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October, 2016 Calendar

- 1 Town Wide Yard Sale
AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 2 Town Wide Yard Sale
- 3 Fiddle & Song, EES, 3:30-5pm; 5-8pm
School Readiness Council, EES, 6pm
BOS, TOB, 7pm
- 4 Registrars of Voters, TOB, 2-3pm
Conservation Commission, TOB, 7pm
- 5 Adult Pickup B-Ball, EES, 6:30pm
Nahaco Commission, Nahaco, 7pm
Solarize Wkshp, Willington Lib, 7pm
- 6 Agriculture Committee, TOB, 7pm
- 8 Pumpkin/Apple Bake-off, Coriander, 1pm
AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 11 Planning Commission, TOB, 7pm
- 12 **Communicator Deadline**
Recreation Commission, TOB, 1:30pm
Registrars of Voters, TOB, 5pm - 7pm
Adult Pickup B-Ball, EES, 6:30pm
- 13 Seniors caravan depart TOB, 11am
BOE, EES, 7pm
- 15 EIFC Steak Dinner (register), 6:30pm
AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 17 Fiddle & Song, EES, 3:30-5pm; 5-8pm
Yoga, TOB, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Historical Society, TOB, 7pm
- 18 Republican Town Comm, Library, 7pm
- 19 Adult Pickup B-Ball, EES, 6:30pm
- 21 Yoga, TOB, 8:15am - 9:15am
- 22 Registrars of Voters, TOB, 10am-2pm
AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 24 Fiddle & Song, EES, 3:30-5pm; 5-8pm
Yoga, TOB, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
American Legion, TOB, 7:30pm
- 25 Democratic Town Comm, Library, 7:30pm
- 26 Registrars of Voters, TOB, 5pm - 7pm
Adult Pickup B-Ball, EES, 6:30pm
- 27 Union Society Building Comm, TOB, 8am
Adopt-A-Book Reception, Library, 6pm
Inland Wetlands Commission, TOB, 7pm
Library Board, Library, 7pm
- 28 Yoga, TOB, 8:15am - 9:15am
- 29 Halloween Craft/Story, Library, 10am
AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 31 Fiddle & Song, EES, 3:30-5pm; 5-8pm
Family Trick-or-Treat, TOB, 5-7pm

BRODEURBITS

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

[This month: My Bad & I'm Glad, Facts & Figures, Opening Bids & Closing Books]

I want to offer a sincere "mea culpa" for perhaps leading you down the incorrect Internet stream last month. I stated that the address for the Town's new website was www.eastfordct.org when the correct address is www.townofeastford.org. While the eastfordct.org address will eventually get you to the Town website via the School's website, the more direct route is the town-0feastford.org address. Again, my apologies for the oversight [Get it!].

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The Board of Selectmen, meeting in Regular Session on Monday, September 12, reviewed bids on three major Public Works projects and/or purchases. The Board awarded the contract for the shimming and paving of four Town roads to Pinecroft Paving and Landscape, LLC of Woodstock whose low bid was \$20,000. This is our “dead end road” project inasmuch as the intent is to shim and pave Walker Drive, King Road, Abington Road, and the section of Mill Bridge Road off County Road. Also, the Board voted to purchase a high speed compression spring carbide-bladed drift plow from Viking Cives [USA] for \$6,654. This plow will give the Public Works crew the ability to more thoroughly address snow accumulation on our roads during Winter and to push the snow farther off the road thereby increasing the passable width of the road. In another contract award, the Board moved to purchase a Wastequip Precision Series self-contained compactor from Dayville Refractory & Ironworks in the amount of \$21,600. This compactor will replace the current commingled unit and would give us more efficiency and fewer hauls, thereby reducing overall Transfer Station costs.

Factoids: Enrollment at the Eastford Elementary School at the beginning of the school year was 142, a slight increase in student population. The value of construction permitted by Building Official Joe Pajak in August totaled \$259,600. The Connecticut State Police, Troop D, issued 28 traffic citations and nine written warnings in Eastford in July and 19 citations and eight written warnings in August. There were three vehicular accidents in Town during that time period.

On July 12, the Board of Selectmen closed the books on the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. There were only two line items which went over budget; the Probate Court line by \$43.50 due to a slight increase in the per capita charge to

the Town from the Court, and \$1,081.06 in the Transfer Station budget due to hauling and tipping fees being greater than anticipated and more expended for electricity than projected. [It should be stated that both these issues are being addressed, through the new self-contained compactor and through Town-wide energy efficiency efforts.] Overall, prudent fiscal management was evidenced throughout all Town departments and by the Board of Education, resulting in a total of \$253,468.01 [\$115,566.72 from the Town, \$137,902.38 from the Board of Education] being returned to the General Fund.

In keeping with the Town’s Unexpended Education Fund policy, the Board of Education, with Board of Selectmen concurrence, is proceeding, using a portion of the \$37,500 unexpended fund allocation approved by the Board of Selectmen, to solicit proposals from qualified consulting engineering/architectural firms to provide services to develop design concepts and cost estimates for various projects concerning energy efficiency, building fire code updates, disabilities act compliance, and HVAC [heating, ventilation, air conditioning] and boiler control system updates at the School.

I have joined with my colleagues in the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments [NECCOG] in a letter to Governor Dannel Malloy urging that he reverse his decision to cut the budget of the State’s regional tourism districts by the sum of \$1 million, 168 thousand dollars. This action effectively eliminates the regional tourism districts. In the case of the Eastern Connecticut Tourism District, the budget rescission represents 85 percent of the district’s budget, in effect putting them out of business and severely impacting tourism in Eastford and all of our region. In another NECCOG-related action, I have signed

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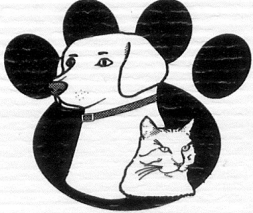
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the agreement between the Town of Eastford and NEC-COG regarding Paramedic Intercept Services. Under the agreement NECCOG will provide Eastford licensed professional paramedic intercept service via its vendor [currently American Ambulance Services, Inc.] at a cost to the Town of \$91.77 per transport to Day Kimball Hospital and \$134 for transports to all other hospitals or locations.

“Trash to Treasures” at the Transfer Station has been reopened. Feel free to share your good surplus items with others, but do so judiciously and within the parameters of usefulness and appropriateness.

Another charity bike ride will come through Eastford on Sunday, October 2, 2016. This one, called New England Gran Fondo, begins at the Thompson Raceway. Its Eastford route takes it along Old Colony Road from Woodstock, to the center of Town, up Westford Road to Ashford Road, then up Hillcrest Drive into Ashford.

The attendance at the Solarize Eastford Workshop on Thursday, September 15 warmed the cockles of a First Selectman’s heart. The Lower Town Office Building was filled with those interested in solar installation and having questions for the Eastford-selected installer Earthlight Technologies. Attendees could determine if their house was suited for solar and how to lower energy bills. The Town of Eastford has partnered with the Town of Willington and some 60 other Connecticut municipalities in participating in the Solarize Connecticut program. Such participation is just one of several efforts being undertaken by the Town to assure opportunities for, and implementation of, sustainable energy efforts and programs by Eastford residents. I want to thank and commend Georgianne Copley and Mary Ellen Ellsworth, co-chairs of the Town’s Clean Energy Group, for their efforts in keeping Eastford’s commitment to sustainable energy high on the Town Government agenda and for effecting meetings and program implementation.

Recreation Commission News

By Valerie Katkaveck, Chair

The Recreation Commission needs You!

The Recreation Commission welcomes - and needs - new members. The Commission is made up of parents and others who plan activities in Eastford and have a great time while doing it. We meet monthly. If you are interested, please contact Valerie (E-mail: valkat@charter.net), or come to our next meeting October 12 at 1:30pm, lower level of the Town Office Building.

Special events:

October 1 & 2 - Town-wide Yard Sales - see flyer elsewhere.

October 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30 pm - Adult Pickup Basketball at EES.

Adults 18 and over welcome.

October 8 - Goodbye Chili Cookoff, Hello Pumpkin Cookoff!

We are so sorry to see the Chili Cook-off go away. The NECT Department of Health has deemed chili to be a high risk food item and will no longer permit the town tasting. (We could have had a panel of judges doing a tasting but many people’s opinion is that the town comes out to sample and eat the chili, not watch judges sample. I suppose we could have a panel of 50-75 judges...!!) But baked good are still an acceptable option for town-wide fun and feasting. So this October 8th, please adjust your taste buds and take part in the "Goodbye Chili, Hello Pumpkin" Bake - Off! Sign up your favorite dessert at Coriander, or come and taste and vote on your favorite.

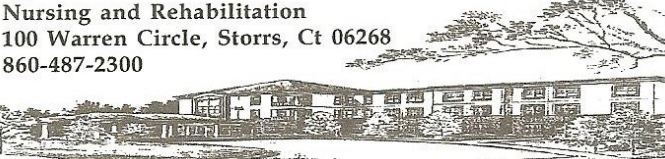
October 31, 5-7pm, lower level, TOB - Halloween Trick or Treat - stay in town, fun, cider.



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News You Can Use

By Deb Richards – Emergency Management Director

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Creating a Family Emergency Communication Plan starts with one question: “What if?” “What if something happens and I’m not with my family?” “Will I be able to reach them?” “How will I know they are safe?” “How can I let them know I’m OK?” During a disaster, you will need to send and receive information from your family.

Communication networks, such as mobile phones and computers, could be unreliable during disasters. Advance planning will help ensure that the members of your household—including children, people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, as well as outside caregivers—know how to reach each other and where to meet in an emergency.

Planning starts with three easy steps:

1. COLLECT.

Create a paper copy of the contact information for your family and other important people, such as medical facilities, doctors, schools, or service providers.

2. SHARE.

Make sure everyone carries a copy in his or her backpack, purse, or wallet. If you complete your Family Emergency Communication Plan online at ready.gov/make-a-plan you can print a wallet-sized card. You should also post a copy in a central location in your home, such as your refrigerator.

3. PRACTICE.

Have regular household meetings to review and practice your plan. If you use a mobile phone, a text message may get through when a phone call will not. A text message requires less bandwidth than a phone call. Text messages may also save and then send automatically as soon as capacity becomes available.

TEXT IS BEST!

For information on how to make your Communication Plan and to download a fillable PDF for a wallet size plan go to www.ready.gov - click on navigation and type in family communication plan.

Board of Education Report

By Linda Loretz

Annual Notice:

The Board of Education complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws prohibiting the exclusion of any person from any of its educational programs or activities, or the denial to any person of the benefits of any of its educational programs or activities because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability (including pregnancy), or gender identity or expression, subject to the conditions and limitations established by law. The District has a policy of Non-Discrimination under Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act, Title II of the ADA and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. It is the express policy of the Eastford Board of Education to provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics such as race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, disability (including pregnancy), or gender identity or expression. In order to facilitate the timely resolution of such complaints any student who feels that he/she has been discriminated against on the basis of these protected characteristics should file a written complaint with Heather Tamsin, Principal.

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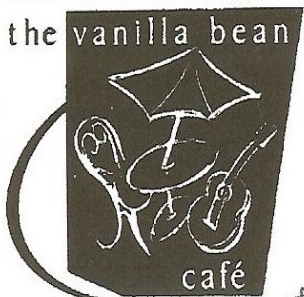
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Library News

By Susan Shead

The library will hold a Halloween Craft and Storytime on Saturday October 29 from 10am to Noon (registration required by Saturday October 22). Call the library at 860-974-0125 or e-mail the library at eastford-publib@gmail.com to register your child.

The library will hold an Adopt-a-Book on Thursday October 27th at 6pm. Please join us for this event. Refreshments will be served. The evening will be a kickoff of a weeklong Adopt-a-Book fundraiser. This event offers an opportunity for you to make a gift to the library and recognize someone at the same time.

Discount passes are available for Mystic Aquarium, Roger Williams Park Zoo, The New England Air Museum, and free admission passes to the New Britain Museum of American Art, The Wadsworth Atheneum and Connecticut's Old State House. We also have coupons for 20% off admission to the Connecticut Science Center.

Please note:

The library will be closed on Monday October 10, 2016 Columbus Day.

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

The Eastford Recreation Commission
& CORIANDER'S

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Eastford Readiness Council

By Jennifer Barlow

The Eastford Readiness Initiative at Eastford Elementary School is designed for 3 and 4 year old children and is designed to help prepare students for primary school with a morning only option available as space allows. The Program has its accreditation certificate from The National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The Readiness Program is supported through a grant applied for annually through the State of Connecticut. The Program operates during the school year and is established as a partnership between home and school. Throughout the year, the program offers parent education opportunities that are open to any parent of a child in Eastford under the age of 5.

The Readiness Program strives to educate students through play and actively seeks opportunities for the children to learn more about their community. Since the start of the school year, the Readiness Program has or will participate in field trips to the Eastford Public Library, Eastford Fire Station, Buell's Orchard and to Brooklyn's Creamery Brook Bison Farm.

The Readiness Council oversees the Readiness Program in Eastford and meets once a month during the school year. The meetings are open to the public and anyone who wants to become involved with the program may become a member of the Readiness Council. The Council seeks to develop more programs open to the public and would greatly appreciate public input on the types of programs they should provide. On the school website you will be able to find the goals the Council has set for the program in the upcoming school year. The next two scheduled council meetings are on October 3rd and November 7th.

All parents of children birth through 4 years old please join the Readiness program on September 30 at the Eastford Public library at 9:00 am for story time. There are still slots open in this year's class so feel free to call the school or go to the school website to get a registration form.

Please look at the Readiness portion of the school website for more information on the program and to find the program's handbook. You may also contact the Head Teacher, Christine Kopplin at ckopplin@eastfordct.org or the Readiness Council Liaison, Jen Barlow, at jbarlow@eastfordct.org

Mark your calendar!

October 3rd: Readiness Council Meeting at 6:00 at EES

November 7th: Readiness Council Meeting at 6:00 at EES



Eastford Elementary School

By Heather Tamsin, Principal

Fall continues to be my favorite time of the year. Students are enjoying the time outside and settling back into school routines and new academic challenges. Many students have shared their experiences of attending local fairs and summer activities. Our preschool students will be visiting Buell's Orchard to learn about apples, pumpkins and all of the amazing harvest that fall has to offer! Our middle school students will be visiting the Jorgensen Auditorium for a performance of *King Lear*. Students in preschool through grade 8 will also attend various performances at Hyde Cultural Center during the school year.

Our soccer teams, including both Eastford and Union students, have been working together on teamwork and skill development since the beginning of September. They are provided an opportunity to improve their current skills or learn the game if athletes have not played previously. If you are interested in watching any games to cheer the students on, the game schedule is posted and updated on our school website for the month of October.

The Annual Auction will be held on Saturday, November 19. We appreciate the community's continued support towards the success of this event through both attendance and donations. The proceeds from the auction provide funding that ensures that all 8th grade students are able to attend their class trip to Washington, D.C. trip free of charge!

We are so pleased that we have had some new families join us in Eastford. Our current enrollment is 142 students. It is a pleasure to see the new students welcomed into classrooms by both teachers and classmates eager to include them in the Eastford community.

Upcoming Dates from the Registrar's Office

By Joyce Merlo and Nancy Mayhew, Registrars

Here are some important dates for your convenience if you need to register to vote, change your address (if you moved within the town), or to change party affiliation before the upcoming election on November 8, 2016. The registrars will be in their office which is located in the lower level of the Town Office Building on these days and times.

Oct. 4 - 2-3pm

Oct. 12 - 5-7pm

Nov. 1 - mail-in registrations must be postmarked by this date or will not be accepted.

Nov. 7 - 9am-5pm: The registrars office will be open to admit those persons whose qualifications to vote as to age, citizenship or residence is attained since November 1.

Nov. 8 - Election Day - Polls open from 6am-8pm

Recreation Commission Report

"We Never Stop Fighting 5K in Loving Memory of Marilyn T. Krom" to benefit Howard Budd, by Valerie Katkaveck, Chair

THANK YOU, Eastford, for your participation in the Annual "We Never Stop Fighting in Loving Memory of Marilyn T. Krom" 5K which each year benefits an Eastford cancer patient. This year all proceeds go to Howard Budd. You can still make a donation that will go to Howard, even though the race has passed. Make checks payable to: The Marilyn T. Krom Foundation and mail to: Rec Commission, Town of Eastford, P.O. Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242.

The day was special in many ways, especially because Howard was able to come with Jacki, Rachael and Julia (see photo), along with Howard's mother Jane, brother Jonathan and their families. The race was started five years ago by the Town of Eastford and the Marilyn T. Krom Foundation. Sean Krom started the foundation and race as a way of helping families in town after his mother, Marilyn Krom, died of uterine cancer in 2009. Marilyn had been an EES aide, RN for kids camps at Nahaco, and helper of many local families.

THANK YOU to the hundreds of people who attended, including some 40 volunteers and 121 registered racers from all over the state - racers, walkers, mothers and fathers with babies in strollers, young people and children. You made September 17 a very special day. More than 30 members of "The Run 169 Towns Society" participated. The first person to register was from Norwalk. First, second and third place winners are: among women, 1st-Valerie Miller of Pomfret Center (0.23:15.8), 2nd-Tess Barrett of Rectory School, Pomfret (0.25:29.6), and 3rd-Jackie Scoville of Torrington (0.26:06.3); among men, 1st-Frederick Day-Lewis of Eastford (0.18:30.0), 2nd-Luke Lopriore of Danielson (0.19:47.0), and 3rd-Ryan Goyen of Manchester (0.20:22.4). Congratulations!

This event could not have happened without a very special group of volunteers: Sean Krom, Mary Horton, Paige Burgess, Valerie Katkaveck, Carol Davidge, Art Brodeur, Cindy Griswold, Marisa Hornyak, Heather Krom, Robert Krom, Bob & Deb McKenzie, David Barlow (photographer), Jacki Budd, Stephanie Bulan, Kathy Clark who helped at the water table, Evan Krom, Ian Krom, Olivia Hornyak, Billy Hornyak, Sharlene Sandness line organizer, Charlie Bowen, and William & Sally Katkaveck. The important duty of traffic duty was provided by: Richard DeGraff, Joan Buell (& grandkids Porter & Georgia Barlow), Joy Osterhout, Cora Osterhout, John Osterhout, Roger Wolfe, Richard Warren, Mike Moran, Allison Gormley, Mitch Sibley-Jett, Martha Sibley-Jett, Lyn Moran,

and others. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU to all the donors who, with the race registration fees, have so far provided about \$5,000 for the Budd family: Jenny Gillett, Madeline Spata, Alice Eschholz, Marisa Hornyak, Lauren Anderson, David Wolmer, Carolyn Hazard, Christopher Bowen, Roger Fish, Cindy Griswold, Stan & Lois Barnes, Sue Griswold, Barbara Urban, Julia Urban Oakes, Sherry Urban Sheehan, Madeline Spata, Christy Cook~Semaki & Bird, Lois & Stanley Barnes, Effie Vinal, Mike & Sue Kozey, Christine Hus-tus, Gail & Gary Cameron, Art & Lennox Brodeur, Lynn Alvey Dawson, Donna & Jim Pedersen, Steve Krom (Castle Rock, CO), Steven G. Simon (Hamden, CT), William Becker, Putnam Welding Eastford, CT, Arline Bowen, Herry Becker (Willington, CT), Cynthia Rondeau (Hampton, CT), Bob & Deb McKenzie (Wallingford, CT), The Katkaveck Family, Katie Johnson, Carrie Armitage, Herman Barlow, Kathy Clark, Penny M. Kowolenko, Sarah Froehlich, Susan Salesses (Clearwater, FL), as well as anonymous contributions. Donations are arriving daily and donors will be acknowledged in the November Communicator. Your donations will go unrestricted to Howard and his family. THANK YOU.



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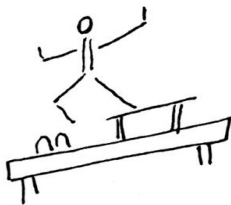
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By Jeannine Spink, President

CONGRATULATIONS to Alexis Lathrop, Junior Member. From August 15th through August 20th, Lexi participated in the Advanced Skills and Concepts class at the Fire Academy in Windsor Locks. Successfully completing the Introduction to the Fire Service (IFS) previously, this program targets graduates of the IFS who are between the ages of 16-17 and affiliated with a municipal fire department. This program continues the process of preparing youths for the Fire Service. Students were exposed to a series of advanced skills and concepts designed to expand and sharpen their skill and knowledge base and leadership abilities. Some of the topics covered included: Vehicle Extrication, High-Angle Rescue, Standpipe Operations, Introduction to Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Teaching Methodology and Leadership. One of the goals of the program is for the young firefighter to stand a little taller, look at things with a little more confidence and whose spark of interest for the Fire Service is burning a little brighter. The graduation exercise was held on August 20th. There was uniformed presence from the EIFC at the event to validate the efforts that Cadet Alexis Lathrop put in during the week and to drive home the brotherhood of the Fire Service. For the exercise, there was a multifaceted extrication, fire and technical rescue scenario. Congratulations Lexi, the EIFC is very proud of your accomplishments not only in firefighting, but also in EMS.

Mark Your Calendars:

Our Fall "All You Can Eat" Steak Supper is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the firehouse. The menu consists of: Top quality steak, baked potato, salad, green beans, rolls, dessert and beverage, **FREE RAFFLE TICKET.** All dinners are \$20.00. Tickets are not sold at the door, and no take out dinners available. Reserve your dinners by calling John Paquin at 860-974-0256 or Jeannine Spink at 860-974-1678.

Flu Shot Clinic: The EIFC, in cooperation with the Northeast District Department of Health, is sponsoring a walk-in flu shot clinic for anyone who wants one on Wednesday, October 26th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. Can't take time from work or school to get vaccinated? Bring your family to a community clinic. Flu shots will be available for children and adults. Medicare and most insurance is accepted, or pay only \$30 by cash or check. For vaccination ease, please wear short sleeves under your clothes. **DO YOUR PART...GET YOUR SHOT!**

The EIFC responded to 26 emergencies during the month of August. On August 27th members closed off the major intersections in Eastford Center, Rte. 244/Rte. 198 and Phoenixville to assure safe passage for approximately 50 motorcycles to memorialize Penny Hebert Woodbury, wife of fellow Muddy Brook Fire Department firefighter Peter Woodbury in the "1st Annual Penny's Run" who was

in a fatal motorcycle accident in 2015. Fire departments starting from Southbridge, MA through Quinebaug, Woodstock, Eastford, Chaplin, Pomfret, ending at the Knights of Columbus in North Grosvenordale participated. Proceeds benefited Penny's Fund and Meme's Sunshine Relay for Life Fund. All members agreed that it was a "good feeling" to do this to honor her and support a fellow firefighter.

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EES Science Teacher Report

By Mrs. Mead

The science students in grades 3 through 8 once again have a wonderful opportunity to participate in hands-on activities through Mystic Aquarium this fall. The students in grade 3, 4, and 5 will travel to Tourtellotte Memorial High School in Thompson to join the students at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School to partake in a presentation by a marine mammal scientist from the aquarium. A week later, the students will travel to Rocky Neck State Park to participate in a 3-part coastal field study program led by field scientists from the aquarium. Following that, students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to spend a day at the aquarium to learn about the coastal animals in residence and their emergency medical program. Grant funding provides these opportunities to our students at a substantial discount. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to experience STEM career options and science in action.

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SolarizeCT/Eastford Kickoff

By Georgianne Copley

The *SolarizeCT Eastford/Willington* campaign began with a meeting Sept. 15th in Eastford. Interested residents filled the TOB meeting room. First Selectman, Art Brodeur thanked all for coming and volunteers of Eastford's Clean Energy Task Force for their organizational efforts. Art said that this campaign to double the number of solar installations in Eastford is supported by the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. Kate Donnelly, representing *Smartpower*, a non-profit that facilitates and pays for marketing *SolarizeCT* in Eastford & Willington, explained that by concentrating efforts in the two towns, solar installers can work efficiently, passing savings on to homeowners. This isn't a new concept. *Smartpower* already worked successfully with 65 CT communities. Eighty solar installation companies have been approved by *EnergizeCT*. An Ellington firm, *Earthlight*, was chosen by Eastford 's & Willington's Clean Energy Task Forces to partner in the *SolarizeCT* campaign. Choice was based experience, using high-quality solar panels in standard offering, pricing and interest in working with town officials and residents. The presentation by *Earthlight* touched on the following topics: with falling prices of solar panels, current rebates and incentives, now is a good time to go solar; how solar photo-voltaic systems work in your home electrical system; roof top vs ground mounting systems; determining if solar is right for your home; financial incentives, rebates and tax credits; examples of cost savings; and available financing options. Tom Hughes, an Eastford resident, spoke about his experience having solar installed at his home. Tom summarized cost of his system and annual savings on his electric bill. Tom concluded with, "It works!" The audience asked many thoughtful questions and were eager to find out more about the program. **Upcoming SolarizeCT Workshops: Weds, Oct 5 - 7 pm-Willington Library; Thurs, Nov 10- 7pm in Eastford Town Office Building.** www.SolarizeCT.com/Eastford.

Eastford Seniors

By Linda SM dos Santos

On **Thursday, October 13**, all Eastford seniors invited to join the Eastford Senior Citizens' **October Car Caravan** leaving at **11 AM** from TOB lower level (parking at EES lot). All members and guests will travel to the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA, where they will enjoy an Innkeepers Open-Face Roasted Turkey over plated corn bread, a shared bread basket, water, tea or coffee. Each will receive a gift bag provided by the Danielson Big Y Pharmacy. If time permits, the group will travel on to "step back in time." Please RSVP by Noon on Mon. Oct. 8, call Lucien 860-315-5360 or text 860-538-8868. ESC Members \$7.50, Non-Members \$10.00.

Please state whether you are a Passenger or a Driver.

On October 1 tickets go on sale: **Family & Friends Harvest Dinner** Saturday EVENING, **NOV. 12**, 5:30-8 PM, held at Grill 37, 37 Putnam Road (Rt 44) in Pomfret. "SECOND HELPING" - 2-piece Acoustical Act, with Michael Gallison & Bill Blanchard will entertain. Salad provided by the Eastford Branch of Key Bank & cookies by Soleil & Suns in Woodstock. Grill 37 will serve a turkey dinner with vegetables and mash potatoes, coffee or tea. Reserve & pay for tickets before Wednesday, Nov. 2, child-\$11 (chicken tenders & fries) Members-\$14, Non-Members-\$19, call 860-538-8868.

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During 2016-2017, the UConn Jorgenson Auditorium is presenting the entire 17 string quartets composed by Beethoven. The six concerts will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays of November 15th and 17th, February 28th and March 2nd, and April 25th and 27th. All 6 concerts will be played by the Dover String Quartet, who firmly established themselves as the current world's best string quartet with their resounding victory at the Banff 2013 International String Quartet Competition. Their winning piece was Beethoven's Quartet in E minor, opus 59. When they played Jorgenson two years ago, watching them pass the themes to one another left me spellbound; a musical conversation between four players. It was a clarity of understanding that is rarely seen or heard.

Beethoven (best known for his 5th Symphony (dah-dah-dah, dum)) is widely regarded as being the greatest composer of all time, came to prominence out of the classical tradition of Haydn and Mozart, where he surpassed his predecessors in the skills of classical structure of theme and development. As he continued, he became the earliest of the Romantic composers with his music imaging life and emotion, a creation that has since dominated music composition. In the series you can travel with Beethoven from his young daring style of his first 6 string quartets, opus 18, into the dark and mysterious time when he was totally death composing his last 6 quartets. The Quartet, opus 135 was his very last composition. His meticulous classical musical structure along with his romantic passion with capture your imagination.

This unparalleled opportunity is worthy of some study: a read of Beethoven's biography, going to Youtube to see and hear the Dover Quartet's 2013 winning performance, listening to each of the quartets prior to the concerts on Youtube, where you also hear the quartets accompanied by an "animated graphical score" where you view 4 fascinating instrumental lines working with each other. If you are a classical music lover, don't miss it. If you haven't discovered classical music, let this be your opportunity to venture forth.

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Tips for Today
By Liz Ellsworth

Got Drugs?!

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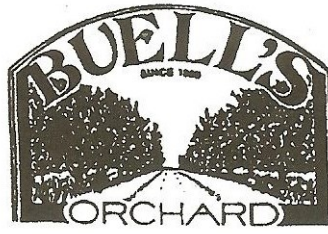
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