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Gilbert Welcomes Winchester Middle Schoolers



Principal Dan Hatch shares a light moment with students at the bus loop at the conclusion of the first day of school for 7th- and 8th-graders on Sept. 1, 2011.

The Gilbert School has, in effect, become a junior-senior high school with the arrival of 7th- and 8th-graders this fall.

Last year, the Gilbert School Corporation and the Winchester Board of Education reached an agreement to send the town's 7th- and 8th-graders from Pearson Middle School to the Gilbert campus beginning in the fall of 2011.

With the eventual closing of the

Pearson facility, the move is expected to save money for Winchester taxpayers while boosting Gilbert's enrollment from 325 to 565 pupils, or by approximately 75%.

Consequently, Gilbert has hired several new teachers, some of whom have migrated to the campus from Pearson.

One new face is Susan Sojka, the recently hired assistant principle for the middle school.

Meanwhile, maintenance crews were busy all summer readying portions of the school for smaller students and adjusting schedules to accommodate a much larger enrollment.

So far, administrators say the transition has gone off without a hitch.

— Terry Cowgill

Summer 2011 Improvements

- Poured cement slab outside chorus room for drainage and potential patio.
- More cameras on the grounds (including 2nd floor).
- New lockers - grades 7 and 8.
- New computer lab in room 110.
- Gym floor re-done/new gym door.
- Guidance office redesign.
- Staff lounge to new location.
- Extensive painting and furniture relocation.
- Handicap bathrooms redone.
- Entire building re-keyed.

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On the cover: The Gilbert School opened its doors in September to 7th- and 8th-graders, effectively transforming us into a junior-senior high school.

63 Seniors Bid Adieu at 2011 Graduation

Cornelius “Neal” Walsh ‘66 (right) gave the 2011 commencement address as The Gilbert School graduated 63 seniors on Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

“It is a great honor, a stunning honor, to speak here,” Walsh said, adding that he had been asked to give some words of advice to the graduates about what lies ahead for them. “But [in these uncertain times] I feel very unprepared and perhaps unworthy to speak to you about the future ahead.”

Walsh is a retired diplomat who served in the U.S State Department, primarily in Europe and Africa. He currently serves as a consultant based in the African nation of Chad.

Walsh noted that while at Gilbert he was a mediocre student and “the worst player on a football team that won three games. This is to say that all of you can do very well if you put your minds to it.”

The graduates then received their diplomas from retiring Superintendent David Cressy, Principal Dan Hatch (who also addressed the graduates) and Steve Sedlack, who chairs the W.L. Gilbert School Corporation Steve Sedlack.

— Terry Cowgill



Commencement speaker Neal Walsh ‘66 addresses the graduates.



The Gilbert Vocal Ensemble performs “One Day” by Matisyahu.



Jessica Elizabeth Battista receives her diploma from Steve Sedlack, chairman of the Gilbert School Corporation, and Superintendent David Cressy.

Blue & Gold Reunion 2011

Each spring, we welcome our “golden alumni” (alumni of classes from 50 years ago and earlier) as we celebrate the annual Blue & Gold Reunion with a light buffet supper in the school’s cafeteria.

It is an opportunity for alumni to gather and reminisce about their years as students and for us to say thank you for the important part they have played in the history of our school. Each year, we especially recognize those from the newest class reaching the 50 year mark.

The featured speaker this year was Ellen (Cormier) Martino ‘83, a member of the Gilbert Trust and a former Gilbert “faculty brat.” Ellen gave a testimonial on behalf of the school’s new planned giving program, The W.L. Gilbert Legacy Society.



Members of the Class of 1961 posed for a group photo before dinner. From left: Margaret (Passini) Veronesi; Marjorie (Simmons) Yarzab; David W. Lemere; Martha (Barrett) Sevigny; Celia “Bunny” (Giannatasio) Dziedzic; John L. Fratini; Louis R. Roy.



The Gilbert School Jazz Band performed and the work of Gilbert art students was displayed on the walls.



Martha (Barrett) Sevigny '61 received her certificate of appreciation from Gilbert School Corporation President Steve Sedlack '60.



Josephine “Babe” (Staszowski) Ochotnicki '43, Stan Staszowski '35 and Mary Ellen Vaccari '72.



The class of 1957 was well represented at the Blue & Gold reunion.



Music by "Kevin and Pete" (a.k.a. Kevin LeMere '80 and Pete Hurlbut '76).



Kelly O'Dell '89, Jen Clauss DeVita '88 and Russell Davenport '89.



Jerry Silverio '82 and Alyson Gunzinger '84.



Kelly O'Dell '89 and Heather Ziolkowski-Carr '90.

Threepeat: Alumni Raise \$2,000 For Clough Scholarship

A crowd of Gilbert alumni and friends turned out July 22 at P. Sam's in Torrington for the third annual silent auction to benefit the Ean Clough '84 Memorial Scholarship.

Music was provided by "Kevin and Pete" (a.k.a. Kevin LeMere '80 and Pete Hurlbut '76).

The auction raised almost \$2,000 for the scholarship. Many thanks to the donors and planners who made it all possible!



Mike Karolyi '84, Alyson Gunzinger '84, Willis Whalen '84.

Friday, July 22, 2011
P. Sam's Bar & Grill
Torrington, Connecticut

Superintendent Cressy Retires

The following remarks were delivered by former science teacher Craig Schroeder upon the retirement of Gilbert Superintendent Dr. David Cressy on Aug. 31, 2011:

Good afternoon everyone. For those of you who don't know me or others who tried all summer to forget me, I am Craig Schroeder, the school/community liaison. I was asked to say a few words about Dr. Cressy's retirement.

Dr. Cressy was hired as Gilbert's first and only part-time superintendent on July 1, 2004. His retirement at the end of August ends a 43 year career in education, including 29 years as a superintendent. He received his bachelor of arts and master of education degrees from Providence College and a 6th-year certificate in secondary administration and a doctor of philosophy degree in educational leadership from the University of Connecticut. He also participated in a summer study program in comparative education at the University of Oxford in England. He served as an adjunct professor in the schools of education at the University of Connecticut and Southern Connecticut State University. In 2002, the Connecticut Association of Public Schools recognized Dr. Cressy as its superintendent of the year.

These are all wonderful accolades and achievements but as we all know the secret to success in the education field is to learn something new in your job every day. For this reason I believe Dr. Cressy will agree with me the most important degree he has is the latest one he earned his PG degree. PG meaning Presence at Gilbert. The on-the-job learning he had in Winsted and the experiences afforded him in

his tenure here are second to none in his long career in education.

His involvement in the politics of Winsted and his dealings with the Winsted Board of Education were, I am sure, an eye-opening experience. Another requirement for his PG degree was achieved via a rather quick learning curve and that was learning how to get things accomplished using the Gilbert Way of Doing Things.

If we were involved in banking instead of education, we would all be aware of the dates that the latest issued CD's would be due. But at Gilbert over the last 7 years the faculty and staff were usually aware of when we were due to have our next CD, meaning a (Cressy Day).

One could always tell when Dr. Cressy was in attendance either by the difference in the dress code observed in the building, by seeing Sandy O'Connor bringing coffee to the second floor or by the phones in the main office being answered after no more than three rings. Another memory we will have of the CDs (Cressy Days) is the apprehension about, but appreciation for, the numerous "Voluntary Faculty Meetings" held after school in the library.

For instituting those meetings and using them as a way to keep us informed of the various changes and challenges we faced, I believe we are all thankful. I know I speak for many of the faculty members when I say we appreciated those meetings so much that we hope Mr. Hatch keeps this CD here, meaning Cressy Decision, and makes all future faculty meetings voluntary.

To many the timing of this celebration of Dr. Cressy's retirement may



Dr. David Cressy accepts gifts and praise from school officials at a retirement gathering Aug. 31, 2011, in the school's cafeteria.

seem strange, occurring at the beginning of the new school year rather than at the end of the year. Considering the amount of time and energy that was put into this accomplishment, it is easy to understand that Dr. Cressy wanted to be present as the superintendent of The Gilbert School tomorrow when we welcome our many new faculty members and the three new classes to our school. Not only the usual welcome for the new 9th grade, but also the addition of the 7th and 8th grades.

This brings me to the first "Thought of the Day" for the 2011-2012 school year. The author is Walt Disney:

"Somehow I can't believe that there are any heights that can't be scaled by a man who knows the secrets of making dreams come true. These special secrets are curiosity, confidence, courage, and constancy, and the greatest of all is confidence. When you believe in a thing, believe it all the way, implicitly and unquestionably."

Good luck, Dr. Cressy, on your retirement and thank you for all you have done for The Gilbert School faculty, staff, administration, but especially the students.

Craig C. Schroeder, Aug. 31, 2011

Around the Years: Class Notes



Sarah Bement '80

1980

Sarah Bement received her Ph.D. in educational psychology in December 2010 from Capella University.

1982

Tara (Finn) Forschino writes: "Once my daughter Julia was born in 2000, I gave up my insurance underwriting career in New York City to be a stay at home mom in Norwalk, CT. After my youngest child Darren entered kindergarten in 2009, I decided to expand upon my new found passion for gardening and in 2010 I graduated from UCONN's Master Gardener Program. In exchange for this extensive horticultural training, I now provide gardening and environmental information to my local community by volunteering at the Bartlett Arboretum's plant diagnostic facility and assist in maintain-

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In Memoriam

1928

William E. Flint
July 2010

1935

Hazel F. (Stelson) Simons
December 10, 2010

1936

Dr. Albert Dolinsky
February 13, 2010

1937

F. Harrison DeMars
October 13, 2010

1938

Norman W. Davey
April 2, 2010

1940

George E. Zecher
January 3, 2011

1943

Dorothy L. (Madin) Nash
March 25, 2011
Elliott W. Reichler
March 25, 2011

1946

Kathleen (Novak)
Reichler
October 12, 2007

1947

Robert A. Jones
August 12, 2010

1954

Frank D. Ursone Jr.
November 28, 2009

1961

Clarence "Bucky" Barrett
April 19, 2010

1965

Donald L. Reese
March 24, 2011

1980

Susan H. Gifford-Deleon
August 22, 2011

1986

Achilles Adam "Archie"
Smith
June 1, 2011

Gilbert Trust Awards \$70k In College Funds

At its annual scholarship awards event Monday evening, June 13, The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation awarded almost \$70,000 in higher education assistance to 59 Gilbert School seniors and alumni.

More than 170 award recipients, parents, board members, faculty and staff attended the Trust-sponsored awards event in the school auditorium, followed by a coffee and dessert reception. The TGS Jazz Combo provided pre-event entertainment.

The Gilbert Trust, the non-profit organization that supports the town's quasi-public high school, holds more than \$1.5 million in endowed scholarships and other named funds, many of which have been in existence since the early 1900s. The funds were established by graduates, local businesses and other friends of the school and are awarded each year to deserving applicants.

One of the highlights of the evening was when Trust President Tom Botticelli presented graduating senior Mallory Rotondo with the Phyllis C. Locascio Scholarship. The \$10,000 higher-education award, renewable for a total of up to four years, was made possible last year by a generous bequest from the late Ms. Locascio of Winsted.

Mallory is the daughter of Cathy and James Rotondo, the director of public works for the town of Winchester. Mallory is headed this fall to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

- Photos and text by Terry Cowgill



Graduating senior Mallory Rotondo, left, won the Phyllis C. Locascio Scholarship. Gilbert Trust Scholarship Committee Chair Elaine Fortuna congratulated Mallory.



Scholarship recipients posed for a group photo.



Senior Jennie Fritch, center, won two scholarships. She is flanked by her parents, Rik and Lisa Fritch.

Life Is Now 'Sweet' For Young Joe



Joe Sweet '03 returned to campus late last year to teach business concepts to John Domrowski's classes. John himself graduated from Gilbert exactly 40 years before Joe.

If the story of Joseph M. Sweet '03 isn't one of rags-to-riches, then it's darned close.

Joe grew up in Winsted with four siblings and a single mom living in a small apartment on Spencer Street. His mother, who later became a nurse, gave birth to Joseph when she was only 16 and the family got by on \$8,000 a year. Living under such conditions, young Joe lacked a lot of things, including self-esteem.

"I was in special ed from kindergarten to 5th grade," Joe recalled recently. "I ended up at Gilbert even though everyone said I should have gone to Oliver Wolcott. But I always viewed Gilbert as prestigious. And that's where I wanted to go."

And the strategy worked. Not only was Joe the first in his family to finish college, but he has both a law degree and an MBA and helps run a distinguished program at a major research university. Not bad for a guy whose teachers had all but given up on him in elementary school.

"Gilbert gave me the opportunity to take higher-level classes," Joe said in an interview during a working visit to campus late last year. "I loved UConn English with Mr. Cangelosi. He taught me so much that I almost couldn't appreciate it. But it stuck with me later."

Much later, on the graduate management admission test (GMAT), Joe got a perfect score on the writing section. "I can only attribute that to Gilbert," he quickly added.

In addition to that advanced-level language arts class, Joe enjoyed challenging classes with Judy Lang (math) Cindy Prelli (business) and John Higgins (classics). The latter subject, with its emphasis on Roman culture, "got me interested in international business."

"Beyond academics, I didn't have a whole lot going for me," Joe admitted. "I was regarded as a geek, the teacher's pet, but not the one who was most likely to succeed."

Joe admits he wasn't a natural athlete. But while at Gilbert he ran

cross country, wrestled and was on the track team -- all individual sports. He was even elected captain on the cross country and track teams.

"I especially loved cross country," he explained. "You can participate in every meet. There's a high level of personal accountability."

After graduating from Gilbert in 2003, Joe went on to UConn, where he eventually became comptroller for the student government and "got to use the accounting skills I learned at Gilbert." Joe graduated from a 150-credit undergraduate program in 2007 with a double-degree in economics and international business.

Then he stayed on at the state's flagship university and enrolled in a graduate program that allowed him to work on an MBA and a law degree simultaneously. That program is structured to let students complete both degrees in three and a half years instead of the usual five. While in that very demanding program, Joe still found time to gain valuable work experience in a variety of jobs, most notably as a law clerk for the university's dining services, investigating employee grievances.

Now he's a program specialist and instructor at the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, a part of the UConn Business School.

"We help hi-tech start-ups with marketing strategies and help them raise investor capital," Joe explained.

This fall, Joe married Cara McDonald, a pharmacy technician whom he met on a blind date sophomore year. He passed the bar exam last summer and is ready to begin his adult life in earnest.

As for his humble beginnings, Joe said, "The cycle needed to be broken. You just have to want to do it."

- Terry Cowgill

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ing their herb garden weekly. It's a wonderful outreach and educational program that is drastically different and much more rewarding from my intense corporate days in NYC. Plus, I get to spend more time with my family."

1984

Dawn (Pilch) Sykes graduated from Naugatuck Valley Community College with an associate's degree in science in May. Dawn works as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington.



Katie Gallo, Paul Gallo '84, Madison Gallo, Deacon John Kruer, Joyce Ann Gallo '87 and Dave Buss, at Madison's baptism, July 17, 2011, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church in Westlake Village, Calif.

1985

Paul Gallo and his wife Katie welcomed their first child, daughter Madison Sofia Gallo, on May 16, 2011. The Gallo family lives in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2007

Carol St. Sauveur graduated in May from Montserrat College of Art and is currently working at NASA creating a documentary of their internship program and two

campus. She lives in Snow Hill, Maryland.

2008

Keith Sykes was the winner of the Bruce LeVine Mellon Summer Student Research Fellowship at Keene (NH) State College. Entitled "Validation of a Child Hope Scale in a Clinical Sample," Keith's project included research and study designed to validate a recently developed measure of child hope. Keith is a junior at Keene State.



Andrew Jenner '10, now a PFC, after graduating from Army Reserves boot camp in February at Fort Jackson, S.C.

2010

Andrew Jenner, son of **Candy Douyard Dietlin** '87, was accepted in the Army Reserves and finished boot camp in February 2011 at Fort Jackson, S.C. Then three months later he finished advanced individual training in Fort Lee, Va., as a unit supply specialist. Andrew is now enrolled in NCCC and will be continuing drills in Kingston, N.Y., every month.

Longtime Gilbert Custodian Passes Away



Kazimierz "Kaz" Kruk

Kazimierz Kruk, 57, passed away suddenly on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011. He was the loving husband of Halina (Makowska) Kruk. Born Sept. 28, 1953 in Przasnysz, Poland; the son of the late Henryk and Marianna (Berg) Kruk.

Kaz was a familiar face -- a Polish immigrant and a longtime custodian at Gilbert whose children, including Aleksandra '96 and Magdalena '95, attended the school. He was 57 and will be greatly missed.

He had resided in Winsted for the past 18 years. He enjoyed fishing with his friends, spending time with his family and vacationing in Poland. He also loved his grandchildren and spent a lot of quality time with them.

Charlie Gabelmann's Winsted Memories



Charlie Gabelmann '46, left, with his good friend, Gilbert Associate Principal Joe Dombrowski '75, during Homecoming 2008, when Charlie received the Gilbert Heritage Award as a distinguished alumnus.

It's safe to say that no one has a better institutional knowledge of The Gilbert School property than Charlie Gabelmann '46. In fact, you'd be hard-pressed to find anyone who knows more about Winsted in general.

Charlie arrived to work in the maintenance department at Gilbert in 1959, the same year the new campus opened on Williams Avenue at the site of the former W.L. Gilbert Home for Children, which had closed a few years earlier. He eventually became head custodian, retiring in 1992. Before that, he had been a Winsted police officer who worked mostly on motorcycle patrol. Charlie had a heart attack and open heart surgery in 1996, followed by a stroke in 2001.

"When Gilbert hired me they wanted me to be an officer as well and provide security and be the assistant custodian," Charlie recalled in a recent

on-campus interview. He continued to work as a Winsted cop on the weekends for several years after joining Gilbert.

Charlie was hired by the legendary former Gilbert Principal Henry Mosely: "Joseph Carey was the head custodian and clerk of works for the new building. He retired in '65, and they made me head custodian."

Charlie recalls many details about his days managing the day-to-day operations at the Williams Avenue campus (see timeline below), but one episode that sticks out involves a marathon meeting in 1963 of the Winchester Board of Selectmen to decide the fate of Winsted's first town manager, a man who hailed from Nevada and was nicknamed Cactus Jack.

"I covered it and naturally I was in uniform," Charlie said, his face evincing the weariness he had felt 48 years

earlier. "I walked in here at 7 p.m. and walked out at 7 the next morning. That auditorium was packed. Channel 3 was here all night."

But Charlie's most vivid and profound memories are focused on the time he spent as a police officer before he started work at Gilbert. To wit, the 1955 flood that ravaged downtown Winsted and surrounding communities.

Hurricane Diane roared into Connecticut on Aug. 18-19 only days after Hurricane Connie had dumped 8 inches of rain on the region. Rivers and streams were already running high and soils were thoroughly saturated from the soaking Connie had delivered on Aug. 12-13. Coming down at the rate of an inch per hour, the rain from Diane simply had nowhere to go.

The Mad River overflowed its banks, destroying dozens of mills and tenements on the south side of Main Street. At times, the river was traveling at 20 miles per hour, taking with it cars, chunks of concrete and entire buildings. Almost 90 people were killed statewide, including eight in Winsted.

"I saw a car floating by on Main

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Street and it slammed into Shaker's Market [where The Winsted Journal is currently located]. The front door of Shaker's opened and within minutes groceries were floating down Elm Street. If I had slipped from my perch that would have been it."

As a town cop, Charlie was heavily involved in rescue efforts. Some people were literally swept away in their own apartment buildings and carried down the river to their deaths.

"We were loading people who lived on the river banks on to dump trucks and bringing them to Pearson [Middle School]. People waited too long to get out of their homes. Probably 100 buildings were swept away."

Like many other Winstedites, Charlie thinks the town never really recovered from the devastation wrought by Diane:

"I often said I lost my town that night. We've never been the same."

- **Terry Cowgill**



Total devastation. The view in Winsted on Main Street, north from Bridge Street on August 21, 1955. Photo courtesy Connecticut State Library Archives.

The Gilbert School Physical Plant *Timeline - Second Half of 20th Century*

By **CHARLIE GABELMANN '46**

1955

The Gilbert Home closes. Plans begin for new campus on Williams Avenue.

1958

Construction started on new school after demolition of Gilbert Home.

1959

Construction on new school completed at a cost of \$8 million. School opens in September. St. Anthony School used Gilbert on Monday evenings while their own school was being built. Night school classes were held for the public.

1960s

Town started using Gilbert auditorium for meetings. Gym and playing field also used by the public. Town purchased old Gilbert School campus at Park Place, which later became NWCC in 1965.

1963

Town used auditorium overnight for a hearing to remove the town manager.

1969

Band, art and craft room and exercise room built.

1979

While Pearson School was being renovated, Gilbert housed grades 7-12.

1980s

Handicapped accessibility work completed with the addition of elevator. NWCC used auditorium periodically.

1992

"Window Wall" project done at a cost of \$1 million. State helped with the cost, with the help of John Groppo.

1999-2000

Major renovation completed of the Williams Avenue campus at no cost to Winchester taxpayers. Cost: \$11,500,000.

Class of 1955 Holds Mini-Reunion



PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM FOSTER

Five Gilbert alumni from the class of 1955 got together on June 24, 2011, at the Saybrook Fish House in Canton, Conn. From left are Jim Foster, Ted Church, Ron Royer, Greg Woodworth, and Bob Sturm. "It was sort of a mini-reunion of some old guys," said Foster. "We got together after 56 years to reminisce and catch up on all that has happened to us over the years. With the exception of Jim Foster, who lives in New York, all of the others still reside in Connecticut."

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Gilbert Greenies Win Cash Award For School

Members of the Gilbert School Earth Club were handed a glass plaque and a check for \$5,000 Friday, May 20, 2011, by representatives from Connecticut Light & Power. The school was selected as one of four high schools statewide to receive a cash grant from CL&P for future environmental improvements at the school.

The Gilbert club was one of three runners-up in the 2010-2011 Live-Green-Win-Green video and essay contest sponsored by the state's largest electric company. CL&P underwrites this annual contest for high school students to promote the importance environmental activism plays in developing more sustainable energy practices for future generations.



Gilbert Earth Club President Allison Battista awaits the check from CL&P Vice President of Customer Solutions Bill Quinlan.



Earth Club President Allison Battista held tightly on the the glass plaque given her club by CL&P.



The Earth Club shows off a glass plaque given the club for finishing as a runner-up in the 2010-2011 Live-Green-Win-Green video and essay contest. From left, faculty advisor Wendy Sultaire, J.P. Duluc, Chelsie Giralamo, Jonah Hewitt, Nicole Martin, Shannon Tuozzo, Allison Battista, Jessica Valenta, Brynne Beneke, Emily Reiss, Brianne Brady, Carissa Tuozzo and CL&P representative Bill Quinlan.

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James A. Pettit '71

Steven A. Sedlack '60

Anonymous

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- Fixed or variable income payments to you or designated beneficiaries.
- Capital gains tax savings if you donate appreciated assets.
- Eligibility for the estate tax charitable deduction.



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Class of 1951 - 60th Reunion

Oct. 14, 2011

Homecoming

Oct. 15, 2011

Classes of '61-'62

50th Reunion

Oct. 29, 2011

Class of 1991 - 20th Reunion

Nov. 26, 2011

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