports scene in what most folks would say are the three major activities of the youth of today - baseball (Little League), soccer and basketball.

However, it does not end there for young Ryan, who recently participated in the local area Soap Box Derby on July 12 on Day Hill Road in Windsor.

A lot of old-timers will surely remember their own soap box races (as a kid). Well, according to Ryan, the derby is still very much around. He plans to race in next year's event.

He's still active - on Aug. 23, he will be in nearby Bristol for its races. The July winner went on to the famous place of all soaps - Akron, Ohio.

Ryan is not the only local youngster in the July race, Megan Hasterberg and Jenna Scully are too. Ryan won "Best Decorated Car" in Windsor.

Some background on Ryan Gordon and Paul Sebastian Bucchieri - sons of Scott and Cindy Bucchieri. Ryan will be 13 next month, Paul 14. They were born one year and a day apart. They will both be in the eighth grade next month at the middle school. The boys enjoy math in school and sports programs on television.

Wait a minute - these two young boys have other endeavors. Both played midget football and today are seriously taking up the game of golf. Their dad said that includes lessons at Copper Hill and play at Airways. It keeps the boys busy during the summer. Low score for Paul was 55 and Ryan a 65. Not bad for nine holes - they are only learning.

Some information on their father. Scott James Bucchieri was born in New York City, came to Windsor Locks at the age of 5, went on to graduate from WLHS, class of 1964. He is the son of the late Paul Bucchieri and Nancy Torpey Bucchieri, who makes her home in town.

Their mother, Cindy Bizeau Bucchieri, grew up in Windsor and is a graduate of the high school there in 1974. She is the daughter of Gordon and Donna Bizeau.

Both Scott and Cindy came from large families. Scott has two sisters, Kathy and Patricia, and a brother, Peter. Cindy has a sister, Joan, and five brothers, Jamie, Timmy, Joey, Steve and Jeffrey.

Scott is a U.S. Navy veteran from March of

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1966 to November of 1969. His boot camp was at Great Lakes and other duties in Memphis, Tenn., and Virginia Beach, Va.

Among his employments have been with the Hartford Times, Federal Express for 12 years, and currently with the Central Delivery Service in Hartford since 1988.

Cindy has worked at Skyline for 10 years, now part time, Ramona in West Hartford and now at Ara Mark Cafeteria in Hartford.

The boys take after their father when it comes to baseball, or the fast-pitch softball version of our national pastime. Scott has played fast-pitch with the VFW in Windsor.

On the subject of baseball - the boys are big Yankee fans and when it came time to mention favorites, Ryan, the Yankee fan, has two Chicago White Sox hitters as his favorites - Frank Thomas and Albert Belle. Paul stayed with the young Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter.

Scott was asked for one word to describe his sons: Paul the athletic one and Ryan the handyman. As noted on the picture with the story - Ryan in the Pittsburgh Steelers Fan Club racer (Ad's Restaurant in town).

Like so many boys and girls in town, the Bucchieri boys are part of the local spring scene in many ways.

The following might ring true - to prove a point - "When he entered baseball's Hall of Fame, ex-slugger Harmon Killebrew recalled... 'my father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother (as in Cindy's role, 'very proud of our boys') would come out and say, 'You're tearing up the grass.' 'We're not raising grass,' dad would reply, 'we're raising boys.'"



Ryan Bucchieri and his soap box racer

Jeanne Caron leads

Jeanne Dufresne Caron has led a life of versatility in the work place, sincere in her religious beliefs and with wholehearted commitment, raising five children and now a most happy grandmother of 11, in her retirement.

The Providence, R.I., native has lived in Windsor Locks the past 11 years, in addition, the matriarch of her family, formerly a registered nurse, former postmaster of the West Suffield Post Office and a faithful and dedicated traveler to Bosnia-Herzegovina (six trips), which has given her a "sense of peace."

In Medjugorje, a small town in Bosnia where she has visited, she has seen and heard six young people who "speak and see daily the Virgin Mary."

This phenomena began for the six visionaries on June 24, 1981. Jeanne said the town was spared any damage during the war in that area of Bosnia.

Jeanne's last trip to Bosnia was June of this year, with a group of faithful from all over the United States. (More on Bosnia later in the article.)

Some background on Jeanne - she grew up in Providence, the daughter of the late Louis and Mary Powers Dufresne. Mr. Dufresne served 35 years in the Providence Fire Department, his native city, whose death resulted from a fire, Jeanne has a brother Louis of Glen Falls, N.Y.

Jeanne attended a bilingual school (French and English) the grammar school years and graduated from high school in 1949, then went on to the Rhode Island School of Nursing, graduating in 1952. She worked in two Providence hospitals.

In 1969, the family moved to Holyoke, with Jeanne working at the local hospitals, nights and

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days, depending on the ages of their children.

In 1971, the family moved to West Suffield. In addition to her hospital positions, during the years, she was with the Enfield Visiting Nurse organization for two years.

In 1982, the children's stepfather, Gerard Caron, passed away. He was from Springfield, Mass., and worked many years at Combustion Engineering in Windsor.

The children of Jeanne Caron - Mary Jane Hussey, Michelle Fencil, Dennis, Gary and Brian Doyon. All are grads of Suffield High School.

Mary Jane Hussey, C&K story in April of 1989, married to Jim Hussey, live in town with

their three daughters. Mary Jane graduated from the University of Maine, attended Westfield State College, classes in advance studies. She is well known in this area as a high school coach.

Dennis and his wife Betsy and their son live in Bethel, Maine, is employed in wood products, was into basketball and track, went to Paul Smith College in New York state.

Gary and his wife Grace reside in Newtown with their three daughters, works for a steel company, went to Central Connecticut State University.

Brian and his wife Karen live in Suffield, one boy and one girl, was in the Seabees (Navy) for more than five years, now in construction. And speaking of service time, Dennis was in the U.S. Air Force.

"Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly..."

Jeanne's favorite saying

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Jeanne Caron in Bosnia

Michelle and her husband Bob Fencil live in Mount Pleasant, Pa., with one son and one daughter. Michelle went to the University of Utah and works in nuclear health.

Also, Gary and Brian played baseball and basketball - quite an active group.

Back to their equally active mother - after many years as a nurse, Jeanne served 14 years as postmaster of the West Suffield Post Office. She began as a rural carrier in 1978, then as clerk and her last position as postmaster. She retired this year.

Locally, Jeanne has been a lector at St. Mary's Church the past five years.

Some personal notes - enjoys reading, biographical and spiritual - into her own garden at home, also enjoys spiritual music, not a television fan, unless the UConn basketball teams, boys and girls, are on the tube.

Trips of Jeanne's pilgrimage to Bosnia - in 1989, with Rosemary Austin of Suffield. Both women sharing an interesting advantage - their goal - Medjugorje, off from New York's JFK, Rome first stop, another plane ride to Zagreb, then to the city of Split, a three-hour bus ride.

Next on their agenda, rent a car, now on their own, with these comments: "Of course, did not know exactly where we were going, the language differences, but people we met were cooperative and we did manage to find Medjugorje."

In discussing the other trips to Bosnia, she said, "They were well organized, with everyone meeting in NYC - last one was in June of this year - our stay is usually for 10 days."

Jeanne received publications concerning future trips, stories on background of the six visionaries (four girls and two boys), now 30 to 25 years old, and the town of Medjugorje.

Jeanne emphasized the following for those who may visit this area of Bosnia: "The visits to Medjugorje, where you see and observe the six young visionaries, is a time of peace. You spend time with God and His Mother, a sense of peace. It's not a vacation, not a tourist attraction, you pray and experience God."

More of Jeanne's views - when asked who she most admired? "My father, a gentle man and kind, put himself last, also thought of others, a wonderful and exceptional person."

Jeanne's philosophy of life - "Try to take the time to appreciate all the things that God has given you - your family, nature and laughter, and be thankful."

One of her favorite sayings: "Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly."

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Jeanne Dufresne Caron - a woman for all seasons - the family joy of grandchildren, the church, former nurse and postal worker - with versatility, sincerity and honesty - and now spreading the good news.

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Steve Bertrand

Stephen Scott Bertrand, native son, with talents and aspirations that cover radio/television, sales, sports, involvement with local bands, even some acting and with an eye on local politics.

Yes, the father of two young daughters, probably fits that old adage - the apple does not fall far from the tree.

The family tree being his father and mother, Bob and Sula Bertrand, featured in C&K Feb. 1986. Bob has been active in local politics for years. Steve, like Bob, is known for his smiling and happy demeanor.

Steve and Bob had the best of all worlds, surrounded by women - Bob and Sula also have three daughters: Sandy, Michelle and Shelley. More on the family background later.

Steven went to local schools, a grad of WLHS, class of 1981. Played soccer his first two years under Coach Dan Sullivan. Decided to participate in the local indoor hockey league, first at Union School, then the high school. Among his teammates were John Magnani and the Berube boys, Joey and Marty.

At the high school, Steve was in the senior musical "Sugar." His sister Sandy had performed in the 1979 show "My Fair Lady."

After high school, Steve had visions of a career in radio/television (still does), but his employment record has taken diverse paths - a few odd jobs at first, then decided to try college. Attended Springfield Tech for two years, studying telecommunications.

Then back to work ("been working ever since") in sales for a beer company, at Rock Rubber in Rocky Hill, then at Terminix,

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had worked part time for FedEx while at Terminix.

After a layoff from the pest control company, started full time with the delivery company, has been with FedEx the past five years.

Some information on Steve's folks and sisters. Bob is a veteran employee of ABB, C-E to most of us who worked there at the Windsor facilities. Sula has been with ABB the past six years.

This month, Bob and Sula celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Bob is a member of the GOP town committee and a member of the town's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Many years back, Bob was scoutmaster, when Steve was younger, who began the program at 7 and continued until he was 18.

Steve has three sisters: Sandy, Michelle and Shelley. Sandy and George Jay live in Tolland with their six children. Michelle and Jim Kulas reside in Springfield with their one child. Shelley and Ray Gosselin's home address is in Bristol, R.I.

Steve and Kendra Smith Bertrand, who grew up in Ellington and is a grad of the high school, class of 1985, have two daughters. Kaleigh is 5, "looking forward to school next month, a very friendly little girl and loves people," according to her proud father.

Lindsey is 2 1/2, is rather shy, does enjoy all shapes and sizes of Mickey Mouse and on television, "Rugrats." Kaleigh's favorite on television is "The Angry Beavers," both shows on Nickelodeon.

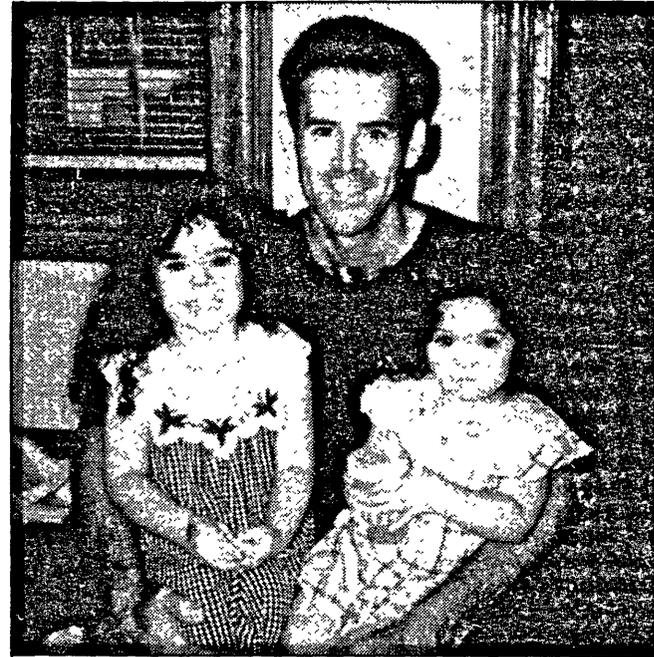
With Steve adding, "The girls and I are looking forward to a trip south to Disney World next year."

Kendra is the daughter of Bruce and Donna Smith of Canton. Mr. Smith is a retired insurance executive and Mrs. Smith is retired from the teaching profession in Ellington. They have another daughter, Jenifer, who lives in New York City.

Back to Steve - big hockey fan, did follow the Whalers, however, his loyalty has always been with the Philadelphia Flyers "for their style of play."

He's a golfer, into music, has taken an active role backstage with local bands, first with the Savage Brothers, Black-Cut and Ivory Steele.

Oh yes, a big Yankee fan, favorite player Bernie Williams.



Kaleigh, Steve and Lindsey Bertrand

At home listening to jazz and the blues are his favorites. Not much for TV, unless Discovery channel is on the tube.

Locally, a few years back, Steve was a charter member of the Windsor Locks Jaycees. He wants to "become involved in local politics and has all good intentions to go back to college."

Another look at Steve's personality or talents waiting to break out - "becoming a (performing) clown at children's parties and parades."

A few years back, dressed as a clown at a Halloween party, and during his high school years, on "dress-off day," he came as a clown. He admits, "Enjoy making people laugh."

On a more serious subject - who does he most admire? "My father - he's my dad and best friend, a man who has never said anything bad about others, a family man and always there for us."

Steve's personal philosophy - "Go through life with a smile, make the best of your life." His favorite saying (does sound familiar to many of the young people) - "Just do it."

With Stephen Scott Bertrand - he does.

Timothy Johnson, Windsor Locks native, has always been a devoted movie fan.

The versatile young man grew up playing Little League, midget football, Saturday morning basketball, was a Boy Scout (a very normal youngster) and had high hopes of someday making movies as a career.

Tim has had a diversified background (towards that end) that includes college, traveling, working in cable television, writing a screen play, commercials, creative production, you name it, Tim has paid his dues at an early age.

Someday, he said, "I would like to go back to my original dream, making movies."

But first, some family background ... Tim is the son of Tom Johnson and Mary Jane Conner Johnson, who now make their home in Windsor. Mr. Johnson is a former Windsor Locks teacher (1960-1972). Tim has a sister, Katie, and two brothers, Mike and Kevin.

Twenty-one years ago, Tom, Mary Jane and their children were featured in C&K, dated Sept. 30, 1976. Ironically, Tim's life and his career are now our subject, in September of this year. A story full of different ventures in his chosen field, in and out. Today, Tim is an active producer with Fox Channel 61, on the local television scene.

His parents are now retired ... Tom from United Technologies Corp. and Mary Jane as clerk in the Windsor Locks/Windsor Probate Court.

Tim's brother Mike, the ("hockey player in the family") resides in Windsor Locks with his wife Laurie Frechette Johnson and their two daughters, Stephanie and Brittany. Mike is in the heating/air-conditioning business.

Kevin ("the jock in the family") lives in Enfield, went to Arizona State, and today, is a video writer for a service organization.

Katie ("who loves animals") and her husband Bob McCabe and their son Thomas live in Windsor. She went to Westfield State and works for the State of Connecticut, with Bob in the trucking business.

The comments after each name were from the article on their dad, from him, and for Tim he said, "A movie fan, loves making films, fishing and desire to write."

Tim attended local schools, until the fifth grade when the family had moved to Rockville, Md. His dad had been transferred (at the time with McGraw-Hill), an assignment that lasted a year. The family returned to Connecticut in 1973. Tim recalls visits to Washington, D.C., as a student and enjoyed seeing the capitol buildings.

Tim went to Suffield Academy for two years, then transferred to WLHS and graduated in 1980. He had played football, track and cross-country at Suffield, and at the Raider school, golf and cross-country.

Before detailing Tim's employment record, an observation and memories he readily recalled. As a young boy his father would gather the children together and tell stories of all varieties.

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It was for Tim the beginning aspiration for telling stories, be it television now or movies. Speaking of movies, after Tim saw the movie "Jaws" he knew what he wanted to do.

But then again, as many young boys, he had a favorite football player, Roman Gabriel of the Los Angeles Rams, famous pro player, and Tim was one who loved sports, and still does.

From a sports enthusiast to television (plus), Tim's ensuing years took the following turns. He first attended the University of Bridgeport from 1981 to 1983, during that period he interned at Channel 3. He left the Bridgeport school, saying, "It was not for me." He went a little north to the University of Massachusetts, graduating in 1984, with a degree in communications.

After college, he went to work for Coombs Gate at Bradley, only for six months. Probably saying "not for me," he decided to take a vacation and took off for Venezuela with a friend, Chris Ingraham, who had gone to WLHS, and is now a resident of New York State. After two weeks in the sun, the young men returned and it was time for Tim to really go into his chosen field of television or movies. It all takes time and patience.

First stop, a television company in Meriden, which included part-time working on commercials. Then an advancement, producing commercials, meeting with clients, editing, production from beginning to end.

In 1987, Tim went into business with a Suffield Academy classmate, John Tatoian, doing video production in Enfield. The company was called Skylight Productions.

Then another change, went to work for Ames Department Stores in Rocky Hill, 1989-1992, writing advertising for radio/newspapers.

From 1992-1995, Tim was with Channel 40 (WGGB) in Springfield, as creative director, and was back in television for good. In 1995 the opportunity came to join Fox 61, and today, Tim is a producer with the station.

Some personal background and interests of Tim. He was an emergency medical technician with the local Lions Ambulance Corps for two years. Way back when, Tim wrote movie reviews for the Observer of Windsor Locks.

He's a big Red Sox fan and goes to Fenway with his father, when time permits. Not much for watching TV, unless it's Channel 61, with the "X-Files" his favorite show. When it comes time for vacations, a golf match or two with his father in Florida. In New England, it's camping at Mt. Washington or skiing at Mt. Snow.

Tim's comments on the current trend in the movie industry: "The old movies were how to tell a story. Today, lawyers and accountants are making the creative decisions in Hollywood." He went on to say, "Movies are a reflection of people. I do enjoy comedies, have written a

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Tim Johnson with his niece Stephanie Johnson on a recent Halloween.

screen play, (why?) I got an idea and put it on paper, but everyone (it seems) is writing a play, it's quite a competitive field."

Tim's future plans, "Like to go back to my

original dream to make movies and (maybe) even sell a screen play."

When asked who he most admired, he said, "My parents for their ability to laugh and enjoy life. It's a perfect partnership, they love people." Adding, "Our family has a great sense of humor." Tim's personal philosophy, "Never let a day go by without a good laugh."

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Today, we have all sorts of labels for people. One used currently is aficionado. Of course, that word is in a class by itself. There are cigar aficionados and golf ones. In Tim's case, he's a movie aficionado. That's his dream. We'll be watching.

Two parting words of wisdom for Tim: one by B.C. Forbes, "How you start is important, but it is how you finish that counts. In the race for success, speed is less important than stamina. The stickler outlasts the sprinter. In America we breed many hares but not so many tortoises."

The other by Davis Love Jr., words for his son, David Love III, last month's PGA winner, "Follow your dream. Enjoy the trip."

Ernie Cirillo - still going strong as

When Ernest David Cirillo was at Windsor High School, he excelled as a three-letter athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

During the summer months (the past two years), Coach Ernie Cirillo has not forgotten how to direct and play the game of baseball, with dedication and involved interests in his adopted town's Little League program.

The children of Ernie and Karen Cirillo are the twins Courtney and Kyle in T-ball, plus the oldest girl, Shauna, a major league all-star in softball.

For Ernie, he still plays basketball in the Hartford Insurance League, as an employee of Aetna. His athletic abilities began at the Windsor school, class of 1979, the town in which he grew up in, the son of Ernest P. Cirillo and Laura Lopes Cirillo, both from Windsor and still residents.

The retired Cirillos, he as a teacher at the Windsor High School (drama/English) and she from the Hartford Board of Education, spend some time in sunny Florida.

They have another son Patrick, a screenwriter, who lives in Los Angeles with his wife Paula and their two children. Their daughter Laura resides in South Windsor with her husband Andre Boilard and their two children.

Back to Ernie's sports in high school, played under perennial baseball coach Barry Chasen, state champs in Ernie's final year. He was pitcher/first baseman on the diamond, when it came to football, wide receiver, and forward on the basketball court.

Ernie's employment began after attending Hartford State Technical College and Manchester Community College where he earned an associate degree in computer sciences.

He did recall, after high school, saying his ambition was "to get into the computer industry." Things or events do not always work out the way we want them to; he went to work at Kennametals in town for four years as a machinist.

Several other jobs took place, then his career break came - joined Aetna. The past 12 years, Ernie has been a computer programmer.

How did Ernie and his future bride, Karen

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Cooley, meet? "We knew each other when we were both kids (he was 8) in the Windsor schools, hung around after high school, we were close with a lot of kids."

After dating for a time, they were married on May 25, 1985. They lived in Windsor Locks for three years, six seasons in Enfield, and in 1994 moved to their current home in town.

Karen grew up in Windsor, her folks Jack and Charlotte were also from Windsor. Karen has five sisters: Anita, Jackie, Tiffany, Jamine and Jill.

Karen is a WHS grad, class of 1980, has been employed the past 12 years at Day Berry & Howard, Attorneys, as a word processor.

The children of Karen and Ernie - Shauna, Kyle and Courtney - Shauna is 11, in the sixth grade at the middle school, enjoys English classes "News Radio" on television, and follows the UConn girls basketball team, her favorite is former star Jen Rizzotti. Shauna attended Jen's basketball camp in Glastonbury for a week this past summer.

Kyle and Courtney are 7, Kyle is following in his dad's steps as he is interested in computers. Kyle's favorite television show is "Double Dragon." Courtney has a favorite subject: spelling. Her show on TV is "Facts of Life." They are in the second grade at the North Street School.

The twins follow the Chicago Bulls in pro basketball and, of course, Michael Jordan is their favorite. The three Cirillo children love pizza, a treat also enjoyed by their dad.

When it comes to hobbies or interests of Ernie, lifting weights, golf at Keney Park, basketball after working hours. Karen's main hobby is physical fitness. The family all enjoy camping in Connecticut.

Ernie is a big Red Sox fan (I get the feeling there are more Sox fans than that team in NYC). His old-time favorite is Carl Yastrzemski. When it comes to TV for Ernie, it's "ER" and "NYPD

Little League coach



The Cirillo family

Blue." He is a former KofC member in Broad Brook.

Comments on the family involvement in Little League - the twins played for the Hawks in T-ball, with their dad as manager and coach, the past two years.

Shauna played for the Lions, was an all-star (majors) in softball, under Coach Linda Degan.

Why does Ernie coach? "I still enjoy coaching, wanted to give my knowledge to my kids and the other players."

His future, "Just to move up with our children (in the sport), which I find very satisfying."

Ernie was asked who he most admired. "My parents, their patience in raising three children, having full-time jobs, staying active in the community. My dad directed plays for young

children 8 to 15 years old."

Ernie's personal philosophy - "Make the best of life - be optimistic, nothing impossible to overcome with hard work."

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That's the story of the Cirillo family, from Little League to physical fitness, their activities tell the real story.

Words by John Rosemond seem to fit this family: "Parenting is not an intellectual endeavor. It does not emanate from the head. If it did, the smartest people would be the best parents, and I have never noticed that.

"Good parenting is a matter of how rooted you are in the steady soil of common sense. The heart and the gut are what make a good parent, not the head."

The Pafford Family —

When you meet Gary Curtis Pafford you soon find a man who has had a diversified career. However, there's another important role he shares with his wife Jeanette, raising two sons where football is the name of their game.

The story of the Pafford family is football, football, and more of the gridiron during the coming months.

For the past five years they have been involved in the town's midget football (their two sons playing), now high school football for their oldest son, Matthew, with Brian still in the midget program, but Coach Pat Scelza, (perennial high school coach) there will be another Pafford boy ready to make his ability felt in a few years.

The boys' mother, Jeanette Rachel Pafford, a native of Windsor Locks, is their No. 1 fan, with dad as vice president of the Jets Youth Football League Inc., in addition to being a coach.

To complete the family picture is "Cookie," their pet dog — "the best watchdog" this side of Elm Street.

Some background of this active family... Gary spent his first five years in York, Penn., the son of Ersul M. Pafford and Yvette Hysette Pafford. They reside in town.

Ersul was from Virginia, Yvette grew up in Nashua, N.H. The story of Ersul Pafford has taken many turns... a veteran of World War II, U.S. Army during the European campaign, sustained battle injuries that affected his life as far as employment.

He became a watchmaker, worked out of his home for years, and now retired. Admiration by Gary of his dad was quite evident during the interview.

Gary's elementary schooling was at St. Mary's and Union Schools, then graduating from the high school, class of 1969. His sports activity included football and basketball, on what he called the sandlot variety. He was a member of the Pilgrim Fellowship Club while

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in high school. Today, besides his football endeavors, Gary is a member of the Windsor Marksmen's Club.

Did he have any idea what he wanted to do as to a career? ... "No," he said, college would come first. He earned a "BA in English" in 1973. Years later Gary attended Asnuntuck Community College, receiving an associate degree in Business Management.

His varied career included the following: a short time in the trucking business; then two decades with the Preston Engravers in Windsor in sales; leaving for the competition; saying "I then left the manufacturing world to work at Bradley at the Bombardier Aviation Flight Services Learjet Inc. ... in various positions: sales, parts, computers and inventory assignments.

Now for his better half, Jeanette, also known as "J," the daughter of the late Charles and Rose Rachel, natives of Windsor Locks. Mr. Rachel worked many years for Railway Express. Jeanette has three sisters; Phyllis of Windsor Locks, Reggie of Windsor, and Marie of Suffield.

Jeanette was employed at Choice-Vend for many years. Today, she works part-time at Coehoe's Fashions in East Windsor. She is a 1968 grad of WLHS.

Gary and Jeanette met during their high school years, were married on May 10, 1980, and have lived in town since the wedding day.

Their two sons: Matthew, 15, now in his second year at the Raider School, "a football guy," when it comes to sports, a tight end in midget football and hopes for that position in high school. The night we met the family, Matthew (plus mom and Brian) had just come from a practice game with Northwest Catholic High School.

Football Is Their Game

Brian, 12, seventh grade at the Middle School, where he selected science as his favorite subject.

He played Little League one year, was on the sixth grade basketball team that went to Maryland. Brian is a quarterback on the field, and a fan of the pro Washington Redskins and their fullback, Terry Allen.

How about hobbies after football for their parents, Jeanette bowling at Bradley, reading romance novels in home leisure time. Gary is the fisherman and hunter in the family up in Vermont, even ice-fishing.

Vacations for the Pafford family... "Just had the best vacation of our lifetime (1996) when the entire family went to DisneyWorld and a cruise to the island of Port Lucaya and Nassau in the Bahama Islands." Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire is also a vacation stop for the family.

With Gary adding, "We are all Red Sox fans, and enjoy watching UConn basketball teams."

The world of midget football according to the Pafford family ... with Gary saying, "The boys have been at it the past five years." With Dave Hartwig (C&K March 1995) as president and Gary as vice president, the Jets have been a success, along with the players, coaches and faithful fans.

Aug. 17 was declared "Youth Football Day," by First Selectman Vic Puia, the day more than 200 fans traveled to McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, R.I. to view the game between the Jets and the Pawtucket, R.I. Crusaders.

More on the league, the teams are comprised of players from 7 to 15, with about 175 kids participating in the Northern Connecticut Football League, with the following towns... Windsor Locks, Cromwell, Ellington, Colchester, Stafford, Coventry, Tolland, Hebron, Andover and Marlborough.

The first game was Sept. 7, the season runs to November (depending on playoffs). Gary,



The football playing Pafford family.

discussing his career in the league... "I was first a parent on the sideline, coach (still) league rep and now vice pres." Why does he do it? ... "Because my boys play," and that's a good reason.

For the record, games are played at the WLHS field on Sundays.

On a more personal note... Gary was asked who he most admired? ... "My father, who came from a poor southern background ... returned from the war with injuries, then almost died in a car accident. I have never heard him complain or use the word quit ... one incredible man."

Jeanette was asked for one word to describe Gary... "Intense."

Epilogue

That's the story behind the scenes of one of our football families in town ... with Gary, Jeanette, Matthew and Brian and even "Cookie."

Someone once wrote... "Through sports, a coach can offer boys a way to sneak up on the mystery of manhood."

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Jim Fulton — One Busy Father,

James Fowler Fulton, native of Ansonia, Conn., resident of Windsor Locks since the day he and his bride, Lois Gilbert Fulton, were married on June 27, 1971.

After an hour with Jim, you soon find he wears three hats (rather proudly) in scouting, Little League and his church.

He and Lois have two sons ... Chris and Tom, with Chris, like his dad, a former Eagle Scout, with today, Tom as a Cub Scout with Pack 261.

In addition, Tom is into T-Ball, a sport his brother Chris began at eight years old. Their dad has been with the local Little League program for 15 years, making for busy evenings and days, with mom their biggest fan.

Now for some background on Jim ... son of the late Betty Fowler Fulton, who passed away in 1994, and his father, Jim Fulton, who retired in 1975, as superintendent of the Farrell Foundry in Ansonia. Mr. Fulton came from Johnston, Scotland at the age of eight. He resides in the Ansonia area. Jim has a sister, Susan, who lives in New Castle, Delaware.

Jim grew up in Ansonia, graduating from the high school, Class of 1962, where he played football for two years, until a broken arm ended his playing career. In school, he was active on the school newspaper, the Chess team and a Master Counselor in DeMolay.

Jim set the stage in the scouting world earning the high rank of Eagle Scout, attained by Chris in later years.

After high school, Jim "wanted to be a chemist," he said. However, attended college, earning a degree in Metallurgical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N.Y. in 1967. While at Polytech he worked at American Brass for the beginning of his new trade to be...

After college came to Windsor Locks to work for Hamilton-Standard for four years. Then came his longest tenure ... Stanley Works in New Britain in the met lab, from 1971 to 1995. Next move ... he was "downsized," which is

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a current part of employment in these times.

He admits, "not feeling too bad, actually it was an opportunity," for his next career move. He took on the role of being self-employed as consultant at Stanley and for other clients in his line of expertise.

Now for the mother of the Fulton clan ... Lois grew up in Wallingford, Conn., the daughter of the late Clossen Gilbert and Eunice Gilbert, who makes her home in Wallingford. Lois has a sister, Roberta, also of Wallingford.

Lois graduated from Hamden Hall in 1963. She then attended Colby Sawyer College in New London, N.H., followed by earning a graduate degree from the University of Hartford.

Today, Lois is a teacher at the Trinity Methodist Church in South Windsor. Previously, Lois had a "traveling" nursery school in the area for 12 years.

How did Jim and Lois meet? ... at the time they were at separate camps teaching archery ... Jim had occasion to go to her camp and ... probably to exchange archery techniques... the rest is a June wedding.

The two sons of Jim and Lois ... Chris, now 23, WLHS, Class of 1992, played tennis at the Raider School, a Little Leaguer and scout in his young years. Today, Chris lives in the Boston area and is employed by the Bank of Boston.

Tom, 7, in the second grade at North, enjoys reading and math, he's a Wolf in the Cub Scouts, Pack 261, with his dad as den leader. Jim was also a scoutmaster for Troop 263, during a four-year period.

Wears Three Hats

How about hobbies for Jim ... when time permits. The family garden takes some of his time and his beautiful tomatoes a pride and joy. Camping comes next, especially camping with the scouts. For exercise, Jim swims during the week in Enfield. The family's favorite vacation spot is Cape Cod. He also admits to being a Yankee fan, plays golf in the high 80's and 90's. When it comes to television, two shows have his attention... "Walker" and "Touched By An Angel."

Several years back, Jim was a member of the local Jaycees, as national director and earned the title of Jaycee Senator. Jim is today very active in his church ... Suffield's Calvary Episcopal Church (in various positions), is "considering joining the choir, I like to sing."

One of his achievements at his church for the past 14 years, he has written the words to their annual Christmas pageant, with the children taking an important part in the program.

As for the Little League, he has coached T-Ball to the senior division, and currently with the Eagles, a T-Ball team as manager, with coach Ken Lavoie with his son Jeremy Lavoie teaming up with Tom Fulton and others. With Jim saying, "I'm starting up all over again."

Jim was then asked who he most admired... "My father, the best role model a person could ever have, fair, loving, always put himself out for me, and that's what I try to do with my boys."

Jim's personal philosophy, "Enjoy life, I want to help the kids more than anything else in life." When asked for a word or two about his wife Lois, he said "She's my best friend."

At the end of our interview, now with the family all present and accounted for, he said, "I want to emphasize scouting (where kids) learn to do things themselves."

Jim Fulton is that kind of a nice guy, he wears three hats very proudly.

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Paul Angilly -

Late in Paul Angilly's senior year at Windsor Locks High School, he recalls, "I wanted to be a writer."

The Windsor Locks native realized his dream as reporter, editor and sports writer for Imprint newspapers the past six years.

The Windsor Locks Journal is a part of the Imprint family of weekly newspapers. Paul Joseph Angilly has had an important role in this area's fourth estate.

Paul is the son of Robert and Madeline Silva of Windsor Locks, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Robert is a native of Providence and Madeline is from East Providence, R.I. Mr. Angilly is retired from Hamilton-Standard after many years of service.

They are parents of six



children - Paul, Lynn, Jane, and Doug and his wife Laurie all reside in Connecticut. Cathy lives in New Jersey and Bob Jr. in Boston. Jane and her husband Mark Bennett have a daughter, Madeline Leah Angilly, with proud uncle Paul as godfather.

With Paul adding, "Madeline Leah is a future UConn basketball star." (That's what he said - always thinking of the sports scene.)

During his high school

years, Paul was active as member of the math team, tennis team and also received his first newspaper experience, working on the

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school paper, Raider Review.

Growing up in town, Paul worked tobacco, a local grinder shop, Burger King and the Bradley Airport parking lot during high school and college.

After his high school graduation in 1986, Paul took his first step into the journalist world at UConn earning a bachelor of arts in journalism/English degree in 1990.

However, writing for a

writer on the local sports scene-plus

newspaper would have to wait, but only for a short time, Paul said. He worked for Hartford Steam Boiler, then his working career, as a reporter, began when he joined the Windsor Locks Journal in 1991.

The following are the highlights - after his first job and before the word "down sizing" was a part of our language, he felt the sting, but not for long, he was rehired a week later as reporter/editor for the Farmington News.

His next beat, editor of the Windsor Locks Journal, then double duty as editor of the Windsor/Windsor Locks Journals and in subsequent years, the Bloomfield Journal and other assignments for Imprint.

Today, Paul is the assistant sports editor for Imprint, for the past year and a half.

As for Paul's hobbies, that's right, collector of sport cards, mostly baseball, hockey and soccer. When relaxing before the television, not sports, well, maybe a few programs, its "X-Files" and science-fiction movies.

In his role as assistant sports editor to Mike Callaghan, he covers high school sports as his main position. In addition, he's a big fan of the Red Sox, UConn, Miami Dolphins, New England Blizzard, New England Revolution (soccer folks) and admitted, "I'm a former Hartford Whaler fan, but now root for next year's Nashville expansion hockey team.

Oh yes, when it comes to food, how about a grilled swordfish as a starter.

Paul has another side to him, besides the sports scene. He's been an active

youth leader at St. Mary's Church the past 13 years.

Saying, "I really enjoy helping the kids and (frankly) it keeps me young," although being a young man himself. He is part of the Catholic Youth Organization at St. Mary's. Working with the youth minister Frank Borchetta, Paul was also a member of the local Youth Commission in town.

When Paul was asked who he admired, he said, "Mr. Borchetta, for his undying compassion for young and old that grows with the years."

Paul's personal philosophy of life - "To meet the challenges as they come in life and be optimistic when it comes."

As for the future? "To keep writing, I guess I would say of my positions at Imprint over the years, I find writing sports the most interesting."

Epilog

Paul Angilly is in a league of his own when it comes to writing sports, be it the latest card of Mo Vaughn, Manon Rheume or a soccer player, or following the Sox, UConn and the other teams.

I think the following (as paraphrased), a song written by Irving Berlin:

"What can a writer say?

What can a writer do?

I wish I could make an appropriate speech

But speechmaking simply is out of my reach.

So what can a writer do?

What can a writer say?

A fiddler can speak with his fiddle

A singer can speak with his voice

An actor can speak with his tongue in his cheek

But a writer has no choice

Whatever his rights or wrongs

He or she can speak with the written word."

Leona Hirth: one busy

Leona Pawlikowski Hirth grew up on a vegetable and animal farm in Hampton, Connecticut (near Willimantic), one of six children.

She knew hard work at an early age on the farm, along with her brothers and sisters. It has been her way of life, earning a living, followed by the raising of her seven children, with various jobs, throughout the years, retiring only on a temporary basis.

Today, Leona is a busy grandma of nine, with two great-grandchildren, and shows her concern for others, with special time to share with a friend in a rest home.

But first, some background on this likable lady with a smile and great outlook on life saying, "age is only a number." Leona was born in Bloomfield, N.J., her family moving to Connecticut when she was young. Her parents, now deceased were from their Poland, "in the black forest," she said. Barney and Mamie Kopas Hirth raised Leona, George, now of Lisbon, Frank of Rockville and Elizabeth of Poolville, N.Y. Two sons had passed away, Barney and

Leon. Leona attended school in Hampton, and soon found employment after leaving school, as a domestic in Manchester, followed

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by many years in the restaurant business in Hartford, Rockville and Ellington. She also worked in a laundromat in Stafford Springs, and for a company in Talcottville, her most recent employment was with the local Burger King for the past nine years. Her badge at work, she said proudly, was "Grandma," the title the younger workers affectionately gave her.

Her husband Edward Hirth died in 1973. He was an employee of Fuller Brush for 25 years in the tool and die department. He was a native of Ellington, and served in the Army during World War II. He and Leona were married in 1943.

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They lived in Ellington, Hartford, Hazardville, in 1985 moved to Windsor Locks.

Leona's children: Barbara and her two children live in Seattle, Wash.; Gloria and her husband Peter Coffey reside in town, have three children and are grandparents of two.

The men: Ronald and his wife Debbie live in Rockville, Rene and Tracy live in Enfield with one child. Ricci lives in Ellington, while Dennis is in Oregon with his wife Christine and their three children. One of Leona's sons, Karl, died in 1990.

Other interests/hobbies of Leona, has had her own family garden with vegetables the main course, has collected numerous beautiful dolls the past 20 years, is one to crochet, that end up as gifts for friends and relatives, plus she donates her work to the local senior center for their bazaar.

Vacation time has been spent visiting her son Dennis in Seattle in 1985 plus a trip to Nashville, with the added treat of visiting the home of singer Conway Twitty.



Leona Hirth

On yes, Leona is a big country and western fan of Nashville's main industry, besides Mr. Twitty's home, she took in the Grand Old Opry. At home her television set is usually tuned to TNN, the Nashville station. When it comes to eating, "I love everything to tell the truth, even liver."

She also has pets to keep her company, cat, two cockatiel (crested parrot of Australia) and two parakeets (small parrots).

Leona also takes the time to visit her neighbor and friend Louise Naie, every day at the Kettle Brook Healthcare Center in East Windsor.

Another of her volunteer helping hand is to weed the flower bed at the town library in typical fashion, she said, "Get there early in the morning, at six o'clock." The early bird gets the weeds.

When asked who she admired "Desi Arnaz ... loved his comedy show on television with Lucille Ball," and adding, "they do not make good programs like that anymore."

Leona's personal philosophy, "since I was 14, I have worked hard, life was good, not great, but thank god I'm healthy."

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Leona Hirth, truly from the old school of hard work, mixed with some laughter. She knows the wisdom of the following, "Each of us is given a pocketful of time to spend however we may. We use what we will. We waste what we will. But we can never get back a day."

Ken Lavoie: after race cars

Ken Lavoie began his racing career during the years at Windsor High School.

His enthusiasm for racing at Stafford Springs Raceway began in 1979, until the season of 1985. With Ken recalling, "I guess you would say (I raced) for the thrill and competition, plus the continued support of my parents, brother and sister."

Today, Kenneth Joseph Lavoie has other hobbies, or better said, interests as an active father in Little League and Scout program in town. Ken, his wife Carol, their children Jeremy and Marcy have been residents since 1992.

Now for some background on Ken and the Lavoie family ... he grew up in Windsor, a grad of the high school class of 1979. Ken is the son of Joseph and Florence Madore Lavoie. Mr. Lavoie came from Limestone, Maine, a veteran of the Korean war period, and now operator of the Lavoie Trucking Co. in Windsor, for more than 30 years.

Ken's mother was from Van Buren, Maine. She had known Joseph in their close-knit communities. When their parents

moved to Connecticut, they eventually met again and were married, after Joseph was home from the service. Ken has a brother, Danny of Enfield, and a sister Gail of Windsor.

Looking back at Ken's high school days, he always wanted to be an auto mechanic. He learned first hand, he said, "Repairing engines, with his dad, working on cars, trucks, bikes and even lawnmowers."

His first position after school years, was with a Ford dealership in East Hartford, after five years wanted a change and joined a Ford agency in Windsor, this lasting five years.

This was followed by two years with his father's trucking business. However, he recalls, "The economy went bad," but soon found work at the Finast Warehouse in Windsor Locks, until it closed after his service of five years.

But these changes in jobs did not effect Ken's eagerness to find more work, he joined Turf Products in Enfield for a year, working on commercial lawnmowers. Today, Ken drives a cement-mixer truck for

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Tilcon-Roncari in East Granby.

His supportive wife, Carol Vieira Lavoie, is the daughter of David and Joan Burke Vieira of Windsor. David was from Massachusetts, Joan a native of Windsor. They have two other daughters, Mary of Bloomfield and Sandy of Enfield. David Vieira operated a gas station for many years in Hartford.

Carol is a grad of WLHS, Class of 1978. After high school, she worked at Preston Engravers in their offices in Windsor for two years. The next six years she was employed at Sweet Life in Suffield, followed by a position at the Holyoke Book Binders and then at the Modern School Supplies in Bloomfield.

Carol and Ken had met while she was working at Modern, by way of introduction of a friend. They were married on Nov. 4, 1989, lived in Bloomfield for two years, before moving to their current home in town. After seven years of having their children, Carol decided to return to work and today is an employee of Bax Global at the airport.

Carol and Ken are not "all work and no play," far from it, with their children's interests their first priority, making for family togetherness.

The children: Jeremy, 7, second grade at North, told me, "Math is my favorite subject in school and (on television) I like "Hey Arnold!", on Nickelodeon. As for sports, its baseball and bowling, and Scouts his main interests. Jeremy was first a Tiger Cub and now a Wolf with Pack 261.

Little Marcy, 2, "Keeps (her) mother going," but, "is Daddy's girl," everyone agreed. She still watches "Barney" to a point. Her favorite on TV is "Blues Clues," also on Nickelodeon.

Both children are looking forward to Halloween, the "Trick & Treating" time for them will be with their mom, with dad home giving out the candy to the neighborhood kids.

With Ken, besides helping Carol with their children, frankly admits, "I like to build things, and right now, I'm working on the beginning of a snowmobile trailer, and actually the second one, the first was for my sister Gail."

Enjoying snowmobiles is a family hobby, and where? "Anywhere there is snow ... mostly in Vermont and the Berkshires." Ken said, adding, "this year the kids will be a part of our trips up north." When Carol is at home, flower garden is her concern, and Saturday mornings, helps out coaching the younger set how to bowl at Bradley.

Vacations for the family (in addition to the above) mean trips to Lake George and the Connecticut shore. Ken is an old Red Sox fan from way back, and when it is his turn for the television, Discovery channel is tuned into , stories on the World War II airplanes, plus some TV time watching comedies.

In the town's Little League program this was Ken's first year with the Eagles T-Ball team, Jim Fulton as manager and Ken as coach. This twosome also is very involved in the scouting program with their sons.

More on Ken. He was asked how he most admired? He said, "My later grandfather, George Lavoie, who was from Maine, a family man and very supportive when it came to doing things with his grandkids." Ken's personal philosophy is "What you do, do it right." From racing cars, helping Carol in the important things in life and local involvement. Ken has the right stuff.

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Meet the Latournes family -

When you discuss scouting, music or sail boats, you are in the world of a talented active family: the Latournes, Peter, Cindy and their two children Christopher and Paige.

Peter and Cindy were married on July 31, 1987, and have been residents of town since their wedding day. They had met on a blind date, by way of introduction by friends.

Cindy is a native, the daughter of James Doherty and the late Norabelle Booth Doherty. She was from Pittsburgh, Pa., and James from Glasgow, Scotland. He lives in town. Cindy has two sisters, Christine in East Windsor and Patricia in Southington.

Peter was born in Hartford, the son of Hebert and Theresa Crovo Latournes. Hebert is a native of Windsor Locks, and Theresa is from Hartford. They reside in Old Saybrook, their winters are spent in Florida.

More on Peter, father of the foursome, who was educated in local schools, a grad of the high school, Class of 1971. He has a brother William of Windsor, and a sister, Cindy in Manchester

Pete's dad was a Navy veteran in World War II, with 13 battle stars. Cindy's dad was in the Army during the Korean War and served in Germany.

Mr. Doherty was actually born in the states, he returned to his father's birthplace in Scotland, at a very young age, and with dual-citizenship he decided (at the age of 18) he would return to America and served in the U.S. Army.

Back to Peter, "Yes," he said, "I (after high school) wanted to be an industrial arts teacher." He had won first prize at a fair in drafting. Peter was a member of the Industrial Arts Club at the Raider School.

Peter joined Hamilton-Standard in 1974, and today, with the local company, a manufacturing engineer. Peter had delayed his further education, graduated in 1991 with a degree in industrial technology from Central Connecticut State University.

OK, now for more information on Cindy Nora Doherty Latournes, also a grad of WLHS, Class of 1975. She said, "I always wanted to teach school," and as a student at the local middle school, (where she is now employed) her favorite subject was music.

In high school Cindy was a member of the school band (trumpet and French horn), with field hockey as her sport, with drama and as a member of the American Field Service with emphasize on exchange students.

Cindy went on to college, Western Connecticut State earning a degree in music education. She now has the sixty-

year degree when she attended St. Joseph's and Fairfield University.

Cindy's mother died in 1995. Mrs. Doherty was a grad of the University of Pittsburgh, for years as the kindergarten teacher in East Hartford.

When it comes to Cindy's credentials, (very impressive), director of the local musical group, "Power Company," at the middle school, an award winning group," the group Cindy started nine years ago.

Cindy's first job in the teaching profession was in the music department at Enfield's Kosciuszko Junior High, until the school closed.

Her next teaching assignments included the high school and middle schools, for a period, the choral director for both schools. Also included in her record, a year as "school suspension teacher." Today, Cindy is choral director at the middle school.

The children of Cindy and Peter, Christopher and Paige.

The older Christopher is

nine, fourth grade at South, enjoys reading, writing, plays the drums, the Little League, soccer and basketball. He's a Red Sox and Dallas Cowboy fan, watches ESPN, especially when car races are on the tube. (I wonder how he became interested in that sport?)

Then we have little Paige, six, first grade at North, also into reading, plus painting, plays soccer and her favorite television show is "Rug Rats." (I'll have to view that show, all the young kids in town enjoy it) Oh yes, both children sing in the Congregational Church choir.

When it comes to hobbies, Cindy is into crafts. And of course, we must mention the Wednesday Evening Craft Club with Cindy saying, "Ten women meet on Wednesdays, and I have been at it for 10 year boats

Peter's interests are many: woodworking, sailing boats (radio controlled model yachts). He's a member of the Springfield Model Yacht Club.

This year, Peter won a national championship in the art of sailing boats (of the above description) at Mansfield Hollow. He's also a member of the American Model Yachting Association. Locally, for the past four years he's been a member of the Lions Club.

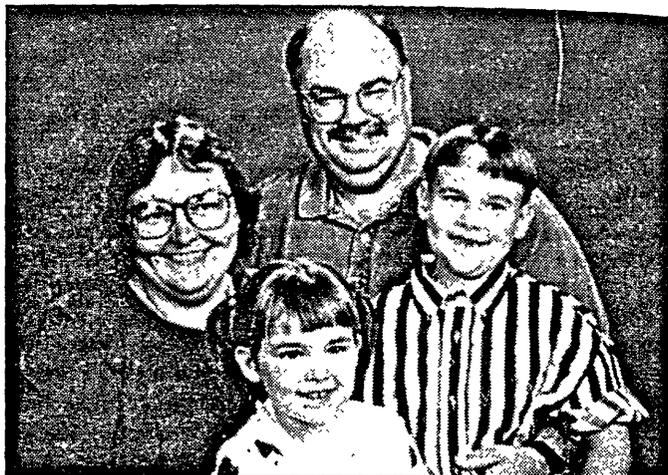
However, Peter has or had other talents, racing go-karts, from New Hampshire to Florida, as driver/engine builder, for many years.

When it comes to vacation for the family, it's camping. Here we come, Maine, New Jersey, Ohio, Vermont, New

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The Latournes family

York and Pennsylvania.

Today's Halloween celebration, or tonight's, the job for Peter is to hand out the candy, Cindy will take the children around the neighborhood.

There's more to the Latournes story, Peter, formerly Eagle Scout, has been in local scout activities for the past 25 years. Peter said, "First comes my wife and my children, and in my life being an Eagle Scout, was one of the proudest things I ever (accomplished)." Years back he was assistant scoutmaster for troops 262 and 263, working with Howard White and Ellsworth Case.

He's involved in the Metacomet District of the scouting program. He said he enjoys scouting, working with the kids, their son, plus Paige is a Brownie in Troop 550. Cindy adds her talents as co-leader in the Cub Scouts.

Personal views, Cindy was asked who she most admired, "My mother, (always) showed encouragement when we were growing up."

Peter indeed had glowing words for Cindy, "The most honest and decent person I have ever met." They also exchanged single words in describing each other ... for Peter "Persistent" and for Cindy "Fantastic."

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The Latournes family ... using their talents and hobbies to enhance a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle for them and others they meet.

To single out just one of those talents, the following by the late singer John Denver, "Music does bring people together, it allows us to experience the same emotions, expression of our love and our faith, music proves, we are the same."

Chris Helmick has found her niche

When Christine Peterson Helmick left WLHS Class of 1976, she was unsure of her future career. She soon found out.

Chris worked at Cigna and First Security, was not content, joined the U.S. Air Force in December 1980, staying until March 1985.

Her travels as airman (or airperson) included Texas for basic training; technical school in Illinois, where she was taught the finer arts of the flight simulation technician. Her title served well, with the following assignments: To Spain ("I loved it. People were wonderful") and England, north of London, with trips to that famed city, "with good food," she said.

Chris felt she had valid reasons for joining the service. "I (wanted) something different with a good chance for more schooling."

Before relating her movements after discharge, some family background. Chris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Peterson. Chris was born in Springfield, came here at the age of two.

How about brothers and sisters? Quite a few: Lee (Skip) or Wilbraham, Mass., Jeff of Wisconsin and Scott, stationed in North Carolina in the U.S. Army. Five sisters: Cheryl, who lives in Chicago, Gerianne in California, Marcia in Massachusetts, Roseanne in Connecticut and Leighann in Wisconsin. Lee, Cheryl, Gerianne, Marcia and Roseanne all are graduates of Windsor Locks High School. Jeff, Scott and Leighann attended high school in Wisconsin.

Chris has a son, Shane, 15, a junior at Windsor Locks High School, interested in martial arts, with a hobby or writing stories and poems.

Chris was still searching after leaving the Air Force ... with her first job, employed at Hamilton-Standard, that lasted for 10 years. After being laid off, she worked at Colt's on a temporary basis.

Again, she admitted, "I was trying to find out what I really wanted to do." She had heard about several new laws taking place in massages, "the legitimate field," she said. Adding, "I had always liked and was interested in medical and healing procedures I found in the service. Due to an injury, I was exposed to therapy and massages."

Chris took the next step, attended the Connecticut Center of Massage Therapy in Newington, full time, for over a year. She received state license and national certification after exams, becoming a qualified massage therapist.

Chris is national-certified and state licensed in Connecticut, with yearly updates of new education and information in her field. This is required in order to maintain membership in the American Massage Therapeutic Association. Both state and national renewals must be

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obtained, every year in Connecticut and two years nationally. When asked for her own definition of "therapeutic massage," she said, "The manual manipulation of soft tissue causing movement and motion."

As to her own business of massage, she said, "Clients are treated at home or business, men and women." Chris is a local volunteer, giving massages on Monday mornings for two-hour sessions (15 minutes each) at the Senior Center. Reservations and sign-ups are required, and should be made by calling Betty-Ann Reilly at the center.

There is more to her activities; as to interests and hobbies: she has made jewelry for years, bit for more action, Chris and her fiance Doug Muller have experienced the thrills of white water rapids in Maine for years. In addition, they have chosen the smoother rides of biking, plus canoeing on the Connecticut River.

Vacations have included trips to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. She's not much for television, does cheer for the pro football teams Packers and Patriots, plus the nightly news, and on Sunday, "Touched by an Angel."

Chris was asked who she has admired over the years. "My late aunt, Loretta Pastomerlo, who had a difficult life (physically), but never complained, was always sweet, nice

as massage therapist



Chris Helmick and her son Shane as a youngster. Shane is now 15 years old and a junior at Windsor Locks High School.

and caring, had her own inner strength.”

Chris’ personal philosophy, “Need to think positive, look for the good in everybody and everything.” Oh, yes, her favorite quote or saying, from the book by Richard Carlson... “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff; It’s All Small Stuff.”

Epilogue

After several attempts at office work, in the service and work at Hamilton, Chris Helmick took her time, finally finding her niche in massage therapy.

Someone once said, “I couldn’t wait for success, so I went ahead without it.” Chris has probably found it.

Opinion & Jack's choices for the town's

With year's end approaching, here are our nominations for leading roles in films (with apologies to USA Today)

"Braveheart" Coach Pat Scelza
"One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" Richard Campominosi
"Apocalypse Now" Dan Kervick
"To Have and Have Not" Paul Seaha
"A Touch of Class" John Lee
"Big" New CVS Store on Main Street
"The Defiant Ones" Concerned Taxpayers Group
"Copland" WLPD
"Contact" New England Air Museum
"The Untouchables" John D. McSweegan III
"Local Hero (s)" WLFD
"Roger and Me" (actually) Roger Ignazio, Richard Brennan and Ricardo Rachele (3R's winemakers)
"Marathon Man" Walter Gale
"A Man For All Seasons" Sy Preli
"The Miracle Worker" Betty Ann Reilly
"The Year of Living Dangerously" Dave Farr and all those Yankee fans
"Ben Hogan Story" Duke Marotta

"Little Big Man" Bob Norris
"Crossing Guard" Shirley Horan
"Father of the Bride" Ellsworth Case
"That Thing You Do" Savage Brothers
"The Right Stuff" Mario Gatti
"Walkabout" Mo Goldfarb

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"Gone Fishin'" Steve Woronecki
"Karate Kid (s)" Woronecki Kids
"Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" Alice Clack
"American Strays" Janet Orio
"Bingo" KofC
"Judge & Jury" Mark Hancock
"Mission Impossible" WL Board of Finance
"The Dentist" Dr. Thomas Geary
"Born To Race" Peter Latourmes

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leading individuals in '97

"The Bad News Bears" Bill LaTorra and Mark Senofonte

"Mr. Holland's Opus" Paul Sibia

"The Fan (s)" Carl and Carol Schiessl

"The Brothers McMullen" John McMullen

"Pride of the Yankees" Al Rizzuto

"Delta Force" Bill Naughton

"Houdini!" Tom O'Brien

"The Lion (s) in Winter" Carolyn and Norm Messier

"Shampoo" Nick Giaccone

"Electric Horseman" Joe and Joey LaPierre

With the election now over, our political friend's leading roles ...

"Platoon" Doug Glazier and Doug Hamilton

"Great Expectations" Vic Puia and Ed Ferrari

"Movies are better than ever!" and some people make a bigger impact on their town.

"Laugh, and the world laughs with you!" and sometimes politics makes everyone laugh.

I assumed the good people of Windsor Locks were now ready for a laugh or two and some old fashioned ribbing near the year's end. That's why this column is called "Cabbages & Kings."

Joshua Blanchfield has

Joshua Oliver Blanchfield does not let any weeds grow under his feet. He runs the good race, was a three-letter athlete at Suffield Academy and when he completes college, his dream is to join the Peace Corps.

Yes, a young, serious and ambitious man in many endeavors with a personal philosophy of "trying to make a difference, regardless of how small," a contribution.

Indeed one of the young lions of today's world, and when asked, did he follow local, state or national politics he said, matter-of-fact, "I follow world politics."

Joshua was born in Hartford, lived in Eastford, in the northeast corner of the state, until he was two. The family moved to Rocky Hill and in 1985 settled in Windsor Locks with his mother, her hometown. Joshua is the son of Gregory Blanchfield and Maryanne Preli. Mr. Blanchfield came from Bloomfield and is a resident of Windsor Locks.

Joshua entered the second grade at North, and when it came time for high school, he enrolled at Suffield Academy, where he was captain of the wrestling team (four years varsity) and member of the soccer and lacrosse teams.

At the academy, Joshua was awarded (graduation) three honors: Performing Arts, Speech Writing/Public Speaking and Scholarship Activity Award. (The Class of 1996)

His first priority, after Suffield was college, attending Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va., where he majored in American Studies, for one year.

"Hopefully," he said, "I'll be accepted at Fordham University in New York City, for the coming spring session," where he will pursue a degree in American History/American Studies. "It is my main hobby, love it, especially the Civil War," he added.

When he was in college (being) in the state of Virginia gave him the opportunity to view first hand, main battles of the Civil War in Virginia and Pennsylvania: Gettysburg in Pennsylvania, Bull Run and Chancellorsville in Virginia. Plus all the history connected with our nation's capitol buildings and monuments.

Before highlighting his future plans ... some hobbies, interests and what keeps him busy waiting for a call from Fordham. Joshua collects a great many books, mostly 20th century fiction, with authors such as Updike, Stout and Steinback.

Other interests, "hard core" music, television would include "Frontline" on PBS, "Law & Order," on NBC, and college wrestling for his sports viewing.

Now for Joshua, the runner, on Thanksgiving morning, for the past nine years, has participated in the Manchester Road Race (5K, under five miles). Last month he ran the JAVA Jolt 5K in the time of 24:57 (3.8 miles)

Being an outdoor person, the past four years, has been active as Camp Counselor at Camp Eagle Feather in Rocky Hill. He started at Camp Eagle at the age of 5, as camper, today just call him Mr. Counselor.

In addition, Joshua manages to keep occupied until the spring and college, with reading, and a race or two, nights are busy as employee of Dial American Marketing Inc. in Wethersfield, selling subscriptions over the phone, for benefit of "Mothers Against Drunk Drivers," the past four months.

Joshua has his "heart set on joining the Peace Corps, after college." After two years, has high hopes to apply for the Urban Youth Development Program.

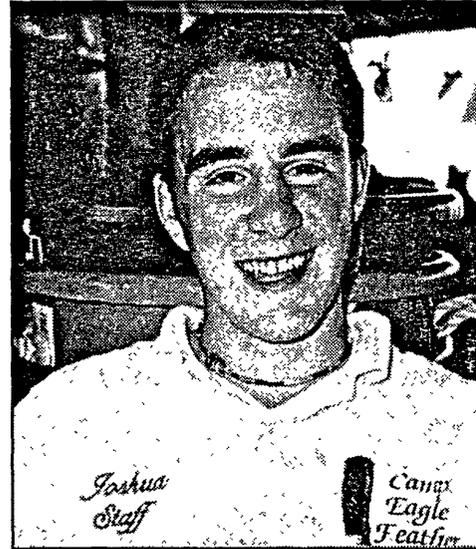
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serious ambitions in many areas

**Joshua
Blanchfield**



His personal philosophy, "Try to make a difference, regardless of how small, always working towards being a good person, and putting others before yourself."

His favorite quote (Russian) ... "In the field of apathy, only weeds shall grow." The way he views (these words of wisdom). "If you don't take a stand (in life) nothing will change ... (my main reason) for joining the Peace Corps."

When asked who he most admire? Named three individuals. "FDR, who made the most important decisions of this century ... Mr. Truman, who gave this country a new direction."

And "Noam Chomsky, Professor of Linguistics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who tells the truth about the government and media, and believes we should question everything and not go along with television and the media what it tells us, he opens your mind."

With Joshua adding, "Mr. Chomsky is the 8th most quoted individual in the history of the world, in the company of Plato and Sigmund Freud."

Epilog

Joshua Oliver Blanchfield ... has youth and years on his side. The young man has accomplished a great deal in his early years, with ambitions to test the years ahead.

The well-known writer Neil Simon spoke these words at a college commencement ... "I firmly believe that if you follow a path that interests you, not to the exclusion of love, sensitivity, and cooperation with others, but with the strength of conviction that you can move others by your own efforts, and do not make success or failure the criteria by which you live, the chances are you'll be a person worthy of your own respect ..."

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Joey and Gale LaPierre;

Joey and Gale LaPierre, two of our young people in town, having separate careers, plus the added enjoyment of raising a family. Joey the electrician, Gale the dental assistant, with two daughters Nikki and Katie, who was just 3 on Nov. 23, and Katie, 10 months and growing.

Joey's parents were C&K subjects in July of 1986. As that article stated, both Joe and Betty come from well-known families in Windsor Locks and Warehouse Point.

Betty Ruggiero LaPierre, is the daughter of the late Dominick Ruggiero and Rose Loisi Ruggiero, a resident of town.

Joseph Harold LaPierre Jr. was the son of Joseph Sr. and Jean Duval LaPierre, both deceased.

Joey, with the name of Joseph Harold LaPierre III, was into sports as a young boy playing Little League, with well-known coaches, Bob Creech, Billy O'Brien and Bob Reid.

Like his father before him, Joey joined the Windsor Locks Fire Department as a junior, in 1991, left the service due to the pressure of the family business. His father was Fire Chief of the local department, now retired, after many years in both the Windsor Locks and Warehouse Point departments.

Looking back to Joey's years with the fire department, he said, "I miss the fire service, especially the people, a time when the older members took care of the kids. They were father figures." Joey had served on various committees and was president of the social end of the department.

Additional comments on LaPierre J H Jr. & Son ... "Small town business, family oriented," Joey said, with electrical licenses in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Joe and Joey are members of the Independent Electrical Contractors Association.

Back to Joey's partner, Gale, also a native by all circumstances, a grad of WLHS, Class of 1985, where she excelled in cross-country, was Class Secretary, member of the school chorus and admitted, "Was into the fun of school."

Gale is the daughter of Raymond and Lou Paganelli and the late Rachel Brockett. Gale comes from a large family: three brothers, Gary of Suffield, Robert of Windsor Locks,

and Daniel of East Windsor; three sisters, Luanne and Teri of Windsor Locks and Joanne of Enfield. A sister, Cindy, is deceased.

Gale, unlike Joey, was not too sure of her career, after leaving the Raider school but soon made her decision to attend Springfield Technical College (for a year) with hopes of a career as dental assistant.

That dream has come true, for the past eight years Gale

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has been associated with McKenna Orthodontics, dentists with several offices in this area, and only recently opened up their newest location at the corner of Spring and Center Street in town.

Joey and Gale met by way of introduction by friends, were married on June 6, 1987, and have lived in town since the wedding day.

Now for the loves of their life: the two children, Nikki, looking forward to nursery school in February. Nikki's biggest enjoyment is watching the movie "Toy Story." Oh yes, she's daddy's girl and would you believe, Nikki wants to be an electrician when she grows up! Her younger sister Katie was fast asleep during the interview.

Joey and Gale admit "Having our daughters has been a major change in our lives, the first eight years we did travel and worked a lot, a few cruises to the Caribbean and South America."

What about Joey's hobbies or interests (when times permits)? "Fishing!" in the summer three days a week on the Connecticut shore, in the winter New York's Lake Ontario and in the spring up in Maine. Trips to the most northern state in New England, is with his 12 buddies, "My second family," he said. Why does he pick these spots? "Anywhere there is water and fish, especially at Niantic."

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young couple with busy lifestyles



The LaPierre family

Gale was asked about her interests, "Being a mother and my work, that's enough." But did add, "enjoy reading novel (fiction)."

How about the coming holidays (and yesterday) Thanksgiving and Christmas, with Gale saying, "With the families and we do make the rounds." When she was asked, for one word to describe Joey, "Extremist — be it fishing, playing with the kids or his work."

Joey was asked who he most admired? "My father, his good direction, a hard worker, gives 100 percent." Joey then added, "I also admired the late Bill Walters and Nick Ruggiero."

When Gale was asked who she most admired, "My late grandmother."

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Paul Sibilial - WLHS instrumental

Paul Gerard Sibilial always had high hopes and desires to be involved with music education. At Agawam High School, class of 1979, Paul actually received his first taste of teaching in the musical field with its summer band programs.

Paul spoke of past and present teaching experiences at our recent interview at Windsor Locks High School.

Today, Paul is the high school's instrumental and music director. His multiple talents in instruments include the clarinet, saxophone and bassoon.

Some background on the Springfield area native, the son of retired draftsman Al Sibilial and Pat Hannon Sibilial, both Springfield born, now residing in East Windsor. Paul has a brother Gary, also living across the river from our town.

During his high school years, besides musical involvement, Paul was on the golf team (a hobby he works at today), the math team, and member of the marching and concert bands.

Paul went on to Hartt School of Music (University of Hartford) graduating in 1985 with a degree in music education. He had double majors - music ed and performance.

Actually, Paul's first connection with the Raider school came earlier in 1983, as student teacher, under the direction of Neil Rinaldi, C&K, in June 1982.

Paul also served as substitute teacher in music education at the high school, full time as musical director at the South Elementary School (1984-94) and part time at a West Hartford elementary school.

Today, as instrumental and music director, his first high school musical as director was this year's hit "George M!" Previous to that show, Paul was an "orchestra member at (other) musicals, helping the kids, sitting in with them," he said.

Now for more personal background. On June 18, 1984, Paul married his "high school sweetheart" Carol Ann Boucher, who was also from western Massachusetts.

Carol is the daughter of the late George Boucher and Georgette, who now makes her home in Feeding Hills. Both are natives of the Bay State. Carol has a sister, Joanne Jagodowski, who resides in Manchester, N.H., with her husband David.

Carol, who is also musically inclined, attended the University of Massachusetts as a music ed candidate, however, when their first child was born, decided to be a mother full time.

After their wedding, they lived in West Springfield in 1991, moved to their current home in Somers.

Their three children - George Paul, Christopher Thomas and Anna Caroline. Young George is 5, attends kindergarten in Somers, "loves everything," according to his father, which includes music, biking and baseball. His favorite television show is "Arthur" on PBS.

Christopher is 3, in preschool, also enjoys music, biking and "Wish Bone" on PBS. Anna is 1 year old and her favorite is "Winnie-the-Pooh."

When their dad has free time, he may be found on the golf course, shoots in the 80s, or at home working on the family garden. He added, "Carol is just learning the fine

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points of golf."

Vacation time for the family is usually at Cape Cod. Paul admits to be both a Yankee and Red Sox fan (?). Oh yes, they both enjoy classical music, well, they said, all things musically.

When it's their turn for the TV - limited to CNN and PBS, with the current "Lewis & Clark" as examples of the viewing tastes.

Also looking back, Paul (during his college days) played with a band - weddings, parties and anniversaries, a youth band.

Paul and Carol are active at their church, All Saint's in Somers, where Carol plays the flute at Mass.

Paul is a member of two musical organizations: Connecticut Music Educators Association and Music Education National Conference.

When asked for comments on Windsor Locks parents and students - "The students are terrific, parents are very supportive in our musical programs and make the programs what they are."

As part of the interview, Paul was asked who he admired or had the most influence on his career. "My high school (Agawam) band director, Mr. Darcy Davis, now retired, a man of great character, extreme patience, very caring about his students."

and music director



The Sibilgia family

Paul has what he calls a simple philosophy - "Have a positive outlook, excellence cannot be achieved if we are coming from a negative attitude."

His favorite saying, also philosophical viewpoint - "The glass is always half full."

Epilog

Paul Gerard Sibilgia, family man, teacher and our music man at the high school. He emulates the positive characteristics of Mr. Davis (and just maybe) if a future senior class decides to stage "Mr. Holland's Opus," Mr. Sibilgia may audition for the part.

TownsPeople - Chris & Diane Overton:

Navy Lieutenant Commander Christopher George Overton...better known to his family, friends, neighbors and parishioners at St. Mary's Church...that nice guy and member of the fold choir: Chris Overton.

In addition, Chris is the proud father of two daughters, Chairman of the St. Mary's Parish Council and married to the equally proud mother of two...Diane Miller Overton.

Chris and Diane, forget the "east is east and west is west," he was from California and she from the keystone state of Pennsylvania.

The met at a softball game in Maryland, she was a school teacher at the time, (as spectator), and Chris the player and navy man, stationed in the nation's capital.

Let's travel back a few years, first to the golden state, where Chris was born in Orland, in the Sacramento Valley, the son of George and Joanne Levet Overton, who make their home in Orland. George was

originally from St. Louis, Joanne from Orland...George's family came from Missouri during the depression years.

The Overtons are parents of another son, Tim of Seattle, and two daughters Nancy and Suzanne, both living in California, on the day of the interview, we also met Nancy, who was visiting Connecticut.

Chris was a three-letter athlete at Orland High School, Class of 1982, baseball, basketball and football. Also active as member of the Future Business Leaders of America, "Block-O," and California Scholarship Federation. Diane reminded the writer..."Chris was also valedictorian of his class."

Chris, looking back at those high school years, said, "I wanted to be a navy pilot...as

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a junior, energy (also) interested me." At the school, Standard Oil came to Orland looking for students who wanted to be future engineers. Chris was one of interested students.

He then enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley, graduating in 1986, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Chris also became involved with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, with the rank of Battalion Commander in his senior year.



The Overton Family

family, church and Navy

His naval career began with graduation and commission as Ensign, U.S. Navy, June 1986. Chris was then assigned to Headquarters Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program in Washington, D.C.

Up-to-date...his advancement...Ensign two years, Lieutenant Junior Grade two years, seven years as Lieutenant, and this year earned the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Now east meets west...in the east, at a softball game...a new beginning for Chris and Diane.

Some background on Diane, daughter of Dale and Jean Ebert Miller, both from Allentown, PA., and residents of the town, located in the eastern part of the state. Diane has a brother Dean, sisters Donna and Denise, all of Allentown.

Diane was also athletically inclined, at Parkland High School, Class of 1984, field hockey player, involved in school activities, Year Book Staff, Key Club (Kiwanis International for students) and President of the Student Council.

She went on to the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1988, with a degree in Education. Diane's first teaching position was in Montgomery County in Maryland, Elementary School (first grade) for four years.

After their initial meeting...friendship turned to romance and their wedding day of October 12, 1991, in Alexandria, VA.

The newlyweds lived in Alexandria, city on the Potomac River for eight months. The next three years were spent west in Idaho Falls, Idaho...Chris' new assignment.

In 1995, Chris and Diane moved to Connecticut, and their current home in Windsor Locks.

Diane's teaching "was put on hold", her last position was in Idaho during their time in the GEM State. Now admits..."A full time mother."

Chris had been assigned to Windsor's Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (located next to ABB) as "Senior Government Representative on loan to the Department of Energy." Chris is involved in the "closing of the location, to wrap up in 1999."

More on the family...their two daughters, Megan, 2 1/2, with her parents saying, "Everyone knows Megan," who enjoys dance classes, and "Arthur" on TV PBS. Her sister, Sarah, five months, "a happy baby," who was awake for most of the interview,

but finally had enough of the talk and' asleep.

When asked about hobbies, "Hard to have hobbies," but time permitting, both enjoy biking, with Chris around the house, "Mr. Fix-it."

They agreed travel is a family enjoyment...they have had their share, from the state of Washington to the beauty of the New England States. They also agreed, you can see beauty in the east or western states.

More on church activities...Chris has been a member of the folk choir (Diane was a member), the past two years, under the leadership of Susan Leach.

Chris as Chairman of the Parish Council...they meet once a month on the second Tuesday, with "our mission is to assist the pastor administer to the parish."

Recently, Chris has been involved with the taping of Sunday Mass, to be seen every Sunday at 10:30 on Cable 08.

Change of pace...how about the Red Sox or Yankees? Chris is all west coast...San Francisco Giants in baseball and the 49ers in pro football.

Chris' personal philosophy..."If you are doing something, do it right!" Admiration for others...both said their parents...Chris: "Always made it clear education was most important, sacrificed for me, my brother and sisters." Diane: "Hard working and honest people."

Epilogue

Chris and Diane Overton have had their share of traveling, be it Idaho or Connecticut, now raising a family, active in their church, for Chris, responsibilities in our nation's energy operations.

With Christmas only a few days from now, with Megan and Sarah in mind..."Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall." With Chris and Diane in mind..."May we not 'spend' Christmas, or 'observe' Christmas, but rather 'keep' it."

Mark and Kelly Kulas

Mark and Kelly Kulas are another example of east meeting, in this case, Midwest, being married, settling down in Windsor Locks, raising two young athletes, daughter Lindsey and son Craig. Both Little Leaguers, softball and baseball.

Their dad, from a well-known local family, has been coach and manager for several years, with Kelly also a coach for a year, when Craig first started T-ball.

This congenial family group very involved in their children's sports and campaign, definitely a family affair.

But first, more on Mark Steven Kulas, native son of Robert and Joan Clee Kulas, also native born, still residents of Windsor Locks. Robert, now retired from the school system, former part-time local policeman. Robert is a veteran of World War II, U.S. Army. Joan also with local heritage, Mark's grandfather George Clee

was a former chairman of the Board of Finance.

Mark has two brothers, Gary and Wayne of town, and a sister, Pamela, who lives in Boston.

Mark is a grad of WLHS, Class of 1975, where he played football his freshman year under Coach Pat Scelza. Mark decided after high school, to attend college,

and take up heating and air-conditioning, at Hartford State Technical College, but said, after a little over a year, "not my cup of tea."

He went to work at Choice-Vend, for two years, and then travel decisions were made with a friend, (a local young man) Steve Murkowicz, desires to see the country, drove a truck (with motorcycles) to Michigan, on to the West Coast. Their trip back east, a stop at Phoenix, Ariz. Mark stayed for a month, Steve is

still there.

Mark on his return from Arizona, decided (again) to work at Choice-Vend, until the company closed. In 1982, joined the John H.

Harland Company in Enfield, according to Mark "second largest check printing company in USA", and today, warehouse and mail room supervisor.

Now for Kelly Lynch Kulas, daughter of John and Shirley Warren Lynch, both natives of Michigan, and residents of Clarkston, Mich. Mr. Lynch, a retired surveyor, served in the Philippines, U.S. Army, during World War II. Kelly has two brothers, Mike, who lives in New York State, Aaron of Michigan, two sisters, both residing in Michigan, Mollie and Shannan.

Kelly graduated from

Clarkston High School, Class of 1978. She, too, was to make decisions after high school, and travel it was ... her sister Shannon was stationed with the army in Germany, who sent Kelly a "one-way ticket," to visit her. Her visit lasted five months, saying, "I loved it." Another family affair, their brother Mike at the time was also a serviceman in Germany.

Kelly then decided to go to work — two years was an employee at a local factory in Clarkston. Another visit and traveling — to Shannon's home, who at the time, was living in Connecticut, Fairview Street in Windsor Locks. One of Shannon's neighbors, Mark Kulas. Kelly meets Mark, were married on May 23, 1982, and lived in town since the wedding day. Kelly has worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in town the past 11 years.

To complete the young Kulas family, their children,

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— very involved in family affairs



Mark, Lindsey, Craig and Kelly Kulas

Lindsay Ann Kulas, 15, second year at WLHS, favorite subject English, softball player for the past two years, under her dad's old coach, Pat Scelza. Lindsey is class president of the

sophomore class, her favorite TV program is "90210." Her future plans include college and study of political science.

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The other athlete in the family, Craig Robert Kulas, 10, fifth grade at the South School, enjoys "Simpsons" and wrestling on TV and very much into sports in town, basketball, soccer, baseball and bowling.

Craig roots for the Red Sox and 49ers in pro football. With his mother adding, "Craig knew all the names of baseball players on his cards, even before he could read!" For the record, his dad is a big St. Louis Cards fan.

More on Lindsey's achievements, as a student at the middle school (8th graders) she represented the State of Connecticut in Washington, D.C., at a dinner (with her parents), in addition to viewing all the famous landmarks of our nation's capital. High point of the above dinner, was a speech by then Governor of New York, Mario M Cuomo. The trip was sponsored by the "Prudential Spirit of Community Awards."

Now that the background has been covered, how about their hobbies/interests ... for Mark, the fisherman in the family, be it the Connecticut or Farmington Rivers, or a family trip to Lake Ontario. Camping is the family way of spending summer months in New York State, visiting friends in the New England States, or meeting Kelly's family at Gettysburg, Pa., in this year, and a planned trip in the new year to

Ohio.

Kelly the computer wiz in the family, and one who has adapted herself in the world of the Internet, had corresponded (if that's the right terminology) with an individual in far off Australia ... he came (on a business trip to the state) and visited the Kulas family. A friend from down under.

Oh the Little League program, a part of the family since Lindsey was a nine-year-old. Lindsey, in addition to the WLHS softball team, a member the past season with dad as coach for the Mastercraft team. What makes Mark stay involved in Little League? "Well I love sports, it's a great way to be with our kids, and (always) a lot of fun, especially around the other players."

Christmas a few days away, the Kulas family will be spending the holidays at home, last year they went to Michigan.

Another subject ... Kelly had this to say when asked who she admired? "My mother, she taught (all of us) values in life, and I guess you would say, my philosophy of life, to show those same values to our children.

Did she have a word to describe Mark? or words, "yes, he is usually about sports," and transfers those thoughts into action, be it camping, fishing or Little League. Which brings to mind, the following ... "Sports do not build characters. They reveal it."

John and Laurel Hoynoski:

John and Laurel Hoynoski are two talented young people with separate and diverse careers, in addition to raising three young and energetic daughters.

John and Laurel showed a well organized demeanor, with different working schedules, he as policeman, she as a school bus driver. We found a most happy couple, during our interview a few weeks before Christmas.

Their three daughters, Emily, Briana and Carley, were all in attendance, probably anxiously waiting for the holidays, which in their case is a family affair.

But first some background ... the girls' mother, Laurel Camilleri Hoynoski, with her maiden name having a definite ring ... parents of Laurel are Mike and Laurel DePaolis Camilleri (they of the Camilleri Bros. Floor & Wall) were subjects of C&K in September of 1980. Another daughter, Maria and her husband Brian Michaud were featured in the February issue this year. Mike and Laurel have another daughter Christine, and a son Mike Jr., former Marine with four years service and currently a policeman in West Hartford.

Growing up, Laurel was quite an athlete in her years at WLHS, Class of 1985, where she played soccer, softball in the town league, and was coach in the league for two years. Almost forgot ... 1985, the year of "Annie Get Your Gun," the high school musical, with Laurel playing the part of "Nellie." (Looked it up in my collections of programs)

After high school, Laurel had ambitions to "work in the business world," and began (for a year) with the Hartford Insurance Group, followed by two years at Cigna. Then a position, she really enjoyed, assistant in legal work with the Hartford firm of Pomeranz, Drayton & Stobnick, that lasted five years, until the first of their three daughters was born, Ms. Emily.

Now for the father of the family, John Joseph Hoynoski, who admitted, "No, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do as to a career." He knew education would have to be a part of it.

But some information on John, the son of the late Chester and Mary Michela, Hoynoski who makes her home in West Springfield, the town he grew up in, and admits, he still misses the old town.

John has a brother Tony, who lives in Ware, Mass. They have a brother and sister, who are twins, Chester who lives in Chicago, and Laura who makes her home in Ohio.

John is a grad of West Springfield High School, Class of 1982, where he was on the track team, and as a freshman played football.

With John, education did come first, he became a part-time student at the Springfield Technical Community College where he studied computer/electronics. Several years later (1992) John earned an associate's degree in general studies at Asnuntuck Comm-Tech College in Enfield.

John's first position in the working world was with St. Paul Insurance in Holyoke (1982 to 1984), followed by six months at a trade school taking up graphic arts. Still not sure of his career, he went back to insurance with the Monarth firm in Springfield. The next two positions were on the technical side, with Bay State Medical and Gerber Scientific.

John's next position would probably be his final career move, he attended the Connecticut Police Academy, in 1991 became a police officer, in the state of Connecticut. A role, he said, "I really enjoy, the helping of people and (providing) services," for the past six years.

How did John and Laurel meet? Roller skating in Agawam, and they walked down the aisle on March 31, 1990, and have lived in Windsor Locks since that day.

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As mentioned, Laurel left her job with the legal firm to have their family, first Emily Laurel, 4-1/2 has attended nursery school, enjoys "Rug Rats", on TV, then Briana Mary, 3, her favorite on the tube is "Little Bear," and then there's little Carley Rose, 8 months, and waiting in the wings.

Emily and Briana are into gymnastics, according to their proud parents, "they are all easy going and quite flexible, oh yes, they look different," as to personality.

In September of this year Laurel took on another job, driving a local school bus for the Symth Bus Co. In addition, before the experiences in this new endeavor, she worked part-time at the Town Hall, with clerical duties.

Her comments on driving the bus "The kids are nice, and it's a great way to be with my girls!" Wait a minute. With your girls? "Yes, we have three special seats with proper belts for all three, who sit near me." All in a day's work for Laurel, the girl with a great smile.

Now there's more on Laurel, since April of 1995, she has been the recording secretary for the Windsor Locks Fire Commission, with these kind words, "A good group of people, they made me feel welcomed."

Our biggest smiles and laughs from John and Laurel, when asked, what they do in their spare time? "No time." Laurel's replay, but she said, "I used to read a lot and do some sewing, but we did take the time in September of 1996 to go to Disney World, with two of the older girls, Carley wasn't born yet."

John's hobbies, "I can get lost in history books, anything about wars (and the generals) Patton and Lee, the famous battles, anything military." Adding, "I do keep up with

combining careers with family



The Hoynoski family

sports, and when it comes to television we both enjoy "X-Files." Keeping with her Italian heritage, Laurel's favorite food, pasta, of course.

Laurel and John agreed, when it comes to admiration, it's their parents, with John saying, "They contributed at certain (critical) times of our lives." Laurel "they taught us to be good to others, the family is important."

John's personal philosophy, "I love to deal with people, and always be there for the family." Laurel, "Just be satisfied with what you have."

Epilog

That's the story of Laurel and John Hoynoski, and their three daughters. I reminded John, he was surrounded by a bevy of beauties. He had no argument there.

Yes, they are a busy family, with different careers, and knowing the importance of being parents, which is greater.

Both these young people had diversified jobs, but the following rings true, "People often say that this or that person has not yet found him or her self. But the self is not something that one finds. It is something one creates."