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Godfrey Memorial Library Earns Honor

Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown recently bestowed its highest honor for only the third time in its 65-year history.

Board of directors member Ed Laput of Colchester received the Fremont Rider Award for Lifetime Achievement, Dedication and Vision in Genealogy. His work in cataloging the state's cemeteries has provided valuable information for anyone seeking ancestors buried in the state.

Barbara Prymas, who chairs the board committee charged with overseeing volunteer efforts, said, this award is not given

annually, and that the recipient can only be someone who has been exemplary in his or her service to the library. It has been, and should continue to be, reserved for special recognition.

Laput single-handedly established the cemetery program with his army of volunteers, which now numbers 13 who have put in more than 1,500 hours of their time, Prymas said.

Executive Director Beth Mariotti said that Ed himself devoted 2,800 hours to his project, crossing the state photographing graves and uploading loading the photographs with biographical information so that it is available online.

Godfrey is a library of genealogy, history,

and biography that is open to the public.

Sharon Dahlmeyer-Giovannitti, Godfrey Memorial Library, Middletown

LETTERS

Stop The Cycle Of Blame Anybody

So the person from Bloomfield believes that CL&P should come out and cut down a tree that she feels could fall on her power lines. And then takes them to task for not rushing out and doing the job.

Did she ever consider doing the job herself, or hiring a contractor to do it?

Who's tree is it anyway, CL&P's? Who grew it, CL&P? No. How about stopping the

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