

MEMORIAL DAY Ceremonies & Parade - Monday, May 30, 2022

(See also story, photos on pp 6, 7, back cover. Photos by Adam Minor)

Eastford Historical Quarterly-centerfold; Food Pantry new location p9, Taxes p2)



Above: (l-r) Color Guard & Veterans Marching: David Olsen, Chris Reiser (hidden by American flag), Russ Mayhew, Mitch Sibley-Jett, A; Green (hidden by POW flag), Jacob Wilson, Mike Moran, Jason Mott, Armin Beerman, Jennifer Willich.
Below left: Veterans Loring White, Dominick Roto, Richard Cooley driven by Stephen Bowen in 1973 Mustang
Below Right: Veterans Jennifer Willich with 2022 Veteran Honoree Arthur Brodeur.



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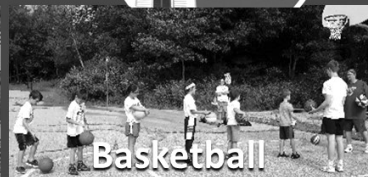
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All Motor Vehicle taxes; and all other taxes of One Hundred Dollars or less are payable in one installment, on or before August 1, 2022. August 1, 2022 postmarks are accepted as being on time. All other taxes may be paid in two installments, the second installment becoming due on January 1, 2023.

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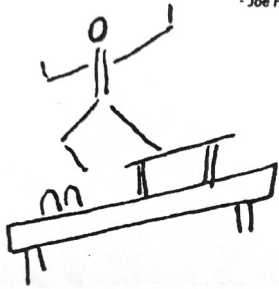
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Selectman's Summary—by Deb Richards – First Selectman/EMD

It is now official! Karen and Stephen Broderick are formally retired from the Eastford Food Pantry! What a bittersweet moment for our Town. Karen and Steve started the Food pantry over 20 years ago and under their leadership, with support and donations from townspeople it has thrived and grown from a modest beginning of serving just 5 families to seeing that number multiply many times over. Through their kindness and dedication many families have received help during hard times. Saying thank you does not seem to be enough, as a town we are forever in their debt. Thank you Karen and Steve - for serving our town by helping our residents! For anyone looking for support with food insecurities, please contact Audrey Carabeau, new Food Pantry Coordinator at 860-933-7685 All information is kept confidential. The Food Pantry is now located at 133 Union Road in the Eastford Baptist Church (there is a Food Pantry sign outside the side door) and is here to support any Eastford resident in need of food. Food and monetary donations to support the Food Pantry are accepted at the church and at the TOB.

Eastford Emergency Incident Command gathered for the Governor's annual mandated Emergency Preparation and Planning initiative. The scenario given was the worst hurricane ever to hit CT! We talked through situations and how we, as Incident Command, would respond to this emergency situation. In attendance were: Donna Leake Superintendent of EES, Doug Beaudoin Fire Chief, Bernie Dubb HAM Radio operator and the EMD and First Selectman.

Congratulations to Chris Hustus on a successful tax sale – the town collected what was due in back taxes.

Eastford's Memorial Day ceremony was a rousing success thanks to the hard work of so many people! Our thanks to so many starting with Terry Cote for organizing the event, Rick Torgeson for ensuring the pavers for the Veteran Memorial were engraved and installed, Dave Olsen, Commander of American Legion Post 203 for the military salute and color guard, Claire Williams for tending the flowers at the Memorial. The musical selections were wonderful – thanks to the Woodstock Cornet Band, The Eastford Singers directed by Sara Howard and the Eastford Elementary School students under the direction of Mr. Tomanelli! Thank you, Barry Fraley and Herman Barlow, for setting up the sound system, PW works help with set up and landscaping, to Eastford Constables Randal Chinnock and David Jakubowski for helping with traffic control, Steve Bowen for providing cars for Veterans, Isaac Torcellini and James Barlow for the beautiful rendition of Taps. Thank you for the presentation of the Veteran plaque by Jennifer Willich Eastford Municipal Veterans Service Agent, invocations by Pastor Mike Moran, Congregational Church of Eastford and Pastor Tim Howard, The Eastford Baptist Church. Thank you to members of the Color Guard, and all the people who placed flags at Veteran and Firefighter graves. Special thanks to CT Air National Guard for the fly over of the C-130 and all who attended this Memorial Day ceremony. Acknowledged and recognized for his service was Dominick Roto, Sr. who was drafted at the age of 18, served in WWII, received 3 bronze stars for heroic action in the field and joined us for our ceremony at the age of 97! Congratulations to this year's Veteran Honoree – Arthur W, Brodeur! We thank Art for his service to our country! The Eastford Memorial Day event was a fantastic show of community support and how we all come together – for the greater good.

The Town budget for FY 2022-2023 passed unanimously at the June 6th budget vote. The BOS met to approve setting the mil rate for the 2021 Grand List at 26.25 mils. My thanks to all staff who helped construct that budget with special thanks going to Tom Latham and Terry Cote for their enormous assistance and patience!

I would also like to thank Mike and Cheryl Radzvilowicz and the Quiet Corner Garden Club for their fantastic job planning and planting the gardens in the front and on the side of the TOB! Mike and Cheryl researched native plants with the help of the Conservation Committee and the Quiet Corner Garden Club and purchased the plants with funds donated from the Quiet Corner Garden Club. Thank you for this addition of beautiful gardens in our town!

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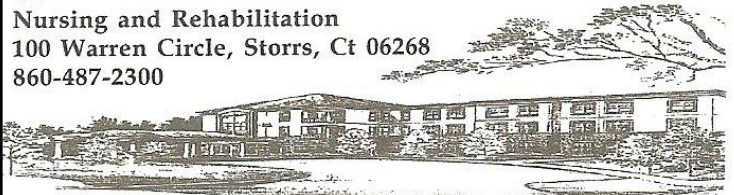
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News and Notes from the Superintendent's Office by Donna P. Leake, PhD

The season of congratulations begins. On June 16 at 7pm, grade 8 students will be recognized for their accomplishments at Eastford Elementary School. At its meeting on June 9, the BOE recognized: **Clayton Singleton, Isaac Torcellini, and Micah Torcellini as recipients of the Ethel Cushing Gardner scholarship award. Recipients of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut scholarships were also recognized and are as follows: Michael Bilica: Esther and Lucie Harmon and Leta Sabin Trepal; Kayla Gaudreau: Edith Wheaton Smith; Anna Kellermann: Dennis S. Barlow; Clayton Singleton: Edith Wheaton Smith, Take Note! Antonia Brancia; Isaac Torcellini: Eleanor K. Lewis, Mary King Sharpe, Emil Vaida, Town of Eastford; Micah Torcellini: Harold D. Carpenter, Edith Wheaton Smith.** At its meeting on May 12, the BOE took the following actions: --Continued the process of updating the BOE Bylaws (9000 series); -Received recommendations from the BOE Scholarship Committee for the recipients of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut scholarships; -Began a review of the updated Administration of Student Medications in the Schools policy to include the procedures and protocols surrounding the administration of Naloxone (Narcan); -Received an update from the Superintendent as to the status of the 2021-2022 BOE budget. The status report included recommendations for BOE consideration for the distribution and disbursement of remaining funds. The BOE will act on these recommendations at its June meeting; -Accepted, with regret, the resignations of Instrumental Music teacher David Burgess and paraprofessional Margaret Pittman at the end of the 2021-2022 school year; -Authorized the transfer in the FY 2022 budget: \$6,000 from 100.1200.3.111.00.5 (Salary, Teachers SE) to 100.1200.3.121.03.5 (Substitutes, Non-Certified, SE).

As the school year comes to a close, I want to once again thank the Eastford Community for its ongoing and generous support of the education of all Eastford learners. Please do not hesitate to contact me at: dleake@eastfordct.org

From the Principal's Desk by Carole McCombe

As we wrap up the 2021-2022 school year, I have to share how proud I am of our students, staff and families for their perseverance in the face of yet another year that has brought an assortment of challenges like we have never seen before. Eastford is a special community that we can count on to come together in happy times and when there are challenges. We have much to celebrate as we enjoy these last few weeks of school together and prepare to send off 12 eighth graders to local high schools at our June 16 graduation ceremony. It is with mixed emotions that we accept the resignations of three of our staff members so that they may fully retire and/or move on to further their careers in different ways. Mrs. Chretien, Director of Pupil Services, Mrs. Bardsley, elementary teacher, Mr. Burgess, instrumental music teacher, Mr. Taft, paraprofessional, Mrs. Pittman, paraprofessional, and Ms. Budd, long-term art substitute will certainly be missed, as combined they have dedicated over 100 years to serving children and families in the field of education! We wish them all the best, and we look forward to welcoming new staff members and to continuing our partnership with families in educating our children.

I would like to thank our parent groups, such as the PTO, School Readiness and the Auction Committee. These groups meet regularly throughout the school year, organize fundraisers and special events, and support students, families and staff with extras that are not items in the regular school budget. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support and dedication! The last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year will be June 17 – with an early dismissal at 12:30 on that day. I wish everyone a safe, healthy and restful summer and we look forward to seeing you back next school year.

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HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY – THE BEGINNING

In mid-December 1917, a large barn and house, situated on Sumner Hill Road BURNED. In early January, 1918, Keith's Mill, Cat Walk and Drop Forge Buildings on both sides of Still River – now Bowen's Garage – BURNED. In mid-January 1918, another major structure BURNED. These events among other smaller fires, caused a great deal of concern about fire protection. At a Town Meeting on November 3, 1919, dialogue began regarding the need. On March 7, 1938, the current first selectman spoke of the desire to provide adequate protection to the town. History to establish the current fire department proceeded to May 5, 1942 where 40 founding members were designated Charter Members. From 1942 to 1945, work began with a formal application filed with the Secretary of State for the company to become established in June, 1942, and incorporated in 1945. Since the fire department financed itself by fundraisers with no financial support from the town, it was decided by the Charter Members that the fire company would be named the:
"Eastford Independent Fire Company #1, Inc."

Over time, training, guidelines, and regulations have become more intense and extensive for fire fighting and emergency medical services. The May Communicator began a new component as to what we do. What happens every Wednesday night down at the firehouse?

EXTRICATION: With the arrival of state-of-the-art technology for vehicle extrication, confined space rescue, on-going skills practice will continue until all are comfortable with the use of the tools.

ICE SEARCH AND RESCUE: During the ice season, drills are held on local ponds in the skill of ice emergencies. Using the proper gear for cold water rescue, rescuers practice possible emergency circumstances.

CHIMNEY FIRES: Also, during the winter months, there is always the possibility, at any residence that uses wood / pellet / furnace burning fuels to heat may experience a chimney fire. These skills are reviewed and practiced to stop the extension or spread of fire. Combined with working a fire, there is the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning, which is colorless, tasteless, and odorless. A specific "detector" that measures the gas is always used as a precaution. Advice is published annually to alert the homeowner of it's potential.

AIRBORNE/BLOODBORN PATHOGENS: A review and on-line testing is mandatory annually. This class is a review of how to handle emergencies where pathogens (germs) are present, and how to keep the patient and rescuer safe. Proper COVID restrictions are still being suggested to the patient, rescuers and ambulance service. Along with the pathogens class, there is a component called HAZMAT Awareness to review possibilities of contamination.

And so the training continues.....All members are cross-trained in fire suppression techniques in addition emergency medical services provided.

On Wednesday evening, 5/25, members installed red fire department flags at the Grove Cemetery to honor members who committed their lives to protecting the town, who may have served as firemen, EMS, fire police and ladies auxiliary. Flags will remain until the Veteran's Day holiday in November.

The department held its 80th birthday celebration of incorporation was celebrated on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Thank you to residents who faithfully contribute to our operating budget. If you wish to support our budget, tax-deductible donations can be sent to: EIFC, PO Box 333, Eastford, CT 06242.

"READY TODAY – PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

Photo: Presentation of Citation: (left to right) - Representative Patrick S. Boyd - 50th District, James Roy, President/Deputy Chief, Doug Beaudoin, Chief and Deborah Richards, First Selectwoman. General Assembly Official Citation, signed by Representative Boyd - 59th District, and Senator Dan Champagne, 35th District in recognition of 80 years of dedicated service to the Town of Eastford, dated 7th day of June, 2022



THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS FROM GROVE CEMETERY & EIFC WHO PLACED FLAGS ON GRAVES OF THOSE WHO SERVED.

(l-r): David Barlow, Ralph Yulo, Faye Buell, Kayla Gaudreau, Erin Gaudreau, Linda Torgeson, Richard Torgeson, Jeannine Spink, Alex Kowalchuk, Sherry Huri, Scott Huri, Bruce Lindemann, Beverly Lindemann, Carolyn Hazard, Bob Ellsworth, Lauren Anderson, Ken Grube

Memorial Day Report by Eastford Constable Randal Chinnock A glorious day dawned on the Eastford Memorial Day Ceremonies to honor our fallen service members. Marchers made their way from the Town Office Building down John Perry Road, turned a sharp left onto Old Colony, and ended at the Veterans Memorial. The Parade was led by Eastford's American Legion Post 203 Color Guard, followed by the Woodstock Coronet Band, youngsters in costume and on decorated bicycles, Scramble the Duck, old cars and tractors, and Eastford Independent Fire Co. trucks.



Christina Green brought her Jersey heifer, leaving Rock Maple Farm at 7am to tug her reluctant 4-H winner all the way into town. Steve Bowen chauffeured Eastford veterans Richard Cooley, Dominick Roto and Loring White in a classic '73 Mustang, which has been part of Eastford's Memorial Day Parades for many decades. At the Memorial, veterans looked on as the American Legion Post 203 Color Guard stood in respect, a wreath was placed, Post 203 Commander David Olsen played cadence, and a C-130 Hercules plane from the CT Air National Guard's 103rd Airlift Wing flew overhead. The Eastford Chorus and Eastford Elementary School students performed patriotic songs with spirit. First Selectman Deb Richards gave special recognition to 97-year-old Dominick Roto, who earned two Bronze Stars for bravery in combat while serving as a medic in World War II. As is tradition, one veteran was presented with a surprise service award. Veteran Jennifer Whipple read a brief biography of the awardee, and by the time she finished, many there knew who she was talking about. Art Brodeur wiped a tear from his eye as he rose to accept the award. He stated that he was "deeply honored, humbled, and moved" to be the award recipient.

Above left: Richard Torgeson with Sylas and Alina Platt laying the wreath at the Veterans Memorial.
Below: Eastford Elementary School singers presenting patriotic music. Photos by Adam Minor



MEMORIAL DAY MOMENTS

Dozens of youngsters marched or rode decorated bikes in the Parade, ending at the Veterans Memorial with ceremonies at the Ivy Glenn.



Above: Young awardees.

Right: Eastford Chorus.

Below left: Christina Green with her award-winning Jersey heifer.

Below right: Benjamin, Micah & Isaac Torcellini with Scramble the Duck.



DID YOU KNOW? Eastford Historical Society Did you know that a 1915 Boston Globe article claimed Simeon A. Wheaton to be the longest serving storekeeper in New England? Simeon Wheaton was born in Thompson, CT in 1829. He grew up on a farm on Ragged Hill in Pomfret, CT. He was the youngest of six children born to Levi and Amy Ballard Wheaton. He came to Phoenixville in 1848 and set up a store in what was once the Chapman Inn. It was located on the Hartford Turnpike at what is today, the corner of Providence Pike and Route 198. Recent excavation at the site has revealed an old foundation wall of the store. Simeon was 87 years of age when interviewed in his store in 1915. He met the writer of the article with a vigorous handshake, claiming "We've got plenty of everything here but rum and money". For 67 years he had consistently done business, without intermission, change, or failure. "Yes sir, I've kept store right here in this one room since 1848, with nary a break. That was the year of the big gold strike in California. Lots of 'em went, but I thought Connecticut gold was best, and I've had my share." When questioned about the greatest thing he had ever seen, he responded, "General Lyon's funeral at Eastford, of course. Fifteen thousand people were there. We did some business that day, you bet!" Simeon's most cherished possession was a powder horn which his first wife's grandfather, Thomas Lyon, carried through the Revolution, and which was previously carried through the French and Indian Wars. Mr. Wheaton would sell anything in his store except his horn. Mr. Wheaton was proud, and justly so, of his unique record of 67 years of continuous service in one store and challenged New England and the country at large to produce another storekeeper who can equal or surpass his record. "I reckon I'm still good for the hundred mark." Sadly, Simeon did not make that mark. He died 2 years later, on February 10, 1917, at 87 years of age. He is buried in the Abington cemetery.

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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.

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**Food Pantry by Karen & Steve Broderick
 New Location—Eastford Baptist Church**

Photo: (l-r)
 New Coordinator
 Aubrey Carabeau,
 Pastor Tim Howard
 & 20-year volunteer
 Karen Broderick



One day in the early 2000's, we casually asked First Selectman Dick Woodward whether the town had a food pantry, thinking to donate. He shrugged and said "Yes, we have a small one. Want to run it?" Thus we became Eastford's food

pantry coordinators. No sooner had we taken over than the school conducted a hugely successful food drive (which they've done every year since) and we realized we had nowhere to put the hundreds of items they collected. Our intrepid DPW crew drove over to the UConn Surplus Store, picked up some used cabinets, and we were off and running. When we began, the town had a designated food pantry account but there was almost nothing in it. We began writing articles here in the Communicator, letting folks know that money and food donations were needed. We have been continually amazed ever since at the generosity of our fellow Eastfordites.

Thanks to you, our resources have been sufficient ever since to help all those in need who come forward.

Now, after somewhere around 20 years, we have decided it is time to step aside and allow a new set of eyes with fresh ideas to take over.

We're delighted to let you know that Audrey Carabeau and her daughter Sarah will be taking over as of July 1. We are so excited that these very capable and eager women will be running the pantry. And there's more good news: our First Selectwoman, Deb Richards, worked with Pastor Howard of the Eastford Baptist Church to identify space in their church that the pantry will be moving to. The room is spacious, bright and easily accessible, and while the town will still be operating the pantry through volunteers, the move will free up badly needed space in the TOB. Audrey has painted the walls and Dave Jakubowski has donated new shelving units.

So with very mixed emotions we step away from our role as coordinators. We will miss every single family we have helped over the years. Whitcraft's donations of turkeys at Thanksgiving, our town's "Secret Santa" stepping forward at Christmas to help families in need, His Oaks' monthly frozen meat donations, Chris Murphy's donation of farm fresh eggs, Lynn Nelson's donation of birthday boxes for children of our clients, food drives by the Eastford School, Bowen's Garage, our town churches, the EIFD, the Eastford Library, the Masonic Lodge and so many others have made our jobs so much easier. And finally, thanks so much to each and every one of you who have donated both cash and non-perishables all these years. Thank you Eastford! The next time you're at the grocery store, consider grabbing an extra item or two for the new food pantry.

Drop offs can be made at the Eastford TOB. The Pantry will be open the first Monday of the month from 8-10am by appointment except Monday, July 4 is a holiday so the pantry will open Friday, July 1 instead of Monday, July 4. Any Eastford resident in need may contact:

Audrey Carabeau at (860) 933-7685

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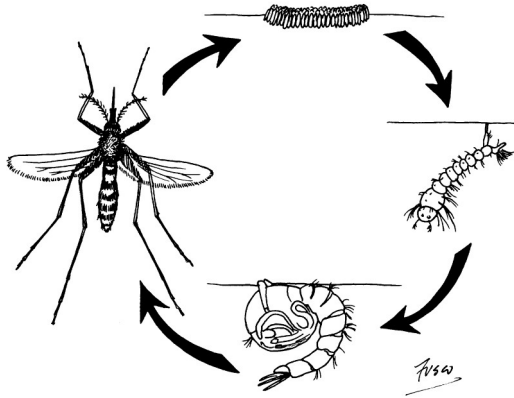
Eastford Conservation & Historic Preservation Commission Report

Preparing for Mosquito Season

By Roger Wolfe, CT DEEP Mosquito Management Coordinator

Drawing: Life cycle of mosquito by Paul Fusco

What's the world's deadliest 'animal'? It's not a shark, or tiger - it's the mosquito. According to the World Health Organization, more than 1 million people worldwide die annually as a result of a mosquito bite. In the US we have one of the most comprehensive and available public health systems in the world, which includes mosquito and vector control. Still, it is imperative that we each do our part to reduce mosquitoes around our homes, and minimize our exposure to mosquito bites.



In Connecticut the management of our 54 different mosquito species is a collaborative effort of the Departments of Energy and Environmental Protection, Public Health, and Agriculture, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, and UConn. Together, these agencies conduct mosquito, human, and veterinary surveillance to monitor trends, determine risk, and implement a phased response to minimize a mosquito-borne disease outbreak.

Facts: Only the female mosquito bites for blood protein for egg development; mosquitoes only need 7-10 days of standing water to develop; mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk hours; mosquitoes cease biting when temperatures fall below 50 degrees; most adult mosquitoes die following the first frost, however some can overwinter in protected areas.

The two mosquito-borne diseases of greatest public health importance in the northeast are Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus (WNV). Both of these agents are bird viruses and are endemic in our local bird population. Historically in Connecticut, EEE tends to be cyclical. Our most recent surge was in 2019 which culminated in 122 EEE-positive mosquito pool isolations, 6 horse cases, 1 pheasant flock and 4 human cases, including 3 deaths; certainly something to take seriously. EEE has a higher mortality rate (up to 30% in humans), although WNV is more prevalent but less virulent (~7%).

Although we will never eradicate mosquitoes or the diseases they carry, we must do all that we can to minimize the risk of an outbreak. Your best defense as an individual is to heed public health notices, be diligent about eliminating sources of mosquitoes, and to take personal protective measures to avoid mosquito bites.

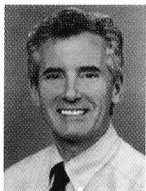
There is no way to predict what the upcoming mosquito season might be like but we know it is coming. For more information on mosquitoes and their control visit <https://www.portal.ct.gov/mosquito>.

Tps for Today by Liz Ellsworth Try something new this spring and join a spring/early-summer CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture). You can find CSA information at your local farm, at the regional farmers' market, or via The Last Green Valley's website:

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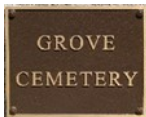
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