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Sitting (L to R): Adam Minor, Lauren Skiff, Jacqueline Dubois, Jim Trowbridge, Martha Burgess, Christine Hustus
Standing (L to R): Rob Ellsworth, Julia Torcellini, Seth Budd, Kevin Shead, Charles Bowen Jr., Bette Danielson
Missing: Guy Grube

Fiscal accountability has long been the tradition of Town Government in Eastford. Jackie Dubois and Jim Trowbridge pledge to continue to deliver necessary services at a reasonable cost.

VOTE REPUBLICAN TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5



Jackie Dubois-First Selectman
Christine Hustus-Tax Collector
Rob Ellsworth-Board of Ed
Adam Minor-Board of Ed
Lauren Skiff-Board of Ed
Bette Danielson-Assessment Appeals
Guy Grube-Assessment Appeals

Jim Trowbridge-Selectman
Martha Burgess-Treasurer
Seth Budd-Library Trustee
Julia Torcellini- Library Trustee
Jim Trowbridge-Library Trustee
Kevin Shead-Constable
Charles Bowen Jr-Constable

**Municipal Elections for Town Offices will be:
Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 from 6am-8pm
Eastford Town Office Building (lower level)
16 Westford Road (enter from EES parking lot)**

**Voter Registration & Election Information
Sources: Eastford Registrars of Voters and
Office of the Secretary Of The State**

**Register Early to Vote!
Don't Wait till the last minute!**

**Registrar of Voters Hours.
Regularly scheduled days/hours:
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 5-7pm.
Wednesday, October 23 from 5-7pm
Eastford's Registrars of Voters will also be in
their office at additional times to register
residents to vote as shown below.
Eastford Registrars are Joyce Merlo & Nancy
Mayhew**

Important dates to remember:

October 29, 2019, 9am-8pm. Registrars will be in their office to register voters. This is the last day for hand-delivered paper registrations to be received by registrars (until 8:00pm), mailed-in registrations to be postmarked, registrations to be submitted to the DMV (close of business), or online registrations to be submitted (until 11:59pm)

Monday, November 4, 2019, 9am-5pm. Registrars will hold a limited session to register those seeking to vote in the election whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since October 29, 2019.

Election Day Tuesday, Nov 5, 6am-8pm
Eastford Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road (lower level, enter TOB from EES Parking Lot). Residents can register to vote in person during these hours. The Registrars of Voters are located in the lower level of the town office building.

Voters may register when obtaining their driver's license or online by going to the Secretary of the State's website at: <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do> **For Voter Information**, go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Voting-Eligibility>.

Absentee Ballots may be obtained from the Eastford Town Clerk after first filling out an absentee ballot application.

**Town Clerk's Regular Office Hours:
Tuesday & Wednesday, 10am-12noon & 1-4pm,
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month open from
10-12noon and 1 to 6pm.** Or find online absentee voter information and application forms at: <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting>
SAMPLE BALLOT: SEE LINK BELOW & CLICK ON EASTFORD:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Town-Ballots/2019-November-Municipal-Town-Ballots>

News You Can Use by Deb Richards, Emergency Preparedness Director
Prepare a Pet Emergency Supply Kit

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for your pet's survival, particularly food and water. Consider two kits. In one, put everything you and your pets will need to stay where you are. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you and your pets have to get away. Plus, be sure to review your kits regularly to ensure that their contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh.

Food. Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.
Water. Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets in addition to water you need for yourself and your family.

Medicines and medical records. Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.

First aid kit. Most kits should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution.

Collar with ID tag, harness or leash. Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit. In addition, place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container and add them to your kit. You should also consider talking with your veterinarian about permanent identification such as microchipping.

Crate or other pet carrier. If you need to evacuate in an emergency situation take your pets and animals with you provided that it is practical to do so. In many cases, your ability to do so will be aided by having a sturdy, safe, comfortable crate or carrier ready for transporting your pet.

Sanitation. Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs. You can use bleach as a disinfectant (dilute nine parts water to one part bleach), or in an emergency you can also use it to purify water. Use 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented or color safe bleaches, or those with added cleaners.

A picture of you and your pet together. If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics. **Familiar items.** Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit. Familiar items can help reduce stress for your pet.

Library News by Susan Shead

On behalf of the Library Board, I would like to thank all the patrons who came to the library during the week of Oct. 24th and participated in our Adopt a Book fundraiser. Remember you can still adopt a book as a gift to the library and recognize someone special at the same time. Story time for preschoolers (age 3+) is on the first Tuesday of the month (weather permitting) at 9:30AM. 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 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 hours are Monday 3-8pm, Tuesday 10am to 8pm, Thursday 3-8pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. The library will be closed on Monday Nov. 11th in honor of Veteran's Day and Thursday Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving.



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The Eastford Communicator

Selectman's Snippets:

Budget – We will be receiving an Audit Report this month.

Community – Great things happen in our community!

We welcome you to visit our website for all updated events www.eastford.org/eastford .

Thankful-This time of year we embrace the many things for which we are grateful: especially the men and women who serve America, and also the many volunteers that give their time and so much more to keep our community strong. Let us all be grateful for family, community and country. Sharing your blessings and looking out for each other can bring us unity, and together we build a stronger community. I am thankful to serve you as First Selectman. I am thankful for the chance to do my part, as together we make a brighter future. From both Town Government and my family to yours, we would like to wish you a happy Thanksgiving!



Transfer Station—Thank you for recycling. If you are not sure what can be recycled, go to williwaste.com click Recycling, scroll down to the question; Can I recycle it? After you type in an item, the instructions are provided. We have a list available on our website as well. Stickers are to be affixed to windshield’s lower left-hand corner. Limit: 2 cubic yards per week – roughly one level pickup load. We will be enforcing residents to comply with rules concerning the Transfer Station. Please secure rubbish pails as you travel to Transfer Station.

Police Services—During the month of September, Troop D responded to 46 calls. These calls of service included; Accidents: 2, Criminal Invest: 4, Burglaries: 0, Larcenies: 0, DUI’S: 0, Traffic Citations: 9, Written Warning: 3, and Non-Reportable Matters: 40.

Respectfully yours, Jacqueline Dubois, First Selectman

Of Special Note: Calendar of Events (p9)
The EIFC URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS (p7)
October is Fire Prevention Month—Thank your EIFC vols.
FOOD PANTRY needs donations
ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?
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Paid ad for candidates (cover)
Eastford Library has discount/free passes (p2)
Crystal Pond Park has year-round trails-it’s your park!(p11)

Food Pantry by Steve & Karen Broderick
For our neighbors at risk of hunger, the feeling of not having enough can be felt even more acutely during the holidays. Can you help us make sure all our neighbors have enough to eat this holiday season? The need to donate is year-round and especially critical during the holidays. Because of your generosity, we’ve been able to supply 121 food packages so far this year to local families. We are so thankful for all donations from the one small bag that appears in the TOB to the food drives by local organizations, clubs, churches, businesses, and the annual Eastford School food drive. Thank you! We would like to thank the following for their recent donations: Ernest Pehmoeller, Ralph Yulo, Joy Chaplin and Melissa Jackopsic, Susan Burns, Robert Williams, and Roger and Judith Boisvert. Thanks again to the folks at His Oaks for their monthly donations of perishable items.

“Most Wanted” items include: Canned Goods: vegetables, chili, ravioli, tuna, beef stew, hearty soup, pasta sauce, fruit, peanut butter and jelly. Drinks: coffee, juices. Packaged Items: macaroni and cheese, oatmeal, cereal, mashed potatoes, rice, stuffing mix, healthy snacks. Personal Products: shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes/toothpaste.

Monetary donations enable us to purchase holiday meals for families and to purchase items missing from our shelves. Checks can be made out to the Town of Eastford with Food Pantry on the memo line and mailed to the Selectmen’s Office, PO Box 98, Eastford 06242. 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 860-974-1618. **Just a reminder: please check expiration dates.** If it’s too old for you to eat, we can’t use it either. Thanks!

THANK YOU DONORS!

In this special time of sharing, please consider donating to local organizations, including:

- Town of Eastford: Food Pantry (POB 98)
- Eastford Independent Fire Co. (POB 333)
- Eastford Historical Society (POB 350)
- Town of Eastford: Union Society (POB 98)
- Grove Cemetery Assn. (POB 284)

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EES Teacher Report
Rain, Rain, Go Away . . . No, Wait. No Problem!

Come rain or come shine, the gardens at Eastford Elementary School are set to thrive this spring, thanks to the addition of a rain garden on the property. According to the Environmental Protection Agency website, a rain garden is “a depressed area in the landscape that collects rain water from a roof, driveway or street and allows it to soak into the ground. Planted with grasses and flowering perennials, rain gardens can be a cost effective and beautiful way to reduce runoff from your property.”

Mr. Dan Mullins, the Executive Director of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District in Norwich brought several varieties of perennials for the rain garden. The plants include Phlox subulata (commonly called moss phlox or creeping phlox), Tiarella cordifolia (commonly called the heart-leafed foam flower), Monarda didyma (a mint relative commonly called bee balm), Asclepias tuberosa (a species of milkweed, commonly called butterfly weed), and Echinacea purpurea (commonly called the purple coneflower). The rain garden is located in the lowest spot on the property, coincidentally right outside of the science classroom window. Runoff water from the parking lot during a rainstorm and melting snow banks from the edge of the parking lot in the spring will help nourish the garden. Also, a rain barrel with a diverter from the gutter will collect water from the roof of the original building for the garden. The students will care for the plants in the fall and spring, and the blossoms will help the bees and other wildlife like the pollinator garden above the parking lot currently does. The rain garden was made possible with support from the town’s selectmen and the help of town employees. Thanks to Mr. Roy for excavating the hole. For more information about rain gardens, and about possibly starting your own, please see these links:

EPA <https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/soak-rain-rain-gardens#targetText=A%20rain%20garden%20is%20a,reduce%20runoff%20from%20your%20property.>

This Old House
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1S_qVwzfsA

Birds and Blooms
[http://www.birdsandblooms.com/gardening/flower-gardening/ plant-rain-garden/](http://www.birdsandblooms.com/gardening/flower-gardening/plant-rain-garden/)

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Eastford School Readiness Program by Maribeth Stearns, Liaison
 As we are in the middle of our Fall weather, the Eastford School Readiness Preschoolers have been learning about leaves changing colors and all of the beautiful shades we find, and making scare-crows after reading about them. Sequencing activities and exploration of concepts around matching, shapes, and what makes us similar and different are a part of our math curriculum. Science exploration looks weather with the daily changes and the effects on our environment, and on such concepts as what floats/what sinks! The preschoolers take their weekly walk to the Eastford Library (weather permitting), have gone to the Fire Station and learned about fire safety, and have been to Buell’s Orchard to pick apples with the kindergarteners. They have settled into their routines in the classroom, made new friends and are avid learners! Eastford’s School Readiness Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 in the school. If you would like to attend, please join us. If you are thinking about becoming a member, please contact our Principal, Carole McCombe (cmcombe@eastfordct.org) or the Liaison, Maribeth Stearns (mstearns@eastfordct.org).

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

In addition to the beautiful autumn leaves, fall brings with it a chill in the air. The good news is that the HEAT IS ON at EES! Our heating repair is complete. On October 15, the Town Building Committee will meet to review the bid proposal and next steps for the steam to hot water heat conversion project.

The BOE took the following actions at the October 10th meeting:

- Approved Policy 3150, Board Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers.
- Approved Policy 5145, Application of Sunscreen.
- Approved the 2020 Board of Education meeting dates.
- Approved the requests from Union students to participate in our sports program.
- Approved the appointment of Joseph Tomanelli as our new Music Teacher and David Vaughan as our new Instrumental Teacher. We are fortunate and very delighted to have these accomplished teachers and professional musicians join our staff.

Regionalization/ regional efforts:

On September 26, I, along with Superintendents and BOE members from other area districts, attended a meeting at EASTCONN arranged by State Representative Doug Dubitsky and Pat Boyd, our State Representative. Representative Dubitsky reviewed the legislation that was presented last year regarding regionalization. Although that legislation did not pass, Representative Dubitsky believes that legislation to force the regionalization of small districts will appear again in the next legislative session. He wants us to be prepared and proactive in addressing such legislation. A meeting to continue the discussion is set for November 21st at 5:30pm.

The Volunteer Spirit is ALIVE at EES!

We depend on and appreciate the ongoing volunteer efforts of family and community members who give generously of their time to support the EES community. Members of the Conservation Commission recently installed a rain garden at our school. Tom DeJohn, a member of the Conservation Commission, is working with two Eagle Scouts, Tristan Monahan and Sam Massey, to complete projects that are underway at the Askew Trail behind the school. In October I had the chance to observe community volunteers make Zentangle pumpkins and rockets with our students. In addition to watching students design their pumpkins, I was presented with a Zentangle pumpkin of my very own. A special thank you to Pastor Moran, Sandra Greer and members of his congregation for making these opportunities available to our students. Mrs. McCombe and I plan to meet with Pastor Moran and Pastor Howard to plan future events that provide opportunities for our students to learn together with members of the community.

Accessibility and Community Outreach

On September 20, I attended an Eastford Seniors' event during which I had the opportunity to converse with a small group of seniors as we enjoyed pizza, many desserts and music together. I hope to continue building relationships with members of this and other community groups. Please do not hesitate to contact me at dleake@eastfordct.org to share concerns, questions, or ideas for community involvement.

Eastford Elementary School from Carole McCombe, Principal I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Eastford Volunteer Fire Department for once again providing fire safety instruction and materials to students during our Fire Prevention Week activities. The students were very excited to explore the fire trucks and learn about the firefighters' gear and equipment! Eastford Elementary School has many avenues for communicating news about academics, homework, projects, events and activities. The School posts a monthly newsletter on the school website. Each newsletter provides curricular highlights and detailed descriptions of school events. You can find the newsletter at: www.eastfordct.org. Go to the tab 'For Parents' and click on Newsletters. I also communicate news and reminders via email so it is important that you let the school know if you are not receiving emails from me, or if your email address changes, so we can continue to provide you with necessary information. We attempt to keep the website and website calendar up-to-date. This is a good place to find information about school events, sports games and field trips and other events.

I hope to see many community members on **Saturday, November 23** for the Middle School's Annual **Goods and Services Auction**. The students, parents and staff appreciate the support of the entire Eastford community. Doors open at 5pm. There will be a food available to purchase from **Sugar and Smoke Barbeque in Putnam**, a silent auction and live auction as well as a bake sale. All proceeds go toward the grade 8 students' annual trip to Washington, DC. Come socialize, eat delicious food, and get a jump on your holiday giving list – all for a great cause!

Missing in Eastford, light tan female cat, dark face & tail, double white front paws. 17 mos old, about 10 lbs. If you have seen her or know where she might be, Please, Please, Call 860-974-2795. We miss her terribly and so does her twin brother. Thank you! Carol Molnar

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Scout Troop 92 Report

Scout meetings are most Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM at Knowlton Memorial Hall, next to Cumberland Farms store. New members and visitors are welcome.

In October, Scouts and leaders camped out and climbed to the summit of Mt Monadnock in New Hampshire. The climb and descent took four hours. The summit was above tree line and much cooler than ground level. After the climb they returned to the campsite for a hearty meal and rest and return to Connecticut the next morning. For Scarecrow contest at Babcock Library, scouts created a Harry Potter scarecrow. The entries had to be a character from a book. Scouts also participated in Wolf Den/PowWow clean up and Fall Foliage Bicycle Ride on the Hop River Rail Trail.

Upcoming:

Nov 1 Monthly Cub Scout Pack meeting, Fall campout with Cub Pack, Scouting for Food drive-Please donate.

Dec 6 monthly Pack meeting and Rain Gutter Regatta contest.

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Cory Blanchette Scout Master

PHOTO NEXT COLUMN: SCOUT SCARECROW

Scout Troop 92 Scarecrow competition



Eastford Seniors by Linda S M dos Santos

Come join the Fun at the Annual Harvest Potluck Dinner on Wednesday evening, November 6 at 5:45PM, in the Congregational Church of Eastford's Community Room (park at rear near handicap ramp), 8 Church Road, Eastford, CT. Please bring your favorite delicious potluck food item(s). At 7pm, there will be drawing of door prizes, music by "Second Helping," and desserts by Soleil & Suns Bakery and KeyBank. The Harvest Pot Luck Dinner is hosted by the Eastford Senior Citizens for ALL to enjoy. ALL WELCOME. This is the time to bring your families together, to chat with a neighbor, sing along or dance, to laugh, or to share a moment. Call, or text, 860 - 538 - 8868 to let us know how many are in your group and what food item(s) you will be bringing. If possible, please let us know you are coming by Monday, Nov. 4 because having an expected head count helps us to better manage the food and beverages. PHOTO: "Second Helping Musicians" appear Nov. 6 at 7pm





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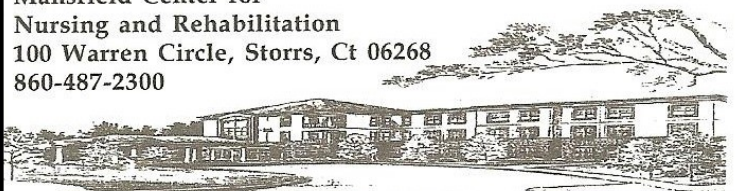

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Congratulations to Steve Kitson. With the culmination of months of study and classroom participation, Steve has been certified by the State of Connecticut and Nationally, our latest EMT – Emergency Medical Technician. Steve will play a vital role with his credentials in responding to medical emergencies. He is also a firefighter. Congrats Steve!!!!

The Company responded to 18 emergencies for service in September. Along with the “911” calls, we contributed our time with the monthly business meeting, three drills, and line officers meeting.

On Saturday, October 12th, the firehouse was open to all residents to tour our house, view apparatus and equipment, inquire about becoming a member, goodies for the children and refreshments.

All residents received a letter from the Recruitment Committee in their mailboxes detailing our need for new members and our desire to maintain our volunteer status. Members are always willing to speak to you at our Wednesday drill nights from 6:30 to 7:00, or simply call 860-974-0630, leave a message, and an officer will call you back as soon as possible. During that time, you can pick up new or freshen your green house number signs.

Saturday, October 19th, was our fall “All You Can Eat” Steak Supper. As always, the supper was a sell-out, supplementing our budget. But more important was the “getting together” for good food and public relations. Our second supper of the season will be in April, 2020. Thank you for the support we received with ticket sales.

October and Fire Prevention are synonymous. It is critical that we all think ahead to fire safety, evacuation of houses and apartments, and the “meeting place”. A good rule to follow is when the time changes, test your detectors, replace the batteries, and change your clocks. Repeat the process again in the spring. Winter is just around the corner with snow, ice and cold temperatures. Fire prevention and safety thoughts we must all consider are:

-It is no surprise there are more home fires in the winter months than any other season. People are heating their homes during the winter and heating is the second leading cause of home fire. Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 reported home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.

-The use of fireplaces and woodstoves are more popular as a heating source. There are chimney cleaning services out there that will help to keep you safe. Do not try to clean the chimney yourselves. A HUGE hazard for chimney/stove fires is the disposal of the ashes. Plastic pails and wooden boxes will melt and begin a fire. Use a metal pail, and dispose of the ashes away from the house. Ashes can smolder for weeks and spontaneously start a fire. Chimney fires start in the chimney, there is an explicit, audible sound of fire, that can quickly spread to the rest of the house if not observed.

-Cooking is, by far, the leading cause of home fires and injuries.

-Have you considered purchasing and installing “talking” smoke/fire detectors? A new study shows that maternal voice smoke alarms are more effective in waking children than conventional tone alarms.

-Each day on the news there are reports of home fire fatalities. These early reports provide only basic information about what happened, such as how many fatalities, when and where the fire happened, and the type of home, apartment or mobile home. Most fires require investigations that can take weeks or months to complete, but press never make a follow-up broadcast to inform the communities the “cause”. Conduct your own investigation as to the potential cause.

JOIN THE FIGHT!! - Fire is everyone’s fight to unite the fire service, life safety organizations and professionals in an effort to reduce home fire injuries, deaths and property loss. The goal is to change how people think about fire and fire prevention.

FIRE SAFETY QUICK TIPS:

Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling food.

Keep space heaters 3 feet from anything that can burn.

Inspect electrical cords and replace or repair loose or damaged cords.

Extinguish candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.

Prepare and practice a home fire escape plan.

Install smoke alarms – test monthly – change batteries when you change the clocks.

REMEMBER: CARBON MONOXIDE IS THE “SILENT KILLER” The colorless, odorless and tasteless gas is a byproduct of burning organic fuels., i.e., household appliances and equipment fueled with gas, oils, coal, kerosene or wood. Examples are furnaces, water heaters, space heaters, cars, charcoal grills, lanterns, clothes dryers, ovens, fireplaces, lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc. Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning often mimic the flu – headache, nausea, unclear thinking, shortness of breath, weakness and loss of muscle control. Severe symptoms can lead to convulsions, unconsciousness and possible death. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, leave your home right away, do not open windows or doors and call 911 for your local fire department to respond and test for the source of the carbon monoxide exposure. **A FEW RESPONSIBLE, COMMON SENSE PRECAUTIONS WILL KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.**

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DID YOU KNOW? by Eastford Historical Society

Did you know that a woman who lived in Eastford was once the oldest woman in our state? Her name was Sarah Bosworth Bradway. When she passed on October 20, 1926, she was 108 years, 5 months and 20 days old. She was born on April 30, 1818. In her later years she lived with her daughter Mrs. Mary Clark, in the house that was recently dismantled on Pork Hill (Old Colony Road). She died in that house and her funeral service was conducted there as well. She is buried in the Grove Cemetery. Sarah was a Real Daughter of the American Revolution and a lifelong resident of Eastford. She seldom left town and had never ridden on a railroad car, trolley car, or in an automobile. It is said that "she never had a window open, never sat out of doors, ate whatever appealed to her taste, and continued to do this until her end." She had five children, but only two survived her: Mrs. A. M. (Emma) Bowen and Mrs. Darwin (Mary) Clark. She also left 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren who acted as her pall bearers. Today, many of Sarah's descendents live in Eastford and surrounding towns. Taken from an article written by A. M. Bowen, Mrs. Bradways son-in-law. Note: A Real Daughter of the American Revolution is one who's father served in the Revolution.

The Eastford Historical Society seeks community support to continue its mission of collecting, preserving, and sharing documents and artifacts that help tell the story of Eastford's past. Kindly consider supporting it through donation or membership. Those wishing to become a member may find membership forms in the Library, Post Office, Town Clerk's Office, or on our website: <http://www.eastfordct.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=93>

Renewals do not require a membership form: simply mail your check (Individual \$20, Household \$35) to P.O. Box 350, Eastford, Ct 06242. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Recreation Commission Report

The Eastford Recreation Committee has been quite busy lately! Our annual We Never Stop Fighting 5k and Owen's Fun Run 2 were recently held on September 14th. We had a large turn out, and a great thank you to all those who came to volunteer and support the members of our community!


Currently the Rec committee is comprised of Valerie Katkaveck, Carol Davidge, Michael Bilica, Michael Moran, Bonnie Souvigny, Katie Cote, and Toni Doubleday. Paige Burgess and Catherine DePercio are serving as co-chairs, Jen Barlow as secretary/treasurer, and Laura Barlow as graphic designer.

We hope our Trunk or Treat activity on October 31st from 6 to 8 pm at the Eastford Town Hall Parking Lot will be helpful.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17th, beginning at 3 pm in the Eastford Town Hall building's lower level. We invite all residents who are interested in helping the Rec committee plan our upcoming Cookies and Cocoa and Heritage Day events to join us.

We would like to thank Valerie Katkaveck for her many years as chair of the Rec Commission and mover and shaker for kids in the town of Eastford - we are glad she will continue as a member - we need her experience and dedication.

Eastford's 1806 Union Society Building By Carol Davidge, Chair
Current repairs to the Union Society Building are funded entirely by grants from The Last Green Valley, the State of Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development, the Rotary Club of Putnam, and donations from individuals to the Town's Union Society Fund. The historic 1806 Union Society building hosted celebrations, puttuck dinners, oyster supper fundraisers for the Eastford Volunteer Fire Co, No. 1. and provided gifts to needy during the holidays. Many of the children who received gifts anonymously would not have had presents at Christmas. This building was a gathering place in Phoenixville for some 200 years. All were welcome regardless of ethnic origin, spiritual belief, gender or age. Union Societies helped children learn to read. Early in the 1800s, union societies protested to Hartford to gain the vote at a time when only male members of the Congregational Church could vote. It is one of only two Union Society buildings still standing in Connecticut. It is owned by the Town of Eastford. Donations are needed to restore the building so it can again be used as a public gathering place. **Donations and Legacy Memorials are needed to move the project forward.** For donations of \$100 or more, a plaque acknowledges the donor and individuals being honored. All proceeds from fundraisers go to the Town of Eastford for rehabilitation of the building. To make a donation in any amount, please make 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, please e-mail: carol.davidge@snet.net, and put Union Society in the subject line.

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November, 2019 Calendar

- 2 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 4 Registrar of Voters, TOB, 8am-5pm
- 5 **Election Day, TOB, 6am-8pm**
Conservation Comm, 7pm, Library
- 6 Harvest Potluck for all, Cong Ch, 5:45pm
Crystal Pond Pk Comm, TOB, 6pm
Adult Pickup Bball, EES, 6:30pm
Board of Selectmen, TOB, 7pm
- 9 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Planning Comm, TOB, 7pm
- 13 Registrar of Voters, TOB, 5pm-7pm
Adult Pickup Bball, EES, 6:30pm
Communicator Deadline
- 14 BOE, EES, 7pm
- 16 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 17 Recreation/Heritage Day Comm, TOB, 3pm
- 19 Republican Town Committee, Library, 7pm
- 20 Adult Pickup Bball, EES, 6:30pm
- 21 Inland Wetlands, TOB, 7pm
- 23 EES AUCTION, EES, pm
AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 25 American Legion, TOB, 7:30pm
- 26 Transfer Station Comm, TOB, 1pm
- 27 Registrar of Voters, TOB, 5pm - 7pm
- 28 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm

Recreation Commission/Experience Eastford / Heritage Day Group has met several times and will meet again on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3pm in the Town Office Building, lower level. ALL ARE INVITED to come and work toward holding events in 2020. Eastford is your town—join in to celebrate its beauties and joys.

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Tips for Today by Liz Ellsworth

It's always nice to have a short list of key things to see when traveling to a new place. It's even cooler to have a list that reminds us what natural occurrences to look for in a season. Mass Audubon has a great monthly Outdoor Almanac. In November we should listen for woodpeckers and Snowy Owls. Too, we ought to look to the night's sky for a full moon on the 12th and from the 17th-18th we must observe the Leonids (meteor showers) peak just before sunrise. We need to pay attention to pinecones and the diversity of oak trees in our region. Happy Exploring! For the lists for November and December, go to this link: <https://www.massaudubon.org/learn/nature-wildlife/outdoor-almanac/fall-2019>

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Carol Davidge, Editor

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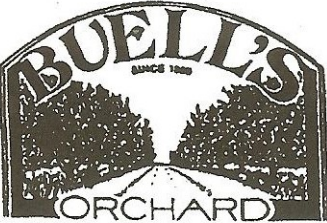
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Wednesday, November 6. 5:45pm
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