

The Eastford Communicator

Selectman's Snippets:

Budget- Town Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome!

Memorial Day- There are scheduled events starting at 8:30 A.M. at General Lyon Cemetery; at 9:00 A.M. at Grove Cemetery; and at 9:30 A.M., a parade starting at Eastford Elementary School will end at the Veterans Memorial, followed by a ceremony. All are welcome!

Community – Great things happen in our community!

Seniors – will enjoy an evening of **Willington Pizza & Talent Showcase**. Cost is \$9.00 per person. Call 860-538-8868 for details.

Town Wide Tag Sale May 18 and 19 all residents are welcome to participate so by May 15th, contact Valarie via email valkat@charter.net to be placed on the map. Valerie is our devoted chair of the Recreation Committee and is always willing to help you with your questions.

“Alone we do so little; together, we can do so much.” ~Helen Keller~

Road Safety – Please drive the speed limit! Distractions while driving can be dangerous. Be mindful of children/adults walking or riding bikes to school or for recreation. Your help in driving safely guards the wellbeing of all who enjoy our community.

Construction – During the month of May there will be road work throughout the town from replacement and cleaning of catch basin parts, to patching holes to brush cutting.

Police Services – During the month of March, Troop D responded to 33 calls. These calls of service included; Accidents: 0, Criminal Invest: 0, Burlaries 0, Larcenies: 0, Traffic Citations: 4, Written Warning: 1, and Non-Reportable Matters: 33.

Respectfully yours, Jacqueline Dubois, First Selectman



Eastford Memorial Day Parade-Monday, May 27, 9:30am - Remember Those Who Gave All

Eastford's Memorial Day Parade starts at 9:30am at the Eastford Elementary School. Community members are invited to participate in the parade. Immediately following the parade, a Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial. The ceremony includes an invocation, the recognition of an Eastford Veteran, the laying of a memorial wreath by the scouts, a Military Salute, and musical presentations by the Eastford Singers, the Woodstock Coronet Band, and Eastford Elementary School Students. Preceding the parade, Memorial Day services will take place at the General Lyon Cemetery at 8:30a.m. and the Grove Cemetery at 9a.m. In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled and the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 9:30a.m. in the school. All are invited to attend.

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Of Special Note:

The Eastford Independent Fire Co. urgently needs volunteers

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EASTFORD INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY #1, INC. FROM: JEANNINE SPINK

Congratulations to David Jakubowski for his recent promotion to Active Member from probationary membership. David is participating in the Firefighter I class, and will be a major contributor to the EIFC.

Thanks for the overwhelming support at our Steak Supper on April 20th. Hopefully, that was the beginning of spring and the end of winter.

It is road clean-up time. Please check out your green house number signs and replace with a FREE one if needed. It is especially important to designate a second road sign if you share a common driveway. Time is of the essence when we are looking for a house off the multiple driveways.

Thank you for the checks that the department received for a "job well done". These checks are used to supplement our tight budget with gear and equipment that is needed. HOWEVER, the EIFC is still in need of volunteers to run the department and participate at calls. Checks are so appreciated, but we need people. If you want to join an organization and gain the ultimate of satisfaction to help others, second to none, get in touch with any member for information.

At a recent drill, firefighter/EMR Nick Ahnberg paid us a visit while on leave. Nick is serving his country in the U.S. Marine Corp, considered one of the most elite fighting forces in the world. We, as his home department, know that what Nick learned and practiced while a member, can only enhance his knowledge and performance in his duty to country.

To assure prompt and efficient transfer of medical information, it is critical that you create a document to let us know exactly what your health issues are, i.e., What medications do you take? What dose? What is the medication for? Any known allergies? When and if you require transport to a local hospital, this information can be hand-passed to the ambulance crew, then to the ER to assure proper care.

As you pass the firehouse on any Wednesday evening, you'll see the department outside training on various skills and techniques. Stop by and observe to see how we work and how you may be able to join and learn these skills.

To name just a few of the skills that we routinely fine-tune, they are: Ice Rescue, CPR/AED, Truck Pumps, EMS Skills, Hazmat, Ranger, Triage/Extrication, Chimney Fires, RIT, Search and Rescue, hose advancement, dry hydrant pumping, foam, etc.

DO YOU LIVE ALONE? ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY?

DO YOU HAVE HEALTH ISSUES? HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A MEDIC ALERT SYSTEM?

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Before you know it, swimming season will be here. In future Communicators, safety tips will be shared to help you stay safe during the most popular summer activity. Starting now:

HYDRATE HYDRATE HYDRATE HYDRATE

Day Camp at Crystal Pond Park by Elizabeth Scranton

The Day Camp at Crystal Pond Park is a five week camp starting July 8th to August 9th. Campers can come for one week or all five weeks. Ages are from pre School to 8th grade. Pre-schoolers must be potty trained. Activities include swim lessons, sports, arts and crafts, boating, fishing, team building exercises and more. We have weekly volunteers and demonstrations. Special week themes include summerween, birthday bash and hero day! People can visit us on Facebook or the links from either town of Woodstock or Eastford parks website. **Parents: June 18th** is last day for final paperwork and final payments for camp. After the 18th a \$25 late fee will be charged to any balances still owed. The first week of camp is full for 2nd and 3rd graders. There are still plenty of spaces available for other age groups and weeks. For a registration form, please visit the camp website (below) or for questions or concerns, contact me via email at

daycampatcrystalpond@gmail.com. Thank you!

Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheDayCampAtCrystalPond/>

ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL 

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6:30– 8:30 AT EASTFORD SCHOOL GYM

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Eastford Town Wide

Saturday  Sunday
May 18  May 19

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Final Maps will be printed 5/16

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DID YOU KNOW? “A Memorial Day History” by Eastford Historical Society

Did you know that Memorial Day was once called Decoration Day? On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Union Civil War Veterans organization, issued a proclamation calling for “Decoration Day” to be observed annually and nationwide. It would be a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Civil War dead with flowers, a practice that had begun in the South three years earlier. The Civil War had claimed more lives than any conflict in United States history (620,000), and required the establishment of the country’s first national cemetery. After World War I the practice was extended to honor the dead of all American Wars. Decoration Day was first celebrated on May 30, 1868, and it continued to be celebrated on May 30th until Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1968. Over the years the day began to be known as Memorial Day. The Act established that “Memorial Day “would be celebrated on the last Monday of May, beginning in 1971.

A part of Eastford’s Memorial Day observance includes honoring the 172 men and women buried in Eastford who served their country in the military. Volunteers place American flags in their memory in six of the town’s thirteen cemeteries. Ceremonies are held at the General Lyon Cemetery at 8:30am and the Grove Cemetery at 9am to honor those who died serving their country, followed at 9:30am by a parade from EES and ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial.

The Museum of Eastford History opens for the season on Sunday, May 12 from 2-4pm. The Museum will be open on the Second and Fourth Sundays through Columbus Day Weekend. We look forward to seeing you.

Florence Warren Latham Museum of Eastford History, 65 John Perry Road Eastford, CT

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News from the Principal by Carole McCombe
 With the flowers blooming and the weather warming up, we are trying to take advantage of the last few weeks of school. Throughout the months of May and early June, many field trips, activities and year-end culminating experiences will take place. Please carefully check for newsletters and notices home as well as information posted on our school website: www.eastfordct.org. This will be the first year in many that we have only had two snow days to make up. Our last day of school will be an early release day on June 12 and our eighth grade graduation will be on June 11 at 7:00PM.

Before we get to that point though, students in grades 3-8 will complete their Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC) in ELA and Math and students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the Next Generation Science Standards Assessment (NGSS). These newer assessments are un-timed and completed solely on computers. They are much more rigorous than our previous state assessments. Students are encouraged to come to school well rested and prepared to do their best work. Classroom teachers will provide more specific information to families regarding testing days and special schedules. Any questions regarding the assessments or testing schedule should be directed to classroom teachers.

Our Preschool and Kindergarten programs are both planning transition activities for current students and incoming students for next school year. Please check our school website for updated information regarding these events. If you have children eligible to attend either Preschool or Kindergarten and have not yet registered, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can get necessary information out to you. The school office phone number is 860-974-1130 and our website is: www.eastfordct.org.

EES Teacher Report by Melissa Lessard

Since the start of the school year Eastford School has hosted over 20 after school enrichment activities. These activities are intended to expose students to a variety of hobbies while offering them a healthy after school activity. Thanks to several volunteers in the community, we have been able to host seven different craft activities after school. Students have crafted: Zentangle pumpkins, holiday placemats, landscape paintings, visual journals, valentines, tea light snowman, and photographs. In addition, engineering students from UCONN visited students in November to speak to students about biomedical engineering and showed students how to create a robotic hand using straws, string, washers, and glue. Finally, once a month, students in grades two and three have the opportunity to stay after school and play board games. Thank you to all of our volunteers! Without your help, many of these activities would not be possible. Check our school website calendar for upcoming after school activities being offered this spring: www.eastfordct.org

Eastford School Readiness Council

Maribeth Stearns, Liaison
 12 Westford Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
 860-974-1130

As reported last month, the Eastford School Readiness Program has been working on updating the portfolios needed for accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our annual update was submitted by the April 1st deadline and we are now waiting to hear when the reviewers will be visiting the school. Hours and hours of hard work have gone into making these portfolios truly representative of our outstanding program, and we hope to have the process totally completed before the end of the school year.

Preschoolers have been working on many Spring topics – growing seeds, rainbows, and the changing weather of the season, while continuing to develop their pre-reading, pre-writing and math skills. Many of the children will be moving up to kindergarten next year and have been participating in a variety of Kindergarten transition activities, so they will be familiar and comfortable with the new classroom.

Although we will continue to take applications for next year’s preschool class, we are currently full and any new applicants will be put on the waitlist. Please contact the school if you have any questions about this process.

Tips for Today by Liz Ellsworth

Outdoor Classroom Day is Tuesday, May 23, 2019. Be a part of outdoor learning. What can you teach your students, family members, or friends? Better yet, what can you all learn together? Ideas: explore wildlife tracks, discover tree buds, observe types of birds, do a flower tally, notice the colorations of mosses and lichens, find worms and beetles, count spring peeper sounds, note where vernal pools are, measure trees, plant native plants, stomp in puddles, gaze at the night’s sky, and so much more. You do not need an excuse or a “day” to do these fun activities! If you do wish to join in on Outdoor Classroom Day, visit this website for more information: <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/> Utilize these two social media hashtags to connect with others participating in Outdoor Classroom Day: [#OutdoorClassroomDay](https://twitter.com/OutdoorClassroomDay) / [#outdoorlearning](https://twitter.com/outdoorlearning)

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News and notes from the Superintendent's Office by Dr. Donna P. Leake

At the April BOE meeting, BOE member Mr. Marmat spoke to the numerous achievements of the Eastford students at Woodstock Academy over the past few months. As I receive notice of students' achievements in academics, sports and extracurricular interests both at EES and at our high schools I continue to be impressed with the accomplishments of our students. All members of the Eastford Community should take pride in the accomplishments of our students. Their continued success is made possible by their hard work, the efforts of our dedicated staff and the willingness of community members such as the members of the BOE, school and community volunteers, and the taxpayers of Eastford that give of your time and money to support the Eastford Learning Community.

The BOE will be hosting a Staff Appreciation Breakfast on May 7th as a token of appreciation for the efforts of the great staff of EES. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remind the public of the services provided to our students by our outstanding teaching staff. Leading this team of high-quality educators is our outstanding teacher-leader, Carole McCombe. It would be remiss not to also recognize that the success of our teachers is supported by a team of dedicated staff that includes paraprofessionals, office support and building support staff. As the saying goes, any system is only as good as the sum of its parts – and we are fortunate that all of our parts (at least the human ones if not the mechanical ones) are in great working order and together provide the exceptional services that contribute to the overall success of the Eastford Learning Community.

Speaking of mechanical parts, you may have heard it was a little chillier than usual Friday morning, April 5. We had some issues with our heating and water systems this month. A request for a conversion of our current steam heating system to hot water is included in the Capital Improvement Budget requests for this year.

At the Special Board of Education meeting on April 2, the BOE approved an adjusted 2019-20 budget that includes \$10,000 for a possible contribution to Teacher Retirement costs, while maintaining a 3.00% increase. A copy of this budget was sent to the First Selectmen's Office on April 8th. By the time you are reading this Communicator, the BOE will have presented its proposed budget at the Town budget hearing on April 29th.

Thanks to the efforts of our art teacher, Elizabeth O'Hara, our students participated in the Invention Convention program this year. Letters of congratulations from the BOE were sent to Johanna Blanchette (finalist), Owen Budd (finalist), and Porter Barlow (honorable mention) for their submissions to the E.E.S. Invention Convention. The finalists will attend the statewide Invention Convention at UCONN in May. At the April BOE meeting, Finalist Owen Budd and Honorable Mention recipient Porter Barlow shared their own

Inventions and provided a powerpoint presentation explaining the process of the Invention Convention. Finalist Johanna Blanchette was also recognized by the BOE but was unable to attend the meeting.

State Representative Pat Boyd attended the April meeting of the BOE and provided an update of where some issues concerning small towns and education currently stand. He reiterated that he is available to contact for information, questions or concerns.

At the BOE meeting, the last day of school was set on June 12, 2019 and graduation on June 11, 2019. Hopefully we will not have another day off from school prior to June 11. The graduation for Woodstock Academy is scheduled on Saturday, June 15 at 10:00AM. We have 16 students graduating from WA. We also have one student graduating from Ellis Technical School. Their tentative graduation date is Wednesday, June 12.

I would like to thank Carole McCombe and the members of her interview committee for their efforts in recommending Steven Guilbault for our special education position. His appointment was approved at the April BOE meeting and he will begin in August 2019.

In other BOE Business, Chris Hustus, Megan Calchera and Terry Cote were appointed to serve on the Eastford Scholarship selection committee and the BOE accepted, with regret, John Barlow's resignation from the Board of Education.



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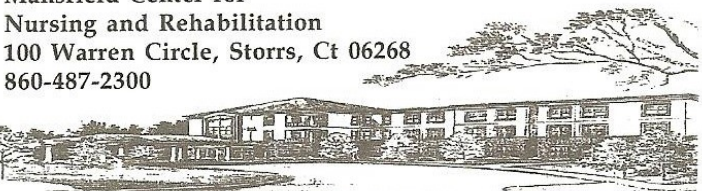
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Congratulations Scout Troop 92



Photo Scout Troop 92: L-R Xavier Green (Eastford), Enzo (Eastford), Jacob Chrznowski (Mansfield), Jacob Murphy (Eastford), Nord Yakovleff (Ashford), Cooper Desrocher (Ashford), Cory and Cody Blanchette (Eastford)

Scout Troop 92 Report

Upcoming: Cub Scout Arrow of Light advancement ceremony; Sat, May 18 Eastbay Bike ride, Rain date Sunday; Mon., May 27 March in Ashford Memorial Day Parade; Sat., June 1, local bike ride TBD; June wrap up and Court of Honor/cook out TBD. Scout meetings are most Thursday evenings at 7pm at Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford next to Cumberland Farms store. Scouts in Troop 92 are from Ashford, Eastford and Mansfield and Union. New members and visitors are welcome. These are our future leaders. Nord Yakovleff Ast Sct Mstr; Cory Blanchette Scout Master

EASTFORD FOOD PANTRY

THANKS AGAIN TO A CARING, GENEROUS COMMUNITY

The Food Pantry would like to thank the many residents of Eastford who have helped replenish supplies to our pantry. Demand for our services remains high and thanks to our residents, we have been able to meet that demand. We would like to thank Adam Minor and the Eastford Baptist Church Olympians for their annual spring food drive with 200 items collected. Thanks also to Mary Parker for her donation and Andy Wasielewski for his donation of non-perishable items. And many thanks to the several anonymous donors who have brought food and/or checks to the town hall. It is very much appreciated. Financial donations are critical and allow us to purchase essential items that are missing from our pantry. Checks can be made out to the Town of Eastford with Food Pantry on the memo line. "Most Wanted" items include: Canned Goods: chili, ravioli, tuna, jelly, beef stew, hearty soup, fruit. Drinks: coffee, juices. Packaged Items: oatmeal, cereal, mashed potatoes, rice, taco kits, healthy snacks. Personal Products: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels. Eastford residents in need who would like to avail themselves of the food pantry can place a confidential call anytime to Steve or Karen at 974-1618, or contact the First Selectman's Office.

CPR / First Aid Training

Beginning in May, American Heart Association Instructor Jeannine Spink will be offering a certified CPR / First Aid class to the 8th grade students at the Eastford Elementary School. Many will be working at summer camp, babysitting, and parent's helper during the summer. These students will have skills that most 8th grade students do not. Support your town's students when looking for a babysitter and/or parent's helper. Parents can be assured that these students will be very knowledgeable in the basics of CPR / First Aid / Fire Safety. Thank you to Principal McCombe for allowing Jeannine to offer this training during the daily curriculum. It is also anticipated that Jeannine will be visiting each classroom to teach students basic first aid skills.

May, 2019 Calendar

- 1 Crystal Pond Park Comm, Crystal Pond Park, 6pm
- 3 Film: A Plastic Ocean, TOB, 6:30pm
- 4 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 7 School Readiness Council, EES, 5:30pm
Conservation Comm, TOB, 7pm
Democratic Town Cmte, Library, 7pm
- 8 BOS, TOB, 9am
Registrar of Voters, TOB, 5pm – 7pm
Agriculture Cmte, TOB, 7pm
- 9 BOE, EES, 7pm
- 11 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 13 **Annual Town Budget Mtg, EES, 7pm**
EMD – SKYWARN Class, TOB, 7pm
- 14 Planning Comm, TOB, 7pm
- 15 Special BOS, TOB, 9am
Recreation Comm, TOB, 4:30pm
- 17 Communicator Deadline
- 18 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 21 Republican Town Cmte, Library, 7pm
- 22 Registrar of Voters, TOB, 5pm – 7pm
- 23 Inland Wetlands Comm, TOB, 7pm
Library Board, Library, 7pm
- 25 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 30 Film: "Plight of the Grassland Birds", TOB, 7pm, Sponsor: Conservation Comm.

Movie Screening: *Plight of the Grassland Birds*

May 30, 2019 at 7pm, Eastford Town Office Building, Lower Level

Sponsored by the Eastford Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission

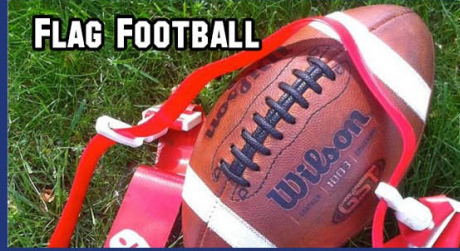
Refreshments will be served

Come watch a movie about grassland birds and their situation in our changing landscape. Grassland birds are in fast decline throughout our country. This movie explores efforts to protect the birds and their habitats. Joanne Warren, an Eastford resident and Master Naturalist from The James L. Goodwin Forest and Conservation Education Center, will briefly discuss her efforts to help protect Bobolinks in our local area.

SPORTS CAMP



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Skills camp for ages 4 & 5



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Eastford Elementary School

July 22 - 26, 2019

8:30 am - 12:15 pm

ages 4 - 12

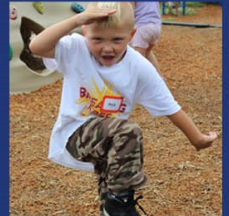
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**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
HONOR ROLL—Quarter 3 2018-2019**

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HONORS: Shannon Hermann, Nicole Marmat,
Luke Mathewson
RECOGNITION: Ely Driscoll

Grade: 11

HIGH HONORS: Izetta Asikainen, Paula Hernandez
HONORS: Kayla Gaudreau, Zoe Marshall, Jack Sav-
age,
Judy Thavone, Austin Varrieur
RECOGNITION: Mia Kozey Edwards

Grade: 10

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Clayton Singleton
RECOGNITION: Emme Miglietta, Gavin Miller

Grade: 9

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HONORS: Tavian Santos

Eastford Senior Citizens By Edward Desmond, Secretary

Notable? Notorious? You decide... Who knows, maybe you were related to, or not, or maybe you know someone who is. A whole bunch of famous characters were involved in somethings great under the starlit canopy of our spot in The Last Green Valley. General Nathaniel Lyon rings a bell, right? Well, after delicious lunch from Illianos, YUM, right?! Ranger Bill Reid, the seasoned resident of The Last Green Valley and veteran of Old Sturbridge Village himself, shed some light on a few prominent names of interest for us. So did you know Samuel Webster, the father of the American Industrial Revolution came from the UK, but settled in Webster, Mass, to get things going. Hence, all those wonderful textile mills up along the Riverside pumping out all kinds of cotton thread and millwork cemented his spot in American History. Prudence Crandall of Canterbury started the first Academy for Black Women. George Washington Wells of Southbridge and South Woodstock did not only create American Optical, but founded Old Sturbridge Village. The fascinating list goes on and on and can be found online at www.thelastgreenvalley.org along with Samuel Huntington of Scotland, CT, who was the delegate of the First Constitutional

Congress. Guess who ELSE you missed!! At our last meeting, we were visited by Linda J Contagelo of the Northeast District Dept. of Health. What did she talk about? Ticks!! Yep, that's right, those creepy crawly terrors of The Great Outdoors. Know what? They are always around, no matter the season. We just happen to be in the beginning of the Fun Time season. Guess what else. Not every tick carries the dreaded Lyme disease! In fact, according to Linda, the infection is few and far between. So, don't freak out if there is a news blast on TV announcing the first case of Lyme disease in Connecticut. Chill!! If you find a tick on your body, we all know what they look like, Ms. Collangelo recommends that you use your fingers and grab it by the head and pull straight out. Don't yank! Also cover yourself up, long pants and sleeves, shoes, socks, etc., spray yourself with insect / tick repellent if you want. Just use your head, For goodness sake! Yeah, spring and summer are full of pests, but you don't need to be a paranoid hermit. Go outside! Tend to your garden! Take a hike! Thank you thank you, Madam Linda Contagelo, we are all free! Also learn more on the website, www.nddh.org.

On May 8, Seniors caravanned to Willington Pizza for dinner and talent showcase on the Packing House Stage. Okay okay, got some stuff for June, too, but I'm running out of space. So, be there or be square. The ball has been gently lobbed into your lap.

Cattcha later, Kids!!! Hope to see you all soon, and as always be safe, be healthy, take care, and be sane, whatever that is. Until next time, Adieu!

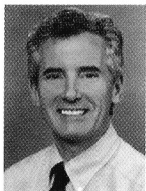
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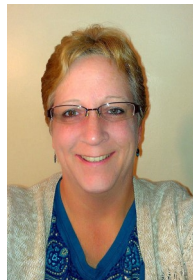
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Report of the Union Society Building Committee

by Carol Davidge, Chair

On May 7, 2019, volunteer painter Tony Casarella of Ashford joined representative of Benjamin Moore to test paints at the Union Society Building. Mr. Casarella and his volunteers have offered to paint two walls of the building without charge, and Benjamin Moore has offered to donate paints. This effort was coordinated by Mr. Casarella and Herman Barlow of Mansfield Supply, and we are grateful for these in-kind donations.

The USBC met on May 8 and Architect Robert Hurd of The Architects in Hartford brought plans and specifications for repairs to the northeast upper corner of the east wall (facing Rt. 198). With approval of the BOS on May 8, Architect Hurd began the bidding process for the repairs on May 10 with email and mailed invitations to bid, which will be followed by a walk-through on May 15 and subsequent review of bids to assure financial stability of contractors along with proof of previous experience with U.S. Department of Interior standards for historic repairs. Funding is provided by grants from the State of Connecticut, The Last Green Valley and private donations made to the Town of Eastford/Union Society Fund.

The 1806 Union Society of Phoenixville House is owned by the Town of Eastford. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because for nearly 200 years it hosted gatherings that included tax protests for people who wanted to vote, classes to teach children to read, 4-H and Boy Scout meetings, Sunday School, potlucks for fun, funerals and dances, oyster suppers to raise funds for the Eastford Independent Fire Co. No. 1, and other events.

Eastford's Union Society Building is one of only two Union Society buildings still standing in Connecticut. At the Union Society, all were welcome regardless of ethnic background, age, gender or spiritual belief. Rehabilitation of the building will provide a meeting space for Eastford organizations.

Donations are greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to Town of Eastford with "Union Society" in the memo line, and mailed to: Town of Eastford, P.O. Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242. Legacy Donations of \$100 are acknowledged with a plaque that is displayed at major events in town. All donations are used to maintain the building.

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LIBRARY NEWS by Susan Shead

A Mother's Day Story Time and Craft will take place for children ages 3+ on Saturday May 11th at 10:30AM. Registration is required on or before Saturday May 4th. Call the library at 860-974-0125 or email the library at eastfordpublib@gmail.com. Leave your child's name age and phone number.

A small library **book sale** will take place on Saturday May 18th from 9-12:30 (the day of the town wide yard sale) at the library. However, no donations are needed at this time.

The downstairs project at the library is almost complete. However, all of the library books in the downstairs collection are still being housed elsewhere. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused our library patrons. Thank you for your continued patience in this matter. If you are looking for a particular book that is not here at the moment we can put in an inter-library loan for you. Just ask at the circulation desk.

The theme of the summer reading program this year is **A Universe of Stories**. Registration will begin on Monday June 17th.

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, Wadsworth Atheneum and Connecticut's Old State House. We also have 20% off general admission coupons to The Connecticut Science Center.

Please note: The library will be closed on Monday May 27th in honor of Memorial Day. The library hours are Monday 3-8pm, Tuesday 10am to 8pm, Thursday 3-8pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

News from Eastford's Emergency Management Director Deb Richards NOTICE: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service Forecast Office, 445 Myles Standish Blvd., Taunton MA 02780 **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SKYWARN TRAINING in Eastford – Monday May 13th, 2019 – 7 to 9:30 PM**
 The National Weather Service (NWS) in Boston/Norton Massachusetts will be sponsoring a severe weather spotter training session, part of its SKYWARN program. The training session will be co-hosted by the Congregational Church of Eastford and Eastford Emergency Management and will be held at the Congregational Church, 8 Church Road on Monday May 13th, 2019 from 700 PM-930 PM.

The session is open to the public at no charge. Amateur Radio Operators, emergency managers, police, fire, and other first responders are encouraged to attend. Everyone age 16 and older who stays to complete the training will be able to become trained NWS weather spotters.

The training session includes a two-hour and thirty-minute computer-based presentation, which discusses the development of thunderstorms, the criteria for "severe" thunderstorms, as well as the cloud features associated with severe thunderstorms and tornados. Additional information will be presented about winter storms and proper snow measurement and reporting of coastal flooding, river, stream, and urban flooding and rainfall measurements. The session will also present the procedure for reporting weather information to the National Weather Service. Safety procedures for the various forms of summer severe weather (severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and lightning), winter storms, and flooding will also be covered in the training session. Anyone attending should bring a pen or pencil and bringing a notebook is optional. Use the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skywarn-training-class-eastford-ct-tickets-57278507558> to pre-register for the class as that is required. Contact KDICY-Rob Macedo at rmacedo@rcn.com for any questions or further info on the SKYWARN Training Class.



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Flag Holder: If you are interested in ordering a flag holder for your veteran's flag, contact Lauren Anderson at 860-974-1349 by **Friday, May 10th**.

Plot/Space Purchase: Appointments can be made to view the cemetery grounds and to select a plot for purchase. To make an appointment, call 860-974-1349.

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Donations Appreciated: If you would like to contribute in any amount to the beautification of the cemetery and future projects, please send your tax deductible donation to: *The Eastford Grove Cemetery Association, Inc.*, P.O. Box 284 Eastford, CT 06242 (Note: **Grove Cemetery does not receive funding from the town.**)

For more information, contact a member of the Board of Corporators: Joe Andert, Bill Bibeault, Audrey Carabeau, Carol Day, Jim Ellis, Tom Fabian, Ken Grube, Bev Lindemann, Faye Logee, Jim Vaida, Paul Vaida
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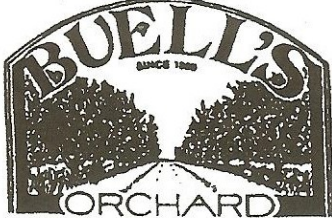
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