

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Well, we've made it into fall after a beautiful summer, and are in the midst of many cultural activities that complement this season's beauty. Here in town, we're gearing up for winter, and are "hoping for the best... planning for the worst" in terms of weather. While the nation is going through some economic turmoil, we have a current frugal working budget for Town operation, with the goal of keeping costs low and service high. We're also in the middle of several ongoing grant projects to help maximize the town's economic and social vitality down the road.

Several residents have asked me for contact information. While the town's website contains all of the necessary phone numbers, it's also helpful to have a hard copy available. Please use the following list as a back-up when needed:

Cheers. Brian Sear, First Selectman

Emergencies: 911	State Police: 779-4900
Public Works: 546-6604	Selectmen's Office: 546-9693
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 546-9377	Agent to the Elderly: 546-9845
Animal Control: 774-1253	Assessor: 546-6035
Treasurer: 546-2089	Library: 546-9022
NE District Dept. of Health: 774-7350	CL&P: Emergency 1-800-286-2000

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

The Presidential Election is quickly approaching. You may register to vote by mail until October 21 and in person until October 28. Absentee ballots became available on October 3. In addition to voting for the President, you will also be able to cast your vote for Representative in Congress (District 2), State Senator (District 29), State Representative (District 47) and Registrar of Voters. There will also be two questions regarding the Constitution of the State of Connecticut. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this election.

I have recently purchased a wide format copy machine with grant money from the Connecticut State Library Historical Document Preservation Fund. We are now able to copy full-size Mylar maps and other larger sized documents. The cost for a 2 ft. by 3 ft. map is \$5.00 and smaller sizes cost \$2.50. We are pleased that we can now offer such a service to our customers.

We are issuing various sportsmen's licenses in preparation for the fall hunting season. In December, the State of Connecticut will be instituting their new licensing program, where you may purchase your 2009 licenses on-line or at a kiosk in our office. We will be able to assist you as necessary when more details come out about this program.

We are wrapping up a busy month of tax collection. Due to these troubling economic times, there may be many residents struggling to get their bills paid. Our office is willing to accept partial payments on tax bills. Please contact me if you would like to arrange a payment plan.

Enjoy this beautiful fall season!

Natalie Cordes

CANTERBURY SENIOR CITIZENS

There will be a flu shot clinic in the Community Center at 1:00 pm following the Canterbury Seniors' monthly meeting on Thursday October 9. Bring your Medicare card. Call the Municipal Agent at 546-9845 for more information.

TREE OF LIFE CEREMONY

Day Kimball Hospital Hospice of Northeastern Connecticut Tree of Life Ceremony will be held in Canterbury this year at the Canterbury Municipal Building. We will be hosting this ceremony at eight sites in Northeastern Connecticut this year all simultaneously: Brooklyn, Canterbury, Danielson, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson and Woodstock

The Ceremony is always held on the 2nd Sunday in December, this year December 14 at the Canterbury Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Drive. A brief Ceremony will take place at 5:00 p.m., lighting of the tree at 5:15 p.m., reception & refreshments to follow at 5:30 p.m.

An invitation will be sent out in the mail on November 3 which will detail how residents can have an opportunity to honor a loved one through a symbol of light and help support Hospice and Palliative Care services to terminally ill patients and their families.

For additional information contact: Victoria L. Bates, Event Manager, Day Kimball Hospital Development Office, 309 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT 06260, Phone: 860-928-7141.

SENIOR TRIPS

We have had a wonderful year so far, enjoying a variety of trips. We have a few more for the remainder of the year – an Oktoberfest in the Hudson River Valley (can't believe the number of food choices, along with the beautiful river valley), a fun day at the Newport Playhouse and an overnight at the charming Middlebury Inn. There is still time to join us on these trips.

Many plans are underway for 2009. A train trip through scenic Copper Canyon; a show-filled bus trip in the Smokey Mountains with several nights in Pigeon Forge; Niagara Falls - always an amazing sight; a great trip in Maine including Acadia National Park. In May we will see The Platters perform; April – "Say Good-Night Gracie"; July – all you can eat lobster – just to name a few.

Our newsletter can be found in the Town Library and in the Town Clerk's Office. More information can also be seen in the flyers on the Library bulletin board or you may call Joanne Sheridan at 860-546-9830. Come and join us on one or more of these exciting trips.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Your EDC has been involved in numerous activities since the last newsletter promoting many of our local businesses.

Old Home Day; EDC had a booth featuring a board with the signs of over 70 businesses located in our community. Many people attending the Day were surprised at the number and variety of products and services available here in town. EDC members worked in shifts explaining the role of the commission and handed out the rough draft of our new Canterbury Business Directory which should be finished by late October. The final product will feature a bio of businesses and a map showing their location in town. A number of those attending did not know the EDC existed and were not sure of its role.

What We Do; The EDC is a volunteer group of residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen who work to promote local business start-up and expansion. The main thrust of the commission is to help expand the business and commercial segment of the grand list so that the entire property tax burden does not fall on the home owner. This is the reasoning behind our facilitating ribbon cuttings for new entrepreneurs and a way to honor long term businesses. We also advise companies in marketing their goods and services and encourage them to work together as a unit to promote doing business in Canterbury. Various members attend meetings of regional groups such as The Last Green Valley, Northeast Chamber of Commerce, Community Vision Committee, and symposiums about brown fields, regional planning and economic development.

Ribbon Cuttings; Recent ribbon cuttings took place for Dino's Grill & Family Restaurant, the Savings Institute Bank & Trust, Canterbury Liquors, Shear Secrets, Canterbury Cones and Best Kept Secret. Three other similar events are being scheduled for the fall.

Attention Businesses; The October meeting of the commission will take place at the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:30 pm. Businesses of all types are encouraged to attend to help plan group advertising and shop-in-Canterbury promotions. Take advantage of the marketing skills of your local EDC and brainstorm with us. We need your participation if this is going to work well for the business community.

A Fall Business Gathering where local companies can meet socially and display goods and services is also in the planning stages. We'll discuss this event at our meeting of the 28th. Please make every effort to attend!! Call Chairman Avery Tillinghast (546-9199) for further information.

That's it for this quarter. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting. The more that get involved, the

better job your EDC will do. We look forward to meeting with you. Thank you. Avery Tillinghast, Chairman

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canterbury Historical Society has been pretty busy these past few months with various activities.

On September 20, we hosted our annual Old Home Day, and we couldn't be more pleased with the results of the day. The weather was absolutely perfect, and we estimate that between 400 and 500 folks got to visit the Green and see the various craftsmen, historical re-enactors, displays by various local organizations, animals, tour the restored Green School, and just enjoy themselves on the Green. Thanks to all who visited, as well as to the constables, volunteers, exhibitors, and sponsors who helped make the event happen. We hope to start plans for Old Home Day 2009 sometime after January 1.

The holidays will soon be upon us, and CHS has a few suggestions to fit your gift-giving needs. The 2009 calendar is complete, and in it you can find photos spanning nearly 100 years in Canterbury's history. The photos include school pictures from the 1960s, early 1900s-era scenes from on and around the Green, and a photo of the Dr. Helen Baldwin School Class of 1979. Calendars are \$10, and are available at the Canterbury Public Library and Ed's Garage. In addition, we have some t-shirts featuring a drawing of the Green School created by CHS member Walter Moriarty several years ago. These shirts are available in 5 colors and sizes M-XXL. For more information on the other items we have for sale, including books and notecards.

We'd love to have you join us at an upcoming Canterbury Historical Society meeting. All of our meetings are free and open to the public. Upcoming meetings:

Friday, November 14 – Sandi Pineault, Cultural & Community Programs Manager of the Mohegan Tribe

Friday, December 12 – Christmas Potluck at the Finnish Hall [members only]

If you haven't had a chance to see our CHS exhibit at the Prudence Crandall Museum, we encourage you to stop by soon. In the exhibit are several items from our archives, including the railroad sign and some chairs from the Canterbury Depot, as well as a stove and plow manufactured at one of Canterbury's foundries in the mid-1800s. Although there have been state cutbacks that have reduced the museum's operating hours, they are generally open Thursday-Sunday, 10AM-4PM. Hope you can stop by soon.

For more information on the Canterbury Historical Society's events and activities, please visit our website: www.canterburyhistorical.org.

CANTERBURY CARES FOOD BANK

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to Canterbury Cares Food Bank; The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Dr. Helen Baldwin School, Canterbury Elementary School,

the Seniors, Canterbury Library, St. Augustine Church, First Congregational Church, Calvary Chapel, VFW, the people who donated at the car cruise night and all the people in town who have made monetary donations and donations of non perishable items. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Jo Ann & Gene Brustolon Canterbury Cares Food Bank

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Personal Property declaration forms were mailed out at the beginning of October for the 2008 Grand List. If you received one of these forms, this office has information regarding some personal property that you own. Please don't ignore the form; call this office so we can answer any questions. Remember to return these forms no later than **Monday, November 3** to avoid a penalty.

PA490 applications for farm, forest, or open space designations are available in the Assessor's Office and must be filed on or before **Friday, October 31**. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Assessor's Office.

The Town of Canterbury has contracted with Vision Appraisal Technology to complete a town-wide **revaluation** for the 2009 Grand List year. The last revaluation was completed in 2004 and current state laws require towns to revalue every five years. The first phase of this revaluation is the data collection, where an employee of Vision Appraisal will be inspecting each property in Canterbury throughout the next several months. If you have any questions about the revaluation process, please contact the Assessor's Office at 546-6035.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kimberly Coombs

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning! The start of school went smoothly. There are some exciting changes that are being implemented throughout the school.

Connecticut Mastery Test results are in. The results for Canterbury were presented at the September 9th meeting and have also been distributed to students and families. We are very proud of the results and the standards that Canterbury has set. A compiled brochure that breaks down the results for Canterbury can be found at the Town Hall, Town Library, and also at the schools. We will continue to strive for excellence in education.

The Board of Education recently applied and was awarded The Community Conversations Grant sponsored by the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund. Community feedback and involvement is crucial to the success of planning for the educational needs of Canterbury's students. The topic of Canterbury's conversation is: *Meeting The Needs of Children In The Global Economy*. The forum for this conversation is in the planning stages. The date, time and location will be determined shortly. It is our goal to invite a large, diverse group of Canterbury residents to be involved in this very important conversation.

GI Bill - on June 30, 2008 President Bush signed the new GI Bill into law. This new benefit will cover the full cost of education at any public school in the country and many private schools. To qualify for the benefits, a veteran has to have served at least 90 days of active duty post 9/11 and have remaining entitlement. Only post 9/11 active duty service counts towards this benefit. The Veteran's Association has provided a GI Bill Factsheet located at: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/S22/Post911Factsheet.pdf>. **Please pass this information to any person that may benefit from this information.**

In closing - please remember Board of Education meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We encourage you to take an active role in the education of Canterbury's children.

CANTERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Janet M. Tyler, Superintendent

The opening of school is always exciting and this year the opening of the Canterbury Public Schools was no exception. Students arrived on the first day eager to learn and teachers were in classrooms prepared to engage, encourage, and motivate them.

In preparation for the return of students and staff, the school buildings were cleaned. The floors were waxed, the rooms were scrubbed, some DHBMS hallways were painted, and CES received a new playscape. Also, the asbestos and pigeon guano was removed from DHBMS. It was a very busy and productive summer and the buildings were sparkling when everyone arrived.

Student achievement is always the major focus of the district. We are proud to state that the March 2008 Connecticut Mastery Test scores for the Canterbury Public School children were exceptional. The following is just a small sampling of the results. CES third and fourth grade students excelled in writing, earning scores of 87- 92% in the **at or above proficiency level**. DHBMS students, grades five through eight, earned 86 – 92% in the **at or above proficiency level** in the areas of mathematics, reading, and writing. In addition, grade six students earned 95% **at or above the state goal** in mathematics, 85% **at or above the state goal** in reading, and 78% **at or above the state goal** in writing; grade seven students earned 93% **at or above the state goal** in reading. Students from other grades earned similar percentages in the three categories. Most impressive were the mathematics scores at the **advanced** level: 50% of grade six students achieved the highest level and as did 44% of grade eight students. We are very proud of all of the students and the school community, at large, for their hard work and dedication to educating the children of Canterbury.

This school year, teachers and administrators are establishing *Professional Learning Communities (PLC)*. As a community they are working in collaborative teams focused on learning during common planning times, at faculty meetings, and on professional development days. Through collective inquiry they are developing best practices, thus reflecting a commitment to continuous student improvement. The four

critical questions of learning that drive the PLCs are: 1) What is it we expect students to learn, 2) How will we know when students don't learn, 3) How will we respond when students don't learn, and 4) How will we respond when students already know it?

Parents and community members are invited and encouraged to participate in school activities and events. It is through your modeling of good citizenship and involvement in school and town activities that children will learn to be contributing members of society. We need to all work together to prepare them for the work world of the future. I invite you to participate in the upcoming Community Conversations, sponsored by the Canterbury Board of Education. Your voice will be heard as we prepare students for the twenty-first century.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

CANTERBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Oct. 29	School Assembly	2 p.m.
Nov. 12	PTO Meeting	6 p.m. - CES Library
Dec. 17	School Assembly	2 p.m.
Dec. 17	PTO Meeting	6 p.m. - CES Library

The CES Winter Concert will be held in January 2009.

DR. HELEN BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Oct. 14	Professional Development Day for Staff on Professional Learning Communities
Oct. 24	Masquerade Dance for grades 7 & 8
Oct. 27 - 31	Red Ribbon Week - Elect to be Drug Free
Nov. 1	Holiday Bonanza Fair by PTO
Dec. 12	Winter Ball for grades 7 & 8
Dec. 18	Band & Choral Concert

THE PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM

The museum celebrates *Archaeology Awareness Month* with a talk and interactive learning program on Sunday, October 26 from 1 to 3:30pm. Dr. Ross Harper from the Public Archaeology Survey Team will present "Whose Trash? Analysis of Artifacts from the Prudence Crandall Museum." Dr. Harper will discuss the artifacts that were unearthed during a 1980s archaeological dig on the museum's property. Archaeologists discovered a very unusual trash deposit which was packed with ceramics dating from the late 18th century to the 1830s, the period when Prudence Crandall lived and owned the property where she ran her academy. The talk will be followed by an "Excavation Station" Hands-on opportunity for attendees to become amateur archaeologists. The program is included with regular museum admission.

On Sunday, November 2, the Museum will host its annual "Tea with Prudence and Sarah." Local performers and storytellers Donna Dufresne and Gwendolyne Quezaire-Presutti become Prudence Crandall and Sarah Harris in this engaging and dramatic dialogue. Drawing from historical documents and informed conjecture, the two actors relate the memories of the lives of these two courageous women. Two seatings are offered, 1 pm and 2:30 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person and pre-registration is required as seating is limited.

The Friends of Prudence will serve cookies, tea sandwiches and their spectacular home-made scones with tea after the presentation. This popular program has traditionally sold out. Purchase tickets early!

The Prudence Crandall Museum is now open Thursday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Keep in mind that the museum shop is open for browsing without admission. The shop stocks books relating to local, women's and black history, along with a wide variety of children's books, and toys. Regular admission is \$3 per adult, \$2 per youth and senior citizen, ages 5 and under, free. (The Museum will close for the season on December 14.) For additional information, please call the museum at 546-7800.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Parent/child basketball (pick-up games and instruction) has started at the Baldwin school on Friday evenings (7:30 pm, Prentiss Balcom), and there is also adult basketball on Sunday mornings (9 am, Jim Molkenthin). Both of these activities are open to the public.

Rebecca Collin's After School Care Program is offered at the Canterbury Elementary School - call Rebecca for information or to register (546-9094). Susan Miner continues to offer her movie making classes for kids at the Elementary School, and can be reached at 889-1909 (stonewallprod@sbcglobal.net).

Thanks go to Don Henry for donating time and equipment to till baseball fields at Frink and Manship Parks at the start of the baseball season last spring.

The Recreation Commission meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm in the Town Hall Community Center. Our next meeting will be on October 13.

CES PTO

School is back in full swing, and it's another busy year for the CES PTO. We have some great events in store for the students and we're really looking forward to the 2008/2009 school year. We'd love to see new faces and hear fresh ideas so please try to come to a meeting. We meet in the CES Library at 6:30 pm and babysitting is provided. Future meeting dates are 10/8, 11/12, 12/17, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13 and 6/10. Mark your calendars and plan a visit!

On October 3, the PTO hosted a family ice cream sundae night to show off the new playground. The kids love the playground and we're very proud to say that our donation of \$5,000 helped make it possible. We also debuted our new CES t-shirt and that will be available for purchase throughout the school year. Look for your order forms to come home and show your CES pride by purchasing one right away. We think the monkey design on the t-shirt really captures the spirit of our little monkeys swinging on the playground!

Also, we have an awesome new event planned for Halloween night. We will be hosting the very first "Trunk or Treat" night in Canterbury! What's "Trunk or Treat?" It's a safe, fun, totally unique way of trick or treating, of course! Canterbury

residents are invited to decorate the trunks of their vehicles, gather at the Town Hall parking lot, and hand out candy to trick or treaters from the trunk of their car, truck, SUV, minivan, Batmobile, etc. The trick or treating area will be blocked off to prevent traffic from entering and the children will be able to safely trick or treat from trunk to trunk! If you'd like to register your car to participate in Trunk or Treat, please contact Christine Bright at 546-9484 or Theresa Bodinger at 546-6932 for further details. Detailed event information will be sent home with the students and an ad will appear in the Turnpike Buyer so keep your eyes open for this exciting event! Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated trunks.

The Meadow Farms fall fundraiser is in full swing and back by popular demand. Parental responses to our survey indicated that you want to see gift catalogs and food so we aim to please! The gift catalog is filled with great items and the pies are delicious. They will be delivered in time to enjoy at Thanksgiving. A firm delivery date will be scheduled soon and we will make you aware of it as soon as we know for sure.

As always, remember to save your Box Tops and your Campbell soup labels and send them in.

The officers for the 2008/2009 school year are Christine Thetreault, President; Jennifer Kasacek, Vice President; Lisa LaPointe, Vice President; Christine Bright, Secretary; and Pam Cote, Treasurer.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Election Day is November 4, 2008 from 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (President and Vice-President, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative and Registrar of Voters)

Registration Deadlines:

Mail-in: All mail-in registrations must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, October 21.

In person: By 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 28.

You can register daily at the Town Clerk's office or at the Registrar's office.

Special registration hours will be observed on the following dates:

Saturday, October 18: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you are unsure of your registration status, there is an updated copy of the registry list for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office.

BALDWIN PTO

Welcome all students, staff, and parents to a new school year! We hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer. The PTO is excited to be a part of supporting the education of the students at DHBMS again this year. Our focus for the year is to organize more family-centered activities and fund raising

events in an effort to enhance the educational environment and experience of our students.

We were very pleased at the response received during the Open House in September. Many parents showed their support by volunteering to assist the PTO with planned events and activities for this year. Since the PTO is regularly attended by only 3 parents and 2 school staff, we appreciate all the support we can get. Thank you to all parents who signed up to help, and we will gladly welcome anyone who wishes to either join PTO or just help us with even one event.

Do you want a festively decorated house for the holidays, *and* support the PTO as well? Beautiful mixed evergreen wreaths, cedar garlands and other decorative holiday greenery will soon be available for purchase without even leaving your home! Watch for the **Sherwood Forest** catalogs, which will soon be sent home with students. These products are beautiful, and can be delivered directly to your home, sent to someone as a gift, or picked up at Baldwin School.

Attention shoppers! On Saturday, November 1, the DHBMS PTO will be having its 2nd annual **Holiday Shopping Bonanza** and **Book Fair** from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Country Crafts, jewelry, stained glass, books for children and adults, gourmet chocolate, cosmetics, and so much more will be available. You can also get your child's photo taken with Santa, and get a massage or a gift certificate for one. Come on by, have fun with other people from your community, and get your holiday shopping done all in one place!

For more information about the PTO please call Pam at 546-1034 or Robin at 556-9024.

A Canterbury Story

By Sheila Mason Gale
(Published June 2001)

Can you imagine holding the same political office for sixty-three years? We have such a man in Canterbury. He has been a Justice of the Peace since 1938 and his name is Linwood Tracy.

The first time I met Mr. Tracy he was a teacher at Calvary Chapel's Vacation Bible School. He was outgoing, had a big booming voice and a hearty laugh. Having a shy nature, I was a little bit afraid of him, but there was nothing to be afraid of, Linwood encouraged all of his students to be themselves.

The Tracy family has been in Canterbury since it was founded in 1703. In the 1800's his Grandfather, Lucius, operated Canterbury's pauper's farm. This farmhouse is the one story building located across the street from the post office. Some of the residents were the Quinebaug Indians. At one time, Herbert bought a team of horses and worked for Arthur Bennett who operated a sawmill and filling station. As a young boy, Linwood would trap skunks and muskrats and sell them to Mr. Bennett for some spending money.

Hanging May baskets was once a popular fun event. In the spring, children would put some penny candy and flowers in a basket, hang it on the door of their favorite girl or boy, knock

on the door, and hide. The child would then come out and try and find the gift giver. Linwood had a crush on Truman Hart's daughter, Helen, and she was the recipient of his May basket.

Being a farm town, many families in Canterbury belonged to the Grange. The Tracy family belonged and one of their favorite activities was singing. Linwood's father formed a quartet and Linwood and Anna Herr would sing duets. All of Linwood's four children play an instrument or sing.

Linwood graduated at age thirteen from the Green school (Canterbury's library today), but couldn't get working papers so he had to go back to Frost school (on Lisbon Road) for one more year. Linwood had several hobbies. In the winter you could always find him skating, in the fall he would hunt and trap. In the spring, he and a buddy would sometimes come down "sick" and be sent home from school, but would make a miraculous recovery on the way home and be able to go fishing.

Fourth of July celebrations were once a big event in Canterbury. Linwood's father ran the clambake at the grange hall; there were fireworks and lots of activities. Linwood and several other boys would sneak into the church on the Green and ring the bell at midnight on July 4th. This went on for about three years until they were caught by Merrit Hawes, and persuaded to stop.

Linwood walked everywhere and thought nothing of it. Linwood does remember the first paved road in Canterbury about 1922. It came from Brooklyn and was paved up to the intersection of Route 169 and Route 14. Then it turned on Route 14 toward Scotland until it reached what is now Creative Interiors. It was 1928 or 29 before the road was paved from the Routes 169/14 intersection to Lisbon.

In 1938 a group of young Canterbury residents, comprised of Rudy Nikkonen, Nelson Carpenter, Lillian Frink and a few others, formed the young Republicans Club and they each decided what office they would run for. Linwood chose Justice of the Peace. One part of his job was to be a judge over family matters, traffic violations, fish and game violations, etc. The courthouse was in the building across the street from Better Value and was in operation until 1959. One case that came before him was a man arrested for shooting deer out of season. The minimum fine was \$100.00, so Linwood fined the man \$100.00 and then returned \$95.00. The game warden who arrested the man was very upset at this decision, but Linwood felt that since the man had seven children, he should be able to hunt venison to feed his family no matter what time of year it was.

Canterbury had a hoop shop that made oak hoops for ship masts and yardarms. The oak was steamed and bent into shape and tacked with copper nails. Linwood's grandfather worked for the shop owner, who was the grandfather of the woman who later became his wife, Althea Williams. At first Linwood was interested in Althea's sister, but he discovered that Althea was a fun person and she was the one he decided to marry. In August of 1933, they ran away and got married and kept it a secret for four months. Althea was a kind and

gentle person, but she had a very strong constitution and would not be moved from what she believed.

Linwood is a coin collector. When he was attending the Green school, he decided to pick some violets along the side of the road for his teacher, Cornelia Lovell. While doing this he found a two-cent coin (which he still has today) and from that time on coins have fascinated him.

Linwood still has that big booming voice and that hearty laugh especially when talking about his childhood. I'm not afraid of him anymore; instead, I have great respect for him and think of Linwood as a pioneer, of sorts, strong, hardworking, non-nonsense and ingenious.

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Website: <http://canterburylibrary.org>

NEWS:

We have new hours! We are now open all day.
Monday – Wednesday 10:00-7:00
Thursday 10:00– 8:00
Saturday 10:00 – 4:00

Request is now part of our circulation system. Just access your account through Agent Verso as usual. When a search is performed you will now search not only your own library but every library in the state of Connecticut. If we do not own the material you order it through your Verso account. You may access your account to see what is due by going to our website and clicking on the **Agent Verso** icon. You can renew material, reserve materials, request materials, and see what is available on the shelf all from the comfort of your home. Check out our calendar for library happenings.

Young Adult to Adult Programs

Are you between the ages of 14-19? Join our **Young Adult Advisory Council** and help the librarians create programs for teens. Activities every Thursday night from 5:30-7:30, include crafts, gaming, book discussions, writing club, etc. Questions or comments visit the YA blog: <http://canterburypublic.wordpress.com/>.

Adult/Young Adult Programs

Card Stamping with Arlene Sweet—6:00-8:00 pm. Thursday, October 30. A donation of \$7.50 would be appreciated for supplies.

Reducing your Carbon Footprint: Wednesday, October 8 starting at 6:00 pm. Start a forum for discussing how we can all do our part and reduce our carbon footprint. Sponsored by a generous grant from Jewett City Savings Bank.

Canterbury Stitchers - bring your knitting/crocheting/other project to the library each Thursday between 6-8 pm. Meet other stitchers, share ideas and patterns, learn from each other. Hot beverages will be provided.

Children's Programs

September is **Fire Prevention Month** at the Library. Stop in and visit with Chief Bear, and build your own Fire Engine out of paper shapes. This is a drop-in program.

Music and Movement for ages 18mos. – 3 on Thursdays at 9:15 and 10:15 am.

Ladder to Literacy for ages 3 ½-5 on Wednesdays at 10 am.

Story time for ages 3-4 on Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

Sign-up is required or recommended for all programs

THE FRIENDS OF PRUDENCE

What a great summer we have had! Weather for the Music at Twilight programs in July was perfect clear and warm. The music was good and the crowds were appreciative and both evenings were deemed successful.

Prudence Crandall Day is a celebration of Prudence's birthday and a day-long event with crafters, performers, food, and games for the children. In spite of a rather drizzly, wet August 30th, an enthusiastic group of attendees had great fun visiting the museum and the outdoor exhibitors.

We also completed incorporation for the Friends organization this past summer and are now officially The Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum, Inc.

Do mark November 2 on your calendar and come and have tea with Prudence and Sarah. This is the last event of the season and it is our favorite. What an opportunity to hear these two friends describe their lives and events from almost two centuries ago and to enjoy an elegant tea with sandwiches, cookies and our now-famous scones! Call the Museum for more information at 546.7800.

Our annual membership appeal will take place in early 2009. Plan to join the Friends then or now and help us support the outreach of the Prudence Crandall Museum.

LOCAL AREA EVENTS

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3RD THURSDAY FROGTOBERFEST OCTOBER 16

Time to get out the lederhosen and tune up for some yodeling. It's Frogtoberfest! Change is in the air for 3rd Thursday. This month the traditional event will change its theme to an old time Oktoberfest.

Expect the same fun, delicious food and great music with a German and more adult twist. The music will be provided by the Cavaliers playing a good ole Oom-Pah sound that will be great to sing along or dance to.

Food will include bratwurst and its trimmings along with the usual fare but with a German flair. Of course there will be

locally brewed beer and Hosmer soda.

Get your souvenir authentic Frogtoberfest beer stein with its specially designed logo and head on over to the beer garden for a fill up. And get the newly designed 3rd Thursday tee shirt. It all goes to help fund next year's street fests.

The kids have not been left-out ... a special event will be held at the same time at the Kramer building with lots of fun things just for teens.

It will be the same good time between Bank and North Streets on Thursday, October 16 from 6 pm. to 9 pm. It's free and there is plenty of free parking.

Contact information: Carol Silva, 150 South St. Willimantic, CT 06226, Ph (860) 423-8287.

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NOVEMBER 14 AND 15

Holy Family Academy, Main Street, Baltic, presents THE SOUND OF MUSIC featuring the Sisters of Charity. Information and tickets: (860) 822-8241.

NOVEMBER 22

The Amazing Hypno Lorenzo's Hypnosis Comedy Show Get Hypnotized! This family comedy show will be held Saturday, November 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Sayles School, Baltic (Route 97). Tickets are available from Baltic Fire Department, PO Box 314, Baltic, CT 06330. Cost is \$15 for ages 12 and over; \$7.50 for ages 11 and under. Be sure to include name and how many tickets for adults and children with check. Information: Reginald Patchell, (860) 822-6228; e-mail: reginaldpatchell@sbcglobal.net.

NOVEMBER 29

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Baltic Fire Department will host a Holly Jolly Bazaar on Saturday, November 29 at the fire house, Route 138, Baltic, from 9 am. to 3 pm. Vendors are welcome to rent tables; cost is \$25. Contact: Jeanette Deschamps, (860) 822-8331.

*You and your family are invited
to join with Hospice*

*at our
Tree of Life Ceremony*

*on
Sunday, December 14, 2008*

Ceremony: 5:00 p.m.

Lighting: 5:15 p.m.

Reception: 5:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN: Creamery Brook Retirement Village
36 Vina Lane - off Route 205

CANTERBURY: Canterbury Municipal Building
1 Municipal Drive— off Route 14

DANIELSON: Davis Park
Corner of Broad & Reynolds Street

PLAINFIELD: St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Route 12

POMFRET: Junction Routes 44 & 169
Across from the Vanilla Bean

PUTNAM: St. Mary Church
218 Providence Street

THOMPSON: St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
Main Street

WOODSTOCK: Roseland Cottage
Route 169

If you have any questions, please call
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860-928-7141
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