



The Eastford Communicator

June, 2016 Calendar

- 1 Special BOS, TOB, 8am
Yoga, Nahaco, 6pm – 7pm
Nahaco Commission, Nahaco, 7pm
- 2 Historical Archives Work, TOB, 10am – 12pm
- 3 Yoga, TOB, 8:15am – 9:15am
- 6 Fiddle & Song, EES, 3:30-5pm; 5-8pm
School Readiness Council, EES, 6pm
BOS, TOB, 7pm
- 7 Conservation & Historic Comm, TOB, 7pm
- 8 “Experience Eastford Day” Committee, TOB, 10am
Recreation Commission, TOB, 2pm
Registrars of Voters, TOB, 5pm – 7pm
Yoga, Nahaco, 6pm – 7pm
- 9 Senior Citizens, TOB, 11am – 2pm
BOE, EES, 7pm
- 10 Yoga, TOB, 8:15am – 9:15am
Annual Field Day, EES, 10am(rain 11am)
- 11 “Celebrate Ivy Tea Party,” Library, 10:30am
- 13 Fiddle & Song, EES, 3:30-5pm, 5-8pm
Clean Energy, TOB, 7pm
- 14 Planning Commission, TOB, 7pm
- 15 8th Grade Graduation, EES, 6pm
Communicator Deadline
Yoga, Nahaco, 6-7pm
- 16 Last Day of School
Historical Archives Work, TOB, 10am-12pm
- 17 Yoga, TOB, 8:15-9:15am
Register-Summer Reading Prog., Library, 3-7pm
Annual Meeting/Historical Society, TOB, 7pm
- 21 Republican Town Committee, Library, 7pm
- 22 Registrars of Voters, TOB, 5-7pm
Yoga, Nahaco, 6-7pm
- 23 Historical Archives Work, TOB, 10am-12pm
Inland Wetlands Commission, TOB, 7pm
Library Board, Library, 7pm
- 24 Yoga, TOB, 8:15-9:15am
- 27 American Legion, TOB, 7:30pm
- 28 Democratic Town Committee, Library, 7:30pm
- 29 Yoga, Nahaco, 6-7pm
- 30 Historical Archives Work, TOB, 10am-12pm

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: Pluses and Minuses, Bikes and Tikes, Aware and Alert]

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget for the Town of Eastford calls for Total Revenues of some \$5.5 million with an equivalent amount of Total Expense. There is no increase in the Mill Rate; the Mill Rate remains at 25.11. On the Revenue side of the budget, the Grand List totaled \$144,080,802, just short of a \$2.4 million increase in assessed value, or about 1.6 percent. Given an impressive Tax Collection rate of 97.5 percent and a 25.11 mill rate, the total taxes to be raised are \$3,527,422. State and Local Revenues [excluding taxes] are anticipated to total

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Of Special Note

At the Eastford Library:

“Celebrate Ivy Glenn-Tea Party in the Garden”
on June 11 (see centerfold, EHS Quarterly)

Discount passes-Zoo, Science Center, State Parks, Museums
Annual Meeting, Historical Society-June 17
Nahaco Park-Crystal Pond, Picnic Tables, Trails
“Experience Eastford” - Family Fun-July 16

\$1,568,906. The budget also calls for a transfer of \$437,500 to the Municipal Reserve Fund to enable the funding of current and future capital projects. On the Expense side, the Board of Education budget is \$3,818,151; the Town Government budget is \$1,715,371.

I would like to welcome Attorney Michele Palulis as Eastford's new Municipal Agent for the Elderly. She was appointed to a two-year term by the Board of Selectmen, meeting in regular session on May 2. I thank Michele, among whose areas of expertise is Elder Law, for her volunteerism and her sense of community. At that same meeting, the Board appointed Paige Burgess to the Recreation Commission for a term ending June 30, 2018.

Recently Elementary School Principal Heather Tamsin issued a reminder about School parking lot safety. I would like to reiterate that reminder and extend it to the Town Office Building parking lots and access roads. Drivers have, on occasion, entered and exited the lots at imprudent and unsafe speeds. A 5-to-10 mile per hour speed is most appropriate to those areas to assure the safety of our schoolchildren and those visiting Town offices. Also, there is a STOP sign at the upper parking lot exit to Westford Road which should be observed.

The Transfer Station Cover Project will soon be underway. This project, which entails covering certain of the Transfer Station containers and installing allied framing, comes as a result of State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection [DEEP] mandates. The project may result in the realignment of the location of containers and it certainly will involve construction and related activities. Completion is anticipated by July 1, 2016. So, for the next two months, if you use the Transfer Station please proceed with caution and, as always, ask the Transfer Station Attendant for assistance or for answers to your questions.

If you are an Eastford family who could use some help

in obtaining and providing diapers and wipes for your children, be aware that Eastford has now joined with Ashford and Chaplin in the Interfaith Human Services of Putnam [IHSP] Diaper Bank. The Bank is now accepting applications for families residing in Eastford for the program which provides one package of diapers and wipes per month for each child in diapers. The Program Coordinator for our three towns is Melissa McDonough, Ashford's Director of Social Services. Melissa is reachable at 860-487-4417 or by e-mail at

mmcdonough@ashfordct.org. The IHSP-Diaper Bank's main office is at 51 Grove Street in Putnam, 860-928-0169. E-mail is ihsp.diaperbanknect@gmail.com.

Progress continues throughout Town on road and bridge projects. On Mill Bridge Road, the bridge replacement proceeds apace: clearing and grubbing has occurred as has utility relocation and guard rail removal. Erosion and sedimentation controls are in place; the existing bridge is being removed; cofferdams installed. The drainage correction effort at Ashford and Westford Roads is nearing completion with the installation of new catch basins and the laying of new pipe. Crystal Pond Road from French Road to Route 171 has been repaved and soon will be chip sealed as will that section of Crystal Pond Road from French Road to Camp Yankee Road.

The seasons have come full cycle and they, the cyclists, are coming to Eastford once again. Watch for the peloton! Some 200 riders will come through Eastford on Sunday, May 29 as participants in AngelRide 2016. They will start in Norfolk on Saturday and end at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford. Sunday morning they will leave the Camp and proceed through Town enroute to the finish at the Mystic YMCA. Later in the Summer, Saturday, Au-

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gust 20, the 25th Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour will pedal through Town.

All Eastford veterans and their families should be aware that a Veterans Stand Down will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Quinebaug Valley Community College, 742 Upper Maple Street in Danielson. There will be free-of-charge eye and hearing screenings, free products, lunch, and the opportunity to visit with staff of a variety of veterans service organizations such as the American Legion, the State Department of Labor, the Connecticut Community Veterans Engagement Board, the US and Connecticut Departments of Veterans Affairs, the TVCCA/RSVP Veterans Coffee-house, and more.

Eastford's annual Heritage Day celebration will be held at various venues throughout Town on Saturday, July 16. Heritage Day affords townspeople and visitors from near and far an opportunity to Experience Eastford in a multiplicity of ways.

Board of Education

By Linda Loretz

At its May meeting, the Board of Education received thanks for providing breakfast for the staff on Staff Appreciation Day.

The Board reviewed updated 2016-17 budget documents. It is anticipated that the Board will realize at least \$42,883 in savings as a result of changing medical insurance to a state-sponsored plan. Changes had been finalized at a special meeting held on April 26, 2016. Minutes of special and regular Board of Education meetings can be found on the website (<http://www.eastfordct.org/>)

The Board reviewed minutes from the Curriculum and Scholarship Committees. Scholarship recipients were selected for 2016 and it was decided to host a reception for recipients and the families who sponsor the scholarships on June 9 before the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

The Board voted to update a number of policy bylaws and to delete some that were redundant. All policies are available on the website.

**“Celebrate Ivy”
A Tea Party in the Garden
to honor the
120th
Anniversary of Eastford’s
Library
June 11, 2016
10:30-11:30 am
In the Reader’s Garden
Eastford Public Library
Ivy Glenn Memorial
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Eastford Seniors

By Linda SM dos Santos

A grateful thank you to Robert Williams at the ending of his volunteer service to help with benefits & programs positive to the well-being of Eastford's elderly. Welcome Attorney Michele A. Palulis, the new Eastford Agent for the Elderly, whose field is Elder Law, & whose service will be a benefit to the elderly & to the Town.

The Owner & staff of Oliver's Restaurant on Rt. 6 in North Windham surprised Eastford car caravan seniors with clothing & grooming items with their free lunch, recently. The caravan traveled on to UConn's Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry. Seniors experienced "Two Ways Down", a multimedia installation covering the largest gallery walls with mechanized moving shadows & figments of digital animation. We also visited the UCONN Bookstore Co-op.

Speakers: Larry Buell of Petersham, MA, Jeff Sandness & John Thomas Buell of Eastford presented a free, fascinating talk entitled, "The Buell Cousins of Eastford: 150 Years of a Family, Farm, & Community" sponsored by Eastford Historical Society at the Town Office Building. Buell's Orchard has been a family-owned farm since 1889, operated continuously by 4 generations of Buell's. The largest festival in Eastford is held at Buell's Orchard on Columbus Day in October, attracting more than 5,000 people.

Thursday, **June 9**, at Eastford Seniors-Sponsored "Speakers & Sandwiches," Linda Watson presents "Sugar Blues" and Larry Ouillette, "The Wonders of the Honeybee." A light brunch provided at 11 AM in the Eastford Town Office Building's Lower Level. Members \$4, Non-Members \$7, Pre-register is required call/text 860-538-8868 by Noon Tues., June 7. Linda Watson received professional training, at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, & is studying

Nutrition Therapy at Sathor College. Sugar Blues is the amount of sugar we consume, how it damages our health, ways to reduce it, & to be aware of where it is hiding. Larry Ouillette, a retired nurse, is a 30-year beekeeping hobbyist, a gardener, lecturer at local schools, and particularly loves teaching people about the wonders of the honeybee.

On June 14, Adult Caregivers of Aging Loved Ones (ACOALO) holds its meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the lower level of the Congregational Church of Eastford, 8 Church Rd., 860-974-0294, www.cceastford.org.

SAVE THE DATE: *Saturday, July 16, Experience Eastford* - enjoy diverse activities at various locations around town including: EES from 11AM - 2 PM - table displays, fun activities for whole family. **Potluck Picnic**, Noon - 3 PM at **Nahaco Park** - Waterfront Main Dining Hall sponsored by the Town of Eastford & the Eastford Senior Citizens. Families share food items with their neighbors while listening to informative Sue Moon, from Heifer International, & at 1 PM the folkloric dancers. Pre-registration is required, call/text 860-538-8868 by noon Thurs., July 14. **Music at Frog Rock**, Noon - 4:30 PM, Rte 44 in Eastford - enjoy The Frog Rock Trio & The music of Brandt Taylor.

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Library News

BY: SUSAN SHEAD

A library tea will be held on Saturday June 11th from 10:30 to 11:30AM to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Eastford Public Library. Everyone is invited to come to the tea in honor of Ivy Glenn. We will be serving tea and pastries. You will then learn more about the Glenn family and how generous they were to our community.

The Library Board would like to thank Jay Noe for his generous donation of perennials for the Old Colony Road side of the library. Thanks Jay!

Here are a few facts celebrating the 120th anniversary of the library. The building now known as the Ivy Glenn was painted and repaired and in 1928 rules were established governing usage of the hall. Throughout the 1930s money was appropriated for repairs to the upper portion of the structure and steps. Eastford's community spirit activated as individuals and groups united to renovate the building. In 1934, the Community Club offered 100 seats, enabling the town to replace the church pews.

There are discount passes available for Mystic Aquarium, Roger Williams Park Zoo, The New England Air Museum, and free admission passes to the New Britain Museum of American Art, The Wadsworth Atheneum and Connecticut's Old State House. 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.

The Eastford Public Library
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News You Can Use

By Deb Richards - Emergency Management Director

Saturday, May 7, 2016 members of the Eastford emergency management community participated in an all day seminar lead by FEMA and hosted by Pomfret School. Participants who have a role in our community's response to natural or man-made disasters attended including: Art Brodeur, First Selectman, Linda Loretz, Superintendent, Jeannine Spink, EMS Captain and I were present for this event.

The course encompassed ways to effectively coordinate between personnel in the field and personnel in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) to successfully manage a community's disaster response. This course covered the responsibilities and functions of the EOC, the application of the incident command system, and considered how communities and community agencies may effectively work together in response to a disaster.

This FEMA-level course was customized to fit the unique needs of our Northeast Connecticut towns. Participants engaged in group discussions and an interactive disaster simulation based on our local area.

G-191 is an included course in the Advanced Professional Series Program recommended under the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

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Saturday July 16th
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Recreation Commission News

by Valerie Katkaveck

The Rec Commission is a small group of volunteers who create, plan and sponsor activities that will bring people in the community together for some fun and try to bring one special event per month. We welcome your participation, help, suggestions, donations, but mostly we welcome YOU!

A HUGE "Thank You" to Paige Burgess for stepping up and joining our group.

Starting June 1 at 6 pm at Camp Nahaco, and on subsequent Wednesday evenings, Sue Orcott will lead **Yoga**. There is no registration, just show up when you can, \$5 per class.

September 17th is the date for the annual "We Never Stop Fighting 5k, In Loving Memory of Marilyn T. Krom."

This year's race proceeds will benefit Howard Budd. If you want to participate in any way to help make this an event to remember, please don't hesitate to volunteer. We will be discussing race details at the meeting June 8th at 1:30 pm in the town office building (lower level) all are welcome.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE EASTFORD FOOD PANTRY?

The Eastford Food Pantry is funded through the generous donations of people like you, including churches and businesses in our community. Donations can be made payable to: Town of Eastford (Food Pantry on memo line), PO Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242. As generous as friends of the pantry are, there is usually a decline in donated food during the summer months. The need, however, remains steady.

Among items most needed are: low sugar cereals, oatmeal, rice, tuna, canned fruits and juices, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, bisquick or baking mix, granola bars, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, toiletries. Please consider buying a few extra items on your next trip to the grocery store. You can drop them off in the Selectmen's Office or call Karen & Steve Broderick for pick-up at 860-974-1618.

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Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog shall submit to the town clerk a RABIES CERTIFICATE signed by a veterinarian, or a copy thereof, stating that such dog has been vaccinated against rabies, the date of the vaccination and the duration of the immunity provided by the vaccine. No license shall be issued unless the certificate indicates that the immunity provided by the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing.

Proof of spay or neuter is required in the form of a veterinarian's certificate.

Kennel licenses also need to be obtained or renewed in the month of June.

FEES:

SPAYED FEMALE or NEUTERED	
MALE.....	\$8.00 each
FEMALE OR MALE	
.....	\$19.00 each
KENNEL LICENSE (10 TAGS)	
.....	\$51.00

A \$1.00 per month penalty will be charged for each dog that remains unlicensed.

Melissa Vincent
Town Clerk



June 14, 2016

Eastford Readiness Initiative

AKA Eastford's Preschool Program

Jennifer Barlow

www.eastfordct.org

Update

The Readiness Program is currently accepting registration for the 2016-2017 school year waiting list. If you would like a form please contact the school office or find the registration form on the school's website.

Since the March meeting the Preschool class has had a few visits to the public library. The students were invited to an after school Lego activity. There have been a few school assemblies including the drama performance and the Maypole dance. Parent/Teacher conferences were held in April and Mrs. Kopplin met with each of the families. Moving forward there are several transition activities including combined recess and story time planned with the Kindergarten class and teacher. On June 9 there is a field trip to Bakerwoods Farm in Ashford for the current preschool class and any students planning on attending the program in the fall.

The application for next year's grant has been handed in and we now await the response from the state regarding the program's funding.

For more information on the program please look on-line at the Readiness Handbook or by contacting the Head Teacher, Christine Kopplin at ckopplin@eastfordct.org or the Readiness Council Liaison, Jen Barlow, at jbarlow@eastfordct.org

Mark your calendar!

June 2: Readiness Council Meeting 6:00 (Eastford Elementary School Teacher's Lounge)

June 16: Last day of School

Kindergarten News

By Michelle Bibeault

Kindergarten is a fun and exciting time! Currently the kinders are focusing on Life Science: *How we can describe the living things around us.* The students are observing and describing similarities and differences when comparing different animals that hatch from eggs. To give the children hands on experience with this, we are hatching chicks and tadpoles in the classroom. Having the animals in the classroom plays a large part in the children being interested and engaged in their learning! Listening to stories about oviparous animals, retelling stories, sequencing stories, recording the development inside the eggs in their own journals, matching rhyming pictures and practicing medial sounds are some of the fun ways the children are learning during this integrated science unit.

On May 2, 2016 the kindergarten and eighth grade students participated in a Maypole Dance. Mrs. Tedisky, our Physical Education teacher, teaches the children this time honored traditional dance and invites families to attend this uplifting activity.



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From: Jeannine Spink, President

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to our most recent EMS members of the Rescue Squad. Emergency Medical Technician Elizabeth Gaston and Emergency Medical Responder Cameron Chandler.

The Company responded to 13 medical/fire emergencies in the month of April.

Included in April meetings were the monthly business meeting and Line Officer's Meeting. EMS drills included Airborn/Bloodborne Pathogens, HIPAA and Pharmacology. Fire drills included Scene Preservation presented by a state Fire Marshall, ladders, FIT testing for firefighters who wear an SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus), brush fires presented by the state DEEP.

Thank you to our patrons who attended the "sold out" Steak Supper on April 16th. Our next supper will be on October 15th.

MEMORIAL DAY


The true start of summer is Memorial Day. Annually, Eastford honors its veterans with a parade, cemetery flags and flowers, and a memorial in the center of Eastford.

What do we know about Memorial Day? What do we do to honor the people who died for our country? From the time of the Civil War, Americans have set aside time to remember. No one knows for sure when people first started honoring the Civil War dead. Originally, it was called Decoration Day because the graves were decorated with flowers. General John Logan declared May 30, 1868 a day to decorate the graves of soldiers from both the north and south in Arlington National Cemetery. New York was the first state to give official recognition to the holiday.

In the 1950's, American flags were placed on the graves in Arlington National Cemetery. A branch of the military oversaw them.

When you think of Memorial Day this year, remember the soldiers who served our country. Many gave their lives to give us the freedoms we now enjoy. Many honor

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the deceased even if a person did not serve in the military.

As you pass the Grove Cemetery on Rte. 198 this holiday, you will notice the beauty of the grounds. American flags honor Veterans and sixty-three markers and red flags proudly wave at the sites of our deceased members and auxiliary.

Take a moment to slow down to say THANK YOU!

OLDER ADULT FALLS SEEN BY FIRST RESPONDERS

Among people aged 65 and older, 17% of "911" calls are from the elderly who have fallen, some requiring hospital transport. 60% of most falls occur at home. One out of ten falls cause a serious injury such as a hip fracture or head injury. In addition to the physical and emotional pain, many need to spend at least one year recovering in a long-term facility. Some are never able to live independently again.

Falls are not an inevitable consequence of aging. Risk factors include: **BIOLOGICAL:** Muscle weakness or balance problems, medication side effects, chronic health conditions, vision changes/loss, and loss of sensation in feet. **BEHAVIORAL:** Inactivity, risky behaviors such as standing on a chair, alcohol use. **ENVIRONMENTAL:** Clutter, poor lighting, lack of stair railings, lack of grab bars inside and outside the tub or shower and poorly designed public spaces.

The common risks for falling include: Trouble getting up, standing or walking, foot problems and unsafe footwear, dizziness upon standing, and hazards in the home such as narrow walking paths, rugs, cords, low lying objects.

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From the Principal's Desk

Heather Tamsin

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Eastford Elementary School, I would like to thank the community for supporting the school in a variety of ways during the 2015-2016 school year. We appreciate all of the contributions and good will offered on behalf of Eastford students. As I reflect on the year, the connection between the community and the school continues to flourish. It is a privilege to work in a community that is so committed to supporting the quality education of Eastford children. The talents and passions shared by community members have been astounding!

The School's Annual Field Day will be on Friday, June 10, rain or shine. If "rain" the activities will begin at 11:00AM and if "shine", the start time will be 10:00AM. Please contact Mrs. Tedisky if you are interested in volunteering.

The eighth grade graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00 PM. The last day for students this school year will be Thursday, June 16.

School will resume for students on Wednesday, August 31, 2016. The 2016-17 school calendar is available on the school's website:

<http://www.eastfordct.org/files/filesystem/2016-2017%20EES%20School%20Calendar.pdf>

Eastford Grove Cemetery

Submitted by the Board of Trustees

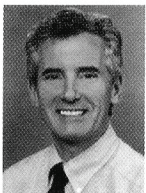
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It is important to note that **no municipal funds** are received for the operation and maintenance costs of the grounds. In order to cover the increasing expenses of perpetual care, the Association relies solely on revenues from plot sales, small investment income, burials and, most especially, donations from estate plans, gift giving, and memorial contributions. The Eastford Grove Cemetery Association is a non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. Kindly consider assisting us in our mission to provide the best perpetual care possible for our community cemetery. Thank you.

For inquiries on the purchase of space; status of family space; rules and regulations; bequests and charitable donations contact Lauren Anderson, President at 860-974-1349, or Rick Torgeson, Treasurer at 860-974-3311.

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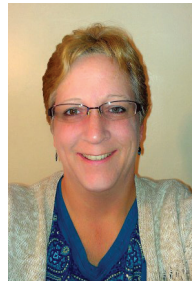
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Besides the weekly Monday F&S sessions, many more players follow us online through our instruction communications and particularly our F&S Scorch tunes library, which offers a self-teaching file presenting a sheet of music on your computer screen as it scans and plays the tune. You can make it play fast or slow. You can repeat small sections of the tune. You can transpose and print it. And although this library is intended for fiddlers, it is perfect for any instrument or your voice. Words are provided for songs and all tunes are written in solfege (Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti). F&S Scorch is probably the best way possible to learn how to read music, since it is impossible to read incorrectly.

It is a joy to share the making of music with others. If you would like to explore F&S, please contact me. F&S includes occasional individual lessons; come and try it!

Happy Father's Day



June 19, 2016

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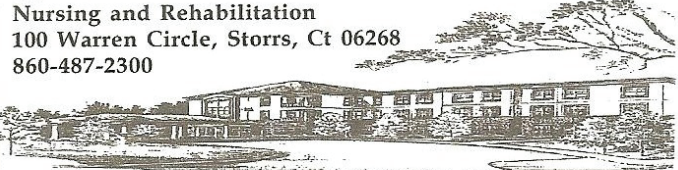
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Tips for Today

by Liz Ellsworth

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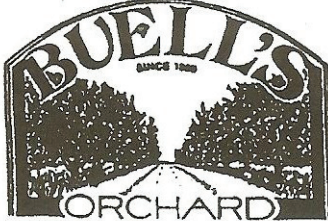
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