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April, 2014 Calendar

- 1 Scholarship Applications Deadline, EES
Conservation & Historic Comm, TOB, 7:00pm
Democratic Town Cmte Meeting/Caucus, Library,
7:30pm
- 2 Special BOS, TOB, 9:00am
Nahaco Commission, TOB, 7:00pm
- 3 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am-12:00pm
- 4 Yoga, TOB, 8:00am-9:00am
- 7 BOS, TOB, 7:00pm
School Readiness Council, EES, 6:00pm
Yoga, TOB, 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 8 Planning Commission, TOB, 7:00pm
- 9 Special BOS, TOB, 9:00am
Registrars of Voters, TOB, 5:00-7:00pm
- 9/10 Book Fair, EES
- 10 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am-12:00pm
BOE, EES, 7:00pm
- 10/11 Parent-Teacher Conferences, EES
- 11 Yoga, TOB, 8:00-9:00am
- 14 Yoga, TOB, 5:30-6:30pm
- 15 Lunar Eclipse (1:00 am)
Republican Town Cmte, Library, 7:00pm
- 16 Union Society Exhibit, TOB, 1:30-3:30pm
- 17 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am-12:00pm
Children's Story & Craft Time, Library, 6:30pm
- 18 Yoga, TOB, 8:00-9:00am
- 19 Egg Hunt for Families, EES, 10:00am
Fiber Arts, Library, 10:00am
- 21 Yoga, TOB, 5:30-6:30pm
Book Discussion, Library, 7:00pm
- 22 Recreation Commission, TOB, 7:00pm
Earth Day
- 23 Special BOS, TOB, 9:00am
Registrars of Voters, TOB, 5:00pm-7:00pm
- 24 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am-12:00pm
Library Board, Library, 7:00pm
Inland Wetlands Commission, TOB, 7:00pm
- 25 Yoga, TOB, 8:00-9:00am
- 28 Yoga, TOB, 5:30-6:30pm
TOWN BUDGET HEARING, EES, 7:00pm
American Legion, TOB, 7:30pm

BRODEURBITS

[Brodeurbits is a regular compilation of writings and ramblings from the First Selectman and others and elsewhere, some profound, others mundane; all hopefully of interest and import, aimed at communicating and informing.]

[This Month: Winter of Our Discontent and The Unusual Suspects, Trees and Towers, Elderly and Library]

Relocation of the Northeast Connecticut Regional Probate Court is imminent, with approval having been granted to relocate the Court from its present location in Thompson to 508 Pomfret Street in Putnam. The new location is in a two-building office site in the vicinity of Day Kimball Hospital; the other building houses the EASTCONN Putnam regional program. Regional Probate Judge Leah Schad and her staff will move to the new facility as soon as some court-structural renovations are complete. There are discussions underway to effect the sharing of the Probate site by the Northeast Regional Children's Court. The Northeast Probate Court serves the towns of Eastford, Ashford, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, and Woodstock.

Eastford is without a Municipal Agent for the Elderly. State statute mandates that each town in Connecticut appoint a Municipal Agent, in Eastford's case a volunteer. Municipal Agents assist elders

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Save the Dates!

May 3 - Nahaco Volunteer Clean-up Day

May 26 - Eastford Memorial Day Parade

June 14 - Eastford Heritage Day

within the town by disseminating information regarding available community resources and potential benefits. The Agent makes referrals to a variety of services and benefit programs and helps older adults apply for benefit programs. Eligibility for the position, which can be for either a two-year or four-year term, is very basic: "Anyone with an interest in information and/or services that benefit older adults." There is one training session sponsored by the State Aging Services Division. If you are interested in volunteering for this post, let's chat. I'm reachable at 860-974-0133, extension 3 or by e-mail at firstselect-man@townofeastford.com.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is working diligently to prevent the large scale destruction of pine and hardwood trees in our region. To this end they are conducting exotic beetle surveys in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts to detect exotic bark and wood boring beetles. This survey involves the placement of so-called Lindgren Funnel traps at selected sites from April through September of this year. Three of these traps, baited with volatile lures to attract beetles to the site, will be located in the General Lyon Cemetery where they will be hung from the lower branches of pine and hardwood trees. [They cannot attract target insects unless these insects are already in the area of the traps.] The traps will be checked bi-weekly to collect trap contents and to send "suspects" for identification.

You might have seen, or be seeing, personnel from Lucas Tree Experts of Portland, Maine in Town as the part of the Connecticut Light & Power [CL&P] statewide tree cutting and tree trimming effort to prevent power outages and improve system reliability. The program is being conducted under a revised State law, brought on by Governor Dannel Malloy's push to avert future, extended power outages

similar to those caused by downed trees on wires during recent hurricanes and the 2013 snows. Lucas Tree is the CL&P subcontractor for this area on the project. They are currently "mapping" Town roads and determining needed work. Be aware that Lucas, and, therefore, CL&P must obtain permission to trim trees on private property. Notification and "permissioning" will take place around May or June with the actual tree work being accomplished some twenty days later.


Another project resulting from the 2013 snows is a generator placement by American Telephone and Telegraph [AT&T] at the existing telecommunications facility located at 35 Old Route 44 to prevent the facility becoming inoperative doing a storm or other natural phenomenon. The modification, which has been approved by the Connecticut Siting Council, will not change tower height, extend tower site boundaries, increase noise levels, or increase the total radio frequencies electromagnetic power.

The tree and tower projects are resultants of winters past, but there is no doubt that the winter in which we currently find ourselves, and which supposedly will come to an end sometime within the next millennium, has had a severe impact on our psyches, on our Town road maintenance, and on the Town Public Works budget. It would be an understatement to say that we are over-budget on the Snow Plowing line. We are not alone; most municipalities have suffered as much or more. However, there is little solace in the camaraderie of the afflicted. We expended many dollars on sand, Ice Be Gone [IBG], and salt, particularly on salt which became difficult to procure and whose price increased. We were able to avail ourselves of the supplies

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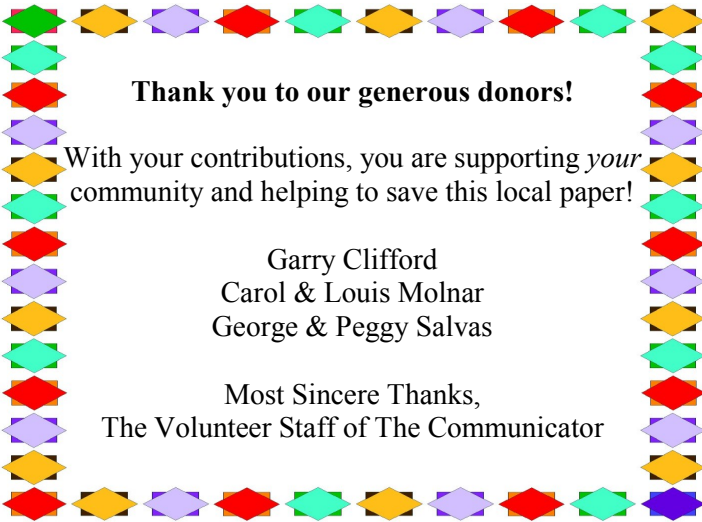
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made available to towns and cities by the State and, most importantly, with much effort and many hours on the part of the Public Works team, we were able to keep roads open and clear to assure transit and safety for those who use the Town roads. Town plow crews have hit the road 41 times so far this year; they were out 24 times last year, and the average over the years has been 31 times.

The Board of Selectmen, on March 12, 2014, voted to once again join with the Town of Hampton in a joint community application cooperative agreement for a Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. The Board, having identified the need to provide decent housing and related conditions in Eastford, feels the Small Cities grant program has benefited low-and moderate-income individuals and families in Town through such efforts as rehabilitation and reconstruction of buildings, including housing.

At its March 3, 2014 meeting, the Board of Selectmen appointed Barbara Aquila to the Library Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Karen Broderick. The Board applauded Karen for her service to the Library and to the Town and once again underlined its gratitude for the work she and husband Steve are doing in caring for the Town's Food Pantry.

A reminder that the Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Town Government and School budgets will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Elementary School. The Annual Budget Town Meeting will be on Monday, May 19, 2014, also at 7 p.m. at the Eastford Elementary School.



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TOWN OF EASTFORD
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Monday, April 28, 2014 7:00 pm

EASTFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Eastford Elementary School Gymnasium for the Town Government and Board of Education budgets for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Copies of the budgets are available on April 24, 2014 at the Town Office Building, Eastford Elementary School and the Library. They will also be available at the hearing.

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New Laws Affect Veterans & the Military

State Senator Tony Guglielmo (R-35th) is sharing a report done by the Office of Legislative Research that details all of the new laws affecting veterans and the military recently passed in the legislature in Hartford.

“Our Veterans now have a significant voice at the legislature. Just this past year the General Assembly added a specific committee dedicated to Veterans Affairs,” said Sen. Guglielmo. “For nearly a decade, only a small group could recommend issues to other standing committees.” Sen. Guglielmo says prior to having an equal footing in the legislative process, Veterans had a long and complicated road when a bill they were anxious about tried to get passed.

“Now the Veterans Affairs Committee has power to really tackle issues important to veterans and their families,” he said. Some of the new laws included in the report deal with the following:

- ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYED ARMED FORCES MEMBER SUBSIDIZED TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
- HONORARY DIPLOMAS FOR VIETNAM VETERANS
- MILITARY LEAVE FROM EMPLOYMENT
- MUNICIPAL OPTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR 100% DISABLED VETERANS
- VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS REGISTRY
- VOTING BY MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY SERVING OVERSEAS

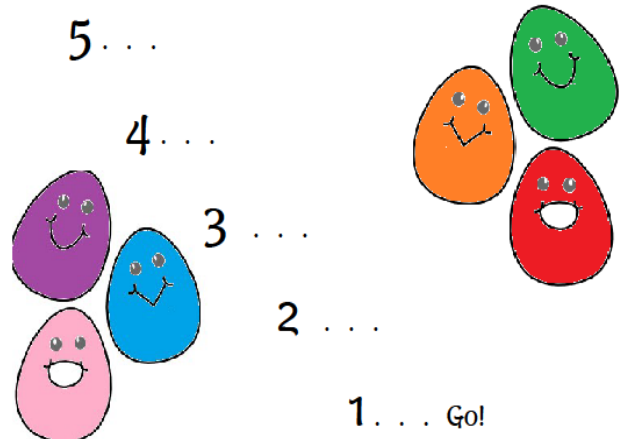
A veteran, Sen. Guglielmo served in the US Army and Connecticut National Guard from 1962 to 1968. The report on laws that affect Veterans can be found on Sen. Guglielmo’s website by visiting www.senatorguglielmo.com Veterans and other readers are also encouraged to obtain the full text of these and additional acts of interest to them from the Connecticut State Library, House Clerk’s Office, or General Assembly’s website: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/>. Contact: 860-240-8865

Attention Veterans, Military & Families of Eastford Veterans

The Eastford Historical Society has an expanding archive of Eastford’s military service. We hope that residents have photos of individuals while in the service, that could be copied for our records. We need the photos, branch of service, dates of service, places of service, and any other information that you are able to share. If you have letters or documents that we can scan for our files, please let us know. With your permission, we will publish photos in the EHS Quarterly. The deadline for the June EHS Quarterly is May 1. For information or to send digital photos, contact Carol Davidge, E-mail: carol.davidge@snet.net. Thank you.

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MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26th

Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Eastford Veteran's Memorial. Memorial services and military salutes at the General Lyon Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. and the Grove Cemetery at 9 a.m. All are invited to attend.

Eastford Veterans Memorial Reminder


For installation of an engraved paver brick honoring an Eastford veteran, please submit a completed form and check by April 15 to "Eastford Veterans Memorial", Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242. All orders secured to date will be installed by Memorial Day, 2014. Forms and information are available at the Town Office Building, Office of the Selectmen.

Report of the Eastford School Scholarship Committee

April not only brings showers and flowers [that bloom in May] but also the selection by the Eastford Board of Education of those Eastford students who are to be awarded scholarships to pursue their educational endeavors. Among those scholarships available to Eastford residents which are within the purview of the Scholarship Steering Committee and managed by the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut are the Dennis Barlow Scholarship and the Esther and Lucie Harmon and Leta Sabin Trepal Scholarship.

The Dennis Barlow Scholarship is given to a student interested in the fields of science, engineering, or pre-medical studies. Requirements are academic achievement and good character; financial need is considered. **Dennis Barlow, M.D.** was born and raised in Eastford and graduated from Eastford Elementary School and, in 1977, from Woodstock Academy. He was a Pre-Med student at the University of Connecticut and went on to the John Hopkins Medical School from which he received his M.D. degree in 1985. He did not become a medical doctor to make money; rather his deep interest and commitment was in serving others. That was manifested when, in undertaking his Internship, he applied for, and received, a Readers Digest grant to work at Macha Mission Hospital, a small mission hospital in Zambia, in southern Africa. He loved his one year in Zambia and was determined to return to continue his work helping others. And that he did. Upon completing his Residency at the University of Vermont, he returned with his family to Zimbabwe, spending five years at Mtshabezi Mission Hospital, a rural hospital. In 1994, Dennis returned home to Eastford with his young family and began his career as an Emergency Department physician at Rockville and Manchester Hospitals. He was very active in his community and in his church, the Eastford Baptist Church. He served on the Eastford Board of Education, chairing the Facilities Committee. He also served on the board of CareNet Pregnancy Center of Northeast Connecticut. Dr. Barlow was diagnosed with cancer in 2010 and died in 2012 at the age of 52. His dedication, love and commitment to his family, his patients, and his community were evident to all. His desire to help local students afford to go to college prompted his family to start, and generously augment, the scholarship fund which

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The Esther and Lucie Harmon and Leta Sabin Trepal Scholarship is given to a student interested in any field of study but with special consideration given to non-traditional students returning to academia. Requirements are academic achievement and good character as demonstrated via integrity, industriousness, and seriousness of purpose. Financial need is considered. **Esther and Lucie Harmon** were sisters; Esther, born in 1876, was the elder by two years. Both graduated from the University of Michigan, spent their lives as teachers, and moved to Eastford after they retired and died here, Lucie at age 96. Esther received her Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr where she was a graduate scholar in Teutonic Philology [the phonetics and grammar of Gothic, Norse, Anglo-Saxon, High, Middle, and Low German]. While at Bryn Mawr she studied in Berlin and Munich. While completing her Ph.D. she taught on the high school level in Toledo, Ohio, her hometown, and later taught Spanish at Eastern District High School in New York City. **Lucie Harmon** received her Master's degree from Michigan where she was a teaching assistant in vertebrate zoology at the University's Biological Station at Douglas Lake. She taught Biology and Zoology at West Division High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at one time serving as Head of the Biology Department. After retirement to Eastford, the sisters were active in the community. Upon their death a large portion of their estate was used to endow the permanent scholarship which bears their name along with that of Leta Sabin Trepal. **Leta Sabin** was born in Palmer, Idaho in 1900 and graduated from the University of Idaho. She migrated to New York City where she lived and worked at the Spring Street Settlement House. [Settlement Houses were established in poor urban areas of major cities at the turn of the 20th Century. They were usually large houses in which volunteer middle-class settlement workers would live, hoping to share knowledge and culture with, and alleviate the poverty of, their low-income neighbors. The houses provided services such as daycare, youth clubs, education classes, and healthcare to improve the lives of the poor in the area.] Leta led a girls club at Spring Street. She soon met, and later married, the boys club leader, Ed Trepal, the son of Czech immigrants.

The marriage did not come without cost to Leta for she had to give up a two-year scholarship to Columbia Teachers College when she and Ed decided to move to Eastford in the mid 1920s. They lived in Eastford for more than 40 years and both were active in the community. Leta was a member and secretary of the Eastford School Board for twelve years from 1951 to 1963, a Woodstock Academy trustee, a 4-H Leader, member of the Windham County 4-H Foundation, and a member of the Woodstock Fair Association and a frequent judge at the Fair of Handicraft. The Trepals had four daughters all of whom graduated from Woodstock Academy and went on to the University of Connecticut. The oldest daughter, Jean, remained in Eastford and married Herman Barlow; the Barlows had six sons, among them Dr. Dennis Barlow. Upon Leta's death in 1970, her husband helped establish a scholarship fund in her name.

Board of Education

At its March 2014 meeting, the Board of Education discussed the drainage project that will be completed on the east side of the school during the summer of 2014. Bids were opened on February 25 and the town is in the process of signing a contract with the lowest bidder.

Also at the March meeting, the Board reviewed minutes from many Board committees, including Transportation, Curriculum, Safety, Budget and Scholarships. All of the minutes are posted on the website under the Board of Education tab, http://www.eastfordct.org/board_education.cfm.

The Board of Education approved changes to the Educator Evaluation Plan and approved the participation of a number of Union Elementary School students on the Eastford Track Team.

A 2014-15 school calendar was approved at the March meeting, but a revision is going to be considered at the April meeting. Therefore, the calendar will not be published until after the April 10 Board of Education meeting.



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Eastford Independent Fire Co.

From: Jeannine Spink, President

Congratulations to Elizabeth Gaston recently voted into active membership. Congratulations also go to Silas Bunnell and Kyle Tyler who were promoted to active junior membership.

Visit us on the Town of Eastford website: www.townofeastford.org. Click the tab: Depts & Services; Click Eastford Independent Fire Company. You can view information on the fire department and pictures. Thank you to member Jill Merlo who will maintain our site. Charlotte Nowakowski has been designated the “keeper of the picture easel”, mounting pictures taken by Jill so members can view themselves in drill action and special events.

The first “All You Can Eat” Steak Supper of the season is scheduled for Saturday April 19th beginning at 6:30 in the firehouse.

The menu includes top grade steak, baked potato, green salad, green beans, rolls, dessert and beverage. Due to the increased price of steak per pound, to continue the “All You Can Eat” tradition with quality products that is expected by our patrons, we need to increase our ticket price to \$20 per dinner. Included in the ticket price, all patrons will be given a raffle ticket as they enter the firehouse toward raffle prizes, uncooked steak and green salad. Tickets are now on sale. To reserve your dinner, please call John Paquin at 974-0256 or Jeannine Spink at 974-1678.

During February, regular drills and meetings were scheduled in addition to 11 emergency call responses. Training included: Draft water through ice on Westford Road (see pictures on website), medical protocols for interventions provided to patients, and new member/junior drill on firefighting and medical skills. Members attended a monthly workshop at Day Kimball Hospital on “Body Mechanics”. The purpose of the workshop was to review and practice the proper and safe way for fire and EMS personnel to move, carry and transfer patients to the ambulance.

**TIP OF THE MONTH
GIVING MEDICINE SAFELY TO CHILDREN**

With cold and flu season still in full swing, statistics show that we are not diligent enough when administering medicine to children. Below is a list of precautions:

- Never GUESS on the amount. Kids aren’t just small adults; half an adult amount may be too much or not enough.
- When there are multiple caregivers, be sure to communicate when and how much. Write it down to eliminate confusion.
- Know the difference and abbreviations for tablespoon – tbsp. / teaspoon – tsp.
- When measuring ounces, use an ounce-measuring cup only. If a cup, dropper or dosing spoon comes with the

medicine, use the device provided and don’t guess with another device.

Never play doctor or fall into self-diagnosis. Each illness occurrence can be different from the one before. The medicine previously used may not be appropriate or safe for the current illness.

If the medicine you have exceeds the expiration date shown, DISCARD!

Always request a child resistant cap, and remember they are not *CHILDPROOF*. Most poisonings happen when a product is being used. Keep medicines above the reach of the child and store in its original container.

IN CASE OF AN ERROR IN ADMINISTRATION OR ACCIDENTAL INGESTION, DON’T WAIT FOR SYMPTOMS TO APPEAR – CALL THE CONNECTICUT POISON CONTROL CENTER AT 1-800-222-1222.

Report of the Union Society Building Committee
By Carol Davidge, Chair

The USBC will participate in the town-wide tag sale on Sunday, May 18. We seek donations for that sale plus interesting items and gift certificates for the annual silent auction at Heritage Day on June 14. The Union Society of Phoenixville House was constructed in 1806 by Smith Snow as a gift for his bride. Over the next 100 years, it was used as a “Community House” for village gatherings, initially as a Sunday School where children were taught to read. In those days, children worked long hours at factories or on farms and had little opportunity for formal education. This building, located at the junction of Routes 44 and 198, is owned by the Town of Eastford, and the USBC assesses its needs and raises funds for improving the building. For donations of \$100 or more, a memorial plaque will acknowledge the donor and list the names of individuals being honored. The plaque contains names of corporate, foundation and private donors, and is displayed at Heritage Day and other events. All proceeds go to the Town of Eastford for the building. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make your checks payable to: Town of Eastford (write Union Society in the memo line), and mail to Union Society Fund, Town of Eastford, P.O. Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242. For information, call Carol Davidge (860) 974-0756 or E-mail: carol.davidge@snet.net with “Union Society” in subject line.

Nahaco News

by Mary Ellen Ellsworth

SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY: May 3rd is the date!

Please join us at Nahaco Park to spruce up the Dining Hall and the Park grounds for 2014's good-weather seasons. We will start the day at 9:00 a.m. and work until lunch, which will be cooked and served again this year by Dean and Silas Bunnell. Even an hour of work during the morning will forward the many projects that have to be done, so come when you can! For our 8th-graders and high school students who may have community service projects on their "To Do List," this is a great time to join friends and to complete those requirements. Day Campers and Day Camp Parents, we welcome you, too! May 4th is our rain date. Look for our flyers soon!

THE DAY CAMP AT CRYSTAL POND: Registration forms are out in both Eastford and Woodstock. Day Camp will run for 5 weeks this year, from Monday July 7, 2014 through Friday August 8, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to participate in swimming, fishing and boating, team sports, arts and crafts, drama—and all kinds of special events and celebrations. Please contact: daycampatcrystalpond@gmail.com for more information. Nahaco Park will be closed to other visitors during Day Camp hours. Thank you in advance for respecting this necessary requirement.

YOGA: Classes will be scheduled for 8 weeks during May and June, and then again during August and September, at Nahaco's Dining Hall. Please contact Sue Orcutt for more information, and to sign up.

HERITAGE DAY: Heritage Day in Eastford will take place on Flag Day, June 14th. Many of the usual activities will occur at Eastford Elementary School. However, this year there will also be a Pot Luck Supper in the evening at the Nahaco Dining Hall, in honor of Eastford's Volunteer Fire Company. This celebration of our neighbors, and their hard work in providing fire and emergency service for all of us, is being arranged by a number of local citizens. The Nahaco Park Commission will be providing its facilities for the event. We hope that many will have the opportunity to say "thank you" to our EIFC volunteers, and also to enjoy our unique Camp Nahaco Park. Save the date now!

TRAILS: This winter was not a great one for cross country skiing and hiking at Nahaco, because of the cold temperatures and the buildup of ice-covered snow. Now that we can begin to enjoy the Park's beautiful trails again, we need to remove winter's downed branches and debris. Let any Commission member know if you have some time to contribute to walkway clean up!

APRIL: This month brings Earth Day [April 22nd] and Arbor Day [April 25th]. Please consider what you, personally, can do to improve and enhance our publically-owned spaces, including Nahaco Park. Thanks in advance!

Sam Asikainen Beach Baywood Mary Ellen Ellsworth
Tom Hawkins Gary Kendrick Chuck Lee
Philippa Paquette Tony Perreault Missy Vincent

Eastford Baptist Church
Invites you to Join us this Easter



Easter Services

- Good Friday service – April 18th
6PM at Congregational Church of Eastford
- Sunrise Service – April 20th
6:30AM at Buell's Orchard
- Easter Breakfast – Following Sunrise Service At
Eastford Baptist Church
- Resurrection Sunday Worship Service

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Notice from the Eastford Readiness Council

The Eastford Readiness Council is currently in the process of planning for a Competitive School Readiness Grant for the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 fiscal year. The Eastford Readiness Council has an open-bid process for any programs seeking funding through the Eastford Readiness Council's Competitive School Readiness Grant. Head start approved, NAEYC accredited programs and programs not yet accredited may apply. Programs not yet accredited must become accredited within three years. Also, NAEYC-accredited programs located outside town borders may apply. Programs seeking to participate in the open-bid process should contact Dr. John Vitale at the Eastford Elementary School for further information. All bid proposals should be submitted by May 1, 2014.

Eastford Astronomy

By Ralph Yulo

Celestial Pilgrimage

*When April with its showers sweet with fruit
The drought of March has pierced onto the root.
And filled each with liquor that has power
To generate therein and sire the flower.*

Chaucer used these memorable opening lines to say April was the time for pilgrims to make their way to Canterbury. Well this April will also be a good time to travel skyward.

The planet Jupiter is visible all month long and it is very easy to locate because it outshines everything else in the night sky except, of course, the moon. Jupiter will appear to be in the constellation Gemini just below the twin stars (Castor and Pollux) so look south about half way up the sky to view the largest planet in the Solar System.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon (a lunar eclipse) on the evening of April 14/15. It will be a late night to early morning event but – weather permitting – it may be well worth losing some sleep to see something so eerie, so beautiful, and so awesome. This lunar eclipse will begin about 1 A.M. on April 15 and the total eclipse phase will last about 75 minutes, from about 3:08 A.M. to 4:23 A.M. The color of the moon may range from dark to reddish or coppery during this phase. Two extra incentives for observing in these early hours are that the red planet Mars will appear very close to the moon (less than 10⁰) and so will the bright star Spica. Look just to the right (east) and above the moon to spot Mars and look just below and slightly to the right (east) to see Spica. A small portion of the moon will still be in the earth's shadow as late as 6:30 A.M. so an early riser can catch a fading glimpse of this eclipse without losing too much sleep.

April has the Lyrid meteor shower that should be visible from April 16 to April 25, with the best viewing most likely before dawn on April 22. This meteor shower does not usually have as many meteors as some of the other showers but Lyrid meteors tend to be bright and frequently leave visible trails. While not the norm, there have been Lyrid showers with as many as 100 meteors per hour. Such surges are unpredictable but that may be all the more reason for looking up for them. The Lyrids will appear to come from the constellation Lyra so – late at night to early morning – watch for them in the northeast sky.

The moon will be full on April 15 at 3:42 A.M. The April full moon has several names. It is often called the Full Pink Moon, a name derived from the wild ground phlox, which is one of the early wildflowers of spring. Some coastal tribes of Native Americans named it the Full Fish Moon because it coincided with the time when shad traveled upstream to spawn.

April's astronomical events are inviting, but it is worth remembering that the night sky is always a source of beau-

ty and wonder. For this writer, Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best: "One might think the atmosphere was made transparent with this design, to give man, in the heavenly bodies, the perpetual presence of the sublime."

Editor's Note: Ralph has contributed an enlightening and beautiful astronomy article for the past year. This will be his last entry (we hope temporarily). To check on monthly happenings, visit previous Communicators via the town website. THANK YOU, Ralph Yulo, FOR ALL YOUR SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF EASTFORD!



Library News

By: Susan Shead

The Eastford Public Library will hold a Spring Story Time & Craft on Thursday April 17, 2014 at 6:30PM. If you want your child to attend please register by Thursday April 10th. The library phone number is 860-974-0125. You can also register online at eastfordpublib@gmail.com. Please leave your child's name, age and a phone number that you can be reached at.

The Eastford Public Library book discussion group will meet on Monday April 21st at 7:00PM to discuss the book Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. All are welcome to attend.

The Fiber Arts group meets on the 3rd Saturday (April 19th) of the month at 10:00AM. If you want to knit, crochet or do rug hooking or spinning or any other fiber arts craft please join us!

There are discount passes available for Mystic Aquarium, Roger Williams Park Zoo, The New England Air Museum and free admission passes to The Wadsworth Atheneum, and Connecticut's Old State House. We also have State Parks and Forests Day Pass. This pass can be used to cover the cost of parking at state parks and forests where there is an established parking charge. We also have coupons for 20% off admission to the Connecticut Science Center.

The library hours are Monday 3-8pm, Tuesday 10am to 8pm, Thursday 3-8pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

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News You Can Use

Deb Richards –

Eastford Emergency Management Director

Spring Thaw - During the spring, frozen land prevents melting snow or rainfall from seeping into the ground. Each cubic foot of compacted snow contains gallons of water and once the snow melts, it can result in the overflow of streams, rivers, and lakes. Add spring storms to that and the result is often serious spring flooding.

Even if you feel you live in a community with a low risk of flooding, remember that anywhere it rains, it can flood. Just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't mean you won't in the future. Flood risk isn't just based on history; it's also based on a number of factors including rainfall, topography, flood-control measures, river-flow and tidal-surge data.

To prepare for a flood, you should:

Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.

Avoid building in a floodplain unless you elevate and reinforce your home.

Elevate the furnace, water heater and electric panel in your home if you live in an area that has a high flood risk.

Consider installing "check valves" to prevent floodwater from backing up into the drains of your home.

If feasible, construct barriers to stop floodwater from entering the building and seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds.

Terms to help identify a flood hazard:

Flood Watch - Flooding is possible. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

Flash Flood Watch - Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground; listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

Flood Warning - Flooding is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Flash Flood Warning - A flash flood is occurring; seek higher ground on foot immediately.

The following are important points to remember when driving in flood conditions:

Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.

A foot of water will float many vehicles

Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles (SUV's) and pick-ups.

Do not attempt to drive through a flooded road. The depth of water is not always obvious. The roadbed

may be washed out under the water, and you could be stranded or trapped.

Do not drive around a barricade. Barricades are there for your protection. Turn around and go the other way.

Be cautious driving at night when it is harder to recognize flood danger. In Eastford the most heavily trafficked road affected by rising waters is Route 198 from the intersection of Route 44 past the campgrounds to the Chaplin town line.

Military Veteran Flag Staff Order

The Eastford Grove Cemetery Association would like to provide you the opportunity to purchase a bronze military grave marker for your veteran(s). The bronze marker and rod is used to hold the U.S. flag and is similar to that used by the fire department to recognize its veterans. Although purchased through us, the marker would be your property and can be ordered to designate a certain branch of the military (i.e., Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine, etc.). If you are interested, you must return the attached form, with your check, by Friday, May 2nd. The order will be placed the following Monday. Upon arrival, the markers will be placed at the designated grave site by a trustee of the Eastford Grove Cemetery. Once placed, the marker becomes your responsibility to maintain, not the Association's. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Anderson (860-974-1349) or Linda Torgeson (860-974-3311). The cost of the bronze marker, including shipping, is \$45.00.



I would like to order _____ marker(s) @ \$45 each for a total of \$_____

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From the principal

High School Seniors and Eastford college students are reminded that Scholarship applications are due April 1. There is an online application process that can be accessed at <https://scholarselect.com/scholarships/14931-2014-general-scholarship-eastford>

Although we always welcome parents into the school, there are four days each year, two in November and two in April, when teachers attempt to schedule an individual conference with each parent. This year, parent conferences are scheduled for April 10 and 11. If you have a child in the school and you have not set an appointment for a parent conference, please call and request a conference with any teacher. The teachers of special areas as well as the general education teachers are available on these days.

The PTO is sponsoring a Book Fair on April 9 and 10. It will be open in the evening on April 10 during parent conferences. This event is not a fundraiser. It is designed to put more books into the hands of children and it will operate on a BOGO (buy one book, get one free) basis. The PTO needs adult volunteers. If you can help for a few hours, please contact the PTO at PTO@eastfordct.org.

What's Bloomin' at Eastford Elementary School
Submitted by Candice Mead, Science Teacher

After a long, extremely cold and snowy winter, it is time to think, "Ah, spring!" The vernal equinox arrived just before 1 pm on March 20, and we will soon have increasing daylight, warming temperatures, and the rebirth of flora and fauna. The arrival of spring also brings the return of an exciting project to Eastford Elementary School.

Once again, students at Eastford Elementary School will be working among different grade levels and with members of the community to create a school garden. The garden

project has evolved over the past several years. Originally it was called the "Pizza Garden" because the plot was wedged shaped, and the plants were typical pizza ingredients such as tomatoes and basil. Students transplanted donated and store-bought seedlings in late May.

Recently, however we have expanded the endeavor to include planting seeds and growing the seedlings for transplant right in the classroom. Thanks to a donation program sponsored by Hart's Seed Company, Eastford Elementary School has received low-cost seed packets. Different community members have volunteered to enrich and support the activity. For example, Emma Lorusso, EES graduate and environmental educator, helped prepare the soil and organize the transplanting. Various families stopped by over the summer to tie up tomatoes and pull weeds. In the fall, middle school students adapted typical pizza recipes into a healthier version of whole-wheat bruschetta with chopped fresh tomato and peppers from the garden.

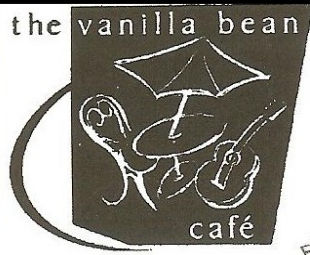
This year science students are trying an experiment with the seedlings that we are starting in the classroom. We are keeping eggshells out of the trash by using them as containers in which to start seeds. When the seedlings are ready to transplant in late May, we will put the entire eggshell "cup" in the ground. We hope that the results will be strong seedlings, and less reliance on plastic containers!

Also, we hope to enrich our soil before transplant time this spring with some composted manure, and are introducing another variety of vegetable: cucumbers (which is also a fruit). Ask any student in third grade; they will be able to explain the difference between a fruit and a vegetable! Last, we will seek out a variety of healthy ways to prepare and serve the harvested vegetables. So, there are more than just young minds growing at Eastford Elementary School this season.

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June 14th—Heritage Day @ Camp Nahaco
from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Let's thank our EVFD for all they do by honoring them with a dinner.
We can show our appreciation by having a huge town turnout!

Pot Luck Dinner , Donations will be accepted

We are looking for a band or DJ to volunteer their time for this event.

We are also looking for a wedding-type tent to be donated.
Please contact sogo618@charter.net or jennifernorman1983@gmail.com

More details will follow in the May Communicator

Celebrate Spring with a
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Kids clothing and sports equipment swap
in the Town Hall parking lot.
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Tree Trimming Information

By Carol Davidge

*"I think that I shall never see,
A poem lovely as a tree...."*

Joyce Kilmer

Eastford will see tree trimming by CL&P very shortly, due to statewide concerns about power outages following the storms of the past several years. But much confusion exists across the state. CL&P and other power companies have agreed to the request by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to curtail "enhanced tree trimming" pending further hearings. Across the state, residents and town officials have expressed concern that some trees near power lines may not need trimming. Under the law passed last year, power companies have wide discretion about which trees to cut - including cutting to the ground - on public and private property as a way of preventing power outages. If you are a property owner with a tree or trees near power lines on your private property, the power company is, by law, required to notify you that they intend to trim or cut your tree. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH THE TREE(S) TRIMMED, YOU MUST PROTEST IN WRITING WITHIN 10 DAYS.** BUT the power company may not agree, at which time, the property owner must appeal to PURA, which will delay the trimming until PURA reaches a decision. No one wants power outages. Hazardous trees and branches that can fall on power lines should be removed, wherever they are located. On the other hand, healthy trees in certain situations may be pruned according to professional standards without "enhanced" trimming. If you have a healthy tree near power lines, which you believe could be saved, you may wish to pay tree professionals, such as Eastford's Lindon Tree Service, to accomplishing trimming to provide a healthier alternative for targeted trees. The power companies have agreed to curtail "enhanced trimming" until the PURA decision. At present, the power companies cut back 8 feet from power lines, including cross bars, and this can lead to trimming as much as 20 feet of a tree's canopy, or cutting the tree to the ground, after notification of the property owners. An assessment by Yale University finds that if current plans are carried out in New Haven, 50 percent of New Haven's street trees will be affected, costing the city millions of dollars in increased cooling costs and other matters, such as water runoff. (Deciduous trees with their seasonal leaves cool their environs in summer and allow sunlight through in winter, their cooling shade cooling down as much as 25 degrees under and near their canopies.) New legislation and actions on the current law are being considered by the General Assembly at this time. For extensive information about this issue, go to: www.gardenclubofnewhaven.org. Sources: Garden Club of New Haven, CL&P, Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation's Cover Story "Preserving Street Trees" March/April 2013; Connecticut Fund for the Environment, CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and others.

Eastford Seniors

By Linda SM dos Santos

Eastford Senior Citizens Potluck Dinner will be on **Tues., April 8 at 5:30 PM** in the Congregational Church of Eastford on 8 Church Rd. Door prizes are by Moxie's Hair Studio in Putnam & TEEG in Thompson. Seniors will bring delicious potluck treats, and Soleil & Suns Bakery, LLC of Woodstock will provide artisan breads. RSVP by Fri., April 4, 860-928-9177 or 860-538-8868. Eastford seniors are welcome.

Know an Eastford senior in need of food? Place a confidential call to Steve or Karen at 860-974-1618. Donations appreciated. (Ed. note: Food bank is available to all residents.)

The CT Foundation for Dental Outreach (CDFS) in collaboration with the CT State Dental Assoc. (CSDA) on **Fri., April 25 & Sat., April 26** will present the CT Mission of Mercy (CTMOM) 2014 **FREE DENTAL CLINIC** at the XL Center, 1 Civic Ctr Plaza, in Hartford. The 2-day clinic provides free dental care to those in need. No Apointments, First-come, First-Served. Over 2,000 patients will receive a Total Value of Donated Care of \$1,300,000. Interested in being a Sponsor? Contact Josephine Bicknell, (860) 863-5940.

SAVE THE DATE: Eastford Senior Citizens Car Caravan at 11 AM on Wed., May 7. As part of Rite Aid's Senior Day & Wellness65+, seniors will participate in special activities. The Caravan will travel on to Bill's Bread & Breakfast for 12:30 PM, to enjoy a reasonably priced lunch with special guest, Jennifer Kelly, Eastford First Niagara Branch Manager. To register, and receive ESC samples and/or discounts, RSVP by Mon., May 5, 860-928-9177 or 860-538-8868. Eastford seniors are welcome.

TEEG's food distribution program recently received 14,000 pounds of food. Call for a Tues., Wed. evening, or Fri. appointment, 860-923-3458, ASAP to avoid spoilage of produce items.

Ellis Technical School offers **seniors reduced price haircuts, treatments and most salon services**. To make an appointment, call 860-412-7500, ext.7602 Wed. & Thurs. 8:30 - 12:30 PM.

Free battery packs, **free** hearing aid cleaning, & **senior discounts** available at Hearing Aid Ctr, 12 Goose Lane, Unit G, Gooseberry Corners, Tolland, 860-454-8005.

Free AARP tax aid assistance to low and middle income seniors, call Mansfield Senior Ctr Assoc. 303 Maple Rd., Storrs/Mansfield 860-429-0262, ext 0. Program ends April 9.

Call Kay Warren immediately to be included in **Bus Tour on April 5 to NY's Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island**, or the **April 30 Anheuser Bush Tour & Tasting**, Parkers Maple Barn, and Valentino's Bakery, 860-429-0262, ext 6 or 860-487-3744.

EASTFORD FAMILY VITAL STATISTICS

(My apologies to the Eastford Historical Society and Dagmar Noll, Eastford's Town Historian and the person who, with Kathy Healey, maintains the archives of the EHS. Dagmar provides the vital statistics each quarter. In the March EHS Quarterly, I inserted the incorrect vital statistics. The following is the correct information. - Carol Davidge)

Births

February 9, 2014, **Connor Nicholas Minka** to Heather Shead Minka and Nicholas Minka of Worcester, Mass. Eastford grandparents are Kevin and Susan Shead. Eastford great grandfather is Clayton Shead.

Deaths – Our Sympathy

We apologize for the error in the December 2013 Quarterly; following is the correction:

Charles “Chuck” Warren Clark died September 28, 2013, in Loveland, CO. He was born March 4, 1943, to Donald and Susan (Latham) Clark, both formerly of Eastford. He is survived by his wife Gail, of Loveland, his son Andrew, his daughter Deborah, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and two sisters, Peggy Sproul and Cathy Ann Clark. He is also survived by 8 first cousins. Eastford residents are his aunt, Mrs. Darwin Clark, and cousin, Tom Latham. Burial was in Eastford Grove Cemetery.

. December 3, 2013, **Elizabeth (Sage) Trombly**, 88, of Manchester, mother of Linda Trombly Drake of Eastford.

. January 7, 2014, **Gloria M. Lavigne**, 82, of Danielson, mother of Joan C. Barlow of Eastford.

. January 10, 2014, **Stewart Meacham Tatem**, 91, of Eastford, a WWII veteran. He leaves his son Dick Tatem of West Unity, NH; son David Tatem of Hartford, WI; daughter Beverly Lindemann of Eastford; nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Gladys, on Jan. 18, 2006.

. February 2, 2014, **Ruth Young Lewis**, 95, of Eastford. She leaves three daughters, Nancy Mayhew of Eastford, Joanne Korner of West Yarmouth, Mass., and Susan Dillon of South Dennis, Mass.; eight grandchildren, Douglas Mayhew, Diane Matteau, Chris Mayhew, Robin Driscoll, Melissa Cummins, Eileen McGee, Jim Korner and Kate Dubois; 15 great-grandchildren: Brady, Christopher, Cara, Marissa, Chloe, Kate, Rachel, Katie, Sarah, Myranda, Marisa, Emmett, Sullivan, Skylar, and Thomas. She was predeceased by siblings Henry Young, Frank Young, Gladys Anderson, Anna Cramer, and Emily Bunnell.

JOSHUA'S TRUST WALKS

Joshua's Trust, which conserves land in 14 towns in north-eastern Connecticut (including Eastford), offers weekend and weekday walks at its preserves. All are invited. You need not attend all walks in order to be part of the weekday group. See website: www.joshuaslandtrust.org. Schedule changes due to weather will be carried on the Joshua's Trust voicemail system (860) 429-9023. A Dixieland Jazz Benefit will be held Sunday, April 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Knowlton Hall in Ashford; pay at the door-\$25 per non-member, \$20 per member.

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Food - Fun - Activities for all ages
Learn what local groups are doing
Heritage Day began with the U.S. Bicentennial and has continued annually through the present. If you would like to help plan this fun, town-wide event, please contact Barbara: (860) 974-3014 or Claire: (860) 974-0049.


ATTENTION

All articles & news for The Communicator must be submitted to Deb Yazo:
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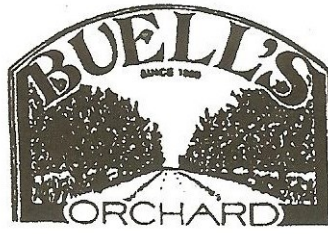
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