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DOWN TO THE WIRE



Photo by Arnold Gold

Brian Morrissey ties down a Christmas tree for Vilma Boyd (not in photo) of Monroe at Jones Family Farms in Shelton Dec. 15.

Consultant to help with ethics rules

By Jean Falbo-Sosnovich
Special to the Weekly

SHELTON — The Board of Aldermen has rejected a proposed ethics ordinance, sending it back to the drawing board for more work.

The board plans to get the help of a consultant from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

Revisions that had been proposed the last few months primarily addressed the following:

- Acceptance of gifts.
- Determining who will punish an individual who is suspended or removed from office or employment for ethics code violations.

- Prohibiting the revelation of information discussed in execution session.

The aldermen in last week's vote did not specify why they rejected it, but voted against the proposal without prejudice, meaning the proposed changes can be included in the next proposal when it comes up again for discussion.

Alderman Jack Finn, who was not at the meeting, believes having a consultant assist is the next step.

"I made a recommendation at the meeting prior that we should hire or discuss with an expert who has working knowledge of ethics as to what steps we should take next," Finn said.

"I believe that (aldermanic President) John (Anglace) may be going that route. My understanding is there were

many issues with the proposed ethics code, both pro and con," he said.

Anglace could not be reached for comment, but had mentioned at the meeting last week that the proposal will be taken up in January.

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Local man charged with manslaughter, DUI

Staff report

SHELTON — A 26-year-old local man was charged with manslaughter with a motor vehicle Tuesday, stemming from a crash in April that killed a 52-year-old local man.

Nicola Urbani of 27 Adams Dr. turned

himself in at police headquarters. He was charged with second-degree manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police said Urbani's 2004 Chevrolet Silverado collided with a 2005 Ford Escape

at the intersection of Nichols Avenue and Isinglass Road on April 30 at about 2:20 a.m. The driver of the Escape, Bradner Cameron of Shelton, was killed. Urbani was injured.

Urbani was released on a \$50,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Superior Court in Derby Jan. 3.

St. Vincent De Paul lends 'Helping Hands' to Valley families

By Patricia Villers
Special to the Weekly

DERBY — The smiles were genuine Tuesday afternoon as St. Vincent De Paul Helping Hands of the Valley distributed Christmas dinner fixings and gifts to more than 150 needy Valley families.

St. Vincent De Paul runs a thrift shop and food pantry. Director Sandi Bailie said she has seen an increased need for the non-profit organization's assistance. This Christmas, the distribution came to \$196,119 worth of food and gifts, Bailie said.

Some of the families the nonprofit assisted had already received their Christmas gifts before Tuesday.

Single mother Lisa Dezolt of Shelton, who is out of work, said the assistance "brings tears to my eyes." She said "times are hard" and she was grateful to Bailie and shop manager Cindy Barbian.

Shari Lotto of Naugatuck, a single mother of two teens, said, "Sandi (Bailie) is the best. She's awesome. I've never met anyone like her."

Another single mother, resident Judy Lynk, said this was the second year she's needed assistance. Her children are ages 14 and 5. "Last year, they gave me such nice gifts, I was crying."

Oxford resident Ruth Rogger said it has been

tough on her family, as well. She was picking up gifts for herself and her husband, as well as her son, daughter-in-law and their four children. All of the adults are out of work, she said.

"This is a great help," Rogger said, "but I'd rather be the one helping."

Crystal DeHart of Waterbury said she appreciated all the support she has gotten for her family, and now her 5-year-old granddaughter as well, over the years. "They always give such nice presents."

Food distribution included a turkey, fixings, fresh produce and dairy products, as well as five bags of nonperishable pantry items. Families also received \$40 supermarket gift cards.

As in previous years, bags of food were carried out to clients' cars by volunteers led by Jim Guarrera, an owner of Carey & Guarrera Realty of Shelton.

Volunteers included his employees, Shelton High School students and college students home for Christmas.

The food pantry serves about 34 families every week, Bailie said.

The organization needs monetary donations, and the store needs donations of clothing and shoes for men, women and children, as well as housewares, linens, bric-a-brac, books and toys. Volunteers are always needed, as well, Bailie said.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Love Always Hopes
A Collection of Don Greer Originals, In Honor of His Granddaughter's Life



Local family produces calendars to raise funds for Niemann Pick Disease Foundation

Staff report

SHELTON — Last year at this time the Tyrrell family was joined by several local business owners to raise funds for Niemann Pick Disease, the illness that is threatening to take the life of 8-year-old Naomi Tyrrell. Naomi's mother, Lorna Tyrrell, photographed the family's puppies and turned the pictures into calendars with inspirational quotes.

When all was said and done, 350 calendars were made and more than \$2,000 (100 percent of the proceeds) was donated to the National Niemann Pick Disease Foundation. This money will fund research for a cure for Naomi and the other children who are afflicted with this disease.

This year, Lorna's father, Don Greer, joined the effort. Greer is an award-winning artist who specializes in oil paintings of New England landscapes. Twelve of his works will be featured in this year's calendar, titled "Love Always Hopes," alongside verses of the Bible encouraging hope and perseverance in the search to cure Niemann

Pick Disease.

In addition to "Love Always Hopes," Lorna produced a second calendar of adorable puppies and inspirational quotes.

"The calendars are a way to do something, in a situation where the doctors told us nothing could be done. Although there is always a tension between hope and reality, I can't give up. My daughter is worth fighting for," said Lorna.

Naomi's mother and grandfather are not the only ones inspired by this little girl to contribute to the effort for a cure. Shelton and Trumbull business owners have also been touched by the plight of Naomi and others like her, and have offered to make the calendars available in their stores.

In Shelton, calendars are available at: Liquid Lunch, 434 Howe Ave.; Huntington Hardware, 500 Shelton Ave.; Hot Tops, 240 Long Hill Cross Road #4; and Minute Man Press, 524 Howe Ave. In Trumbull, the calendars are available at Kenny Z's Salon, 2 Daniels Farm Road.

The calendars are available for a \$10 donation through January 2011.



Lorna and Naomi Tyrrell

Bulletin Board

Emergency Medical Technician Classes

Echo Hose Ambulance will be sponsoring three EMT Classes starting Jan. 17. Two evening classes and one daytime class are available. One of the evening classes will meet on Monday and Wednesday evening from 6 to 10 p.m. The second evening class will meet on Tuesday and Thursdays from 7 to 11 p.m. The daytime class is an accelerated class and meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Classes will be held at 286 Howe Ave. in Shelton. Tuition for each class is \$575 and includes all books and materials required to complete the course. A \$225 deposit is required to reserve a seat and payment plans are available. To enroll in this class please register or to get more information about a class visit www.echohose.com or contact Joe Laucella at 203-924-5500 ext. 4.

Classes fill up quickly. Reserve your seat now.

AARP Chapter meeting

AARP Chapter 3240 will hold its next meeting Tuesday Jan. 18, 2011 at the Shelton Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. The guest speaker will discuss tax issues for Seniors. Guests are invited. Call Dot Ward 924-0460 or check out our web site at www.aarpchapter3240.org

Shelton Community Lions Club

The Shelton Community Lions Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month at the Shelton Community Center. We are the Shelton Community Lions Club. Meetings start at 6 p.m. and are usually over around 7 and consist of planning and discussing community service projects. New members and anyone interested in learning about the Lions may attend.

For more information or to get involved in the Shelton Community Lions Club contact Ann Walsh at 203-924-9849 or via e-mail at sheltonlions@gmail.com.

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